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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

LODGE OF TRANQUILLITY (No. 185).—The resumption of business after the vacation took place in this lodge at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Monday, the 18th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. John H. Ross, assisted by the following brethren:—J. D. Barnett, S.W.; D. Posener, J.W.; G. S. Pare, S.D.; W. D. Bosley, J.D.; F. Croaker, I.G.; and J. Rawles acting as Tyler. The summons convening the meeting contained the names of four gentlemen for initiation, viz., Messrs. Sailard, Sadlier, Bush, and Cohen, who, being in attendance, were initiated by the W.M. with all his accustomed ability. Notice of motion was given "That the sum of £5 paid by the W.M., as Steward, for the Royal Installation jewel be refunded from lodge funds." The lodge was closed, and the brethren, upwards of fifty in number, repaired to the banquet room, where they partook of such viands as the Terminus Hotel can provide, and upon this occasion they were neither too numerous or recherché. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through by the W.M. in regular form, and commendable brevity, and responded to in like manner, saving in the instance of Bro. Lean, P.M. 1087, who, replied for "The Visitors" in most eloquent terms, and pointed out generally the relative duties of P.M.'s and brethren, and descanted fully upon the beneficent effects of our principles, and hoped the initiates would emulate the example of many old veterans in the Craft, to whom he could point with intense satisfaction for their integrity, probity, and faithful allegiance to Craft tenets. Bro. Terry replied for "The Charities," and, as a matter of course, had some interesting intelligence to lay before the members; he said he was much pleased to hear recorded on the minutes of the lodge the large sums collected by the members of the Tranquillity Lodge this year on behalf of the Masonic Charities, amounting to upwards of £470. This, added to the amount of the past year, aggregated a sum of nearly £1000, the production from a single lodge, a circumstance unprecedented in the annals of the Craft, and he hoped that the mere record, simple as it was, but a stubborn historical fact, would be an incentive to others to go and do likewise. He further stated that £27,000 had been produced by the last three festivals, but such sum was required to keep the institutions in working order, and urged upon the members not to lack in their exertions, for as the numerical strength of the Craft increased, so would the claims upon the charities run hand in hand. Bro. Terry called attention to the fact that the W.M. had offered to represent the lodge at the next festival of the Benevolent Institution, provided the lodge headed his list with £10. He ventured to express his belief that Bro. Ross's exertions would be a large addition to the funds of the charity. "The Tranquillity Benevolent Fund" was given, and responded to by Bro. S. Solomon, P.M., whose winning ways drew forth from his initiates a guinea each. The "Tyler's" toast concluded the evening, which was enlivened with harmony by the W.M., Bros. Child, and Bayley, who were never in better voice, and Bro. W. W. Morgan gave the "Balaklava Charge" with accuracy and great dramatic effect. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Lean, P.M. 1087; Plummer, 177; Field, 1321; Brown, 1426; Terry, P.P.G.J.W. Herts, Sec. R.M.B.I.; Reed, 765; Atkins, 55; Frost, 1347; Harold, 1056; W. W. Morgan, 1385; Baker, 192. Amongst the members we noticed Bros. Constable, I.P.M.; Moss, P.M.; R. Bloomfield, P.M.; Holbrook, P.M.; Sidney, P.M.; Hatfield, P.M.; S. Solomon, P.M.; Child, Parkinson, Brocksopp, and others.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—This lodge met on Monday evening at Anderson's Hotel, and was very well attended. Bro. Alfred R. Haley, W.M., presided, and raised Bro. Cole to the Third Degree. He also initiated Messrs. Thomas Smith, Thomas Richardson, and Wm. Devine. The election of W.M., which followed, resulted in the unanimous choice of Bro. Thomas Kingston, S.W. The Treasurer, Bro. Gully, was also unanimously re-elected, as was likewise Bro. James Weaver,

Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund, and Bro. Gilbert, Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. Haley in token of the brethren's appreciation of his able conduct as W.M. during the past year. The brethren then partook of banquet, and afterwards honoured the ordinary list of toasts. Bro. Hurlstone, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so descanted on the great virtues and merits of Freemasonry. As a noble system of virtue and morality, the more it was considered, developed, and practised, both in public life and in private lodges, the more would the general public benefit by it. Why the system was condemned by any religious body he could not understand, and he presumed that if the head of the Church which denounced it only knew its real sentiments he would be the first man to support it. Instead of being condemned it ought to be prized. Look at the charity of the Order, which was not confined to one country, but was intended for all the world. Enough, however, of that theme. To come to the W.M. No other Master since the consecration of the lodge had progressed in the ceremonies of Freemasonry so rapidly or so satisfactorily as Bro. Haley. To him therefore was especial honour due. He had done everything that was required of a W.M. with advantage to the lodge and credit to himself, and in drinking his health the brethren would do it with sincere enthusiasm, and with earnest wishes for his happiness and prosperity in his retirement when he left the chair. The W.M. responding, said that he believed Brother Hurlstone, although sincere in his expressions, had said of him (the W.M.) far more than he was entitled to; but still he had said no more than he (the W.M.) wished to deserve. He had hoped to do better than he had, and he still desired when he should have left the chair to support and assist his successors in any emergency. While on his legs he would propose "The Initiates." They had three that night who he thought would be a credit to the body. Two of them he was personally acquainted with. He hoped they would study Freemasonry, many parts of which required and would repay the closest study, and the more they studied it, he could promise them, the more they would appreciate its advantages. It was a beautifully arranged system: it pointed out many moral virtues, and was in fact like the Bible—they could be always studying it and yet not know it all. He hoped the initiates would study it, avoiding the little, unimportant, formal, and unnecessary parts, but keeping in view its grand unequalled principles. Bros. Devine, Smith, and Richardson severally responded. The W.M. proposed "Bro. W. F. Smith, I.P.M.," who, having been obliged to leave, was represented by Bro. Jones, P.M. This was followed by the toast of "The Visitors," and regret expressed that they were but few on that occasion. Bro. Hubbard replied, congratulating himself on his visit to a lodge so distinguished in the Craft both for its numerical strength, the ability with which its ceremonies were known to be performed, and the good will which existed among its members. Although he had had much pleasure in attending, and meeting such old friends as Bros. Hurlstone, Smith, Jones, Kingston, Moore, and others, he greatly regretted the absence of Bro. Little, by whom he had been invited, and whom he had fully expected to meet. A week ago he had seen him in his room in very poor health; but since then he had been so desirous of attending to his duties at Freemasons' Hall that he went out and had thrown himself back. He hoped, however, that he would now stay at home for a little while, and endeavour to bring himself round again. Bros. Ross and Weist also responded, the latter informing the brethren of the pleasure he had in seeing the W.M. perform the ceremonies so fluently. The W.M., in giving "The Officers of the Lodge," reminded the brethren that Bro. Weist had been his preceptor. Bro. Kingston having replied, the W.M. next proposed "The W.M. Elect," for whom he had very great respect. It was particularly gratifying to him that Bro. Kingston had been unanimously elected that night. It just proved what his own ideas had previously been, that there was not a breath against Bro. Kingston. Bro. Kingston said he felt so highly elated at the compliment that he really did not know what to say. He would only thank the brethren for their unanimity in electing him as their W.M. for the ensuing year, and he assured them he would do his utmost to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of everybody. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated by ten o'clock. Among the brethren present were A. R. Harley, W.M.; T. Kingston, S.W.; C. Walker, J.W.; A. Moore, I.G.; W. J. H. Jones, P.M.; W. F. Smith, P.M.; J. S. Brown, R. P. Tate, S. Godden, F. H. Roberts, H. W. Evans, J. K. Ward, F. L. Prior, E. Sedgwick, and K. R. H. Mackenzie.

PROVINCIAL.

CANTERBURY.—UNITED INDUSTRIOUS LODGE (No. 3).—The first regular meeting of the winter session of the lodge the oldest but one in the province of Kent, was held on Thursday week at the Guildhall Concert-room, for the purpose of installing Bro. John Green Hall as W.M. for the ensuing year, when a numerous assemblage of the brethren was present, the beautifully solemn ceremony of installation being ably and impressively performed by Bro. Higham, P.M. At its conclusion the following brethren were appointed and invested with the respective collars and jewels of their offices:—Bros. B. Browning, S.W.; Willsher, J.W.; Higham, P.M., Treas.; John R. Hall, P.M., P.P. Assistant G. Sec., Hon. Sec.; Plant, S.D.; Dean, J.D.; Tice, I.G.; Longhurst, Organist; Pringuer, Tyler. After the lodge was closed the brethren sat down to the customary annual banquet at the Rose Hotel.

FALMOUTH.—LOVE AND HONOUR LODGE (No. 75).—A large number of members of the Lodge of Love and Honour, No. 75, Falmouth, assembled on Monday, the 11th October, to dispatch the regular business of the lodge, but more especially to witness the initiation of their esteemed townsman, Richard C. Richards, Mayor of the Ancient Borough of Falmouth. Many visitors being present

added to the attendance and pleasing sight, for the capacity of the old hall has never been more tested to its utmost as one announcement after another was made of brethren seeking admission. The lodge was opened by the W.M., William H. Dunstan, Prov. G.S. of Works, shortly after the time named on the summons, and the two Wardens, Bro. Thomas Webber, J.P., S.W., and Bro. Dr. Arthur B. Harris, J.W., with the other officers, were most exact in the performance of their duties. Amongst the Past Masters we noticed Bros. John Vivian, Walter F. Newman, P. Prov. S.G.D.; Francis Dennis, Prov. G. Purst.; Timothy C. Polglaze, and Michael Little. The ballot being, as was expected, unanimously in favour of the candidate, the Mayor of Falmouth was soon ushered into the lodge, and was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry in an effective manner by the W. Master, who is an old Past Master of the lodge. His worship paid a marked attention to the ceremony, and was most observant throughout. In fact we never remember being present at the initiation of a candidate who was evidently so desirous of understanding the ceremonies and appreciating the spirit of the "old charges" as the representative of this ancient borough. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Royal Hotel, served in a most agreeable way by the host, Bro. Richard Castle, P.S.W. 121, and at which the W.M. presided. The W. Bro. William James Hughan, Past Senior Grand Deacon of England and P. Prov. G. Sec. of Cornwall (who had also attended the lodge, of which he is an honorary member), was present and responded on behalf of the Grand Lodge, receiving from the brethren a most hearty reception. The maiden Masonic speech of the Mayor, Bro. R. C. Richards, was a model of its kind, and this ancient centennial lodge has added another polished stone to its old building.

IPSWICH.—BRITISH UNION LODGE (No. 114).—The members of this old lodge met after their summer recess at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, when, owing to the stormy weather no doubt, there was a much smaller attendance than is usual at "the gentlemen's lodge," as an old Mason tells us it has been called for some time past. The brethren present were Bros. A. D. George, W.M.; J. J. Burton, P.P.G.D.C. Camb., S.W.; S. Wright, acting J.W.; W. Boby, P.G.S.W.; Emra Holmes, P.P.G. Reg. and P.G.D.C.; W. Spalding, P.M., Sec.; H. Miller, S.D.; J. Casley, acting J.D.; P. Cornell, P.P.G.S.D. Visiting Bro. Newson Garrett, P.P.G. Reg. The lodge having been opened in due form and with solemn prayer, the minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The Secretary announced that he had received letters from Viscount Mahon, M.P., and the Rev. A. W. G. Moore, J.W., regretting their inability to attend. Bro. Harry Ribbins being a candidate for the Second Degree was duly passed, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. with his customary ability. The other business of the evening having been disposed of, and two or three brethren having been proposed as joining members, the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment. Supper was served in the committee-room, the dining hall undergoing repairs, and ample justice was done to the excellent repast provided by Bro. G. Spalding. On the cloth being removed, the usual toasts were given from the chair. The W.M. in proposing that of "The Prince of Wales," alluded to his visit to India, and expressed a hearty wish that he might return to us safe and sound, a wish to which all good Masons will say, Amen, so mote it be. In giving the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. George remarked that they had a very distinguished brother amongst them, one who had done a great deal for Masonry, and one who was known for his charity and generosity everywhere in the province. Bro. Garrett, in responding, said he thanked the brethren very much for drinking his health. Thank God, he enjoyed very good health, and he hoped he might long continue to do so. He had heard a good deal of the British Union Lodge, and had been anxious to visit it, but he regretted that there was not a larger attendance on the occasion of his visit. He was very much obliged for the hospitable reception he had met with, and again thanked the brethren for so cordially responding to the toast. Our worthy and esteemed brother has long been a notable Mason in Suffolk, and his generous entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge at his residence at Aldeburgh some years ago will not soon be forgotten. The W.M. expressed great regret that the unpropitious weather had kept so many brethren away, and hoped that Bro. Garrett would visit the lodge again at the installation of the W.M. or the Feast of Roses, when they could assure him a very hearty reception. Bro. Garrett afterwards asked leave to propose a toast, that of "Their W.M." He said that he could see Bro. George was "one of the right sort." A lodge such as the British Union should be always careful to have "one of the right sort" as Master. The toast was cordially drunk, and Bro. George modestly responded. Bros. Miller and Emra Holmes contributed to the harmony of the evening by singing two or three songs, and the brethren, loth to part, separated at a reasonable hour, after enjoying as usual a very pleasant evening together. A history of this interesting old lodge will appear shortly in the "Masonic Magazine."

WINDSOR.—ETONIAN LODGE OF ST. JOHN (No. 209).—The first monthly meeting of the session was held on the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall. The W.M., Bro. John O. Carter, presided, supported by Bros. Denne, S.W.; Cavin, J.W.; Hume, J.D.; Roberts, I.G.; Nicholes, S.; Dixon, P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; J. Wilson, P.M.; Reid, P.M.; Mellwham, P.M.; Hiscock, Bladon, Woods, Webster, Prince, Ferry, Legge, and others. Visitors—Bros. Devcreux, P.M. 771; Bingham, P.M. 771; Johnson, 771. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. Bro. Legge was passed to the Second Degree. The Ballot was then taken for Messrs. Day, Waterson, and Cousins, as candidates for initiation, and proved to be unanimous in each case; the

two first-named gentlemen were unavoidably absent. Mr. Cousins was initiated into the light of Freemasonry by the W.M. The ballot was also taken for Bro. Stedwell, P.G.S. Eng., W.M. of Grand Steward's Lodge, P.P.J.G.W. Middlesex, P.Z., &c., &c., and Bro. J. B. Churchill, late of Montefiore Lodge No. 1017, as joining members, and was declared to be unanimous. Bro. Stedwell afterwards thanked the W.M. and brethren for having admitted him to the lodge as a member. A candidate for joining was proposed, and after some other business had been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form.

**LIVERPOOL.—MERCHANTS' LODGE (No. 241).—**The usual monthly meeting of this most influential lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 12th inst., when Bro. Richard Brown, the W.M., signalled his first quarterly night by inviting all the newly-appointed P.G. officers resident in the locality. Many of these accepted, and the result was a gathering of the most enjoyable kind. Bro. R. Brown, W.M. (Hon. Sec. to the West Lancashire Masonic Institution), occupied the chair at the opening of the lodge, supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. W.M. Chudley, I.P.M.; J. J. Knight, P.M.; J. W. Baker, P.M.; R. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; Ralph Robinson, P.M.; G. Hutchin, S.W.; Councillor G. Peet, J.W.; S. J. McGeorge, P.M. Treas.; James Winsor, Sec.; T. C. Jones, S.D.; T. H. Sheen, J. D.; G. Broadbridge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; F. E. Smith, Org.; T. Salter, I.G.; P. Ball, Tyler; W. Hopps, John Winsor, T. Goode, C. E. Jones, R. Wade, W. Savage, R. Jones, V. E. King, D. Hughes, J. M. Hewitt, F. Shaw, J. Quayle, A. Ballard, A. Woolrich, J. T. Pugmire, J. Pendleton, R. W. Williams, A. Hodgkins, R. Pruddah, W. A. Smith, J. Hall, B. Woolf, H. Marks, W. J. Raverty Rev. C. J. O'Reilly, W. M. Norbury, W. Williamson, J. Kirwan, S. Broadbridge, T. M. Stanbury, and R. White. The visitors included Bros. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.G. Reg.; J. Pemberton, P.G.S.; P. Macmildrow, P.G.S.; J. Lunt, P.G.D.C.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; B. Drake, 1004; H. Nelson, P.M. 1505, and 673; Capt. T. Berry, S.W. 155; G. G. Walmsley, 292; E. B. Smith, W.M. 1432; A. Taylor, 1432; J. Vaughan, J.W. 86; H. Vaughan, S.D. 86; R. G. Elston, 86; W. Levy, 1502; S. Levy, 1502; Rev. T. W. Richardson, J.W. 1380; J. Penney, 1393; T. G. Bark, W.M. 1380; S. Blinkhorn, 519; D. Meek, 203; W. Cooke, 1289; G. Maxwell, 594. During the business it was resolved that a Chaplain should be appointed to the lodge at an early meeting. After the transaction of some formal business, in the course of which Bro. Fairhurst, 1380, was unanimously elected a joining member, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment, under the genial presidency of the popular W.M. (Bro. Brown). An excellent banquet was served by Messrs. Fisk and Fairhurst. The W.M. afterwards gave the toasts of "The Queen," and "The Prince of Wales." In giving the latter, Bro. Brown said at that moment that G.M. had started on his long journey, and he was sure that every member of that lodge wished him safety and prosperity during his travels. He was certain that H.R.H. would find in the east not the least hearty welcome from his Masonic brethren. As he journeys from west to east he would have the hearty good wishes of all under his care, and the hope that he might have a safe return to his native country. The next toast was that of "Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, R.W.P.G.M. West Lancashire," coupled with the names of his P.G. officers, past and present. After referring to the interest his lordship took in Masonry, as was shown on the previous Wednesday at the P.G. Lodge, Bro. Brown said they ought to feel a special pride in West Lancashire, as the P.G. Master had been made the Deputy Grand Master. The new P.G. Lodge officers were now present, with all their "blushing honours thick upon them," and he felt proud in being honoured with the presence of brethren who would, no doubt, do their work in an admirable manner. In a province which comprised more than 2000 brethren it must be exceedingly difficult for their P.G. Master to make his selection of officers, but he (Bro. Brown) thought they would all acknowledge that the honours were distributed very fairly and with wise discretion. Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.G. Reg., said he had in his hands two or three apologies from brethren who were unable to attend that evening. He (Bro. Smith) thanked the W.M. and brethren of the Merchants' Lodge for the very hearty and enthusiastic manner in which the toast had been given and responded to. He cordially acknowledged that but for the Merchants' Lodge he would not have held his present proud position, and referred especially to the benefit he had derived from the Masonic training of the late Bro. Captain Mott. Bro. J. Lunt, P.G.D.C., and Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., also responded. Bro. J. J. Knight, P.M., gave the toast of "The Charities." Bro. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., in replying for the London charities, said that Lord Skelmersdale on the previous Wednesday remarked that West Lancashire compared very favourably with East Lancashire in regard to these charities, but his lordship did not go quite far enough. He stated that East Lancashire had 1700 votes, to 200 possessed by West Lancashire for the Boys' School, but Lord Skelmersdale did not intimate that East Lancashire had two perpetual presentations for that school, which cost them 1000 guineas each. It had been suggested that they should purchase a presentation so that one of Captain Mott's children might be admitted without going to an election, and he thought there would be no great difficulty in securing this. Lord Skelmersdale, however, did not allude to the fact that in West Lancashire they had an institution of their own, which did not exist in East Lancashire. Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., responded on behalf of the Hamer Benevolent Fund, and Bro. R. Wilson, P.P.G.J.D., for the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, of which he is Hon. Treasurer, urging the claims of the charity in an excellent speech. Bro. Chudley, I.P.M., gave "The Health of the W.M.," which was received with the greatest enthusiasm. Bro. Brown, W.M.,

in responding, spoke of the proud position which the Merchants' Lodge occupied in that province, and the many excellent works of charity and true Masonic liberality it had displayed. Speaking of the furnishing of the Masonic Hall, Bro. Brown said that something like £400 or £500 was required for this purpose, and he could promise that the Merchants' Lodge would find £100 of the amount if the rest were contributed by the other lodges. "The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bros. P.M.'s Chudley and Robinson, the latter referring especially to the benefits of the Lodge of Instruction of which he is Preceptor. "The Visiting Brethren" was acknowledged by Bros. J. Vaughan, T. Foulkes, and Captain Berry. "The Officers" was responded to by Bros. G. Hutchin, S.W.; G. Peet, J.W.; and S. J. McGeorge, P.M., Treas. An excellent musical programme was provided by Bros. Forrester, Foulkes, and others, with Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., at the piano. Labour was then resumed, and after several propositions for initiation, the sum of five guineas was voted to the fund now being raised for the widows and families of the life boat men who recently lost their lives during the storm while trying to save the crew of the ship Ellen Southard. The lodge was then closed in peace and harmony, after a most enjoyable evening had been spent.

**LEICESTER.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 279).—**The first meeting of this lodge for the season was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday evening, the 6th of October. There were present Bros. J. W. Smith, W.M.; J. M. MacAllister, S.W.; G. W. Statham, J.W.; William Weare, P.M., Treas.; Clement Edwin Stretton, Sec.; S. Cleaver, S.D.; Clement Stretton, P. Prov. G.W., P.M.; G. Toller, jun., P. Prov. G.S.W., P.M. 523; S. S. Partridge, P.G. Sec., P.M. 523; W. B. Smith, P.M. 523; F. J. Baines, P.M. 523; G. Clifton, P.M. 1391; J. Clemmey, 830; J. Young, I.G. 523; S. Knight, 1391; and others. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Crick was passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being performed and the lecture delivered by the W.M. It was announced that a letter had been received from Bro. Hughan, P.G.D. (and an honorary member of this lodge), enclosing a presentation copy of his work, "The History of Masonry before the Union," and a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Hughan. Bro. Cleaver, S.D., was elected a P.G. Steward, and Bros. Smith, W.M., and Statham, J.W., were elected as the representatives of this lodge on the Hall Committee. Bro. MacAllister, S.W., proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Partridge, P.G. Sec., for the trouble taken by him in compiling the valuable "Freemasons' Calendar for the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland," which having been seconded by Bro. Stretton, P.M., and supported by the W.M., was carried unanimously. Bro. Partridge suitably acknowledged the compliment. At the conclusion of a large amount of routine business the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren partook of refreshment, after which the loyal and Masonic toasts followed in their usual order.

**PETERBOROUGH.—ST. PETER'S LODGE (No. 442).—**On Thursday evening, 23rd ult., the brethren of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, in response to notice issued by the Worshipful Master, Bro. R. H. Griffin, to receive, as a gift to the lodge, a large and beautiful likeness of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, photographed from life by Watkins, and beautifully coloured by hand, framed &c., by Bro. Gladwell, to which is annexed the following inscription: "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of England. Presented by H.S.H. the Dowager Countess Gleichen to St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442, to commemorate the Royal Installation, on the 28th April, 1875. Bro. Keddy had the honour of representing the illustrious donor, in formally presenting this gift, at a lodge of emergency, held at the Masonic Hall, Peterborough, the 23rd day of September, 1875. Bro. R. H. Griffin, W.M.; Bro. W. Dixey, Secretary." The following brethren were present:—Bros. Griffin, W.M.; Pilcher, J.W.; Buckle, P.M.; E. Vergette, P.M.; Paviour, P.M.; T. Pank, Treas.; Dixey, Sec.; E. Vergette, S.D.; Jones, J.D.; Marson, P.G.D.C.; Keddy, Beeby, Pearson, Bays, Rutherford, Foskey; S.D. Allen, P.M. P.P.G.S.W., 373; Robertson, 261. Several brethren who were previously engaged for the evening sent letters of apology to the Worshipful Master, regretting their absence, and the inclemency of the evening prevented many brethren from the country being present. The lodge being opened, the Secretary (Bro. Dixey) read the circular letter conveying it. Bro. Keddy rose, and presented the picture to the Worshipful Master for the benefit and use of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442. Bro. Keddy remarked that it was gratifying to himself that he was permitted, in the name of Her Serene Highness, to offer for the acceptance of the lodge so appropriate a present as this tribute of respect to Masonry, as represented by His Royal Highness. The Grand Master of English Freemasonry had already proved himself worthy of the high and honourable position, and His Royal Highness had honoured Freemasonry by accepting the office as head of the Craft, whilst Protestantism would also be the gainer, for the cardinal principles of Freemasonry were inspired by the Holy Bible. It was to be hoped that His Royal Highness might favour Peterborough with his presence at the next annual provincial gathering in May next. The Countess knew nothing of St. Peter's Lodge, but as she insisted on making him a present for services rendered, extending over a period of several months, he (Bro. Keddy) suggested to Her Serene Highness, who was residing in the county of Suffolk, that such a gift as this portrait would be the most gratifying to himself and also most acceptable to the brethren. The Countess left England on the 16th ult. for Bombay, en route for her home in the Punjab, where she took up her residence shortly after her bereavement, and since then, for nearly twenty years, had devoted her life to the education and care of the young,

and was known and beloved by all classes. She was the first lady who drew the attention of the Government to the importance of the work to which she was devoting her life, and she had the gratification to find that, in order to carry out her desires, funds from the Treasury were placed at her disposal. Bro. Bays observed that this presentation was, he felt certain, the greatest honour that had been conferred upon St. Peter's Lodge. P.M. Bro. Ed. Vergette and P.M. Bro. Buckle made a few observations expressive of their appreciation of the gift. The W.M. said he had great pleasure and honour in accepting this very beautiful and admirable likeness of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in his official clothing as Grand Master of England; and closed his observations by thanking Bro. Keddy for having been the means of the lodge becoming possessed of such a valuable tribute to loyalty and Masonry. A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to her Serene Highness. At the close of the lodge the brethren partook of an excellent supper, P.M. Bro. Vergette having presented a really excellent haunch of venison. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, and, after a most agreeable evening, the brethren retired to their respective homes.—"Peterborough Standard."

**PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178) met on** Thursday, October 7th, at Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bro. E. Deakin, W.M., opened the lodge. He initiated three gentlemen. Bro. Dr. Dixon, P.M., installed J. A. Smith, J.W., W.M. Officers are:—W. Batchelor, S.W.; W. T. Lover, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.M., P.P.G.P. Midx., Sec.; F. Garbett, S.D.; J. Stock, J.D.; J. Wootton, I.G.; J. Porter, D.C.; G. J. Grace, P.M., W.S. A vote of thanks (to be entered on minute books) was given to Bro. Dr. Dixon for doing the installation. Banquet and dessert were served. Bro. C. Deakin, at the banquet table, had a five-guinea P.M.'s jewel presented to him. About seventeen visitors were present.

**MANCHESTER.—LODGE OF TRUTH (No. 1458).—**The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at the Royal Archer Hotel. The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Walter Nicholson, and being favourable, he was duly initiated into Masonry by Bro. Henry Smith, W.M., the charge being very impressively given by Bro. J. E. Hall, P.S.W., W.M. Ashbury Lodge, 1459. This being all the business to transact, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and after duly honouring the Masonic toasts, that of the newly-initiated brother was proposed and suitably responded to. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and said it gave him greater pleasure than usual in proposing the toast on that occasion, seeing he had a brother present who had worked with him at the Lodge of Instruction, and from whom he had received much Masonic information and instruction. The bro. to whom he alluded was Bro. Henry Moxon, W.M. Faith, 581. He was also glad to receive Bro. J. Moorhouse, of the Imperial George, 78, and Bro. John Taylor, Sec. Ashbury, 1459. Bro. Moxon responded to the toast in suitable terms, saying he had many times promised himself a treat by visiting the Lodge of Truth, and he had not been disappointed; he had never felt more at home than he did that evening when he saw so many brethren whom he knew. He had also derived great pleasure in seeing the ceremony so ably performed. In conclusion, he wished the W.M. with as many of the members of the Lodge of Truth to pay him a return visit at their convenience before the expiration of his year as W.M. Bros. Moorhouse and Taylor also acknowledged the toast in suitable terms. After spending a very pleasant evening the brethren separated at 9.30 p.m.

**LEOMINSTER.—ROYAL EDWARD LODGE (No. 892).—**The first meeting of this lodge for the present season was held in the lodge-room on Tuesday evening, Oct. 12th. There were present Bros. M. J. Ellwood, W.M.; E. Gregg, S.W.; R. Hayes, J.W.; P.M.'s Jukes, Moore, Wormington, &c., and other brethren. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to propose a vote of condolence to the widow of the late Bro. Bradford. The W.M. alluded to his sudden decease in May last, and to the fact of his attendance at the installation in the Albert Hall of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in April, where he appeared so thoroughly to enjoy himself. After some remarks as to his thoroughly good qualities as a brother, a husband, a parent, and a townsman, the Secretary was requested to draw up a letter expressive of the sympathies of the lodge, and transmit it in due course to Mrs. Bradford. The other business of the lodge having been disposed of, and the lodge closed in due and ample form, the brethren retired to banquet, and spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

**HOLBEACH.—ALEXANDRA LODGE (No. 985).—**Wednesday week was the day appointed for the installation of Bro. J. J. Bartram as W.M. of the Alexandra Lodge, now held at Holbeach instead of Long Sutton. The brethren assembled at 4 p.m., Bro. S. S. Mossop, W.M., opening the lodge. Bro. Woodrow, P.M., of Spalding, then conducted the ceremonies in a most impressive manner. At the close, votes of thanks to Bro. Woodrow for his services, and Bro. Cole, who has acted as Secretary to the lodge for many years, were carried with acclamation. The following officers were then invested, viz., Bros. W. Ridlington, S.W.; T. W. Curtis, J.W.; Hodgkin, S.D.; Jackson, J.D.; Mills, Sec., and Hargrave, I.G. After lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Chequers Hotel, where a most sumptuous and liberal banquet was served by Bro. Hargrave, who deserves the highest possible compliment for the manner in which he catered. The wines were also very fine, and the evening passed off in the most harmonious and agreeable manner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to; and from what we can learn, there is every reason to hope for a very successful year for the lodge in its new quarters.

**DERBY.—HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1085).—**The usual monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the

Masonic Hall, Gower-street, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., when the following brethren were present:—Bros. Henry T. Bobart, W.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; J. H. Biggs, as J.W.; M. H. Bobart, Treas.; J. Worsnop, Sec.; Theo. Hills, S.D.; Geo. Pipes, as J.D.; Jos. Heathcote, I.G.; T. Slinn, Tyler; F. Campion, P.M.; Jos. Shaw, C. D. Hart, F. Rippon, J. O. Manton, Matthew Hill, Richard Daniel, Jas. Parkins, jun. Visitors: Bros. John Smith, P.P.J.G.W., P.M. 731; T. H. Warner, P.M. 802; A. Frazer, 731. The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Richard Daniel was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by the W.M. Mr. Joseph Griggs was balloted for as a fit and proper person to be made a Mason, and elected. Bros. Joseph Shaw and Geo. Pipes were nominated to act as Provincial Grand Stewards for the year. The lodge was then closed according to ancient custom, and adjourned until the first Wednesday of the ensuing month, emergencies excepted, of which due notice will be given.

**WALTHAM.—KING HAROLD LODGE (No. 1327).—**The installation meeting of the King Harold Lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Britannia, Waltham New Town, when Bro. Charles Lacey, W.M., presided, and was assisted by his officers. Before the installation Bros. Newman, Bull, Ridley, and Fuller were passed to the Second Degree, and this ceremony was succeeded by the initiation of Mr. William Henry Hornsby, C.E., Langham Hotel, London. Bro. James Terry, P.G.D.C. Herts, then presented Bro. Gilbert, S.W., Prov. G. Steward and W.M. elect, to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, Bro. Copestick, P.G.J.W. Herts, taking the S.W. chair, and Bro. Young the J.W. Bro. Lacey thereupon proceeded to instal Bro. Gilbert as Master of the lodge, executing his work in an admirable manner. The officers appointed and invested by the W.M. were Bros. Charles Lacey, I.P.M.; Riley, S.W.; Tydeman, J.W.; Barwick, Treas.; Malcolm, Sec.; Holmes, S.D.; Jacobs, J.D.; Pritchard, Org.; Fisher, I.G.; Creed and Noyes, Stewards; Knight, D.C.; and Bro. Steedman, Tyler. Bro. Lacey then delivered the charges. Before the lodge closed the proposition of Bro. Young, Prov. G.D., to increase the Tyler's fee was carried. On the motion of Bro. Young, seconded by Bro. Tydeman, J.W., a vote of condolence with Bro. West, the first Master of the lodge, on the sudden loss of his wife, was also carried, and a letter was ordered to be sent to Bro. West, and the vote of condolence was directed to be entered on the lodge minutes. A vote of thanks to Bro. Lacey for performing the ceremony of installation was moved by Bro. Young, seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously, and also ordered to be entered on the lodge minutes. The Worshipful Master afterwards rose to present a P.M.'s jewel and a Provincial Grand Deacon's jewel to Bro. Lacey, and in doing so said that this was at once one of the most important and most pleasing duties that could devolve upon any W.M. To present a token of recognition of his services to any brother was at all times a most pleasing duty, because it conveyed to the brother the ideas of the brethren upon the subject. (Addressing Bro. Lacey the W.M. said) "I give to you what the brethren thought well to present to you as a mark of their sentiments; for I am sure that the way in which you have performed your duties must have won the approval of every one connected with the lodge. It is my pleasing duty to decorate you with a mark of the very great honour which we as Freemasons who are hard working greatly desire and work for, and for which you have worked so assiduously that no one will grudge you the honour that the decoration confers upon you. It is very pleasing for me to have to decorate you with this jewel, and may you long live to enjoy the privilege it confers upon you. I have also another decoration to confer upon you, which is that of the jewel of the Provincial Grand Deacon. It is one which you are entitled to in connection with the lodge in consequence of your being a Provincial Grand Officer. This will be a testimony to the Masonic world that you have so well pleased the brethren of the King Harold Lodge that they do not grudge to invest you with this mark of distinction. I hope you will continue long to enjoy the privilege of wearing it. Bro. Lacey thanked the W.M. for this mark of approbation of his conduct, but refrained from saying any more, as the time was short. The Secretary read the communication from Prov. Grand Secretary as to the wearing of commemorative jewels; also one from Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M., regretting his inability to be present, and hoping to be present at next Prov. Grand Lodge. The Secretary also read another letter from Bro. Wilson Iles, Prov. Grand Secretary, regretting his inability to be present. A circular from Bro. James Terry, Prov. G.D.C., Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, asking for a Steward for next festival, on 9th Feb., 1876, was also read. The W.M. offered himself as Steward, and was accepted. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Among the brethren who were present during the ceremonies, and at the installation and banquet were Bros. J. K. Young, P.M.; James Terry, Prov. G.D.C. Herts, P.M.; Barwick, Treas.; A. Malcolm, Sec.; J. Tydeman, S.D.; and W. Holmes, J.D. Among the visitors were Bros. Jos. Gaskill, 1076; G. J. W. Magliston, 1421; A. C. Wylie, W.M. 869; T. T. Asga Thorp, 1439; J. H. Hobbs, J. W. 749; W. H. Etherington, J.W. 869; Walter E. Gompertz, P.P.G.P. Herts.; J. Copestick, Prov. G.J.W.; Bradstock; G. T. English, P.M. 1227; H. Massey ("Freemason"); J. H. Thompson, W.M. 1237; John Maller, W.M. 754; R. T. Ingersoll, W.M. elect 1237; J. C. Wylie, 860; M. C. Lucy, 60; and T. J. Carter, W.M. 403, P. Prov. G.S.D. Herts; and Shelton. After the banquet the toasts were proposed in regular order. In giving "The G.M.," Bro. Gilbert commended His Royal Highness's earnestness and energy in Freemasonry, and applauded his sentiments; that the interest he took in the Craft was not for the jewels he wore, but for the glorious cause itself, and its watchwords,

"Loyalty and Charity." The toasts of "The Pro Grand Master," and "The Deputy Grand Master, &c.," also drew from the W.M. expressions of approbation of the manner in which those several brethren discharged their duties. In proposing "The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P.," the W.M. referred to the letter from that brother, which had been read in lodge that day, and added that if he had been able to be present the brethren would have given a most hearty welcome. "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Sedgwick, and Provincial Grand Officers" was the next toast, and referring to those who were in attendance, he rejoiced to see Bro. Copestick, Prov. G.J.W., honour the lodge in conjunction with several other Prov. Grand Officers. Bro. Copestick replied, and assured the brethren that the Prov. Grand Officers were ready to do their duty whenever called upon, and whatever it might be. When they considered what good examples were set them first and foremost by the Provincial Grand Master, whose assiduity was such as to deserve the greatest respect and thanks, and next, by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Wilson Iles, whose courtesy at all times cheered the brethren in the discharge of their duties, the other officers of the province could not but be energetic. The province was now attaining a very high position, and in a short space of time he expected to see it second to none in the kingdom. The number of lodges and the number of Freemasons was increasing; and the Freemasons he hoped were good men and true. It was one of the most important things in connection with Freemasonry at the present moment that the Order should have a strong army in the field of men of courage and esteem, and he believed that there were such men in the Craft. Bro. Lacey, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said it was the first time he had had the privilege and the honour to propose this toast in connection with Bro. Gilbert. For various reasons he had great pleasure in doing so; and among them was the fact that Bro. Gilbert was one of the founders of the lodge. It was very gratifying to see him in the chair; it was a position he was well entitled to. From the time he had been associated with the lodge he had carried out with great ability the various offices below it, and the brethren, as soon as they had the opportunity, conferred upon him the highest office they could bestow. When his term of office expired it would be found that he had done justice to his position. The W.M. replying, said, that when he was initiated the first thing that struck him was how Bro. Watkins, who was the Master, could remember the beautiful ritual. When he found that it was all committed to memory he made a resolve to imitate him if he could. Although he never expected to do it so well as Bro. Watkins he had endeavoured to perfect himself. He mentioned this to show that great difficulties appeared to present themselves at first, but by application and perseverance they were overcome. When he began to see the beauties of Freemasonry, the good society it brought him in connection with, and the excellent objects it had in view, he felt bound to go on in the direction which he had pointed out for himself, and he set himself to work to learn the Masonic ceremonies. He was happy to say he had succeeded. As to being one of the founders of the lodge, he was glad to say he was; and whenever the monthly meetings came round they were regarded by him with pleasure and gratification, and as a relaxation from his daily avocations. It was his desire to go on in the course he had marked out, and he hoped that he would receive the support of his officers and the members of the King Harold Lodge in doing so. When he looked at Bro. Lacey's career he felt he had only to imitate him, and he should retire from office with honour, and with the laurels which Bro. Lacey had so justly earned. He pledged himself to do his utmost to perform the duties that devolved upon him according to those true Masonic principles which were so well set forth in the ceremonies. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," for which Bros. Thompson, W.M. 1237, P.G.S.B. Middlesex; Ingersoll, Mallow, and Carter returned thanks, and the brethren then drank the remaining toasts and shortly afterwards journeyed homewards. The day was an exceedingly pleasant one, and the admirable banquet supplied by Bro. Sheldon added greatly to the general enjoyment.

**HAMPTON COURT.—ERA LODGE (No. 1423).—**This lodge met on Saturday, 9th inst., at King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court. Bro. J. W. Baldwin, the W.M., passed three brethren, and initiated Dr. Gillispie (late 78th Highlanders). The Stewards to represent this lodge in 1876 were elected. The three charities will be represented. Banquet followed. There were present Bros. E. H. Thiellay, S.W.; J. B. Langley, J.W.; T. J. Sabine, P. Prov. G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P. Prov. G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; E. W. Devereux, S.D.; S. Wolff, J.D.; A. F. Loos, I.G.; and some dozen others. Several visitors were present.

**TWICKENHAM.—FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 1503).—**Two emergency meetings of this lodge took place at the Albany Hotel, on the 22nd and the 30th ult. At the first meeting there were present Bros. W. Wigginton, P.M. 902 and 1298, P. Prov. G.D.C. Worcestershire, and P.G.S. of Middlesex, W.M.; Saunders, S.W.; Tomlinson, P.M., and P. Prov. G.S.D. of Norfolk, J.W.; Horsley, P.M., P. Prov. G.R. of Middlesex, acting I.P.M.; Walls, I.G.; Mitchell, Sec. The visitors were Bros. Artus, P.M. 34; Palmer, 1293; Court, jun., 113. This meeting was convened to record on the minutes a letter received from the G.S., Bro. J. Hervey, to the W.M., stating that the removal of the lodge from Hampton Hill to Twickenham, which had been approved by Colonel Burdett, P.G.M., had received the concurrence of the M.W. the Grand Master. The resignation of the Secretary, Bro. Mitchell, in consequence of his departure for America, was announced, and a vote of thanks for his services passed. Some minor matters having been discussed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment. At the meeting on the 30th ult., in addition to the above officers, Bro. Knaggs, the Treasurer, was present. The W.M., assisted by his

officers, initiated Mr. F. M. Ashley into the mysteries of the Craft most ably and impressively. The ballot was taken as joining members for Bros. Ewens, 144; Court, jun., 113; Artus, P.M. 34; and upon investigation was declared unanimous. Several propositions having been taken, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent cold collation. The usual loyal and Craft toasts were given by the W.M., briefly, but to the purpose. Bro. Horsley responded for the "P.G. Officers of Middlesex," and proposed, in a neat speech, "The Health of the W.M.," who ably replied. "The Initiate, Bro. Ashley," was toasted, and he acknowledged the compliment. Bros. Palmer, 1293, and Carless (late St. George's) replied for "The Visitors." "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" was most cordially proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Tomlinson, Knaggs and Walls. Bros. Horsley, P.M., and Walls having contributed some harmony, the proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast.

A numerous meeting of the members of this young but exceedingly flourishing lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 13th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. Colonel Wigginton, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Worcestershire, P.G.S. of Middlesex, &c., W.M., assisted by Bros. Artus, P.M. (Mount Moriah), acting S.W.; Tomlinson, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.D. of Norfolk, J.W.; Birchill, P.M., P.Z., &c., acting I.P.M.; Deeks, acting S.D.; Walls, acting J.D.; Sugg, P.P.G.O. of Surrey, acting Org.; Knaggs, Treas.; Court, sen., Sec., pro tem. The minutes of the previous meetings, both regular and emergency, having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to initiate the Rev. Mr. L. M. D'Orsey, M.A., into the mysteries of the Craft. The solemnity of the beautiful ceremony, which was most ably performed, was further enhanced by the harmonious symphonies of Bro. Sugg, the acting Organist. The ballot was taken for Bro. C. Palmer, L.L.D. (1293), who was unanimously elected as a joining member. The election of two members upon the Library Committee resulted in favour of Bros. Taylor and Palmer, who each returned thanks for the honour accorded. A proposition of Bro. Rogers—"That each member of the lodge do subscribe one shilling per month towards a special fund for the Masonic charities, and that a ballot for a Life Governorship be taken as often as ten guineas may be collected; the brother receiving the largest number of votes to be nominated for the Life Governorship, the donations to be for the three Charities alternately, as follows: 'Aged Freemasons and their Widows, Boys' School, and Girls' School'"—was briefly discussed and adjourned until next meeting. Several important resolutions which had been passed during the year were ordered to be inserted in the bye-laws when printed, and the audit night fixed. This being the night of the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Colonel Wigginton was unanimously re-elected to that high position. The W.M., when the result was made known, made a most feeling reply, in which he stated, amongst other things, that although the work of a newly formed lodge was very great and exacting, he had endeavoured, and he hoped successfully, to establish the "Francis Burdett" upon a sound foundation, and that his labours to promote that end had been very considerably lightened by his brother officers. In being proudly placed again at the head of the lodge, he should strive still further to increase the prosperity of the "Francis Burdett," as well as the comfort and interests of its members, and in conclusion he hoped that upon the termination of this second year of his Mastership the lodge would be thoroughly well established, and second to none in the province. Bro. Knaggs was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Harrison re-appointed Tyler. Both brethren having returned thanks, the lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren partook of a cold collation. The usual toasts were circulated, and a most agreeable evening brought to a conclusion with the "Tyler's" toast. The installation of the W.M. and banquet to celebrate the opening of the lodge at its new quarters will take place on the second Wednesday in November, when the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex and many other distinguished members of the Craft are expected to be present.

**PLUMSTEAD.—UNITED MILITARY LODGE (No. 1536).—**The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 8th inst., at the new Masonic Hall adjoining the Sir Robert Peel, Crescent Road, Plumstead, when a large number of the brethren and visitors attended. Among the latter were Bros. C. Santi, W.M. 706; T. Ward, W.M. 700; F. J. Dawson, P.M. 700; J. McDougal, P.M. 913; J. Fenn, P.M. 1331; Donolly, 706; T. Dovey, 861; C. Mason, 295; J. Regan, 1205; J. Battersby, 1424; H. Fellows, 1208; R. McCoy, 1424; W. McCoy, 700; R. Beaver, 700; B. Plaisted, 913; B. Norman, 13, and C. Jolly, 913. The officers of the lodge present were Bros. Croisdale, P.M. 706, and who, on account of the serious illness of Bro. F. Pownall, the W.M., kindly officiated as W.M. for the evening; W. Weston, S.W.; G. Spinks, J.W.; T. Cooper, Sec.; A. G. Picken, S.D.; J. McCaffery, Steward; R. G. Lapham, I.G.; and J. Lackland, Tyler. The lodge having been opened in due form and with solemn prayer, the following brethren were duly elected as joining members:—Bros. James Brooks, Serjt. Major R.A., 199; Alex. Masterson, Serjt. Major R.A., 1000; G. Webster, Battery Gr. Master Serjt. R.H.A., 434; and J. Fenn, Battery Gr. Master Serjt. R.H.A., 1331. The following were then balloted for and approved of:—S. Morrish, Battery Serjt. Major R.H.A.; J. A. Mason, Serjt. Major R.A., and G. Smith, Gr. Master Serjt., R.A. Band. The two latter not being present, Serjt. Major Morrish was duly initiated. Bros. M. Tormey, H. Harding, R. Thompson, R. Moore, J. Knight, and J. B. Gibson were then passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. E. G. Latham, T. Pearson, S. T. Smith, and W. Land raised to the Sublime Degree, the whole of the work being done by the W.M. in a most eloquent and impressive manner.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were most enthusiastically received, and the W.M., in proposing "The Initiate," said he had felt a deal of pleasure in unfolding to him some of the beauties of Masonry; as yet he had only taken the first step into its mysteries, but he had seen enough to know that its teachings were pure. He trusted the initiate would always look well to the best interests of the Craft, and prove himself a worthy brother among Masons. Bro. Morrish briefly replied. In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said he heartily welcomed them in the name of the lodge, he was glad to see them present for many reasons, and he held that the interchange of visits between the brethren of the various lodges brought them into a knowledge of and an identity with each other's working, and caused a spirit of emulation to exist among them, the results of which showed itself in the excellent working of every lodge in the district that he had had the honour of visiting; it as well made them acquainted with one another, and at the social gathering, when labour was over, a genial spirit of good feeling and good fellowship was interchanged among them by visiting one another, and it bound them together truly in one bond of brotherly love. He begged to couple with the toast the name of Bro. Past Master Dawson, who he felt sure was esteemed by every one present. P.M. Dawson, in reply, thanked them for the very handsome and cordial manner in which the toast had been put before and received by the brethren of the lodge; but could not consider himself otherwise than as a victim of misplaced confidence in the case. He fully expected that Bros. P.M. Ward or P.M. Santi would have been called upon to respond, and hugged himself with the belief that one of them would have had to do penance by making a speech, and not he himself. However, he must say that he felt much pleased with what he had seen done in the lodge that night, more particularly with the great improvement made by the officers of the lodge in their working over that done by them a fortnight ago, and he must say that as a young lodge, with young and inexperienced officers, their working was a credit to them. The W.M., in speaking of the good results arising from the interchange of visits between neighbouring lodges, had truly said that it created a great amount of good and brotherly feeling; it as well made them one in heart and in work, and he endorsed every word the W.M. said on that matter. He regretted the absence of the W.M., Bro. Pownall; no one could help appreciating his energy in the cause of the Order, he was, in fact, a model for every Mason to set before himself and imitate, and in his affliction he had the full and heartfelt sympathy of every one who knew the sterling qualities of both his head and heart. He trusted soon to see him in that chair again, well and able to carry out the work that he had set his mind upon—the success and prosperity of the United Military Lodge, of which it might be truly said he was the father. He concluded by saying it was a pleasure to see a young lodge like this working so well together, and that it was a credit to the Province of Kent. Bro. P.M. McDougall said he felt sure the Province of Kent would be proud of this, the latest addition to its strength, and if the Most W. Grand Master of Kent, Lord Holmesdale, were present he would be the first man to acknowledge it, and as a Past Master of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, he felt it incumbent upon him to thank them for their kind and cordial reception of his lordship's name. For himself he thanked them heartily for their kind reception. P.M. Fenn then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and Bro. Croisdale, in reply, said he felt deeply sensible of the kind manner in which they had drunk his health. He looked upon it not only as a compliment to him, but to those who had so ably helped him through the ceremonies of the evening. No one regretted the absence of Bro. Pownall more than he did. He trusted that it was only a temporary absence, and that he would soon be back to do his work once more among them, and to help on the progress and prosperity of this lodge as well as the whole Masonic Craft. The toast of "The Past Masters belonging to the Lodge" was briefly replied to by P.M. Fenn, and after a warm greeting to "The Officers of the Lodge," especially to Bro. Weston, who replied, thanking them all for the very kind and feeling manner in which they had spoken of the W.M., Bro. Pownall, and that it would give him great pleasure in conveying those expressions to him. He also thanked P.M. Croisdale, on behalf of the officers and brethren of the lodge, for his kindness in taking the chair on this occasion, also P.M. Dawson for doing the duty of I.P.M., and trusted that on their next meeting they would see Bro. Pownall in the chair again. He would not detain them any longer. Bros. Cooper and McCaffery having expressed a wish to say a few words, the "Tyler's Toast" concluded a most enjoyable evening.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**EGYPTIAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 27).**—On Thursday, the 28th October, the brethren of the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, which was established only six months ago, will meet at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, to work the Fifteen Sections. The hour of meeting is seven p.m., and Bro. Austin, P.M. 933, will preside as W.M., having Bro. Horsley, 933, as S.W., and Bro. Williams, 933, as J.W. The sections are to be worked as follows:—

**FIRST LECTURE.**

1st Section.....	Bro. Brown, 174.
2nd " .....	" Calverley, J.W. 1349.
3rd " .....	" Ellis, 933.
4th " .....	" Brient, 933.
5th " .....	" Hoare, P.M. 27.
6th " .....	" Horsley, 933.
7th " .....	" Gross, J.G. 1278.

**SECOND LECTURE.**

1st Section.....	Bro. Crane, 933.
2nd " .....	" Musto, P.M. 1349.
3rd " .....	" Fieldwick, I.G. 1364.
4th " .....	" Howe, P.M. 1445.
5th " .....	" Lowe, 1364.

**THIRD LECTURE.**

1st Section.....	Bro. Hocking, 933.
2nd " .....	" Webb, D.C. 174.
3rd " .....	" Williams, 933.

A large attendance of brethren will no doubt be present on this occasion.

**Royal Arch.**

**VICTORIA CHAPTER (No. 1056).**—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masons' Coffee House, E.C., on Monday, October 4th, the anniversary of its formation. The M.E.Z., Ehnhus, opened the chapter in due form, and the minutes being read, and also a most satisfactory report from the audit committee, both were duly confirmed. Companion Newman was then duly installed in the chair of M.E.Z. by Comp. Gottheil, in his usual impressive and effective manner. Next Comp. Taylor was exalted to the chair of Second Principal by Comp. Pendlebury, whilst Comp. Noehmer (who is also Z. of Chap. 186) was, in virtue of his office, simply inducted into the Third Principal's chair, after which the subordinate officers received the usual investiture. For the first time since the formation of this now numerous and influential chapter, no candidate was exalted, those approved being unavoidably absent, through their public or private avocations. No further business presenting, the M.E.Z., after three rising in due form, closed the chapter, when the companions adjourned to partake of the bountiful and recherché repast which this hostelry provides for those guests whom the M.E.Z. delights to honour. The newly-installed Principal was well supported by, amongst many others, Companions Forsyth, P.Z., Hooper, Bedolfe, Musto, Forge, Bosworth, Payne, D'Arcey, sen., Leggatt, Oliver, Taverner, Gompertz, Turquand, &c. The evening proved one of considerable social enjoyment, although the companions had to regret the absence of some of their esteem, such as Comp. Brett, that "preux chevalier" of Masonry, Clark, Mackney, and others, and last, though not least, of one present at the last installation, the dear and beloved companion, W. Carpenter, P.Z., whom death has called away, but whose writings will long be remembered for their earnestness and simplicity in Masonic annals. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts "The Health of the newly-installed M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. Ehnhus, I.P.Z., those of the Principal and other Officers following in due course. "The Health of the I.P.Z.," was then proposed, and the usual handsome and well-earned jewel presented, for he had long borne the burthen and heat of the day in assiduously toiling up the steps of the chapter. In replying he informed the companions in a touching manner that as a Dane he was about to return to his native land, expressing the regret he felt at leaving those with whom he had so long acted, and, referring to one and another friend, he could only feel towards each as—

"Sorrowing most of all that he Should see that face no more."

As time wore on harmony prevailed, and Bro. Forsyth and others contributed pleasing melodies. Social chat also enlivened the evening. Some discussed upon the legitimacy of Mark Masonry, and the peculiar ideas some entertain with regard to its origin; others unbosomed themselves upon the antiquity of the "Craft," and the modified opinions now prevailing as to its historic theories; whilst a third set discoursed upon the Masonic charities, their uses and abuse. One companion, indeed, seemed to think that as the average cost of maintaining each child was £50, in many cases less than half that sum, if granted to the widowed mother, might so strengthen her other resources as to enable her to keep a home for all her children in that best of all schools—a parent's domestic circle, a point where the present system often lamentably fails. Others contended, also, that so magnificent a body as the Masons ought not to confine its operations to the present narrow bounds, but should seek some sphere in the domain of philanthropy and of human aims, so that it might make its mark in the world's history, and leave behind a memorial of its greatness (for Masonry is human) which shall not pass away—Floreat res Victoria.

**LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 1326)** was held at the Red Lion, Hampton, on Saturday, October 2nd. Comps. W. Smeed, as M.E.Z.; W. Hammond, H.; F. Walters, P.Z., as J. Bro. J. B. Shackleton was exalted. The ceremony was well done. Refreshment followed labour. Comp. E. Gilbert, P.S., did his part in an excellent manner.

**Mark Masonry.**

**MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).**—The autumnal meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Saturday, the 16th inst. The W. Bro. Robert Berridge, W.M., being unavoidably absent, the chair of A. was occupied by the I.P.M.; the W. Bro. William Worrell, P.G. Organist, and amongst others present were: Bros. T. W. White, S.W.; N. Ritherdon, M.O.; E. Moody, S.O.; and the V.W. Bros. Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O., P.M. and Treas.; and James Stevens, P.G.J.O., P.M.; the W. Bro. Charles Hammerton, P.G.D.C., P.M., and Sec.; Bros. W. P. Collins, S.D.; G. Yuxley, G.S., D.C.; John Close, W. Johnston, J. R. Williams, J. M. Wohlgenuth, J. H. Pitt, H. F. Partridge, G. W. Verry, Truman, Grant, &c.; and visitor, the W. Bro. Sigismund Rosenthal, P.G.D.C. There were several candidates for advancement, but in each case absence from

town prevented attendance, and the opportunity was thereby afforded for perfecting certain arrangements affecting the working of the lodge, which resulted satisfactorily for the good of the Order in general and the lodge in particular. The brethren subsequently adjourned to banquet under the presidency of Bro. Worrell, who afterwards proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with considerable ability. The evening's pleasure was enhanced by the vocal efforts of Bros. Stevens, Meggy, Close, and Truman, and by a spirited recitation by Bro. Moody of "The Charge of the Six Hundred," in response to which the brethren "whipped round" for a donation to the fund for the forthcoming banquet of the gallant survivors of the glorious Balaklava Charge. For a few brief moments the meeting resolved itself into a gathering of "Craft Masons," to do honour to the M.W.G.M., and to wish the Royal traveller, health, happiness, and a "safe return to his native land." A most enjoyable evening, characterised by that earnest good fellowship and social harmony which has always been conspicuous in the Macdonald Lodge, was brought to a close shortly before eight o'clock, when the brethren separated, "sorry to part," but hoping to "meet again" in February next.

**ERA MARK LODGE (No. 176)** was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Friday, 8th October. Bro. H. A. Dubois, W.M., opened the lodge. Four candidates were advanced. One brother was elected an honorary member. Banquet followed. There were present: Bro. Dr. John Baxter Langley, S.W.; T. Horton, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.P., P.M., Sec.; and others. Two or three visitors were present.

**Scotland.**

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ABERDEENSHIRE (EAST).**

On Tuesday, 21st Sept., the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Aberdeenshire (East) was held within the Keith Lodge, Peterhead, and the proceedings attracted a large attendance of Masons from all parts of the province. The chair was occupied by Captain Charles Hunter, the Provincial Grand Master, who was supported by Bros. W. Boyd and Major Lumsden, of Pitcairne Castle, the Depute and Substitute Grand Masters of the province. There were also present Dr. Beveridge, the Provincial Grand Master of the City of Aberdeen, with other strangers from a distance. Some formal business having been transacted and the roll of the lodges in the province having been called by the Provincial Grand Secretary and duly responded to, the nomination and election of office-bearers for the ensuing year was proceeded with. The following is a list of the officials:—

Capt. Charles Hunter .....	Prov. G.M.
Wm. Boyd .....	Dep. Prov. G.M.
Major Lumsden .....	Sub. Prov. G.M.
Alexander Simpson .....	Prov. S.G.W.
William Davidson .....	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. James Stewart, Rev. M. Morgan,	
Rev. Wm. Webster .....	Prov. G. Chaplains.
John Ingram .....	Prov. G. Sec.
James Davidson .....	Prov. G. Treas.
David Gray .....	Prov. G.S.D.
James Laing .....	Prov. G.J.D.
Alexander Stuart .....	Prov. G. Architect.
William Stuart .....	Prov. G.D.C.
David Macdonald .....	Prov. G.O.
Alexander Macdonald .....	Prov. G.B.B.
Wm. Cowie .....	Prov. G.S.B.

It must be satisfactory to those interested in Masonry to know that the Provincial Grand Lodge has, specially through the zealous co-operation of the office-bearers, attained a high state of efficiency as regards its working and management. The large attendance present at the recent meeting is a proof of the interest which the revival of the institution long dormant has awakened, and induces a hope that at no distant date it may lead to an increase in the number of lodges in the province. We understand it is probable that the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Fraserburgh.

**GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MUNGO (No. 27).**—This most ancient and flourishing lodge held their regular bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, the 7th inst., in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow. The lodge was opened by Bro. Dugald Butler, R.W.M., assisted by Bros. McTaggart, Scott, Sinclair, and others. Bros. Dr. McInnes, S.W.; A. Bain, P.M. Union and Crown, No. 103, acting as J.W. As usual there was a good attendance. Among the visitors there was a deputation from Lodge 426, Prince of Wales, Renfrew, headed by their respected R.W.M., Bro. William Glen. The business of the evening was the admittance into the order of Freemasonry of Mr. W. McIntyre, who after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and approved of received the E.A. Degree, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Scott, P.M., in a most efficient manner. The lodge then went to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, the toast of the evening being that of "The Visiting Brethren," which was ably responded to by Bro. W. Glen, R.W.M. 246. The intervals were much enlivened by several most excellent songs, especially those of Bro. J. G. Sharpe, the celebrated Scottish tenor. The R.W.M., Bro. Dugald Butler, said before closing the lodge he had much pleasure in proposing for honorary affiliation into Lodge St. Mungo, 27, Bro. W. H. Bickerton, of the "Freemason," which was unanimously agreed to, Bro. Bickerton taking the usual obligation. This brought the proceedings to a close.

**GLASGOW.—LODGE THISTLE (No. 87).**—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 5th

inst., with a fair attendance. Bro. J. W. Burns, R.W.M., occupied the chair and opened the lodge, when the minutes of last regular meeting were read and approved of. There were present on this occasion Bros. James Booth, S.W.; Wm. Wilson, J.W.; A. McPhee, Sec.; Paton, S.W.; Stuart, S.D.; McLachlan, J.D.; Barr, I.G.; Treas.; Tyler; the R.W.M. being most ably supported by the two esteemed Past Masters, Bros. John Miller and John Fraser. The business before the evening was the passing of three E.A.'s to the degree of Fellow Craft, Bros. D. Nicoll and J. L. Barr being for Lodge Commercial, No. 360, they being about to leave this country for Monte Video. The ceremony of passing was performed in a most efficient manner by Bro. J. M. Olliver, S.W., Lodge Commercial, No. 360. This being the first time of Bro. Olliver working this degree, it reflects great credit upon him, and shows the great zeal he must have for the Order. At the conclusion of the ceremony a vote of thanks was proposed to Bro. Olliver, which was received with acclamation. The lodge was then closed.

EDINBURGH.—LODGE ST. JAMES (No. 97).—The opening meeting of this lodge for the season was held in their hall, Writers'-court, No. 317, High-street, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 14th inst., with a most sumptuous banquet, Bro. Robert Gordon, R.W.M., in the chair. Among those present, members of the lodge, were Bros. J. R. Turnbull, P.M.; Samuel Aitken, D.M.; H. McPherson, J.W.; Wm. Hannah, Treas.; Thos. Millar, Sec.; Jas. Fowler, Chaplain; J. Wilson, B.B.; W. Napier, Bard; Wm. Bell, Steward; John Anderson, S.B.; Wm. Martin, I.G.; J. Newbigging, Tyler; J. C. Tod, G.M.; J. Melville and J. Turner, the respected Past Masters of the lodge. There was a good attendance of visitors on this occasion, and deputations from Lodge Journeyman, No. 8, headed by P.M. Hendric, and Lodge St. Stephen, headed by their R.W.M. and Bro. R. C. Brown, P.M. After the dinner, which had been most tastefully and plentifully served, the R.W.M., in proposing the first toast, that of "Her Majesty," said it was one that was always well received by all classes of her subjects, more especially Freemasons, and he hoped she might be long spared to reign over them. The next toast was that of "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master Mason of England." He alluded to his departure for India, and wished him God speed and a safe return. Other toasts followed in quick succession. There were some excellent songs from several of the brethren, which contributed very much to the general enjoyment of the evening, which was spent in a most harmonious manner.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MARK (No. 102).—A meeting of this lodge was held in their hall in Buchanan-street, on Monday 11th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. James F. Mitchell, presided, the office-bearers present being Bros. D. H. Miller and Thomas Halkett, Past Masters; A. C. Lindsay Gray, D.M.; William Nicholson, S.M.; Thomas Kerr, S.W.; A. C. Paterson, Treas.; John Smith, Sec.; Hugh McMillan, J.D.; and Seth Dory, S. Steward. There was a good attendance of visiting brethren, among whom were Bros. Dugald Butler, R.W.M. Lodge 27, St. Mungo; R. M. Yuill, R.W.M. Lodge 275, Shamrock and Thistle; Charles Scobie and E. Arthur, Mother Kilwinning; David Horne, J.W. 33; J. Stewart, 360, &c. The lodge having been duly opened, the Chairman read applications for admission to the Order and to that lodge from three candidates, and the ballot was taken as regarded each seriatim. It being found clear in each case, the candidates having been prepared, were brought in and received the First Degree at the hands of the R.W.M. On the conclusion of the initiation, the compliment of honorary affiliation to the lodge was bestowed upon Bros. Dugald Butler, of Lodge St. Mungo (27), and John Stewart, Lodge Commercial (360). Thereafter, the Chairman said he had a little piece of information to give with regard to their property in the lodge building, as to which he had spoken somewhat in detail at last meeting. It was that the matter had now entered upon an epistolary phase, and it had gone so far that the lodge committee had simply had it referred to their law agents, and asked the latter to have a meeting with the trustees. The lodge was then raised to the Fellow Craft Degree, when two brethren were passed to that degree by the R.W.M., and subsequently to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, to which two were raised at the hands of Brother Halkett, P.M. This concluded the business, and the lodge was duly closed.

OBAN.—LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 180).—This lodge, which is at present in a healthy condition, celebrated its annual excursion last week. About thirty of the brethren, with their wives and sweethearts, proceeded by the steamer Mountaineer to Ballaculish, and from thence in conveyances to wild and weird Glencoe, which was seen in its most savage beauty, mountain torrents being visible on every side, rushing in milkwhite foam down the sides of the scarred and riven rocks; and towering over all were the cloud-kissed peaks of the "Lord Chancellor," and the wondrous Cave of Ossian. Refreshments were obtained, both going and returning from the glen, at Bro. P. Macculloch's tidy inn at Clachaig; and on reaching the steamer again a sumptuous repast was partaken of, served up in Bro. Cameron's superior style. On reaching Fort William, a landing was made for a short time, and in the evening all returned to Oban, well satisfied with the day's proceedings. Dancing was indulged in during the trip to the music of bagpipes and violin alternately, and mirth, melody, and Masonic geniality abounded, the esteemed R.W.M., Bro. John Livingston, doing all in his power to promote the enjoyment of the brethren and their lady friends. A movement, prompted by recent remarks in the "Freemason," is now being made to raise the fees of the lodge.

GLASGOW.—LODGE STAR (No. 219).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their Hall, No. 12, Tron-gate, Glasgow, on Monday, the 11th inst., and was very fully attended. Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M., presided, supported by the following officers:—Bros. Jas.

Horn, J.W., acting S.W.; G. Miller, acting J.W.; Bro. Jasper Martin, D.M.; Smart, Treas.; Crawford, Sec., and others. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Burns, R.W.M. Lodge Thistle, 87; Wm. Phillips, R.W.M. Lodge Clydesdale, 556; Muir, D.M. 103; J. B. McNaught, S.W. 536; Weir, J.W. 556; McLeod, P.M. Shettleston St, John's, and a deputation from Lodge 347, Rutherglen, headed by the R.W.M., Bro. Ferguson. The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Mr. John Brand was then admitted to the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry in the First Degree, the ritual being most ably rendered by Bro. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M. Lodge Clydesdale, 556. At the conclusion of the ordinary business the lodge was called from labour to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. Several brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening with some excellent songs, to the general enjoyment of all present, the last toast bringing the evening to a close.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY (No. 354).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, Bro. J. Shaw, R.W.M., in the chair, and the other officers in their respective places. On the lodge being opened, Bro. W. R. Dunn, Secretary, read the minutes of last regular meeting and special meeting, which were approved of. Bro. Angus Drummond then received the degree of Fellow Craft, Bro. D. Reid, R.W.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, 465, officiating. In the course of the meeting Bro. Shaw, R.W.M., passed a most handsome M.M. jewel and illuminated address round to the brethren for their inspection, which had been voted by the lodge for presentation to Bro. Carmichael, their late Treasurer, who had left Scotland for New Zealand, and Bro. Stafford, late Senior Warden, who was residing in Carlisle. The brethren were highly pleased with both, which will be forwarded to the above-named brethren at the earliest convenience. There being no further business, the lodge closed, and the brethren adjourned to an adjoining room, and spent a short time in harmony.

GLASGOW.—LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360).—A special meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Friday, the 8th inst., for the nomination of officers for the ensuing year, and conferring the degree of Master Mason upon the following, brethren who were about to leave Scotland for abroad in a few days, viz., Messrs. D. Nicoll, J. Lyle Barr, and Robert Wilson. Bro. Monro officiated in his usual impressive manner. Considering it was a wet night their was a good attendance on this occasion. Bro. J. M. Olliver occupied his position as S.W., and Bro. T. Graham, Junior Warden; there were also present Bros. D. Lamb, D.M.; W. Finlay, Treas.; Wm. H. Bickerton, Sec.; and other officers in their respective places. Among the visiting brethren was Bro. Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M. Lodge No. 543, St. John's, Dalmeir. The following were nominated for office-bearers for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Monro, R.W.M.; D. Lamb, D.M.; W. Finlay, S.M.; J. M. Olliver, S.W.; T. Graham, J.W.; G. Scott, Treas.; James Coupar, Sec.; Wm. Keiller, S.D.; D. Reid, J.D.; W. H. Bickerton, Jeweller; James McCosh, Dir. of Cers.; R. Brodie, D. of M.; A. Sloan, B.B., and James Minnoch, Tyler, the offices of President of Stewards, Chaplain, and Inner Guard being held over.

GLASGOW.—LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360).—A special meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. Bro. Lamb, D.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Monro, R.W.M., presided. Among those present were Bros. J. M. Olliver, S.W.; Bickerton, Secretary, who acted as J.W.; Wm. Finlay, Treas.; Wm. Keiller, I.G.; R. Brodie; 360; R. Wilson, 360; R. Reid, 360; J. Nelson, 360; J. Johnson, 33, and others. The business of the evening was the raising of Bro. Wm. Thomson to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. D. Lamb, D.M. The lodge was then closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE GOVANDALE (No. 437).—The eleventh anniversary of this most prosperous lodge, was celebrated on Tuesday, the 28th ult., with great success. A large number of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren left the lodge room, Portland Buildings, about 6 p.m. and marched in procession through the burgh, headed by the Govan instrumental band, returning to the Lorne Hall, where the brethren, with their wives and sweethearts, about 140 in all, sat down and partook of an excellent dinner, Bro. John McFarlane, R.W.M., presiding, Bro. A. Campbell, P.M., officiating as Croupier. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then given. "The Queen and the Craft," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master Mason of England," "The Three Grand Lodges" and "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," by the Chairman, Bro. McFarlane. In proposing the toast of the Queen, and the Prince of Wales, Bro. McFarlane, in a most neat and appropriate speech, pointed out the many good qualities of Her Majesty, and her appreciation and close relationship with the Order of Freemasonry, also the position of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England. Bro. McFarlane said, respecting the toast of the Three Grand Lodges, he had much pleasure in coupling that toast with the name of Bro. Bickerton, of the "Freemason." Bro. Bickerton, in replying, thanked the chairman for his kindness in coupling his name with this toast, and in the course of his remarks pointed out the great amount of money that had been given for charitable purposes towards helping decayed Freemasons, their widows and orphans, in England and Ireland, also of their institutions for the support of the same, and he hoped that the day was not far distant when the Scottish brethren would have their institutions, for the same noble purpose. They had a most worthy brother, the Provincial Grand Master of Wigton and Kirkcudbright, doing all he possibly could, and he hoped one and all would put their shoulder to the wheel and make

Bro. Harriott's scheme a success. The toast of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow was replied to by Bro. Carrick in a most able manner. The toast of the evening was then given, "Prosperity to Lodge Govandale," by Bro. Don in most genial terms, and duly responded to by the chairman, who, in so doing, was glad at being able to state that the lodge was never in a more prosperous condition than at the present. Their meetings were characterised by good attendance, good order, and good conduct, in fact, they were blessed with perfect peace. Several other toasts followed. Between the toasts the company was enlivened with some most excellent and humorous songs by Bros. McCall, Sutherland, and others. On the conclusion of the proceedings within the Lorne Hall, an adjournment was made to the lodge room, Portland Buildings, where dancing was commenced, and continued for some time. Altogether the anniversary was a great success, every one spending a most enjoyable and pleasant evening.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CLYDESDALE (No. 556).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 106, Rose-street South, Glasgow, on Monday, 4th inst., Bro. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M., presiding; Bros. J. B. McNaught, S.W.; John Howie, J.W. There were also present Bro. Dr. Russell, D.M., and others. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. John Morgan, R.W.M. 219; Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M. St. John's Operative, 347, Rutherglen. There was a fair attendance on this occasion. The business before the meeting was the initiation of Mr. J. McDermott; passing Bros. J. Ferguson, A. Malcolm, and J. Haggart to the Fellow Craft Degree; and raising Bros. J. Haggart, J. Ferguson, and T. Henderson to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the ceremonies being performed by Bro. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M. of the lodge, in the E.A. and M.M. Degrees, and Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M. Star Lodge, 219. The whole of the degrees were worked in a most able manner. Bro. Phillips read the applications for admission into the Order of Freemasonry (with the names of their proposers and seconders) from two gentlemen, who will be brought forward at next regular meeting, and if no objection be offered will then receive the E.A. Degree. The lodge was then closed.

GLASGOW.—CALEDONIAN OF UNITY CHAPTER (No. 73).—The annual election and installation of office-bearers in this chapter took place on Tuesday, 28th ult., within the Masonic Hall, at No. 170, Buchanan-street. A Mark Lodge was opened by Bro. G. W. Wheeler, assisted by Bros. George McDonald and David Gilchrist, acting Senior and Junior Wardens, respectively. The minutes of last meeting having been read and passed, an application for admission to that degree was read from Bro. David Andrew, M.M. St. John, 33; and there being no objections he received the same at the hands of Bro. Wheeler. The Mark Lodge was then closed, and the Royal Arch Chapter opened, when the following office-bearers for the ensuing year were declared duly elected, and thereafter installed into office by Comp. J. Crabb, P.Z., 50:—G. W. Wheeler, Principal Z.; John Stewart, Principal H.; John Kinnaid, Principal J.; James Balfour, Scribe E.; Edward Arthur, Scribe N.; John Bannerman, Treas.; Wm. McGregor, First Sojourner; John Gilles, Second Sojourner; Thomas Yuille, Third Sojourner; J. F. Haubridge, First Captain; Thomas Renton, Second Captain; Alexander Penman, Third Captain; William Jamieson, Janitor. The chapter was then closed, and a pleasant hour was spent in refreshment.

CALTON.—CHAPTER CATHEDRAL (No. 67).—An emergency meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, 22, Struthers-street, Calton, on Tuesday, the 5th inst. Present:—Comps. Duthie, M.E.Z., 73; G. Pridie, H.; G. W. Wheeler, Z. 73; James Goldie, P.Z. 67; Wood, Treas.; James Dickie, Third Soj.; and others. A Mark Lodge was opened by Bros. Duthie, R.W.M.; G. Pridie, S.W.; J. Wood, J.W. Applications were read from Bro. J. Dove, Lodge St. Mungo, No. 27, and from Bro. McDonald, Lodge Commercial, No. 360. There being no objection offered, the aforesaid Master Masons entered and received the Mark Degree, and retired. The lodge was then closed, and opened in Excellent Degree, Bro. J. Duthie presiding; Bros. Pridie, S.W.; G. W. Wheeler, J.W. Bros. Dove and McDonald received this degree and retired. A chapter was then formed, Comps. J. Duthie, Z.; G. Pridie, H.; G. W. Wheeler, J.; J. Goldie, Scribe E.; G. Mason, Scribe N.; Wood, Treasurer, with other officers. Bros. McDonald and Dove then entered and received the R.A. Degree, Comp. James Duthie, Z., officiating in his usual efficient manner. There being no further business the chapter was closed in due form by the three Principals.

GLASGOW.—CHAPTER PARTICK (No. 113).—The meeting of this chapter took place in their lodge room, Dumbarton Road, Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., for the election and installation of their office-bearers for the ensuing year, when the following companions were duly elected and installed, viz., Comps. Thomas Hackett, Principal, Z.; G. Ward, H.; A. Brunton, J.; W. White, Scribe E.; W. Barr, Scribe N.; J. White, Chancellor; D. Stevenson, Treas.; J. Tomlinson, First Sojourner; J. Bain, Second Sojourner; W. Boag, Third Sojourner. The chapter was then closed in due form.

MOTHERWELL.—Tuesday, the 5th inst., was observed by the inhabitants of this town, as a half-holiday on the occasion of the visit of Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian to Dalzell House. The shops were closed and business generally suspended. At 5 p.m. the Masonic body marshalled into the Masonic Hall, and subsequently lined both sides of Merry-street from the arch towards the church, under the supervision of Bro. King, R.W.M., and included representatives from the following lodges:—St. John's Dalziel, 406; Hamilton Kilwinning, 7; Hamilton 233; St. Mary's, Coltness, 31; St. Clair, 427; St. John's, Woodhall, 305, and Livingstone, St. Andrew's, Motherwell.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

In Brazil, notwithstanding recent struggles, Freemasonry is progressing. Up to last March there were in that country 169 Symbolical Lodges, of which 139 follow the Rite Ecossais, 16 the French Rite, 10 the Rite Adonhiramite, 1 the Rite Schroeder, 1 the Rite of York, and 2 the Rite of Adoption. There are also 121 High Grade Chapters.

In the Argentine Confederation, the elections for 3 years, from 1875 to 1878, have terminated in the election of Bro. Ch. Urien as Grand Master; Bros. Victory, Suarez, S. Boado, J. Miguens, F. Egusquizh, and Carbalado are elected Councillors; and Bro. Lima, G.S.

A telegram dated Milan, Tuesday night, says, "The Emperor has visited the Scala to-night, and the house presented a very brilliant sight. His Majesty came forward four times, and each time the applause was enthusiastic. He looked thoroughly delighted with his reception. He has expressed his satisfaction with the review. A large number of Freemasons have arrived to greet the Prussian Grand Master."

The "City of Westminster" Lodge, No. 1563, will be consecrated on Friday next, the 29th inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Regent-street, W., by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G.S.W. Middlesex, at 3.30 p.m. The officers for appointment are, Bro. B. H. Swallow, P.M. 382, Prov. G.S. Middlesex, W.M.; Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden, P.G.C. Middlesex, S.W.; Bro. E. White, 177, 1305, J.W.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Star Lodge of Instruction, at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross Road, on Saturday the 30th October next, when Bro. T. H. Pulsford, P.M. 1158, will preside. Lodge opened at 6.30 precisely.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the Members of the Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, at 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., on Tuesday, November 2nd, at 7 o'clock.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, on Tuesday, the 26th inst. Held at Bro. Allen's, "Royal Edward," Triangle, Hackney. Bro. Marx-Gross in the chair.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has received a reply to the address presented to the Prince of Wales by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. His Royal Highness, through General Knollys, expresses his admiration for the missionaries, and assures the Archbishop that there will be no omission of any opportunity that may present itself during his visit to India to give encouragement to those earnest men.

On Thursday, Oct. 14, Bro. Hadley, the Alderman-elect of Castle Baynard, entertained a large number of his friends and supporters at dinner, at the London Tavern. Following as it did immediately upon the declaration as to the result of the scrutiny, the gathering was naturally of a very hearty and enlivening character, the main business of the evening being the rendering of thanks on the one hand, and of congratulations on the other. Even the room in which the dinner was held presented a more than ordinarily attractive appearance, the London Tavern having been recently painted and redecorated, the effect being most satisfactory. The chair was, of course, occupied by Bro. Hadley, who was supported on either hand by Mr. Stafford Northcote and Dr. Hardy, the list of guests also including the names of Major Wieland, Mr. Blakesley, C.C.; Bro. J. Gale, C.C., Mr. P. McKinlay, C.C., Mr. Joseph Newbon, Mr. Stafford Northcote, jun., Mr. John Hudson, Mr. C. Walton, Mr. W. S. Oram, Bro. Dosell, and others, the party numbering about one hundred and fifty.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire took place on Wednesday in the Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Bro. Robert Canton will preside at the autumn dinner of the Past Officers' Club, to be held at the Raglan Hotel on Friday, 29th inst.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.—The annual dinner, on the birthday of King Edward VI., will be held at the London Tavern, on Monday, the 25th inst. Bro. J. D. Allcroft, treasurer of Christ's Hospital, will preside.

LORINERS' COMPANY.—On the invitation of Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Knight, the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants will accompany him in the civic procession to Westminster on the 9th of November next.

A very fine jack, weighing 17lbs., was caught on Saturday last at the Rye House Fishery (Bro. Teale's).

THE BALAKLAVA BANQUET.—The following railway companies have consented to grant free passes to any of the survivors of the Balaklava charge proceeding to London on Monday next who are unable to defray their own expenses:—The Great Northern, the London and North-Western, the Great Western, the London and South-Western, and the London, Brighton, and South Coast. Nearly £150 has already been subscribed towards the banquet fund. Sir Roger Palmer will be prevented from being present by his duties as High Sheriff of Dublin. Lord George Paget, the senior surviving officer, will attend the dinner, and it is hoped that he will take the chair on the occasion. It has been decided to invite to the banquet Miss Elizabeth Thompson, the well-known painter of battle scenes. The Great Northern Railway Company have kindly offered to convey all those invited to the banquet on Monday, 25th inst., at the Alexandra Palace. The "Daily Telegraph" of Tuesday last acknowledged the receipt of £158 from the members of the Macdonald Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 104, sent in aid of the "Balaklava Banquet."

PRINCE LEOPOLD AND THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY.—The City Lands Committee are making arrangements for the forthcoming presentation to H.R.H. Prince Leopold of the freedom of the City, to which he is entitled by patrimony. Upwards of 700 invitations have been issued for the dejeuner to the members of the Corporation, the masters of the principal City companies, the leading merchants and bankers, chairmen of some of the public companies, and other persons of distinction.

Bro. Sir John Bennett made a good fight for the vacant gown of Alderman for the Cordwainer Ward. He was, however, beaten by Mr. Nottage. Sir John bore his defeat with unflinching good temper.

The mother and friends of Lucy Maria Taylor, of Huddersfield, desire to return their warmest thanks to those Governors and subscribers who have so generously responded to their appeal on her behalf by recording their votes in her favour, so as to secure her election to the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bro. George Newman, W.M. 192, has removed his "City Auction and Estate Agency" offices from 26, Great Winchester-street, to 51, London Wall.

A Convent General of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Friday next, the 29th inst., at 4 o'clock.

The "Bombay Gazette" of the 24th ult. says that the Prince of Wales will, during his stay in Bombay, present colours to the 21st Native Infantry, better known as the Marine Battalion, the oldest corps on the Bombay establishment, having been raised a century ago. Madras is prepared to spend £1000 in fire-works to celebrate the arrival of the Prince. The young Gaekwar of Baroda will present his Royal Highness with a magnificent silver tea service, exhibiting in high relief the character of the

Hindoo Pantheon. The work is to be executed by Trichinopoly and Tanjore silver smiths, under the superintendence of a European silver smiths' firm of Madras.

The Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, accompanied by his three daughters, Lady Anna Gore Langton, and suite, left Gravesend in Messrs. Green's steamship Sultan, to take up his new position as Governor of Madras. His Grace will officially receive the Prince of Wales at Madras on the 6th December.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN SUBSCRIBERS are informed that acknowledgments of remittances received will in future be published in the first number of every month.

NOTICE.—It is very necessary for our friends to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

## LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.P., S.V.P., in the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., J.V.P., in the S.W. chair; and Bro. E. P. Albert, A.G.P., in the J.W. chair. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, P.G.M., China; John Savage, P.G.D.; Wm. Smith, P.G.S.; Samuel May, P.G.S.; T. J. Sabine, P.G.S.B. Middlesex; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; H. Bartlett, H. Garrod, W. Stephens, W. Mann, W. C. Parsons, C. Moody, F. Binckes, P.G.S.; Charles Lacey, Reed, Bingemann, Hunt, Marsh, Herbert Dicketts, P.G.S.; Benj. Head, P.G.D.; Moore, Dilley, Lewin, G. Brown, Thirkle, Fry, W. Steward, Tomkins, Wood, Cobham, Baldwin, Austin, Vockins, Keags, Thompson, Wise, W. T. Howe, H. M. Levy, John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, A. A. Pendlebury, and many others.

Grants made at the previous meeting were confirmed, and the new cases were relieved with a total sum of £555.

## GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

The annual communication was held in the City of Montreal, on the 22nd and 23rd September. There was a large attendance of officers of Grand Lodge and delegates from private lodges from all parts of the province. The new regalia for the G.L. Officers, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of London, England, was much admired.

OFFICERS OF G.L. OF QUEBEC.—1875-76.

M.W. Bro. John H. Graham, L.L.D., Richmond, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. James O. Halloran, Q.C., Sweetsburgh, D.G.M.

R.W. Bro. Samuel Johnston, Esq., Montreal, G.S.W.

R.W. Bro. Cornelius Judge, Esq., G.J.W.

R.W. Bro. H. M. Alexander, Esq., Montreal, G. Treas.

R.W. Bro. H. R. Nye, M.A., Iron Hill, G. Chaplain.

R.W. Bro. S. R. Whitman, St. Armand's, G. Registrar.

R.W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, N.P., Montreal, G. Sec.

[The address of the Grand Master will be given next week.]

## ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.

The usual October meeting of the above society was held at the Royal Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 14th inst. Present—Bros. Dr. Woodman, Rev. W. B. Church, Thomas, Foulger, Hubbard, Marsh, Massa, Rosenthal, Kenning, and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Some other routine work having been performed, the M.C. was then closed.

## THE TOTTENHAM MASONIC HALL.

The application made to the Middlesex magistrates by Mr. Poland, on behalf of Bro. Oddy, of the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, for a music licence to that establishment was unanimously granted. The memorial in support of the application was signed by the Vicar of Tottenham, the senior churchwarden, one or more of the overseers, and a large number of Bro. Oddy's immediate neighbours. The case was also recommended by the local magistrates, and there was no opposition of any kind. The primary object of Bro. Oddy in seeking the licence was to enable Masonic and other influential bodies to give occasional concerts and miscellaneous entertainments, in which music would form a chief feature, the splendid hall, which he has just erected at his own cost, being peculiarly adapted for such purposes. Few neighbourhoods possess such a fine room; and for Masonic business it may be said to stand unrivalled in the suburbs of London. The acoustic properties are perfect; and the ventilation—so important where large assemblies take place—is arranged on the most approved principles. It will comfortably seat nearly 250 persons. The decorations are now complete; and the artistic manner in which the painting, &c., has been carried through speaks much for Bro. Oddy's taste. The work, from first to last, was done from his own designs and under his personal superintendence; and the result is highly satisfactory. Brilliantly lighted and decorated with choice flowers as the noble apartment has been of late, it presents an appearance of which the visitors felt justly proud; and when better known, there can be no doubt that the hall will be largely patronised.

### MASONIC BANQUET TO THE HON. F. P. BARLEE.

A banquet was given on the 7th July in honour of the Hon. F. P. Barlee, by the brethren of the Lodge of St. John, No. 485, E.C. at Perth, West Australia.

About sixty of the brethren assembled in lodge, and afterwards adjourned to the banquet room. The W.M., Bro. Thos. Sherwood, presided. After the usual loyal toasts (viz., "H.M. The Queen," "The Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," "H.E. The Governor," and "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales") had been duly honored,

Bro. P.M. Lochée stated that the W.M. had done him the honour of placing the next toast in his hands, and said that the toast he had to propose was sure to be cordially received by all present. It was the toast of the evening, and formed, in fact, the main purpose of their assembly that night: it was,—“The Health of our worthy Brother, P.M. Barlee.” It was known to all the brethren, that Bro. Barlee was about to leave us for a time, and it had been the general desire of the members of the lodge that he should not take his departure without receiving some expression of the feelings of regard entertained for him by the brethren. In this desire he (Bro. Lochée) very cordially shared, and he could not but feel highly gratified that he had been deputed to convey such expression of esteem and regard to their worthy brother. Bro. Lochée went on to say that by the rules of the ancient Craft he was precluded from making any particular reference to the political acts of Bro. Barlee, but he was not aware that there was anything to prevent them all from acknowledging, even in that hall, the untiring industry with which Bro. Barlee had filled a most responsible and laborious public office,—in so far, at all events, discharging one of the main duties inculcated by the ancient Craft. Bro. Barlee had also, on more than one occasion, been elected to the high office of Master of that lodge, and he was sure that all the members would be ready to acknowledge the courtesy and ability he had displayed in the discharge of the duties that had devolved upon him, as well as his desire to further the interest of the Craft at all times. He would only add that the members of that lodge proffered to Bro. Barlee their very best wishes for his health and prosperity, and concluded by proposing,—The health of our worthy brother, Past Master Barlee, with all the honours.

Br. Barlee said that at a time when his mind was very much occupied in clearing up many matters of business, prior to his departure from the colony, he felt he should have the indulgence of the brethren if he did not express in as full a manner, or at such length as it deserved, his sense of the ovation accorded to him. He could sincerely assure them of his appreciation of the compliment paid him by the brethren, who as Masons had shown him that same good feeling which he had experienced from the whole community. He would be ashamed to admit that all the kind things said of him during the last few weeks were deserved; he was fully aware that they rose from the friendly feeling of those among whom he had lived so long; and even in what had fallen from Br. P.M. Lochée that evening he felt that he had looked on the bright side of the picture,—but they all knew there was a reverse side to every picture. He was very grateful for what had been said, and thanked them for the manner in which the remarks had been received; but when he looked back on his career as a Mason (and he was thankful to say he could do so with unmixed satisfaction), or, indeed, at his whole public career during his long service of twenty years in the colony, he was unable to recognize that he had done anything that did not come to him in the ordinary course of duty, done anything to receive so fully as he had done the approbation of his fellow colonists. He did, however, believe that any man who tried to do his duty, no matter in what position he was placed, who was loyal to those with whom he worked, honest in his actions, anxious to help those whom he believed deserved help, who, refraining from the natural desire to act on the

impulse of the moment, would be guided by that grand principle (a principle equally of Masonry as of Christianity) to do unto others as he would others should do unto him, would—whether he occupied a position of influence and was in a position somewhat as a leader of men, or whether he was in a subordinate position and had simply to carry out instructions,—not go far astray, and would in the long run gain the esteem and respect of those among whom he lived. He (Br. Barlee) had endeavoured to act on those principles, and tried to do what he conceived to be his duty: how often he had failed in doing it he was painfully aware; but he thought that the entertainment of that evening, coupled with what had occurred during the past few weeks, might lead him to hope that he had not altogether failed. When he was first made a Mason he took great interest in the proceedings of the lodge; but as work increased, as fresh labours had opened up in various directions, he had retired from the active duties of the lodge; and he had in no degree found he had been missed. When he looked at what had been done by those who had preceded him in the management of the lodge, and those who had followed him, he could not see that he had ever done anything as a Mason which should entitle him to the distinguished compliment they paid him; and he was fain to believe that they had rather desired to meet him as an old friend, as one who had lived among them for a long time; and as such he thanked them, and told them that the proceedings of the evening would be held by him in grateful recollection. Br. Barlee then said he had been talking very much of himself: he was not fond of so doing, but it had really been forced on him, and at all events the responsibility was on their shoulders and not his. He then spoke of the spread of Freemasonry in England, and the interest that the appointment of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the office of Grand Master had created, and followed by showing that in this colony the numbers of the Craft were steadily increasing. He alluded to the erection of the building they then occupied; of that lately erected by the Plantagenet Lodge at Albany; and of the arrangements almost definitely made for the erection of a handsome lodge at Fremantle; and expressed his opinion that in no other community where the population was so small (only about 26,000 or 27,000 inhabitants) had so much energy been shown in the interest of the Craft. After various remarks in connection with the proceedings of the Craft in this Colony, and having alluded to the handsome manner in which he had been received a few days previous by the members of the Fremantle Lodge, No. 1033, and on a late occasion by those of the Plantagenet Lodge at Albany, Br. Barlee again expressed his thanks to the brethren for the honour they had conferred on him.

We regret we are unable to insert a full report of the subsequent interesting speeches and proceedings, but must be content with giving a summary of the toasts which followed, viz.—“Fremantle Lodge, No. 1033,” proposed by Bro. E. C. Dean, S.W., acknowledged by Bro. J. F. Stone, the W.M. of that lodge; “The Plantagenet Lodge,” proposed by Bro. F. L. Hussey, J.W., responded to by Bro. P. M. Barlee; “The Lodge of St. John, No. 485,” proposed by Bro. Sir Archibald Paull Burt, acknowledged by the W.M., Bro. T. Sherwood; “The Guests,” proposed by Bro. P.M. Hillman, responded to by Bros. Landor, Helms, and Sir A. P. Burt; and “The Ladies,” proposed by Bro. P.M. Smith, responded to by Bro. F. Pearse.—the last of which brought to a close a most delightful evening, the enjoyment of which will long remain in the memories of those who had the pleasure of being present.

A number of gentlemen interested in colonial affairs, especially in regard to the colony of West Australia, assembled at the Guildhall Tavern on Friday, the 15th inst., for the purpose of presenting to the Hon. F. P. Barlee, Colonial Secretary of West Australia, a testimonial which had been subscribed for by many friends in that colony. The chair was taken at an elegant déjeuner by Bro. J. Farmaner, and besides the guest of the day, there were present;—Mr. W.

Felgate (vice chairman), the Hon. L. S. Leake, (Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, West Australia), Mr. J. H. Monger, the Very Rev. G. P. Pownall, the Rev. G. Flack, Messrs. A. Hillman, J. Wilson, F. A. Edelston, Ellis Jones, R. S. J. Joyce, J. G. Neilson, D. Crombie, F. Lewis, T. Fifoot, J. French, T. Carleton, E. H. Barlee, G. Lawrence, J. G. Thomson, (West Australia), T. Grove, J. Hainsworth, W. Purdy, J. G. Shearman, W. Shearman, F. C. Farmaner, F. Harris, G. Farmaner. The Chairman, in presenting to Bro. Barlee the silver epergne which formed the testimonial, spoke as a colonist of some years' standing in that country, and could bear testimony to the very great kindness he had always experienced in business transactions with Bro. Barlee. He received all who came to him in his official position with the greatest kindness and attention, and was respected alike by rich and poor throughout the colony. All the legislative measures he had ever brought forward were for the benefit of the colony, and the prosperity of the colony was in great measure due to him. The Chairman having handed the testimonial to Bro. Barlee, that gentleman, in his reply, said that he regarded the compliment paid to him as a recognition of his official position rather than as a personal matter. He had been connected with every public movement in the colony for the past twenty years. They had passed through dark days previously, but things were now looking brighter. If he should never be called upon to return to the colony he would hold this testimonial as a memento of all he had done, though he assured them no such memento was required for him to bear all his old friends in affectionate remembrance. Since the inauguration five years ago of representative institutions in the colony he thought that matters had manifested a steady progress. Public works of all kinds were being carried out, and they would soon now be linked with the telegraph system of the world. New railways had been commenced, and communications with the coast opened up. All these things, he reminded City gentlemen, would have their effect on the London market. The Chairman proposed “Prosperity to the Colony of West Australia,” and dwelt upon many facts showing the remarkable progress being made there. With the toast were coupled the names of the three gentlemen who are about to return to the colony—The Hon. Mr. Leake, Mr. Monger, and Mr. Thomson. “The Health of the Chairman” was proposed by Bro. Barlee, and “The Health of the Vice-Chairman” and other toasts followed.

### THE FREEMASONS AND THE RAILWAY JUBILEE.

Although the brethren of the “mystic tie” could not take part in the public demonstrations at the Railway Jubilee, still they were not behindhand in celebrating the event after their ancient custom. The happy thought occurred to some of the old members of the Restoration Lodge that as a large number of Freemasons from neighbouring lodges were certain to visit Darlington during the jubilee—who would not have invitations to the banquet in the cricket-field—it would be a fitting opportunity to offer them that hospitality which is the distinguishing trait of all loyal Craftsmen. The idea was no sooner communicated to the Worshipful Master, Bro. Andrew Farman, than he issued invitations to the brethren of the various lodges in this and the adjoining provinces. Here the ingenuity of some of the members was displayed in the composition and arrangement of the circular containing the invitation, it being a near counterfeit of the jubilee banquet ticket, and causing much amusement. Accordingly at five o'clock on Tuesday evening one of the largest gatherings ever assembled in Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, met to partake of a cold collation. A monster game pie, the particular contribution of the W.M., was the subject of general comment and request, while other equally satisfying dishes graced the festive board. The duties of the Stewards were heavily invoked, and never more cheerfully and ably rendered. The time was short before the illuminations and fireworks commenced, yet the following loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured:—“The Queen and the Craft,” “H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master,” “The Visitors,” proposed in an appropriate speech by Bro. Councillor Morrell, and responded to by representatives of the various lodges. “The Master,” proposed by Bro. Babington Boulton, the Vice-chairman, was most enthusiastically received. The visitors hailed from Newcastle, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Stockton, Middlesborough, Redcar, Northallerton, Thirsk, Richmond, Manchester, and London.

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The following stand over:—

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Letter to Mrs. Bradford.

Address of the Grand Master of Quebec.

Dedication of a New Masonic Hall at Bideford.

Presentation and Dinner to Bro. J. B. Walker at Glasgow.

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## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

## DEATH.

WEST.—On the 4th inst., in child-birth, in the 37th year of her age, Sarah, the beloved wife of Bro. E. West, of the Three Crowns, North Woolwich, (W.M. 1437; P.M. 1076 and 1327; P.P.G.S.D. of Herts, and Chap. 13). Deeply and universally regretted.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCT. 23, 1875.

## OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO INDIA.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales left Paris at  $\frac{1}{4}$  to 9 Wednesday evening, and reached Turin Thursday evening. He left Turin at 9.40 Friday morning, and got to Bologna at 5 in the afternoon, and Ancona at 10.30 p.m. the same day. Many of the English residents were present at the station, and the Prince said, in answer to their fervent wishes for his prosperous voyage and safe return, "Thank you, gentlemen." The train departed amid enthusiastic cheers at 10.45, and arrived at Bari at 1.10 Saturday morning. He left for Brindisi at 7.23, which place he reached at 9.30, and was met at the station by the remainder of his suite. Accompanied by the Italian Minister of Marine, Admiral de San Bon, Count Maffei, and amid salutes from the British and Italian ironclads, he proceeded in the Royal launch to the Serapis, where breakfast was served. The weather was fine, and the Serapis steamed out of the harbour amid fresh salutes from the men of war. The Prince of Wales reached Athens after a fair passage on Monday, the 18th, at 10.10, and anchored in the harbour of the Piræus. He landed at 12.10, and went with the King to the palace, amidst the cheers of the densely crowded streets. The Serapis lost two anchors. He was to stay Tuesday and leave Wednesday. Next week we shall resume the story of his journey.

## THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

A press of matter has prevented us noticing the full and interesting account of the meeting of the Grand Orient for 1875, which is contained in the "*Monde Maçonnique*" for September-October, which we received the week before last. We propose, however, to call attention to it next week.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

Reflection has convinced us even more strongly than last week, how very unwise and how very unsound is the proposed motion relative to the Boys' School, to which we felt it to be our duty to allude. Unwise it is, as probably inflicting irreparable injury on the Boys' School, which is now in full and active work, where everything and everybody, we are assured, under the new regime, are falling into their proper positions. All is now proceeding harmoniously, and we fancy that there is little real doubt where the original fault lay. As we read over some published papers, printed too under very strange circumstances, we fancy that we can put our finger readily on the true cause of all the pettiness and unseemly spirit which have been exhibited. Some amusing exaggerations have been scattered broadcast among the Craft. It has been stated, for instance, that the four retiring Masters were university men. There is not a word of truth in the statement. Whether any of them had ever been at any university we doubt, certainly they had not university degrees. *Ex hoc disce omnia*. The course as proposed to be pursued by the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire by Bro. Cawthorn is, we think, most unwise therefore on every ground, as regards the true interests of the school, but Masonically we also deem it to be thoroughly unsound in principle. Bro. Cawthorn is, we understand, not even a subscriber to the Boys' School at all. How can he propose such a resolution? And how can the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire pass such a resolution, still less hand it on to the Grand Lodge? What possible right has the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire to express such an opinion as a corporate body? It has, it is true, paid certain monies to the school in days of old, and it has received a return in votes, and there its interest practically ends. It is impossible that on any known principle of Masonic law or equity it can pass such a resolution without thoroughly stultifying itself. We hope, therefore, that for the "honour and dignity" of West Yorkshire, the resolution will be withdrawn with a good grace. But how can Grand Lodge even interfere? How could it receive such a resolution? How could it act upon it? It gives £150 annually to the institution, a purely voluntary institution, which receives £10,000 in round numbers annually from the Craft as private donations and subscriptions. How can it on its grant of £150 profess to have a right to enquire as to the expenditure of the £10,000? It may, indeed, enquire how its £150 are appropriated, and, if not satisfied with the explanation tendered, may withdraw its own annual grant, but it can do no more, and can go no further. We think that those who propose such a resolution can hardly have realized to themselves its full effect, as if it could be passed it would, we venture to say, be fatal to the independence and self-supporting character of all our metropolitan institutions. No one can deny that Grand Lodge in times past has been very liberal to all our great charities, but such grants do not give it a right to appoint a committee to examine into the expenditure, past and present, of the Boys' School or the Girls' School, or even of the Benevolent Institution, and to lay down the salaries of the officials, and the proper mode of conducting the proper work of each, for such, though ingeniously veiled over, is the actual bearing of Bro. Cawthorn's motion. The only proper course for any to follow who have complaints against anything or anybody, is to go to the General Court, or to lay the matter officially before the House Committee. Until that has been done no one has a right to pretend to say that he has exhausted all modes of redressing real or imaginary grievances. Above all, no one, we venture to repeat, should seek by such revolutionary proceedings to undermine the very foundation on which the Boys' School rests, as a great voluntary institution, aided, no doubt, by Grand Lodge, but supported by the Craft at large.

## MASONIC EGOTISM.

Those of us who know much of Freemasonry, (and some of us have seen its sunny as well as its hazy side for many long years) know well how

often we have been bored, and how much the Craft suffers from the personal egotism of more than one worthy and, perhaps, well-meaning brother. Too often the harmony of a lodge, the peaceful flow of work, the serenity of the witching hour of refreshment, are all alike sadly marred and affected by the intruding tendencies of an irrepressible personal egotism. Many of us even now can picture that well-known and active brother of ours, with many good points, no doubt, in his character, whose theory of Freemasonry is entirely based on its opportunity of individual display, or its occasions of personal assertion. To him Freemasonry, no doubt very good, proper, useful, and agreeable, whether in work, refreshment, or principles, is only worth anything at all to him as it affords him the means of putting forward his own overwhelming claims to position and to prominence. Hence he is always to the fore; go where you will you find him always busy, always agitated, always loquacious. He will take any work, or propose any health, or return thanks for everybody and everything. In short he is a Masonic "factotum," or "teetotum," call him what you like, so versatile are his talents, and so shifting are his "poses." Sometimes, no doubt, he degenerates into an awful bore, even a trying nuisance, as the educated and cultivated often protest inwardly and groan outwardly at his slipshod English, his unmeaning and unceasing assertions of his love, and his respect, and his labours for Freemasonry. They have heard it all over and over before; they have to listen to it, and will have to listen to it, over and over again. Well, this brother Tripod of ours is a not uncommon character, and many a lodge, as well as many a province, has to lament that every gathering, that every "alba dies," are made, as it were, only to minister to his personal grandeur, not to advance the career of brotherhood, not to enhance the wholesome influences of Freemasonry. No doubt something may be said, looking at the question merely socially, in favour of egotism, in respect of the struggles of life. As a general rule we are all taken at our own valuation, and some of our satirical writers have undoubtedly held, that if any of us wish to get on, or push our way in the world, we must assert ourselves, we must impress others around us with the prevailing idea of our own cleverness, ability, shrewdness, superiority. Indeed, some go so far as to assert that that man is always most looked up to who so proclaims his own merits that he makes himself disagreeable even to other people. They are the meek, the forbearing, the "goody-goody," as our young ladies say, who go to the wall. Such a view we believe to be a fallacy, and one, moreover, that does but little credit to humanity. It may be that by the vulgar and tawdry trappings of the Vanity Fair of life many are blinded and misled to-day; it may be that the recklessness of self-assertion and the claims of personal egotism may often impress the weak, the wavering, and the coarse-minded; but on the whole we are inclined to believe that the noble qualities of the mind and heart still sway, after all is said and done, the feelings and consciences of, at any rate, the most elevated of our race. Freemasonry, in its gentle and true teaching, ever forbids the domination of that encroaching egotism which claims all for No. 1, and forgets its neighbour, its brother, and its friend. Still, as of old, despite much of untoward and ill-omened individual selfishness amongst us all, still though egotism abounds on every side of us, and seems sometimes to go with us from our cradles to our graves, all who are not merely following in the ruck of the purely worldly, self-opinionated, self-seeking, irregular, and, as the Germans say, "gemein," must admire the holier and better laws of modesty and abnegation. We are not to yield to the bully or the blatant, we are not to fear the "tall talk" of the blusterer, we are not to surrender to the ingrained selfishness of the egotistical, but, preserving the golden mean between selfishness and sentiment, between modesty and self-assertion, we are never to forget that we are "members one of another," that we are brethren of one great family, creatures of one Creator. Above all, we are ever to prefer the interests of another to our own selfish strivings,

since Freemasonry has bound us all with its golden links of love Divine, and has knitted us close, amid every contingency of earthly life, to our brethren of the light throughout the world.

COLOURED LODGES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Some good and worthy brethren of ours in America seem to think that we have somewhere pronounced a decided opinion in respect of this confessedly difficult question. But we have not done so. We have carefully avoided from our editorial "cathedra," laying down the law on the subject, good, bad, or indifferent. The subject has been, we believe, touched upon, and a distinct opinion has been expressed there anent, by some writers and bodies in Germany; but in England, so far, we have said nothing, and certainly not in the "Freemason," on the grave points at issue. We have, indeed, as all Englishmen naturally would, welcomed all coloured Freemasons who were received as bonâ-fide freemen, as we do not think that there is any distinction of colour in Freemasonry. But with respect to the position taken up by coloured Freemasons in the United States—as we note, they say because they cannot obtain admittance into white lodges—we have never advanced any views of our own, for this reason, that they are, owing to the peculiar question of "colour," somewhat hazy on the subject. The position of the coloured Freemasons is, we understand on unimpeachable authority, this. "There is no doubt that the Prince Hall Lodge was lawfully warranted, but owing to failure to meet for a number of years and making returns, and paying the dues to Grand Lodge, it certainly ceased to exist, and became, to all intents and purposes, a dead lodge"—as the lawyers say, a "caput mortuum"—in the body of Masonry. "It was not possible therefore for a number of the members of this defunct lodge, years afterwards, to reorganize, without any authority whatever, and assume themselves the powers of a Grand Lodge, and grant warrants to institute new lodges and form Grand Lodges." In the State of Pennsylvania it appears that there are two rival Grand Lodges. On this statement of facts, it is quite clear to us, that any lodges meeting under a warrant from the defunct Prince Hall Lodge are irregular lodges, according to the unfailing laws of Freemasonry, as not only are they acting "ultra vires," but the inception of their proceedings being radically wrong and illegal, all their subsequent acts are vitiated by their original wrongdoing. Their old warrant only gave them power to initiate, pass and raise profanes, and affiliate brother Masons; but it could not grant to them, and did not grant to them, the power to offer a delegated authority to others to do these special Masonic acts. The warrant being dormant could only be revived properly through the action of the Grand Lodge, the original grantor, and the grantee could not, without rehabilitating itself with Grand Lodge, by payment of overdue fees, &c., come into Masonic life again at all. Under these circumstances, notwithstanding the expressed views of some brethren in Germany and elsewhere, we have no doubt then, that, as the Spanish say, "to speak Masonically," the Prince Hall Lodge was an irregular and clandestine gathering of Masons, and had neither, legally, Masonic status or Masonic authority. All Masons made under its warrants are not and cannot be considered as "true and lawful Freemasons," or admitted "in a lodge just, perfect, and regular." But here comes in a grave question. Admitted, as we do admit most fully, that the regular Grand Lodges have all Masonic law and equity on their side, there are a large number of coloured Freemasons in the United States. What are you to do with them? There is no doubt the course of non-recognition, except upon submission, but we fear the controversy now is too embittered for that. There is an axiom very common of old, which often applies practically to this and other like cases to-day, "fieri non debet factum valet." For let us look at the whole matter fairly and fully. Are the regular white Grand Lodges and regular private lodges ever likely to welcome the coloured Masons under any circumstances? If they are, then there is not and cannot be the slightest excuse for the proceedings of the

coloured Masons. But if not, what are the coloured Masons to do? We do not see any abstract objection to coloured Masons meeting as such, supposing they can obtain legal warrants, as we are inclined to think that such an arrangement would be best for both sides. The only end of the controversy, as it appears to us, or escape from the dilemma, is for the coloured lodges to apply for warrants to the lawful Grand Lodges, and then, if they like, to form State coloured Grand Lodges of their own; these lodges meeting originally on regular warrants granted by the proper authorities. As it is, we are entirely with the Grand Lodges of the various American States, as we feel bound to say that the position of the coloured lodges in America, which hold warrants from self-constituted bodies, is neither in accordance with well-known Masonic law, nor can it be defended, except sentimentally, on any grounds of true Freemasonry.

ANOTHER MASONIC PERSECUTION.

Bro. Caubet gives in the "Monde Maconnique" for September-October a short statement to the effect that 14 Freemasons at Porto Rico have been condemned to imprisonment, simply because they were Freemasons, members of the Masonic family. Three of these unfortunate brethren have been sentenced to four years' imprisonment, eleven to two years of the same penalty. Bro. Caubet adds, "We shall publish the text of the judgment in our next," which we shall also duly place before our readers. If the fact be a fact, can nothing be done for them?

DWELLINGS FOR ARTIZANS.

One of the most beneficial, and practically useful of the many wise measures passed during the last session of Parliament was "The Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Bill." The state of the cottages and humble dwellings of our wealthy land, despite some notable exceptions here and there, notwithstanding the praiseworthy efforts of some benevolent landlords in special localities, has long been a disgrace to us as a civilized people. And no legislative enactment could therefore be more beneficial in its scope or operation, or could be to all patriotic citizens of our favoured country, a subject of more heartfelt support and rejoicing, than a good bill for the improvement of the homes of our labouring people! It is, no doubt, a subject in itself surrounded with some difficulties, owing to the grave complication of vested interests, and the serious question of expense, but yet, as no course of parliamentary interference is more needed, so none will be in the long run more acceptable to the toiling classes of our great and busy community. We are, therefore, glad to note by the reports of the proceedings of the Metropolitan Board of Works, that that important and active body is directing its attention to the practical carrying out of the art. In the "Times" of Tuesday, October 6th, we find these remarks, and which we read, as we think our readers will read them, with equal gratification and approval. "From the report of the last meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works it appears that body has received already several requests for the exercise of the new powers the recent act has conferred. The first application made to them was about a block of buildings in the neighbourhood of a main thoroughfare of Holborn, and immediately to the east of Gray's-inn-road. This region the Medical Officer of the Holborn District Board has pronounced to be so unhealthy and unfit for human residence as to be a proper subject for the remedial intervention of the Board of Works. We cannot be surprised that the Board has accepted the task thus primarily assigned to them. Those who are acquainted with the spot in question will be aware that it is one of the very worst in all London, and that as regards a great part of it we should do wisely to get rid of it on almost any terms, and to put up something better in its place, if no lighter remedy can be devised for the evils of its present state. The scheme which the consulting officials of the Board of Works have recommended fits in very happily other Metropolitan improvements. Some open spaces of ground will be secured in a

crowded region which much needs them. Gray's-inn-road will be widened, and streets and thoroughfares of a proper breadth and construction will be carried all through the parts in question, and will, we may hope, differ from the blind courts and alleys which exist there at present in being accessible with safety to the police. The total extent of ground over which the improvements are to extend is about 10½ acres, and the cost to the Board of dealing with it will be somewhat over £200,000, of which rather more than half may be looked upon simply as invested. The yearly loss on the remainder will amount to £3466, which will have to be provided from the rates. By this outlay a proper site will have been secured for buildings which it is hoped some one or other of the existing societies will erect, and the ground will be handed over to them on terms which will permit of the further expenditure being remunerative. The attention of the Board has also been already drawn to a locality in Whitechapel, for which the requisite plans or recommendations are in course of being prepared, but are not yet ready. We are told, too, that various other Metropolitan districts will yet remain to be somewhat similarly dealt with by the Board of Works. Some of these have been brought before their notice by the Resident Medical Officers, while with regard to others the Board knows only that a communication is certainly to be expected. There is thus no prospect that the labours of the Board in this direction will be soon or easily concluded. Rather the work to be done will be necessarily both long and costly. The arrears are very great, and the present generation must be prepared to pay heavily for the neglect of its more careless predecessors." In all this we fully agree, but we cannot concur with the following remarks of the "Times":—"We could wish there was any reason to think that the improvements contemplated in Holborn and elsewhere would be acceptable to the class for whose benefit they are intended." 'Tis true that the "Times" describes the Holborn population as a migratory one, but we venture to express our opinion, based on long study and some acquaintance with the subject, that no greater calumny can be devised or spread as regards the working classes, than to suppose that they are indifferent to, or opposed to the amelioration of such patent evils. The truth is that many of them are so accustomed to signs of squalor, and evidences of filth, so many live and die in crazy tenements, and in reeking alleys, and foul cellars, that they grow dull and apathetic on the subject, and actually prefer in their shortsightedness "quieta non movere." There also may be a class here, as elsewhere, that "classe dangereuse" of all great cities, too well known to the police, and which feels ever the deepest interest in the pockets and properties of their neighbours, which naturally objects to light, cleanliness and respectability. But there is implanted in the artizans, as in every class of England, a love of home, and home work, and home happiness. We never could see why working men should not, if you give them good air, good houses, and bits of garden or allotments, be as happy, and contented, and satisfied as those whom they call their "betters." They have an intense love of flowers, for instance some of the most industrious and persevering of botanists are to be found notably among the working classes of Lancashire and Yorkshire; they have a great appreciation of home, enduring attachment for their wives and children, for the most part they are thrifty and saving, despite all irrational charges to the contrary, and that they long for often a comfortable house they can call their own, no longer surrounded by dens of vice and dirt, is, we feel sure, incontestable. No improvement can, then, be more desirable on every ground, social, moral, or religious, than that of the dwellings of our artizan brethren. We have sighed to see in a room, 10 by 10, the grandmother, a married son and daughter, two unmarried daughters, and two lads, to say nothing of a baby, all using this one room as a sleeping apartment. In vain we remember saying years ago when our eyes beheld actually what our pen has now described, "in vain are the teachings of school, and the lesson of decency and morality, their normal life, by no fault of their own, is

one continued departure from every law which health would demand, or propriety suggest." We have, then, always advocated, and always shall advocate, the building of better cottages and dwellings for the labouring population of the Empire. In some places the good work has been done in a great measure, in many it is going on, in more, let us hope, this new act will set it in motion. Better late than never. Henri Quatre said he wished every Frenchman could enjoy his homely meal. Good old George III. declared he hoped that every Englishman would have his Bible; we say to-day that the best wish we can frame for those who compose the great base of the pyramid of society is that they may have a comfortable and decent dwelling, where they can learn for themselves the elevating lessons of self-respect, self-restraint, and self-improvement, and where they can teach their children alike by word and example the ever needful maxims of prudence and propriety, of economy and industry, of piety to God, and of regard for their fellow creatures.

### INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AT PHILADELPHIA IN 1876.

A kind brother correspondent having sent us from America a copy of the rules and regulations for this important gathering, we shall call attention to it next week, and publish in extenso the regulations for exhibition.

### 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.]

### A QUOTATION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The ingenuousness of your correspondent signing himself "The Writer of the Article," as displayed in and by his letter headed "Hudibras" in your issue of the 9th inst., is most refreshing, and were I in possession of a scrap book for the effusions of newspaper correspondents, I should certainly think this one deserving a little trouble and paste, as a literary curiosity.

I rejoice to hear that I have been the means of "amusing" your correspondent, although by the tenor of his letter, I should have thought that "annoying" would more appropriately have expressed his feelings. At the same time I must candidly admit that it was not my intention to do either.

He continues by complaining "that hardly any one can write on the commonest subject without becoming personal." If this be true, I agree with him that it is much to be regretted, yet if he really thinks so, why do (sic) he act differently? It surely cannot, even according to his logic, be good in him and bad in others to follow the same course.

After sarcastically referring to me as "so learned a critic," he states, "I happen to know my 'Hudibras,' as well as he knows it, it may be even better. But comparisons are odorous." (sic) Self praise, I find by this, is now and then a great recommendation, and that "The Writer of the Article," amongst his other accomplishments, possesses, "undisturbed by conscientious qualms," the art of admirably blowing his own trumpet. What does he know of my familiarity with the work in question? I presume I am, even by name, to him a perfect stranger. His assertion, therefore, is simply absurd. If, however, he possesses the virtue which he assumes, why not do the author justice by quoting him correctly instead of making him talk nonsense.

He should remember that the art of quotation requires more delicacy in the practice than those conceive who can see nothing more in the quotation than an extract. Whenever the mind of a writer is saturated with the full inspiration of a great author a quotation gives completeness to the whole; it seals his feelings with undisputed authority. As for comparisons being "odorous," (sic) I presume your correspondent means "odious," or he would not have misapplied this quotation. Shakespeare makes Dogberry use the expression, but not in the manner of a Mrs. Malaprop. As for his using the verse (the quotation in dispute) "as others have used it, better men than either of us (another comparison), with no question or concern as to its correctness," I can only say, that if an author is worth quoting from at all, that some "question or concern" as to the accuracy of the quotation is due to his reputation in return for the benefit derived at his hands. "The Writer of the Article" then tries to get out of his difficulty by saying, "I did not quote Hudibras at all!" He admits "using a verse." Whose verse was it then? As for not quoting Hudibras, that is true. He misquoted it, and as for conveying his "meaning most appositely," that is a matter of opinion. I am informed that "for a long time every one who cares about such things has known that there was an error in the actual quotation itself." Where is the error, and what authority refers to it? I have examined two old editions of the poem, and a very good modern one, "published by J. Walker and the other proprietors," in 1817, besides reading several commentaries by eminent authors, yet cannot find any proof or mention of what your correspondent as-

serts. As for a man being "convinced against his will," being a state of mind not uncommon, I can only say that it is impossible. It is easy to understand a man "complying against his will," but I never knew or heard of an instance of one being so convinced.

What he means by "Burke's concluding sentence may be reckoned equally "sublime and beautiful," I do not know. My concluding sentence, "With just enough of learning to misquote," was Byron's. Your correspondent's introduction of "The Sublime and Beautiful" prevents me attributing this to a misprint. Whether it looks like "greased lightning," or not, I cannot say. Of that article I know nothing, and therefore leave it without any encroachment of opinion, as a subject perhaps deserving of some attention from "The Writer of the Article." Hoping in the meantime that our little correspondence may not be unproductive of even a little good, and that where no offence was intended none will be taken,

Believe me, yours fraternally,

WM. BERNARD.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having seen Bro. Bernard's letter at the office, I venture to subjoin a short reply to his voluminous epistle. As Lord Derby, when Lord Stanley, once said to the famous Lord Macaulay, then Mr. Macaulay, and both in the House of Commons, "the honourable gentleman is a great critic," so I think I may venture also to say to Bro. Bernard to-day. Reading carefully now over his two letters, one is really in doubt which most to admire, the "foineness of his writing" or the lucidity of his style. Yet I fear that Bro. Bernard is one of those unfortunate persons you often meet with in the world, who always will be "convinced against" their "will," "pace," so very great an authority. I have already stated that I did not quote Hudibras in any way at all. Bro. Bernard is so polite and Masonic as to give me the lie direct, and to repeat his statement that I quoted, or, rather, misquoted, Hudibras. I have previously remarked that I was not likely to misquote Hudibras, knowing it better than Bro. Bernard, and I have attempted also to make Bro. Bernard understand, though in vain, that I used the words as an old Jametian "saw," without any reference to Butler's version of it. For the truth is, as another writer puts it clearly, the saying is older than Hudibras, and in its axiomatic form embodies, despite Bro. Bernard again, a very wonted condition of the human mind.

For it often happens that in an argument a man gives way, though not convinced by argument; but yielding the point for some reason or other, or withdrawing from the controversy, still retains his own opinion. This is the state of mind well pointed out by the almost proverbial saying, and which, notwithstanding Bro. Bernard's condemnation and anathema, I venture to believe, as I happen to know, is a very correct one. Would it not be well before Bro. Bernard attempts to set everybody else right that he should attend to his own grammar and spelling. I have never yet seen "odorous" spelt with an "e," nor do I ever remember such a sentence as "why do he act differently." It is really sublime.

But it is useless to go through Bro. Bernard's letter, as it is only another proof not only how much can be said about nothing, but how excessively personal a pseudo-critic can be. In fact, there is something excessively offensive and un-Masonic in the tone that Bro. Bernard has thought well to assume, though, as far as I can see, with no pretension to play such a role. I have, as it happens, more important work to attend to than to read, except often very cursorily, the tedious platitudes or the meaningless objection, and I confess to a "lapsus pennæ" in substituting Burke for Byron. The truth is the same remark is applicable, and in either case, such a quotation in Bro. Bernard's hands is evidently what the witty American termed "greased lightning." If Bro. Bernard wishes to improve his style, and learn to be civil and convincing, polite and critical at the same time, let us recommend to his perusal George Canning's famous critique on the "Reformation of the Knave of Hearts," in the "Microcosm," page 87, for I feel sure, that the good it must do him will be quite marvellous. Let me fraternally urge him to be a little more courteous when he again assumes the "stylus" of the critic, and not to forget that nothing is so absurd as that childish and carping hyper-criticism, which is generally the refuge of the incompetent, and the intolerant.

I am,

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

### THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly inform me whether the "Mark Degree" is a recognized Masonic Order (i.e.) by the Grand Lodge of English Freemasons, and whether they support the various Masonic institutions?

Their origin, and why Mark jewels are not to be worn in Craft lodges.

Whether it is necessary to join the Mark Degree before going to the Royal Arch.

Having heard a diversity of opinion upon the matter by several M.M.'s is the reason of my troubling you with this enquiry upon the subject.

Yours fraternally,

AN ENQUIRING M.M.

[In answer to our correspondent we beg to state that the Mark Degree is not recognised by our Grand Lodge, but that it supports the Masonic institutions, we believe, as a corporate body, we are certain individually. There is some obscurity as to the real origin of the Mark Degree, but it is said to have taken its rise in this country in the latter part of the last century, and that the original lodges were dedicated to St. Mark. In our humble opinion it is an adapted Order, and has nothing to do with the operative custom of Masons, Marks. The reason why Mark jewels

cannot be worn in a Craft lodge is, that they do not appertain to any of the degrees recognized by the Grand Lodge of England. It is not necessary at all to join the Mark Degree before becoming a R.A.—Ed.]

### MASONIC JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having read the correspondence in your valuable paper hereon, I take it that I am entitled and fully justified in wearing the "five-pointed star" as a jewel of the Third Degree, recognised by the Grand Lodge of England in my Craft Lodge, and that the W.M. and officers could not object to it.

Yours fraternally,

AN ENQUIRING M.M.

[With regard to the five-pointed star, our opinion is that under the wording of the Book of Constitutions it is clearly legal. Indeed, if it is not, we do not see clearly how any other jewels are so, except those actually specified in the Book of Constitutions.—Ed.]

### MASONIC TOKENS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have taken in business during the past week a halfpenny token, in every respect similar to that spoken of by your correspondent, Bro. Samuel Dutton, excepting that the inscription on the rim is "Masonic Halfpenny Token, 1794."

I have also been shown another by a brother of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, so that I cannot think they are as scarce as many of your correspondents suppose.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

WILLIAM STEPHENS,

P.M. 1365 and 1489.

### FREEMASONRY IN CANADA.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I desire, through you, to tender my thanks to an unknown correspondent, who has kindly forwarded me a copy of the address of the V.H. and E. Sir Knt. Col. MacLeod Moore, Grand Prior of Canada, delivered to the Knights assembled in Grand Priory at St. Catherine's, Ontario, on the 11th of August last.

Yours fraternally,

J. EDWARD CURTEIS,

P. Prov. G. Reg. and Provincial Chancellor, Devon, Member of the Council of Great Priory, England.

### MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly favour me with a reply to the following queries through the above valuable paper:—

1. Is there such a distinction as honorary member in Masonry, without the word affiliated, and if so, what is the difference?

2. If an individual is entered in the minutes of a lodge as an honorary affiliated member, and that minute passed by the lodge in regular form, and said honorary member pays test fees from time to time, can he vote as an ordinary member, and is he eligible for office?

3. The Master of a lodge being absent, but his Deputy present, who is not an installed Master, but an installed Master is present as a visiting brother, has the Deputy the right to open the lodge in preference to that installed Master, if so, what are the privileges of an installed Master?

Your kind reply will oblige, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,

R.M.

[1. Any brother can, by vote of lodge, be admitted an honorary member of the lodge solely. As such he pays no contributions.

2. A brother admitted as an honorary member (unless there be some special provision in the bye-laws to the contrary) cannot become a joining or affiliated member without notice, proposition, and ballot. As an honorary member, unless the bye-laws specially say so, and we believe that such a bye-law would be very questionable, he cannot vote, nor is he eligible for office, on the ground that he bears no part of the expenses of the lodge, and is not returned as a contributing member to Grand Lodge.

3. The third question is difficult to answer, as we have no Deputy Master in England. In our humble opinion, if in a lodge the Master is absent, and no Past Master of the lodge is present, the Senior Warden rules the lodge for the purpose of all needful business. But he ought not to perform any of the ceremonies of the Craft, not being an installed Master, and it would be better for him to ask an installed Master who happens to be present, standing by his side, to go through the needful ceremonial.—Ed.]

### A LIST OF PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I enclose 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 Thunannus, 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 Russias; Captain James Commerford, for the province of Andalusia in Spain; to Sir Edward Mathews, for Shropshire.

In 1734, by the Earl of Crauford, Grand Master, to Ed-

ward Entwizle, Esq., for Lancashire; Joseph Laycock, Esq., for Durham; Mathew Ridley, Esq., for Northumberland.

In 1736, by the Earl of Loudoun, Grand Master, to Robert Tomlinson, Esq., for New England; John Hamerton, Esq., for South Carolina; David Creighton, Doctor of Physic, for Cape Coast in Africa.

In 1737, by the Earl of Darnley, Grand Master, to James Watson, Esq., for the Island of Montserrat; George Hamilton, Esq., for the State of Geneva; Henry William Mareschalch, Esq., Hereditary Mareschal of Thuringia, for Upper Saxony; William Douglas, Esq., for the Coasts of Africa and Islands of America, where no particular deputation has been granted; Richard Riggs, Esq., for New York.

In 1738, by the Marquis of Carnarvon, now Duke of Chandos, Grand Master, to Will. Horton, Esq., for the West Riding of the county of York; His Excellency Governor Mathew, for the Leeward Islands.

In 1739, by Lord Raymond, Grand Master, to the Marquis Des Marches, for Saxony and Piedmont.

In 1740, by the Earl of Kintore, Grand Master, to His Excellency James Keith, for all the Russias; Matthias Albert Luttmann, Esq., for Hamburg and the Circle of Lower Saxony; Edward Rooke, Esq., for the West Riding in the county of York, in the room of Horton, deceased; Thomas Baxter, Esq., His Majesty's Attorney-General, for the Island of Barbadoes, and of all the islands to the windward of Guadaloupe.

In 1741, Earl Morton, Grand Master, to William Vaughan, Esq., for North Wales.

In 1742, by Lord Ward, Grand Master, to William Ratchdale, for the county of Lancaster; Ballard Beckford, George Hynde, and Alexander Crawford, Esqs., for the Island of Jamaica; to Thomas Oxnard, Esq., for North America.

In 1744, by the Earl of Strathmore, Grand Master, to Alured Popple, Esq., for Bermudas.

In 1746, by Lord Cranstoun, Grand Master, to Captain Robert Commins, for Cape Breton and Louisbourg.

In 1747, 1748, 1749, 1750, 1751, by Lord Byron, Grand Master, to William Allen, Esq., Recorder of Philadelphia, for Pennsylvania in America; Count Denneskiold Laurwig, for Denmark and Norway; Lieut. Col. James Adolphus Oughton, for the Island of Minorca; Francis Coelet, Esq., for the Province of New York.

In 1752, 1753, by Lord Carysfort, Grand Master, to William Pye, Esq., for the county of Cornwall; James Montisor, Esq., for Gibraltar; His Excellency Governor Tinker, for Bahama Islands; Sir Robert de Cornwall, Bart., for the counties of Worcester, Gloucester, Salop, Monmouth, and Hereford; George Harrison, Esq., for the Province of New York; Thomas Dobreer, Esq., for Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, and Arme in the British Channel.

In 1754, 1755, by the Marquis of Carnarvon, Grand Master, to Peter Leigh, Esq., Chief Justice of South Carolina, for South Carolina; David Jones Gwynne, Esq., of Talliazies, for South Wales, in the room of Sir Edward Mansell; the Rev. and Hon. Francis Byam, D.D. for Antigua; the Hon. Roger Drake, Esq., at Bengal, for East Indies; Jeremiah Gridley, Esq., for all North America where no Provincial is appointed; William Maynard, Esq., for Barbadoes and all other His Majesty's islands to the windward of Guadaloupe; Edward Galdiard, Esq., for St. Eustatius, Saba, and St. Martin, Dutch Caribbee Islands in America; John Head, Gent., Collector of the Customs at Scilly, for Scilly and the adjacent islands; Jobsh Anthony Hinuher, for all His Majesty's dominions in Germany, with a power to choose their successors; John Page, Esq., of Hawthorn, for the County Palatine of Chester and the City and County of Chester.

In 1758, 1759, 1760, 1761, 1762, by Lord Aberdour, Grand Master, to William Jarvis, Esq., for Antigua and the Leeward Caribbee Islands, in the room of Dr. Byam, deceased; Edward Bacon, Esq., Recorder of Norwich, for Norwich and the county of Norfolk; James Bradford, Esq., one of the Council in Bahama Islands, for the same, in the room of Governor Tinker, deceased; Gottfried Jacob Jenisch, M.D. for Hamburg and Lower Saxony, in the room of Albert Luttmann, resigned; the Hon. Robert Melville, Esq., lieutenant-colonel of His Majesty's 38th Regiment of Foot, and Lieutenant-Governor of Fort Royal, in the Island of Guadaloupe; John Smith, Gent., of Manchester, for the county of Lancaster, instead of Ratchdale, dismissed; Grey Elliot, for the Province of Georgia; the Hon. Colonel Simon Frazer, for Canada; John Lewis, Esq., for Andalusia and places adjacent, in the room of James Montisor, Esq., gone to Carolina; William Pepple, Esq., for Bermuda; Benjamin Smith, Esq., Speaker of the House of Assembly at Carolina, for Carolina; Thomas Marriot Perkins, for the Mosquito Shore; Culling Smith, Esq., for East India.

In 1763, 1764, Earl Ferrers, Grand Master, to Thomas Marriot Perkins, for Jamaica, as well as the Mosquito Shore; John Pluvit, Commander of the Admiral Watson, Indianan, for East India, where no other Provincial is to be found; George Bell, Esq., his Majesty's agent for the Paquets at Falmouth, for Cornwall; Dr. Dionysius Manasse, for all Armenia in the East Indies; George Augustus, Baron of Hammerstein, for Westphalia; James Todd, for Bombay; Ernest Siegmund de Leswitz, for the Dukedom of Brunswick; His Excellency Robert Melville, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of his Majesty's Caribbee Islands, the Greater and Lesser Grenadines, St. Vincent, Dominico, Tobago, &c., Brigadier-General of His Majesty's Forces in America; Milborne West, Esq., of all Canada.

In 1765, 1766, 1767, Lord Blaney, Grand Master, to John Stone, Esq., His Majesty's Solicitor-General for the Island of Barbadoes, for Barbadoes; John George Henry, Count de Wertbern, Lord Steward of the Household to the Duke of Saxe-Gotha, for all Upper Saxony; Charles Fullman, Esq., Secretary to Sir John Goodrich, Ambassador to Stockholm, for Stockholm; the Hon. Prestley Thornton,

one of His Majesty's Council in the colony of Virginia, and His Majesty's Lieutenant for the county of Northumberland; Samuel Middleton, Esq., for Bengal, in the absence of Culling Smith, Esq., should he be removed, then Thomas Burdell may act until a new one is appointed; Don Nicholas de Manuzzi, for Italy; John Peter Gogle, of Frankfort, for the Upper and Lower Rhine, and the Circle of Franconia; Capt. Joseph Dunbar, for Antigua, in the absence of William Jarvis, Esq.; Major Agdollo, in the service of His Highness the Elector of Saxony, for the Electorate of Saxony; Capt. Edmond Pascal, for Madras and its Dependencies; in case of his absence the lodge to have power to choose another till application can be had for another; Thomas Duncherley, for Hampshire; Edward Danial, for Montserrat.

"The office of Prov. G.M. was instituted and the first deputation granted by Earl Inchiquin, on the 10th May, 1727, to Hugh Warburton, Esq., for North Wales, and on the 24th of June following to Sir Edward Mansell, Bart., for South Wales."—Preston, p. 225, ed. 1788.

At the Grand Lodge held at Devil Tavern, Temple Bar, on the 29th March, 1762. "The lodges in the East Indies having no Provincial Grand Master, sent a petition to the Grand Master, praying his worship would grant them one, and recommending Culling Smith, Esq., of Calcutta, to be the Provincial Grand Master for India, and sent the sum of fifty guineas to be paid into the Publick Fund of Charity."

"Ordered that a deputation be made out in the neatest manner, appointing Culling Smith, Esq., to be Provincial Grand Master of India, and the expense be defrayed out of the fund of the Grand Lodge."

Copied from "The Constitutions of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the History of Masonry from the Creation through-out the known world, with their charges, regulations, &c." Collected and digested by order of the Grand Lodge, from their old records, faithful traditions, and lodge books.

R.W.G.

THE PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If proof were needed of the "personal feelings" by which certain of the brethren of the Province of West Yorkshire are actuated, it will be found abundantly in the brochure just issued, entitled "The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.—Reply to the Secretary." To characterise this production as it deserves—to speak, or write, of the authors (it is signed "T. W. Tew—O. G. D. Perrott"), in the terms they merit, would be to incur a risk, which in the present unsatisfactory condition of the law, I decline. All I can do, at present at all events, is to request the friends of the institution to refrain from giving a ready credence to the specious charges and exaggerated statements with which the pamphlet abounds. I must, however, ask at your hands the favour of sufficient space for two or three corrections, which will prove how easily the whole mass of vindictive accusations may be confuted.

On opinions as to conduct, &c., I shall not dwell. Angry words, strong expressions, manner and demeanour, will be judged of very differently when associated with an intimate knowledge of the circumstances which cause or produce them, or when described in print with the aid of partial gloss or personal bias, and before venturing on censure, all the surrounding facts and events should be thoroughly known. My object now is to repel charges—direct or implied—with reference to monetary payments and statistical information.

As a specimen of the first, refer to p. 29, where attention is prominently directed to a "most serious and unaccountable blunder in giving the name of 'James Gasson,' whose name appears on p. 39 with a £5 grant. Whilst reckoning a second time, the grant under the same date is set down at £10, on p. 40! (the italics are the twin authors')."

How does this terrible charge fade away, when it is explained that the grant was £15, £5 paid for outfit in May, 1872, £5 at commencement of apprenticeship, and £5 on expiration of twelve months therefrom. The insinuation is palpable, and what I complain of is that Mr. Tew, in commencing his crusade, did not first write to the office for explanations of what might appear to be "unaccountable,"—forming his own opinion of such explanations—instead of uncharitably assuming that what he could not quite understand, must be dishonest.

For errors in details—when information has been wished to be conveyed—as distinguished from accounts and balance sheets certified by proper authorities, I am willing to accept responsibility, and to bow to reproof. There is, however, a wide difference between error and fraud, and it is from the balance sheet, examined by the Audit Committee, that the actual amounts expended in any given year for "grants and outfits," or for any other item, must be taken, and the figures there will be found to be correct.

As regards statistics, the average number of boys is computed from the total number actually in the institution as per "Weekly Expenditure Book," and will bear the strictest examination.

In opposition to the views of Messrs. Tew and Perrott, I submit that the actual cost at which the boys in our institution are maintained is accurately shewn by classing under the head "Ordinary Expenditure" all that is absolutely essential for the purpose, without the addition of special outlay, every detail of which is susceptible of explanation, which, I repeat, in common fairness, ought to have preceded complaint.

The style and value of the criticism to which I am exposed is shown in the manner in which assumptions are treated throughout, as if they were facts. Numerous instances will present themselves to any one perusing the pamphlet.

Again, with respect to the discrepancy in the total number of boys in the institution. The number for which pro-

vision is made is 177, including 155 elected boys, and 22 admitted on "purchase" or "presentation," as regulated by the laws of the institution, or by resolutions of the General Court. Here the explanation is exceedingly simple, though these astute critics writing in ignorance cannot perceive it.

In the Report published in June, for instance, would appear the names of the boys elected in April, who would not be admitted until August, while boys leave monthly as they attain the age of 16 years, thus preventing the possibility of the total number being absolutely in the building at the same time. For the "Class Lists" &c. I am in no way responsible. It is, further, rarely that there are not absentees, varying in number from time to time, from causes over which we have not always control.

The question of salary—"extravagant" or not—can be discussed fully elsewhere, but is it fair to describe me as "drawing £581 9s. 6d. per annum, besides commissions and other remuneration?" The £81 9s. 6d. is money spent out of pocket in the service of the institution. The charge contained in the words "besides commissions" I indignantly denounce as false and unjust. While as to "other remuneration" I can only associate this with the impertinent remarks on the manner in which the festival stewards, in the exercise of their discretion, think proper to dispose of the surplus of their own fund. Why do not the writers inform those whom they address that in the 14 years to present date the sum of £510 17s. has been presented to the funds of the institution from this source.

It is impossible to compress a reply to the voluminous mass of malicious exaggeration within limits suitable for your paper, and I must suffer the consequences of delay, unless I can trust to the good feeling and strong common-sense of those whose confidence I am not conscious of having abused. To one whose mission it evidently was, by the exercise of unparalleled tyranny and persecution, to goad into resistance all who declined to cringe subserviently to his arbitrary rule, I can easily understand how unpalatable was my determination to maintain my own position, and this accounts for all the vituperation to which I have been subjected. The matron and myself are the only persons (non-residents excepted) now officially connected with the institution whom Mr. Perrott found in office on his unfortunate advent as head-master, and nothing will be left untried to distort truth, so that our action and conduct generally may be held up to reprobation.

One word as to "letters one, two, and three." What will be thought of a head-master, within fourteen days of his appointment, extorting from his assistants written testimony in favour of a system the result of which had yet to be ascertained.

I have never denied that I did dictate the reply of the matron to Mr. Perrott's insidious letter. I unreservedly deny any knowledge whatever of the letters of the assistant masters in reply to the same.

I pledge myself to the accuracy of the accounts given in my "Reply," of the interview between Mr. Perrott and myself, and positively asserting that Mr. Perrott did express to me his thanks for such influence as I exerted in his favour (to me a lasting cause of regret), and that his remark in connection with the pianos was literally, "for instance, I didn't purchase the pianos," no allusion having been made verbally to "commission," which never entered my mind, though in his it evidently had a place.

Apologising for thus trespassing upon you, and leaving the refutation of the remaining accusations to another opportunity.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,  
FREDERICK BINCKES,  
Secretary.

London, Oct. 16, 1875.

P.S.—A second edition of the pamphlet by "T. W. Tew and O. G. D. Perrott" has reached me since writing to you. In this, paragraph 6, page 3, reads—"We demand the appointment of a new committee, the dismissal of the Secretary and of the Matron, and a thorough investigation." Truly our two cronies are worthy imitators of the "Tailors of Tooley-street," with little idea of the value or importance of any one save themselves. This, too, from those who charge others with being "arrogant" and "autocratic."

20th October.

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

"La Gazzetta d'Italia" states, that "O'Connell was a Freemason." Is the fact so?

It states that he was received in 1799, in a lodge at Dublin, No. 189. Is this correct?

It also adds, though that is clearly an error, that he was Grand Master, which post he resigned in 1839.

Probably, if he was a Freemason, he was Master of a lodge, which, is the explanation of the mistake of the "Gazzetta d'Italia."

Not knowing the fact myself, I shall be glad if some Irish brethren can kindly enlighten me in your pages.

ENQUIRER.

CURIOS SILVER JEWEL.

I have lately had placed in my hands a very curious jewel, evidently intended to be suspended from a collar, and probably used at times as a Tracing Board.

It is a solid silver oval plate with a number of emblems and figures engraved on both sides. The late owner of the jewel is the great grandson of the brother, who was, (it is believed), the first to wear it. In fact, the probability is that the great grandfather in question had it presented to him on the revival of his lodge in 1784. It was formerly suspended from a light blue, red, and black ribbon, representing likely the Craft, Royal Arch, Knights

Templar, and other degrees, agreeing also with the various emblems depicted on the medal. On the obverse are the Craft emblems represented, such as the two columns, the Arch and Keystone, square and compasses, sun, moon and stars, square, level and plumbline, 24-inch gauge, common gavel and chisel, Volume of the Sacred Law, trowel, beehive, cross, pens, key, the letter G, &c., forming a model little Tracing Board.

The reverse has the pilgrim habited as a neophyte of the Knight Templars behind being the dove with olive branch, hourglass, a cock, three crowns, &c. The first division contains besides these an ark, the Temple (?) &c. Below are other emblems connected with Knight Templary and Royal Arch Masonry, such as the mitre, burning bush, twelve lights arranged in the form of a triangle, emblems of mortality, &c.

I have been thus particular in describing the jewel, so as to discover if there are any more of the same kind, or similar, of the last century.

The medal has been in my friend's family for about a century, the Masonic body being much indebted in the past, as well as in the present, to several members thereof, and three generations at least have been most intimately connected with the Craft in Ireland, so that the handsome jewel is doubly valuable as a heirloom and for its Masonic character.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

#### HIGHRODIAMS.—ANOTHER EXPLANATION!

I have just heard from a good Masonic friend of mine that in all probability the "Highrodians" simply refer to the members of the Craft who travelled by road or coach on the high road. In an old newspaper, a little older than the minute of the Gateshead Lodge, is an advertisement, being "The Humble Remonstrance of the Five-Foot-Highians against the Anti-Christian practice of using a Standard in Enlisting of Soldiers."

Those brethren who travelled, and stopped the night at a lodge meeting, having thus arrived by coach on the high road, would be called Highrodians, or Highrodians, and doubtless the term described certain brethren who were frequently visitors as suggested.

So far I think the above the nearest guess at the meaning of the singular term, and it is very likely to be the correct origin of the word.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

#### KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

In a list of workmen, &c., for the building of King Solomon's Temple are the following, viz:—

1. Harodim—Princes, Rulers, or Provosts, in number .....	300
2. Menatzchim—Overseers and Comforters of the people in working, that were expert Master Masons .....	3,300
3. Ghiblim—Stone Squarers, Polishers and Sculptors, and Ishchotzeb; men of Hewing; and Benai—Setters, Layers, or Builders, being able and ingenious Fellow-Crafts .....	80,000
4. The Levy out of Israel, appointed to work in Lebanon one month in three, 10,000 every month, under the direction of noble Adoniram, who was the Senior Grand Warden...	30,000
	113,600

Can the above Herodim have anything in connection with the Highrodians?

#### CONSECRATION OF THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1558.

Another important link was on Thursday, the 14th of October, added to the great chain of Freemasonry by the inauguration of a new lodge, bearing the name of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, which took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, being the second event of the kind that has occurred at this new hall during the very brief period it has been established, it having been consecrated by the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, only a few months ago. The opening of this new hall has therefore met with a success that must be highly gratifying to its promoters, for as the performance of the Masonic ceremonies are here entirely separated from any tavern influence, it cannot fail to be appreciated by those who wish to see the noble Order unconnected with the public house, which in many instances is almost unavoidable; and as an encouragement to the directors of the Surrey Masonic Hall three Lodges of Instruction have already made this place their home, and several regular lodges will also remove there as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

The warrant for the holding of the Duke of Connaught Lodge was granted by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, about the end of July, but circumstances arose which prevented the consecration of it until Thursday last, when there was a large attendance of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. R. W. Little, Consecrating and Installing Master; W. Hammond, P.J.G.D. Middlesex, W.M. 1512, as S.W.; R. N. Field, W.M. 902, as J.W.; H. G. Buss, P.G.T. Middlesex, Director of Ceremonies; P. M. Holden, Chaplain, P.G.C. Middlesex; W. Snowden, W.M.; W. S. Cackett, T. Sleep, J. Dann, P.M. 72; W. Mitchell, A. Runacres, E. W. Boyton, Knight Smith, J. Kemp, W. Chalk, F. Geider, C. B. Rayne, P.M. 27; S. J. Harvey, 72; G. Harrison, 1326; E. Salisbury, P.M.; J. Lawrence, W.M. 901; C. B. Wright, 1319; W. Temple, W.M. 194; H. Thompson, 1426; J. Oliver, W.M. 1328; J. Martin, 188; J. H. Voekins, W.M. 1329; H. Massey, P.M. 619; W. E. Gompertz, P.M. and Secretary, 869 and 1475, P.P.G.P. Herts; and J. T. Dalby, W.M. 1475.

The important duty of consecrating the lodge and the installation of the new Worshipful Master was entrusted

by the Prince of Wales to Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, Provincial Senior Grand Warden for Middlesex, who was assisted by Bro. the Rev. P. Melancthon Holden, P.M., Grand Chaplain; and Bro. Henry G. Buss, P.M., Grand Treas. of Middlesex.

Shortly after three o'clock the brethren, who had assembled in an ante-room, were arranged in the order of rank, and amidst solemn music entered the lodge-room, and the Installing Master took the chair, appointing Bro. Hammond, of the Era Lodge, to take the position of S.W.; Bro. Field, W.M. of the Burgoyne Lodge, J.W.; and Bro. Henry Thompson, of The Great City Lodge, as P.M. The Installing Master then opened the lodge in the three degrees, after which Brother Knight Smith, Organist 1441, played a choice piece of solemn music. Brother Little then addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting and the cause which had brought them together, which was the promotion of their Order and to extend good will, kindness, and charity to all mankind.

Bro. Dann, the Secretary pro. tem., then read the petition and warrant, and in answer to the Installing Master the petitioning brethren said they approved of the officers named in the petition and warrant.

Bro. the Rev. P.M. Holden, Prov. Grand Chaplain for Middlesex, thereafter delivered a splendid oration on the objects and purposes of Freemasonry, which was listened to with the deepest attention, and at its conclusion there was loud and general cheering. The following hymn was then sung by the brethren:—

Oh, praise our God to-day,  
His constant mercy bless,  
Whose love hath helped us on our way  
And granted us success.

God of the widow, hear,  
Our work of mercy bless;  
God of the fatherless, be near,  
And grant us great success.

Some portions of Scripture having been read, the Presiding Officer gave the invocation, after which the lodge board was uncovered, and three P.M.'s carried corn, wine, and oil three times round the lodge.

The Chaplain having offered up the usual prayers, and read portions of Scripture, the Presiding Officer dedicated and consecrated the lodge, after which the following hymns and anthems were sung:—

O Lord, how joyful 'tis to see  
The brethren join in love to Thee;  
On Thee alone their heart relies,  
Their only strength Thy grace supplies.

Lord, shower upon us from above  
The sacred gift of mutual love;  
Each other's wants may we supply,  
And reign together in the sky.—Amen.

Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah!  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:  
Bread of Heaven!

Keep me till I want no more.  
Open Thou the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing streams do flow:  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Guide me all my journey through:  
Strong Deliverer!

Be Thou still my strength and shield.

#### ANTHEM.

"Glory to God, on High!  
Let Heaven and Earth reply,  
Praise ye His name;  
Masons, His love adore,  
Tiled in their mystic lore,  
And cry for evermore  
Glory to God."

The patriarchal blessing brought the consecration ceremony to a close, and it was the unanimous opinion of several Past Masters that in its performance Bro. Little had excelled himself for his careful and impressive rendering of this solemn rite.

#### THE INSTALLATION.

Bro. Little, the Presiding Officer, then proceeded with the installation ceremony.

Bro. William Snowden, the W.M. designate, was presented to receive at the hands of Bro. Little the benefit of installation. The brethren below the degree of an Installed Master having retired, Bro. Snowden was most impressively installed into the chair of K.S. as the first Master of the Duke of Connaught Lodge. The brethren having been admitted, he was in due form saluted in the three degrees, after which the following were the brethren appointed to office and invested by the W.M.:—Bros. W. S. Cackett, S.W.; T. Sleep, J.W.; J. Dann, P.M., Sec.; W. Mitchell, S.D.; A. Runacres, J.D.; E. W. Boyton, D.C.; Knight Smith, Org.; J. Kemp, I.G.; W. Chalk, Steward; and F. Geider, Tyler. The addresses were then given by Bros. Little and M. S. Larham, and the installation ceremony was brought to a close.

On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Cackett, and carried unanimously, Bros. Little and Holden were elected honorary members of the lodge. Six propositions were made for initiation at the next lodge, and the lodge was closed in due form.

At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. gave ample proofs of his ability to preside over a meeting where compliments are passed by the chairman to individuals and associations. Not forgetting Her Majesty and the ancient Craft, he proceeded to draw attention to the Grand Master, and while submitting his name to the brethren, reminded them that while they were highly honoured in having H.R.H. as their head, he had had to pass through the same ordeal as every other brother in being initiated, passed, and raised. Freemasons were loyal subjects, and

wherever the prince might be he was safe, as they were a law-abiding community. They were to him bone, blood, and sinew, and he would find in India, where he was going, hearty sympathy and support. He (the W.M.) was himself essentially loyal, and he was proud to be there that night, as the first W.M. of that body, to propose the Prince of Wales's health while he was on his journey. While wishing him long life and a prosperous and pleasant journey, he trusted that Freemasonry would benefit by it. Bro. Little proposed "The Health of the W.M.," to which Bro. Snowden made a short reply, but thanked the brethren very heartily for their warmth. In giving "The Health of the Visitors," he complimented Bro. Buss on the admirable style in which he had that day performed the office of Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Buss said it was always difficult to reply when there were so many eminent members of the Craft present who were better able to respond. Still, he had much pleasure in replying, because of the honour conferred on him by the W.M.'s attention. He had had the pleasure of being present at the Surrey Masonic Hall when it was consecrated, and he could not help feeling that the spot which had been selected for the hall was in the right part of London for such a structure. If the Craft did not rally round the promoters of the hall it would be their own fault if Masonry did not succeed on that side of the water. There was no other good place where Masonry was able to establish itself in that quarter of London. Much praise was due to the promoters, and it was with very great pleasure that he at any time took part in any undertaking which would increase to a valuable property Masons in South London could not do better than hold their lodges at the Surrey Masonic Hall. After again thanking the brethren, he left the further reply to the toast to the remaining visitors, who severally responded. The W.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities" and "The Officers of the Lodge," including among them Bro. Little, who replied. He thanked Bro. Mitchell for having come forward in support of these institutions the very first night of the meeting of the lodge, and hoped his example would be followed. Indeed, he was satisfied it would be, and that the W.M. would put before the brethren the principles of Freemasonry and the support of the charities. It had been aptly and justly said that loyalty and charity were the brightest jewels in the Masonic crown, because they were the practical result of Masonry. Those principles they all admitted. At so late a period of the evening he would not dilate on the principles of the Craft and the benefits that were being conferred in its name upon the world. Englishmen were practical, and English Masons saw that unless they carried out Freemasonry in its entirety they would not be worthy of the name of Masons. Ninety years ago they established the Girls' School, after that the Boys' School, and then the Benevolent Institution. Very great good had been done by all. The Girls' School had for ninety years past discharged its duty by boarding, clothing, and educating the daughters of Freemasons. Speaking on the subject of this institution, he might inform the company before him that it had been considered a reproach to the institution that it was comparatively rich. If this was considered in the proper light it was not a reproach, because they were obliged to husband their funds because they had no endowment. In the presence of representatives of the press he was happy to say that no less than forty girls had been added to the establishment. Not only that, but there was now a project before the subscribers for still further extending it. To accomplish this object the institution must depend on the liberality of the brethren. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Mitchell, S.D., said he was standing for the Girls' School. He simply mentioned this for an advertisement. He hoped the brethren of the lodge would support him, for he was going to try to work very hard for that charity. (Cheers.)

Bro. Hammond also replied, and in the course of his observations, remarked that he was glad to see the brethren taking what he considered a step in the right direction, by disconnecting the Masonic ceremonies from the "public" element. A great deal of the money subscribed in Masonry, no doubt had hitherto gone in the "Fourth Degree," but at that Masonic Hall the brethren had an opportunity of seeing what could be done by disconnecting them from the taverns. At the same time he would not disparage that element of Freemasonry, for in the provinces Masons were compelled to seek the shelter of those houses. He would be glad to find Masons inaugurate a system by which they should have the major part of their funds devoted to the charities instead of creature comforts. They seemed to be doing this rather extensively now, and the Surrey Masonic Hall was assisting them in that work. Bro. Buss had made a very appropriate speech to this effect, and had brought before the brethren the duty that lay upon them to support the hall. In furtherance of that great end, he also (Bro. Hammond) would exhort all the lodges on the Surrey side of the water to hold their meetings at that hall.

This concluded the business of the evening, and the brethren soon after separated. The musical arrangements throughout the day were under the charge of Bro. Knight Smith, and both in the lodge and after banquet were of a very superior character. Miss Snowden, daughter of the W.M., added some pretty singing to the vocal performances of the brethren.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Mind and body are so closely intertwined that for the former to be vigorous the latter must be healthful. The first step towards the maintenance of health is to secure perfect digestion, which is readily attained by this noted medicine, the most competent effectually to restrain every adverse influence which can mar, impair, or vexatiously modify this all-important process. The student, merchant, man of pleasure, and humblest labourer, may each in turn derive vigour, ease, and strength, from occasional doses or a larger course of Holloway's purifying Pills. However wavering the mind, or unstrung the nerves, this fine medicine will track the derangement to its source, where it will overthrow it and establish order and purity in its place.—ADVT.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF JERSEY.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, October 13th, at the Masonic Temple, when a goodly number of brethren attended to show their fraternal respect to the esteemed Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier, D. Prov. G.M., who, owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. Col. Malet de Carteret, P.G.M., opened the Prov. Grand Lodge in form, supported by Bros. A. Schmitt, P. Prov. G.S.W., as Dep. P.G.M.; G. J. Renouf, S.W.; J. Oatley, J.W.; Ellis A. Owen, Reg.; P. W. Benham, P.P.G. S.W., Treas.; J. O. Le Sueur, Sec.; C. Kingsnorth, P.P.G. J.W.; W. T. Pugsley, P.P.G. J.W.; E. Leigh Bennett, S.D.; R. Barrow, P.S.D.; Ed. Martel, D.C.; Ed. Gilley, Asst. D.C.; J. Blampied, P. Asst. D.C.; Ph. Blampied, P. Asst. D.C.; Abr. Viel, P.G. Supt. of W.; Jos. O'Flaherty, Pursuivant; Prov. Grand Stewards, Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge, which were unanimously confirmed.

The reports of several meetings in reference to the Local Fund of Benevolence were read and adopted, showing that they were able to alleviate the distresses of several really deserving brethren. The report of the Board of General Purposes was also read, received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Treasurer presented likewise the financial statement, which was unanimously adopted. From the various transactions of the Committees whose reports were read, we agreeably perceive that Masonry has progressed during the year, and that the funds, too, appear to be in a healthy state. The proceedings of the Preparatory Committee were now read, among which was the following notice of motion by Bro. P. Binet, P.P.G.S.W. :-

"That W. Bro. A. Schmitt, P.P.G.S.W., be delegated to represent the Province of Jersey as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for the Girls' School, to be holden in May, 1876,—and that the sum of £15 15s. be voted towards the fund of sustenance of the said School."

Bro. P. W. Benham, in the absence of Bro. Binet, heartily advocated the cause of the Masonic Girls' School by impressing on the minds of the members present the imperious necessity of liberally supporting the claims of the orphans of our deceased but deserving brethren. The motion being put to the vote was carried unanimously and by acclamation.

Bro. A. Schmitt, kindly undertaking the duties of Prov. Grand Steward, expressed the gratification his heart felt at his being deputed to represent the Province at the next Festival of the Girls' School, and ardently craved the support of lodges, Chapters, and individual members, to whom his appeal to that effect will be made in due time, hoping it will be practically responded to; at the same time informing the Prov. Grand Lodge that the Rt. W. Prov. Grand Master, before he left the island in September, was pleased to signify his cordial pleasure in having his name placed on the list for £10 10s.

The brethren were now called to elect a Treasurer for the ensuing year, when Bro. C. Kingsnorth moved :- "That Bro. P. W. Benham, who has for several years held that important office, be re-elected, upon whom he passed a well-deserved eulogium for the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties. The nomination of Bro. P. W. Benham, seconded by Bro. J. O. Le Sueur, was then put to the vote, agreed to, and the Acting Prov. G.M. begged to observe that it was with pleasure he had to announce to Bro. Benham the pleasing intelligence of his unanimous re-election. The Treasurer, in acknowledging his obligations to the brethren for their continued confidence in him, begged to assure them that any efforts of his would not be wanting to carry out the duties of his office in as efficient a manner as he possibly could. The acting P.G.M. appointed and invested the following Prov. Grand Officers :-

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| John Oatley ..    | Prov. G.S. Warden. |
| Ellis A. Owen ..  | Prov. G.J. Warden. |
| Ch. Marett ..     | Prov. G. Chap.     |
| R. Barrow ..      | Prov. G. Reg.      |
| P. W. Benham ..   | Prov. G. Treas.    |
| J. O. Le Sueur .. | Prov. G. Sec.      |

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| Gen. T. C. Kelly, C.B. ... | Prov. G.S.D.        |
| Jos. O'Flaherty.....       | Prov. G. J.D.       |
| J. Blampied .....          | Prov. G.S. of W.    |
| Ph. Blampied.....          | Prov. G. Dir. of C. |
| Ed. Simons .....           | Prov. G. Asst. D.C. |
| J. Le Feuvre .....         | Prov. G.S.B.        |
| Ph. W. Binet.....          | Prov. G. Purst.     |

Bros. G. F. Baker, S.W. 491; W. T. Dumaresq, S.W. 244; Wm. Wetherell, J.W. 1003; W. H. Chapman, J.W. 958; W. J. Ennis, S.W. 877; and Ch. A. Chanter, J.W. 244, Prov. Grand Stewards.

This being the regular period for electing members of the Local Board of General Purposes, the scrutineers collected the balloting papers and withdrew. On their return they handed to the A.P.G.M., a list of the result of the ballot, when the following brethren were declared members of the Board for the ensuing year:—Bros. A. Schmitt, President; Ellis A. Owen, P.M. 877; Ph. W. Binet, P.M. 590; Ed. Martel, W.M. 491; Jos. O'Flaherty, P.M. 958; F. P. Le Marquand, P.M. 491; Ed. Gilley, W.M. 291; R. Barrow, P.M. 491;—Moved by Bro. A. Schmitt, seconded by Bro. C. Kingsnorth, and unanimously resolved:—"That a sincere vote of thanks be recorded in the minutes to Bro. Ed. Martel, W.M. 958, for the very effective, able, and courteous manner in which he has discharged the rather onerous duties of Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies during two consecutive years."

The Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in form and perfect harmony.

The brethren adjourned to the refreshment hall, and sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the acting P.G.M., supported on his right by Bros. A. Schmitt, P. W. Benham, J. O. Le Sueur, R. Barrow, Abr. Viel; on his left by Bros. G. J. Renouf, W. T. Pugsley, C. Kingsnorth, Ed. Martel. Bro. Jn. Oatley occupied the vice-chair. On the cloth being removed, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. A. Schmitt gave "The Acting P.G.M., Bro. Dr. Le Cronier." In briefly passing in review his eminent services and the judicious manner in which the affairs of the Province have been conducted he needed hardly to dilate upon his many merits as a gentleman and Mason, because he is so well known to the brethren, and year by year he shows how his interest in the Craft increases. Bro. Dr. Le Cronier in every walk of life has shown himself kind and affable, while in Masonry he has displayed on all occasions, energy, zeal, and a noble desire to perform the functions of his post to the satisfaction of his brethren. The Chairman, in returning thanks, expressed his deep sense of gratitude for the good and true Masonic feeling shown towards him by the brethren, and that it would be an encouragement to persevere in the course he had marked out for himself, which, he ventured to hope, would be approved by the members of the Province.

The Chairman gave "The Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present," and in so doing he expressed his thanks for their assistance since his appointment to the distinguished post he is holding. He also conveyed his gratitude to the brethren who accepted office that day, and trusted that the working of the Province would be as efficient and harmonious in the future as it had been in the past. The S.W., Bro. Oakley, in responding to the P.G.M., promised their most earnest and hearty support. Bro. J. O. Le Sueur in ardent terms proposed "The Masonic Charities," responded to by Bro. A. Schmitt, who thanked once more the brethren for the difficult task entrusted to him, and in alluding to the great forthcoming Masonic Festival in May, he trusted that the brethren would make up their minds to liberally support him in his exertions, so that they may be able to show their feeble efforts were not in vain, as the Great Masonic Institutions, in his conception, constituted the strength and glory of English Craft Masonry. After the Tyler's toast, the company separated shortly before 10 o'clock.

NEW ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER IN INDIA.

On the 26th August the New Royal Arch Chapter "Rock" was opened at Trichinopoly, Madras Presidency, by M.E. Companion Major W. L. Twentyman as Z., assisted by M.E. Comp. H. Bartels as H., and E. Comp. J. W. Borthistle as J. The provisional warrant from the

D.G.C. of Chapter was read. The proposed by-laws were read and passed. Comp. Colonel J. W. Doveton was then obligated, intrusted, invested, and installed as E. Comp. H. The companions saluted the newly-installed H. The following Master Masons were proposed for exaltation. Bros. J. C. Fowler, P. Soubier, S. Winfred, C. J. Littlewood, Rev. C. Smith, T. Ganapaty Jayer, J. E. Lillywhite, P. Sreenamaloo Naidu, C. V. Sayambu Jayer, J. G. Coombs, Dr. Mootoosawny, N. Gabriel (serving brother), Org.; G. Kalkovan (serving brother), Janitor. On the 28th August was the first regular meeting, when nine of the above brethren were exalted. There is every reason to hope the new chapter will flourish, there being already twenty one companions on the register.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WARWICKSHIRE

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was held in the Shire Hall, at Warwick, on Tuesday, 26th ult., under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, P.G.M., and was numerously attended.

The brethren afterwards attended Divine service at St. Mary's Church. Bro. C. J. Sutton, W.M. 1180, presided at the organ, and, as a voluntary, performed "The Victoria March," by Bro. Otto Brown, of London. Special psalms were chanted. The anthem was "The Hallelujah Chorus." Meyerbeer's "Grand Coronation March" was played as the brethren left the church.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Bro. Randall, P.G.C., from the text, "Where is the house that ye built unto Me, and where is the place of My rest?": Isaiah lxvi., 1.

After the closing of the Provincial Grand Lodge the brethren dined together, under the presidency of Lord Leigh, at the Court House.

Reviews.

"The Royal Masonic Cyclopaedia." Edited by Bro. KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE.

We welcome the first number of this laborious work very sincerely. Knowing something of the toil of compilation, comparison, and collation ourselves, we must give our able brother credit for much care and persevering energy. We welcome gladly another aid to Masonic students, as an incentive to patient study, and intellectual improvement. It has been too much the custom in years gone by to discountenance all original research, and all explanatory works in our ancient Order.

And no doubt it is true that readers and students amongst us are few and far between, and most unthankful and unremunerative for the most part are the zealous endeavours of Masonic archaeologists.

We trust that Bro. Mackenzie may be rewarded for all his patient perseverance, and interesting labours, by the friendly patronage of a large circle of readers.

The first number is very well printed, contains a great amount of very valuable information, and promises to do credit alike to Freemasonry and to himself. We have perused the first number very carefully, and we again thank Bro. Mackenzie for this valuable contribution to Masonic literature. W.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.  
For the Week ending Friday, October 29, 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 23.

- Audit Committee Boys' School, at 3.
- Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
- Chap. 176, Cavenc, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- Red Cross Conclave, 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- 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 25.

- Lodge 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- " 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
- " 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- " 905, De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Gt. Ilford.
- Chap. 25, Robert Burns, 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. Gotthilf, 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 26.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.  
 " 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.  
 " 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.  
 " 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.  
 " 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.  
 " 1158, Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth.  
 " 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, Clerkenwell.  
 " 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st, Millbank.  
 Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, 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. Larlham, Precep.  
 Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.  
 Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.  
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.  
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.  
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheat-sheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. John Bingham, W.M. 55, 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, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King, P.M., Preceptor.  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. J. Brett, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27.

Lodge 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.  
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.  
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Tottenham.  
 " 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.  
 " 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.  
 " 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.  
 " 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
 Chap. 13, Union of Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, William-st., Woolwich.  
 " 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John Hotel, Queen's-terrace, St. John's Wood.  
 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 Edgcombe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28.

General Committee Girls' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.  
 " 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.  
 " 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
 " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford.  
 Chap. 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 " 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.  
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.  
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.  
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, (898) George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar, at 8; Bro. S. T. Finch, Preceptor.  
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.  
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.  
 The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1489), Albion Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston; Bro. W. Stephens, Prec.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29.

Preceptory 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Inn, Richmond.  
 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. Muggerridge, P.M., Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larlham, 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. Putts, Preceptor.

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

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Prec.  
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

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

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 30, 1875.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, 92, Everton-road, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 6.30.

" 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

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

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), M. Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.

" 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.

" 724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.

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

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

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28.

Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale, at 6.

Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 30, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 219, Star, 12, Trougate.

" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.

" 541, Marie Stuart, Masonic Hall, Crosshill.

Chap. 122, Thetis, 122, St. James's-st., Kingston.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26.  
 Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.  
 " 543, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Dalmuir.  
 Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street, Calton.  
 " 73, Caledonian of Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27.  
 Lodge 505, Burns, St. Mary's Commercial Inn, Hurlford.  
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Masonic Hall, Maryhill.  
 Red Cross Conclave, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28.  
 Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-street.

Lodge 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.  
 " 334, St. John, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.  
 Chap. 117, Govandale, Portland-buildings, Govan.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29.  
 Lodge 118, St. Bride's, Masonic Hall, Douglas.  
 " 125, St. James's, Masons' Arms, Newton, Ayr.  
 " 153, Royal Arch, Masonic Hall, Follokshaws.  
 " 236, Wilsontown, St. John, Forth Inn, Carnwarth.  
 " 347, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Rutherglen.  
 " 511, Loudon Kilwinning, Black Bull, New Milns.  
 Chap. 79, Commercial, 30, Hope-st.  
 Council, R.A.M., 170, Buchanan-st.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 30, 1875.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25.  
 Lodge 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26.  
 Lodge 151, Defensive Band, Cockburn-street.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27.  
 Lodge 112, St. John, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28.  
 Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29.  
 Lodge 223, Trafalgar, 54, Bernard-st., Leith.

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