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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE (No. 73).—The winter campaign of this old and influential lodge commenced on Tuesday, the 19th inst. The rendezvous was the Budge House Hotel—now almost a Masonic hall—and the brethren met in goodly numbers under the presidency of their highly-esteemed and energetic W.M., Bro. J. J. Hooper Wilkins. Evidently Bro. Wilkins has learnt the importance of the motto, "Punctuality is the soul of business," for he always takes the chair at the appointed time, and in this he is ably supported by his officers. Would that many of our brethren in a similar position would copy his example. How frequently do we find a meeting called, say for half-past five, and, having ourselves kept the appointment, are destined to wait wearily until six, or, perhaps later, before the W.M. puts in an appearance. As the W.M. makes his own appointment in this matter, it is of the utmost importance that he should keep it, as we are taught that "it is only by a strict observance of the laws in ourselves that we can expect obedience to them from others." But we are digressing. The chair was taken punctually at half-past five, when every officer of the lodge was present, viz., Bros. Dussek, I.P.M.; Rayden, S.W.; Knott, J.W.; E. Harris, P.M.; Treas., Free, P.M., Sec.; Keeble, P.M. 1275, S.D.; Ireton, J.D.; Cooper, I.G.; Laing, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Ebsworth, P.M.; Klingenstein, Müller, Scott, Frankau, Chambers, Willoughby, Spencer, and many others. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then, in his usual impressive manner, raised Bro. Willoughby to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, giving the traditional history and the lecture on the tracing-board in full. He next passed to the Second Degree Bros. Chambers, Frankau, and Scott. A letter was read from the widow of a deceased brother, a P.M. of the lodge, asking for assistance, and the sum of £10 was voted from the Benevolent Fund. A further sum of £5 was voted to the widow of another deceased brother, a master mariner, who was lost at sea in the year 1869, and it was resolved to recommend this case to the Board of Benevolence for a further grant, the widow being now in very straitened circumstances. The W.M. and his officers also signed a formal petition to the Committee of the Boys' School in favour of the admission of one of the children of the last-mentioned widow. Another case of distress was brought under the notice of the lodge, and although the brother on whose behalf the appeal was made was not, and never had been, a member of the lodge, the sum of £2 was voted to him, and this was afterwards supplemented by private donations from many of the members who had known the brother in the days of his prosperity. The lodge was then closed in due form, and, there being no banquet, the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

LODGE OF SINCERITY (No. 174).—On the 26th inst. the new season of this lodge was opened at the Guildhall Tavern, when Bro. E. J. Moore, W.M., presided. Among other brethren, who were very numerous, there were present Bros. W. T. Wells, S.W.; G. J. Hilliard, J.W.; J. Newton, P.M. Sec.; S. H. Rawley, P.M. Treas.; Appleby, S.D.; Seddon, J.D.; Webb, D.C.; Verry, Tyler, P.M.'s Barlow, Lacey, Tuck, I.P.M., Palmer. Visitors: Bros. Robert H. Morrison, Attorney General, Michigan, U.S. America; Dr. Horwood, of New York; and Dr. Adrian, of Indiana; Dr. Self, S.G.W. of Essex; Binckes, and Terry. Bro. George Smith was raised. Messrs. Arthur Harper Bond, William Green Norman, George Gibson Harris, and William Taynton were initiated. Bro. J. Vigor was elected a joining member of the lodge. After some other formal business, the W.M. presented to Bro. J. Newton, P.M. and Secretary, in the name of the lodge, an address, elegantly emblazoned on vellum, and framed, together with a handsome gold watch and chain, as well as a gold locket and chain for Mrs. Newton. The presentation of these was made, accompanied by a speech from the W.M., in which he recapitulated the many Masonic virtues of Bro. Newton, and the eminent services he had performed to the lodge, not forgetting the great demands

on his time that his duties as Secretary of the lodge made. The address was as follows:—
Sincerity Lodge, No. 174. This testimonial, together with a gold watch, chain, &c., was presented to Bro. John Newton, P.M., in open lodge, 20th October, 1875, in accordance with a resolution passed at a lodge meeting, held 19th May, 1875, by the brethren, in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the lodge, and especially in acknowledgment of the zeal and efficiency with which he has for a number of years carried out the arduous and important duties of Secretary, and also as a mark of personal esteem and friendship for the truly Masonic spirit always manifested by him towards his brethren of the lodge. Signed on behalf of the lodge by the members of the Testimonial Committee: Chas. Lacey, P.M., Chairman and Treasurer; E. J. Moore, W.M.; W. T. Wells, S.W.; G. J. Hilliard, J.W.; Jno. Appleby, S.D.; C. H. Webb, D.C.; Jno. Miller, W.S.; S. H. Rawley, P.M.; Jno. Bulmer, P.M.; Jno. Adkins, P.M.; E. Tuck, P.M.; Jas. Thomas, W. T. Roberts Jno. Burchill. Filk. Brown, Hon. Sec."

Bro. Newton acknowledged the gift, and said that although he had had great pleasure in performing his duties, and always would have such pleasure; the gifts made to him that evening would stimulate him to yet greater exertions. A banquet was provided at the conclusion of the lodge work, and the long list of Masonic toasts was systematically gone through. The "Health of the Visitors," drew an acknowledgment from the American brethren. Bro. Dr. Adrian, of Indiana, in his reply, observed that he and his brother visitors from the "other side" congratulated themselves very much on finding themselves surrounded by so many brethren of the mother country, who on all occasions during the present visit had extended the greatest hospitality to them. Their expression of thanks, however warm, was quite inadequate; but the brethren would allow him to say that there was a bond of union between the brethren of the Order, however distant the parts might be from which they came. This arose from the principles of the body they belonged to, brotherly love, relief, and truth, which taught them to regard the whole human species as one family; and the three great theological virtues, faith, hope, and charity, which united earth to heaven, and man to God. The strongest ties of fraternal feeling should exist between English and American Freemasons. Did the world but realise the fact that they were indeed brothers, with the feelings, emotions, and impulses which should move a brother's heart, this mundane sphere would soon present a scene of bliss that angels might wish to come down to, and make and call their own. The principles of Freemasonry in their practical exhibition were of untold value to the human family. It regarded man not only as a social being, connected by ties and impulses with his fellow man, but also as an immortal being, linked by nature and destiny with beings of a higher race, and a life that knew no ending. An institution invested with such attributes, and designed for the bettering of man's earthly condition and eternal destiny was a cause that must flourish, because it was the cause of civilization, refinement, virtue, and happiness. Wherever established its reign had been marked with numberless blessings, and it was destined to accomplish even more than it had yet secured for suffering humanity. Bro. Dr. Horwood, of New York, also replied. He said—
Worshipful Master and Wardens of Sincerity Lodge, and brethren here assembled: Through the medium of electricity, about half-past six this evening I was summoned to this place, and what was to transpire on my arrival I was as ignorant of as our newly-elected and initiated brethren were. It has been my good fortune to fall into the hands of Bro. C. G. Hill, whom it seems to me is the prince of jolly good fellows, and the embodiment of a true Mason and an Americanised Englishman. This is my first visit to the mother country. Since my arrival here I have been on the Continent, where I came in contact with but one Mason. To-night is the first time I have been in a Masonic lodge since I crossed the broad and trackless ocean which separates your country from my own. I most heartily thank you for the very complimentary manner in which you have coupled my name and American Masonry with "The Visitors." I assure you I have been wined and dined to a considerable extent through your instrumentality. I have listened to some soul-stirring remarks by our British brethren, and have been thoroughly over shadowed by my American companion Bro. J. A. Adrian (as you can all appreciate), and considering the lateness of the hour I cannot do better than stand in the rear and second the words that have just fallen from his lips in your hearing. For myself, I will say that I shall carry to my home the pleasant recollections of this evening, and shall be glad to tell my countrymen of the warm grasp of the hand and the generous hospitality that you have extended, to their fellow subjects. May the heartfelt pleasure you experience here in your lodge be your companion through life. The principles of Masonry are correct, are connected with the best interests of humanity, and, if properly lived up to, will alleviate every corrosion of care, heighten every sensation of joy, and in the hour of dissolution shed Divine triumph over your soul. (Great cheering.) After the other toasts had been given the brethren separated.

LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH (No. 228).—This lodge held its first meeting of the year on Tuesday week, and had a large gathering, not only of the brethren of the lodge, but of visiting brethren from the provinces, who viewed the Old Gate of Clerkenwell, the lodge meeting place, with interest. In the temporary absence of the W.M. on a public duty in connection with a cause célèbre, Past Master Hillhouse, the Immediate Past Master, opened the lodge, the officers being all present—Bros. Robt. Griggs, S.W.; Hill, J.W.; Snare, S.D.; Halford, J.D.; Percy I.G.; Flaws, D.C.; and Patmore, W.S. There were also present Past Masters Bros. James Terry, Joseph Crump;

(Secretary for nearly twenty-five years); Winsland, Treas., Braid, Org.; Davies, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Thomas Cooke, S.W. of 948; G. Cumberland, J.D. of 475; F. J. Coleman, of 475; W. Whitby, of Faith, 141; Dr. W. J. Hunter, of 219, Scotland; M. Cuff, 511, Zetland; and Wm. Read, of 1507, Metropolitan. The P.M. in the chair passed Bros. Whiting and Bartlett (the latter is the well-known analyst), and the W.M., Bro. John While, having then arrived, took the chair. He put the necessary questions to Bros. Trewinnard and Dr. Franklin, who were candidates to be raised to the Third Degree, and performed the ceremony according to ancient custom, in the room beautifully fitted for the purpose. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and the ballot having been taken for Mr. Jeus Stockholm Breinholt, a Danish gentleman, who, being unanimously elected, was at once initiated by the W.M., who did the work in good form. Five propositions for initiates were made for the next meeting, and several for joining members. The lodge having closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Gay, who had to meet a difficulty created in the lodge being late before the heavy work of the evening was discharged. After the cloth was removed the loyal toasts were given, and the brethren warmly echoed the W.M.'s expressions of "bon voyage" in regard to the W.M. the Grand Master's journey to India. The visitors replied to the toast, warmly given and received, of their health, and the initiate was also warmly toasted. Bro. Bartlett, who that night was passed, was introduced to the brethren as a brother who was initiated at the last meeting, and had to leave in order to attend to public duties. The W.M., referring to Bro. Bartlett's profession, said that the brother might, at the result of his investigations, have reason to warn the public against articles of food, but his investigations into our ancient institution would show him, if he carried his analysis far enough, that it was composed all of that which was true and good. Bro. Bartlett made a very appropriate speech in reply, and the W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," having stated that he had obtained the promises of the brethren to make the lodge a Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution, as a compliment to their Bro. James Terry, the latter, in reply, referred to the W.M.'s successful summer banquet of the lodge, and said that the W.M. had proved himself a prophet, for he had foretold a fine day, and the lodge had the one sunny day which occurred in weeks of rain. Bro. Terry also urged the case of the late Bro. Vivian's boy upon the members, and trusted that they would use their best efforts to carry the son of their late P.M. into the Boys' School. The lodge ended with the Tyler's toast.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).—On Monday last this lodge met, after the recess, at Anderton's Hotel. There was a large attendance of brethren on this occasion, there being no less than ninety present, including visitors. Through ill health, the W.M., Bro. Richard Noakes Field, was not present, and his place was consequently filled by Bro. Rogers, I.P.M. On this brother devolved the duties of initiating, passing, and raising, and the task was discharged in the most exemplary manner. The list contained the names of six gentlemen as candidates for initiation, but of these only three made their appearance. These were Messrs. George Stickland Criswick, Henry Woolcott Jeanes, and Henry Sladden. The passings were Bros. Cayat, 753; Finney, Wilkins, Reville, Hoscombe, Finlay and Creasey. The raisings were Bros. Wilcox, C. Young and Hodges. There were also several candidates for joining, and these were successfully balloted for, and were Bros. H. Lavington, 862; J. J. De Hain, 1053; G. B. Mackereth, 192; and J. Coker, 1441. Bro. Poynter, P.M. and Treas., brought on the following motion:—"That a sum of fifteen guineas, to be taken from the charitable fund of the lodge, be handed to the Trustees now engaged in raising a sum in aid of the sustenance and education of the three orphan children of a lamented late brother, former Junior Deacon of this lodge, in which he was initiated on the 19th day of March, 1862, as the contribution of his mother lodge to that fund." This motion having been duly seconded, was carried, and Bro. Poynter then gave notice of motion for next lodge to increase the subscription to the lodge and the initiation and joining fees. After this the brethren adjourned to banquet, and the toasts were subsequently given. Bro. James Terry, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, asked for a Steward from this lodge for the next festival of his institution on the 9th of February, at which Lord Skelmersdale would preside; and in a long and able speech commended the poor aged and infirm who could not help themselves to the kind care and consideration of those who were yet in the happy possession of the blessings of prosperity, youth, and strength. Not forgetting the claims which the children of the Craft have upon the brethren, he thought that the aged, who had borne the burden and heat of the day, had a prior claim. The acting W.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," wishing him a speedy restoration to health and strength. The toast was drunk most cordially. An American brother responded for "The Visitors," and stated that he had been much interested in what he had witnessed, which was somewhat different from the American style. He would give a good account of it when he got back to his native country. Bro. H. Thompson, P.M. No 177, also replied, and in a few words alluded to the fact that he had been present when the lodge was consecrated in 1861, by the late Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson. An inspiration had been drawn in the lodge that brother had consecrated, and could he come back again in the flesh, he would himself be surprised to find the seed he had sown had produced such good fruits, not only in the number of members of the lodge, but in the attendance and working of its officers. The evening was passed very pleasantly and profitably, and the new season of the lodge opened under favorable circumstances, except the regretted indisposition of the W.M.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).—At an emergency meeting, the second this season, held on Thursday, the 14th inst., there were present: Bros. J. Forbes, W.M.; A. Christie, J.D.; G. West, I.G.; J. W. Robinson, D.C. The offices of the S.W. and J.W. were ably filled by I.P.M. T. H. Staton and P.M. G. Webb. The business of the evening consisted of initiating Messrs. W. Cushion, H. Arding, and J. Hobbs, who, being elected, were duly admitted into the ancient Order. There were also present, besides the above-mentioned brethren, Bros. Stevenson and Trebell (the candidates at the former emergency meeting), P. G. Jope, J. Arkell, Hammond, Hawtin, Hitchcock, Freshwater, Owen, Bathard, Jenkins, and Sadler. As there was no banquet, the brethren were invited by the W.M., before separating, to partake of some slight refreshment, which was gladly received. "The Health of the W.M." and "The Candidates" having been responded to, the brethren separated, to meet again on Thursday, 21st inst.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The installation meeting of this lodge, and first anniversary of its consecration, was held on the 21st inst. at the Metropolitan Club, 269, Pentonville-road, Kings Cross. What the lodge has done during its first year may be judged of by the fact that about eighty brethren attended to participate in the ceremonies, and to hail with gratification the progress which the lodge has made. Among these were some brethren of considerable eminence in the Order, not only those belonging to the lodge, but others who came as visitors. There were, too, brethren from America, for whose presence the lodge was indebted to Bro. James Terry, himself a brother of both rank and energy. The lodge room was crowded, although it is of considerable size, and it required constant exertion on the part of the officers below the chairs to minister to the comfort of those present. The work of the lodge began about four o'clock, and Bro. James Willing, W.M., was under engagement to be out of the room by seven. There being two passings and to initiations to perform before the installation, that brother's abilities were taxed to the utmost to keep his engagement. The ceremonies, however, were speedily proceeded with, and Bros. Sayers and Erwood were passed to the Second Degree. This was succeeded by the initiation of Messrs. Gilbert and Swaagman, at the completion of which Bro. Willing requested Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., to take the S.W. chair, and Bro. Thomas Adams, P.G.P., the J.W. At this time there were in the lodge, among other visitors, Bros. Geo. Everett, W.M. 177; James Terry, P.G.D.C. Herts; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; Thomas Cabitt, P.G.P.; W. Mann, P.M. 186; the Hon. R. H. Morrison, Attorney-General of Michigan, 33^o; Dr. A. Adrian, of Indiana; Dr. Horwood, of New York; Miles, P.M. 1375; George Puzey, W.M. 1107; J. T. Briggs, P.M. 157; S. Milles, P.M. 157; and H. Massey ("Freemason"). Bro. Terry presented Bro. Joseph Jacob Michael, S.W., and W.M. elect, to the W.M., who then formally installed him in the high and distinguished office of Master of his lodge. At the board of Installed Masters, among whom were the American brethren, some eighteen brethren were present, and, according to usual custom, they gave the salutes to Bro. Michael. After Bro. James Willing had been invested as I.P.M., the brethren wished the W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office, and the brethren were then admitted, and the ceremony was completed, and the following brethren were appointed to office and invested:—Bros. W. Williams, S.W.; Kingham, J.W.; Rose, Treas.; J. Timms, Sec.; Douglass (Standard Theatre), S.D.; Scales, J.D.; Side (of the Metropolitan Railway), I.G.; Stiles, D.C. and Asst. Sec.; George Colls, W.S.; and Daly, Tyler. Bro. Willing afterwards delivered the addresses, and was much cheered when he sat down. Bro. James Terry thereupon rose, and asked that he might have the pleasure of receiving the name of some brother who would take the office of Steward for this lodge at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which is to be held on the 9th Feb., 1876, Lord Skelmersdale presiding. Bro. James Willing offered himself, and was immediately accepted by the brethren. There yet remained another piece of business to be done before the closing of the lodge, the presentation to the lodge of a portrait of Bro. Willing, painted by Bro. Tattenborn, and the Deacons having uncovered the same, the W.M. said, addressing the brethren, that he had a very pleasant duty to perform, and it was the more pleasing because he knew it would meet with the brethren's approval. He had been for some time filled with apprehension that he might not be able to discharge the trust placed in his hands so creditably as his heart could wish. He need not comment, he was sure, upon the great merits of Bro. Willing as being the founder of the lodge in the chair of which he (the W.M.) had had the honour of being installed that day. Some time ago it was the expressed wish of many of the brethren to do something which would commemorate the founding of the lodge and its consecration a year ago. A committee was formed, which, after deliberation, decided upon a certain course, which was, that a portrait of Bro. Willing should be painted and presented to the lodge. This was done that the lodge might honour itself in what it did, and at the same time pay a tribute of respect to their brother, who was now the I.P.M. It was he who had borne the burden and heat of the day, and who never refused to devote any amount of time or trouble that might be required of him for the welfare of the lodge. No time or trouble had ever been irksome to him, and not a single thing they had asked of him had he denied them. It was the general wish that something should be done in recognition of his services. The scheme was most liberally responded to; it was so unanimous that it far exceeded the most sanguine expectations. They rejoiced that they that night had Bro. Willing among them in the possession of health and strength, and enabled to place his successor in the chair. The testimonial took the form of an oil painting

by Bro. Tattenborn in his happiest style; and he (the W.M.) would now ask Bro. Willing to stand up while he presented it, that all the brethren might see the brother who had done so much for them. The time might come and circumstances might happen when Bro. Willing might be removed from amongst them; but with this picture in the lodge-room he might know that he would still live in the hearts and memory of his brethren of the lodge he had founded. He (the W.M.) felt that it was utterly impossible for him, with the limited vocabulary he had at his command, to do full justice to the presentation, but he was quite sure that Bro. Willing would feel that in the presentation of this portrait the brethren had done the thing that was most gratifying to his feelings, and that they could not have chosen a more appropriate way of paying a tribute to his merits than by hanging a portrait of him where for years it might remain when Bro. Willing himself and many of the other brethren had passed away. Bro. Willing, who was nearly overcome with emotion, said in reply that he hardly knew how to acknowledge this compliment. He had believed that when he had anything to say he could say it with fluency. "Out of the fulness of the heart," King Solomon said, "the mouth speaketh." It was not so, however, with him. His words came slowly and with more difficulty at that time than at any other time. He was, though, very much pleased—aye, more than pleased—with the mark of esteem bestowed on him by the brethren for the way in which he had carried out the duties of his office. He was pleased that in his endeavours to carry out these duties he had endeared himself to the brethren as they had all endeared themselves to him. He had through this lodge made the acquaintance of brethren which he hoped would last the whole of his life. He had likewise been pleased to find throughout his year that so many brethren came, and gave such great attention to his working. It greatly encouraged a W.M., and he hoped that the same courtesy would be extended to his successor, and the successors of his successor. He also trusted that the brethren would continue to be as unanimous and happy as they had been hitherto, and with these few remarks he thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart. Banquet followed; and the toasts were subsequently given; and Bro. Joseph Smith in replying as one of the Grand Officers, made a special reference to the working of the I.P.M., and his installing his successor. At one time, he said, there was scarcely a Master of a lodge or a Principal of a chapter who could install his successor. Now, however, it was astonishing to find a principal officer who could not do so. Bros. Cubitt and Adams also replied. Bro. Willing proposed "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Michael, in reply, observed that at present he had not done much for the credit of the lodge, and he could only promise that he would do. What he could do he would do. If his year of office should turn out to be as fortunate and happy a one as his predecessor's he should be pleased to retire into the ranks of the P.M.'s, as he would feel that he had had an unlimited reign of success. After again assuring the brethren that he would do everything in his power for the benefit of the Metropolitan Lodge he urged them to assist him to their utmost in that object, for without the aid of his officers a W.M. could not possibly do that amount of good which he desired. Bro. Michael then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and presented him with a Masonic P.M.'s jewel voted by the lodge. He hoped that for many, many years he might live to wear it. The brethren, he was sure, while presenting this small testimonial, accompanied its presentation with their heartiest good wishes. On the jewel was an inscription showing that Bro. Willing was the first Master of the lodge, and those who knew anything of Freemasonry would bear him (the W.M.) out in saying that that represented a great deal more than any of them could possibly say in words. It represented much anxiety and care, and many of the greatest qualities that could be possessed by a brother. Bro. Willing responded, and acknowledged the gift with much warmth of expression. He had felt great pleasure in founding and being the first W.M. of the lodge, and all he had done was for his love of Freemasonry. His efforts in its behalf would not be relaxed in any way, and he should always take a pleasure in promoting the interests of the lodge of which he had been the W.M., and in which he had received so many kindnesses from the brethren over whom he had been called to rule. "The Visitors" was the next toast proposed by the W.M., but while expressing the great pleasure the lodge had in receiving visitors, the W.M. was compelled to make his speech very short on account of the advanced hour of the night. He made special allusion to the visit of the American brethren, and informed the lodge that American and English Freemasons speaking the same language were on identically the same platform. Bro. Geo. Everett, W.M. No. 177, was the first to respond, and knowing Bro. Willing in another sphere, he was able to supplement the W.M.'s observations by adding that Bro. Willing was a sincere and true friend. He could say this without flattery and in all sincerity, and he might be pardoned for saying with what pleasure he saw the tribute presented to him on that occasion. After some further complimentary remarks with respect to the I.P.M. Bro. Everett thanked the lodge for its hospitality. The lateness of the hour will preclude any extended remarks on my part. I can say in all sincerity, that it is with no ordinary degree of self-congratulation that we find ourselves surrounded by so many of the brethren of the mother country, and especially so as we have met with such munificent hospitality, and such warm and cordial greeting among you. Believe me, when I tell you, that warm is the heart that feels and willing the tongue that speaks, and yet I cannot, in an appropriate manner, express to you those feelings and emotions that come welling up from the deepest fountains of the heart, in response to the warm, cordial, and fraternal greeting which you have extended to us on every and all occasions. There is, indeed, a bond of union between brethren, how-

ever distant—there is a common tie that comes up unbidden from the deepest fountain of the heart, in response to those great and glorious principles of Freemasonry. And what are the great principles of Freemasonry? I answer, brotherly love, relief, and truth. By the exercise of brotherly love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family. The high, the low, the rich, and the poor, as created by one common parent, and placed on the same theatre of action, are to support, aid, and protect each other. These, in connection with the three great theological virtues, namely, faith, hope, and charity, are the golden links of that chain which unite earth to heaven, man to God. The strongest ties of fraternal feeling should ever exist between Masons of the mother country and that of America. And, brethren, did we but realise in all its force the fact that we are indeed brothers, and with the feelings and emotions and impulses which should move a brother's heart, endeavour to promote each others welfare and best interest, this world of ours would soon present a spectacle of bliss that even angels might wish to come down to make and call their own. Freemasonry, in all its parts, is essentially an organisation of principles brought from the highest source of human reason and Divine revelation, which in their practical exhibition and moral influence are of untold value to the human family. Freemasonry looks from its throne of brightness, upon man, in all his natural and accumulated depravity regarding him in the light of a glorious future—not only as a social being connected by ties and impulses to his fellow man, but also as an immortal being, linked by nature and destiny with beings of a higher race, and a life that knows no ending. An institution invested with attributes of such glorious consequences, and in the plentitude of inherent power, tearing down the bulwarks of human misery and awakening up in the heart of man new thoughts, new hopes, and new desires, and telling him that he may not only be happy himself, but how to make others' happy, is a cause that must flourish; it is the cause of civilization, refinement, virtue, and human happiness. Wherever its empire has been established its reign has been marked with numberless blessings, and its votaries have much to rejoice at in a cause which has already done so much, and is destined to accomplish still more for suffering humanity. In conclusion, allow me to offer as a sentiment, "The Brotherhood of the mother country and that of America—now and for ever, one and inseparable." The other toasts were given, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

THE ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE (No. 1541).—The last meeting for the year of this new summer lodge, held last Saturday, looked like the opening meeting of a winter lodge, for the year's work had been prolonged into that season when the "woods decay and fall," and the uncompromising manner in which, to put it very gently, "the vapours wept their burthen to the ground," gave the Palace anything but a summer aspect. So wretched indeed was the day, that the general public, who are ever eager to take the most remote part in anything which concerns the army and navy, most sedulously stopped away from looking on the preparations for the Balaclava banquet, and the happiest and most numerous party in the building was that of the lodge named after the palace. It was again as on previous occasions, short of its head, Bro. Parkinson, the W.M., being, as on other occasions, absent, and his place was most efficiently filled by the Senior Warden, Bro. Kelly King, whose place in the S.W. chair was taken by Bro. Dyte, while Bro. Palmer occupied his own part as Junior Warden. Bro. Haigh was Senior Deacon. Bro. Lee, Junior Deacon, and Bro. Daniel, newly raised, tried his hand at Inner Guard, the lodge being determined to work its own members, and in the course of the long day's work, Bro. John Rowlands was called to the Senior Warden's chair, in the time that Bro. Dyte proceeded to fill the duties of his other office. Bro. Kelly King had the pleasing task of initiating "un frère de la plume," Mr. Senior, an author and journalist well-known, in the former capacity, to the reading public, but though only known in the latter, as is the fate of English journalists, to his brothers of the press, he has acquired a reputation as a man of mind and mark; and "Red Spinner" of the "Gentleman's Mag" found the door of the Craft open at his knock, and brethren of his Craft and favourite sport by the waterside welcome him within the portals. Then a habitué of Dr. Johnson's favourite street was admitted in the person of Mr. Alfred Arnold. The other work of the day, the passing of Bro. J. E. Ward, and the raising of Bros. Matthews and Denison, had to be handed over to Bro. P.M. Stacey, the Secretary, for the Master and Wardens were called by business relating to the Fourth Degree, into consultation with Messrs. Bertram and Roberts. The two ceremonies were rendered by Bro. Stacey in that faultless style as regards memory, and masterly manner so far as elocution is concerned, for which the brother is famous. It will be a point of honour among the young Masons of this lodge to "do the work as well as P.M. Stacey." After the working a letter was read from the brethren connected with the palace, who were to have joined the lodge and to have shared its early honours, expenses, and difficulties. It will be remembered that the lodge was started as one to be held on Saturday afternoon, its raison d'être being that it would offer Masonic life and light to that tribe which cannot call its time its own, especially during the time from Sunday night until Saturday morning—the tribe of London journalists. After the lodge was under way the palace authorities found they could not join a lodge on Saturday afternoon in summer, and they desired the day altered, and this was met by the lodge offering to give up the meetings in the midsummer and to meet in the spring and autumn months. This offer has not been accepted, and the letter read was in effect a withdrawal of the palace authorities from the working of the lodge. It fortunately happens that the lodge has never had the benefit of the presence

thus formally withdrawn, and therefore practically the lodge sustains only a sentimental loss. At the dinner, which was well served by Messrs. Bertram and Roberts. Acting W.M., Kelly King, presided, supported by Bro. Rooke, P.G.S.; Bro. T. L. Fox, P.M. 19; Bro. A. Cameron, P.M. 180; J. While, W.M. 228; Brother Styles, Metropolitan; Brother Halliford, and Bro. Freeman. The usual loyal toasts were given with the accustomed fervour, and the Royal Grand Master's journey was the theme which found point for expressions of hope that His Royal Highness would return from his journey in safety and would accomplish the good which was anticipated from his visit. The W.M. then gave in appropriate terms "The Health of the two Initiates," whom he termed two worthy foundations of our great structure, both possessing the qualifications which were necessary to carry men through the Craft. Bro. Senior, in responding to the toast, which was most warmly received, said that as speechmaking was not one of his gifts he hoped the brethren would not measure his gratitude by his fevness of words. Though belonging to a profession which, by bringing its members behind the scenes, raised in their minds a cynicism regarding things which the world generally regarded with respect, he would say, speaking as a very young Apprentice, that what he had that day seen, the Masonic Craft raised in his mind very different feelings to those to which he had alluded, and he felt that if he could only act up to what had been imparted to him that day, he should want no other religion to fit him for the next world. He concluded by thanking the brethren for the honour they had done him by electing him a member of the Craft, and then Bro. Arnold made a suitable response. Bro. Rooke then proposed "The Health of Bro. King," and the brethren gave the toast the warmest reception in recognition of the service which he has done by taking the place, time after time, of the absent Master. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," all of whom responded in brief terms, for the warning had come that the brethren must prepare to retire, as the last train from the palace at that late hour—it being a little after eight o'clock—was about to depart. The toast of "The Officers," was coupled with the names of the Senior and Junior Wardens, these posts being filled at the banquet table by Bros. Palmer and Haigh, and justice in speech was done to Bros. Stacy, Dyte, Lee, and the other active brethren of the lodge. Then the party hastened away to find that the last Palace train had gone, and they had to tramp through the dank dark grounds to Wood Green Station, where they caught the something after nine o'clock train, which landed them at Finsbury Park. Here they had to wait in the damp for some time until a train came to carry them on to King's Cross. Some of the lodge being of the class who make Ludgate their point of journey, had booked from there, and struggled to return to this centre, which they did after nearly two hours travel and stoppages, most of them astonished at the ease with which the combined railways manage to carry passengers the six miles to or from this hapless undertaking in the course of nearly two hours.

PROVINCIAL.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo (No. 13).—The above lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 13th Oct., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and we were rather sorry to see so few of the officers present. Bro. F. G. Pownall, the S.W., was unfortunately too ill to attend, and his place was most ably filled by Bro. G. W. Reed. Bro. T. J. Carnelly, the W.M., was at his post, and the following brethren filled the several offices:—R. H. Smith, J.W.; T. Hutton, S.D.; H. Russell, J.D.; N. Brown, I.G.; J. Henderson, P.M. and Treas.; H. S. Syer, Sec.; and N. Norman, Tyler. The visitors included Bros. H. Carlin, 1536; J. Dallen, 640; J. A. Elder, 1472; G. Green, 1076; and C. Jolly, 913. The lodge having been duly opened, and with solemn prayer, Mr. E. W. Crews was, after ballot and approval, regularly initiated into Freemasonry; and Bros. Cleall, Archer, and Matty were raised to the Sublime Degree, the whole of the work being most impressively done by the W.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. De Grey's, Freemasons' Tavern, opposite the dockyard station, for refreshment, where, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. G. Davis, P.M., in eloquent terms proposed the health of the W.M., who responded in a most feeling manner, and in proposing "The Officers of the Lodge," regretted most sincerely the absence of Bro. Pownall, who, he said, was a most excellent officer and worthy Mason. The "Initiates" health followed, and Bro. C. Jolly's name was warmly received as coupled with the "Visitors," and then, after a most cordial and harmonious evening, the brethren separated.

CONGLETON.—Eaton Lodge (No. 533).—On Wednesday, 13th inst., the brethren of the above lodge celebrated their festival of St. John the Baptist, when Bro. Andreas Edward Cokayne was installed as W.M. The installation ceremony was very correctly and admirably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. Samuel Blackshaw, who had occupied the chair for two years, the address to the Master, to the Wardens, and to the brethren being given by Bro. W. Blackshaw, P.M., Sec. The attendance was larger than on any former occasion, and the event passed off with every success, and the utmost harmony and heartiness prevailed. Bro. Cokayne was already a few years ago. He appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Terry, S.W.; Henry Clarke, J.W.; Furnivall, S.D.; John Brown, J.D.; E. B. Fraunceys, I.G.; Chaddock, O.G.; Beales, P.P.J.G.W. Cheshire, Treas.; and W. Blackshaw, P.M., Sec. The brethren, to the number of forty, afterwards banqueted at the Bull's Head Hotel (where the lodge is held) under the presidency of the W.M. Among the visiting brethren were members of lodges in Cheshire, Lancashire, Staffordshire, and Shropshire.

TOTNES.—Pleiades Lodge (No. 710).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the

14th day of October.—Bro. William Bennett Mayo, W.M., in the chair. Numerous visiting brethren were present. After the minutes of the previous lodge were confirmed, the principal business of the day was proceeded with, viz., that of installing Bro. James Westhead into the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Rev. Robert Bowden, P.M. The Board of Installed Masters was dissolved, and the brethren admitted, the W.M. being proclaimed and saluted in the usual form. The officers for the ensuing year were then appointed, viz., Bros. Robert Drennan, S.W.; Edward Seale, J.W.; William Cuming, P.M., Sec.; Thomas Mitchelmore, S.D.; George Cheers Challoner, J.D.; Richard James Steward, I.G.; William Henry Taylor, Org.; Thomas Luscombe was invested as Treasurer; John Crocker was unanimously re-elected Tyler, and duly invested. The remaining business was adjourned to the next meeting. Heartly good wishes were tendered by the representatives of various lodges. The lodge was then closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer. The brethren then retired to the Seven Stars Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. John Heath, P.M. The usual toasts were duly proposed and honoured, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

DEAL.—Wellington Lodge (No. 784).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal, on Thursday, the 14th inst., when the following brethren were present:—John E. Apps, W.M.; A. F. S. Bird, P.M., S.W. pro tem; A. E. Ralph, P.M. and P.G.D., J.W. pro tem; J. M. Browning, P.M.; T. E. Mason, P.M.; W. Harding, P.M.; W.M. Cavell, Secretary; W. H. Hayman, S.D.; F. Fitch, J.D.; S. Olds, Steward; J. C. Doorne, Org.; T. Stubbs, I.G.; and W. J. A. Norris, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Woodward, Moon, and Robert Brown, and the following visitors:—Bro. Henry S. Watts, J.W. of the Cinque Ports Lodge, No. 1206, introduced by Bro. Bird, P.M.; and Bro. T. Lawler, Organist of the West Kent Lodge, No. 1297, introduced by Bro. Hayman. The lodge opened in due form in the First Degree. Mr. W. S. Thornton, of Deal, was balloted for, and, being unanimously elected, was initiated into the sacred mysteries of the Craft. Our correspondent who kindly furnishes the above adds that the Wellington Lodge is, in truth, an ornament to the Craft, the several duties, from the W.M. down to the Tyler, being carried out with far greater precision and perfection than that which is occasionally met with at lodges in the metropolis and its environs.

GREAT GRIMSBY.—Pelham Pillar Lodge (No. 792).—Although the day was exceedingly unpropitious there was a very strong muster of the brethren of Pelham Pillar and from other lodges within the province, and several brethren from Yorkshire also honoured the old Pelham Pillar by their presence. The Provincial Grand Officers present were Bros. Major Smyth, D.P.G.M.; John Sutcliffe, P. Prov. G.S.W.; Capt. E. Locock, P. Prov. G.S.W.; Rev. J. E. Hodgson, P. Prov. G. Chaplain; Anderson Bates, P. Prov. G.D.C.; W. Copeland, P. Prov. G.S.D.; J. Hadfield, P. Prov. G.J.D.; J. Harriss, P. Prov. G.J.D.; W. G. Mure, P. Prov. G. Reg.; R. M. Vivien, P. Prov. G.S.D. Yorkshire; M. Kemp, P. Prov. G.J.D., Yorkshire; J. S. Wilson, P. Prov. G.S.W., Yorkshire; Jack Sutcliffe, W.M., St. Alban's Lodge; Fryer, W.M., Ancholme Lodge; S. Walmsley, P.M.; Ashton, W.M. elect. St. Matthew's; Sissons, J. Chapman, Porlett, Nelson, Haddelsey, Brown, Hunt, and about 40 brethren of Pelham Pillar Lodge. The brethren having assembled at the Masonic Hall, in Bull Ring Lodge, Bro. Marshall opened his lodge in due form, when he at once presented to the Installing Master Bro. Copeland for installation, the W.M. elect, Bro. Robinson, and Bro. Copeland as Installing Master, performing the ceremony in a most masterly and impressive manner. Bro. Robinson then invested his officers, addressing each in appropriate terms:—Bros. Marshall, I.P.M.; Gough, S.W.; McSheen, J.W.; Hump, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.D. Chaplain; Bates, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.C. Sec., Master; Dawson, Treas.; Clark, Sec.; Fox, S.D.; Teasdale, J.D.; Roberts, D.C.; Steffense, Almoner; Bramme, Org.; Tongue, Steward; Bruton and Dawson, Assist. Stewards; Warille, Tyler. Bro. Robinson, the newly Installed W.M., then returned thanks to the brethren of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, saying: I cannot allow the present opportunity to pass without thanking the brethren of my mother lodge very heartily for the honour conferred upon me, the more to be appreciated being the highest honour that you, brethren, can bestow, that of electing me to fill the chair of this prosperous lodge, and I depend upon every officer of the lodge to support me at all times on this to me most important question. I take this opportunity of announcing that the lodge will be opened exactly at the stated time. I feel assured that my newly-appointed officers will be regular and punctual in their attendance. Bro. Robinson then proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Copeland for the invaluable services rendered to the P.P. Lodge year after year as its Installing Master. Bro. Robinson remarked that he was individually under marked obligations to him for having performed the ceremony placing him in such a distinguished and coveted position as W.M. of that lodge. Bro. Robinson then thanked the W.M., the D.P.G.M., and the many distinguished brethren for their presence on that occasion. He considered it a very high compliment paid to his mother lodge, the Pelham Pillar. The D.P.G.M., Major Smyth, remarked that it gave him extreme pleasure to be present. The rendering of the installation ceremony by Bro. Copeland was certainly beyond anything that he had heard in the province, and although Bro. Copeland's feelings overcame him, we all knew well the cause—he was thinking of the recent loss sustained by the sudden death of a brother of that lodge. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the St. Alban's Lodge, at the

Royal Hotel, under the able direction of Bro. Jack Sutcliffe as W.M. After which a sumptuous banquet was partaken of by all the brethren at the Royal Hotel. Bro. Robinson, as presiding officer, proposed "The Queen," remarking that under our present constitution we were the freest, happiest, and most prosperous nation on the face of the earth. The prerogatives of the Crown were never more judiciously exercised than by our present Sovereign and Lady Queen Victoria. As the Sovereign, the wife, the mother, she had justly earned the loyal devotion, affection, and respect of the people. "Prince of Wales, G.M. of England, Princess of Wales, and rest of the Royal Family." Bro. Robinson said, We cannot do otherwise than entertain a deep sense of the importance of H.R.H.'s visit to India. It must tend to strengthen the cordial feelings that already exist between India and this great country. It must also strengthen the hand of the Queen's representative in that vast empire. H.R.H.'s visit to India must be of much benefit to him as our Heir Apparent; the experience he will gain will not benefit him alone, but also this seagirt isle of ours as well. It is natural that there should be much anxious care for the Prince by the subjects of Her Majesty, and no small amount of solicitude as to the Prince's safety by his brother Masons. We wish him on the present occasion a pleasant voyage and safe return to old England. "Our Masonic Heads." The Earl of Carnarvon, the Pro G.M., and Lord Skelmersdale, our D.G. Master, being quite unknown to me, I must be particularly guarded in what I say. I can, however, state, brethren, that they have been placed in that most distinguished position because they were found "true and trusty." This recommendation is all-sufficient. We are proud to tender our allegiance to our Masonic heads. Bro. Robinson next proposed "The R.W. His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, P.G.M., and his Deputy, our much respected bro. the W. Major Smyth, the D.P.G. Master." We come nearer home now, brethren, when we speak of Provincial Masonic heads. We should certainly like to see our P.G. Master, my lord duke, amongst us a little more frequently. We all must and do admit that we have in our D.P.G. Master, Major Smyth, a very intelligent and able substitute. I have every brother present with me when I say that a more affable, agreeable, and obliging brother could not be found to fill that post than our worthy and much esteemed Bro. Smyth, and the Province would never suffer as long as we had such a brother to rule over the Craft. The D.P.G. Master, Major Smyth, in rising to respond was received with much applause. He remarked that he was much pleased to be with them that evening. He had spent a very agreeable day, having, in his capacity as D.P.G.M., visited two lodges, and he must say that the work in each had been performed admirably. The D.P.G. Master had the permission of the W.M., Bro. Robinson to propose a toast for their acceptance not on the list; it was "The Masonic Hall Company." They had had ocular demonstration that day that the hall now occupied by the lodge was not sufficiently capacious. Bro. Hadfield responded. Bro. Robinson next proposed Bro. Marshall, I.P.M. of P.P.L." In bringing this toast before your notice, and for your acceptance as the toast of the evening, Bro. Marshall will pardon me if I attempt during his presence to pay him a just and deserving compliment. I claim to be however, the mouthpiece of the brethren of Pelham Lodge, when I state that as superintending officer of the lodge he performed his duties in a most able and efficient manner, having faithfully, zealously, and impartially performed the duties that devolved upon him, and thereby gained the esteem of every brother of the lodge. Bro. Marshall I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the newly instituted W.M., Bro. Robinson," remarking that he (Bro. Robinson) had paid him a very flattering compliment; he had only done his duty, and to the best of his ability, and I feel assured that our W.M. will do even better than I have done. "The Past Officers and Newly-appointed Officers" were next proposed by Bro. Marshall, and suitably responded to by Bro. Smyth, S.W. Bro. Chapman next proposed "The Health of the Installed Master," paying a very high compliment to Bro. Copeland for the masterly style of rendering the installation ceremony. Bro. Copeland responded and acknowledged the compliment paid him, further stating it was a pleasure to him to do anything to further the interests of the Craft. Bro. Vinan (Hull) next proposed "The Health of the W.M. of St. Anne's Lodge, Bro. Jack Sutcliffe." He was very pleased indeed to bear testimony to his worth; like his father, his heart was in the right place, and he must in time become, like his father, a prominent and shining star in Masonry. Several more toasts were circulated, "The Masonic Charities," "Visiting Brethren," "Seafaring Brethren," "All Poor and Distressed Masons," "Bro. Clark, Sec. P.P. Lodge," "Bro. Dawson, Treasurer," "Wardens and Officers St. Albans Lodge," W.M. Sutcliffe Lodge M.M. Masons," "Host and Hostess," and "The Ladies." After a very agreeable evening had been passed the brethren journeyed homewards.

LEOMINSTER.—Royal Edward Lodge (No. 892).—The following address to the widow of Bro. Bradford was received too late for insertion in our report last week:—

To Mrs. Bradford,—
We the undersigned officers, on behalf of the members of the Royal Edward Lodge, hereby desire to assure you of our most sincere sympathy in the loss occasioned by the death of your beloved husband and our affectionate brother.

He with us had learnt that, where we at his burial placed a sprig of acacia, must not be considered his final resting-place, so we hope that you, with us, will think of him now as having received the "crown of life."

- "Death is the Crown of life."
- "Death, the deliverer, who rescues man."
- "Death, the rewarder, who the rescued crowns."
- "Death, that absolves our birth, a curse without it."
- "Death wounds to cure, we fall, we rise, we reign."
- "Death gives us more than was in Eden lost."

"This King of Terrors is the Prince of Peace."

"When shall we die? When shall we live for ever?"

Please accept our condolence and believe us to remain, yours very faithfully, M. I. Ellwood, W.M.; E. Gregg, S.W.; R. Hayes, J.W.; C. I. Saxby, S.W.

LIVERPOOL.—Temple Lodge (No. 1094).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th inst., the business being of a highly interesting kind. The lodge was opened at six o'clock by Bro. R. C. Yelland, W.M., and amongst others present during the evening were Bros. Richard Washington, P.M.; Richard R. Martin, P.M.; D. W. Winstanley, P.M.; Wm. Healing, S.W.; Alfred Jarvis, J.W.; Jos. Wood, Treas.; Thos. Marsh, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., Sec.; T. G. Winstanley, S.D.; W. B. Jones, as I.G.; T. Birch, Steward; John Alexander, Thos. Knott, M. G. Bateman, Jas. Tyson, T. Durrans, W. Callow, J. R. Cave, W. Harrington, Fred. J. Jeffery, H. Horspool, J. G. H. Pugh, G. B. McGachen, &c. The visitors were Bros. H. Prince Hiram, New Orleans, U.S., 70; A. K. Paynter, 1276; W. Davidson, 1276; E. Morgan, 823; J. Curtis, 1035; Wm. Waring, 32; &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot having been taken for candidates the ceremony of initiation was admirably performed by the W.M., the charge being beautifully given by the S.W. Several propositions were afterwards given for initiation. At the banquet, which followed business, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. In reply to the toast of "The Newly Initiated," Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lowe spoke as follows:—Worshipful Master, Officials, and brethren—Although I cannot aver that I am unaccustomed to public speaking, yet I experience considerable difficulty in giving expression to my thoughts and feelings on the present occasion. It behoves me, however, according to the best of my ability, to tender my most hearty thanks to the Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren for the extremely kind manner in which they have this evening initiated me into the primary mysteries of Freemasonry and for the manifestly cordial welcome they have accorded me as a brother. I owe especial thanks to the brother whose rather troublesome duty it was to aid me in attaining the high honours of being a Mason. I beg also to tender my fervent thanks to Bro. Dr. Kellet Smith and Bro. Wood, who rendered me the kind office of being my proposer and seconder. Allow me to say, Worshipful Master, that, after having gone through the laborious and instructive ceremony of being made a Mason, I feel exceedingly proud of the honours thus conferred on me. In addition to, or rather in expansion of, the reasons I have already been obliged to give for desiring to join this illustrious and ancient Order, I may say that I have an intense love for everything which is good and has been handed down to us from the remote past. Ever since my boyhood, my intellectual pursuits as well as my professional duties have caused me to live much amongst the ancients; and it would be strange if the ambition had not sprung up in my heart of being, even in a humble way, identified with a Craft which the ceremonies of this evening compel me to regard as one of the most precious legacies bequeathed to modern times by antiquity. I was, also, attracted to the Order by its well-known cultivation, and manifestation of the splendid principles of brotherly love and charity, and by the fact that its creed, though stern in its requirements, is at the same time so pure and simple as to present a ground on which all virtue-loving men may meet and clasp each other's hands in a world-wide fellowship. Besides, although I live a somewhat retired and monkish life, I sought, in desiring to be one of the brethren or this great Order and a member of the Temple Lodge, occasional opportunities of mingling in such a society as this, possessing, as it does, at once a social and an intellectual character. I am glad to find myself surrounded by a body of men whose countenances bear the impress of high intellectuality. I love a warm grasp of the hand, a good laugh, and a good song, although, in this last regard, I cannot myself contribute to harmony. In fine, Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren, I thank you for the honour to which you have raised me. I feel that, in being made a Mason, I have achieved a most desirable and honourable distinction; and I shall strive with your generous aid to be a good Mason. I am always seeking opportunities of adding to my knowledge; and you will allow that, if Mr. Charles Knight had seen me this evening, he might have included me among those heroes of whom he has so ably written, and who distinguished themselves by the "pursuit of knowledge under difficulties." The scope of my knowledge has this evening been greatly increased; and I am especially rejoiced to know that he who is a good Mason must of necessity be a true man. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—Rutland Lodge (No. 1130).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., Bro. S. Weaver, the W.M., in the chair. The attendance was small, there being nothing of any importance on the agenda paper. Bro. John Selby was elected P.G.S.

SEACOMBE.—Warren Lodge (No. 1276).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at five o'clock, for the installation of Bro. James Ridehalgh, the W.M. elect. The following brethren were present, viz., Bros. W. R. Bainbridge, W.M. and P.M. 721; T. H. Ward, I.P.M.; R. W. Holt, P.M. and D.C.; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J. Warden; T. Platt, P.P.G.J.D.; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.I.G. North Wales and Salop; E. Haddon, W.M. 605; J. Radcliff, P.M.; C. Leedham, P.M.; Ellis Davis, P.M. 605; John Williams, J.W.; H. Skinner, S. Deacon, J. Lawrence, J.D.; W. H. Frances, Treas.; W. Jones, Sec.; T. M. Pennington, J. Harding, A. Paynter, W. Davidson, J. Webster, H. Matthews, J. Howard, J. Taylor, Wm. Price, G. Monroc, M. Ellaby, J. Burgess, A. Catterall, J. Mason, W. Evans, J. Looney, J. M'Murdie, T. Yeats, J. Hindley, E. G. E. Snow, W. Williams, G. Henderson, A. M'Kay, T. Burrows, J. Martin,

W. McGraa, E. A. Pemberton, W. Beard, 447; M. Mc Nerney, 605; W. Egerton, 605; T. Birch, 1094; J. Alexander, 1904; E. Harris, 605; Henry Ridehalgh, and a large number of other brethren. The lodge was opened. The minutes of last regular meeting, also a lodge of emergency, were read and confirmed. Bro. G. J. Kani, 31, U.S. of America, was balloted for and admitted a joining member. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the business of the evening was then proceeded with by Bro. James Ridehalgh being presented to Bro. Platt, the Installing Master. The charges having been read and assented to, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when all brethren not Installed Masters retired, and a board of Installed Masters was formed, consisting of twelve, and the usual formalities gone through. The brethren having been admitted, and the new Master saluted in the manner conformable to ancient custom, Bro. Ridehalgh, the W.M., invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. R. Bainbridge, I.P.M.; John Taylor, S.W.; W. Jones, J.W.; W. H. Frances, Treas.; H. Skinner, Sec.; W. Price, S.D.; T. Yeats, J.D.; J. S. Jones, P.M., D.C.; H. Matthews, S.S.; J. Looney, J.S.; each brother receiving their charge from Bro. J. P. Platt, after which the lodge was closed, down to the First Degree, when Bro. P.M. Holt moved that the sum of five guineas be given to constitute the Treasurer for the time being a Life Governor of the Cheshire M.E. Institution, which was carried. Bro. Bainbridge gave notice of motion that the sum of ten guineas be given to constitute the W.M. for the time being a Life Governor of the Boys' School in London. Several propositions for initiation having been given, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Seacombe Hotel to the banquet, the W.M., Bro. Ridehalgh, being supported on his right by Bro. J. T. Lea, P.M., P.P.G.S. Works, as D.C.; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W.; T. Platt, P.P.J.G.D.; Haddon, W.M. 605; on his left by W. R. Bainbridge, I.P.M.; T. H. Ward, P.M.; R. W. Holt, P.M.; Ellis Davis, P.M. When the dessert was placed upon the tables, and, grace said, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen, and the Craft," which was received right loyally. (God save the Queen). The next toast was "Bro. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Master, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." ("God bless the Prince of Wales," by Bro. Harding.) The W.M. then gave "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro. G. Master," which was duly honoured. The next toast was "The Right Worshipful P.G. Master, the Right Hon. the Lord de Tabley, and the P.G. Officers," coupling the name of Bro. T. Platt. Bro. T. Platt, appropriately replied. Bro. W. R. Bainbridge, the Immediate P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Ridehalgh," and stated that if the officers appointed that evening gave him that support which he expected he would receive, the lodge would soon be second to none in the province for its usefulness. Bro. Williams rendered a capital song. Bro. Ridehalgh, in responding, sincerely thanked the I.P.M. for proposing his health, and also the brethren for the flattering manner in which they had received it, assuring them that it would be his earnest study to promote the welfare of the Warren Lodge. The W.M. then said,—Brethren, you know the toast I am about to propose, it is, "The I.P.M.," and you will, I think, drink his health in a bumper, previous to which I beg to present to you, Bro. Bainbridge, this gold hunting watch, the committee thinking, you having so many jewels, that it would be more acceptable to you. The inscription is "Presented to Bro. W. R. Bainbridge, P.M. 721, and Warren Lodge, 1276, for his meritorious services during his year of office as W.M., 1875." Bro. John Williams, P.J.W., then advanced to the W.M., and asked his permission to present a testimonial, and said,—Bro. Bainbridge, I.P.M., on behalf of a few friends, and the seafaring members of this lodge, I present you with this P. Master's jewel. This called forth a ringing cheer from the brethren. (The jewel is 18-carat gold, set with diamonds, beautifully made by Bro. T. M. Pennington, a member of the lodge). Song by Bro. Paynter. Bro. Bainbridge said he must confess that if ever he had a difficulty he had one now in finding words to sufficiently express his feelings at that moment. He thanked the brethren of the Warren Lodge for their very handsome present. He then said,—Bro. J. Williams, please accept my heartfelt thanks, and convey them to the seafaring brethren, and tell them while I live I shall value this gift more than any I possess. Brethren all, please accept my sincere thanks. The W.M. then said,—I have another pleasing duty to perform. It is to present our Treasurer, Bro. Frances, with a gold Treasurer's jewel, also his likeness, and he hoped that Bro. Francis might live long to wear this jewel (supplied by Bro. Kenning, of Liverpool and London). Bro. Frances then said,—W.M., Officers, and brethren,—I thank you very much for this mark of esteem. You appointed me Treasurer of this lodge, and I merely did my duty. I may tell you that we have had a very prosperous year, though an expensive one. We have given between £20 and £30 in charity; we commenced the year with £20, and at the end of the year we have in hand over £80 pounds. This announcement was heartily received. The W.M. then proposed "Success to the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution," and he had very great pleasure in coupling the Installing Master and Founder of the Institution, Bro. John Parry Platt, P.P.J.G.W. Cheshire. Bro. Platt thanked the W.M., officers, and brethren for the way this toast was received, and stated that it was very pleasing to him to hear that the Treasurer was made a Life Governor of the Institution, and to hear Bro. W. R. Bainbridge give notice that he would propose that the sum of ten guineas be given to constitute the W.M. for the time being a Life Governor of the Boys' School. He also begged to thank the brethren for unanimously electing him an honorary member of this lodge, that he would be glad at all times to give advice should it be required, and he strongly recommended the W.M. to be particular in looking into the character of all

candidates for initiation. The next toast was "The Past Masters of the Lodge," which was responded to by Bros. Holt, Ward, and Bainbridge. The officers were then toasted, each responding for the compliment. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," coupling the names of Bro. Haddon, W.M. 605, and Bro. E. Davis, P.M. 605. During the evening Bro. Bainbridge presented, handsomely framed, the likeness of the R.W.P.G.M., the Right Hon. the Lord de Tabley, which he received from his lordship at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Hyde, September 23, at which meeting Bro. Bainbridge was supported by nineteen members of the lodge. We must not omit a word of praise for the admirable manner in which the duties were discharged by Bro. Looney, the wine Steward. The Tyler then gave the final toast, to all poor and distressed Masons. The evening was spent very pleasantly, and the enjoyment of the brethren was enhanced by the excellent manner in which Bro. Lea, P.P.G.S. Wks., discharged the duties of Director of Ceremonies, and the excellent harmony during the evening.

HAMPTON COURT.—Burdett Lodge (No. 1293).—The Mitre Hotel, at Hampton Court, on Saturday last, the 23rd inst., was the scene of a most enjoyable meeting of this lodge. The brethren, including Colonel Burdett, Prov. G. Master F. Keily, Prov. G. Steward; the W.M.; D. W. Pearce, S.W.; J. W. Berrie, J.W.; Little, Prov. S.G. Warden, Treas.; Buss, Prov. G. Treas., Sec.; Mallam, P.M., Woollard, Levick, Brookes, Ball, Sanders, Dr. Clayton, Palmer, and others, assembled at an early hour in the afternoon. The summons showed a goodly quantity of work to be done, but from various causes the candidates for the several degrees were unable to attend, and sent letters explaining the cause of their absence. The lodge, consequently, at once proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and Bro. D. W. Pearce was elected Master, Bro. Little was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Phythian, the I.P.M., then proposed, and Bro. Little seconded, a motion to the effect that a P.M. jewel should be presented to Bro. Keily, the retiring Master, and also as a small token of the esteem and regard in which he was held, and in appreciation of his services as Master and Prov. G. Steward, such jewel should be supplemented by a presentation of one of Bro. Hart's pictures, which is shortly to be published, illustrating the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master at the Royal Albert Hall on the 28th of April last. This resolution was most heartily concurred in by every member of the lodge, and several of the brethren spoke of the W.M. in the most eulogistic terms. Bro. Keily expressed his thanks for the honour the lodge conferred upon him, of which he should ever retain a lively remembrance, and also his grateful acknowledgments for the very flattering manner in which the brethren had been pleased to speak of his services as W.M. The lodge having been closed, the brethren retired to the banquet supplied by our esteemed friend Bro. Charles Sadler, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and responded to in a hearty manner. The Provincial Grand Master, in reply to the toast of his health, alluded, in glowing terms of satisfaction, to the present prosperous state of the Province of Middlesex, and to the good order and regularity with which the affairs of the different lodges and chapters in the province were conducted, and expressed the pleasure he felt in being again amongst his brethren after a short sojourn in the North. He referred to the gratification he felt in witnessing the prosperity of the Burdett Lodge, of which he was the first W.M., and also of the admirable and unanimous manner in which the business of the lodge had been conducted by the W.M. and officers. Amongst the visitors on this occasion were Bros. Chas. Horsley, Past Provincial Grand Registrar Middlesex; Sugg, Provincial Grand Organist for Surrey; Thiellay, Provincial Grand Pursuivant Middlesex, who, in responding to "The Health of the Visitors," severally expressed their thanks, and their acknowledgement of the pleasurable evening they had spent on this occasion. The last toast having been given in due form, and responded to, the brethren separated at an early hour, evidently much pleased with the proceedings.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, October 15th, at Bro. West's, the Three Crowns, in place of the usual monthly one on the 4th, Mrs. West having died on that day, and therefore rendered it impossible that any business could be done under such sorrowful circumstances. Upon the present occasion the W.M., Bro. B. B. Brayshaw, P.M. 1076, was present, supported by the following officers: Bros. Turner, who officiated as S.W. in the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. Ives; W. Steele, J.W.; J. Silver, S.D.; N. Stansfield, acting J.D.; Manning, I.G.; and H. Sisley, P.M. and Sec., and P.M. 1076. The business before the lodge was the raising of Bro. Berry, and the passing of Bro. Fletcher, but as neither of those brethren were present, Mr. J. Plume, licensed victualler, and Mr. G. Cavey, engineer, were, after being duly balloted for and approved of, initiated by the W.M. in excellent style. The lodge then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a cold collation in an adjoining room, and afterwards, in true Masonic spirit, spent a very happy evening together.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).—The usual monthly meeting of this new and flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Monday week. This being the night appointed for the election of W.M. and Treasurer, a full attendance of members were present. Among them were Bros. R. Robinson, W.M.; M. De Frece, S.W.; A. J. Henochsberg, J.W.; Rev. P. Prag, Chaplain; J. De Frece, Treas.; M. Hart, Sec.; A. Jones, S.D.; S. Schoustadt, J.D.; B. Woolf, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Org.; Crozier, and A. Hart, Stewards. Among the private members were Bros. R. Brown, W.M. 141, Hon. Sec. West Lancashire Educational Institution; B. Levy, Silver, Goldberg,

Lyons, Lumb, L. Hart, W. Levy, Joseph, Rev. Dr. Stern, Prenslan, S. Levy, and others. Among the numerous visitors might be noticed Bros. Bell, W.M. 1356; W. Aronsberg, 1052, Manchester, who is justly and worthily known by his many charitable gifts of surgical, optical, and mathematical instruments to the principal infirmaries and institutions in East Lancashire; Barnett, S. 249; Goldstone, 249; Parker, 1474; Trevitt, I.G. 724, and others. After the usual opening, reading of the minutes and balloting for candidates, the W.M., Bro. Robinson, P.M. and Preceptor of the Merchants' Lodge of Instruction, initiated in his usually instructive manner Mr. A. Cohen, Mr. J. L. Levy, and Rev. A. D. Marks, Minister of the South Manchester Synagogue, the other officers doing their work in an efficient manner. The ballot was then taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. A. J. Henochsberg, J.W., was unanimously elected to fill the chair; the S.W. declining to accept the office on account of his continued ill health. Bro. J. De Frece was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, a post he has filled during the past year to the extreme satisfaction of officers and brethren. Auditors were then elected, and also the Committee and Trustees to the Benevolent Fund attached to the lodge. We believe this is the first lodge in the Province of West Lancashire that has attached a Fund of Benevolence, to enable its members' widows and orphans to receive substantial relief in cases of recessy, and it is to be hoped this good example will be emulated by other lodges in this province. Bro. W. G. Veale was then unanimously re-elected Organist. The W.M. having temporarily left the chair, it was taken by Bro. Brown, W.M. 241, when it was proposed, seconded, and carried without dissent, that a testimonial be presented to Bro. R. Robinson, W.M., the first Master of the Lodge of Israel, 1502, as a mark of esteem for his courtesy, his ability, and the faithful manner he has performed the arduous duties of Worshipful Master. Several brethren having been proposed for joining, relief having been granted to a deserving case, and other business of a formal character having been transacted the lodge was closed in the usual solemn form.

INSTRUCTION.

STRONG MAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 45).—At a meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, held at Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, on Monday, 25th October, 1875, there were present—Bros. Stock, W.M.; Pearcey, S.W.; Tolmie, J.W.; Kidder, S.D.; Crawley, J.D.; Hill, I.G.; Christopher, Tyler; Beckett, Preceptor; Killick, Hon. Sec. Visitors—Bros. Powell, 186; Hall, 898; Mitchell, 1360, and a large muster of the members. The Ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Walker being the candidate. The W.M. worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections, and Bro. Beckett, the 4th of the first lecture, ably assisted by the brethren. Bro. Mitchell, 1360, was unanimously elected a member, and Bro. Tolmie, W.M. for the ensuing week, under whose presidency the fifteen sections will be worked.

Royal Arch.

PYTHAGOREAN CHAPTER (No. 79).—The regular convocation of this young but prosperous chapter was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Thursday, the 21st inst. The M.E.Z., being unavoidably absent, Companion Griffin, P.Z., occupied the post of honour, supported by Comp. Halsey, P.Z., as H., and Comp. Leman, P.Z., as J. There were also present Comps. W. West Smith, P.Z. acting Scribe E.; I. J. Hooper Wilkins, Scribe N.; Dussek, acting P.S., and other companions. The chapter having been duly opened, and the companions admitted, a letter of apology was read from the candidate for exaltation, explaining the cause of his non-attendance, and letters were also read from the officers not present, in which the absence of each was respectively accounted for. Another letter was read from the widow of Comp. Wilson, announcing the death of her husband, an announcement which was received with great regret, as Comp. Wilson, though not absolutely one of the founders of the chapter, was very active in its promotion, was present at its consecration, and made a very handsome present towards its furniture. The Scribe E. was ordered to write to Mrs. Wilson, expressing the regret manifested by the chapter at the melancholy intelligence. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and after a fraternal "bood-bye," the companions went their several ways rejoicing.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, on Wednesday, October 13th. The chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., Comp. John Barr; E. Fearon, H.; and John Bowes, P.Z., &c., as J.; assisted by Comps W. Gibson, P.Z.; Kenworthy, P.Z.; and James Porter, P.Z., No. 327, Wigton, after which the remainder of the companions, an unusually large number, were admitted. Several candidates were balloted for, and afterwards exalted by the M.E.Z., the Historic Lecture being delivered by Comp. E. Fearon. After some routine business had been disposed of, Comp. W. B. Gibson, P.Z., in the name of the chapter, presented to the M.E.Z. a handsome gold P.Z. jewel, which bore the following inscription, "Presented to M.E. Comp. Barr in recognition of his invaluable services as M.E.Z. of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, No. 119, October 13th, 1875." The M.E.Z. then called upon E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B. West Lancashire, to take the chair as Installing Principal, who installed the Principals and invested the officers as follows:—Comps. John Barr, re-elected Z.; E. Fearon, H.; W. Sandwith, J.; John Tickle, S.E.; W. Armstrong, S.N.; E. Tyson, P.S.; J. M'Kelvie, Treas.; John Rothery and W. F. Lamonby, Asst. Sojs.; and W. Corrie, Janitor. On the conclusion of the ceremony E. Comp. W. B. Gibson, P.Z., said they were in the habit

of according to their kind Comp. Bowes annually a vote of thanks, but he had an addition to propose on that occasion—it was that in consideration of the great assistance afforded by E. Comp. Bowes to the chapter for a long time past, he elected an honorary member for life. This proposition was seconded by Comp. Fearon, supported by Comp. Tickle, S.E., and unanimously agreed to. The chapter then voted ten guineas to the Boys' School. The business of the chapter being concluded, the companions adjourned to the banqueting-room, where an excellent repast awaited them. The chair was occupied by the M.E.Z., Comp. Barr, supported on the right and left by Comps. W. B. Gibson, P.Z.; James Porter, P.Z.; E. Tyson, P.S.; John Bowes, P.Z., &c.; Kenworthy, P.Z.; M'Kelvie, Treas. The cross tables were presided over by Comps. Tickle and Armstrong. The Chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts. Comp. Bowes then proposed "The Three Grand Principals of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England," and in doing so referred to each individually, and said that with such chiefs they had every reason to be proud of that, the highest Order of recognized Freemasonry. Comp. W. B. Gibson, P.Z., proposed "The M.E.Z., Comp. John Barr." He said they were all deeply indebted to their M.E.Z. for the zeal and ability with which he had managed to work the chapter, and therefore it was the unanimous desire of the members that he should retain the position another year. The M.E.Z., in responding, said that he was deeply indebted to the companions for their kindness. He assured them that it was no easy task to master the ceremonial part of his labour; that he had succeeded was owing in no small degree to the untiring exertions of their Preceptor, Comp. Bowes. Comp. Pagen proposed "The Second and Third Principals and Officers of Chapter No. 119." He said he could not but echo the feelings of regret expressed by the M.E.Z. in chapter at the enforced absence of their worthy and E. Comp. Dr. Henry, H. elect. He had written from London to say how sorry he was that he could not be with them to receive the benefit of installation at the hands of his friend Comp. Bowes, and they shared his sorrow, and sincerely hoped that his health ere long would be completely restored. He had great pleasure in proposing the toast because he felt confident that the chapter would be efficiently worked by their present staff. Comps. E. Fearon, W. Sandwith, M'Kelvie, Tickle, Armstrong, Tyson, and Rothery severally responded. Comp. M'Kelvie proposed "The P.Z.'s of Chapter No. 119." He said the age of their chapter precluded them from having many P.Z.'s, but out of the small number two were present, Comps. Gibson and Kenworthy, and two more worthy brethren and trusty companions could not be found. Their zeal in the Masonic cause was well known and appreciated in the province. They were both Past Senior Wardens of the province, and, as they all knew, Comp. Gibson was at present Prov. G. Sec. Their interest in Masonry was unabated, and they therefore might congratulate themselves that they had their names on their muster roll. Comp. Gibson thanked them very heartily for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received, and said Comp. M'Kelvie was not far wrong when he said his friend Comp. Kenworthy and himself took a warm interest in Masonry. Their engagements were frequent, and it afforded them great pleasure to undertake the duties which they were invited to discharge. Comp. Kenworthy also responded, and expressed the great delight he experienced in witnessing the efficient manner in which their chapter was worked. When they lost their friend and companion, Capt. Mott, it occurred to him when, M.E.Z., that Comp. Bowes would take the chapter under his care and put it in working order. This desirable object had been achieved, and they rejoiced on all sides. Comp. Fearon proposed "The Installing Principal, E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., P. Prov. G.S.B. West Lancashire," complimenting him upon the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of the day. He said Comp. Bowes was always both ready and willing to impart instruction to those who required it. On reaching the town the night before, he at once expressed a wish to meet the officers in the Chapter Room, to talk about the work they had successfully completed that day. He had very great pleasure in proposing the toast. Comp. Bowes, in responding, said that having lived in the county, and some of his oldest friends still living in it, he was naturally attached to Cumberland. With respect to Freemasonry, he had been a "working" brother for many years; but he was one of those who did not wish to keep the work in his own hands. When he first visited their chapter, which he did on the invitation of his old friend Comp. Kenworthy, they could do little of themselves. He offered his services to any companion who desired instruction, and Comp. Barr came forward. What they had witnessed that day was a proof that they were both sincere. No one could have listened to the ceremony of exaltation without feeling that they were deeply indebted to the M.E.Z. for the labour he had bestowed upon the requirements of his office. He (Comp. Bowes) never remembered having a more apt pupil. He would only add that his best offices should always be at the disposal of the province. He was rejoiced to see that due care and oversight of Royal Arch Masonry was about to be inaugurated. A new chapter was shortly to be consecrated at Kirkby Lonsdale, with Lord Bective at its head, and then they might soon hope to see a Provincial Grand Chapter constituted. He thanked them very heartily. Comp. Also proposed "The Principals, Officers, and Members of Chapters in the Province," and coupled with it the name of Comp. James Porter, P.Z. of Wigton, who responded. Comp. Kenworthy, in proposing "The Visiting Companions," said he had much pleasure in discharging that duty, as he should couple with it the names of two Cumberland men now resident in far distant climes, but who happened to be on a visit to the land of their birth. Comp. George Glasse, of Victoria, Hong Kong, and John R. Smith, of Chicago, U.S. America, responded, and were warmly

received. Comp. M'Kelvie proposed "The Newly-elected Companions" and Comp. Cowman responded. Comp. Gibson proposed "The Masonic Charities," and in doing so alluded in gratifying terms to the recent election to the Boys' School of Robert Duff, of Silloth, due in a great measure to the active personal exertions on the spot of Comp. James Porter, with whose name the toast was coupled. Comp. Porter responded in a most interesting and instructive speech. Comp. Bowes asked permission to propose a toast not on the list. The officers had all been considered, but there was an unofficial member who, if they would excuse the paradox, was always in office, and one to whom the chapter was deeply indebted; he referred to Comp. White. The toast was heartily received. Comp. White briefly responded. The Janitors' toast completed the list. During the evening a number of companions kindly favoured the company with songs, &c., under the able direction of Comp. Cooper, Organist.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—The first meeting since the summer recess of this old chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 12th inst. There were present Comps. Smith, M.E.Z.; Holbrook, acting H.; Elsam, J.; Davage, Scribe E.; Wagner, N.; P. Robinson, P.S.; Mander, Second Assist.; Loewenstark, P.Z.; Webb, Walls, Watts, and others. The minutes of the April chapter were read and confirmed. Two brethren of the Jordan and Royal Union Lodges were to have been exalted, but in consequence of business arrangements they were unable to attend the chapter. A letter having been read from Comp. Hammond, the Second Principal, apologizing for his absence, the chapter was closed in ancient form, and the companions adjourned to banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the M.E.Z. gave the Royal toasts, and alluded to the departure of H.R.H., the G.Z. of the Order, for India, and hoped that before the Jerusalem Chapter separated for the annual recess the Prince would have returned in good health to his native country, to renew those duties of his high position which hitherto he had discharged with credit to himself and to the national satisfaction. Comp. Loewenstark, P.Z., proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," and congratulated the chapter upon possessing so energetic a First Principal, who frequently came several hundred miles in order to be present at the working of the chapter. Comp. Smith acknowledged the compliment, and in the course of his speech stated that he was one of the few first Principals present when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was installed G.Z. of the Order, and the ceremony was so efficiently and impressively performed that it had created an impression upon his mind which could never be effaced. He concluded by assuring the companions that, although he resided so many miles from London, nothing short of ill health or domestic calamity should prevent his coming among them. Comps. Loewenstark and Davage replied for "The Past Principals," and Comp. Elsam responded on behalf of himself and Comp. Hammond, who was unavoidably absent, to the toast of "The Second and Third Principals." The health of the other officers having been drunk, Comps. Robinson, and Mander replied. Between the toasts Comps. Robinson, Mander, and Walls vocally and dramatically entertained the companions, who separated at an early hour, after spending a most agreeable evening.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—A meeting of the above chapter was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, City, on October 20th. Members present:—Comps. Henry Muggeridge, M.E.Z.; G. Newman, H.; F. D. R. Copestick, J.; Henry Birdseye, S.N.; Edward Jones, P.S.; Charles Arkell, First Asst.; T. C. Chapman, Second Asst.; Edward King, P.Z.; George Kenning, P.Z. and Treas.; Joseph Copestick, T. Burdett Yeoman, E. J. Storr, J. G. Dunn, John Kent, C. W. Cheese, John Curle, Francis Fellowes, George Phythian, Edward H. Lidbury. Visitors:—Comps. W. T. Howe, 217; Samuel Poynter, 720; Peter Wagner, 185; J. B. Sorrell, 176; J. E. Russell, 22; J. R. Foulger, P.Z. 177; Gilbert, Janitor. The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Edward H. Lidbury. It being unanimously in his favour, and Bro. Lidbury being present, he was duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of Holy Royal Arch Masonry. The election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, the result of the ballot being in favour of Comp. George Newman, M.E.Z.; F. D. R. Copestick, H.; Henry Birdseye, J.; Edward J. Jones, S.N.; Francis Fellowes, S.E.; Charles Arkell, P.S.; George Kenning, Treas.; Gilbert, Janitor. It was then proposed, seconded, and carried that the Audit Committee should consist of the Present and Past Officers, also Comps. Joseph Copestick, John Kent, and T. Burdett Yeoman. It was also proposed, seconded and carried, that the bye-laws of the chapter should be printed and circulated amongst the members. Comp. F. D. R. Copestick proposed Bro. Charles Tustin, of the Gresham Lodge, for exaltation at the next meeting. Comp. Charles Arkell proposed Bro. George G. Potter, A.I.A., of the Domestic Lodge, for exaltation at the next meeting. The chapter was then duly closed, and adjourned to January, 1876. The companions dined together. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured. The evening was enlivened by recitations and songs, Comp. Henry Muggeridge giving the "Balaklava Charge." Some good vocal music was rendered by Comps. Poynter, Foulger, Fellowes, Chapman, Arkell, and Birdseye.

IPSWICH.—St. Luke's Chapter (No. 225).—On the 22nd ult. the usual quarterly meeting of the St. Luke's Royal Arch Chapter was held at the Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich. Present—Comps. Emra Holmes, M.E.Z.; J. Turner, P.Z., as H.; Dr. Mills, P.Z., as J.; G. Abbott, P.S.; A. Barber, Scribe E.; J. Whitehead, and others. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Comp. Barber called attention to the fact that several brethren were very much in arrears with their subscriptions; and it was resolved that all members more than three years in arrears should be struck off, due notice being

given. Comp. Turner moved that Comp. Findley be elected an honorary member of this chapter, which was carried unanimously. Comp. Findley, who has been a very faithful member of the Craft for many years, is now bed ridden, and never likely to enter a Masonic meeting again. He has lately been elected a pensioner of the Institution for Aged Freemasons, and it was a graceful act of the chapter to elect one of the oldest and most respected P.Z.'s an honorary member of the chapter. The other business of the chapter having been transacted, Comp. Mills gave the exordium. The chapter was duly closed, and the companions partook of the customary frugal fare provided for the chapter.

WINDSOR.—Windsor Castle Chapter (No. 771).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, Oct. 21st, at the Masonic Hall. Present: Comps. J. Stevens, M.E.Z.; H. H. Hodges, H.; J. Tolley, J.; E. Grisbrook, S.E.; G. W. Dixon, S.N.; G. H. Powell, First A.S.; J. Strange, Second A.S.; J. Devereux, P.Z.; J. Reid, P.Z.; W. S. Cantrell, J. H. S. Reid, and others; with the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.Z., and Lewis Birjett, S.N. 834, visitors. Bros. Stocken and Barton were duly exalted into the Holy Royal Arch by the M.E.Z. Comp. J. Reid, P.Z., then installed the following Principals for the ensuing year, viz., Comps. H. Hodges, M.E.Z.; J. Tolley, H.; E. Grisbrook, J. The M.E.Z. then invested his officers as follows:—Comps. J. Devereux, P.Z., Treas.; G. W. Dixon, S.E.; G. H. Powell, S.N.; F. Fleck, P.S. (by proxy); Nowell, Janitor. Comp. Devereux then rose and commented in most appropriate terms upon the zeal and assiduity with which Comp. J. Stevens, I.P.Z., had ruled over the chapter as M.E.Z. during the three years he had held that important office, and proposed that some suitable recognition be made to him, and that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the chapter for that purpose, and that a committee consisting of Comps. Hodges, M.E.Z.; J. Tolley, H.; E. Grisbrook, J.; G. W. Dixon, S.E.; G. H. Powell, S.N., and Devereux, P.Z., be formed to decide as to the form of the testimonial, &c. Comp. Stevens expressed his thanks to the companions, and assured them of his continued interest in the chapter. A cordial vote of thanks was then given to Comp. John Reid, P.Z., for the services he had rendered to the chapter. Comp. Reid having replied in suitable terms, the chapter was closed according to ancient rite.

INSTRUCTION.

THE METROPOLITAN ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.—The first meeting of the session was held at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, on Tuesday, the 5th of October. Comp. Brett, the much-esteemed Preceptor, was unable to attend, but the other permanent officers, namely, Comp. John Boyd, Treas., and Comps. Thomas William White and J. Rumsey, S.E.'s, were in their places. Comp. Boyd, as the senior officer present, assumed the chair of M.E.Z., and appointed the following companions to the various offices for the evening:—E. Gottheil, H.; John Wyer, J.; Thomas William White and J. Rumsey, S.E.'s; A. H. Lilly, S.N.; E. Gilbert, P.S. In addition to whom there were also present Comps. R. Wyatt, W. H. Kempster, G. K. Lemann, J. Allsopp, William Stephens, R. W. Goddard, &c. The business of the evening was commenced by completely rehearsing the ceremony of exaltation, Comp. Lemann acting as candidate. At the conclusion of the addresses the audit committee was elected, and Comp. Edward S. Norris, who was unavoidably absent, was appointed Assistant S.E., in the room of Comp. E. H. Finney, jun., whose decease was recently noted with sincere regret in our obituary column. By the time the officers for the ensuing fortnight had been elected, half-past eight had nearly arrived. The chapter was, therefore, closed with the customary forms, and adjourned to the following Tuesday evening at half-past six. It would be well to remind Royal Arch Masons that this chapter meets every Tuesday during the Masonic season, and every companion is welcome who can satisfy the officers that he is entitled to enter. It must be a matter of considerable gratification to Comp. Brett and his colleagues that the Treasurer has been enabled during the past year to hand over the sum of twenty-five guineas to the Masonic charities, and it is to be hoped that the small balance in his hands will be considerably augmented between now and next May. As to the "working" it is only necessary to say that it is Companion Brett's, with which every Arch Mason is, or ought to be acquainted.

Mark Masonry.

SOUTH MOLTON.—The Fortescue Lodge (No. 9) held its monthly meeting on Monday Oct. 18th, at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. Sanders, W.M.; Brewer, Prov. S.W.; J. T. Shapland, J.W.; E. Galliford, Wood, and Widgery. Overseers: Bros. Galliford, Sec.; Cole, I.G., and other brethren. Bro. J. T. Shapland, J.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing; Bro. J. Galliford, Treas.; and Bro. Richard Kingdon, Tyler. Bro. Arden A. Shapland, a member of the lodge and son of the W.M. elect, having been recently accidentally drowned at Teignmouth whilst bathing, it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Bro. Wood, P.M., seconded by Bro. Brewer, that the sympathy and condolence of the lodge be given to Bro. J. T. Shapland and his family for the severe loss they had sustained. Bro. Hancock, W.M., and Bro. Huxtable, P.M., both of Lodge No. 1135, Hfracombe, were proposed for advancement.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—Howe Lodge (No. 21).—The autumn meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., when there was a fair attendance. Bro. J. C. Duncombe, W.M., presided. The candidates did not come for advancement, so, after routine business was ended, Bro.

R. Boughton Smith, S.W., was complimented on having got in much of the arrears of the subscriptions which had been owing for several years. The lodge, which has not done much for some time, seems to be looking up again under the able Mastership of Bro. Duncombe, who does not scruple to travel 20 miles to attend any Masonic gathering.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. John (No. 3 1/2).—he regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, the 19th inst. Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., presided, supported by his office-bearers, together with a large number of members and visiting brethren. Bro. J. Dick, Sec., at the request of the R.W.M., read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. Applications were then read from Messrs Thos. H. Kirk and James Orr, craving to be received into the Order through Lodge St. John, No. 3 1/2. The applications being sustained they were prepared, and received the E.A. Degree, the R.W.M. officiating. After spending a pleasant and profitable hour in harmony, the lodge was recalled to labour, and closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Thistle and Rose Lodge (No. 73).—The fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday evening, 19th inst., Bro. George McDonald, R.W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. G. Weston, I.P.M.; J. Bannerman, D.M.; the Wardens, and other office-bearers, in their proper places. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. David Reid, R.W.M. 465; Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M. 543; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; J. Adams, 360; John M. Innes, S.W. 408; E. Arthur, Mother Kilwinning, o. The lodge having been opened in the First or E.A. Degree, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. An application was read from Mr. John Wright, who was admitted, and received the E.A. Degree at the hands of Bro. Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M. 543. The lodge was then raised to the Fellow Craft Degree, and from the Fellow Craft to the Master Mason Degree, when Bros. Sigismund Gentele, of Lodge Union, 332, and Robert Smith Cross were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. G. McDonald, R.W.M. The lodge was then reduced to the E.A. Degree, and closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Thistle (No. 87).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, 30, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 19th inst. Bro. Jas. Burns, R.W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. J. Booth, S.W.; W. Wilson, J. W.; J. Fraser, P.M.; J. Miller, P.M.; J. Love, S.M.; D. H. Miller, P.M. 102; H. W. Jackman, S.W. 571; W. Sivewright, J.W. 571; and others. The lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Applications for admittance into the Order were read from Messrs. A. McLachlan and A. Mundri, who were approved and received the E.A. degree, Bro. J. Booth, S.W., officiating. The lodge was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., when Bros. Troop and Fraser were put in possession of that degree, Bro. John Miller, P.M., officiating. This formed the working part of the business before the lodge. The remaining business was the question of raising the fees. This was introduced by the Chairman, Bro. James W. Burns, R.W.M., who reminded the brethren that it had been an understood thing when they came to their present quarters, the hall of Lodge Commercial, No. 360, that their fees should be raised to the level of that lodge—that is to say, from £2 15s., as at present, to three guineas. He would now say that the matter should be considered as early as possible. Bro. John Fraser, P.M., said he really did think that the fees were much too small for a lodge holding the position of No. 87, and that the time had now come for an advance. Independently of Lodge Commercial altogether this should be done. All throughout the province there was a tendency in this direction; and at the last meeting of Lodge St. John, 3 1/2, they had raised their scale to five guineas. It was not for the mere sake of raising the fees, by itself, but it would increase their power of giving away in charity, of making larger grants, and thus enable them to assist in confuting the cry which was all over the United Kingdom that Scotland had nothing to show in the way of charity. The Chairman having briefly endorsed the spirit of Bro. Fraser's remarks, Bro. Miller, P.M., moved that the fees of the lodge be raised to three guineas, and Bro. Fraser seconded the motion. Bro. James Love, D.M., then moved that they be raised to £3 10s., which was seconded by Bro. Best. Finally, Bro. Wm. Wilson, J.W., moved that the annual test fee of the lodge be 10s., which was seconded by Bro. Love. The respective motions will be put before the lodge for decision in due course.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Union and Crown (No. 103).—A special meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, 24th inst., in honour of Bro. Alexander Bain, a respected Past Master of the lodge, and also present B.B. of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow. Rarely, if ever, has there been a larger number of brethren congregated with the walls of the Masonic Hall at No. 170, Buchanan-street, which was filled almost to discomfort by an attendance mostly of members of No. 103, gathered together to testify to the respect in which they held their Past Master. The chair was occupied by the R.W.M., Bro. Andrew M. Wright; other office-bearers of the lodge present being Bros. Geo. Muir, D.M.; David Murray, S.M.; Wm. Thomson, S.W.; Robert Munro, J.W.; Neil Cameron, Treas.; and James Gillies, Sec. There were also present, among affiliated and visiting brethren, Bros. George Sinclair, Treas. of P.G. Benevolent Fund; James Thomson, P.M. 362; Thomas Fletcher, I.P.M. 3 1/2; John Morgan, R.W.M. 219; John Cunningham, R.W.M. 347; John Johnston, o, and others. The lodge having been opened

in the First Degree was thereafter adjourned to refreshment, at which the R.W.M. presided. After the standard, loyal, and Masonic toast were duly honoured, the Chairman gave the toasts of the evening—namely, "The Health of Bro. Bain, P.M. of Lodge Union and Crown, No. 103." This he did in brief but well-chosen and most cordial terms; and in concluding presented Bro. Bain, on behalf of the lodge, with a valuable gold watch, gold Albert, and locket, as a small testimony of the esteem in which he was universally held amongst the brethren. Bro. Bain acknowledged the compliment in a feeling reply, in concluding which he said that he loved Masonry, he loved its principles, and he loved all deserving Masons. It would ever be a source of great happiness to him to think that he enjoyed the good wishes of his brethren; and he could only thank most sincerely all who had contributed to the magnificent testimonial he had received that evening. The remainder of the evening was passed most harmoniously and agreeably in every way.

PARTICK.—St. Mary's Lodge (No. 117).—The fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mary's Hall, Partick, on Wednesday evening, 20th inst., Bro. William Wylie, R.W.M., in the chair; D. Peacock, S.W.; Andrew Agnew, J.W. Present: Andrew Brunton, P.M.; John Bain, D.M.; Thos. Granger, P.M.; Wm. Borland, P.M.; John Wylie, Treas.; and John Maitland, Sec.; Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M. 543, and a number of visiting brethren. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last two meetings were read and adopted. An application was read from G. S. Rowling, master mariner, was favourably received, and he was admitted and initiated into the E.A. Degree of Freemasonry by Bro. John Bain in a very careful manner. The lodge was then raised to the E.C. Degree, when Bro. George W. Kean was passed to the square degree of Fellow Craft, Bro. Wm. Borland officiating. The lodge was then closed in due and proper form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Commercial (No. 360).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Friday, the 15th inst., Bro. J. Munro, R.W.M., presiding; Bros. A. Morton, P.M.; D. Lamb, D.M.; J. M. Oliver, S.W.; Finlay, Treas.; Bickerton, Sec.; and the remaining officers in their respective places. The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The R.W.M. then called upon the Secretary to read the names of the brethren who had been recommended for office for the ensuing year at the meeting of the 8th inst. for the approval of the lodge. There being no objection raised, the R.W.M. declared the officers, whose names had been read and met with their approval, duly nominated. The lodge was then raised to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Colquhoun was then passed to this degree, Bro. John Munro, R.W.M., officiating. This brought the business to a close.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Dramatic (No. 571).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, (St. Mark's), 213, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at 3 o'clock. Bro. J. E. Dobson, R.W.M. presided, supported by Bros. H. W. Jackman, S.W.; W. Sivewright, J.W., and the other office-bearers. Among the visiting brethren were J. Burns, R.W.M. 87; J. Booth, S.W. 87; W. Phillips, R.W.M. 556; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; D. Lamb, D.M. 360; W. H. Bickerton, Sec. 360, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was raised to the F.C. Degree, when Bro. Donald Noble received that, the R.W.M. officiating. This was all the business before the lodge, and it was closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Clydesdale (No. 556).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 106, Rose-street, S.S., on Monday evening, 18th inst., Bro. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M., in the chair; Bros. T. Russell, D.M.; J. McNaught, S.M.; T. Phillips, acting S.W.; Jackman, 571, acting J.W., and the other office-bearers in their places. There were also present Bros. G. C. H. McNaught, P.M. 275; Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M. 543; and a number of visiting brethren. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of last meeting were read and approved of, after which applications were read from the following gentlemen, and favourably received, they were admitted, and initiated into the E.A. Degree by the R.W.M., viz.:—Robert Paterson, William Wallace, and William Riddall. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and raised to the M.M. Degree, when Bros. A. Malcolm and J. Ferguson were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the R.W.M. officiating. The lodge was then closed in ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Glasgow Chapter (No. 50).—This chapter met in the Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 14th inst., when the office-bearers for the ensuing year were installed by Comp. G. W. Wheeler, Z. of No. 73 in a very elaborate and graceful manner, and that ceremony ended, a deputation from the P.G. Chapter was received, consisting of Comps. F. A. Barrow, P.G. Supt.; A. McFaggart, M.A., P.G.S.E.; T. Halket, P.G., Treas.; J. Balfour, J. Miller, P.G. Director of Music, and others. Comp. Barrow expressed himself highly pleased with the condition of the chapter books, and said he was very much gratified at the success which had attended the chapter during the past year, and which he hoped would continue with them during the year now commenced. Comp. Miller, Z., then thanked the P.G. Superintendent for his friendly report and good wishes, and shortly afterwards the chapter was closed. The Mark Masters' Lodge was afterwards opened, and that degree conferred on a worthy brother, and while that degree was being wrought in the large hall, Comp. A. Barrow, assisted by Comps. T. Halket and J. Balfour, conferred the degree of Installed J. on Comp. James Louttit in the adjoining room. The office-bearers for the ensuing year are Z. John Millar, H.; Wm. Bell, J.; James Louttit, S.E.; Robert Morrison, S.N.; Walter Robertson, Treas.; Peter Agnew, First Soff;

Colin McKenzie, Second Soj.; George Gourlie, Third Soj.; John Wright, Superintendent of Works; Daniel Leeds, Janitor; Robert Gardner; Messrs. John Baikie and Andrew Holmes were appointed Auditors.

PRESENTATION AND DINNER TO BRO. JAS. B. WALKER.—On Thursday evening, the 14th inst., a meeting of members of Lodge St. John, No. 3 3/4, was held in the large hall of Middleton's Restaurant, Trongate, Glasgow, to do honour to their much esteemed Past Master, Bro. J. B. Walker, on occasion of his leaving the province to take up his residence in Edinburgh. The R.W.M. of the lodge, Bro. William Bell, presided; and in addition to the guest of the evening there were present Past Masters Gavin Park, John Baird, Jas. McMillan, and Thos. Fletcher—the latter of whom officiated as croupier. There were also present Bros. James Steel, P.M. No. 4 (Glasgow Kilwinning); Archd. McTaggart, P.M. No. 27 (St Mungo) and P.G. Secretary; George Sinclair, P.M. No. 27 and Treasurer P.G. Benevolent Fund; Jas. Thomson, P.M. No. 362 (St. Clair), &c. Amongst brethren unavoidably absent was Bro. W. Montgomery Neilson, R.W.P.G.M., and one of the subscribers to the presentation. The Chairman gave in order the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. The Croupier then proposed "The Lord Provost and Magistrates of Glasgow." In so doing he referred, inter alia, to the work done by the City Improvement Trust in clearing away "rookeries" in various districts—which, he said, was so far good, but he was only sorry to see that they were now raising up structures which were not much better. The Chairman then presented Bro. Walker with an address which had been drawn up on behalf of the lodge and, with a gold watch and appendages. A beautiful gold brooch and car-rings for Mrs. Walker, of exquisite design and workmanship, were afterwards presented by the Croupier (Bro. Fletcher), with whom Bro. Walker had been intimate from boyhood. Bro. Walker replied in fitting terms. A number of toasts were afterwards given, and at intervals in the course of the evening the proceedings were agreeably varied by song and recitation, contributed by Bros. Beveridge, Leitch, Thomson, Park, and Lockhart.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda paper of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, to be held next Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall:—

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

The Report of the Committee of General Purposes to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England:—

"The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 22nd July, 1875, to the 19th October, 1875, both inclusive, which they find to be as follow:—

To Balance Grand Chapter	£308	0	2
„ Unappropriated Account	146	18	11
„ Subsequent Receipts	244	11	0
	£699	10	1
By Purchase of £200 Consols at 94 1/2 and Commission	£189	5	0
„ Disbursements during the Quarter	204	8	7
„ Balance	149	10	7
„ „ in Unappropriated Account.....	156	5	11
	£699	10	1

which balance is in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., bankers of the Grand Treasurer."

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

From Companions Robert Margrave as Z., Aaron Stone as H., John Beavan Phillips as J., and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 671, Llanelly, for a chapter to be called "The St. Elliw Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Llanelly, in the county of Carmarthen.

From Companions Benbow Backhouse Marson as Z, Joseph Bell as H, Richard Brown as J, and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1356, Liverpool, to be called "The De Grey and Ripon Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, Lancashire.

From Companions Richard Charles Else as Z, Alfred Thrale Perkins as H, Edward Bath as J, and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Benevolent Lodge, No. 446, Wells, to be called "The Avalon Chapter," and to meet at the Town Hall, Wells, in the county of Somerset.

From Companions Horatio Lloyd as Z, John Chesworth Robinson as H, John Oswell Bury as J, and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Cestrian Lodge, No. 425, Chester, to be called "The Cestrian Chapter," and to meet at the Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.

From Companions Richard Arnaud Brooke as Z, Robert Hooker as H, Myles Haslam as J, and eleven others for a chapter to be attached to the Hindpool Lodge, No. 1225, Barrow-in-Furness, to be called "The Abbey Chapter," and to meet at the Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire.

From Companions the Earl of Bective as Z., William Dodd as H., John Talbot as J., and fourteen others for a chapter to be attached to the Underley Lodge, No. 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale, to be called "The Bective Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Kirkby Lonsdale, in the county of Westmoreland.

From Companions Edward Thomas Inskip as Z., William Burbank Stocker as H., Frederick William Fisher as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Royal Lebanon Lodge, No. 493, Gloucester, to be called "The

Royal Lebanon Chapter," and to meet at the Spread Eagle Hotel, in the city of Gloucester.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectfully granted.

(Signed) JOHN SAVAGE, President.
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 20th Oct., 1875.

Masonic and General Tidings.

THE SKEAF CONCERT IN LIVERPOOL.—The complimentary concert to Bro. Joseph Skeaf, P.M. 216, P.G. Organist, organised and carried out by the brethren of West Lancashire, especially by those resident in Liverpool, promises to be one of the most successful and brilliant public Masonic gatherings which Liverpool has ever witnessed. Bro. Skeaf's ability and zeal in Masonry are well-known in the province, and it has been considered that a concert, liberally supported, would be a fitting recognition of the valuable services he has so ably and cheerfully rendered to the Craft generally and to many other charitable institutions. The scheme has been submitted to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, numerous Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present, and many of the influential brethren in this and the adjoining provinces, and has met with cordial approval and promises of valuable support. A dispensation has been granted, permitting the brethren to appear at the concert in the clothing and insignia of the various Masonic Orders, and the arrangements entered into are calculated to render the gathering truly Masonic, in every way successful and honourable to the Craft generally, and a significant compliment to a worthy brother. The concert is fixed for the 23rd November, at the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, and Madame Liebhart's concert party has been specially retained.

THE DUKE OF ABERCORN.—We extract the following from the "World":—"The social aspect of affairs under which, in 1874, the Duke of Abercorn was induced once more to resume the position that he had occupied from 1866 to 1868 was decidedly critical. When, in the former of these years, he was appointed to the august post—the first Conservative Minister for seven years—it was unanimously declared by those Irishmen who were competent to speak on the subject that Lord Abercorn was the only man who could possibly occupy the office which a Tory noble like Lord Eglinton had filled with such splendid efficiency. When, in 1874, Mr. Disraeli was called upon to nominate a Lord-Lieutenant for Ireland, the same tribunal was unanimously in its protestation that the only nobleman who could reign where Lord Abercorn had reigned six years ago was none other than the Duke of Abercorn himself. Reluctantly, he was prevailed upon to accept the proffered honour, which could indeed be esteemed no new honour to him. Magnificently, at great expense and with great self-sacrifice, he has discharged its duties. The Viceroy's official salary is £20,000 a year; the Duke of Abercorn's official expenses cannot be less than £40,000; and though his Grace is not badly off even for a duke, the fiftieth part of a million is a fair slice out of the state's income. . . . The Duke of Abercorn is an ornament to the peerage, from his presence, his manner, his position, and his resources. But he is also one of its bulwarks. He is a brilliant instance of the truth that to be a handsome and polished patrician need not mean to be a fribble, and that a capacity hitherto undreamed of may be hidden under a brow that wears the strawberry leaf."

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Camden Lodge of Instruction, on Monday next, at 7 o'clock, at the Stanhope Arms, James-street, Camden Town.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Tuesday next at the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction.

STATISTICS.—Bro. Drummond's table of statistics shows that in 48 American Grand Lodges there are 585,269 members. There have been raised within the year 37,984, and admitted 17,091. There have been dimitted 18,472, expelled 1,117, suspended 563, suspended for non-payment of dues 12,620. The number of deaths reported was 6357, and of rejections 8871. In England and her colonies there are 91,750 Masons; in Scotland, 21,000; in Ireland, 18,400; in Prussia, 35,193; in Italy, 12,053; in Spain, 4200; in Portugal, 2800; in France, 10,800; in Belgium, 2185; in Switzerland, 1800, and in Norway and Sweden 10,800. Total, 210,981. From this it appears that American Freemasonry exceeds all these countries in strength and influence.

Captain Matthew Webb, the celebrated swimmer, was been proposed for initiation in the Neptune Lodge on Thursday last.

The Lord Mayor presided over the final meeting of the Executive Committee of the fund for the relief of the distress caused by the French inundations. The total amount of the subscriptions was £26,497, of which a balance of £716 remaining in hand was ordered to be sent to Madame MacMahon for distribution by the local committee.

A Royal Proclamation appears in the "Gazette" further proroguing Parliament to the 15th December, and Convocation to the following day.

It is announced that General Sir James Alexander, K.C.B., has joined the board of directors of the Briton Life Association, and that Dr. William Henry Pilkington, J.P., Clayton de Moors, Lancashire, and Mr. James H. Clarke, Nottingham, have become extraordinary directors of the same association.

A telegram from Milan says that on Friday, the 22nd inst., His Majesty the Emperor of Germany received the Freemasons, who presented an address to him from the representatives of all the Italian lodges. He expressed his deep sense of the importance of Masonic institutions, and asked for minute details respecting the Italian lodges. The brethren were enchanted with his genial cordiality.

Bro. the Rev. A. G. Shears, for some time Masonic editor of Loomis' "Musical and Masonic Journal," Hartford, Connecticut, has retired on account of infirmities and domestic cares.

The Memphis "Jewel" is endeavouring to stir up the brethren of Tennessee to a proper sense of duty, in urging upon them the necessity of completing the Masonic Hall at Memphis, and the establishment of a Masonic Home.

Visiting the Museum of the Guildhall we were struck by the improved lighting of that underground and hitherto gas-lit apartment, due to the "Luminarum" reflectors of Mr. Chappuis, of 69, Fleet-street, that have recently been fixed outside the windows. These reflectors, which throw in a quantity of daylight from the narrow area allotted to lighting, are placed at two angles, the object of this arrangement being that the upper and flatter part of the reflector reflects the light of the sky to the further side of the Museum, and the under portion, which is at a steeper angle, reflects the rays on the floor and upon the cases.

Bro. Emra Holmes' articles on the Freemasons and Architecture appear to be attracting some attention outside the Masonic pale, particularly as regards his suggestion that the Grand Lodge of England should contribute towards the restoration, or rather completion, of St. Paul's. The leading organ of the Civil Service, our clever contemporary the "Civilian," notices the proposal with approval, so do the "Suffolk Chronicle," the "Peterborough Advertiser" of the 16th inst., the "Essex Standard" of the 22nd, and the "Sunderland Times" of the same date. The last named paper, however, in quoting Bro. Holmes' strictures on the apathy of the north country Masons, says, "Mr. Holmes does not seem to be aware that during the past twelve months the Freemasons of this province (Durham) have placed a window in Durham Cathedral to commemorate the completion of a quarter of a century as Prov. Grand Master by John Fawcett, Esq."

BALAKLAVA BANQUET.—Mr. Pennington, "the brave soldier," and now "eminent tragedian and gentleman," who recited Tennyson's "Charge of the Light Brigade," is a brother Mason, rank M.M. of the Royal Alfred Lodge 780.

The "Voice of Masonry" says: "It is an astonishing, and not a flattering fact, that of the 600,000 members of the Craft in the United States of America, not a hundred thousand have an interest to fully know the history of the Order to which they belong."

The Prince Frederick William Chapter of Instruction in Royal Arch Freemasonry, held at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, will for the future meet every week on Thursdays, at 8 p.m., and so give extended opportunity for officers of chapters and other companions to practise their duties. The instruction chapter has all requisite furniture, and companions can minutely go through the working of the various offices, and perfect themselves for their chapter duties, which must give confidence, and enable them to perform their duties more efficiently.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., has laid the foundation-stone of some new Church schools at Roby, near Liverpool. His Lordship expressed a wish to see children compelled to pass in a certain standard before they could be employed.

On Tuesday the Lady Mayoress held her last reception at the Mansion House.

The King of Greece has conferred the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Saviour upon the Duke of Sutherland, Sir Bartle Frere, and Bro. Lord Suffield; the grade of Grand Commander upon Lord Alfred Paget and General Probyn; and that of Commander upon Bro. Knollys and Dr. Fayer. Bro. Lord Aylesford, Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, Colonel Williams, and Canon Duckworth have been created Officers, and Captain Fitz-George, Mr. Grey, and Mr. Hall, Knights of the Order.

At the Cheshire Quarter Sessions, held at Knutsford on Monday week, Bro. Horatio Lloyd, P.G.S.W. of Cheshire, Recorder of Chester, was appointed Chairman of Quarter Session. The name of Bro. G. W. Latham, Past G.S.B. of England, was also proposed, but at his own request his name was withdrawn, Bro. Latham intimating that he should retire from the County Bench. This intimation will be received with great regret throughout the county, as he has long been greatly respected, both by magistrates and the public.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS: Good spirits.—Every one has frequently experienced sudden personal changes from gaiety to gloom. The weather oftentimes receives the blame, when a faulty digestion is alone the cause of the depression. Holloway's Pills can be honestly recommended for regulating a disordered stomach, and improving digestion. They entirely remove the sense of fullness and oppression after eating. They clear the furred tongue, and act as a wholesome stimulant to the liver, and as a gentle aperient to the bowels. They healthfully rouse both body and mind. Holloway's Pills are the best known antidotes for want of appetite, nausea, flatulency, heartburn, languor, depression, and that apathy so characteristic of chronic derangement of the digestion.—ADVT.

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Careful attention will be paid to all MSS. entrusted to the Editor, but he cannot undertake to return them unless accompanied by stamped directed covers.

"GENTLEMAN MASONS."—Too personal for our peaceful pages!

W. P. BUCHAN.—Declined with thanks.

The following stand over:—

Bros. Tew and Perrott in our next; too late for this week.

Coloured Lodges in the United States; J. G. Findel in our next.

Consecration of a New Lodge at Morecombe.

Entered Apprentices Song; Bro. Burdett Yeoman.

Consecration of a Lodge at Dunmow.

Consecration of a Lodge at Didsbury.

NOTICE.

The SECOND EDITION OF THE "FREEMASON," which will be ready early Saturday morning, will contain full reports of the proceedings at the installation of Comp. T. F. Halsey, M.P., as Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons of Herts, the General Committee of the Girls' School, and the Red Cross Conclave at Cambridge.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCT. 30, 1875.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO INDIA.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales took leave of the King and Queen of Greece off Hydra, and entered Port Said at 8.10 a.m. on the 23rd, where the Khedive's son and General Stanton came on board, amid salutes of cannon. The Prince of Wales, with his suite, was transferred to the Royal Yacht Osborne, and proceeded at 10.30 to Ismailia by the canal, where they landed at five o'clock. A guard of honour received the Prince, to whom great honours were offered. A special train conveyed the Royal party to Cairo, where they arrived at nine and had a magnificent reception. The Khedive was at the station with his Ministers and the English and foreign Consuls, while vast crowds of people were gathered outside. Military regiments were drawn up, and the bands played "God Save the Queen." At Zagazig, near Ismailia, the Prince received a reply to a telegram sent to the Princess from Port Said. On the 24th Divine service was performed. On the 25th there was an investiture of the Star of India and later an illumination of the Pyramids. H.R.H. invested Prince Teufik with the Star of India in the presence of the Khedive with great eclat. The Serapis left Suez at 8.10 on the 26th, after a brilliant reception. All well. The "Times of India" of Oct. 4, thus refers to the preparations making for the Prince's visit: "Preparations for the Prince's visit still occupy public attention, especially in Bombay, as the western capital is to have the honour of welcoming the Prince to India. It has been arranged to have a grand Freemasons' ball in the Town Hall, and the Byculla Club will give one to the officers of the Flying Squadron, at which the Prince has promised to be present, if only for a short time, during the evening. The visit to Poona has been decided upon, and we believe

Ahmedabad is also to have the honour of receiving the Prince. In Calcutta and Madras addresses are being prepared and arrangements for his Highness's reception matured. The committee appointed at Madras to draw up the address have fixed upon a very chaste design for the casket which is to hold it. The casket will be made of ivory, ornamented with gold, engraved after the swami pattern. The whole will be supported by four elephants made of gold. A Hyderabad nobleman is having a gorgeous palanquin and two tonjons constructed for presentation to his Royal Highness. The palanquin is painted in imitation of gold, and lined with rich velvet to match, and bears on the panels the coat of arms of the giver. When completed, with silver mountings, &c., it promises to be a very handsome piece of workmanship. Preparations on an extensive scale are being made for the visit of the Nizam to Bombay to welcome the Prince. It is expected that fifteen Hyderabad rajahs will accompany the Nizam to Bombay. His Highness will have an escort of four hundred cavalry of the re-formed troops, and two thousand retainers. The rajahs rajahlings, and chiefs in India are contributing most liberally towards the reception of the Prince. The largest contribution from a native Prince towards the visit is that of the Maharajah of Benares, who gave 25,000 rupees towards founding a hospital in that city to commemorate the Prince's visit. The Maharajah of Vizianagram gave 15,000 rupees on that occasion. But the Zemindar of Ettapooram, in the Tinnivelly district, though yet a minor, has signified his intention to the collector to expend 30,000 rupees on the occasion of his Royal Highness's visit to Tuticorn." Admiral Drummond reports that the engines of the Serapis now work in the most satisfactory manner.

A PRECEDENT.

We beg most earnestly to invite the attention of all our brethren to a little matter which affects the constitutional interests of Freemasonry, and the present and future welfare of our great Metropolitan Educational Institutions. It has been contended that a Provincial Grand Lodge, and, of course, "a fortiori" of Grand Lodge, has the power of passing a resolution which would tend either to inquire into the government, the expenditure, or the internal economy of these voluntary Masonic institutions. We have always contended, and always shall contend, that such a motion is unconstitutional and altogether "ultra vires." We are happy to find that our humble view of the matter is fully confirmed by the expressed and deliberate opinion of our quondam, noble, and admirable ruler, Lord Zetland. At the Quarterly Communication of March 3rd, 1858, our distinguished Bro. Beach, M.P., and now P.G.M. for Hampshire, raised a point of order as to the refusal of the Board of Masters to receive a resolution proposed to be submitted to Grand Lodge, relative to the examination of the children in the two Freemasons' Schools. What are our admirable old chief's wise remarks, remarks which we venture to press on the constitutional feelings and Masonic principles of a great many excellent brethren, who do not for once seem to apprehend the vital principles at issue? The M.W.G.M. said, that he believed the question of Bro. Beach arose out of the fact that the Chairman of the Board of Masters had refused to receive a notice of motion referring to two of the Masonic charities. In his opinion the Chairman of the Board was perfectly right in taking that course. It was a motion, as he had already stated, having reference to two of the Masonic charities, with which "Grand Lodge had nothing more to do than as subscribers. If a notice proposing to interfere with the British Orphan Asylum at Clapham had been put before the Board of Masters there could be no doubt that they would be justified in refusing to receive it. Grand Lodge had little more to do with the Masonic charities than with the British Orphan Asylum; that was to say, that it had nothing more to do with them than had any individual subscriber." This decision, Ex cathedra, by our lamented and constitutional G.M., Lord Zetland, will, we think, influence many whom our own inferior authority

has not naturally convinced. Thus, then, the proper course, and the only proper course, for complainant and complaint, is to go before the House Committee, or the Quarterly Court; and no other proposal or proceeding can be anything else but a "brutum fulmen," or a step taken unadvisedly in entire ignorance of the true position of the Masonic Schools, towards the constituted bodies of our Masonic system. We have but one interest to serve, the interest of the Craft; and we trust we may be credited for being actuated in all that we put forward in the "Freemason" by a fervent desire to uphold the proper constitutional precedents of our valuable Order on the one hand, and the real interests and permanent welfare of our great educational institutions on the other.

MASONIC MEMORIES.

We all of us at times go back in the spirit of our minds to other days and ancient friends. For in Freemasonry, like in every thing else, Time, the great disturber and destroyer of all mundane institutions, often lays its heavy hand on us and the lodge, where we have spent so many happy hours. Change or sickness, absence or business, take us away for a short time from the company of contemporaries, and the gatherings of our confieres, and like as in some tale of the genii, in the meanwhile, a magic transformation has taken place. The old friends we knew so well have gone. Bro. Jones is sick and suffering, Bro. Brown has gone to live in the country, Bro. Simpson can't leave home of an evening, Bro. Barker has got tired of Freemasonry, Bro. Pogson is advised by his doctor not to face the night air, one or two have become married men, one or two have migrated elsewhere, and lo and behold, the whole personnel of the lodge is completely metamorphosed. We enter the lodge once again as of yore, we find the external appearances unchanged, and the old Tyler greets us with a smile, and nod, and a few words of fraternal welcome, "Long time since we have seen you, Bro. Cropper, where have you been? And then we approach the mystic sanctum, and find ourselves once more in a well-known seat. All looks as it ever did, except that array of faces, the greater part of which is actually unknown to us. Oh, we say, "Quando mutatus ab illo" is the lodge of to-day, from that good old assembly in which in happier hours we wiled innocently away a few sunny hours of life, amid the calls of duty, or the labours of refreshment. And then we almost start. No more good old P.M. Jones with his dogmatism and his lectures, his laying down the law, his infallible authority, his ready utterance, and his good memory. No; all is changed. A young P.M., excessively well got up, very civil, very pleasant, and very fluent, repeats those cherished formulæ which we have heard so often from friendly lips of old, from the brave, the true, the warm-hearted, and the most fraternal alike in speech and heart, and which we know so well, and have been acquainted with so long. The old lodge is the same in some respects to us, as it, indeed, must be, and yet it is not the same. We miss the smiling faces and warm hearts of the past; we miss friendship that never wavered, and fraternal feelings that never changed; we miss the old familiar companions of many an hour of work, of many a merry re-union; and, like ghosts in an assembly of the living, we are like strangers in a home which once was ours, and new comers in a lodge room which we aided to establish and adorn. And all we can say is, "Such is life." Time and change come to us all in turn; they dim the after hours of life with lowering clouds, they undermine friendship, and they deaden affection. The world is moving on, and we are growing old, and the "postnati" are getting the advantage of us, and think that we are not quite go-a-head enough for them. Like Masonic philosophers, let us accept calmly then, the inevitable and the actual. We have worked our work, we have done our duty, we have laughed at old Jowler, and cheered Pat Maguire's song, and have declared that our W.M. is a "jolly good fellow, which nobody can deny—ny." We have upheld the cause of Masonic order, or have furthered the claims of Masonic benevolence, and as every dog as its day, we have had ours. But still the

memories of the past will supervene to whisper to us of many pleasant hours and happy gatherings, and to remember us of that good old lodge "quorum pars," once upon a time "magna fuimus."

RECENT PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

We have had to report the meetings of several of our important Provincial Grand Lodges lately, and as a general rule they all display much Masonic activity, and a happy and peaceful and constitutional progress, on the good old foundations and according to the safe old landmarks of Freemasonry. In one Provincial Grand Lodge, indeed, which shall here be nameless, the brethren were told to report nothing to the press, and the so-called official report is alike meagre and unsatisfactory. Any alarm or jealousy of the Masonic Press, which only caters for the information of the Craft at large, is alike unworthy of our age and our Order. In West Lancashire, under the presidency of our active and distinguished Deputy Grand Master, the P.G. Lodge, in accordance with the powers of the Book of Constitutions, has unanimously resolved to tax all the lodges in West Yorkshire for the purposes of benevolence, and in order to aid the charities. No doubt this may appear, and probably will be, a heavy burden on some lodges which are not so prosperous as others, but it is a step which we venture to deem greatly calculated to promote the cause and real end of Freemasonry. For one thing is quite clear even to the most careless observer of the current claims and work of our great Masonic Institutions, that what they want is the general support of the Order at large. We do not say—because we know that our brotherhood, despite the opinion of some, is not a rich body—that every brother should subscribe alike, but we do contend that more yet might be done by our lodges and chapters, and by our brethren, if not individually, on the principle of association and co-operation. For if a certain number of brethren cannot afford properly each to be a Life Governor and Steward, they can club together and endow some of the chairs of the lodge, or offices of the lodge with a perpetual Life Governorship. People sometimes talk as if every member of the 92,700 Freemasons who are said to belong to our English Constitution at home and in the colonies could each become a Life Governor of our metropolitan charities. But this is an impossibility from the simple fact, that a large proportion at any rate of our Order have only fixed and limited incomes to deal with. When then this is the case, the principle of association and co-operation comes in. What you cannot do singly you can do combined with others, and we therefore urge on all our readers to make an election of one of the charities for 1876, and give it either personal or conjoint support. There can be no doubt that, if the example of West Lancashire is generally followed, the provinces will have a larger sum to deal with in support of the charities or of local benevolence than they have ever had before, and as the great aim and object of Freemasonry are ever said to be the active principle of fraternal benevolence, of aid to the distressed, of succour to the needy, of protection to the orphan, we are glad to call attention to the unanimous action of a very distinguished province under its noble and amiable head, and to note its hearty and truly Masonic proceedings, for the information of our readers, and the imitation of other provinces.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

The annual meeting of this body is over for 1875, after a long and laborious session, beginning Monday, September the 13th, and ending Saturday the 18th. There does not seem to have been any matters of very great importance decided at this annual assembly, that is for those who are extra to French Freemasonry. The one point about which there seems to have been most discussion, and considerable excitement, was the proposal to enable the "Conseil de l'Ordre" to deal judicially with the case of a Master or an Orator, where the lodge had been led into irregularities of one kind or another, and which were opposed to the laws and regulations of the Grand Orient. As this was a departure from the normal

condition of affairs, from the actual "Regime Maconnique," it led to much opposition, and was finally rejected. It was then a defeat for the Conseil de l'Ordre which formally proposed the alteration. The object, no doubt, was to strengthen the hands of the Conseil de l'Ordre in dealing instantaneously with some aberrations and vagaries, of which individual Masters and lodges have been guilty, and which may occur again, and to repress any deviations from the neutral and unpolitical path, which ought ever to be that of Freemasonry. But whether or no, the Grand Orient thought it better "stare super vias antiquas," we know not, but it unmistakeably objected to and rejected the proposition. Beyond this we see little to note, as most of the business transacted was purely interesting to our brethren under the French Constitution. The Grand Orient took a very decided line as to the dissident chapters, and it is quite clear that the present anomalous arrangement will be perpetuated for some time longer. If we may venture to express an opinion on the matter, we should say, let the Grand Orient govern Craft or symbolic lodges, and a High Grade Metropolitan Chapter the High Grade Chapters. Our distinguished Bro. St. Jean has been re-elected President of the Conseil de l'Ordre; Bro. Cousin, Vice-President; Bro. Armand, Vice-President; and Bros. Caubet and Poulle, Secretaries. The following brethren were also elected members of the Conseil:—Pouille, Bremond, Roche, Loubatieres, Doué, De Heredia, Duhamel, Andrieux, Lagache, Bruand, André Rouselle, Marchal, Blanchon. We had prepared a translation of Bro. Pinchinat's oration at the close of the meeting for the week before last, but the great press of Masonic reports and correspondence has compelled us to abandon the project, and it will appear in the December "Masonic Magazine."

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AT PHILADELPHIA.

Pressure in our columns of Masonic matters prevents us alluding to this subject, as we said last week.

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.]

THE FREEMASONS' BOYS' SCHOOL.
To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I observe in your notice of the proceedings at the last General Court of this Institution I am reported as having suggested that the time had arrived when the school building at Wood Green should be enlarged. Now, this is altogether so different from the import of the few words I ventured to address to the committee that I ask for space to be allowed to say, I attended the Court on purpose to point out that the very small number of boys which it was proposed to elect seemed not to be proportioned to the very large amount of Masonic benevolence which had been entrusted to the Committee of the Boys' School during the past and preceding years, and also to urge, in view of the continued support given to the institution, that a greater number of poor Masonic children should be provided for; and I pointed out that in consequence of so small a number being elected it requires such an enormous number of votes to be collected as to render it a distressing task to any poor widow to undertake a canvass, unless supported by influential Masonic friends or some powerful Provincial Lodge.

It is possible my diffidence in addressing so large a body of Governors may have rendered my meaning not quite plain, but it is a great stretch of imagination to interpret my remarks into a suggestion for increasing the building of the Boys' School: considering the large amount which has been expended on its erection, it appears to me improbable that it could not be made to accommodate a considerable number of children beyond those now under its roofs.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
ALFRED LAYTON.

THE PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.
To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
A few explanatory corrections in continuation of mine in your last week's number, in reply to Messrs. Tew and Perrott.
At p. 29 we have the expenditure under the head "Grants, Outfits, Gratuities," most strongly animadverted upon, it being stated that "the amount so expended in 1872, 1873, and 1874 is £314 5s. 0s." Quite right, but from this should be deducted £9, £4 10s., and £5 in the three years as gratuities of 10s. each to boys on leaving, and which Mr. Perrott knew was given to each boy personally by the chairman, and therefore could not appear in the tables, and

of £1 5s. for silver medal in 1874 "most unaccountably" (I admit) charged under the wrong head of expenditure. This leaves £294 10s., thus made up:

Grants and Gratuities 1872	110	0	0
" " 1873	122	0	0
" " 1874	62	10	0

Of this the "Reply" states only

Leaving "unaccounted for"

(with the £19 15s.—£141 15s.) "of which no account is rendered." The inference is obvious. Pray attend to the annexed statement:—

In the Report for 1873, published in 1874, the total accounted for on p. 37 is	50	0	0
" " p. 38 is	105	0	0
" " p. 39 is	95	0	0
" " p. 40 is	75	0	0

Deduct clerical errors, "Duplicate Entries," 4, Collingwood, Howe, Recknell, Holme, at £5

Deduct, paid in 1871, because the table really shows results commencing in the year 1871

And add, as shown on p. 48, Report 1875, because absolutely paid in 1874

And you have a sum

covering the whole amount paid in the three years, instead of a deficit of £122 (141 15s.) "of which no account is rendered."

It may be urged that this account is not readily intelligible, nor perhaps is it so, without explanation. The tables—pp. 37-40 in Report for 1873 (or those in previous Reports)—were not intended to serve any other purpose than that of showing

- a. That certain boys had left the institution.
- b. Date of leaving.
- c. Amount of grant on obtaining situation.
- d. Calling or occupation.

e.g. Samuel Collingwood left the institution in 1868. Obtained a situation in 1871. Was granted £5 on June 6, 1873, which was paid on 20th June, 1873.

I give this as an instance proving the impossibility of comparing the tables with the amount expended in any given year as shewn in the balance sheet, and contend that it is quite sufficient for the information of the subscribers to set forth the manner in which boys on leaving the institution are assisted from time to time.

It is for the Audit Committee to examine and to satisfy themselves that the money granted by the General Committee has been properly expended, and, having done so, to certify the fact in the published balance sheet. And this has been done most scrupulously with reference to every shilling of expenditure.

To this statement, on behalf of the Audit Committee, I challenge contradiction.

Time does not permit an examination sufficiently minute or careful to discover the cause of the discrepancy of £3, but it will be ascertained, while every grant and payment can be verified by reference to minute and cash book.

My paramount anxiety being to set myself right on money questions, I trouble you no further at present, leaving other misstatements for future correction.

If, however, simple integrity and common honesty are to be ruthlessly destroyed by the reckless attacks of self-constituted censors, whose reputation will be safe? I confidently rely on the qualified members of the Order to show unmistakably that personal spleen shall not be gratified at the expense of private character, or by the sacrifice of the interests of a noble institution, which already has suffered much at the hands of one who for eighteen months unfortunately interfered considerably with its usefulness, and who now, under the guise of an exponent of abuses, seems to be labouring as far as his petty power extends to produce its ruin.

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

FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary.

London, 26th October, 1875.

LODGES OF EMERGENCY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Book of Constitutions, page 64, says that "a lodge of emergency may at any time be called by the authority of the Master," provided "the business to be transacted at such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, recorded on the minutes, and no other business shall be entered upon."

Further, at page 84, it says, "In cases of emergency" such and such points are to be attended to, "and the circumstances which cause the emergency" are to be stated.

I have ever been in doubt what latitude the Master of a lodge has in calling a lodge of emergency. I have initiated candidates at a lodge of emergency who have been going abroad at short notice, and conferred other degrees on properly qualified candidates who have come across the seas and who were not able to stay for a regular lodge, but I have always hesitated to do more than this.

It has been put to me that I can call a lodge of emergency at any time to initiate, pass, and raise brethren, provided they are elected at a regular lodge and the due time has elapsed between the degrees.

That is, supposing I did not find it convenient to confer degrees at a regular lodge, I could call a lodge of emergency the next week, if I pleased, and do the work. If this latitude be allowed by the Book of Constitutions I am sorry for it, and shall be glad of information thereon.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
HENRY JEFFS,
P.M. and W.M. No. 493.
Gloucester, Oct. 21, 1875.

MASONIC JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to the question of "An Enquiring M.M." as to his right to wear the "five-pointed star," as a jewel of the Third Degree, I must confess I do not think he is entitled to wear it. Certainly the rule laid down in the Book of Constitutions is rather vague, but we have no intimation, either in the ritual or elsewhere, that I know of, that that jewel in any way appertains to the Third Degree.

The only jewel I know of that could be legally worn in a Craft lodge, besides those specified in the Book of Constitutions, are the Charity jewel and R.A., and I cannot understand how they came to be omitted among the legal jewels.

Surely "An Enquiring M.M." might be content with the "badge" which fully designates his rank.

I am, yours fraternally,
E. Y. NEPEAN, P.M. 1373,
P.P.G.C. Hants and Isle of Wight.

FREEMASONRY IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I shall be very pleased to assist Bro. George Markham Tweddell in the compilation of a History of Freemasonry in the North of England.

The work is an extensive one, and at present I am not aware what materials Bro. Tweddell has collected, but if he will communicate with me, and explain his intentions as to the History, what information he lacks, &c., &c., I shall be delighted to supply all in my power, so as to render his work as complete and accurate as all the previous productions from his pen, and I feel sure Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., will also gladly assist.

Yours fraternally,
WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN,
Truro, 23rd Oct., 1875.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to correct a slight mistake which was published in your valuable paper the "Freemason" of last week. I had the pleasure of visiting King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, to the installation meeting and banquet. The mistake is in the name. The name in your paper is McLucy, of No. 60, instead of McLevy, of Widow Son Lodge, No. 60, Charlottesville, Va., U.S. of America. By putting this correctly in your valuable paper next week, you will greatly oblige.

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

McLevy.

BRO. NORTON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the memorial you so kindly inserted on my behalf, I find my address was omitted when the brethren signed the paper. I now hasten to repair the oversight, informing the Craft I shall be most happy to give full particulars of any distressing case on receipt of stamped directed envelope to,

Hopefully yours,

B. S. NORTON.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A brother, in a fit of pique, writes to the W.M. that he will never enter the lodge again. The W.M. writes to him to ask whether the letter is intended as a resignation, but receives no answer. He then calls, and by word of mouth receives the reply that it may be taken in that light if the W.M. likes. My opinion is, that the letter did not imply resignation of membership; and that, therefore, no verbal communication, even if it amounted to resignation, outside the lodge, could justify the W.M. in having the brother's name taken off the books. I should like to hear the opinion of some of the many brethren, (your correspondents), who are much older and more experienced Masons than myself, as to the matter,

I remain, yours fraternally,

SIGILLUM.

THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Sir,—

Your answer to "An Enquiring M.M." in your last issue is that rather of a hostile, than of a friendly informant. Permit me to supplement your replies.

1. Is the Mark Degree a recognized Masonic Order, i.e. by the Craft Grand Lodge?

It is not, any more than the 33° and the Temple, of which the Prince of Wales is G.M. But it is recognized by the 33°, by the Temple, by the Grand Chapters of Canada and the United States, and virtually by the Grand Chapter of Ireland.

2. Does it support the Masonic Charities?

The Mark Grand Lodge is a Vice-President of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, as are several of its Provincial Grand Lodges.

3. Their origin? In the 17th century Mother Kilwinning Lodge made members choose their marks, and charged them a fee of four shillings.

On January 7th, 1778, the Banff Operative Lodge laid down regulations for taking the degrees of Mark Man and Mark Master.

Mark lodges existed in England under the York Constitution; the minutes of the St. John's Mark Lodge at Bolton, dating from 1779.

The English Mark Lodges formed themselves into a Mark Grand Lodge under Lord Leigh in 1856, who was succeeded in 1860 by the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master of the Craft.

4. Is the Mark Degree a necessary preliminary to the Royal Arch? Not in England, but in Scotland, Ireland, Canada, and the United States, no one can be a Royal Arch Mason unless he is a Mark Master; and an English R.A. Mason, unless he were a Mark Master, would find himself debarred from entering a chapter in these countries where any work was going on.

Yours fraternally,
A MARK MASTER.

[We do not see how we have incurred the animadversions of "A Mark Master." We were asked as to the Grand Lodge of England alone, and we answered accordingly, exactly as "A Mark Master" has answered with reference to England. We answered bonâ fide to the best of our knowledge and belief, and "A Mark Master" has himself shown that we were perfectly correct. We disclaim any hostility.—Ed.]

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see a paragraph in a Sheffield paper, in the account of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, in that town, on the 20th, which sounds to me rather oddly. In the Sheffield "Daily Telegraph" of October 21st these words which follow are reported as forming part of the speech of our estimable P.G.M. "These efforts have resulted in the election of the two girls, and one boy also has got in. For this we have to thank our Bros. Thomas Tew, D.P.G.M.; Thomas Hill, Chairman of our Charity Committee; H. Smith, our P. G. Secretary, and Bro. Simpson, of the St. Oswald's Lodge, who acted as scrutineer." In the first place, may I ask what a "scrutineer" has to do with the election, since it is his duty to hold himself entirely aloof from any questions of voting? And in the next place, may I respectfully inquire what Bro. Thomas Tew, D.P.G.M., had to do with the election? Was he even present? And lastly, is it too presumptuous to ask, to whom is our excellent P.G.M. indebted for this garbled version of the real facts of the case? Can our worthy Bro. Hill say, as the presiding representative of West Yorkshire, that such a version given of P.G.M., who no doubt spoke to the P.G. Lodge in all good faith, as he always does, is a correct one in any way?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
PALMAN QUI MERUIT FERAT, W.Y.

Reviews.

THE BYE-LAWS OF THE YORK LODGE, 226.

We have been greatly pleased with this little book, which has been edited for this well-known lodge by Bro. Wm. Cowling, P.M., and P.P.S.G.W. West Yorkshire, and by Bro. Joseph Todd, P.M., P.P.G.O. It is a very admirable addition to our lodge histories, and to Masonic archaeology generally. For, in addition to a very lucid history of the York Lodge itself, it contains a very animated account of Freemasonry at York, and both these papers do great credit to the two able brethren who have respectively compiled them. The little work also contains a photograph of the oldest known Masonic picture in the world, that is of Sir Walter Hawksworth, G.M. of the ancient Grand Lodge of York from 1711 to 1713. We only regret that our pages, full now to repletion, will not allow of a longer review, but as we understand that a full review of this acceptable lodge history, admirably printed as it is, will appear in the "Masonic Magazine" for December, we must refer our readers to that serial for further particulars and a more detailed review. We can only congratulate the York Lodge and Bros. P.M.'s Cowling and Todd on this happily completed "labour of love," and we take this opportunity of adding, that the spirit in which the York Lodge has ever treated the question of its own valuable records is in the highest degree creditable to the lodge and brethren, because based on the true principles of general courtesy, and the Masonic characteristics of liberality and consideration to all. W.

AN OLD STORY. By S. C. HALL, Esq.

We have before us a very neatly printed and prettily got up story in aid of the cause of Temperance. As Freemasons we always endeavour, or ought to do so, to be temperate in all things, and, therefore, anything which will help forward a very praiseworthy endeavour after reformation in respect of evil habits or untoward excess deserves, and will command our friendly approval. We do not presume to be dogmatic or dictatorial, or to lay down the law on the matter, for, to say the truth, we are no admirers of the laws of Maine on this subject. But we gladly welcome all persuasive words and kindly efforts, whether in prose or verse, to improve defective habits, to restrain unhappy tendencies, and to point out to all, old or young, the healthful, and wholesome, and pressing claims of temperance on all who love their country, their families, their children, their neighbours, and their friends. We, therefore very readily commend Bro. Hall's poetic little tale to the kindly notice and perusal of our many readers at home and abroad. W.

THE INDIAN GRAPHIC.

We have been much pleased with this extra issue of the "Graphic." It is well got up, and reflects credit on its enterprising publishers. The visit of our Grand Master to India makes all that relates to India just now very interesting to Freemasons and to Englishmen. We fancy this extra number will have a large sale. W.

MASONIC MUSIC.

"The Craft that has Weathered the Storm." By Bro. SHEPWIN.—George Kenning.

We commend this sprightly and effective little song, alike eloquent in words and harmonious in melody, to the notice of our many musical brethren. It will suitably increase their own "repertoire," and greatly please their auditors. W.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

For the first time, the annual gathering of Freemasons of the Province of Staffordshire has been held at Lichfield, and the old city was on Tuesday aroused from its ordinary quietude by the assembling of nearly 200 brethren of the Craft. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened about one o'clock in the St. John's Lodge-room, at the George Hotel, when the Right Worshipful Bro. the Earl of Shrewsbury, Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by the Very Worshipful Bro. Frank James, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the officers of Grand Lodge, and a large number of Past Provincial Officers entered the lodge-room, and took their respective positions, the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, &c., being saluted and received by the brethren Masonically. The other officers of Grand Lodge present were H. Wilson, 456, P.J.G.W.; the Revs. S. T. Tozer, 347, and T. B. Mundy, 1039, P.G. Chaplains; John Bodenham, 726, P.G. Treas.; W. Cartwright, 460, P.G. Sec.; E. Scrivener, 460, P.S.G.D.; James Watkin, 490, P.J.G.D.; S. Hill, 546, P.G.D.C.; Benjamin Love, 549, P.M. and P.G.A.D.C.; Thomas Bedmore, W.M. 1039, P.G.O.; Sampson Bennett, 91, P.G.S.B.; Herbert Russell, 1039; John Fowler, I.G. 1039; J. H. Henry, Sec. 1039; W. H. Durrad, 1039; J. Turnock, 1039; Chas. Lomas, 1039, P.G. Stewards; and H. Baggaley, 460, P.G. Tyler. The following Past Provincial Grand Officers also inscribed their names in the Tyler's book, viz.:—John Burton, 539, P.D.P.G.M.; Jos. Newman, 539, P. Prov. J.G.W.; George Singleton Tutor, P.D. P.G.M.; James Downess, 539, P.P.G. Chaplain; James Symons, 539, P.M. and P.P.G.S.B.; W. Bayliss, 539, P.M. and P. Prov. J.G.D.; J. W. Hancock, 1068, P.M. and P. Prov. G.P.; T. A. Jackson, 353 and 624, P.M. and P. Prov. S.G.D.; George Charles Richards, 301, P.M. and P.P.S.G.D.; J. C. McLean, 1039, P.P.G.P.; George Higham, 526, P.M. and P.P.G. Superintendent of Works; W. J. Gothard, 624, P.M. and P.P.G. Superintendent of Works; J. S. Witham, 850, P.M. and P.P. G.S.B.; James Rodgers, 418, P.P.G.S.D.; W. W. Burton, 731, S.W. and P.P.G.P. Derbyshire; Charles Matthews, P.M. and P.P. J.G.W.; George Spilsbury, 726, P.M. and P.P. S.G.W.; Clement Marsh, 463, P.P.S.G.W.; Sampson Bennett, 98, P.M. and P.G.S.B.; Henry Parker, 451, P.M. and P.P.J.G.W.; A. G. Prince, 546, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Webberley, 546, P.P.G.P.; Henry Kilner, 526, P.G. R.; W. J. Whittall, 482, P.M., P.G.R.; Jas. F. Wileman, 586, P.P.J.G.T.; Frederick P. Derry, 482, P.M. 1551, and P.P.G.W.; Thos. Taylor, 418, P.M., and P.P.G.S.W.; R. Bindley, 1060, P.M. and P.P.G.P.; John L. Gibbons, 425, P.M. and P.P.S. of Derbyshire; M. W. Wilson, 794, P.P.S.G.W. Warwickshire; George Cooper, 456, P.P.G.P., and a large number of officers and members of the various lodges in the province.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the R.W.P.G.M. requested Brother Cartwright, P.G. Secretary, to read the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, which was held in the Talbot Gallery at Alton Towers, and also the minutes of the three quarterly meetings which had taken place at Cannock, Longton, and Handsworth, and these were subsequently confirmed. Brother J. Bodenham, P.G. Treasurer, reported that the receipts to Grand Lodge for the year amounted to £115 16s., and the disbursements to £80 15s. 10d., leaving a balance of £105 1s. 2d., in addition to £110 belonging

the Shrewsbury Benevolent Fund. The report was received and confirmed, and on the proposition of the R.W.P.G. Master, who referred to the deep indebtedness of the province for the work he had done, seconded by the V.W.D.P.G. Master, Brother Bodenham, was unanimously re-elected Tyler for the 39th time. These two offices are the only ones in connection with which the lodge has power to exercise their choice of selection.

Letters of apology were read from Brother Col. Vernon, P.P.G.M., and Brother Howells, P.P.G. Treasurer, the latter conveying his thanks to the brethren for the presentation of a jewel ordered by the last P.G. Lodge.

The R.W. the P.G. Master then proceeded to the appointment of his officers for the ensuing year, prefacing his selection by a few terse observations on his endeavours to confer the various appointments on those who Masonically merited them. After a few words of strong commendation, the R.W.P.G. Master re-appointed Brother Frank James, 539, as D.P.G.M., and re-invested him with the jewel of office.

The following is a list of the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year.—

- Frank James, 539..... Prov. D.G.M.
- Charles Trigg, 1039..... Prov. G.S.W.
- J. F. Wileman, 546..... Prov. G.J.W.
- Rev. Brooke Lambert..... Prov. G. Chaplain.
- Rev. Charles Lea, 526..... Prov. G. Chaplain.
- Francis Chaddick, 662..... Prov. G. Reg.
- J. Bodenham, 726..... Prov. G. Treas.
- W. Cartwright, 460..... Prov. G. Sec.
- Thomas Moore, 726..... Prov. G.S.D.
- John Waterson, 482..... Prov. G.J.D.
- W. Jones, 1520..... Prov. G.S. Wks.
- S. Hill, 546..... Prov. G.D.C.
- J. Payne Hall, 456..... Prov. P.G.A.D.
- John Lucas, 624..... Prov. G. Swd. B.
- T. Bedsmore, 1030..... Prov. G. Org.
- T. R. Bettely, 482..... Prov. G. Purst.
- Richard Booth, 657..... Prov. G. Std. B.
- H. Bagguley..... Prov. G. Tyler.

The R.W.P.G. Master, on presenting each jewel, accompanied it with some commendatory remark—in the case of Bro. T. Moore, as S.D., he said “as a near neighbour I have had the pleasure of seeing the manner in which you have conducted the duties of your lodge, and I give you this jewel feeling that you richly deserve it;” and to Bro. W. Jones, as Superintendent of Works, he observed, “you well deserve honour as the originator and first Master of the Shrewsbury Lodge.”

Some discussion then took place on the subject of the Shrewsbury fund, and suggestions were made as to the advisableness of concentrating the voting power of the Province, the result being the unanimous adoption of a resolution, earnestly recommending W.M.'s of lodges and also individual subscribers to forward their votes to the Committee of the Masonic Charities Association as the most likely method of concentrating and making effective the voting power of the Province.

The business of the lodge was then suspended and a procession took place to the Cathedral, headed by the band of the 1st Staffordshire Militia, the brethren wearing their respective jewels and Masonic clothing. Prayers only were read, in consequence of some established regulation by the Dean and Chapter, that none but prebends or clergymen connected with the cathedral are permitted to preach there. The Rev. Bro. Tozer, P.G. Chaplain, who had been selected by the R.W.P.G.M. to preach, not having any local standing in connection with the sacred edifice, it was ruled by his lordship that the sermon should be delivered on the return of the brethren to the lodge-room, and this was subsequently done after the usual evening service and anthem at the cathedral. Before leaving the latter place a collection of £21 was made, and this amount was voted by the brethren, on their return to the lodge-room, in the following way:—£5 5s. to the organ fund of St. Mary's Church; £5 5s. to the Rev. Bro. Tozer's schools; and £10 10s. to the Shrewsbury Benevolent Fund. £30 was also voted for Provincial Grand Lodge to the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows; and £11 was granted to pay off the balance due to the fund raised by the late Bro.

J. Pilling, for the purpose of providing Staffordshire ware to the Royal Institution for Boys, and also as a mark of respect to his memory.

The P.G. Lodge was subsequently closed, and the brethren “retired from labour to refreshment.”

The banquet took place at St. George's Hall, which was decorated with banners, &c., belonging to various lodges in the province. The tables were arranged so that the brethren of each lodge had their respective positions assigned to them, the R.W.P.G. Master and several Past Provincial Officers being seated at a cross-table at the head of the hall, immediately in front of the stage or platform. The choristers of the cathedral, under the presidency of Bro. Bedsmore, who accompanied on the piano, occupied the stage, and interested the company with singing several pieces; and in the galleries were a large number of ladies, who appeared to take a deep interest in the proceedings, and to whom the Provincial Stewards served cake and wine.

The dinner was served by Bro. J. Owen, of the George Hotel.

“Non nobis Domine” having been sung by the choristers, the R.W.P.G. Master proposed, in suitable and loyal terms, the toast of “The Queen and the Craft,” “The Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family,” “His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England;” “The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Pro Grand Master; Lork Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past.” These were all drank with enthusiasm.

This was followed by the V.W.D.P.G. Master proposing “The Health of the Right Worshipful the Earl of Shrewsbury, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire,” referring in the most flattering terms to his deep solicitude for the furtherance of true Masonic principles in the province, to the interest he evinced in affording every facility for the brethren at the Albert Hall on the occasion of the installation of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and to the influence and assistance he had given to the Masonic charities in presiding at their annual festivals.

The V.W.D.P.G. Master then alluded in happy terms to the marriage of the noble earl's daughter, Lady Theresa Talbot, and stated that a substantial proof of the love and respect of the brethren of the province for their noble chief had been shown by the handsome present to his daughter, now Lady Castlereagh.—The R.W.P.G. Master feelingly acknowledged the toast, expressing the pride he felt in wearing the medal which had been presented to him in connection with the Masonic charities, and his desire that every Mason in the province should carry out the tenets of the Craft. It was a gratification to him and his family to receive such numberless instances of kindly feeling on the occasion of his daughter's marriage. But lately he had received a large deputation from his tenantry, whilst the school children, the servants, in fact everybody, seemed to be vying with each other in expressions of kindness and good-will.

The toast of “The Very Worshipful Bro. Frank James, D.P.G.M.,” was next humourously proposed by Bro. Dr. Burton, P.P.D.G.M., and responded to by Bro. James in his usually practical and eloquent manner. This was followed by the toasts of “The Provincial Grand Wardens and other Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge,” “The Worshipful Masters of Lodges in the Province,” “The Visitors,” acknowledged by the Rev. R. Bigge, P.M. of 146; “The Provincial Grand Stewards,” and “The Ladies,” acknowledged by Bro. James Rodgers. “The Tyler's” toast closed the festival.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

On Wednesday, 20th inst., notwithstanding a steady down-pour of rain the whole day, a goodly number of the brethren of West Yorkshire assembled at the Cutler's Hall, Sheffield, in connection with the above lodge, about 50 out of 61 lodges being represented. The preliminary lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. F. M. Tindall, and officers of the Wentworth Lodge, No. 1239.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened,

it was presided over by Colonel Sir H. Edwards, who, after the customary salutation, said it afforded him much pleasure to meet the brethren that day, the first time the Wentworth banner had borne the honour. It afforded him an additional pleasure because of the unmistakable loyalty the brethren had displayed on the occasion of the recent visit of H.R.H. the Grand Master of England and his amiable Princess in August last. He wished to express his gratitude to those who had lent them the use of the building for their meeting, and he was glad to learn that the brethren of Sheffield were contemplating the enlarging and improving of their own hall. He trusted the time was not far distant when every lodge in the province would hold their meetings in a building dedicated to Masonry. He next addressed the brethren on the subject of the Masonic Charities, and congratulated the province on the great accession of voting power it had attained this year. In the province of West Yorkshire no less a sum than £2000 had been subscribed during 1875 for the three great charities; but this amount has been contributed by only 174 brethren, leaving 2600 who had not directly contributed. As the Marquis of Ripon had often said, so must he—that he always found the same names in the list of subscribers. The province of West Yorkshire should do more. Never had such great exertions been required as at the recent elections in London, when the province secured the victory for their two girls and one boy. Referring to the growth of Freemasonry, the Prov. Grand Master said as admissions into Freemasonry were greatly on the increase, especially in this province, he earnestly urged W.M.'s of lodges to use the greatest care as to who were admitted into the Order; several Masonic clubs, he said, had been established in various towns by members of lodges, and he recommended that, whatever was the hour for closing public-houses in those places, that hour ought to be adopted for closing those clubs, as any later hour in opposition to the laws of the country tended to bring Freemasonry into disrepute. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, before concluding, passed a high eulogium on the ability of the late Bro. Freeman, of Huddersfield, who had died since the last meeting, and paid a high tribute to his memory.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master having been saluted, briefly responded, after which the routine business of the meeting was proceeded with.

Bro. Thos. Hill then made a report of the Charity Committee, and stated that in order to secure the election of a second girl the brethren of Huddersfield, from which district the girl came, had subscribed the handsome sum of 200 guineas.

The next subject brought before the meeting was one which engrossed the interest of all the brethren present; it was a resolution brought forward by Bro. J. Cawthorn, P.M., on the subject of the management of the Masonic Boys' School.

Bro. Cawthorn said he came there as no man's champion, nor at the instigation of any one. He felt a deep interest in the educational work of the charities, as well as in the number of candidates who had from time to time been refused admission, and it was as their champion that he stood before that meeting. He contended that the sum of £67 per annum per boy looked exorbitantly high, and if the Prov. Grand Lodge, by adopting his resolution, were instrumental in securing the same advantages for £37 which they now got for £67, and so secure a greater number of admissions to the school, they would attain a great work. He moved, “That this Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire take into consideration the necessity of thoroughly investigating the management and expenditure of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to the end that a more economic system of collecting and dispensing the funds of this institution may be arrived at, so that candidates who from time to time are excluded from its benefits by reason of the present system may, by a more judicious and less expensive management, be enabled to participate in the benefits of the charity.”

Bro. Isaac Booth, of Halifax, seconded the resolution, and in the course of an effective

speech contrasted the excessively large and extravagant expenditure of the Boys' School with some other institutions of which he personally knew something. The Masonic Boys' School at Wood Green cost £52 per annum per boy, exclusive of interest for capital; whilst the London Orphan Asylum, which afforded as good an education, cost under £32; the Manchester Orphan Asylum a fraction over £34; and the "costly" Halifax Orphanage, with a far superior education, cost £27 7s. 10d. This year the number of applicants who were unable to gain admission was about 60, and the margin between the London Orphanage and the Masonic Boys' School was sufficient to clothe, maintain, and educate more than double that number.

After other brethren had expressed their opinion, much in the same strain, the resolution was put and carried, with only one dissentient.

Other resolutions in support of the various charities were then considered, after which the Prov. Grand Lodge was duly closed.

About 130 of the brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, served in the dining room of the Cutlers' Hall. Mr. Robert Brookes, of High-street, Sheffield, was the purveyor.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily given and received, and an enjoyable few hours were spent.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

By direction of Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., a Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons for the Province of North Wales and Shropshire was held at Bangor on Friday, the 22nd inst. The Grand Lodge was opened in the Penrhyn Hall, which was extemporised as a lodge-room, being tastefully fitted up under the direction of Bros. T. Hathaway, P.M.; John Jones, W.M.; T. Purvis, and Evan Evans, of St. David's (Bangor) Lodge, 384. The brethren, who mustered very strongly, proceeded to the cathedral, where Divine service was held at four o'clock. The procession entered the cathedral by the great west door under Bishop Skeffington's tower, the brethren appearing in full Craft Masonic clothing and jewels. The service was full choral, and was intoned by the Rev. D. H. Ellis, Mus. Bac., and Bro. the Rev. J. R. Walters, Chaplain of the Segontium (Carnarvon) Lodge. The anthem was Dr. Wesley's "Blessed be the God," which, with the other portions of the service, was magnificently sung by the cathedral choir. Brother Roland Rogers, Mus. Doc., Oxon, organist of the cathedral, presided at the organ. The sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Bangor, and at the close of the service, which attracted a large congregation, a collection was made in aid of the Masonic and local charities. The local arrangements were admirably carried out by Bro. R. Roberts, S.W., and other members of the Bangor Lodge. The banquet was served at the Castle Hotel, and was provided by Mr. Denman.

Obituary.

LATE BRO. D. D. BECK.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. David Davison Beck, which occurred on the 13th inst. Bro. Beck was initiated into Freemasonry in the Industry Lodge, 186, London, on the 25th February, 1868, and he became Master of the same lodge in 1874. He was also a member of the Royal Arch, and was First Principal Elect of the Industry Chapter, in which office he was to have been installed last Tuesday. He was one of the principal founders of the St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1,306, and was inducted in its chair in 1872. In the following year he installed his successor, and was presented on that occasion with a very handsome gold watch, besides a ten guinea jewel, in recognition of his services. At the time of his death Bro. Beck was forty-eight years of age. His loss will be deeply deplored by a large circle of friends and brethren, by whom he was admired for his genial qualities. He leaves a widow and five children, the eldest of whom is only fifteen years of age. His remains were interred in Nunhead Cemetery on Monday last, and were followed to their last earthly resting-place by a numerous concourse of brethren.

Felton and Sons' (of Albermarle-street) "Spécialité" sherry has now maintained its reputation more than three years. Comparing an analysis which we made recently with the analysis of three years ago, we are glad to see that it is still an honest, sound wine, free from acid, and of excellent quality. It has attained and deserves a great medical reputation.—"Medical Record."

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

We have received from Bro. Graham the address of the Grand Master, of which the following is an abstract.

Officers and Brothers,—

The time for the annual meeting of Grand Lodge is a time for self-examination on the part of the Grand Master. He is called upon to review his own acts; to consider whether he has been faithful and diligent in the discharge of his duties, and whether he has laboured as zealously as he ought to have laboured in the interests committed to his care. Whilst I will not say that I have wilfully neglected any important duties, I must confess my consciousness of many lost opportunities to do good, for which I invoke your consideration towards myself.

In the kind feeling and harmony that prevail in our jurisdiction you will recognize the handiwork of the Great Architect of the Universe, and return Him thanks for this and all His other blessings bestowed upon us.

The installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England was an event that caused much interest, not only among the Freemasons in the Empire, but among all classes of people. The exalted position of the Prince of Wales, the magnificence of the ceremonial of his installation, the demonstration of warm affection excited by his appearance in Grand Lodge, the admirable spirit of his address on assuming his official station, and his own acknowledgment of attachment to our time-honoured fraternity, and of his determination to further its objects, are sufficient to make this event one of the most important in the annals of Freemasonry in the British Empire, and it is one that I trust will shed a lustre, not only upon the institution, but upon our distinguished brother.

Another striking Masonic event was the dedication in the city of Rome of a magnificent suite of apartments for the uses of the Craft—a ceremony in which nearly one thousand brothers united, and the public celebration of which demonstrates the Masonic unity now prevailing in Italy, as well as the growth of liberty in the Eternal City.

The dedication of the fine new Masonic Temple in New York was an event of more than ordinary interest. The Grand Master of that State courteously extended to the G.M. and other prominent officers of this Grand Lodge an invitation to be present and participate in the ceremonies. The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary concurred with me in the idea that the occasion was one to call for the congratulations of the entire Craft in the Province, and we, therefore, sent the following telegram to the Grand Lodge of New York:—

St John, New Brunswick, June 4, 1875.
To Ellwood E. Thorne, Grand Master:

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick fraternally greets the Grand Lodge of New York, and congratulates the fraternity of the Empire State on the great events of the week. May the Hall just dedicated ever be the abode of brotherly love, and the projected Asylum soon be an accomplished fact—a monument testifying alike to the great principles of our institution and of the devotion of New York Masonry to those principles.

John V. Ellis, Grand Master,
Robert Marshall, Deputy Grand Master,
Wm. F. Bunting, Grand Secretary.

With all the Masonic jurisdictions with which we are in fraternal communication the most kindly relations prevail.

Commissions have issued to W. Bro. W. W. Estabrooks, Past Grand Chaplain of the Lodge of Iowa, and a native of this province, as our representative at that Grand Lodge; and to Bro. Christopher Dhial as our representative at the Grand Lodge of Utah.

MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS.

It is a pleasing sign of the times that lodges of instruction, besides the contributions which the members give in their subscriptions to the charities, have instituted and are instituting Masonic Benevolent Associations for the purpose of making members of the Craft, their wives, sons, and daughters Life Governors of the institutions. One is in full working in the St. James's Union, and a new one

is to be started next week in connection with the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, which is held at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, every Friday at 7 o'clock. The members pay a shilling a week, but the non-Masons take no part in the government of the association. The President is Bro. P.M. Stacey, 180; the Vice-President, Bro. John While, W.M. 228; and the committee are: Bros. Squirrell, 206; Skelton, J.W. 1056; W. P. Webb, 985; Abell, 55; Collett, 190; F. Caton, 1349; J. Caton, 765; Dodson, 55; J. Rowlands, 1098 and 1541; Monroe (of the Rifle Lodge, Edinburgh). Bro. Bingham is the Treasurer, and Bro. Snelling, 180, the secretary.

The New Concord Lodge of Instruction, meeting at the Rosemary Branch, Hoxton, has started a similar one for obtaining a Life Governorship in one of the charities. The officers are:—

PRESIDENT, Bro. Pearcey, 228.

VICE-PRESIDENT, Bro. Vanderling, 199.

TREASURER, Bro. Halford, 228.

COMMITTEE: Bros. W. H. Main, 813; Hobbs, 749; Braine, 65; Sadler, 1471; Cook, 65; Hickman, 228; Killick, 228; Isaac, 188; Stock, 1178; Knight, 1366; Trewnard, 228; Madders, 1309.

HON. SECRETARY, Bro. Cusworth.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 6, 1875.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30.

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.

Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.

" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern Aldersgate-street.

" 144, St. Luke's, Mason's Hall, Basinghall-street.

" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

Mark Lodge, 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), 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. Gutheil, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

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.

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

Colonial Board at 3.

Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.

" 9, Albion, Regent's Masonic Hall, Regent-street.

" 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.

" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.

" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road, E.

" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent's Masonic Hall, Air-st., Piccadilly.

" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Wellington-street, Upper-street, N.

" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.

Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), 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), Wheatsheaf 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, NOVEMBER 3.

Grand Chapter, at 7.
 Lodge 511, Zealand, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 1491, Athenæum, Camden-road, Holloway.
 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, NOVEMBER 4.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 45, Strong Man, Mason's Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1351, St. Clement's Danes, King's Head Hotel, 265, Strand.
 " 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
 Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 Rose Croix Chapter 8, St. George's, 33, Golden-square.
 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 Arglers' 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.
 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.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter of Instruction, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. Comp. Baker, P.Z., Preceptor.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Chap. 3, Fidelity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Brcs. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m., Bro. H. Muggidge, P.M., Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Prec.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 6, 1875.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Assembly Rooms, Bull Hotel, Preston.
 " 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
 " 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 1264, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 " 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), M. Hall, Liverpool, at 7.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.
 " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh.
 Chap. 477, Fidelity, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.
 Mark Lodge, 65, West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

Lodge 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 3.
 " 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, near Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.30.
 " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
 " 1387, Chorlton, Mas. Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
 " 1505, Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 6, 1875.
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

Lodge 124, Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Ayr.
 " 129, St. Mirren's, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
 " 138, Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.
 " 237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.
 " 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose-street.
 Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-street.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

Lodge 3 1/2, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-street.
 " 173, St. John, Masonic Hall, Largs.
 " 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.
 " 331, St. Peter's, Portland Arms, Galston.
 " 406, St. John Dalziel, Mas. Hall, Motherwell.

Lodge 433, St. Thomas, Eglinton Hall, Dalmellington.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Arms, Govan.
 " 497, St. John's, Brewery Hall, Catrine.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

Lodge 0, Mother Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Kilwinning.
 " 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 21, Old St. John, Masonic Hall, Lanark.
 " 86, Navigation, Commercial Hall, Troon.
 " 117, St. Mary's, Masonic Hall, Partick.
 " 126, St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
 " 128, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.
 " 166, St. John, 29, Graham-street, Airdrie.
 " 198, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Maybole.
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-street.
 " 442, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Ardrossan.
 " 571, Dramatic, St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, at 3.

Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

Lodge 11, St. John, King's Arms, Maybole.
 " 22, St. John's Kilwinning, George H., Kilmarnock.
 " 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 149, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Irvine.
 " 157, St. John, Main-street, Beith.
 " 165, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.
 " 202, St. Clement's, Trades Tavern, Kilmarnock.
 " 320, St. John Royal Arch, Masonic Hall, Ardrossan.
 " 370, Renfrew, Masonic Hall, High-street, Paisley.
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Garnad Road.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

Lodge 114, Royal Arch, Masonic Hall, Cambuslang.
 " 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
 " 135, St. James', Crown Inn, Tarbolton.
 " 175, St. John, St. John's Hall, Greenock.
 " 215, St. Andrew, Avondale Inn, Strathavon.
 " 217, Cumberland, Kilwinning, Town Hall, Port Glasgow.
 " 242, Houston, Cross Keys Hotel, Johnstone.
 " 248, Lockhart St. John, Masonic Hall, Carnwarth.
 " 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.
 " 300, Commercial, 30, Hope-street.
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 459, Kelburne, Cumbrac Hotel, Millport.
 " 512, Thorntree, Masonic Hall, Thornliebank.
 " 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6.
 Lodge, 458, St. John's Wilson's Hall, Busby.
 " 554, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 6, 1875.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2.
 Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-street.
 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4.
 Lodge 97, St. James, St. James's Hall, Writers'-court.
 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5.
 Lodge 291, Celtic, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.

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