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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF FAITH (No. 141).—An exceedingly strong meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on October 26th last. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Kennett, assisted by Bros. Waygood, S.W., and W.M. elect; Davis, J.W.; Mallett, S.D.; Fox, J.D.; Darcy, I.G.; Cater, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Themans, I.P.M.; Bye, W.S.; Davis, D.C.; Hopwood, P.M.; and Taylor, P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Auditors, Bros. Walls, Wilson, Hewlet, Bye, and Holland, was received and adopted. The W.M. then initiated Mr. F. A. Ormston into the mysteries of the Craft, and passed Bro. Martin. Bro. Kennett having vacated the chair, Bro. Themans, at his request, passed Bro. Politzer to the Sublime Degree. The whole of the ceremonies were most ably carried out. This being the night of installation, after the usual preliminaries a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the S.W., Bro. Waygood, was duly and according to ancient form inducted into the chair of K.S. Upon the return of the brethren the ceremonial was proceeded with and brought to a satisfactory conclusion. The whole of the beautiful ceremony, including the investiture of the officers, was carried out by the retiring Master, Bro. Kennett. The officers appointed were as follows: Bros. Davis, S.W.; Mallett, J.W.; Fox, S.D.; Darcy, J.D.; Bye, I.G.; Davis, W.S.; Rumbold, D.C.; Carter, Treasurer; Stuart, Secretary; Longstaffe, Tyler. The lodge having closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Hill, J.W. 228; Snare, S.D. 228; Cook, 382; Bull, 907; Simpson, 1178; and Dr. Heringer (Philadelphia). The Royal and Craft toasts were given briefly by the W.M. and well received. The "Health of the W.M." followed in due course and was heartily drunk. Bro. Waygood, in reply, stated that he hoped the brethren would excuse him from making a long speech that evening, as he was new to the position, but that at the next meeting he would endeavour to fully express how gratified he felt at having been elected to preside over so important a lodge as the "Faith." "The Health of the Initiate" (Bro. Ormston) was then given, and that brother made a most excellent reply. "The Visitors" toast having been duly honoured, Bros. Hill and Snare acknowledged the compliment on behalf of themselves and their visiting brethren. In proposing "The Health of the P.M.'s," the W.M. paid a high compliment to the I.P.M., whose attention and ability in the discharge of a very heavy year of office had been most praiseworthy; and with regard to the other Past Masters of No. 141, their abilities were too well known to the brethren to need any eulogy from him. Bros. Kennett and Stuart replied in well-set terms to the compliment passed them. Bro. Walls having recited the "Charge of the Light Brigade," "The Health of the Junior Officers of the Lodge" was then duly proposed and drunk, and Bro. Davis, the S.W., made a neat reply. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened by the instrumental and vocal contributions of Bros. Bird, Themans, and Walls. Bro. Longstaffe having given the concluding toast, the proceedings terminated.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The regular meeting of this old lodge was held on the 4th inst., when there was a good gathering of brethren and visitors. The three Craft Degrees were on the summons, providing therefore the prospect of a full evening's work, but owing to the absence of the candidate for the passing the "work" was limited to the First and Third. The business in lodge, however, included some interesting proceedings, which it will not be out of place to mention. Bro. G. Newman, the W.M., presided, and was supported by the whole of his officers, with the exception of one who was absent through illness. There were present Bros. G. Abbott, I.P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; T. Coahu, S.W.; C. Arkell, J.W.; J. G. Marsh, P.M. and Sec.; H. Legge, J.D.; F. Fellowes, I.G. The visitors included Bros. Captain G. J. Kain, P.M. of the Shakespear, and William Preston, and P.G.S. of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire; J. F. Raalte, of the Cosmopolitan, No. 917; A. Morgan, of the South Middlesex, No. 858; W. Arnold, of the Burgoyne, No.

902; T. J. Sterne, of the St. Marylebone, No. 1305; While, W.M. United Strength, No. 128, ("Freemason"); F. Walters, P.G.P. of Middlesex; G. T. Thorne, of the Lily, No. 820; G. Mirton, of Peace and Harmony, No. 60; H. Dunn, of the Old King's Arms, No. 28; W. T. Smart, of the William Preston, No. 766; J. Bradley, of the New Zealand Pacific, No. 517; and Bro. J. Moore, of the Great City, 1426. Bros. E. C. Scholes and T. T. Hampton were raised to the dignity of M.M. by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his most efficient officers, the work being according to the teaching of Bro. Muggeridge. The ballot was then taken for four candidates for initiation, and the box showing in their favour, they are to present themselves for the ceremony at the next meeting. The ballot was also taken for the election of Bro. S. H. Roberts as a joining member with the like result. The W.M. then proposed, and Bro. Kenning seconded, that Bro. J. Hordern Jukes, P.M. of 120 and 892, P.P.J.G.W. of Herefordshire, should be an honorary member of the lodge. Bro. Jukes had placed the lodge under an obligation, for having come into possession of a very curious apron, and an old certificate of one Jonathan Smith, who was initiated in 1801, Bro. Jukes made diligent search after the lodge in which Jonathan Smith was initiated, and having identified the Lion and Lamb as that lodge, forthwith presented the apron and certificate to the lodge which now represents that to which Jonathan Smith owed his first knowledge of the Craft. It was for this kind service that it was now proposed to confer the honorary membership upon Bro. Jukes, and the proposal was carried with cordial unanimity. The I.P.M., Bro. Abbott, then announced that the W.M. had kindly acceded to a wish he had expressed to initiate Mr. W. Portch, the candidate of that evening, who was an old friend, and had been a companion from boyhood. Bro. Abbott, being invested as Master, then initiated Mr. Portch, and the work was perfectly rendered according to the language employed in what is termed the Muggeridge "work." It was brought to the notice of the lodge that when in April last, at the "emergency" meeting, it was resolved to present the W.M. with a Steward's jewel for attending the Grand Master's installation, the lodge had not the power to do it, and that the vote was informal. Bro. Abbott now proposed, and the S.W. seconded, that notice of motion should be given for a proposal to carry out the action of the emergency. The lodge, after the greetings of the visitors, was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren then adjourned to the Pillar Hall, where an excellent banquet was served. The W.M. gave the toasts of "Loyalty to the Head of the State," and to "The Rulers in the Craft" in a few effective sentences, and his remarks were warmly received, and the toasts cordially accepted. Bro. Abbot then took the gavel, and proposed the toast of "The W.M.," for his own part thanking the Master for the cordiality with which he had assented to having part of his work of the day taken out of his hand by permitting Bro. Portch to be initiated by his old friend. He also bore testimony to the earnestness of the services which the W.M. gave the lodge, and said that the brethren were always glad to testify their appreciation of their Master in every possible way. The W.M., in reply, expressed himself as deeply gratified by the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received, and said he had besides to thank the lodge for the many honours the members had conferred upon him, not the least of which were electing him as Steward for the installation of the Grand Master, and then presenting him with the jewel. These jewels were, he said, limited in number, and he was sorry to say that the wearers had become lessened in number through death, no less than thirteen having died since the installation. The lodge had two members wearing them, Bro. P.M. Marsh, who, as a member of the Colonial Board, was a Steward, having one as well as himself. For himself, he should wear the jewel thus presented to him as one of the highest honour, and he could assure the members that he should always have the best interests of the lodge at heart. Some harmony was given by singing brethren, and the W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Portch," who, in a short speech, thanked the brethren for having elected him a member of the brotherhood, and expressed his appreciation of the ceremony. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and said the Lion and Lamb Lodge was always glad to see visitors, and often did see them, and having read the list of those present he coupled the toast with the names of Bros. Kain and F. Walters. The former bore testimony to the excellence of the work—even to the Fourth, and the latter, after recalling his memories of the lodge in bygone times, thanked his Brother Kenning for the opportunity of visiting the lodge that evening afforded to him. He also congratulated the lodge upon having as the Secretary a Provincial Grand Officer, whose earnest love of the Craft was shown by his busy work in many lodges. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the "Masonic Press," saying that to it the Order had much to be thankful for, and expressing his opinion that if the whole of the Craft became subscribers to the "Freemason" the members would be led to take a warmer interest in the work of the Order. He pointed out that in the columns of this journal were regularly recorded not only the proceedings of lodges over the kingdom, but reports were given, by authority, of the meeting of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, besides supplying the readers with the working of the Craft in all parts of the world. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. While, as representing the "Freemason." The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. While, in responding, thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the compliment, and said that what the general press was to the public the Masonic press was to the Order. The time was when some small portion of the public of this country and Parliament were opposed to a free press, and the battle of that free press was fought for us by men who had left honoured names in our history. The battle for a free press in England had given

us what we now claimed as a birthright, all who "speak the tongue which Shakespeare spake," looking to these prints for the daily history of our globe. The "Freemason" gave the Craft what the general paper gave the public. Grand Lodge was closed to the large body of the Craft, just as Parliament was closed to all but the representatives of the electors; yet the constituent body of the Craft could know all that was done by Grand Lodge, and all that was proposed to be done, and by reading the columns of the Craft organ the members of the Order would, besides acquiring knowledge of the work of the Craft over the world, become qualified to exercise the privilege of giving instructions to those who represented them in Grand Lodge. Whatever might be the prejudices in the minds of some against printing in regard to the affairs of the Craft, there should be none against a free and acknowledged organ, for no dangers could exist in regard to that, such as existed when the organs of opinion were without responsibility and character. After again thanking the W.M. and brethren for coupling his name with the toast, the speaker concluded by stating that the energy which had characterised the "Freemason" from the first would not be lacking to make it the worthy representative of the Craft. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," and took occasion to call the attention of the brethren to the lamented deaths of two from their ranks, Bros. Trott and Goodyear. Of the former, he said, that having been disappointed in regard to a position which he looked to achieve he fell into a decline, which caused his death, and he had left several young children. The lodge had undertaken to endeavour to place a boy in the school, and as the boy could, from his age, only stand at one election, the utmost energies would be required, for 2000 votes would be required. Bro. Abbott, in reply, after acknowledging the toast, also warmly urged the claims of Bro. Trott's boy upon the brethren, and said that if the boy should not be elected it would be a great disappointment to the brethren, and a great calamity to the mother. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Officers," and spoke in warm terms of the support they gave him. The toast was responded to by the S.W., and by Bro. Marsh, the Secretary, who said that every brother was ready to render suit and service in the work of the Craft. The Tyler's toast brought the harmonious proceedings to a close.

LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH (No. 228).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Gate of St. John of Jerusalem, St. John's Lane, Smithfield, Bro. While, W.M., presiding. The officers were Bros. Griggs, S.W.; J. Hill, J.W.; Snare, S.D.; Halford, J.D.; Percy, I.G.; and Todd, Flaws, and Patmore. There was a good attendance of the brethren, both members of the lodge and visitors, among the latter being Bro. Dr. H. Dempster, W.M. of the Earl Spencer, 1420; Thomas Fox, P.M. of the Royal Athelstan, 19; Lane, of St. John the Baptist, 475; W. H. Main, P.M. of the New Concord, 813; Terry, P.M. of the West Kent, 1297; Edward Harty, S.D. of the Eclectic, 1201; and A. Smith, P.M. of the Royal Arthur, 1360. The lodge having been duly opened in the two degrees, Bro. Prof. Bartlett underwent the examination preliminary to the third. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Bartlett was in due form raised to the Master Mason degree. The lodge was then resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Whiting was introduced as a candidate for the raising, and the ceremony was repeated. The working was greatly enhanced by the skill and ability with which Bro. Harty presided at the organ. The ballots were then taken for the election of five gentlemen for initiation, and for Bro. T. R. Bull, of the Southwark Park Lodge, and Bro. Dr. W. J. Hunter, of the Star Lodge, 219, Scotland, as joining members. The ballots were unanimous, and the new admissions to the Craft were Mr. G. C. Baker, Mr. Edward C. Adams, Mr. W. Stedman Gedge, Mr. George Bellott, and Mr. Edward Holmes. The repetition of the ceremony gave hard work to the W.M. and officers, and the whole was performed without a call off from beginning to end. In the concluding business of the lodge the W.M. moved that certain words be omitted in one of the by-laws, these words seeming to be contrary to the principle of equality, in asking the members, when electing a W.M., to prefer an initiated member of the lodge to a joining member. The proposition came hastily before the lodge, for time did not permit of its being fully discussed, and though the majority present did not vote for or against, the show of hands was in opposition to change. The lodge, on the motion of Bro. Halford, adopted resolutions to raise the initiation fee from five to seven guineas, the joining fee from two to three guineas, and the country members' subscription from ten shillings (the unaltered rate from bygone times) to a guinea, exclusive of the subscription to the Benevolent Fund. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet provided by the host, Bro. Gay. The W.M. was supported by the Secretary, Bro. P.M. Crump Bros. Winsland, P.M. and Treas.; Coulson, and Davies. After the loyal toasts, the loving cup went round in honour of the Grand Master's natal day, and he was followed in his journey by the good wishes of the brethren. The usual toasts as to the Grand Officers were given, and then P.M. Winsland proposed the toast of "The W.M.," remarking that this year had been one of the most prosperous the lodge had had, and that the balance to the good of the lodge stood in three good figures. The W.M. responded, and thanked the brethren, who, in support of the W.M.'s proposition that the individual members should make the lodge a Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution of which their Bro. Terry is the Secretary, and as a testimonial of appreciation to him as their twice Master, subscribed at once more than half the requisite funds to carry out the purpose. The W. Master then gave "The Visitors," and in the name of the lodge thanked Bro. Harty for the assistance he had given them at the organ, in the enforced ab-

sence of the Organist, Bro. Braid. Bro. Dr. Dempster responded for "The Visitors," and congratulated the lodge on the excellent working. He said the initiates and raised brethren would carry to their last hours the remembrance of the impressive ceremonies which had been so ably rendered. He thanked the brethren for their affable and kindly reception of the visitors in the lodge, and said that no stranger could have marked out the visitors from the initiated brethren of the lodge, such was the good feeling existing among all. Bro. Lane also responded, and invited the brethren of the lodge to Bedfordshire, an invitation they promised they would all accept. The initiates were warmly toasted; and Bros. Gedge, Bellott, and Holmes especially made excellent speeches, and they all convinced the brethren that they fully appreciated the ceremony. The P.M.'s had their healths proposed by the W.M., and Bro. Winsland responded. "The Health of the Host and Hostess" was given, and acknowledgment was made of the earnest endeavours of Bro. Gay to promote the happiness of the members of the lodge, and the visitors. The Tyler's toast concluded the evening's proceedings.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).—The first regular meeting of the season was held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, 21st ult. The lodge was summoned to transact the following business, viz.: To raise Bro. Short, to pass Bros. Stevenson and Trebell, and to ballot for and, if approved of, initiate Messrs. Whewell, Fisher, Wymark, and Phillips. The W.M. was supported by I.P.M. Bro. Staton, and P.M.'s Webb (Treasurer) and Reed; and Bros. E. Lancaster, J.W.; P. G. Jape, Secretary; A. Christie, J.D.; G. West, I.G.; J. W. Robinson, D.C. In the absence of the S.W. (Bro. Bescooby) and the S.D. (Bro. Ritchie) their duties were undertaken by P.M. Reed and Bro. Robinson, respectively. The W.M. opened the lodge in the First Degree, when the minutes of the last regular meeting and those of the two emergency meetings, having been read and proving correct, were agreed to. Bro. Short not attending, the W.M. proceeded to examine Bros. Stevenson and Trebell, and having been found efficient they were entrusted, and after the necessary preparation were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The ballot was then taken for the above-mentioned gentlemen, which proving satisfactory, the W.M. very carefully initiated them all into the mysteries of the Ancient Order. This having brought the business to a close, the W.M. rose for the first, second, and third time, which resulted in the resignation of the late S.W. being accepted; also that of P. M. Moody. It was decided the name of the late S.D. should be continued as a country member. The sum of £5 5s. was voted out of the lodge funds to pay for P.M. Webb's Installation jewel, he having acted as Steward on that occasion. The W.M. then closed the lodge in due form, and with the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Francatelli, and proved all that could be desired, both brethren and visitors expressing their hearty approval. Amongst the latter we may mention Past Masters Rogers, 193; Warne, 193; H. Webb, 72, 193, 390; Foster, 435; Mackney, 134; Izod, 169; and Bros. Paterson, Davison Foss, Peyler, Arkell, Middleton, Barnard, and others. Grace having been said the W.M. rose, and gave the accustomed loyal toasts, which were responded to with Great Northern fire. The toast of "The Initiates" was next given, P.M. Reed singing the E.A. song. The initiates (seven in number including those admitted last week) rose to reply, and gave their various ideas of the ceremony they had just gone through, and their reasons for joining the Craft, which would be superfluous to relate, although very amusing. "The Health of the Visitors" was next given. P.M.'s Rogers, Webb, and Mackney returned thanks, the latter in a manner peculiar to himself; whilst P.M. Webb, in a very telling speech, reviewed the past career of 1287, concluding by congratulating the members on their good fellowship and kindly hospitality. The I.P.M., handling the gavel, gave the toast of "The W.M.," which it is unnecessary to state was well received. Returning thanks for the same, the W.M. gave the toast of "The P.M.'s," which was replied to by those present. "The Health of the Officers" was given, the W.M. passing some kindly remarks. This having been replied to by Bro. Lancaster for himself and others, the Tyler gave his toast, and brought this very pleasant evening to a close. During the evening the pleasure of all was greatly enhanced by the songs and recitations of P.M.'s Mackney, H. Webb, S. Webb, Bros. Middleton, Jenkins, Schmerl, Barnard, Arkell, and Owen.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst. at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval. The lodge was opened at five o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Gardner, assisted by the following brethren, who, in the absence of the regularly-appointed officers, acted for them:—Bros. Walls, S.W.; Webb, J.W.; Higgins, S.D.; Speedy, J.D.; Hayward, I.G. There were also present Bros. Keoh, I.P.M.; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Page, P.M., Treasurer; Mann, P.M.; Kohler, A.W.S. The visitors were Bros. Frampton, P.M. 87; Smith, W.M. 1360; Speedy, J.D. 742. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., assisted by Bro. Stuart, P.M., raised Bro. Stranger, passed Bro. Brooke, and initiated Messrs. Saunders and Muller. A notice of motion by Bro. P.M. Mann, "that the fee for initiation be raised to £8 8s.," was fully discussed and unanimously carried. The W.M.'s motion that the visiting fee, on partaking of refreshment, should be increased to 10s., and on installation nights to 15s., was also unanimously passed. The lodge having been closed in ancient form, the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave "The Queen and Craft," which was well received. He then gave "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and mentioned the great interest that attached to his Indian tour, and how gratifying it must be to those members of the Craft in India to have the "head ruler" of the English Freemasons amongst them, and that his Royal

Highness's visit to that ancient abode of Freemasonry would be productive of great good to all classes of society. This toast was enthusiastically drunk. The rest of the toasts followed in quick succession. The I.P.M. having proposed "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Gardner made a most excellent reply. The initiates, Bros. Saunders and Muller, were toasted, and each made a suitable response. Bros. Smith and Frampton replied on behalf of the visitors. The W.M. then gave "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and stated that without the attention, assistance, and advice of those worthy officers he would have found the duties and responsibilities of his position too onerous to bear. Bros. Koch, Mann, Page, and Stuart severally responded, and expressed the gratification they felt at witnessing the increasing prosperity of the lodge, and that no efforts should be wanting on their parts to still further enhance its interests. In proposing "The Health of the Junior Officers of the Lodge," the W.M. paid a very high compliment to those members, who had rendered him and the lodge great assistance by carrying out the duties of several officers who, through business and other causes, had been prevented from attending the "working of the lodge." This toast having been duly honoured, Bros. Walls and Webb briefly acknowledged the compliment on behalf of the subordinate officers present and absent. The Tyler having discharged his duty, the members adjourned until the first Tuesday in December.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (1445).—On Thursday, 4th November, the brethren of this lodge, fast growing into celebrity because of its superior working, met at that most worthy of hosts, Bro. Townsend's, the Lord Stanley, Sandringham Road, Hackney. Attached to this lodge is the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, under that able preceptor, Bro. T. Austin. On this gathering there were two gentlemen for initiation, Messrs. Gilbert and Press. The initiatory working was performed in a splendid manner by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his officers, much to the satisfaction of all brethren, which was marked by their Masonic approbation. The following brethren belonging to the lodge were present:—Bros. Myers, W.M., P.M.; Wilkins S.W.; J. Pindar, J.W.; J. E. Simms, S.D.; J. Clark, J.D.; T. E. Goddard, I.G.; W. T. Howe, P.M., Tras.; G. E. Walton, Sec.; G. C. Young, Org.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; P. Green, I.P.M.; Partridge, Hill, J. Clark, J. Badkin, Long, Ide, Vollum, Smith, F. Trebeck, Walker, Cambridge, Creed, and others. Visitors: T. Burdett Yeoman, 1460, 18°; J. Byfield, 860; T. Trebeck, 30; G. C. Young, 820. The ceremony of initiation being finished, the lodge was closed in ancient form. After labour came a substantial English supper, which was served by Bro. Townsend. On the removal of the cloth, the usual principal toasts were given and drank, with much heartiness, the speeches in response to the toasts causing rare hilarity from their brevity. During the evening some good singing was heard at the proper intervals. The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

SURREY MASONIC HALL LODGE, (No. 1539).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, when a very numerous number of brethren met together. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Larlham, who at once proceeded to business, and initiated Mr. Albert Martin into the Order, passed Bro. J. A. Waterman, and raised Bro. J. A. Allen, all of which he executed in his usual masterly manner. After labour the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where a very excellent supper was provided. Besides those already mentioned we noticed amongst those present Bros. Ramsey, S.W.; Oliver, Sec.; Clark, I.P.M.; S. G. Harvey, E. Pinder, Percival, E. Nairne, Soper, W. Chartres, A. Waterman, E. Seale, &c., and the following visiting brethren:—Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.D. C., Middlesex, P.M. 1423, W.M. 1326; W. Snowden, W.M. 1558; W. Mitchell, 1326; E. Akenhead, 176; E. Lidbury, 656; Morrell, 704; N. H. Parker, 1328; and A. W. Frankling, of the Unity Lodge, Sydney, N.S.W. After the supper the W.M. proposed and the brethren most heartily responded to the usual loyal honours to the rulers of the Craft, not forgetting H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the G.M., and wishing him a prosperous and pleasant voyage; and Lord Skelmersdale, the D.G.M., a brother who is never forgotten in this lodge, his lordship being present at the consecration, besides being a member of the lodge. This lodge fortunately possesses many musical brethren, and the toasts being varied by song the brethren adjourned after spending a very pleasant evening. The following lodges, &c., already meet at the hall:—The Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge, the Duke of Connaught Lodge, the St. Mark's Lodge, the Peckham Lodge, the Sphinx Lodge, the St. Mark's R.A. Chapter, the Domestic Lodge of Instruction, and the United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction (The Ivy Lodge, 1441), and several others are contemplating removal to this hall.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1563).—In the report of the consecration of this lodge in our last week's impression, an error occurred in ascribing to the W.M. the observations made respecting Bro. Robert H. Morrison, Attorney-General of Michigan. The remarks were made by Bro. Little, who from a long correspondence and acquaintance with American brethren had obtained the facts narrated, as well as many others in connection with the brethren of the new world, which are highly interesting, and greatly redound to their honour.

PROVINCIAL.

ALDERSHOT. — Aldershot Camp Lodge (No. 1331).—The brethren of this military lodge assembled on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Aldershot, for the purpose of witnessing the ceremony of the installation of Bro. F. Anderson in the W.M. chair. The gathering was very numerous, there being altogether about a hundred brethren present. The scene was a most effective one, the scarlet and blue uniforms, the usual Craft regalia, and the provincial purple, striking the eye as nothing short

of gorgeous. The spacious dimensions of the room greatly assisted the beauty of the spectacle, the brethren not being crowded together, while the arrangement of banners over the platform supplied a background which harmonised well with the costumes, at the same time that it added a warmth of appearance to the chamber. These adjuncts to the Masonic furniture were well supplemented by a nicely-executed portrait of Her Majesty, when a youthful Queen, which has now hung at the head of the room for some years. It was apparent to all the brethren as they entered the lodge that the installation of Bro. Anderson would be a great success. Shortly after half-past four p.m., Bro. R. White, W.M., Sergeant-Major R.E. Train, P.G.P. Hants and I. of W., ascended the chair, and opened the lodge, when Bro. Usher Lucas, the Secretary, read the minutes, which were unanimously passed. He then read the accounts as reported by the Audit Committee, from which it appeared that the balance in the hands of the Treasurer was £63 19s. This report was thereupon adopted. The W.M. then proceeded to instal Bro. F. Anderson, Master Gunner R.A., S.W., and W.M. Elect., and performed his duties in true military style. After Bro. Anderson was installed he invested Bro. White as his I.P.M., and the following brethren were appointed officers for the year:—Bros. T. W. Mayer, late R.E., S.W.; John Smith, R.A., J.W.; Capt. Richardson, R.E., Treas.; E. Harper, A.S.C., Secretary; Usher Lucas, R.E.T., S.D.; Field, A.S.C., J.D.; Clisham, Gymnasium, I.G.; Edmonds, R.A., D.C., and Thompson, R.E.T., Tyler. The addresses followed these appointments, and Bro. White finished the ceremony with the same ability as he exhibited in commencing it. When he sat down he was loudly applauded, as well as congratulated on his achievement. The W.M. lost no time in exercising his functions, and therefore rose and said that his next duty was a very pleasing one, and was one in which he was sure all the brethren would concur. They had seen how ably the I.P.M. had done his work, and they would feel gratified at what was about to be done. He had to present their worthy Past Master with a Past Master's jewel. However, he need not dwell on the merits of Bro. White, or how well he had earned the jewel during the last twelve months. There had been 25 initiates in the year (and he wished they might have as many next year), and Bro. White therefore had had no very easy time of it. The jewel now presented to him it was to be hoped would remain an heirloom in the family for time immemorial. Bro. White said, in reply, that he thanked the brethren very sincerely for their kindness in presenting him with this mark of their approbation of the manner in which he had performed his duties while W.M. He hoped that as long as he lived he would always do his best to be a good Mason. The W.M. next rose and said he had still another pleasing duty to perform, to present Bro. Usher Lucas with a Past Secretary's jewel, in recognition of his services in that capacity for the last three years. The zeal he had displayed in his office, he (the W.M.) trusted he would also display in the new office which he had been called upon to fill. The brethren's knowledge of how he had fulfilled the duties of Secretary would relieve him (the W.M.) of the task of adding anything further. His merits were known to all. Bro. Lucas said he received the testimonial with great pride and pleasure. He would be proud to wear the jewel on every possible occasion. Bro. Richardson, P.M., proposed, and the W.M. seconded, a vote of thanks to the I.P.M. for performing the ceremony of installation, and the motion was carried unanimously amidst cheers. Bro. Richardson announced that at the next meeting they would be able to ballot for a Life Subscribership to one of the Masonic institutions, and this announcement was also received with cheers. Lodge was then closed, and the whole party adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a splendid banquet was provided. About half-past eight, as the banquet was drawing to a close, the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. Beach, was obliged to leave on account of the inconveniently early hours appointed for the trains. He therefore rose and said he wished to say a few words, and he would be failing in courtesy very much to the brethren if he did not thank them for the very hospitable way in which they had received him and the other Provincial Officers and brethren. He must, however, take that opportunity of expressing his extreme pleasure at having an opportunity of visiting the Aldershot Camp Lodge, though unfortunately he had not been able to get there in time to be present in the lodge during the ceremony of installation. He was very glad to hear that the work had been well and creditably performed by the I.P.M. of the lodge. It was a very gratifying circumstance that the lodge had within its own ranks a brother who was able to discharge the duties of Installing Master with credit to himself and satisfaction to the lodge. It was also highly pleasing to him (Bro. Beach), who had the gratification of consecrating this lodge, that he could congratulate it on the flourishing state in which it was at the present time. It had increased in numbers, but numbers would be nothing did it not bear within its ranks those principles which characterised the Craft. He was indeed glad that such was the case, because he thought they must look to this lodge to perform a great work in the future. It was of great importance that a lodge should carry out its work in its own immediate locality. But the Aldershot Camp Lodge had an important work to perform besides this. They knew the universality of Freemasonry. It extended throughout the world. Many members of this lodge might go to distant parts of the world. There they would be called upon to associate with other brethren in Freemasonry. They would no doubt meet with warm Masonic reception, but they would have to carry out there lessons learned in the Aldershot Camp Lodge. It was one thing to carry out the principle of Freemasonry and another thing to carry it out well. The principles of Masonry were nothing unless they were carried out thoroughly. They created a true and strong impression on those who observed them. Brethren

who learned their lessons here, who had within their own breasts the firm resolve to act on those principles, and to do their best to make others act up to those principles, would do a good and strong work, creditable to the lodge in which they were brought up. Such, he was sure, would be the wish of the members of the Aldershot Camp Lodge. They would be, of course, called upon to do much of this; and from the proofs they had already given here he was sure they would not hesitate to adhere to those principles elsewhere. They had at present their Royal Master on a distant journey, and in India, to which he had gone, he would be called upon to visit many strange scenes. He would be called upon to receive many deputations and loyal addresses, and the offerings of many hearts; but he would receive probably a warmer reception from none than the Freemasons of India, who would offer to him the loyalty, not only which subjects owed to their future Sovereign, but which Masons owed to the head of their Order. He believed that the visit the Grand Master was paying in the East would have an important and no light effect on the future—important, not only with reference to our Order, but as drawing together those bonds of friendship between our Eastern fellow subjects and ourselves. He believed that in India there would be found no lack of loyal hearts, and when they found the Prince of Wales going out and showing himself among them, in oriental as well as English hearts there would be a feeling to give him a right royal reception. Again, he (Bro. Beach) would thank the brethren for their kind greeting, and he wished it was not imperative for him to depart. It was extremely annoying to him that the moment should arrive at which he was obliged to tear himself away. He had hoped to have the opportunity of remaining with the brethren much longer. He had to offer his apologies, and this he did while taking his leave. He, however, hoped to have an early opportunity of witnessing the ceremonies performed in the Aldershot Camp Lodge, which he had not had an opportunity of seeing that day. The Prov. G.M. then retired, the brethren rising while he did so, and cheering. Banquet was afterwards finished, and the toasts were proposed and drunk, and Bro. F. Binckes, P.G. Steward, replied to the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, &c.," explaining that the Grand Stewards were in a curious position; they were not Grand Officers—in fact, "neither fish, flesh, fowl, nor good red herring," or like Mahomet's coffin. He then eulogised the Grand Officers, Lord Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and all below them, who did all they could to promote the dignity of the Order. Bro. Eve responded to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master," mentioning the gratification the brethren of the province had of the Masonic government of the province. They had been much pleased with his visit to them, but were sorry that his numerous engagements rendered it impossible for him to stay longer. Speaking for the other provincial Grand Officers who were included in the toast, there were a great many of them, and he could safely say that none of them shrank from their duty. Bros. Lefevre and Hacker also replied. The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was next given by the W.M., who called upon the brethren to respond most liberally. He was informed, he said, by Bro. White that it was the intention of the lodge to send Stewards year by year to the festivals of the three institutions. He must thank them very much for their support hitherto. One candidate had been got into the Girls' School, and 327 votes had been obtained through this lodge. The brethren knew the work the institutions were doing; it was known to all; but he might add that at the last festival of the Boys' School £12,700 were collected. There was something being said now against the institution; but the matter would be before the committee on Saturday, when it would be grappled with. Bro. Binckes, in replying, said there were considerably over 200 persons on the funds of the Benevolent Institution; 177 boys in the Boys' School; and 153 girls in the Girls' School. Those figures spoke volumes for themselves. He only placed those figures before the brethren to show what an amount of work was being done through the medium of those institutions. It was but a comparatively small number of brethren that the subscriptions came from. This year it would be found that the subscriptions would not fall far short of £30,000. This was a large amount; but it was a great work, which every Mason might be proud of; and he might boast of it wherever and whenever he heard the Order criticised, as it was unquestionably by the outside world. Let them place that fact before the world and ask where were to be found three institutions supported by the same small number of people who subscribed as much. He reminded the brethren that every one could do something, and begged them to do it. He also thanked the Aldershot Camp Lodge for what it had hitherto done. He asked the brethren, when in the discharge of their duties they were called to other lands bearing the flag of England, that they would grasp in the other hand the flag of Freemasonry, whose watchwords were "Loyalty and Charity." Referring to the attacks that had been made upon himself recently, Bro. Binckes mentioned the phrase that had been used, "the plausible speeches of an extravagantly-paid official," and said that with respect to the words "plausible speeches," he had been plausible enough in fourteen years to find about £90,000 for the institution, which had enabled them to erect a building which now held 177 boys. As to the charge of being "extravagantly paid," he had always accepted the doctrine that the labourer was worthy of his hire. The Secretaries of all the institutions were bound to appeal to the Craft, and if they failed in their duty or shrank from placing the claims of their institutions before the Order properly, they fell short of their duty. Bro. H. Muggeridge thanked Bros. Eve and Hacker for supporting the Girls' School last year. The box was then sent round, and produced £4 4s. 6d. Bro. White proposed "The W.M." The W.M., in replying, said he should follow the example of his predecessor in endeavouring to make the Aldershot Camp Lodge what it was now

and had hitherto been—famous for its prosperity and good working; in fact, keeping it up in accordance with the customs of Freemasonry. By what he saw that evening great honour had been paid him and the brethren of the lodge. There had been some most eminent Masons present; and this he thought ought to stimulate the members of the lodge to make it progress. The lodge was now 100 strong, and he hoped in 1876 it would be 50 more. Bro. Eve proposed "The I.P.M.," who had displayed his abilities particularly well that day. The lodge had prospered exceedingly under his Mastership, and as an old friend of his, it was very gratifying to think of it. Bro. White replied. The approbation he had met with was what he should never forget. After a few other remarks of a general character, Bro. White sat down greatly cheered. Some excellent singing was given during the evening by the brethren, and Bro. Muggeridge gave "The Charge of the Six Hundred." Among the brethren present were Bros. Major Durnford, Adjutant Irving, Army Service Corps; Asst. Com. Dolton, Captain Paymaster Richardson, R.E.; late Vet. Surgeon Mayer, Capt. Adjt. Coles, late R.E.; Quar. Master Cole, R.E.; Riding Master Gillon, R.E.; Usher Lucas, John Smith, T. H. Field, S. Cole, P.M., P.P.G.P.; A. Mackenzie, P.G.P.; W. Richardson, P.P.S.G.D.; John Clisham, W. Staley, T. Wally, W. F. Simmons, G. Faulconer, C. J. Munro, J. Harper, J. B. Tapsell, E. Harper, R. Russell, J. Edmonds, J. Mount, Cudden, W. Duke, R. Duke, F. Binckes, H. Muggeridge, and H. Massey ("Freemason.")

CHIPPING SUDBURY.—Tyndall Lodge (No. 1363).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the lodge-room, Town Hall, Chipping Sudbury, and was most numerously attended by members and visitors. The lodge was opened at three o'clock, Bro. John Dennis Brookes Trenfield, W.M. and P.G. Sword Bearer, presiding. Bro. Charles A. Bush, W.M. elect, S.W., and most of the subordinate officers were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. the Rev. C. R. Davy, P.G.C. of England, P.Prov. G.C. of Somersetshire, Wiltshire, and Gloucestershire, P.M. of 53, Bath, and 855, Wotton-under-Edge, then installed Bro. Charles A. Bush into the chair in a manner which elicited the highest commendations. After receiving the usual congratulations and salutes, the new W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. John Dennis Brookes Trenfield, I.P.M.; A. Sudlow, S.W.; C. M. Henn, J.W.; John Trenfield, Treas.; the Rev. J. J. Gardiner, Chaplain; James P. Curtis (for the third year), Secretary; F. Townsend, S.D.; Wm. Higgs, J.D.; Ed. Crossman, D.C.; W. H. H. Hartley and Wm. Tayler, Stewards; James Iles, Org.; J. Limbuck, I.G.; Ed. Holliday, Tyler. The W.M. and brethren complimented the I.P.M. very highly for the way he had discharged his duties, not only for the past year, but from the very commencement of the lodge, and from his gentlemanly manners and examples he had won the good opinion of all, not only as their Worshipful Master, but as a man. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Grapes Hotel for refreshment, where a splendid banquet was served by Hostess Codrington in her usual style. The cloth having been drawn, the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was drunk with great heartiness, and followed by the "National Anthem," Bro. Iles, Organist, taking the solo parts. The next toast, "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," was enthusiastically responded to, followed by the song of "God bless the Prince of Wales," after which Bro. J. P. Curtis sang the new verse, written by Bro. Hook, of the Great City Lodge, 1426, which was heartily applauded. The other usual toasts were afterwards given, concluding with the Tyler's. The harmony of the evening was much increased by the excellent songs of Bros. Watts, Iles, Curtis, Handy, and others. The whole business of the lodge and banquet table was carried out in the ablest and most kindly manner, and there was not present a single brother who did not thoroughly enjoy the whole proceedings of the day.

TWICKENHAM.—The Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1505).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday, under the happiest auspices, at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. The occasion was the re-installation of Bro. Colonel Wigginton, P.M. of 902 and 1208, P.P.G.D.C. of Worcestershire, P.G. Steward of Middlesex, who had been unanimously re-elected to the chair in this, the 2nd year of the lodge. There were present many distinguished Masons, who had attended to do honour to the much-esteemed R.W. Prov. G. Master, Colonel Burdett, and among others were Bro. C. Horsley, P.P.G. Registrar of Middlesex; Bro. Hammond, P.M. of Lodge of Lebanon; Bro. Buckland, P.M.; Bro. Williams, of the Apollo, 357; Bro. Dr. Seaton, P.M. of St. Mark's, 857; Bro. A. Clarke, P.M. of 255; Bro. Tudor Trevor, W.M. of 944. There were also present Bro. Court, of 946; Bro. While, W.M. of 228 ("The Freemason"); Bro. Artus, &c. The lodge was opened in the usual form, and the W.M. passed Bros. Briggs and Dawson to the Second Degree, and initiated two gentlemen who had been regularly balloted for and approved in open lodge. This work took the whole afternoon, and brought the lodge to the time when the ceremony of installation was to be performed by Bro. Little, Secretary of the Girls' School and S.G.W. of Middlesex. To the great disappointment of all, a telegram came from Bro. Little saying that he was suffering from a sore throat, and was therefore unable to be present. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master in the kindest manner possible undertook to instal the W.M., and he was then inducted into the chair as Installing Master, the other chairs being taken by Bros. A. Clarke and L. Artus. Bro. Horsley, P.P.G.R. of Middlesex, etc., then presented Bro. Wigginton to the Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master, and in making the presentation, Bro. Horsley, in an eloquent address, said that the performance of this

task gave him the greatest possible pleasure, for he considered that the lodge had doubly honoured itself, first in having taken the name of him who at that moment graced the chair of the lodge as its Installing Master, and secondly in re-electing Bro. Wigginton. For this re-election the lodge paid the best tribute that could be paid to their Master of the past year for the eminently industrious, intellectual, and social qualifications he had displayed in his year of office as the first W.M. in the existence of the Francis Burdett Lodge. Such an honour as re-election was but very rarely conferred upon first Masters; but upon this occasion it had been given with an unanimity and brotherly affection which showed at once the real esteem and earnest regard in which Bro. Colonel Wigginton was held by his officers and his brethren in the lodge. The speaker went on to say that among the numerous lodges formed in Middlesex, there was none which had more than the Francis Burdett, which entirely devoted itself to the determination of promoting the good of the province, and furthering the objects of the Provincial Grand Master the enhancement and glory of the province—and he (Bro. Horsley); felt sure that in the new year of office of Bro. Colonel Wigginton these objects would be fully asserted and insured. With these remarks he begged to present Bro. Wigginton to the Provincial Grand Master, to receive at his hands the distinguished honour of installation, and added that the P.G.M. would not have a more efficient subject in his province, or one who would more devotedly carry out the purposes of the Craft, and the views of the head of Craft in the province. The R.W. the P.G. Master, replied that he had great pleasure in accepting the duty, which, unfortunately, Bro. Little was unable to carry out. Nothing, he assured the brethren, would give him greater pleasure than to see the lodge which bore his name prosperous in every sense of the word, and with such good and true men as he saw were entering the Craft by this lodge, he could not but hope that it would be one of the best in the many good lodges in the province. The formal proceedings preceding installation then ensued, and the lodge was closed against all but Installed Masters. The Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Wigginton passed from his short lived rank of I.P.M. to that of Installed Master. He stated that it was not possible for him to appoint an I.P.M. for the year, or he should have had pleasure in appointing Bro. Horsley, but he should appoint that brother to the office meeting by meeting. Accordingly, Bro. Horsley was invested with the badge of I.P.M., and performed the work of that office on an occasion so arduous as that of installation. On the investment of officers, Bro. Horsley presented Bro. W. H. Saunders for re-appointment and investment as S.W. The W.M., addressing him, said it was with great pleasure, and if that could be reconciled, with a tinge of sorrow that he re-invested Bro. Saunders. The pleasure was with regard to his re-investment—his tinge of sorrow was from his regret that Bro. Saunders was not that day seated in the chair of the lodge. There were circumstances which had prevented this—circumstances, he was glad to say, which were not of a personal character, but they were circumstances which had relation to the work of the lodge, and, to the difficulties attending a young lodge; and it had been thought by the brethren that the hand which had hitherto piloted the ship should continue to do so. The brethren would receive with acclamation the re-appointment of Bro. Saunders, and, for his own part, the W.M. thanked Bro. Saunders for accepting the position, and promised him that he would give him all possible support if, as the W.M. hoped they would, the brethren elected him to fill the chair at the next regular period of election. Bro. Horsley then presented Bro. Tomlinson for re-investment as Junior Warden, and said that the brother by the acceptance of the office would feel himself doubly bound to the discharge of his duties in a better manner, if that indeed were possible, than in the previous year. The W.M., on re-investing Bro. Tomlinson, said the brother had no honour to gain on this occasion, but one to confer, for he conferred an honour on the Francis Burdett Lodge last year by accepting office, and had done so again this year. The W.M. hoped that the time would comewhen the Francis Burdett Lodge would confer an honour on Bro. Tomlinson, who had always been an earnest worker in the lodge. Bro. Sidney Knaggs was called by the W.M., who addressed him as the "first born" of the lodge, and congratulated as the re-elected Treasurer of the lodge. He was invested with the collar and badge of office, and the W.M., addressing him, said that when the lodge was poor, and in distress, Bro. Knaggs, who was the first brother initiated, consented to act as Treasurer. As Treasurer the lodge recognised his services by re-electing him, and the W.M. added that he heartily endorsed the re-election, and with pleasure invested Bro. Knaggs with the keys of office, hoping that he would give, as he had given, his best attention to the interests of the lodge as associated with "£ s. d., etc." Bro. Horsley then presented Bro. Court for investiture and appointment as Secretary, who, Bro. Horsley said, had always looked kindly upon the lodge, and had acted as he looked. The W.M. said he should be happy to invest Bro. Court, but he must first ask him if he had made up his mind to discharge the duty as he had discharged it during the time he had been Secretary pro tem. Bro. Court replied that he was quite willing to do so, for the W.M. had himself taken the lion's share of the duties. After the laughter which this incident gave rise to had subsided, the W.M. invested Bro. H. Court. Bro. Horsley then presented the Treasurer for the appointment of S.D., and the W.M., in investing him, said that the brother now invested had acted for a long time as J.D., and most efficiently, and the lodge would have every faith in the manner in which he would discharge his duty in future. Bro. Horsley then presented Bro. W. Taylor to the W.M. for "some mark of his favour." The W.M. said that Bro. Horsley seemed to lay stress upon the words some "mark of his favour." The W.M. had only to perform

one duty in this case, and that was to look after those of the initiates of the lodge who "worked." Bro. Taylor had worked as a member of the Lodge of Emulation to be an officer; and he had had proof that Bro. Taylor was equal to the discharge of the duty which would devolve upon an officer of the lodge. The lodge looked to the initiates of the lodge to follow in regular succession to the chair, for it was felt that it would be a greater honour to a brother to take the chair of his mother lodge than to take any other chair. The Chaplains appointed were Bros. Rev. J. Simpson, P.G.C., M.A., and Rev. L. M. D'Orsey, M.A. The W.M. said he thought it was a matter of great thankfulness to him that the lodge had two Chaplains, one of whom was the Chaplain at the consecration, while the other, their Bro. D'Orsey, had been regularly initiated and passed in the lodge. Bros. F. Honeywell, and H. E. Sugg were appointed Organists; L. Artus as D.C.; J. N. Rogers as Steward; Dr. Palmer as W.S.; and G. F. Ewens as I.G. The last appointment made was that of Tyler, Bro. Howson being appointed to the office. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where an excellent dinner was served. After the dinner, so long after dinner, in fact, that there was little time for speaking, the W.M. began a long list of toasts. In proposing the toast of "The Queen," the W.M. spoke warmly of the loyalty of the people of this country to Her Majesty, and as to the fealty owing to him by the Craft as their Sovereign, their patron, and the mother of their G.M. The next toast was that of "The Grand Master," of whom the W.M. spoke in the warmest terms, and reminded the brethren of the deep debt of gratitude they owed the Prince of Wales, for undertaking the Grand Mastership at a time when, from the circumstances attending the secession of the last G.M., the Order was under a sort of ban. The importance of the step which the Royal Highness thus took could not be over-estimated, and it had created the greatest sensation on the continent, and in other parts of the world. The toast like the preceding was accepted with all honours. The next toast was that of "Our Brothers in the Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces." The R.W. Prov. Grand Master responded for the Army, saying that the British pluck would ever be the same, and that the deeds of modern times by our army were no shame to the sons of the men who had fought in bygone times. Bro. Knaggs, the S.D. and Treas., responded for the Navy; Bro. Capt. Burchall responded for the Militia; and Bro. the J.W. for the Volunteers. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers, Past and Present." The toast was duly honoured, and it was followed by that of "The Provincial Grand Master," of whom the W.M. spoke as godfather of the lodge, in his having given it its name—a name, the W.M. said, which was beloved and revered. The Prov. Grand Master responded, and said he was most happy to see the position the province was taking in the Craft—for it was rising to the utmost eminence and was happy in having a most efficient number of officers. It was gratifying to see the great progress the province was making, too, for not only was it gaining a number of lodges, but those lodges were being constituted by the very best men in social life. He was happy indeed to see that the lodges in the Province were acting on the principle that it was not "quantity" but "quality" that was wanted, and the lodges would generally see that the best interests of the Order were not advanced by numbers joining the Craft as by a great discrimination being exercised in the selection of those who offered themselves as candidates. This lodge was doing this, and was in all respects doing good work, and he was glad to have had an opportunity to assist that day in its work. The W.M. followed this toast with that of "The Visitors," which was replied to by Bro. Hammond, of the Lebanon Lodge, and the name of Bro. While was associated with the toast of "The Masonic Press," he representing the "Freemason." Bro. C. Horsley, in happy terms, proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and the W.M. shortly responded, for the time of closing was now at hand. "The Initiates" were toasted, and Bro. Palmer replied, and "The Officers" having been given, the proceedings closed with the Tyler's toast. The lodge has to be congratulated on having several poets among the brethren, for two very excellent pieces, one anonymous, and one by the Colonel in command of the lodge, were sung by the brethren in the course of the long day's work.

Royal Arch.

ALDERSHOT.—Panmure Chapter (No. 723).—A convocation of this chapter was held on the 4th inst. at the Wellington Hotel, Aldershot. At the request of Comp. J. S. Hickley, M.E.Z., Comp. H. Muggeridge, P.Z., presided, with Comp. A. Mackenzie, H.; and Comp. H. Hacker, J. The other companions present were W. Sowdon, I.P.Z.; J. Smith, S.E.; C. C. Gold, S.N.; Samuel Cole, P.S.; H. Bridger, Second Asst.; G. Ambrose, Neild, Joseph Pomeroy, Sergeant Minnus, A. Richardson, W. Peterkin, H. Robson, and H. Massey ("Freemason"). Four brethren were candidates for exaltation, three of whom attended to take the degree—Bros. T. Anderson, W.M. elect of No. 1331, Aldershot Camp Lodge; James Mount, No. 1331; and W. J. Lendrim, No. 184. The work of Principal Sojourner was ably performed by Comp. S. Cole, and the onerous duties of the three chairs were all discharged by Comp. Muggeridge, who afforded a great treat to the companions assembled by giving uncurtailed the whole ceremony. At the conclusion of the conferring of the degree Comp. Muggeridge was warmly cheered, and the companions expressed their obligations to him for giving them so admirable a view of Royal Arch working. The chapter was afterwards formally closed and adjourned, and the companions proceeded to the Aldershot Camp Lodge

to witness the installation of Comp. Anderson in the Worshipful Master's chair.

CLAPTON CHAPTER (No. 1365).—The ceremony of consecrating this new Royal Arch chapter was performed on the 4th inst., at the White Hart, Clapton, by Comp. R. Wentworth Little, who was assisted by Comp. Rumsey, No. 430, as H., and Comp. Wright, No. 22, as J. Comp. James Brett, P.Z., kindly lent the consecrating vessels for the occasion. Comp. Joacs, 360, acted as P.S. Comp. W. Stephens, P.M. of the Clapton Lodge, and J. of the Whittington Chapter, 862, was, after the chapter had been consecrated, installed first as H., and afterwards as Z. Comp. Miles, also a P.M. of the Clapton Lodge, and companion of the Sincerity Chapter, 174, was installed first as J., and then as H., by Comp. Rumsey. Comp. W. Lutyche, another P.M. of the Clapton Lodge, and also a companion of Chapter 174, was installed J. by Comp. W. Stephens, Z. Comp. Hastings Miller, Grand Organist Middlesex, was elected S.E. pro tem.; Comp. Joseph Hobbs, Scribe N.; and Comp. J. Simms, P.S. The rules for the government of the chapter were read in draft and unanimously adopted; and the chapter was then closed in ancient form. The companions afterwards partook of supper, and then honoured the usual toasts, the M.E.Z. observing, in proposing "The Health of the Prince of Wales," that all Masons wished His Royal Highness good health in his travels, and a speedy return home to occupy the distinguished position so long and worthily filled by his illustrious relatives, the late Dukes of Kent and Sussex. The thanks of the companions were conveyed to the consecrating officers, and to the visitors, and a most agreeable evening was brought to a close with the Janitor's toast. A long list of intending exaltees was read by Scribe E. during the course of the proceedings, and a favourable career was predicted for the new chapter.

Red Cross of Constantine.

CONSECRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY CONCLAVE, No. 128.
In last week's "Freemason" we gave a brief account of the successful inauguration of this new conclave, but a more complete report of the proceedings will doubtless prove interesting to many of our readers. Upon reference to "A Sketch of the History and Records of the Order of Constantine," page 32, it will be found that a meeting of the Grand Council of the Order was held at Cambridge so far back as June, 1810, when the Rev. Wm. Gretton, D.D., and Rev. Robert Hole were installed Knights of the Grand Cross, and Bro. Joseph White was admitted to the First Grade. Bros. Okes, Burleigh, and Beales, from Cambridge, also appear to have joined the Order in London, on the 15th December, 1810. After the lapse of more than 65 years the Red Cross flag has again been hoisted in the famous seat of learning, and this time, we feel assured, it is destined to be upheld by zealous Knights and true for many years to come. The founders of the University Conclave, No. 128, Sir Knts. Edward Amphlett, of St. Peter's College; Cuthbert Edgar Peck, Pembroke College, and Frederick Woodin, Downing College, having issued invitations to all the members of the Imperial Council and to several Senators, the following Knights responded to the call, and assisted at the opening and other ceremonies, viz.:—Colonel Francis Burdett, G. Viceroy; W. E. Gumbleton, G.J. General; Rev. W. B. Church, G.H. Prelate; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, G.H. Prelate; H. C. Levander, G.H. Chancellor; R. Wentworth Little, G. Treas.; J. Boyd, G. Architect; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G. Architect; T. Cubitt, G. Marshall, G. Toller, G. Orator; Rev. Ernest Brette, D.D., G. Sub Prelate; Lieut. Col. J. Peters, G. Sub Almoner; also the Rev. A. Bruce Frazer, 33°; Rev. Philip M. Holden, and Captain Arthur B. Cook. The conclave was opened by Sir Knt. Little, and the chair of Constantine was then filled by Sir Knt. E. Amphlett, P. Sov., and M.P.S. Designate, who then in a masterly manner installed the following candidates as Knights of the Order, viz.:—Bros. Rev. J. L. Paterson, R. Kalley Miller; J. H. Dickson, of St. Peter's College; J. A. Fowler, A. E. Caldicott, of Trinity; R. Mitra, St. Catherine's; R. Roy; C. H. Buckmaster, Downing; and W. D. Jones, Trinity. The new knights were installed, as the first business of the day, in order that they might witness the splendid ceremony of inaugurating and dedicating the conclave, which immediately followed their installation.

The prescribed procession having been formed, comprising in its ranks no less than six clergymen, Sir Knt. Little, assisted by Sir Knt. Rev. P.M. Holden, performed the dedication service, the oration and prayers being magnificently rendered by his clerical colleague, whose elocutionary powers are so well-known to the metropolitan brethren. The M.P.S., Sir Knt. Amphlett, was then inducted into the chair of Constantine, Sir Knt. Peck into that of Eusebius, and the rest of the officers were also invested. Sir Knts. A. J. Brogden, Downing; E. A. Maund, St. Peter's; W. E. Gordon Leith, Trinity Hall; Rev. A. B. Frazer, and Capt. A. B. Cook were elected joining members; Sir Knt. Brogden being elected Treasurer, and Gordon Leith appointed Recorder. Sir Knt. Brogden then presented to the conclave a richly chased silver cup, of enormous size and great value, to be used as a "loving cup" by the members. This gift having been suitably acknowledged, the rank of honorary members was conferred upon all the distinguished visitors who had attended the inauguration. A committee to draw up bye-laws was appointed, and the conclave was closed. A commandery of St. John was then opened, and several Red Cross Knights were created K.H.S., and Knights of St. John the Evangelist. The knights then adjourned from 29½, Greenstreet, where the work was performed, to Downing College,

where a sumptuous dinner awaited them, the entire expense of which was defrayed by Sir Knt. Brogden, Int. Gen., East Lancashire.

Nothing could exceed the preparations he had made for the comfort of his guests, except the superb style in which the whole entertainment was carried out. At one table the M.P.S., Sir Knt. Amphlett, presided, and Sir Knt. Brogden at the other. The toasts were given by each alternately, and the enthusiasm with which the names of Col. Burdett, R. Wentworth Little, the host himself, Sir Knt. Amphlett, and other prominent knights were received, simply baffles description. It was an occasion never to be forgotten by those who had the good fortune to be present, and the newly installed knights seemed to enjoy the meeting with a verve and zest which augur well for the future of the conclave in Cambridge. Sir Knt. Holden gave "The Charge of the Light Brigade" with his usual ability, and several other knights also contributed to the harmony of the evening. The party broke up about midnight, and the London visitors returned to the Bull Hotel, and left for the metropolis by an early train next morning. We must not omit to add that the knights unanimously recommended Sir Knt. Amphlett (nephew of Baron Amphlett) for the post of Intendant General for Cambridge, and that Sir Knt. Brogden undertook to represent the University Conclave as a Steward at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on the 10th May, and he expects to have a list of subscriptions worthy of the Order, and "Varsity" men in particular. It is reported that the townsmen of Cambridge will shortly send in a petition for a conclave, one brother's name having already been sent up to London for installation in a metropolitan conclave.

Scotland.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Monday evening, the 8th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, 98, George-street, Edinburgh. The throne was occupied by Bro. Colonel W. Montgomery Neilson, Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow, and supported by Bro. Major Hamilton Ramsay, of Garion, S.G. W.; W. Hay, acting J.G.W.; Rev. Dr. Gray, G. Chap.; A. Hay, G. Jeweller; D. Robertson, G. Bible Bearer; J. Coghill, Grand Director of Ceremonies; A. N. Clarke, acting Grand Secretary; Captain Colt, Grand Sword Bearer; A. T. Apthorpe, Grand Marshal; F. S. Melville, President of Grand Stewards; Wm. Officer, Lindsay Mackersy, and W. M. Bryce, Grand Tyler. There was a large number of brethren from the West of Scotland present, among whom were Bros. Wm. Bell, R.W.M. St. John's 3½; Wm. Barr, R.W.M. Dumbarton, Kilwinning, 11; G. McDonald, R.W.M. Thistle and Rose, 73; J. W. Burns, R.W.M. Thistle, 87; A. Bain, P.M. Union and Crown 103; A. Brunton, P.M. St. Mary's Partick, 117; David Peacock, S.W. 117; Andrew Agnew, J.W. 117; G. C. H. McNaught, P.M., Shamrock and Thistle, No. 275; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M. 543. The Grand Lodge was opened in due form in the Master Mason Degree, when the acting Grand Secretary read the minutes of last Quarterly Communication and minutes of Grand Committee meeting, which were adopted, and after the usual preliminary business, the nomination of Grand Office Bearers and Grand Stewards for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, viz., Sir M. R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason. The Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, R.W.P.G.M.; the Right Hon. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, R.W.S.G.M.; Major Hamilton Ramsay, of Garion, R.W.S.G.W.; the Right Hon. Lord Rosehill, R.W.J.G.W.; Samuel Hay, G. Treas.; John Lauri, G. Sec.; the Rev. W. H. Gray, D.D., and the Rev. A. Thomson Grant, V.W. joint G. Chaplains; William Hay, R.W.S.G.D.; David Kinnear, R.W.J.G.D.; D. Bryce, W.G. Architect; A. Hay, W.G. Jeweller; D. Robertson, W.G. Bible Bearer; J. Coghill, W.G. Director of Ceremonies; J. Ballantine, W.G. Bard; Captain G. F. R. Colt, of Gartsherrie, W.G. Sword Bearer; C. W. M. Muller, W. Grand Director of Music; R. Davidson, W. Grand Organist; M. McKenzie, W. Chief Grand Marshal; A. T. Apthorpe, W. Grand Marshal, W. M. Bryce, W. Grand Tyler; F. Baikie, W. Outer Guard; F. S. Melville, President of the Board of Grand Stewards; John Haig, Vice-President.

A petition for charter to Lodge St. Ninian, Nairn, was remitted to Grand Committee with powers. The appeal of Bro. James Wallace against sentence of suspension from Masonic privileges in the City of Glasgow, by the Provincial Grand Lodge of that district, and report of Grand Committee (per sub-committee) thereon was amicably arranged, by Bro. Wallace stating that he never intentionally meant anything out of place towards the said P.G. Lodge, and withdrew any statements he may have made, which was received with much applause. The appointment of Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., a representative of the Grand Lodge of England, in room of the late Earl of Dalhousie, was confirmed. The resignation of the Hon. A. Jocelyn, as representative at the Grand Lodge of Ireland, was accepted, and the recommendation of Grand Committee that Major-General H. Darby Griffith, C.B., be successor, was also confirmed.

Arrangements for the Festival of St. Andrew, on the 30th Nov., were made. No further business of importance was transacted, and Grand Lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Caledonian of Unity Chapter (No. 73).—The usual monthly meeting of this chapter was held in their chapter rooms, 170, Buchanan-street, on the evening of the 26th day of Oct., 1875. Present: Comps.

G. W. Wheeler, Z., in the chair, ably assisted by Comps. George McDonald, P.Z., acting as H.; John Kinnaird, J.; James Balfour, Scribe E.; John Bannerman, Treas.; Edward Arthur, Scribe N.; and others, a deputation from the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Lanarkshire being present, consisting of the following office-bearers, viz., Comps. William Smith, P.G.P.J.; Archd. McFaggart, P.G. Scribe E.; John Fraser, P.G. Scribe N.; and George Thallon, F.G.C. After having carefully examined the various books, and read a minute to the effect that they had found everything correct, Comp. McFaggart explained the cause of absence through indisposition of our much respected Most Excellent Superintendent, Comp. F. A. Barrow. Comp. Smith made a few congratulatory remarks on the good workable condition of the Chapter No. 73, and trusted it would long continue to uphold the true principles of Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. Wheeler returned thanks to the deputation for their visit, and regretted very much the cause of absence of our Provincial Grand Superintendent. The deputation retired, and the chapter was afterwards closed and opened, to the Mark Degree, when Scribe E. read the minutes of the 28th Sept. and 6th Oct. which were adopted. An application was read from Bro. John Broodfoot, Master Mason of St. John's Lodge, 33, the application being favourably received, and the candidate being in attendance, he was admitted and received that degree. The Mark Lodge was then closed, and opened to the degrees of Excellent Master and Holy Royal Arch respectively, when the aforesaid candidate, along with Bro. David Anderson, mentioned in minute of the 28th Sept. last, received those degrees at the hands of Comp. Wheeler, ably assisted by Comp. Balfour, as First Sojourner, who, without flattery, is one of the best Sojourners in the province. This being all the business, the chapter was duly closed.

GLASGOW.—Govan Chapter (No. 117).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on the 28th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Portland Buildings, Govan. Comp. John McFarlane, the retiring Z. of the chapter, presided, supported by his office-bearers, and opened a R.A. chapter. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. From these it was shown that the installation of the office-bearers for 1876, who had been elected, was the programme of the night's business. The companions elected for office were as follows, viz.:—Robert Muir, Z.; John Sutherland H.; John Hutcheson, J.; Robert Allan, S.E.; John Miller, S.N.; Robert Dunlop, Treas.; William Ferguson, First Soj.; John Brown, Second Soj.; William Barr, Third Soj.; and John McIntyre, Janitor. A letter was read from Comp. F. A. Barrow, P.G. Superintendent for Lanarkshire, stating that he could not be present to instal the office-bearers on account of other pressing Masonic business, but suggesting that the installation should be proceeded with. The M.E.Z. then intimated that Comp. James Crabbe, P.Z. of Chapter 50, had kindly consented to perform that duty, which intimation was heartily received by the companions present. Comp. Crabbe then stepped forward to the altar, and proceeded to instal the newly-elected office-bearers who were present, viz.:—R. Muir, Z.; J. Sutherland, H.; R. Allan, S.E.; J. Miller, S.N.; W. Ferguson, First Soj.; and J. McIntyre, Janitor. At the close of the installation ceremony, Comp. Crabbe, in a short but very clear and able address, pointed out the great responsibility the office-bearers had taken upon themselves, and to the companions the duty they had to perform in supporting their office-bearers in all that would tend to the elevation and prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry. The M.E.Z. then proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Crabbe for the services he had rendered to the chapter that night, and also to Comp. G. B. Adams, Chapter 50, for the assistance he had given, and also that they should be made honorary members of this Chapter, No. 117, as a mark of respect for their earnest endeavours to further Royal Arch Masonry. This was carried unanimously, and the two companions stepped to the altar and took the necessary obligation from the M.E.Z. Comps. Crabbe and Adams, in a few brief but well-chosen sentences, returned thanks for the great honour that had been conferred upon them that night. This finished the business of the evening, and the chapter was closed in due and ancient form.

The report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, and several other lodge reports, will appear next week.

CONSECRATION OF THE MORECAMBE LODGE, No. 1561.

The members of the ancient fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons resident in Morecambe and its vicinity, having the welfare of the Craft at heart, and having considered for some time past that the establishment of a lodge to be held at Morecambe would conduce much to the facility with which they could attend to their Masonic duties, and be a benefit to the Craft in general, decided to call a meeting of the resident Masons, &c., with a view to the consideration of what steps should be taken in furtherance of that object. Accordingly Bro. Dr. Moore was invited to attend a meeting held at the King's Arms Hotel, Morecambe, on Monday, the 14th June, 1875, when the following Masons were assembled, viz.: Bros. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England; W. Duff, Thomas Longmire, Henry Hartley, William Aspden, James Shaw, William Longmire, and others.

After some consideration it was resolved that it was advisable that a lodge should be established

to meet in Morecambe, and that a petition be sent to the M.W.G.M., praying for a warrant of constitution. The petitioners agreed that the lodge should be called the Morecambe Lodge, and that Bro. Moore should be the first Master, and Bros. Duff and Thomas Longmire the first Wardens. It was also resolved that until other suitable premises could be provided the lodge should meet at the North Western Hotel, Morecambe.

A petition in due form was prepared and sent to the Provincial Grand Secretary for the approval of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and it was afterwards transmitted to the Grand Secretary of England, from whom the Worshipful Master Designate (Bro. Dr. Moore) received the warrant, under the sign manual of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

Several meetings were held with regard to Masonic and general arrangements, and on the 6th October the R.W. Provincial Grand Master appointed Tuesday, the 26th October, as the day for the consecration. Half-past twelve o'clock was the hour fixed for the ceremony, and for the convenience of those members of the Craft living in Lancaster, who wished to witness the consecration, it was arranged that a special train should leave the Green Area Station for Morecambe at twelve o'clock. The train started within a few minutes of the appointed time, and on the arrival of the brethren at Morecambe they at once proceeded to the North Western Hotel, where for the present the lodge will hold its meetings.

After a short delay, the brethren invested themselves in their Masonic clothing, and proceeded to the apartment set apart as the lodge-room, which was properly and appropriately furnished for the forthcoming ceremony.

Amongst the members of the Craft present were the Most Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England; Charles Fryer (Mayor of Preston), Prov. S.G.W.; J. W. Morgan, Prov. G.C.; W. M. Deeley, Prov. J.G.W.; Thos. Armstrong, Prov. G.W.T.; H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec.; Reuben Pearson, Prov. P.G.R.; Robert Wylie, Prov. P.G.S.D., and Grand Director of Ceremonies; Joseph Skafe, Prov. G.O.; W. J. Sly, Prov. G. Purst.; J. Holme, P.P.G.J.W. (Cumberland and Westmoreland); J. Talbot, P.P.G.J.W. (C. and W.); W. Tattersall, P.P.S.W. (C. and W.); Dr. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England; E. Airey, I.P.M. 281; W. Duff, T. Longmire, W. Longmire, W. Aspden, J. Shaw, K. A. Stansfeld, J. J. Croskell, T. G. Thompson, W. S. Carr, W. H. Bagnall, P.M.; W. Heald, P.M. 1353; J. Acton, W.M. 1353; Joseph Barrow, W. Hall, P.M. 281; J. Taylor, W.M. 1051; J. L. Bradshaw, I.P.M. 1051, J. A. Baldwin (Dalton); T. Atkinson, S.W. 281, H. Longman, S.W. 1051; J. Simpson, 1353; J. M. Jameson, W.M.; W. Stewardson, P.M.; J. Gibson, P.M. and Treas.; and H. Rawes, 950; J. H. Charnley, E. Storey, P.M., and A. Mcraith, 281; C. Heswell, 204; H. W. Johnson, P.M. 113; J. B. Macguire, and J. Hessep, 995; H. J. Atkinson, 1505; W. Parker, J. Ellershaw, R. Wolfenden, F. G. Dale, J.W.; E. Barsby, and S. Dobson, 1351; W. Fleming, P.M.; J. Jowitt, S.D.; E. Simpson, P.M.; W. Wearing, P.M.; James Hatch, P.M. and Treas.; R. Jervis, J. Atkinson, John Hatch, P.M.; W. Storey, P.M.; J. Fenton, P.M.; F. Dean, P.M.; R. Whiteside, J. B. R. Pilkington, and J. Stanley, I.G. 281; B. R. Stansfeld, 859; John Beeley, and John Watson, 281, Tylers.

The brethren being assembled in the lodge-room, Craft lodge was opened by Bro. Wylie, who appointed Bros. John Hatch, P.M. 281, S.W.; James Taylor, W.M. 1051, J.W.; John L. Bradshaw, I.P.M., S.D.; W. Hall, P.M. 281, J.D.; and J. Gibson, P.M. and Treas. 950, I.G. Shortly afterwards the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England, entered the lodge-room, preceded by the Provincial Grand Officers and the Worshipful Master designate, namely, Bros. Morgan, Fryer, Deeley, Armstrong, Alpass, Pearson, Sly, Skafe, and Dr. Moore, a processional march being played whilst the R.W. Prov. G.M. took his place in the Master's chair.

On entering the lodge the R.W. Prov. G.M., as we have already stated, was conducted to the Grand Master's chair, when he appointed Bro.

Fryer to fill the chair of the S.W., and Bro. Deeley, J.W., the other officers remaining as before.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies then called upon the brethren to salute the Most Worshipful Provincial Grand Master according to ancient form, and the consecration of the lodge was proceeded with.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain (Bro. Morgan) read a portion of the Holy Writ, and then offered up prayer, after which an ode in honour of Masonry was sung.

Bro. Alpass, the Provincial Grand Secretary, then informed the Provincial Grand Master that the brethren desired to be formed into a new lodge, and read the petition, the dispensation, and the warrant or charter of constitution, which latter was attested by the sign manual of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, by virtue of his office as Grand Master.

The brethren who intended to be formed into a new lodge were then required to stand up, and the Grand Master inquired if they approved of the officers nominated in the warrant to preside over them. Assent was signified in Masonic form, and the Grand Master then delivered an oration on the nature and design of the institution.

The lodge was then consecrated in ancient form, according to Masonic rites and ceremonies, the elements of consecration—the cornucopia, wine, oil, and salt—being carried three times around the lodge, amidst solemn music, by four Provincial Grand Officers, and afterwards the censer in like manner by the Chaplain.

The Worshipful Master designate was then presented to the Grand Master by Bros. Pearson and Armstrong, the latter saying, "Most Worshipful Grand Master, I present this my worthy brother to be installed Master of the lodge, whom I know to be of good morals and great skill, true and trusty, and a lover of the whole fraternity, wheresoever dispersed over the face of the earth."

The Prov. G. Master having placed the candidate at his left hand, and asked and obtained the unanimous consent of all the members present, appointed him Master of the lodge. The Grand Director of Ceremonies then rehearsed the charges and regulations of a Master, to all of which the candidate signified his submission. The Grand Master then proceeded to instal the Worshipful Master into his office, but before doing so, those members who had not attained to the office of Past Masters were asked to retire and the installation was then performed with Masonic ceremonies. The members were then re-admitted, and the newly-installed Master was presented with the warrant of constitution, the lodge book, and the instruments of his office, one after another, receiving with each the customary charge.

The brethren then congratulated the newly-appointed Master, which having been acknowledged, he proceeded to invest his officers (presenting to each of them the instruments of their office) as follows:—Bros. William Duff, S.W.; Thomas Longmire, J.W.; William Longmire, Sec.; William Aspden, S.D.; James Shaw, I.G.; and K. A. Stansfeld, Steward. The investiture of the Treasurer was postponed on account of the illness of the candidate, Bro. R. Hartley. At the request of the Worshipful Master, Bro. E. Airey undertook to accept the office of Immediate Past Master.

The brethren having signified their obedience to the new Wardens, the lodge was then completely constituted, and registered in the Grand Master's book.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies then called for the accustomed vote of thanks, which were given in the manner peculiar to the Craft.

Two members were proposed, and the lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

The R.W.P.G.M. performed the ceremony of consecration in an exceedingly impressive manner, in which he was ably seconded by his Provincial Grand Officers, the manner in which Bro. Wylie performed the duties pertaining to the office of Grand Director of Ceremonies being alike creditable to the Craft no less than to himself. The musical portion of the ceremony was ably performed by a trio under the direction of Bro. Skafe, who presided at the harmonium.

CONSECRATION OF THE ELLIOT
LODGE (No. 1567).

Last Saturday another lodge for the Province of Middlesex was consecrated at the Railway Hotel, Feltham. The consecrating officer was Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Provincial Grand S.W., who was assisted by the Rev. P. M. Holden, P.G.C., as Chaplain, and Bro. Thomas W. White, Past Grand Steward, as Director of Ceremonies. Colonel Burdett, Prov. G. Master, attended, as did also numerous other Grand and Provincial Grand Officers. The S.W. chair was occupied by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, and the J.W. chair by Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Past Grand Pursuivant. Bro. W. I. Howe, Prov. Grand Steward, was I.G., and among the other brethren present were Bros. Lt.-Col. Peters, Prov. S.G.D. of Middlesex; H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treasurer; P. F. Knight Smith, Organist, 1441; J. H. Pearson, Frank Green, W. Dunham, J. R. Nichols, T. W. Clark, Tudor Trevor, (944, Bombay), H. Massey ("Freemason"), D. W. Pearse, S.W. 1293; John Elliott, J.W. (1348, Ebury), C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Fred. Keily, W.M. 1293, P.G.S. Middlesex; T. W. Clarke, John Coutts, P.G.P., &c.; A. J. Ireton, F. A. Pemberton, 1348; Wm. Hale, P.M. 1351; S. Lovegreen, and C. B. Payne, G.T. of England. Bro. R. Stone, of the Thames Valley Lodge, also attended.

The brethren having been formally erected into a lodge, the ceremony of consecrating, constituting, and dedicating the Elliot Lodge was proceeded with according to ancient custom, and the Rev. P. M. Holden delivered the oration, in which he said that Freemasonry was an institution founded, not as the ignorant and uninstructed vainly imagine, upon unmeaning mysteries supported by mere good fellowship, but upon eternal reason and truth, whose deep recesses are the civilization of mankind, and whose everlasting glory it is to have the immovable support of those two mighty pillars, science and morality. In proof of this assertion and as appropriate to their illustrious gathering, let him touch on the antiquity, extent, and comprehensiveness of their mystic art, concluding with a few words as to its excellence and utility. First, then, with regard to its antiquity. Now, Masons were well informed that the building of King Solomon's Temple was an important era from whence they derived many mysteries of their art. Be it remembered that this great event, the building of King Solomon's Temple, took place 1000 years before the Christian era, and therefore a century before Homer, the first of the Grecian poets, wrote, and about five centuries before Pythagoras brought from the East his sublime system of truly Masonic instruction to enlighten our Western world. But, remote as this period unquestionably was, we dated not from thence the commencement of our art; for although it might owe to the wise and glorious and great King of Israel some of its many mystic forms and several of its hieroglyphic ceremonies, yet certainly the art itself was coeval with man, the great subject of it, nay, even with the Creation itself, when the Sovereign Architect raised, on strictly Masonic principles, this beautiful globe, and commanded that master science, geometry, to lay the line to the planetary world and regulate by its laws the whole stupendous system. And as Masonry was thus of remote antiquity, so was it also, as might readily be imagined, of boundless extent. We traced its footsteps amongst the most remote and distant ages of the world; we found it in the first and most celebrated civilizers of the East; we could trace it regularly from the first astronomers on the plains of Chaldea, to the wise and mystic kings and priests of Egypt, the sages of Greece, the philosophers of Rome, and even to the rude and Gothic builders of a dark and degenerate age, whose vast temples still remain among us as monuments of their attachment to the Masonic art, and as signal proofs of the taste which, however irregular, must always nevertheless be considered awful, beautiful, venerable, and sublime. In very truth, in no civilized age or country had Masonry ever been neglected. The most illustrious characters, kings and nobles, sages, legislators, authors and artists, warriors, statesmen and philosophers, had thought it their glory to

advance, defend, protect, and honour it. And even at the present time, when our brotherhood is successfully established in every kingdom on the earth, Masons were proud and happy to include in that list names which did honour to their own, and which indeed have done honour to any age; and he could not but remark with infinite pleasure and satisfaction that in whatever else men might dispute and disagree, they were all, without exception, unanimity itself in their esteem and support of Freemasonry, which united all parties, conciliated all private opinions, and caused those who by their Almighty Father were made of one blood to be also of one heart and mind, brethren firmly bound together by that most indissoluble of all ties, the love of God and the love of their kind. And not only was it a great civilizer to the world, but it was as, Young described, a place where

"Christians, and Jews, and Turks and Pagans stand,
One blended throng, one undistinguished band."

This alone might be judged a sufficient reason for the extent and, if he might so say, the universality of the Craft, and when to all this was added the comprehensiveness of the institution, the vast circle of arts and sciences which it took in and embraced, then we could no longer for one single moment wonder at its vast extent, but must feel persuaded that it would ever keep pace and run parallel with the culture and civilization of mankind. Nay, we might pronounce with the strictest truth, that where Masonry was not, there civilization would never be found. And so in fact it appeared, for in those savage countries and barbarous climes where operative Masonry never laid the line or stretched the compass, where skillful architecture never reared the dome or planned the well-ordered columns, in those uncultured regions, without form and void, liberal science never softened nor did ingenious art exalt, refine, embellish, and beautify the mind. After these few and imperfect remarks could any man doubt for a single moment as to the excellence and utility of Freemasonry, thus deep in antiquity, boundless in extent, universal in its comprehension of every science, operative and speculative; thus, as it were, in its wide bosom embracing the whole circle of arts and morals. Allow me, then (continued the rev. gentleman), worshipful sir, to congratulate you and all those present upon the advancement and the present most flourishing state of our useful, ancient, and beautiful Masonic art. Allow me more particularly and especially to congratulate you, the founders, officers, promoters of the Elliot Lodge, upon the happy event of to-day, the consecration of your Masonic edifice, reared, I trust, upon a solid foundation, and which I hope will add stability and glory to Freemasonry in general, and to the province of Middlesex in particular. May the Craft always meet safe, happy, and secure within its sacred walls, and may it flourish for ever like the palm tree, may private friendship and public virtue distinguish and adorn the heart and character of every Mason who shall ever form and fill the sacred and Masonic lodge which we consecrate to-day to Freemasonry, to virtue, and to universal benevolence. May they adorn and ennoble the art they profess; and I would, after thanking you for listening to me, complete my remarks with some old lines which occur to me as applicable to the Order:—

If all the social virtues of the mind,
If an extensive love to all mankind,
If hospitable welcome to a guest,
And speedy charity to the distressed,
If due regard to liberties and laws,
Zeal for our house, and for our country's cause;
If these great principles deserve the name,
Let Masons then enjoy the praise they claim.
(Cheers.)

The ceremony of consecration was afterwards completed, and Bro. Little installed Bro. John Mason as W.M., on the presentation of Bro. Thomas W. White, D.C.

The brethren invested were Bros. Frank Green, S.W.; W. Dunham, J.W.; Elliott, Secretary; J. R. Nichols, S.D.; A. J. Ireton, J.D.; Pearson, I.G.; Samuel Love

Green, D.C.; T. W. Clarke, W.S.; and Potter, Tyler. After this, Bros. Little and Hervey delivered the charges. Bros. Col. Burdett, John Hervey, H. G. Buss, R. W. Little, Thomas W. White, Rev. P. M. Holden, Sir G. Elliot, Lt. Col. Peters, and C. A. Cottebrune were elected honorary members, on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the S.W.; and the W.M., in addressing the newly elected brethren, said that he felt there was much work still to be done in the province, and he hoped that often when there was this work to do the new members of the lodge would be present.

(The continuation of this report will appear in our next.)

Masonic and General Tidings.

A new Masonic lodge, the "Zetland," No. 326, Toronto, Canada, was consecrated last month, M.W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Grand Master, officiating, assisted by P.W. Bros. Spry, Stephens, and F. J. Menet.

A fine Masonic Hall is being built at Lexington, Missouri, U.S.A.

On the 19th of August the corner stone of the Union Agency building for the five largest nations of Indian Territory—the Cherokees, Choctaws, Creeks, Chickasaws, and Seminoles—was laid at Prospect Hill, near Muksogee, by the Masonic Grand Lodge of the Territory.

The monument to Fitz Greene Halleck, the poet, was dedicated on July 8th, 1869, at Guildford, Conn. New Haven Commandery, K.T., and St. Albans Lodge, No. 38, assisted.

In connection with our Royal Grand Master's visit to India, Bro. Matthews, an enterprising chemist of Camberwell, has discovered the means of composing a solution of lime which is considered to be an antidote against diarrhoea or dysentery. The profits of the medicine are to be given to the Masonic charities.

Bro. Alderman Hadley has received an address of congratulation from the London Coffee-house Keepers Benevolent Association.

On Tuesday last the Prince of Wales completed his thirty-fourth year, having been born on the 9th November, 1841. There were the usual celebrations in London, at Windsor, and at Sandringham.

Bro. George Abbott, of the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, has been presented with a valuable gold watch and chain, by the members of the Railway Guards' Universal Friendly Society, in testimony of their esteem, and in recognition of the ability and zeal displayed by him while chairman of the General Committee for five years. The presentation was made at the society's usual monthly meeting at the Birkbeck Institute, on the 27th ult., and was accompanied with an address beautifully illuminated on vellum, expressive of the cordial esteem evinced to our brother by the members of the above society.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked, by a number of brethren from various lodges, in the St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction, on Tuesday, the 16th inst. The proceedings will commence at 7 o'clock.

Our readers will be glad to hear that Bro. Major Creaton was gazetted on Tuesday night as Lieut.-Colonel.

The Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471, is held at the Crown and Cushion, London Wall, every Wednesday evening, at 7.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk, and the installation of Bro. Walpole as the new Provincial Grand Master in the room of the late Bro. B. B. Cabbell, will take place at Norwich, next Saturday. Lord Skelmersdale will instal. It is expected that 500 Freemasons will attend the banquet, which will be held in St. Andrew's Hall.

Bro. Tom Jackson, P.S.W., was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for ensuing year of the Lodge of Truth, Huddersfield, 521.

The first meeting of the committee for making arrangements in connection with the forthcoming Masonic Ball in Liverpool, in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, was held on Friday evening, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., will be the chairman of the ball committee; Bro. W. M. Chudley, P.M. 241, the vice-chairman; and Bro. H. Neilson, P.M. 673 and 1505, was elected the Secretary.

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Reviews.

THE "COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR."—
London: Bro. GEORGE KENNING.

Twelve months ago a facetious contemporary chaffed us for reviewing the "Cosmo" because belonging to our own publisher. We did not see the force of his remarks, however pungent, then; we do not see it now. Our publisher has survived the chaff, so have we; and, as a proof of our vitality, we beg to announce the reappearance of the "Cosmo," and to recommend it to all our readers to-day. As of old, well got up and carefully compiled, it is a convenient and portable "vade mecum" for the Craft, and as we turn over its pages we are struck with the fact, so convincingly brought home to us, of the cosmopolitan character of our good Order. North and South, East and West, not merely as *Præd* sings, "The chains of Hymen jingle," but Freemasonry is established, lodges are many, and Freemasons are to be found. When George Canning said he meant to call a "new world into existence to redress the balance of the old," we feel almost certain now, in the light of after years, that he foresaw the spread of the Masonic body, and his words have already received a part fulfilment in that Freemasons in the new world are twofold more numerous, at the least, than those of the old. Bro. Kenning's *Cosmopolitan Calendar* takes us among them, tells us their *Jaral* habitation, and

their name, so that the golden link of brotherhood, of which Masonic bards often write, unites us with many, many thousands of brethren across "Atlantic billows." Well, we thank Bro. Kenning for his "little stranger" of 1876, and we trust as this good year closes, and as the new year dawns upon us, the demands for it may be many, and the sale of it may be great. If any of our brotherhood are anxious to possess it, let them look in at any of Bro. Kenning's depôts in town or country, where their wants will be courteously attended to, and their requirements fully supplied. W.

"CASSELL'S DICTIONARY OF COOKERY," No. 1.

We are very much pleased indeed with this, the first number of a very useful work. We have long felt deeply how much improvement was needed in the great and necessary art of domestic cookery, and how far too severe and abstruse were many of the manuals in use. We, therefore, hail with pleasure this plainly written but perfectly understandable cook's vade mecum. We think it will be a very useful one, and a good present for that meritorious class of the community who are often expected to do a great deal on a very little. Now we all of us, say what we will, like a good dinner, and there is all the difference in the world between a well-cooked dinner and a bad one. Dyspepsia, indigestion, blue devils, bad temper, general uncomfartableness, personal disagreeableness, are the inevitable result of the latter state of things; while cheerfulness and amiability, *bonhomie* and good-health, comfort and satisfaction, are the wonted accompaniments of the former. We have no hesitation in saying that it makes all the difference possible, both to your digestion and your disposition, whether you eat a tough chop or a tender one, whether your fish is well fried, or your mutton well boiled, whether the omelette is really an omelette, whether your potatoes are mealy, or, as the Irishman said, "bursting from their beautiful skivins." We feel, then, how important such a work is for our cooks, and how much good for us all alike might be the "outcome" of its clear directions and sensible maxims. If only our cooks will but attend to them what a blessing it would be for us all. Cooks are said to be not always good-tempered, but they have much to try them. They are very hardworking, for the most part, and they are most indispensable members of the Briton's domicile, where they kindly provide for the wants of Britons and Britonesses, and little Britons and little Britonesses, with great assiduity and plentifulness. If, then, they can be induced in their calmer moments to attend to Messrs. Cassell's Dictionary of Cookery all may yet be well, we feel, with our country, our constitution, with ourselves, with our appetites, our

tempers, and our digestions, our household expenditure, and our banker's balance. We, therefore, recommend the work to our readers, and all who value the "savoir faire," and economical arrangement of a well-regulated kitchen, and the health, temper, and amiability of their own immediate family circle, and even—we say it deferentially—their own. W.

FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

The regular meeting of Lodge Concord, No. 757, E.C., was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Mazagon, on Saturday, the 18th Sept., 1875. Present: Wor. Bros. W. C. Rowe, W.M.; G. R. Henderson, I.P.M.; B. Robinson, P.M.; Bros. F. Burdett, as S.W.; W. Fearn, as J.W.; F. Burdett, Treas.; O. Tomlinson, Sec.; J. Spiers, S.D.; W. G. Davis, J.D.; J. Luke, D.C.; J. E. Tyers, Organist; J. F. Grew, Steward; L. Thomas, I.G.; J. W. Seager, Tyler; F. Lean, W. E. Craddock, J. May, John Widdle, E. Fuelling, J. Holt, W. Hobbs, C. J. Hall, H. Watson, W. W. Wilson, J. H. Burrett, and others.

The visitors were Bros. S. Counsell, W.M. 1100, E.C.; C. Parker, H. D. Summers, 563, S.C.; Hormusjee Pestonjee, 1359, E.C.; and others.

The lodge was opened with prayer at 7 p.m. The summons convening the meeting was read. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Permanent Committee were read and adopted.

The ballot was then taken for Mr. John Armstrong as candidate for initiation, who was announced elected.

The Secretary then read a letter, dated the 10th Sept., from the D.G. Secretary, and was directed to lay the same before the Permanent Committee at their next meeting.

A letter to and endorsed by the Wor. Master, re Bro. W. W. Whittaker, S.W., was then read. It appears there has been some error in not writing Bro. W. W. Whittaker's name off the roll of the lodge since the 15th May inclusive, about which date he left for England in consequence of being invalided home, and is not likely to return to India.

Bro. W. C. Rowe, Wor. Master, proposed, and Bro. B. Robinson, P.M., seconded that Bro. W. W. Whittaker's name be taken off the roll of the lodge from the above date, his dues being paid up to the time he left India an invalid for England. Carried.

Mr. John Armstrong, properly prepared, was then duly admitted and initiated into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

Bros. Ernest Fuelling and Dr. Joseph Gerson Da Cunha were then examined as to their qualifications to be passed to the Second Degree, and having passed a very creditable examination, were entrusted and passed out.

All below the rank of Fellow Craft were then requested to retire.

The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree.

Bro. Ernest Fuelling was then duly admitted and passed to the Second Degree.

Bro. Dr. Joseph Gerson Da Cunha was afterwards duly admitted and passed to the Second Degree.

The working tools were then presented, and their uses explained by the Worshipful Master to the newly passed brethren.

The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree, and resumed in the First Degree.

A letter from Bro. J. W. Seager, Tyler, returning thanks for the donation of fifty rupees, and requesting some kind brother would use his influence in obtaining for him employment, was then read.

Rupees three annas four was then taken from the charity box, and duly taken into account by the Treasurer.

There being no further business before the lodge, it was closed with solemn prayer at 9.10 p.m.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

A convocation of Leinster Chapter, No. 166 (I.C.), was held (in accordance with the laws and constitution of the Order) at the Masonic Temple, Hasskien, on Tuesday, the 28th Sept., there being an unusual attendance of companions, it being the installation of K. and officers for ensuing term.

The chapter was opened in due form, with solemn prayer, by Comp. R. MacGill, M.E.K., supported in council by W. Dorrell, H.P., and A. Noble, C.S.; the other officers present were Comps. J. Lindsay, C.H.; J. Rawe, S.T.; W. Teadstill, R.A.C.; T. Johnson, Capt. S. Veil, T. Dickenson, C.P.V.; J. Nock, C.B.V.; W. Webb, Reg. and Treas.; P. Flucker, Janitor; the chapter being honoured by the attendance of Comps. W. Harvey, M.E.Z., of the Thistle of the East Chapter, No. 107, (S.C.), accompanied by Comps. H. Arnold, P.Z., and W. S. Bottler and W. Cadwallader, who, by request, assisted at the opening of chapter.

Minutes of last regular meeting were read, put to vote, and confirmed.

The business for the evening (as per circular) was the installation of K. and officers, and to hear and, if approved, adopt Auditors' report.

The M.E.K., in a very able manner, referred to the presence of the M.E.Z. and officers of the Thistle of the East Chapter, and called upon the companions to salute them as per ancient Irish custom.

The M.E.Z., W. Harvey, in most affectionate terms, complimented the Leinster companions upon their working, and duly acknowledging the honour paid him and his officers, called upon the companions of 107 to salute the K., as per ancient Scottish usage.

The Auditors were then called upon for their report, and Comp. J. Rawe, Senior Auditor, having laid the accounts before the chapter, congratulated them upon the progress made since last audit, and paid a flattering compliment to the Registrar upon the lucid manner in which they found the accounts kept. Upon due consideration the report as read was duly accepted, and a vote of thanks awarded the Registrar.

The time having arrived for a change of officers, the M.E.K. very ably referred to the working of the chapter during his term of office, stating that, however reluctantly, he may divest himself of the honourable badge of office, and however acceptable his services may have been, he felt that the change would be beneficial, as circumstances did not permit him to give the attention that was necessary, and which he felt in honour of the position as K. he ought to have given, and referring to the ability of Comp. W. Dorrell (his successor), and the staff of officers elected to assist him, he felt sure that the progress of the chapter was thus far guaranteed for some time to come. The sentiments of the M.E.K. were acquiesced in by the companions present. The installation ceremony commenced, and P. K. Arnold, acting as D.C., presented Comp. W. Dorrell, as the K. elect, for installation. The ancient charges having been read and duly assented to, the companions below the rank of K. retired, and Comp. W. Dorrell was duly installed in the council chair of K.S., the ceremony being carried out according to the constitution of the G.R.A.C. of Ireland.

The companions were readmitted, and being informed of the said installation of the K. elect, duly assembled and saluted the K. with the R.A. salute, as per ancient custom. The installation of K. being over,

Comps. A. Noble, H.P. elect, and J. Rawe, C.S. elect, were presented and duly invested with the insignia of their offices, and admitted to their seats in the Council.

thus forming the Principals of the chapter with full power to work the degrees of R.A. and Mark M.M.

The following officers were also duly presented and invested with the badges of their several offices, viz., W. Teadstill, C.H.; T. Johnson, S.T.; P. Flucker, R.A.C.; T. Dickenson, J. Nock, and J. Lindsay, Captains of the Three Veils; W. Ite, Janitor. Upon the officers taking their several stations, the I.P.K., R. MacGill, delivered to the newly installed K. the warrant from the G.R.A.C. of Ireland, the constitutions and the bye-laws of the chapter, and a true inventory of all furniture, jewels, clothing, &c., &c., belonging to the Chapter and Mark Lodge, and in the course of a few well-chosen remarks congratulated the chapter upon the election of its officers. The success of the chapter depending upon the efficient working of the officers, he charged them to, at all times, strictly adhere to the landmarks of the Order, and pay great attention to their several duties.

Upon the I.P.K. resuming his seat, the installed K. in a very able manner thanked the companions for the honour they had conferred in electing him into the exalted position which he now held, and assured them that their confidence should not be misplaced, and referring to the able manner the installation ceremony had been executed, he thanked the I.P.K., and assured him that the charges laid down should receive his attention, his aim being to propagate Arch Masonry in its true form. He also expressed feelings of gratitude for the large attendance of companions, visitors, and members, upon the auspicious occasion, and having declared that the officers now elected for the chapter would stand duly elected for the M.M. Lodge (as per constitution), it was his intention to hold a Lodge of Instruction every alternate Tuesday. The chapter was then closed in due form, in love, peace, and harmony. The companions subsequently adjourned to the large banquet hall, where a banquet was held, to celebrate the occasion, and several hours were spent, wherein the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and "The Health of all P.M.'s" being proposed and responded to (songs intervening toasts and speeches). The well-known Tyler's toast having brought the festival to a close, the companions separated, as the small hours were creeping in.

COLCHESTER.—Bro. Emra Holmes has been lecturing at Colchester. We cull the following from the "Essex Journal" of the 5th inst:—"The subject was 'Tom Hood,' and the lecturer gave a very graphic and interesting account of his parentage, birth, and life, quoting some of Hood's gravest and most comical sayings, which alternately held the audience spellbound, and in irresistible roars of laughter. He paid high tribute to Hood's religious views, and very impressively delivered some of his choice compositions. Mr. H. S. Goody occupied the chair, and it appeared, from remarks made during the proposing the votes of thanks, that there was a misunderstanding as to the subject, it having been announced that the subject was to have been 'Wit and Humour.' In proposing a vote of thanks to Miss Lewis for presiding at the piano, however, Mr. D. C. Fraser accepted the entire responsibility of having been the cause of the mistake, and he felt sure that the audience would freely forgive him for the error, it virtually being the cause of their having enjoyed, unexpectedly, such a rare treat as that with which the lecturer served them that evening." We understand that the lecture will be shortly published in the pages of our contemporary, the "Masonic Magazine," in which paper Bro. Holmes' "Notes on the British Union Lodge" are about to appear.

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The following stand over:—

"Masonic Jewels"; "W. M."

The Geneva paper kindly forwarded by W. E. G. will be sent next week. See Leader.

T. C. G. H.—On consideration, we do not deem it advisable to publish the extract on "Spurious Orders."

Reports of Lodges 141, 209, 279, 1085, 1167, 1337, 1351, 1458; Chapters 177, 424.

Several Reports of Scotch Lodges, noticed under that heading, stand over.

Consecration of a Lodge at Newquay.

BOOK RECEIVED.

The Pythagorean Triangle, by Rev. G. Oliver, D.D., John Hogg and Co.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOV. 13, 1875.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO INDIA.

Our Royal brother landed at Bombay at four o'clock on the 8th inst., accompanied by the Viceroy and his suite, who had gone on board the *Serapis* immediately on her arrival. On leaving the *Serapis*, a procession was formed astern of the Royal barge by the Admirals and Captains of the Queen's ships in their boats. Salutes were fired by the squadron and the shore batteries. All the ships in harbour were dressed with flags and their yards manned, forming a grand spectacle. His Royal Highness, who wore the uniform of a Field-Marshal, was received on landing by Sir Philip Wodehouse, Governor of Bombay; Lord Napier of Magdala, Commander-in-Chief in India; the Hon. Sir Michael R. Westropp, Chief Justice of Bombay; and other high civil and military officials. Upwards of 70 native Princes, Chiefs, and *Sirdars*, in glittering Oriental costume, were also present. An address of welcome was presented by the Municipality of Bombay, to which the Prince briefly replied. A brilliant procession was then formed, which proceeded at a slow pace towards the Government House. Troops lined the road as far as the native town, from which point the way was kept by the police. The greeting given by the people to his Royal Highness was at once cordial and respectful. The utmost enthusiasm was manifested along the whole line of route, a dense, seething mass of people of all castes occupying every inch of standing room from the ground to the house-tops. It is computed that nearly 200,000 persons came from the *Mofussil* alone. As the Prince neared certain points, the excitement increased, the mob gathering round the carriage and catching the enthusiasm of the Europeans. Nevertheless, excellent order prevailed. His Royal Highness looked very well, and appeared highly gratified with the demonstrations in his honour. The whole city is splendidly decorated, and there is a series of eight triumphal arches along the route taken by the procession. In celebration of the Prince's visit there will be a general holiday until the 15th inst. The Parsees met on the 6th inst. at the splendid Fire Temple

belonging to the Ardaseer Hormusjee Wadia family, of Cowjee Castle, in order to offer prayers for the safe arrival and departure from India of the Prince of Wales. The reception of the Native Princes by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on the 9th, was stately and splendid. After the Rajahs of Kolapoor, Mysore, Oodeypore, Kutch, and Baroda, came Sir Salar Jung, with the Nizam's deputation, which contained many Rajahs, Nawabs, and Chiefs. The Prince's birthday was celebrated by salutes all over India. At 4 p.m. the Prince visited the Admirals. Salutes were fired, and the fleet was illuminated on the departure of the Prince. On his landing he was received by the Viceroy and the Governor at the Mazagon Stairs. The Prince and the Governor and Viceroy, with their suites, drove in seven carriages for two hours through Bombay, which was illuminated. It was a marvellous sight with the miles of lamps and the cheers, which are unusual from natives. There were myriads of quaint devices; among others, "Tell Mama we are happy." After the Queen's health, the Governor proposed that of the Prince, who expressed pleasure at his reception. He had, he said, always wished to see India, and never would forget his 34th birthday, which had been passed in that great Empire of the Queen. Among the natives in general the impression was most satisfactory, and the important Chiefs were greatly pleased. The thermometer is at 88 degrees. Every one is well. Bombay is still en fête, and there is tremendous excitement, never such a sight having been beheld there. The Prince thanked the Governor for the arrangements. He gave a dinner to the crews of the *Serapis* and *Osborne*.

The "Times" of Thursday has the following:— "During the Guildhall banquet on Tuesday evening the Lord Mayor addressed the following telegram to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at Bombay:—'The Lord Mayor and his distinguished guests now assembled wish your Royal Highness many happy returns of the day.' Yesterday morning the Prince replied by a telegram dated 'Parell (Bombay), 11 40 a.m., 10th November:—'Accept my very best thanks for your kind wishes and those of your distinguished guests on the occasion of my birthday, and I wish you and the Corporation every possible prosperity.' A similar message was sent by the Benchers from Middle Temple Hall, and as promptly and graciously acknowledged."

NEW LODGES.

Our readers will note, as week follows week, that our columns record the consecration of new lodges and the dedication of Masonic halls. Our present issue contains the account of the consecration of two lodges, one chapter, and one Masonic hall. Our muster roll of lodges is fast approaching to 1600, and that number will, no doubt, ere long actually be reached. This ought to be a subject of rejoicing to all loyal Freemasons. We cannot affect to sympathise with that lackadaisical or apathetic view of the case which, if it had any encouragement, would throw cold water on any tendencies amongst us to enlarge and to advance. On the contrary, we firmly believe that all such ideas are both shallow and meaningless, and that, of course within due limits, the extension of our lodge system is greatly to be desiderated and heartily to be welcomed. Two points seem to press upon us from the facts before us which we shall do well to notice. The one is a note of warning, the other a voice of encouragement. Freemasonry is not, let us bear in mind, a plaything or a sensation. It is a very useful, unassuming, benevolent, and valuable Order, a friend to true progress and improving civilisation, which asks for and obtains the warm support of the intellectual, the moral, the kindly disposed, and the honest hearted. It is an institution around which we may freely rally, amid many opposing schools of thought and sympathy to-day, as offering us a standpoint, to use a German phrase, on which we ourselves can plant as on a firm basis its goodly standard of toleration, honour, loyalty, and charity. Freemasonry does not ask our adhesion or our adherence simply because it is a pleasant social institution, because it dispenses honours or bestows rank, or

even because in it we can frequent the agreeable gathering, and enjoy some beneficial moments of needful recreation! These motives may sway some, no doubt, but they are all secondary motives, and not the motives which Freemasonry requires and approves. But when to us Freemasonry has become something more than a name, when we have mastered its esoteric teachings as well as its exoteric forms, we think we discover and clearly discern how specially suited it is to the conflicts and exigencies of the hour. We are all of us now, in this self-asserting age, too much inclined to put forward our subjective theories of religion, truth, and sound teaching, for instance, as if they were objective realities. We like to invest our own personal "doxy" with the belief and the feelings of the Ego, with the colouring of abstract truth and of everybody else's "doxy." And hence arise inevitable collisions of thought and action, the regrettable though apparently unavoidable outbreaks of that "odium theologicum," which has wrought so much mischief in the world. Now, Freemasonry seems to speak to us all to-day in the calm, convincing tones of reason, charity, and common sense. "Do not allow yourselves ever to surrender the best feelings of your nature to polemical strife, to meaningless controversies. There are times, indeed, as we all know, in the history of individuals and nations when we have to be very bold for the truth as we hold it and cling to it. But, as a general rule, men waste a deal of time hurtfully on futile contentions, on shallow logomachies. Come, then, within my peaceful portals, and learn the lesson I would teach you and all my members. Hold what you deem the truth in love, not judging one another, not condemning one another. Within my dwelling no disputes prevail, and no discussions perplex. All is calm and kindly, forbearing and serene. I know neither of the cries of party nor the differences of religion, but I welcome all good men who bow before the great Creator of all. Be you content to abide by His moral law, not asking about the precise creed of a brother, not involving yourselves in doctrinal discussions beyond my scope, but offering every loyal heart a safe and consistent platform of religious sympathy, morality, piety, and brotherly love!" Such seems to be the voice and words of our "Alma mater" to-day, and amid all that noise of angry combatants, which fills our streets with the din and turmoil of sectarian animosities, it is pleasant for us all to remember that Freemasonry affords a "Rendezvous" for all who like for a few passing hours to forget the animosities of humanity, and to welcome the pleasant emotions of harmonious concord, toleration and union, friendship and affection.

SEMPER EADEM.

Roman Catholicism is ever the same, in that it seems to oppose itself, no doubt on some wonderful principles of its own, not patent indeed to the uninitiated, to the claims of individual liberty of thought and action, to the wants of an emancipated conscience, and even to the stern requirements often of actual fact and historical truth! In nothing more do we see this than in the effect that Roman Catholic teaching often has on enlightened minds and ardent wills. The Roman Catholic would no doubt say, that the very axiom of Romanism proper is the surrender of the moral judgment and the intellectual powers of the individual to the voice of the Church, and the decision of the successor of St Peter. But here it is where we join issue with our Roman Catholic brethren. We cannot think it to be a good thing, that human reason and understanding, the sympathies and sentiments of the individual, should be subjected to this severe strain of iron, unbending, irresponsible authority! For the effect is simply the effect of reaction. The string has been too tightly extended, and the bow snaps. Hence, as a general rule, in all Roman Catholic countries the revulsion from Ultramontanism has led to scepticism, Voltairianism, infidelity. We do not say that such a state of things is not also to be found in professedly un-Roman Catholic countries, because it undoubtedly is, but those who have ever lived in Roman Catholic countries, or mixed much with Roman Catholic laymen, must be well aware, that

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too often beneath hollow forms of outward conformity are lurking, in full swing and energy too, the baneful emotions of a sneering scepticism, a disregard of ecclesiastical claims, and even of moral restraints. It is then this benumbing and intolerant influence of Rome to which we so strongly object. You may be the most amiable and benevolent of men, kind, cultivated, and "sympatico" in the highest degree, but once hug the Ultramontane chain of infallible authority, and unerring dogma, all is changed with you, you are hardly the same person. You who were so benevolent, so philanthropic, so menschenfreundlich as the Germans say, in all that concerns the Roman Church of your birth or adoption, are as violent as Allen, and as unpyting as Torquemada. Let us take Daniel O'Connell's letter on Freemasonry, in our last issue, as an illustration. Daniel O'Connell was emphatically in himself a large-hearted man; he had a genial and kindly spirit, a love of pleasantry and fun, and seems to have represented in many respects all the most amiable aspects of the Irish character. He once was a good Freemason, he had learnt and taught its lessons of toleration and goodwill, and no doubt, had cracked many a joke and had been a very pleasant companion of the social hour. But no sooner does he become thoroughly under the power of his spiritual advisers than he gives up Freemasonry, and denounces it. He, it is curious and amusing to note, professes not to have known of the decrees of Clement, of Be-

absence. We listen to the ready tongue of the malicious or revengeful; we greedily catch up some idle story to his discredit, and we pass it on with zest, or we palm it off eagerly on some credulous listener "as a fact, sir," a reality, a truth! Now, friendship itself is a very sacred bond, given by the Great Architect of all for the happiness and peace of man here, and ought always to be looked upon as something very dear, precious, and inviolable. It is one of our greatest blessings and our purest joys. But Masonic friendship has charms and claims of its own. We are members of a little band of warm and genial friends, children of the light, brethren of love, guiding our steps over life's troublous sea by the beacon lights of Faith, Hope, Charity, and Truth! To ignore a brother's claims upon us for kindly consideration and fair treatment, to be slanderous where we should be chivalrous, and detractors where we should be upholders, is indeed a sad commentary on the reality of Masonic principles, on the vitality of Masonic practice! It is base enough in the common vulgar crowd of hurrying mortals to sacrifice right and truth to low expediency and cowardly subservience. It is sad to see friendship betrayed and loyal trust disappear in the too frequent violations of every law of honour, morality, and duty. But to forget that as brethren we seem to form a phalanx of kindly hearts and honourable associates, that we are bound to be true to one another and our good old Order, in every contingency of

from the Grand Lodge, and four working under dispensation. These 202 lodges have a membership of about 12,000, all the lodges having during the year increased their membership. The financial report of the Grand Lodge is said also to be very good, and the Grand Master thus speaks of the Board of Relief, though, as will be seen, no actual figures are given. "The earnest appeal of the Grand Master, in his last annual address in behalf of the Masonic Board of Relief in this city, I would again commend to your consideration. The good work daily performed by the members of that board is deserving of all praise and honour. Their report will, I think, show a very large increase, during the present year, in the number who have applied to the board for assistance, who, if they are found worthy and deserving, are always granted aid sufficient to relieve them of their immediate necessities, and as far as practicable they are assisted to some work where they may earn an honest livelihood. I trust that the Grand Lodge will make a liberal appropriation to this truly benevolent organization." The address was well delivered and loudly applauded. The Grand Master closes with the following incident, which we think is well worthy of note and remembrance:—"A certain man, before leaving his old home in the East, had been made a Mason, but since coming to the Pacific coast had not visited a lodge, but had fallen upon evil paths and

been led into dissipation. One day he was looking for some articles in his trunk, when he came upon a forgotten package, which, when opened, was found to contain his lambskin apron (for the lodge wherein he was made a Mason had made it a custom to present each member with this emblem of Masonry). The sight of the spotless vestment, more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, aroused a flood of recollection in his bosom. In imagination he was carried back to his old home where he had been honoured and respected; to the time when he stood in the north-east corner a just and upright man, where it had been given him strictly in charge thus ever to act and walk. He asked himself how he had fulfilled the charge? Had he walked as an upright man? He felt that he had not. But the spark of manhood which still lingered in his bosom was strong enough to kindle a raging fire for reform. He put the apron away, and went forth determined to conquer the terrible demon that had been leading him on to the abyss of destruction." It is then, we trust, an interesting fact in itself, and one very encouraging to all Freemasons, that our great brotherhood is even more powerful, and more advancing, in the new world than in the old. In the Dominion of Canada, under the Canadian Confederation, and in the United States, the number of Freemasons cannot be less than 650,000, and if to this be added English, and Irish, and Scotch Freemasons, and our lodges in India, the Mediterranean, the Cape of Good Hope, the West Indies, the Mauritius, &c., Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, without much exaggeration, may be placed at something short of a million of members. May all of good attend the onward progress of our universal brotherhood.

life's often trying pathway, is, and must be a subject of deep regret to every good Freemason. If faith and charity are destined to leave our toiling hosts of mortals to-day, if the progress of society is only to be marked by the sad evidences of a failing love of veracity, by demoralizing habits and mournful prevarications, let us seek to keep our lodges still the home of truth, the refuge of honour, friendship, and devotion, where brethren can meet as brethren, and friend rely on friend.

JOTTINGS OF TRANSATLANTIC FREEMASONRY.

We were glad to have been able to give a report from the "Old Dominion" of the progress of our good brethren under the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and we always heartily welcome the reports of Canadian Freemasonry. Our brethren have two very able periodicals there, the "Canadian Craftsman," and the "Canadian Masonic News," both very well edited, and we are pleased from time to time to cull from their columns many an interesting item of Masonic intelligence from that far-off land, for the information of our brethren at home. We are always happy to hear of Canadian "sayings and doings." We have also received the "St. Francisco Chronicle" of October the 14th, in which is contained the meeting of the Californian Grand Lodge of October 13th, under G.M., G. C. Wilkins. From his address we learn that all is prospering with Freemasonry, and with the Grand Lodge. We are glad to hear, and our readers will too, what the Grand Master terms the "moral influence of Freemasonry" in that remarkable land. "Could the secret history of our own State be unfolded," he says, "the works of charity and pure beneficence bestowed by Masonry would command the reverence of many who now revile it. For many years in the mining portions of our State it was the prevailing moral influence that kept men within the bounds of moderation, and taught them to 'do unto others as they would wish that others should do unto them.' Its votaries ministered to the sick, relieved the destitute, and performed the last sad tribute of respect to the dead. Thus is Masonry ever quietly and unostentatiously performing its mission among us, receiving within its folds those only who voluntarily knock for admission and are found worthy—men of every nationality and creed, with no religious prohibition except the one requisite belief in God, the Supreme Intelligence which prevades all nature. Jew and Gentile, Mahomedan and Christian, meet within our lodges upon one common level, working harmoniously together for their moral improvement and social regeneration." It seems that there are 198 lodges in this jurisdiction working under charters

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MASONIC TRUTH.

It might almost seem superfluous to write on such a subject, since "Truth" is supposed to be a Masonic cardinal virtue, and said to be one of its distinguishing characteristics! But alas! Freemasonry is human, and of this earth, earthy, like everything else in this sublunary world, and it has not escaped altogether the process of worldly adulteration or "decay's effacing fingers." Freemasons, like all men, do not always practise what they preach; they do not always square their deeds with their professions! In society and in common life, amid its struggles and its cares, and its business, and the pursuit of wealth, to which we all more or less devote the best energies of our wills, our feelings, and our affections, we are often, despite our good Masonic teaching, led to identify ourselves with the fashionable dicta of the hour, apt to be affected by the hidden leaven ever upwards working of a debased morality, of a corrupt code. We think all means righteous to gain our object. We echo the old saying, "in love and war all things are fair;" we are very ready to think that the "end justifies the means;" and we applaud the sophistical axiom, that "we may do evil that good may come." Hence very often there comes over even our Masonic dealings, and words, and ways, a colouring of insincerity, of unreliability, of a want of openness, of a tendency to go beyond a brother. We do not run straight. We smile in a brother's presence, we backbite him in his

ALBÆ DIES.

Since last we met our readers two great anniversaries have been observed and have taken place within the good City of London. The one, the birthday of our Royal Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, the other, Lord Mayor's Day. Both of these events have much meaning and interest for all patriotic Englishmen. Despite the unwholesome virulence of a few unreasoning fanatics, the great mass of our free English people is emphatically loyal to their hearts' core! We may have our days of trial and even discontent, low wages may affect us, a bad trade may try us, but the pulse of England always beats full and true in its healthy hours, unchanged in its loyalty and devotion to the best of Queens, and the great and glorious institution of our free and constitutional government. Under it a wise and understanding people has thriven and progressed in contentment, order, comfort, peace, and wealth. Party cries have become less and less, social reforms long needed, now attract the energies of the statesman, and the sympathies

poem is made up of many old "saws," which he has incorporated into and perhaps expanded in his witty verses. Bro. Bernard will have it that I did quote Butler, though I say I did not, and in his superabundant spirit of the truest Masonic teaching, he not only gives me the lie direct but is persuaded that I have never read Butler at all. This, I beg to observe, is a piece of gratuitous and vulgar impertinence.

After a longish life, and much careful study of the English as well as foreign and ancient classics, it is a little too bad to be told by a brother who professes to write Masonically, though he knows nothing of me he says, that he will be "greatly surprised" if I possess "any familiarity" with the poem.

Those of us who have read "Typee" will remember how the amusing writer finds one great merit in poor "Toby," that he knew his Hudibras, and as Butler has been very familiar to me for many years, and many are the quotations I have transcribed for "lectures" and other purposes from its pleasant pages, I am not likely so to have blundered. I was also aware that an old controversy had taken place about this very couplet, and that the commonly quoted verses were not Butler's actually, though very commonly attributed to him—that is to say, that the correct version was somewhat different. I should then not have been guilty of such literary "laches," as quoting Butler for what he did not actually write.

III. With regard to Bro. Bernard's misspelling, when in one place he spells "odorous" "orderous," and in another "oderous" in the same copy one cannot but feel that a writer who is so slipshod in his spelling, and also in his verbiage as "do he," which is a pure "provincialism" is not a competent critic of any other writer, and that all such pseudo criticism in his hands is ridiculous and unmeaning, in fact hardly deserving of notice.

IV. One thing is clear from this correspondence, how personal and how perverse some Masonic correspondents can be.

Let me recommend Bro. Bernard before he ventures again to assail others to remember, that ignorance is not criticism, and vulgarity is not wit.

The Freemasonry we both profess to believe in might have taught him a truer lore, and as I do not wish to waste my time in replying to a correspondent who, instead of being critical, is only personal, I must decline the honour of continuing such a puerile and worthless logomachy.

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.
[This correspondence must now cease.]

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.
To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to correct what appears to be an error in your article entitled "Recent Provincial Grand Lodges," published in your last number.

You say, "In West Lancashire, under the presidency of our active and distinguished Deputy Grand Master, the Provincial Grand 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." And you further add, "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."*

Now I think you must surely be in error, for West Lancashire has no power or authority to tax West Yorkshire for the benefit of the Masonic charities.

But if you really mean that West Lancashire is about to tax all the lodges in that province for the benefit of the charities, I for one am very glad to hear of it, inasmuch as I have for a long time thought that a pro rata system of support of our charitable institutions would be more reliable and efficient than the present impulsive and desultory mode.

In fact, I have on two separate occasions brought the subject under the notice of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire; the first time was so far back as 1868, and the second was at our last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Sheffield on the 20th ult. On the first occasion I proved from statistics extending over the previous five years that less than twopence-halfpenny per member would have been sufficient to meet all the claims made upon West Yorkshire during that time; and I have not the slightest doubt that a similar small sum pro rata would meet all our present claims.

This, I think, is an answer to your remark that the pro rata principle would be a heavy burden on some lodges, for surely any lodge ought to be able out of its yearly income to afford such a small sum, nay, even were it doubled or trebled, it would only be cutting down a supper or two during the year, in order to meet any additional demand for the support of our charities. And when we consider that the lowest yearly subscription to a lodge is one guinea per year, it is obvious the pro rata system would not be a burden upon any.

I remain, dear Sir and brother, yours fraternally,
S. O. BAILEY, P.P.G.S. of W., W. Yorks.
* West Yorkshire was a misprint for West Lancashire.

THE MARK DEGREE.
To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me (through your paper) to thank "Mark Master" for answering my queries so fully, and for which I am obliged, especially for answer No. 4, and if the English Royal Arch Masons, not being Mark Masters, are debarred from entering a chapter while at work in Scotland, Ireland, Canada, and the United States, &c., the sooner it is made likewise compulsory in England the better, either before

exaltation or before Royal Arch certificate is granted. If the Mark Degree is recognized by the lodges so much abroad it should be in England; at all events, I am about to be exalted (hence, my making the enquiry I have), and have come to the conclusion that I had better become a Mark Master also, as I should feel rather vexed, as an English Royal Arch Mason abroad, to find myself shut out of a chapter at work through not being a Mark Master. The English Masonic laws want mending on this point, it appears, otherwise it would render their own Royal Arch perfect, so as to enable them to enter foreign chapters without the inconvenience of being debarred therefrom.

Yours fraternally, AN ENQUIRING M.M.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I do not propose to take part in this controversy, for it is in able hands, further than to say that I quite concur with "P.M. of Mark Lodge" as to his statements anent the York Grand Lodge and Mark Masonry.

I note a statement of Bro. Yarker's that the York Masons recognised the Knights Templar and the priestly order of Melchizedek. Where Bro. Yarker got his information from I know not; it is new to me, and will be, I fancy, to Bro. W. J. Hughan. The York Masons worked no degrees but the three Craft, and the R.A. Knight Templarism appeared among them about 1780, not earlier, and it was altogether a separate grade, though the G.S. of the York Grand Lodge then appears also to have been a Templar—hence the seeming union. Bro. Yarker may be in possession of facts of which I am ignorant. Of course he has some authority for his statement, so I shall be glad to know it. The old idea, so long prevalent, that York was the origin of High Grade development is a pure myth.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

MASONIC JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very much obliged to Bro. Nepean for his reply to my letter upon the subject of Masonic jewels, but I certainly cannot agree with him in his saying that the jewel does not appertain to the Third Degree. I beg to quote Bro. Nepean's words, "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." Now, in the first place, the "five-pointed star" represents the five p—s of f—p, which appertain to the Third Degree, and in the second place, on those points you are raised, and therefore must consider that the jewel belongs to the Third Degree. As the question regarding this jewel has turned up, it will be as well to have this question finally settled at the Grand Lodge "whether the jewel is a Third Degree jewel," "and all M.M.'s entitled to wear it," should they wish to do so. What is the "Charity jewel" mentioned by Bro. Nepean?

I remain, yours fraternally,

AN ENQUIRING M.M.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The much-vexed question of the legality of wearing such jewels as the five-pointed star, and square and compasses, as honorary jewels, is still open in your columns, and I am greatly surprised to see that they find in you an editorial adherent.

I fail to discover that the Book of Constitutions in any way mentions the five-pointed star as a jewel appertaining to any degree in Masonry, nor do I see it mentioned anywhere amongst the jewels, except as forming part of that appointed for the D.G.M. Your correspondent Bro. J. J. H. Wilkins very dogmatically assures "An Enquiring M.M." that the five-pointed star is a perfectly legitimate jewel, &c., because, forsooth, he has worn it in Grand Lodge, and at the installation of the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., but because he incorrectly wears it, and it passes unnoticed by those who are engaged in more important work elsewhere, it does not follow that it is a legal jewel. I have seen the Mark jewel worn both in Grand Lodge and at the installation referred to, but that does not constitute it a legitimate jewel. I agree with him, however, that the question should be at once set at rest, and can only say further that so much am I convinced of its illegality that should a brother enter a lodge in which I were W.M. I should at once request him to remove it.

I am yours fraternally,

J. DANIEL MOORE,

P.G.S.B., Eng., P.M. 281, 1051; W.M. 1561, &c.

[Our correspondent does not see that the five-pointed star is "consistent" with the three degrees recognised by Grand Lodge, the Mark jewel is not.—ED.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday, November 6, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. Symonds, Vice-Patron, in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. J. Boyd, Winn, Moutrie, Herbert Dicketts, I. J. H. Wilkins, S. Rosenthal, Jesse Turner, J. C. Dwarber, J. G. Chancellor, J. W. Dosell, H. V. Garman, Hyde Pullen, George Palmer, W. Paas, A. H. Diaper, F. Adlard, W. Roebuck, Col. Ridgway, N. G. Phillips, F. J. Cox, C. Horsley, H. Day, J. France, Benjamin Head, and others.

Bro. Binckes, the Secretary, read the minutes of the General Committee of October 2nd, which were confirmed.

On the minutes of the Audit Committee being read, and which showed a balance in favour of the institution of £3681 5s. 5d., it was recommended that £2000 Consols should be purchased as an investment.

Bro. Dwarber wished upon this to ask a question. He was not so frequent in his attendance at their committees as he ought to be, and the question he wished to put was solely for the purpose of obtaining information, and that was, would the vote of the committee be final upon this matter as to the proposed investment in Consols.

The Chairman said he believed so, as it was so in the Girls' School.

Bro. Dwarber said he wished to have an answer either in the negative or affirmative. Had that committee the power to come to such a vote, or was there any other power to negative their action in this matter?

Several members.—No, no.

Bro. Dwarber was very happy to hear it, and so he believed would be every brother present, and he thought they ought to congratulate themselves on their prospects for the future. He was glad they had got some money to be invested in Consols, but at the same time he hoped there would be no attempt to force this charity beyond its healthy and natural limits. He hoped that it would allay the agitation which had been got up out of doors, and as they had got something in Consols, it would be a happy thing for them to point to, and thus allay those agitating spirits who made attacks on their institution.

It was then proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that £2000 Consols be purchased on behalf of the institution.

Bro. Col. Ridgway said, as one of the members of the committee, although he was not so frequent in his attendance as he ought to be, he thought that was a good opportunity for expressing his great satisfaction at the resolution which had just been passed. He could scarcely agree, however, with the brother who had just sat down, that while they invested a sum in Consols, they ought not to push the benefits of the society beyond natural and healthy limits. Now, for his part, he believed that there could be no limit to charity in Masonry, and that no limits could be deemed unnatural or unhealthy when they looked at the progress of the school, the good that was done in it, and the interest that was taken in it by the Craft. Their school afforded an immense amount of education to the sons of their poorer brethren, and there could scarcely be any limits to such a healthy extension of it. (Cheers.) He knew not what took place out of doors, but he thought that too much attention ought not to be paid to it, and if there was any complaint to be made, let those who made it come in doors and bring forward some specific resolution, for they all had a deep interest in the institution. They had to consider the proper condition of the school, and after having secured such great results in the benefit of education, they had still been enabled to invest £2000 Consols for future operations. It was for that the committee had great cause for congratulation, and it ought to inspire them with confidence for the future (hear, and cheers); and show to the world at large the successful position to which they had attained.

The next business was the reception of three candidates for the next election, and their names were ordered to be placed on the list.

Bro. Binckes, the Secretary, then rose, and said he wished to call attention to a charge which had been made against him in a pamphlet which had been circulated by a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, in conjunction with the late Head Master of the School, this being the first committee meeting since it had been issued. He should not have brought the matter forward were the charges confined to the management of the institution or its condition, his own manner, demeanour, or the language he employed, for those were matters upon which every brother had the right fully and freely to express his opinion; but when imputations were made upon him in a pamphlet circulated throughout the Craft, in which he was charged with being guilty of a malversation of the funds of the institution, and after having for 14 years acted as their Secretary, he felt bound to clear himself in the mind of every member of that institution. Such a charge could not be made with impunity, for it cut at the very root of mutual confidence which without he had no right whatever to hold the position of their Secretary. He confidently asserted, without fear of contradiction, that no item of expenditure, whether it was for food, clothing, or anything else, had ever been passed without the proper voucher for it being brought before the committee. In a pamphlet published in reply to one by himself at page 29 he found the following words:—"Since writing, and as we had hoped, concluding the preceding pages, we have discovered an item in the accounts for 1872, 1873, and 1874, which of itself is enough to warrant us in condemning in the strongest terms the way in which the school expenditure is presented. We refer to the item under the head of "Gratuities" to (with grants and outfits for) boys leaving the institution. The amount expended (see different reports for 1872, 1873, and 1874) for the last three years is £314 5s. (viz. £119 in 1872, £126 10s. in 1873, and £68 15s. for 1874), of which sum only £172 10s. are accounted for, leaving £141 15s. of which no account is rendered." In page 30 it goes on to say:—"In fine, all the returns under this head of grants are so confused that it is not surprising that those who before investigated them have been entrapped. We have looked in vain for the missing sum of £141 15s., and must wait, perhaps, till some satisfactory explanation is given of this most bewildering statement of accounts of a great and noble institution, supported by the voluntary gifts of some hundreds of our brethren." Now, he said, it did not require any great knowledge of the English language to see that if these words meant anything at all they meant this, that he, as the Secretary of their institution, had embezzled the sum of £141 15s. Although every item was doubly checked, the inference which his accusers wished to be drawn was that he had appropriated £141 15s. to his own use. Now, he had had a statement prepared,

in which it would be found that there was a voucher from every boy for every farthing of the total sum of £314 5s. This was laid upon the table amidst the enthusiastic cheering of the entire meeting.) He most urgently asked and wished the committee to examine these documents, and then see if he had not completely cleared himself from the atrocious charges which had been brought against him (renewed cheering). He had worked hard for the institution for fourteen years, and had during that time enjoyed the confidence of every committee of management, and never had there been the slightest charge brought against him as to his conduct, and he repudiated with scorn the charge made in a public print that he had embezzled a sum of £141 15s., which ought to have been received by the poor boys of their institution (loud cheering).

Bro. Jesse Turner said he could not help thinking that the sooner anything in the form of a charge was grappled with the better it would be for all parties. He might be told that every one was not acquainted with, he would not say the facts, but the statements in the pamphlet which had been placed before the world by two brethren, and it was their duty to set the matters contained in this pamphlet at rest. According to the statements of it the House and Audit Committees were but mere puppets, and were moved to do anything by the Secretary. Now, as a member of the Audit Committee, he would not say such a charge was utterly and entirely false, but he would say such an assertion was a complete mistake (a laugh). There was something more to which Bro. Binckes had alluded in the remarks he had made, and in which, to some extent, his (Bro. Turner's) honour was impugned, and that was that he had connived at Bro. Binckes appropriating to himself a sum of money to which he was not entitled. Now that was another mistake. Then the matron of the institution was attacked, and an attempt was made to injure her fair fame, at the time it being well known that she was not in a position to issue a counter pamphlet. If there was any charge to be made, why was it not brought forward, so that it might have been investigated, and if any improper performances had been gone through that it was not creditable to the institution should take place, why was not the charge brought forward, so that it might have been inquired into and thoroughly investigated? As an individual he repelled it all as a foul slander, but he would ask them to appoint a committee, so as to give their accusers an opportunity of proving their charges if they could, but at the same time he did not believe that they could do so, and it would be found, after all, that it was but a "mockery, a delusion, and a snare." He moved, "That a special committee be appointed to investigate the management and accounts of this institution, and report thereon to this committee."

Bro. Dossell seconded the motion. He said that from his experience he knew there was a double check upon all the accounts, and during the last five or six years he had been on the committee he never found an error that was not easily corrected, but as regarded the charge of their Secretary having embezzled £142, that must be a matter for special investigation. The committee were to a certain extent bound up with Bro. Binckes, and they must set their character right before the public.

Bro. Col. Ridgway said it appeared that two members of the committee were about to pass censure upon themselves, as charges of this sort had never been brought before the committee, but were merely charges floating in the air, and that reminded him of a saying, "Give a lie to the air, and in twelve months you will not catch it again." He felt they ought not to take up so much time with so atrocious a slander as that which had been promulgated by this pamphlet, and he would move as an amendment, "That this General Committee have unqualified confidence in the business ability and honour of the Audit Committee, and in the unquestionable integrity of their Secretary." It seemed to him that it was not so much a question about the £142, as to endeavour to inculpate their Secretary, and by throwing as much mud as possible in the hope that some of it might stick. (Hear, hear.) He could remember some sixteen years ago, when this school was in a very different position to what it is at the present moment. At their annual festivals then £1500 or £1600 was looked upon as a very respectable sum, as they were then compelled to remain at a very respectful distance from the pet charity of the Craft, which was the Girls' School (hear, hear); but when their present Secretary came all was changed, for now they considered £1500 as a mere trifle, and looked forward to something like £15,000 or £16,000. Since Bro. Binckes had been their Secretary they had doubled and quadrupled their income, and in fact he had been the making of their institution for the benefit of those poor children who were there grouped together. What the life subscribers had done might be counted by tens and hundreds, but what their Secretary had done could only be counted by thousands and tens of thousands, and it was to his zeal, ability, integrity, and honour that they were enabled to boast of the proud and useful position in which their institution stood at the present time. (Cheers.) He concluded by moving his amendment.

Bro. Rosenthal seconded.

Bro. C. Horsley said he agreed in every syllable spoken by Bro. Ridgway, but he considered the conclusion to which he had come was contrary to the eloquence of his speech. It seemed to him that the Audit Committee might stand on the consciousness of their own rectitude, and that this committee were of the same opinion; but were he one of the Auditors he would press to the death the passing of the original resolution. For himself he might say that they were fully worthy of their confidence, but there was a vast body of Masons outside that room, not only throughout the kingdom, but in India, Australia, and other parts of the world, where the virus of this poison had been disseminated, and even that very week he had heard that not only the charges contained in the pamphlet would be proceeded with, but that graver charges of a criminal nature would

be prosecuted. He asked the Board if such statements were going broadcast over communities, and they had others watching with vigilance to take offence if there was the least semblance of a ground for doing so, whether such charges ought not to be investigated. The vote of confidence which the Board was desirous to give ought to be such as Auditors would be glad to receive. If he was an Auditor he would not receive such a vote of confidence as that Board could give, as it might be said that they were his friends, that they were only a unit, while in the world there were millions, and therefore he said that these charges should undergo a thorough investigation, so that they might get rid of the vile calumnies which were thrown first at the head of their Secretary, and next at the governing body at large; and therefore he supported the original resolution.

Bro. Head, as a member of the Audit Committee, claimed an investigation, for such charges ought not to be made against them without it being proved which was right.

Bro. W. Winn said if the motion proposed by Bro. Ridgway was passed by 30 brethren then assembled, outside there were millions, and such a resolution would not be satisfactory to West Yorkshire. He thought, however, that when the committee was appointed a professional accountant should also be appointed to assist them in the investigation of the accounts. For the honour of the Audit Committee and Bro. Binckes, he hoped there would be the fullest inquiry. He spoke feelingly when he said the brethren of West Yorkshire were not satisfied with the accounts, but he hoped on investigation that every figure would be found correct.

Bro. Binckes said that all the accounts were certified by the committee in gross, and were doubly checked; but he published in detail particulars more fully than there was a necessity for, and it was simply in carrying out the details that these discrepancies had occurred. He would ask any one who was conversant with accounts if clerical errors were not almost inseparable from published accounts. He courted the fullest investigation as to every shilling that had passed through his hands. As to the remark of Bro. Winn, with reference to the Province of West Yorkshire, he questioned if there were six brethren of that province who supported the views of the Deputy Prov. G. Master.

Bro. Ridgway withdrew his amendment, as he wished to see an unanimous vote upon the question, but at the same time he had the utmost confidence in the honour of the committee that the accounts were correct, and his faith in the integrity of their Secretary was unshaken.

The original motion of Bro. Jesse Turner was then put, and unanimously agreed to.

Bro. Col. Ridgway then moved, "That it be a special instruction to the committee to report specifically on the charge in page 29, in the pamphlet now produced, as to whether there is any ground for the charges brought by Bro. Tew and Bro. Perrott, that £141 15s., or any part thereof, is not accounted for, as stated in the pamphlet."

Bro. Horsley seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

The committee was named, and consists of the following brethren:—Bros. Col. Ridgway, Dwarber, Dicketts, Diaper and Motion.

Bro. Winn moved "That the committee be empowered to call in the assistance of a professional accountant, to assist them in the investigation of the accounts."

Bro. Moutrie seconded the motion, which was also put and agreed to.

Bro. Col. Ridgway protested against the assumption of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire in respect to the government of the Boys' School, and said that it was entitled to no more weight than that of a single individual subscriber.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, and a meeting which had been all but unanimous throughout the whole of its proceedings was brought to a close.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of this institution was held on Wednesday in the library, Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Lieut. Col. Creaton in the chair. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, Benj. Head, Dr. Jabez Hogg, W. Stephens, R. W. Little, James Brett, Charles Lacey, C. A. Cotterburn, Raynham W. Stewart, Joseph Smith, Hyde Pullen, W. Hilton, Thos. Cubitt, J. G. Stevens, H. G. Warren, Thos. W. White, Joshua Nunn, F. Adlard, Col. Ridgway, J. Newton, L. Stean, J. M. Stedall, H. Massey ("Freemason"), James Terry, (Secretary), and W. Lane.

A letter was read from Lord Skelmersdale stating that the 9th of February, 1876, would suit him admirably, and he should be most happy to preside at the festival on that day.

The Secretary announced the death of one annuitant after having received £246 in annuities.

Three candidates were placed on the list for next May.

A discussion followed as to the receipt of some subscriptions from a brother whose relatives said he was insane, and the matter in the end was ordered to stand over.

The committee then adjourned.

In compliance with a requisition, signed in conformity with the laws of this institution, a special general meeting of the Governors and Subscribers was held on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, to take into consideration a proposed alteration of clause 19 of the laws, and also any further proposition or motion which might be made to give effect to the same. The chair was occupied by Bro. Lieut. Col. Creaton, Vice-Patron, who was supported by

Bros. Benjamin Head, L. Stean, John Newton, Charles Lacey, John G. Stevens, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, J. A. Farnfield, Col. Alex. Ridgway, H. M. Levy, John Symonds, H. Massey ("Freemason"), James Terry, (Secretary), and W. Lane.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, which appeared in the advertisement columns of the "Freemason" last week,

The Chairman explained the object of the meeting; whereupon,

Bro. John Symonds rose, and said he begged to move that the following words be added to Clause 19:—"Every Steward at the anniversary festivals who shall procure donations or subscriptions to the extent of not less than £50, in addition to his own donation, shall receive two additional votes at each election, and two further extra votes for every additional sum of not less than £50." He supposed that he need not enter into any detail on this matter. The question was fully discussed when the alteration was made both in the Boys' and the Girls' Schools, and the alteration now proposed was the same, with the difference of the number of votes, in accordance with the different practice of the different amount subscribed in this institution as compared with those. He might just mention that the main reason for the proposed alteration was this—that many brethren put their names down as Stewards, and subscribed £5 or £10, and secured thus additional privileges as Stewards without giving themselves further trouble in the matter, or adding another sixpence to the funds of the institution. Another brother perhaps would take no end of trouble: he would serve as Steward for an important province; he would go about visiting various lodges; he would incur great expense in postages and journeys; and he would receive no higher privilege than the brother who had given himself no trouble about the matter. Then it was thought that the brother who had taken so much trouble should have some reward in the shape of a few extra votes; and it was in order to carry out that view that this alteration was proposed. If the proposition was adopted, the laws of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution would be brought in harmony with those of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; and he thought that as far as regarded the success of the festivals of the Benevolent Institution the Stewards should not be in a worse position than the Stewards of the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

Bro. Benj. Head seconded the motion.

The Chairman then put the resolution to the meeting, and it was carried unanimously.

Bro. Symonds again rose, and said he would now move the remaining portion of the proposition contained in the requisition for this meeting,—"To expunge the following words:—If unaccompanied with a personal donation, but by means of his services, not less than £20 shall be paid to the funds, he shall be entitled to one additional vote for every subsequent Stewardship." That had not been found to work well in the other institutions, and it had consequently been expunged from their rules. The alteration made by expunging these words would likewise bring the laws of the Benevolent Institution equally in accord with the rules of the other Masonic institutions.

Bro. Head seconded the motion.

The Chairman having read the proposition,

Bro. Jno. G. Stevens said he took it that it was a matter of course that these words should be expunged. They must come out if the first proposition was carried.

The Chairman said that was perfectly correct. He took it for granted that they would have to come out; that was why the motion was made.

Bro. Jno. G. Stevens thought so. If the law was to be properly made it must be done in this way.

Bro. J. Symonds would suggest that the new law that they had adopted should follow between the 2nd and 3rd clause, as a clause by itself.

Bro. James Terry:—Immediately after the words—"served as Stewards."

Bro. Symonds:—I have now very great pleasure in moving "That the thanks of this special general meeting be given to our worthy Bro. Lieut. Col.-Creaton, for attending here this day and presiding over us." We have heard with great satisfaction of the additional honour that has been conferred upon him. He has been a faithful servant of Her Majesty for a long while, and I am quite sure that the honour thus bestowed has been very well earned. I am sure that we have every reason to be gratified with the kind attention our brother always gives to the affairs of this institution, as well as to the affairs of the other institutions connected with the Order. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Benj. Head:—I have very great pleasure in seconding this motion. I have seconded the other motions of Bro. Symonds to day; but I second this one with even still more pleasure than I did those. We have been associated together so long that I am quite pleased to congratulate our brother chairman on having attained the additional rank which has been conferred upon him by Her Majesty.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

The Chairman:—Bro. Symonds, Bro. Head, and brethren, I thank you very sincerely for the compliment you have paid me; and in reference to my promotion in military rank I do feel very much gratified, for this simple reason: I have not been pitchforked into that rank, I have served a quarter of a century; and by having done so I feel that I have earned my title. Consequently, as I said, I feel very much gratified at it. As you have been kind enough to refer to it, I regard your doing so as a very great compliment. I thank you all, brethren, for your kindness.

Bro. James Terry:—We will report what we have done to day to the Board of Masters next Wednesday, and it will come before Grand Lodge this day three weeks.

The brethren then separated.

INSTRUCTION.

Prince Fredk. Wm. (753), Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within.
St. Marylebone (1305), British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Constitutional (55), Wheatshaf Ho., Hand-court, Holborn.
Percy, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Israel, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road.
Royal Arthur (1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Metropolitan Chapter (975), St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

Grand Stewards' Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.
Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
" 700, Nelson, M. H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Ho., Wandsworth.
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F. M. Hall.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Millwall Docks.

INSTRUCTION.

Mt. Lebanon (73), Windsor Cas. Tav., Southwark-bd.-rd.
Pythagorean (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Confidence, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham
Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
Finsbury Park (1288), Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark (879), Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught (1524), Havelock Tavern, Dalston, E.
United Strength (228), Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Mount Edgecumbe (1446), 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's.
Islington (1471), Crown and Cushion, London Wall.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
" 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 55, Constitutional, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
" 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
" 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
" 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
" 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton.
" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-road, S.W.
" 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-road.
" 1512, Hemming, Lion Hotel, Hampton.

INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street.
Fidelity (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-street, W.
Finsbury Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road.
United Mariners', Three Cranes, Mile-end-road.
Whittington (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn.
Temperance in the East (898), Catherine-street, Poplar.
Ebury, 12, Penonby-street, Millbank.
Highgate (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City (1426), 111, Cheapside.
High Cross (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street.
Marquis of Ripon (1489), Albion Tav., Albion-rd., Dalston.
Doric Chapter, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes.
" 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo (13), Thomas-street, Woolwich.
St. George's (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street.
Belgrave (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), Freemasons' Hall.
Temperance, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton (1365), White Hart, Clapton.
Stability, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
Metropolitan (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street.
Westbourne (733), Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-road.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M. H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's (144), Commercial Tav, King's-road, Chelsea.
Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Backhurst-hill.
Burdett Coutts (1278), Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
Pythagorean Chapter (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 20, 1875.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

Lodge 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Hall Liverpool, at 5.
" 1051, Rowley, Mas. Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.
Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
" 2667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hattington Ho., Barrow-in-Furness.
" 1276, Warren, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
" 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes

Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Mas. H, Liverpool
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), M. Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

Lodge 537, Zetland, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 5
" 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6,
" 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Ho., Ormskirk.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

Lodge 1350, Fernor-Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Duke of Edinburgh Lo. of Instruction (1182), M.H. Liverpool.
Jacques de Molay Preceptory, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 4.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 20, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose-street.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

Lodge 32, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-street.
" 437, Govandale, Portland Arms, Govan.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

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

Chap. 150, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 20, 1875.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

Lodge 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, E., Register-street.
" 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

Lodge 48, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.
" 226, Portobello, Royal Hotel, Bath-street.

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

Chap. 56, Canongate, Masonic Hall, John-street.
Chap. 83, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

[ADVERTISEMENT.]

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASON.

I see, with very great regret, a correspondence in your papers of a most un-Masonic character, in reference to the Boys' School management.

What has become of our grand principles, "Brotherly Love, and Charity?" They appear to be converted into "envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness."

The course of action now taken can never bring about a satisfactory settlement of the question. It is a most unjustifiable course on the part of Bros. Tew and Perrott to publish as they did an "ex parte" statement to all the outer world.

Why Bro. Binckes should have been attacked so personally I cannot see, except to satisfy the spite of a disappointed clergyman. His question had been decided by the House Committee, and they, not Binckes, are the responsible parties, if injustice has been done him.

One or two Brethren should be selected by each party to investigate and set at rest the whole question privately, and report result of their inquiries, and not as is now being done, holding up the Craft to the ridicule of all its enemies.

I would advise Bro. Binckes to keep quiet, and not lay himself open to be "shot at" as he now is.

I think it will be quite time enough to get up a Testimonial to Bro. Perrott after the report is out, and when it is found the amount of injury he has done to the Charities of our Order.

Yours truly,
JOHN SUTCLIFFE.

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