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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

BRITANNIC LODGE (No. 33).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 12th inst. There were present Bros. J. Chynoweth, W.M.; J. Pendered, S.W.; John Davis, J.W.; Lewis Crombie, Treas.; Thos. A. Chubb, Sec.; J. S. Pearce, Dir. of Cer.; and Edward Strouts, Steward. The following P.M.'s: Bros. G. E. Eachus, Wm. Smith, John Strapp, Magnus Ohren, Jas. Glaisher, Fredk. G. Finch; and the following Bros.: Geo. Furness, G. N. Strawbridge, Chas. Horsley, Chas. W. Turner, Jno. Robertson, Wm. Clouston, Chas. Pawley, David Hodge, Wm. Sugg, Henry Finlay, John Ricks, Wm. P. Boddy, A. E. Hodge, A. J. Dudgeon, W. L. Dudgeon, Geo. T. Huntley, J. W. Goodall, Fredk. H. Varley, J. S. Tamburini, Wm. G. Davis, and other brethren and several visitors. Bros. William Battye, P.M. 142; Wm. Robt. Woodman, M.D., 66; and Charles Bennett, P.M. 25, were proposed and accepted as joining members. Bros. Hallows and Millar were raised, and Bros. Hald, Davidson, and Campbell were passed. A motion, of which notice had been given by Bro. Ohren, P.M., was duly carried—"That after the word 'deposit' in the Bye-Law No. 15, page 10, line 12, the following words be added: unless the joining brother be a Principal or Past Principal of the Britannic Chapter, in which case the joining fee for such brother shall be five guineas only, including the deposit." Stewards were appointed to the Masonic charities for the ensuing year, the usual sums being voted to head the Stewards' lists. The sum of £5 was given from the charity box for a distressed brother. The lodge adjourned to banquet about half-past six, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. Lawler, as usual, being the leader of the professionals, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The regular monthly meeting of this old lodge was held on the 12th inst. at its usual quarters, Anderton's Hotel. The W.M., Bro. George Everett, presided, having a great number of brethren to assist him in his work. Among these were many visitors. The officers were Bros. A Treadwell, S.W.; James Willing, jun., J.W.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.P.M., Treas.; Thomas Williams, Sec.; J. W. Palmer, S.D.; John Buscall, J.D.; J. Clark, I.G.; and J. Daly, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. H. Baschett, 5, I.C.; James Mazzini, 957; Charles Matthew, 263; George Darcy, 901; W. Porter, 1269; Sampson George, 813; J. H. Ryley, 188; G. J. Scales, 1507; E. Conran, 73; T. G. Walls, 141, &c.; F. Somers, 1489; W. D. Evans, 1286; W. Battye, W.M. 749; George Anderson, 60; Rev. P.M. Holden, P.G.C. Middlesex; and H. Massey ("Freemason"). Bro. Osborne was raised. Bros. Harding, Wigmore, Beverstock, Pierpoint, Pinhey, and Sherlock were passed, and Messrs. Ferrier, Zoebeli, W. Friend, W. J. Bennett, and J. Billingham were initiated. Bro. F. Kent, C.C., P.M., moved "That a committee be formed for the purpose of considering and determining upon the propriety of the removal of the lodge," a motion which was seconded by Bro. G. Plummer and carried. The committee was then named, the P.M.'s and officers of the lodge, and Bros. Plummer, F. Kent, W. H. Richards, Foxcroft, Montague, and J. Jones being the members. Bro. James Willing was announced as Steward for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February, after which the lodge was closed, and the usual banquet held, about eighty brethren partaking thereof. The W.M. proposed the toasts subsequently with considerable ability, and in proposing that of "The Initiates," dwelt with much emphasis on the pleasure it afforded not only the Domatic Lodge, himself, and all Masons to welcome new members to the Order, particularly when, as was then the case, the gentlemen introduced were men of such exceeding promise. One of the initiates replied for the whole body, thanking the brethren of this lodge for holding out the hand of brotherhood to them, and promising that their object should be to promote the good of the Craft, which

made all its members equal. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, the W.M. remarking that there was always a goodly number at the meetings of the Domatic Lodge. In the lodge there had been some mention made of visitors not meeting with sufficient attention, but, nevertheless, there were fifteen visitors present on that occasion. The practice of visiting lodges was a very wholesome and happy one. It served to show what was going on in the Craft, and enabled brethren to compare one lodge with another. It was quite true that as the banquets of this lodge were crowded the brethren were unable to afford the visitors all the attention they would wish, but if the visitors would accept the will for the deed they could see that they were heartily welcome. Nothing pleased the lodge more than to minister to the comforts of the visitors, and as often as they chose to come there was the same cordial reception awaiting their arrival. Adverting again to what had been said in lodge, he hoped everything had been done to the visitors' satisfaction. Bro. the Rev. P.M. Holden, P.G.C. Middlesex, was called on to respond, and in returning thanks, he said he felt very deeply the cordial way in which the W.M. had proposed the toast. Something had been said in the lodge-room with regard to the hospitality and the good cheer the brethren received. He paid a visit to the lodge about twelve months ago, when Bro. Kent was in the chair, and the reception he then met with was excellent, and every attention was paid to his wants. Perhaps the brethren might say that that was owing to some other cause than his being simply a visitor. Being a substantial person he was not likely to be overlooked. Perhaps his Masonic father, Bro. Smith, gave him a good recommendation. Perhaps, more than any other reason, it was because he was a clergyman. He could assure the brethren that during the last two years he had always found, wherever he had been in a Masonic lodge or at the banquet table, the greatest kindness and attention paid to him as a clergyman. He was proud of being a Mason, because the more he knew of Masonry, the more he studied Masonry, the more he found in it to instruct, improve, and enlighten his mind. He spoke what he sincerely felt from the bottom of his heart when he said that he was all the better a man for being a Mason. No doubt there were many clergymen in the Masonic Order; and he wished there were more. Sometimes clergymen who were out of the Order said to him, "Well, but, Holden, you don't mean to say really that you are a Mason." He replied, "Yes, I do." "But," said they, "Surely not a Mason! Why, they are a parcel of heathens." He had rejoined, "Come, be a Mason yourself, and you shall soon see whether we are heathens or not." And he really and truly thought that if all clergymen could only be Masons, they would get rid of one peculiarity there was about clergymen. He did not wish to say a word against his own profession: he was proud of it; and there were many brilliant exceptions to the rule: but he did say if there was one objection against the clerical profession, it was that they were disposed to be rather narrow-minded. He was sure that if the clergy could be all Masons, their narrow-mindedness would be done away with at once and for ever. Bros. Walls, Ryley, and Conran also replied to the same toast. The W.M. proceeded to toast "The P.M.'s," for whom, he said, in some lodges there was but little to do. In the Domatic Lodge it was not so, however, for there was plenty for them to do there. If it was not for them, the W.M. would not be able to get on with his work at all. At all times he had been assisted by them, and it was on their account that he had gone through his year so successfully. The P.M.'s of this lodge were very able men, and they had contributed essentially to the prosperity of the lodge. He might mention the names of Bros. Walford, Kent, and Joseph Smith, the Treasurer, and he was looking forward eagerly to the time when he himself would be able to recline on those happy benches on which they sat, and where he would probably have nothing to do. With regard to Bro. Smith, he was the best of Treasurers, and what the Domatic Lodge would do without him would not really bear thinking about. He was always looking after the interests of the lodge, and he had the gratification of reflecting how prosperous it had become. Bro. F. Kent, C.C., P.M., was the first to reply, and he said that it was usual for the Lord Mayor, when elected, to promise that he would support and maintain all the rights and privileges of the corporation. As he (Bro. Kent) was the Immediate P.M. of the lodge, it was his duty to maintain the rights and privileges of the P.M.'s; and the privilege was always accorded to the I.P.M. of responding to the toast. Therefore, although Bro. Smith was associated with this toast, he (Bro. Kent) claimed the right of responding to it; and he might say to any P.M. who might succeed him that he would never be able to lay to his (Bro. Kent's) charge that he had not supported the privileges of his office. He was quite aware that he was a very unworthy representative of them; but, unworthy though he was, he had striven in that position to do his duty; and whether he had succeeded or not, in his own mind he felt that he had, and the way in which the toast had been received was a proof to his mind that such was the case. But he had to complain of the W.M. that evening, for he spoke very unkindly when he reminded that he (the W.M.) had Divinity on his right hand, and Law on his left. (Laughter.) He spoke of them very improperly (laughter), so much so, that he (Bro. Kent) felt inclined to say, as they used to say when he was young, "Between two stools the fool falls to the ground." But that was a mistake, for no one fell to the ground on that occasion. (Hear hear.) The P.M.'s were the ornate bench of this lodge. He looked round, and he was only too pleased to think that his name was coupled with such a glorious past. His friend, Bro. Walford, one of his particular friends—how well he was supported as W.M., and how worthy he was of support, for the way in which he performed the ceremonies, all the three degrees. No doubt he could still do so. The other P.M.'s also could perform the ceremonies. The lodge had there-

fore a strong body of P.M.'s, and he would say of them that they were all ready to take the chair of the lodge at any time. That was a very gratifying position for a lodge to be in; and as long as the brethren would stand by them they (the P.M.'s) did not intend to prove unworthy of them. (Cheers.) Bro. Joseph Smith said that in another capacity, as Treasurer, his position was a very responsible one—very different from that of the P.M.'s. He had to take all their money, and then to take care of it. Sometimes there was great difficulty in doing it. He was not surprised at the W.M. leaning towards the P.M.'s now, because he knew that at the next meeting of the lodge the brethren would be called upon to elect a new Master, and he, instead of being at the top of the tree, as he was now, would then be at the bottom. He might inform the brethren that whenever a W.M. was in a difficulty he was sure to fall upon the P.M.'s. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge." With respect to Bro. Willing, who was one of them, he could say nothing but what was good of him. A more valuable officer or assistant in the duties of the lodge it would be impossible to find. The S.W., Bro. Treadwell, was likewise, always at his post, ready and able to do his duty. Of Bro. Williams, acting J.W., he could say the same. Looking round from the highest to the lowest he found all his officers most efficient, most able, and always ready at the proper time to do their duty. He included Bros. Buscall and Clark in these remarks. Bro. Treadwell, S.W., responded. Perhaps he might be allowed to say that that day month the brethren would be again called upon to elect a successor to the chair, at present so ably filled by Bro. Everett. Having been 20 years a member of this, his mother lodge, and five years in office, and never absent one evening, and having received many votes of thanks (by which he felt very much flattered, because he saw that any little services he had rendered were acceptable to the brethren), he might perhaps look forward with some confidence to being elected to fill the proudest position a brother could fill in any lodge, or the Craft could confer on a brother. It was a proud position for a brother to occupy the chair of any lodge, and more particularly was it so in such a lodge as the Domatic. If ever it should be his good fortune to occupy the chair he would promise that he would do nothing that would be detrimental to the interests of the lodge. He would promote its interests in the same way as his predecessors had, and he would take no step that would promote anything but amity. He would make it his study to do everything in his power that would cause the brethren, at the end of his year of office, to say that he had given them satisfaction, and himself to feel that he had discharged his duties properly. Bro. Willing said he had not been in the room while the W.M. was mentioning his name, and it was his peculiar fatality to be absent when anything flattering was being said of him. He was glad to say that the lodge was so prosperous and happy that the brethren regretted they did not meet twelve times a year instead of six. Respecting the removal of the lodge, they ought to be very careful. He would candidly admit that the room was not large enough to accommodate the lodge; but this was not the only large lodge that met at Anderton's. The Zetland Lodge met there in the same large numbers, and the same objection applied to that lodge as to this. The Domatic wanted to move, no doubt; but the brethren must bear in mind that they were well received by the landlords, who did everything in their power to make them comfortable. The lodge, therefore, ought not to make an alteration unless that alteration was an improvement. Before they decided to move the lodge he wanted to know where they were going, what would be done for them where they were going, what they would have to pay for their accommodation, and how they were going to get there. The room they had at present was undoubtedly small for their numbers; but that was the only objection. The other officers also replied, and shortly afterwards the brethren separated.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE (No. 534).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. G. Moore, W.M., assisted by Bro. Edward B. Grabham, P.M., Provincial Grand Steward of Middlesex, acting as I.P.M. (in the absence of Bro. Cherrill, the Immediate Past Master), and the following officers:—Bros. Rath, S.W.; Cummings, J.W.; Ebner, S.D.; Aspinall, J.D.; Taylor, I.G. Visitors: Bros. Sorrell, W.M. 176; Seigert, P.M.; R. V. Hayday, P.M. 157; Edward B. Grabham, P.M. 1494, P.G.S. Middlesex; J. L. Dulan, 1426; and several others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, Bro. William Paas, P.M., and unanimously confirmed. Ballots were separately taken for Mr. Washington Hayday, candidate for initiation, and Bro. R. V. Hayday, P.M. 157, and Bro. J. L. Dulan, 1426, for joining, the result being unanimous in favour of all three candidates. Bro. Barnes was raised to the Third Degree. Mr. Washington Hayday was initiated. No further business offering, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, presided over by the W.M. On the cloth being removed, the usual loyal toasts were given and duly honoured. Bro. John Boyd, P.G.P. Treas., proposed in very complimentary terms "The Health of the W.M.," which was drunk with much enthusiasm by all present. "The Health of the Initiate" was responded to by Bro. Washington Hayday, in a few well chosen sentences, in which he expressed his appreciation of the important ceremony which he had witnessed, and the honour thus conferred upon him. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Edward B. Grabham, P.M., who congratulated the brethren upon having so efficient a W.M. as their present one, and predicted a prosperous year for the lodge whilst under his presidency. "The Health of the Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary" having been responded to, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Officers," and thanked them for the support they

had rendered him by the very satisfactory manner in which they had severally discharged their duties, and trusted they would render to his successor the same support, so necessary in the well governing of the lodge. Bro. Rath, S.W., and the other officers having responded, the "Tyler's" toast was duly honoured, and the brethren separated, after the enjoyment of a most successful meeting.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening at Anderton's Hotel, and was presided over by Bro. A. R. Haley, W.M. As usual at installation meetings, the lodge was full, members and visitors being very numerous. Among these were, besides the W.M., Bros. James Weaver, P.M.; W. F. Smith, P.M.; W. Hurlstone, P.M.; R. W. Little, P.M., Sec.; F. N. Quilty, P.M., Treas.; John Walmisley, J.D.; and Alfred Moore, I.G. Visitors: Bro. Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; T. A. Adams, P.G.P.; John Boyd, P.G.P.; F. Davison, P.G.S.W. Middlesex; James Moore, 714; James W. Baldwin, 1423; Edward W. Davis, P.M. 95 and 172; Peter Robinson, 201; J. F. Wuest, P.M. 753; Alex. Adams, P.M. 252; T. J. Maidwell, 17; W. Langridge, 1425; Chas. W. Hudson, J.D. 315 and 1540; W. F. Savage, W.M. 1425, J.W. 834; James Forbes, W.M. 1287; C. Hampton, P.M.; John George Marsh, P.M. 28, P.G.P. Middlesex; M. S. Larham, W.M. Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge; T. W. Clarke, Elliot Lodge; Samuel T. Kingston, Stanhope Lodge; Henry Webb, P.M. 72, 193, 890; C. Chesterton, 72; H. Massey, P.M. 619 ("Freemason"); G. Clarke, 177; A. Beasley, P.M. 780; J. Ready, 597; J. S. Brown; and J. H. Chaplin. The lodge was opened shortly after five o'clock, and after the usual preliminaries Bro. Alfred Allen, jun., 813; and Bro. D. J. Ross, 813, were unanimously elected joining members. Bros. Smith, Richardson, and Devine were afterwards passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. Bro. James Weaver, P.G. Org. Middlesex, P.M., afterwards took the chair by desire of the W.M., who presented to him Bro. Thomas Kingston, S.W. and W.M. elect, for the purpose of being installed as Master of the lodge. Bro. Thomas Adams, P.G.P., took the S.W. chair during the ceremony. After Bro. Kingston had been installed in the chair and saluted according to custom, he appointed Bro. A. R. Haley, I.P.M.; Bro. Walker, S.W.; Bro. Moore, J.W.; Bro. F. N. Quilty, P.M., Treas.; Bro. James Weaver, P.G. Org. Middlesex, P.M., Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund; Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G.S.W. Middlesex, Sec.; Bro. Walmisley, S.D.; Bro. Blakemore, J.D.; Bro. Packer, I.G.; Bro. Gilbert, Tyler; Bro. A. R. Haley, P.M., W.S. Bro. Little, on being re-invested as Secretary, thanked the W.M. for the appointment, and also the ten W.M.'s under whom he had served for their uniform kindness and courtesy. This was the last time that he would hold the office of Secretary; but the brethren would allow him to say that it was with great gratification he had witnessed the prosperity of the lodge in past years, and he hoped it would continue unabated. He now must inform the brethren that he only held the office of Secretary until the W.M. was pleased to appoint his successor. Bro. Weaver then delivered the addresses, after which the W.M. immediately proceeded with his work and initiated Mr. John Collinson in Freemasonry. The ceremony was admirably performed, the W.M. giving proof that the brethren had made an excellent choice in electing him as their head. The other new officers were also well up in their work. Notice of motion for a revision of the bye-laws was given by Bro. Haley, I.P.M., and the Secretary read a circular from the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, requesting a Steward from this lodge for the next festival of this Institution on the 9th February, 1876. There being no further business before the lodge, the brethren then adjourned to the banquetting rooms, where an excellent repast awaited them, to which they did ample justice. At the clearing of the cloth grace was said, and the W.M. proceeded with the toasts. In giving that of "The Queen and the Craft," he said it was a toast which was always received in assemblies of Englishmen with enthusiasm, and particularly at Masonic gatherings, Her Majesty being, as they were well aware, a patron of the noble charities of the Order. In giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," he said Masons were all proud of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, both as heir to the Crown and head of the Craft. He sincerely hoped that the Great Architect of the Universe would be with his Royal Highness in his travels both by sea and land, and restore him safely to his home. It was very gratifying to all Masons to see the great interest he took in Freemasonry, and those Freemasons who were present at the installation of his Royal Highness some months since must have felt proud of him when they saw the admirable way in which he discharged his duties as Grand Master. The W.M. observed, in proposing "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, &c.," that the Craft were deeply indebted to, and ought to be proud to have one so able and willing to fill the lofty position of Pro Grand Master as Lord Carnarvon. Col. Burdett responding, said although there were other Grand Officers present who could respond to this toast, no one could do so with a greater wish for the benefit of the Order than himself. The Grand Officers were continually being asked out to these festival meetings, and they felt great pleasure in attending them. Happily they did not seem to interfere much with their digestion or health. One of the Grand Officers present that evening (Bro. Adams) had reached the age of four score years and four, and he was one among many instances of those whom Freemasonry had not deteriorated. The Grand Officers were glad to be able to feel that while they had done all the work required of them conscientiously, they had done it so well that they had met with the approbation of the Craft. (Cheers.) Bro. John Boyd, P.G.P., also replied, and, referring to the remarks of Col. Burdett respecting the age of Bro. Adams, said that there was a Past Master of the Whit-

tington Lodge present, (Bro. Hurlstone,) who was 87 years of age, and still in the enjoyment of excellent health. It was a great pleasure to him (Bro. Boyd) to see him present. When he (Bro. Boyd) was a young man in Masonry, Bro. Hurlstone was comparatively an old man, and yet he went through the different degrees in lodges of instruction. It was very gratifying to Freemasons to find that such a brother had had conferred upon him the highest honour the lodge could bestow. Moreover, there was not a brother around that hospitable board who was not pleased to see Bro. Hurlstone, notwithstanding his age, able to join and sit amongst them. Bro. A. R. Haley, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He stated that it was with much pleasure he did so. Those of the brethren who had known him a long time knew how to appreciate him. Those who had seen him for the first time that evening performing the work in the lodge would also appreciate him for the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation, and also conducted the affairs of the lodge. As far as he (Bro. Haley) was concerned, he had never seen a W.M. the first time he was in the chair so fluent in his working. What, then, might they expect from him during the remainder of his year? He concluded by calling on the brethren to drink the W.M.'s health in bumpers, and most heartily. The toast was drunk with the utmost cordiality, after which the W.M. said:—Worshipful Bro. Haley, P.M.'s, Wardens, and brethren,—It is with a great deal of pleasure that I rise to return thanks for the very kind manner in which my health has been proposed and received as W.M. of the Whittington Lodge. I need not tell you that I feel very proud to fill so distinguished a position as Master of this lodge. I only hope I shall be able to discharge my duties to your entire satisfaction. This being the first time in my life that I have filled the chair of King Solomon, you must not expect me to make a long speech, as I feel somewhat out of my element. Therefore, you must excuse me. I hope I shall be better next time. I again thank you very much for the kind manner in which my health has been proposed and received. The W.M. afterwards proposed "The Visitors," observing that the lodge was very much pleased to see so many around the table, and hoping not only that this would not be the last time they would come, but that they had had a pleasant evening. Bro. F. Davison, P.P.G.W. Middlesex, replied. From what he had seen that day, and from what he had heard fall from the lips of the W.M., he thought the Whittington Lodge would lose none of that lustre it had already secured, or the position it had taken in Freemasonry. He hoped the W.M. would have a year of office as pleasurable to himself as to the brethren at the table. He would depute to Bro. Binckes the duty of concluding the visitors' reply. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G. Steward, after some preliminary observations, said that the visitors had been extremely happy to have had the opportunity of being present on such an auspicious occasion as the installation in the Whittington Lodge. His first duty was to return the brethren's sincere and warm congratulations to the W.M. on being placed in the chair, the highest position the lodge had the power to confer on any of its members, and secondly to wish every prosperity to the lodge over which the W.M. had been called upon to rule. To the W.M. he wished all the health and happiness which he could wish himself. From what the visitors had witnessed, they could entertain no possible doubt that the brethren had exercised a most wise discretion in the choice they had made of one so accomplished as the W.M. to be their ruler. Comparisons were always invidious; but when he looked back on a long line of distinguished brethren who had ruled over this lodge and displayed a large amount of ability, he would be doing an injustice to them and paying no compliment to the W.M. if he did not expect that the W.M. would not excel all former efforts and prove himself equal to any who had gone before him. That, in the opinion of the visitors, was very high praise indeed. He looked around the table and saw a great number of visitors to this lodge, many of whom he knew, some of whom he did not know; but he and they had all had the pleasure, as well as the honour, of being guests of the Whittington Lodge. He had looked forward to this visit with much pleasure, and it would have been a great disappointment to him if he had been prevented coming. By coming he had the opportunity of expressing the warmest thanks of the visitors for the hospitality of the lodge, and of tendering their best wishes for the happiness and prosperity of the lodge during the W.M.'s reign. At the hospitable board the W.M. had been no less distinguished than he had been in the working of the lodge, and the less the visitors deserved the more merit to the lodge's bounty and hospitality. The W.M. proposed "The Initiate," and said: Brethren, the toast I am now about to propose I know will be received with the greatest enthusiasm by you all when I tell you that it is the health of our brother initiate. Bro. Collinson I have known for a great many years, and feel proud in having had the honour to initiate so worthy a brother to so distinguished a lodge as the Whittington. I feel satisfied that he will be an ornament to the Craft and a valuable addition to this lodge. Bro. Collinson, in reply, thanked the W.M. for initiating him. He had had but a very faint idea of what he would have to go through. He knew it would be something very serious. From what he had heard he gathered that he was expected to be a very honourable and virtuous man, and he should endeavour to carry out those excellent qualities. The W.M. next gave "The P.M.'s." Without P.M.'s the W.M.'s would often find themselves in a very serious dilemma. The P.M.'s were always ready to assist, and he hoped they would help him in his year of office. The lodge was very proud of its P.M.'s, and he had very much pleasure in presenting Bro. Haley, the I.P.M., with the jewel of his office, wishing him many years of life to enjoy the wearing of it. Bro. A. R. Haley, I.P.M., replied, thanking the brethren very much for the handsome jewel just presented to him, as well as

for the handsome jewel commemorative of the Prince of Wales's installation as Grand Master. He felt it a very great honour, and hoped he would always so consider it. His experience of the W.M. chair was that if a brother wished to do his duty in it, and determined to do it, the brethren would sympathise with him, and would render him all the assistance in their power. In the choice they had made of the present W.M. he thought they could not have done better, as they would all find as they went into the chair that the principle on which to govern a lodge was to conduct it in harmony, to sink yourself as much as you could, and study the happiness of the brethren. Bro. W. Hurlstone, P.M., said the P.M.'s were at all times anxious to assist the W.M., as well as to encourage those who were desirous of going into the Master's chair. It was a position that any man might be proud of. As the oldest P.M. of the lodge he felt that position a great honour. The lodge had been successful in its career, although that had been but a short one. The lodge had arrived at a high position in the Craft. It had many P.M.'s, some of them Past Grand Officers. He had himself met with great kindness from the brethren. Time, however, had the advantage of him now, but still he was able, thank God, and desirous to perform some little duties; and he was proud to meet the brethren on this occasion. When he entered the lodge that night he little thought that he should meet his younger brother (Adams), or so many distinguished Masons. He found many brethren there whom he did not know before; but it was a great pride to him in his latter days to make these new acquaintances. With respect to the W.M., he felt that he bade fair to make a worthy addition to the P.M.'s of the lodge. Though he (Bro. Hurlstone) could not say much for himself, because his day in Freemasonry had gone by, he was a great admirer of Freemasonry; and he would not have adhered to it so long if he had not seen that it was good. He should remain a Freemason as long as he lived, and if he should not again have the opportunity of thanking the brethren for this toast, he would say now with heartiness and sincerity that he thanked them very much for not forgetting him on this important occasion. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and the W.M. reminded them that if they brought their best efforts to bear in assisting him during his year of office, in due time they would arrive at the position he had attained to. Bro. Walker, S.W., said it was his pleasure, as well as his duty, to assist the W.M., and he was thankful that his efforts had been recognised by placing him in the S.W. chair that night. It was about ten years ago that he and the W.M. joined the lodge, the W.M. as an initiate, and himself as a joining member. They were now next to each other in office, and he would use his best exertions to promote the prosperity of the lodge and the happiness of the W.M.'s year of office. Bro. Alfred Moore, J.W., also replied. He appreciated most highly the W.M.'s kindness in placing him in the distinguished position of J.W. He would fulfil the duties of that distinguished position with due ability. Any office in a lodge was a dignified one; in fact, every one as soon as he entered Masonry was, if he proved himself a true Mason, a more dignified man than he was before. The man became a Mason, and if he held any position whatever, however humble, it was dignified. He was gratified when the W.M. invested him with his collar of office, and told him his situation was in the south. They all knew that that position was not the highest, although the sun was at its highest, at the meridian. In that position they might remember the J.W. was high up, and ere long, if no clouds intervened, would shine still brighter. He also remembered the duties the W.M. apprised him of; and he would remind the brethren that their pleasures in Masonry or in any other capacity in this life should be accepted in such a way that they might never exceed the bounds of what was honourable. The brethren should always so place themselves as to be capable of performing their duty. He would do his utmost to merit the esteem of the W.M., and of the brethren. "The Health of the Treasurer, Bro. Quilty," and "The Secretary, Bro. Little," followed. Bro. Quilty, Treas., said that it was a source of great gratification to him to see the lodge prosper as it had. As far as his individual efforts were concerned he had endeavoured to support the lodge as much as he could. In entrusting him with the care of their funds, they might rely on it that he would do everything he could to promote their interests. Bro. James Weaver, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund, said he had £77 15s. in hand, but he wanted to get rid of it and invest it. He asked the brethren to contribute enough to enable him to purchase £100 stock. It was a fund that must ultimately grow, and if it was now invested the brethren would not want to touch it. If any draught was wanted to be made for a small amount they would not have to sell out. At the audit meeting brethren had told him if he wanted any addition to the fund they would be £5 each to it. He did not want so much; he only wished to have a small individual contribution. It was, however, necessary that they should have a fund to apply to in case misfortune should overtake a brother. He therefore appealed to the brethren for the means to purchase £100 stock. Bro. Little, Sec., as one of the officers included in the toast, was pleased that the brethren and visitors were gratified with their reception that evening. He then referred to what he had said in lodge as to his inability to continue to discharge the onerous duties of Secretary. He found that the duties of his Secretaryship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls increasing so much that he could not also discharge the duties of Secretary of the Whittington Lodge. It was with very great pleasure he found the lodge so flourishing. They had been increasing for a long time, and the lodge was now enabled to say it would have some funded property. The members introduced during the time he had belonged to the lodge were men of the right calibre; men disposed to do their duty to the Craft; men imbued

with the true principles of Masonry. This was very pleasing and satisfactory. The time had now come when he must sever his connexion with the lodge as its Secretary. The Girls' School (he spoke it in the presence of Bro. Binckes) must claim his first attention; he could not, perhaps, say his undivided attention, because his greatest pleasure was in Freemasonry, which had always been his feeling. He became the Secretary of the lodge through a deputation waiting upon him, and asking him to accept the office; and this he consented to do, and in that position he had striven hard to perform his duties. His endeavours had been successful, and he had had the pleasure of seeing the lodge most prosperous. Not the least part of that success was the establishment of the Benevolent Fund. It would always be a pleasure to him to see the lodge flourish, and to see it extend, as it always had extended, to brethren the right hand of fellowship. "The Tyler's" toast was then given, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

ST. CLEMENTS DANES LODGE (No. 1351).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Bro. Carr's, King's Head Hotel, Strand, on the 5th of the present month, when, as is usual, a goodly number of brethren assisted in the working, which was performed in a manner that few lodges so young can boast of. Bro. Steward, the W.M., raised, passed, and initiated, and went through the working with ease and impressiveness; Bros. Livett, S.W.; Wilson, J.W.; Porter, S.D.; Wigg, J.D.; Perryman, D.C.; Butter, I.G.; Barnes, Org., were at the working; whilst that which is always a feature and a most welcome one at this lodge—the presence of the Past Masters of it—was not wanting, as there were the well-known faces of Bros. Betts, I.P.M.; Hilton, Sec.; Parker, Treas.; Hamilton, and Hale to be seen, making the younger brethren feel how deep was the "mystic tie" that bound them and their seniors in the Craft so closely together. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Carr, which was as ample as it was inclusive of all that is in season. Amongst those who were present at it were, besides the above named, Bros. Mott, Arthur Betts, Wiseman, Hepburn, Chas. Blamey, Duncan Harrison, Townley, Brannan, Gages, 3; Harvard, Hutton, 2; Movand, William H. Hall, Tedbury, &c., and several visitors. The usual Masonic and loyal toasts were duly given and responded to, and a most agreeable evening was spent, to which the brethren possessing musical accomplishments greatly contributed. We are glad to state that the lodge of instruction, held on a Wednesday evening, is well attended, and that not only those brethren who were amongst the first to constitute the lodge, but the younger ones, Masonically speaking, also put in an appearance, and the word "instruction" is really shown to be the meaning of the gathering.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—A meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Saturday last, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, when there was as usual a capital attendance of brethren. Bro. J. Hamilton Townend, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Seax, S.W.; Stanway, J.W.; Blackie, S.D.; Catchpole, J.D.; Thomas Preston, I.G.; Edward Moody, Sec.; Henry Thompson, P.M.; and others. By the kind courtesy of the W.M., Bro. Henry Thompson, P.M., whose eldest son was a candidate for the Second Degree, took the chair for that ceremony, and passed Bros. Wright, Wynne, W. E. Thompson, Cadiot, Bertram, and Evennett. Bro. Townend, W.M., performed the other ceremonies, raising Bros. Skinner, Benskin, J. Hartley, Lockitt, and Clark; and initiating Messrs. Powell, M. K. Frith, T. E. Luggar, and L. J. Hudd. The W.M. performed the raising three times, and admirably acquitted himself as W.M. Four propositions were given in for new candidates at next meeting. Bro. Edward Moody gave notice that he would move at the next lodge meeting that the initiation fee should be raised to ten guineas. This was the whole of the business before the brethren, who then adjourned to a nice supper, and afterwards honoured the usual toasts. The W.M. presided. In proposing the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," he wished his Royal Highness the best of health, and that his journey to India might prove a benefit both to that country and to this. In giving "The Pro Grand Master," the W.M. referred to him as a brother who had been of eminent service to the Craft, and was also a good Mason and able statesman. When giving the toast of "The D.G.M.," and the rest of the Grand Officers, &c., the W.M. reminded the brethren of "The Great City Lodge that the Junior Grand Warden of England for the present year (Bro. Alderman Stone) was a member of their lodge, and therefore more especially might he ask them to do all honour to the toast. Bro. N. B. Headon, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." It was the first time since his installation that he had had the pleasure of doing so. He might say that the W.M. had that day disposed of a large amount of business, and every one who had witnessed it must have been gratified at the able manner in which it had been done. He felt assured that the more the brethren saw of the W.M. the more they would be pleased with him. He would be glad when the time arrived that he would have to make room for such a worthy Mason. After Bro. Hook had rendered in a superior style "The Village Blacksmith," the W.M. replied, and said the remarks of the I.P.M. were very flattering, and he was much obliged for the kind feeling which had dictated them. He was afraid, however, that Brother Headon had, for friendship's sake, passed over his imperfections, as it was known he worked a different system, although he wished to follow in the steps of his predecessors. He regretted that there was a difference in the rituals; but he thought by blending the two together one of the most beautiful rituals might be produced ever known in the world. He hoped that he should get better as he went on. He would do his best to serve them as Master of the lodge, and trusted that at the end of his year

of office they would have no cause to regret having placed him in the chair. The W.M. next gave "The P.M.'s," for whom Bros. Headon and James Stevens returned thanks. He then gave "The Initiates," remarking that since The Great City Lodge had been formed it had never met without having an infusion of new blood. Very seldom had it met without four or five gentlemen coming forward for membership of the Craft. Frequently also an emergency had to be called to admit them. The Great City Lodge always held out to them "the right hand of fellowship." Without initiates a lodge would soon die out, an event which was not likely to befall The Great City Lodge. Bro. M. K. Frith and the other new brethren responded to the toast of "The Initiates." A brother from China replied for "The Visitors," and remarked that he had been in China for 18 years, and he had found Freemasonry there to be in a very flourishing condition. On his way to England he had passed through France, and visited a lodge at Marseilles. He there found a very great difference in the working of lodges, but he found the same principle carried out in all, fitting brethren for admission to the Grand Lodge above. Several other toasts were given, and the evening was delightfully spent.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1558).—This lodge held its first regular meeting on Thursday, the 11th November, 1875, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Present: Bros. Wm. Snowden, W.M.; W. S. Cackett, S.W.; T. Sclap, J.W.; J. Dann, Sec.; W. Mitchell, S.D.; A. Runacres, J.D.; E. W. Boyton, D.C.; J. Kemp, I.G.; W. Chalk, Steward; F. Geider, Tyler. Also visitors: Bros. V. Wilson, P.M. Etonian, 209; P. Tonten, Victoria, 1056; W. Rowlands, Royal Jubilee, 72; and A. Martin, jun., Joppa, 188. Business.—To confirm minutes of consecration and installation, also lodge of emergency of 28th October. A ballot was taken for Messrs. C. E. Power, T. Taylor, E. Pearman, E. Sims, and J. E. Pentreath. The ballot was unanimously favourable in each case, and the candidates being present, were initiated into Freemasonry according to ancient custom. On the W.M. rising for the first time, it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the following votes of thanks be recorded on the lodge minutes, viz.:—To all the officers of the lodge, for kindness and generosity in presenting their collars and jewels to the lodge; to the W.M., for zeal and untiring energy in the formation and establishment of the lodge; to the S.W., for lending harmonium to lodge at consecration; to the S.D., for presenting a box for safe keeping of collars, jewels, &c.; to the Steward, for services rendered to lodge as Secretary at preliminary meetings; to Bro. S. J. Harvey, D.C. Royal Jubilee, 72, for present of square and compasses for Sacred Volume. Notice of motion was given to raise the initiation fee from five to seven guineas. Proposition was made and seconded for three gentlemen as initiates. The bye-laws, as sanctioned by Grand Lodge, were read in open lodge and confirmed. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form, &c., and adjourned till the second Thursday in December. The brethren adjourned to refreshment, and the remainder of the evening was very pleasantly spent in the enjoyment of creature comforts and complimentary speeches. This new lodge is now fairly established, and its success appears to be sure and certain.

PROVINCIAL.

HINCKLEY.—The Knights of Malta Lodge (No. 50).—On Monday, the 1st inst., the regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the George Hotel, when there was a very good attendance, Bros. Tippetts, W.M., in the chair; T. Worthington, S.W.; C. S. Preston, J.W.; T. W. Clarke, Treas.; Wm. Crow, Sec.; A. C. Smith, S.D.; T. Mason, J.D.; W. T. Blastock, I.G.; Alfred Young, Tyler. Amongst the P.M.'s of the lodge were also present Bros. S. Davis, J. Atkins, W. H. Griffiths, and Rev. W. Langley; and visitors: Bros. J. T. Thorpe, W.M. of 523; R. B. Smith, W.M. elect of 1007; Phillips, 1333; Nugent, P.M. 432; Ewing, J.D. 1391; and others. The minutes having been confirmed, the election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, when Bro. T. Worthington, S.W., was unanimously called to the chair. Bro. T. W. Clarke, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. Some propositions of candidates for initiation were postponed until next meeting. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when a very sumptuous dinner was fully done justice to, and thanks duly awarded for the liberal catering of the host. This old lodge, which has on more than one occasion nearly died out, seems now to be in a good way to become one of the best in the province out of Leicester.

PRESCOT.—Lodge of Loyalty (No. 86).—The annual installation meeting of this ancient lodge, now about 110 years old, was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Derby-street, Prescott, near Liverpool. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was not so large as might have been expected. Bro. Reginald Young, W.M., occupied the chair at the beginning of the proceedings, and amongst the other officers and brethren present were Bros. J. W. R. Fowler, P.M.; J. T. Hall, P.M.; W. Tyrer, S.W.; J. W. J. Fowler, P. Prov. G.A.D.C., P.M., Treas.; R. G. Elstone, acting Sec.; H. Vaughan, S.D.; F. Smith, I.G.; A. Tebbutt, S.; J. A. Stoddart, S.; G. Morgan, acting J.W.; A. Fraser, W. Jameson, W. Jackson, J. Matthews, A. S. Reynolds, and others. The visitors were Bros. Councillor G. Fowler, S.W. 216; H. W. Collins, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.W.; J. McCarthy, S.W. 1393; S. G. Dunn, W.M. 897; and others. The position of Installing Master was taken by Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, who placed Bro. W. Tyrer in the chair of W.M. with much ability. The charges to the following appointed officers were given by Bro. Fowler, jun.:—Bros. R. Young, I.P.M.; J. Vaughan, S.W. (by proxy); H. Vaughan, J.W.; J. W. J. Fowler, Treas.; F. Smith, Sec.; A. Tebbutt, S.D.; R. S. Reynolds, J.D.; W. Jackson, I.G.; J. A. Stoddart,

Org.; A. Fraser and R. G. Elstone, Stewards; and Cowherd, Tyler. The brethren subsequently dined at the King's Arms Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Tyrer, the W.M., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with terseness and force. "The Provincial Grand Officers of West Lancashire, Past and Present," was responded to by Bro. Collins, P. Prov. G.J.W., and Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, P. Prov. G.A.D.C. Bro. R. Young, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master and Officers," and in doing so paid a high compliment to Bro. Tyrer, promising him his cordial support during his year of office. Bro. Tyrer, W.M., briefly acknowledged the compliment, and also Bro. H. Vaughan, J.W. The W.M. then presented Bro. Reginald Young, I.P.M., in the name of the brethren, with an exceedingly handsome Past Master's jewel, as a mark of fraternal regard and esteem, and admiration for him during his year of office. Bro. Reginald Young suitably responded, and subsequently presented Bro. J. W. J. Fowler with a chaste and valuable silver salver, on the occasion of his leaving Prescott to take up his residence at Southport, the testimonial being got up by his Masonic friends in recognition of his long and valuable services in connection with the Craft, Royal Arch, and other Masonic Orders. Bro. Fowler responded in suitable terms. "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution" was acknowledged by Bro. J. T. Hall, P.M., who referred to the rapid increase of Freemasonry all over the country, and the necessity for a more cordial support of the charities. About a century ago, he said, Masonry began to revive in England, and in London and district there were now 200 lodges, and nearly 1600 belonging to the Grand Lodge in England. The number of Masons connected with these lodges was about 170,000; in Scotland there were about 100,000 Masons; in Ireland, 50,000; on the Continent of Europe—say 600,000; and in the United States, 300,000. "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bro. Councillor Fowler, S.W. 216. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).—This lodge met on the 2nd inst. at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. John O. Carter, W.M.; Denne, S.W.; Canvin, J.W.; Strange, P.P.S.D. Berks and Bucks, P.M., Sec.; Hume, J.D.; Roberts, I.G.; Nicholes, S.; Dixon, P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, I.P.M.; J. Wilson, P.M.; Reid, P.M.; McIlwham, P.M.; Bryett, P.M.; Jones, Pennicott, Hiscock, Clay, Garrett, Wood, Prince, Legg, Cousins, &c. Visitors: Bros. Bingham, P.M. Windsor Castle, 771; Tolley, P.M. 771; Grisebrook, P.M. 771; Johnson, 771; Newlands, W.M. of Royal Sussex, 342; J. Lee, Watford, 404; Brown, Great City, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The business of the evening consisted of initiating Messrs. Day and Waterston, which ceremony was performed by Bro. McIlwham, P.M.; passing Bro. Cousins by Bro. Dixon, I.P.M.; and raising Bro. Legg, by the W.M. As the election of W.M. for the ensuing year will take place on the next lodge night, a list of the brethren eligible for the chair was announced. Before the lodge was closed a prayer for the safety of our Grand Master during his visit to India (composed by Bro. the Rev. A. Robins, Chaplain of Windsor Castle Lodge, 771), was read by the W.M. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on Bro. Tolley for the excellent manner in which he presided at the organ during the evening. His performance during the third ceremony was very effective.

GIBRALTAR.—Lodge Friendship (No. 278).—At a regular meeting held in the lodge rooms on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at 9 p.m.—Present: W. Bro. B. Carver, I.P.M. 278; Bros. W. Glassford, S.W.; E. Gatt, J.W.; C. V. de Sautez, Sec.; R. E. Owen, S.D.; N. Claveresse, J.D.; J. J. Aoab, I.G.; Capt. Sir A. Mackworth, Steward; J. Peterkin, Tyler. Members: Bros. A. Frolick, P.M.; P. McCormick, P.M.; J. Ashton, P.M. 115; R. B. Hepper, P.W. 278; W. J. Henry, P.M. 153 and 115; W. Stanley, P.W. 413; E. Harrison, W. Anderson, N. Nangle, A. Aparicis, Capt. J. Collins, J. W. Crisp, Dr. G. R. Rae, Biretta. Visiting Brethren: W. Bro. J. Beal, P.M. 325; Bros. Arthur, Prince of Wales Lodge; A. F. Pickard, 1383; W. Crompton, 153; W. Bro. G. Gilbard; P. Prov. D. G.M.; Bros. J. Hepper, 153; Pro S.W.; H. E. Batchelor, 153; H. Severny, 743, Prov. J.W.; H. Ryan, 43; D. Thigers, 153; J. Blair, P.M.; J. F. Franceri, W.M. 325. The lodge was duly opened by W. Bro. Carver, the I.P.M., and the usual business of confirming minutes, &c., having been gone through, the Rt. Wor. the D.G.M., Bro. Cornwall, was conducted into the lodge by P.D.G.M., Bro. Capt. Gilbard. Bro. Biretta was advanced to the degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being performed in the usual impressive manner by Wor. Bro. Carver. Immediately after the ceremony the Rt. Wor. the D.G.M. and the P.D.G.M. escorted our visiting Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught into the lodge, when, after some ordinary business had transpired, the lodge was closed in the usual manner by the W.M. The brethren then adjourned to the refreshment room, where the usual refreshment awaited them; and W. Bro. Carver having taken the chair, being supported by the D.G.M. and his efficient Wardens. The usual loyal toasts were given and duly honoured. The W.M., the D.G. Master, then arose to call the attention of the brethren to the presence among them this evening of our distinguished Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and after a very appropriate and warm address regarding the connection of His Royal Highness and his distinguished brother, the Grand Master of England, with the Craft, called upon the brethren to drink his health with the usual honours, which were heartily responded to by the brethren. The newly raised brother having also duly responded, the brethren separated, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday, November 3rd, at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Smith, W.M., supported by the following

officers and brethren:—Alfred Palmer, P. Prov. G.A.P., I.P.M.; J. M. McAllister, P.G.S.D., S.W.; W. G. Statham, P.G. Steward, J.W.; W. Weare, P. Prov. G.D., Treas.; Clement Edwin Stretton, P.G.A.P., Sec.; S. Cleaver, S.D.; James Bird, as J.D.; Orlando Law, I.G.; Clement Stretton, P. Prov. G.W., P.M.; S. S. Partridge, P.G. Sec., P.M. 523; G. Toller, jun., P. Prov. G.S.W., P.M. 523; J. T. Thorp, P.G.A.D.C., W.M. 523; F. J. Baines, P. Prov. G.P., P.M. 523; W. B. Smith, P.G. Treas., P.M. 523; Dr. Hunt, P. Prov. G.A.D.C. 523; E. Mason, S.W. 1391; W. Walters, Grecian Lodge, U.S., and a large number of brethren and visitors. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. Crick to the Third, and also to pass Bro. Manton to the Second Degree. Bro. Statham, J.W., proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Stretton, P.M., for a presentation of firing glasses to the lodge, which having been seconded by Bro. Weare, P.M., and supported by Bro. Smith, W.M., was carried unanimously. Bro. Stretton suitably acknowledged the compliment. The Grand Lodge certificate having been presented to Bro. Bird, and a gentleman proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the supper room, after which the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The musical talents of Bros. Palmer, Cleaver, Weare, and Dr. Hunt causing the evening hours to swiftly "speed on."

MAZAGON.—Lodge Concord (No. 757).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Mazagon, on Saturday, the 16th October, 1875. Present: W. Bros. W. C. Rowe, W.M.; G. R. Henderson, I.P.M.; B. Robinson, P.M.; J. N. Dady, P.M.; Bros. F. Burdett, as S.W.; W. Fearn, as J.W.; O. Tomlinson, Sec.; J. Spiers, S.D.; W. G. Davie, J.D.; J. Luke, D.C.; J. E. Tyers, Org.; J. F. Grew, Steward; L. Thomas, I.G.; J. W. Seager, Tyler. Members: Bros. W. E. Craddock, W. W. Wilson, E. Lucas, J. Weddle, E. Fuelling, J. Middleton, W. Hobbs, J. Armstrong, J. H. Barrett, J. Anderson, J. Longden, and others. Visitors: Bros. T. Counsell, W.M. 1100; H. W. Barrow, P.M. 944; C. Tudball, 944; Rev. C. Gilder, 1100; W. Simpson, late of Concord, 757; C. Parker, 1100; Pestonjee Hormusjee, and others. 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. Bro. John Armstrong was passed to the Second Degree. Bros. E. Fuelling, and Dr. J. G. Da Cunha were raised to the Sublime Degree to a Master Mason. All below the rank of M.M. were requested to retire. The Secretary, then read a letter dated 4th October, from the D.G. Secretary, in reference to the coming Masonic demonstration, viz., the laying of the foundation stone of the Elphinstone Docks by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The W. Master had, in order to save time, and to ensure the keeping of the brethren informed of the arrangements, appointed Bros. G. R. Henderson, I.P.M.; B. Robinson, P.M., and J. Luke, to represent Lodge Concord as members of the committee for making the necessary arrangements. This was then put to the meeting and carried. Letter from Bro. G. R. Henderson, I.P.M., tendering the resignation of Bro. H. A. Moss, which was accepted with regret. Letter from Bro. Calderwood, acknowledging receipt of his clearance certificate read. Letter from Bros. C. J. Hall and Isaac Holt, asking to be placed on absent dues, read and seconded. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation. £10 sterling was voted to the widow of a late brother. There being no further business before the lodge, it was closed with solemn prayer at 9.40 p.m.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The first meeting of the members of the above lodge after the usual summer interregnum took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Plumstead, and a goodly number of both members and visitors assembled to welcome the new W.M., Bro. A. Penfold, to the position he has so well earned as head of one of the most flourishing and influential lodges in the Province of Kent. The following officers were present beside the W.M.: J. McDougall, I.P.M.; T. Vincent, S.W.; H. Butler, J.W.; T. H. Hayes, S.D.; W. B. Lloyd, J.D.; B. Lester, O.G.; R. G. Cook, D.C. Bro. H. Mabbett, in the absence of Bro. Chapman, acted as I.G. Among the visitors present were Bros. T. Ward, W.M. 700; H. Carnelly, W.M. 13; F. G. Dawson, P.M. 700; C. Hobson, P.M. 700; T. Butt, S.W. 700; W. A. Weston, S.W. 1536; H. S. Syer, Sec. 13; E. B. Hobson, 700; R. Beaver, 700; W. T. Beaver, 700; H. Shaw, 700; E. W. Fisher, 700; J. Warren, 700; T. Hastings, 829; and W. Topp, 879. The lodge having been opened in due form and the usual business settled, Mr. T. Cartland (silversmith) was, after ballot and approval, initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, and Bro. D. Capon was raised to the Sublime Degree, both ceremonies being most eloquently and impressively worked by the W.M. The W.M. then read a letter from the P.G. Lodge respecting the wearing of jewels in the lodge, which we may say is the same in text as the letter sent to the Metropolitan Lodge from G.L., from which arose a discussion respecting the commemorative jewel spoken of as being necessary to celebrate the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the Grand Chair of England. The discussion was ultimately adjourned till the next monthly meeting. Two guineas were then voted to the widow of a deceased brother, this being the second donation to her. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren sat down to a most excellent dinner, served in good style by Bro. Tucker, the new host. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk most enthusiastically. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was, by the W.M., in the toast of "The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England," wished every health and success upon the im-

portant mission of peace and goodwill that he has so nobly undertaken to India, and a safe and speedy return when that mission was accomplished. The name of "Lord Holmesdale, the P.G. Master of Kent," was most cordially received, as was that of "Bro. Eastes and the rest of the P.G. Officers." The latter was acknowledged by Bro. P.M. T. Smith, P.P.G.P. of Kent. P.M. McDougall then proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a few choice sentences, saying that the brethren might see what they had to expect in the working of the lodge during Bro. Penfold's year of office from the really excellent manner in which he had carried it out that evening. He (the W.M.) was, and always had been, a credit to the lodge, and he hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would long spare him, and make the lodge increase tenfold, both in numbers and brotherly love, under his guidance. The W.M., in reply, thanked them for their kind reception of his name, and modestly accused himself of some trifling imperfections, which certainly were not inexcusable, more particularly as that was his first effort, and he therefore said, with the Scriptures—"Let him who thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." He spoke highly of the late W.M., Bro. McDougall, and trusted he should ever sustain the high prestige and best interests of the Pattison Lodge by doing his duty and following the example set by not only the late but every P.M. who had sat in that chair. He again thanked the brethren for their kind wishes and assistance. Bro. Ward, P.M. 700, responded for "The Visitors," and expressed the pleasure he felt at visiting and receiving the brethren of the Pattison Lodge—a feeling, he said, he felt sure was reciprocated by every member of the Nelson Lodge, and which he hoped would long continue between both lodges. He paid a most hearty tribute of praise to the W.M., who, he said, must have studied hard to acquire so high a standard of efficiency as they had witnessed that evening in the working of the lodge. He regretted the absence of Bro. P.M. Pownall, of the United Military Lodge, through illness, who, he knew, looked forward to visiting the Pattison Lodge with a deal of pleasure, and concluded a clear and forcible address by wishing both the lodge and its W.M. every success and prosperity. "The Initiate" was of course duly honoured, and P.M.'s McDougall, Paine, Smith, and Denton had their health drunk most cordially. Bro. Tucker (host) was especially complimented by the W.M. for his excellent catering, and then "The Tyler's" toast concluded a very happy evening.

DERBY.—Harlington Lodge (No. 1085).—On Wednesday evening, the 3rd inst., the monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street. The following brethren were present:—Bros. Henry T. Bobart, P.G.A.D. of C., W.M.; F. Iliffe, P. Prov. J.G.W., I.P.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; J. H. Biggs, as J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P. Prov. S.G.W., P.M., Treas.; J. Worsnop, P. Prov. G.P., P.M., Sec.; E. R. Ward, as S.D.; Thos. Gadsby, J.D.; G. Pipes, D. of C.; Jos. Heathcote, I.G.; T. Slinn, O.G.; T. Mainprize, J. M. Moore, P. Prov. G.R., P.M.; W. Heathcote, Thos. Roe, jun., P.M. 802; W. B. Hextall, C. D. Hart, T. H. Hepworth, S. Steele, E. Taylor, J. O. Manton, M. Hill, W. Butterfield, Henry Mills, Rd. Daniel, J. Parkins, Jos. Griggs. Visitors: J. Smith, W. Whitaker, Stafford, Burton, J. C. Merry, W.M. 731; Thos. Merry, A. Frazer, A. Moore, J. Brown, G. T. Wright, all being members of the Arboretum Lodge, 731; W. H. Marsden, P.S.G.W., P.M. 253. The lodge was opened in the First Degree at 7 p.m. After the circular convening the lodge was read, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. Mr. Joseph Griggs, elected at a former meeting, was regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. The charge was given by the S.W. in a masterly style, and the lecture on the Tracing Board was ably delivered by Bro. J. M. Moore, P.M. The lodge was closed in ancient and solemn form, and the brethren adjourned to the quarterly supper, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

NORTHALLERTON.—Anchor Lodge (No. 1337).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, Nov. 3rd. Bro. J. Fairburn, W.M., presided, supported by his officers, as follows:—G. F. Clarkson, S.W.; R. Palliser, J.W.; W. A. Hutchence, Treas.; Thomas Bell, Sec.; J. Wheldon, S.D.; H. Rymer, J.D.; M. Walmsley, I.G.; E. Wilkinson, Tyler; P.M. Warstell and Bros. W. Hardy and E. Milburn were also present. The work performed comprised the initiation of Richard Henry Sootheran, the ritual being most ably rendered by the W. Master. At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the evening was spent in the most harmonious manner, and in the true spirit of Masonry.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Truth (No. 1458).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at the Royal Archer, Dale-street. The lodge was opened at 4.30 (called for four o'clock) by the W.M., Bro. Henry Smith. The minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Nicholson was passed. Bro. Brayshaw was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The lodge was then lowered to the First Degree, when the election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, and, to the surprise of many, the J.W. was elected in preference to the S.W., and more especially as Bro. Pearson, the S.W., is known not only in this lodge, but throughout the Province of East Lancashire, to be such an excellent worker, and to possess every qualification for the office of W.M. Such a circumstance can only be accounted for by the votes of some of the junior members—who have had little Masonic experience—making a personal matter of the election without studying the interests of the lodge, thereby looking for preferment by disposing of the S.W.. The more experienced of the members would have preferred the election to have gone otherwise. Bro. Tyers, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, as also Bro. Beswick, Tyler. The business was concluded about seven o'clock.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at Bro. West's, the Three Crowns, there being a good attendance of members. Bro. P.M. West, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Brayshaw, fulfilled the duties of W.M., and duly initiated Mr. Cayve, engineer, assisted by the following officers:—J. Ives, S.W.; W. Steele, J.W.; I. Silver, S.D.; Chambers, J.D.; Manning, I.G.; and Steadman, O.G. After the initiation Bro. Brayshaw, who had now arrived, resumed the chair, and presented P.M. West, in the name of the lodge, with a letter of condolence on the death of Mrs. West, to which Bro. West replied in a feeling and most suitable manner. Bro. Turner was then elected Assistant Secretary, and the lodge closed in due form. The brethren and visitors then adjourned to supper, and afterwards spent a most enjoyable evening in pure Masonic fashion.

LANCASTER.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The first meeting of this newly consecrated lodge was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the North Western Hotel, Morecambe, Bro. Dr. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. England, the W.M., opening the lodge and presiding over its business. Messrs. Ward and Bannister were initiated, the working being efficiently performed by the W.M., in which he was ably assisted by Bro. E. Airey, I.P.M., and Bro. H. Longman, 1051, as S.W. Two joining members were proposed, and after a pleasant meeting, the lodge closed in ancient form.

Royal Arch.

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 73).—A regular meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, 11th of November, at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark. Present—Comps. Edward Harris (collector of the Boys' School), M.E.Z.; J. H. Butten, II, M.E.Z. elect; J. W. Baldwin, J.; F. Walters, P.Z., S.E.; M. D. Loewenstark, S.N.; B. Isaacs, P.S.; W. Smeed, P.Z.; J. S. Sweney, J. H. Spencer, and some others. The visitors were Comps. E. Gilbert, P.J. 1326; H. Cutress, 1326; and others. The chapter was opened by Comps. E. Harris, M.E.Z.; W. Smeed, P.Z., as II.; J. W. Baldwin, J.; F. Walters, P.Z.; and others. The minutes of the meeting held in October were read and unanimously confirmed. Comp. W. Smeed, P.Z., as M.E.Z., installed Comp. J. H. Butten as M.E.Z.; and exalted Bro. T. W. Adams, Southwark Lodge, 889. Business being ended, the chapter was closed. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11th, 1876. A slight refreshment followed, after which the presentation of the usual five-guinea P.Z.'s jewel (which had been unanimously voted to him from the chapter funds) to Comp. E. Harris, P.Z., took place. On behalf of the chapter, Comp. F. Walters, P.Z. (the father of the chapter), pinned on the jewel to Comp. E. Harris's breast, expressing the pleasure he felt after twenty years' acquaintance in presenting him with the jewel.

DOMATIC CHAPTER (No. 177).—A convocation of this old established chapter was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, October the 28th last. There were present Comps. T. A. Adams, acting M. E.Z.; C. Cottebrune, P.Z., acting II.; M. Scott, J.; J. R. Foulger, I.P.Z., acting S.N.; Palmer, S.E.; C. J. Hill, P.S.; Tredwell, First Assistant; D. Lawrence, Second Assistant; H. G. Buss, P.Z., Treasurer. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Comp. G. Everett, 975, and W.M. of 177, as a joining member, and resulted in an unanimous vote of approval. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Ambrose (177) and Clarke (Ebury) for exaltation, and having been declared unanimous, those brothers were duly exalted. From the names of the Principals engaged in the ceremony, the companions anticipated a fine rendering of the ritual, and they were not disappointed, for the working of Comps. Adams and Cottebrune, assisted by Comp. Scott as J., left nothing to be desired. At the conclusion of the ceremony a very pleasant circumstance took place, viz., the conferring of a honorary membership upon Comp. Morrison, P.Z., No. 26, Michigan, U.S.A., as a slight recognition for the valuable aid he had rendered to Comp. Hill, P.S., while suffering from a dangerous illness when in America. The convocation having been closed, the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, presided over by Comp. Foulger, the I.P.Z., in the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z., Comp. Bolton. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual Royal Arch toasts were given and enthusiastically received. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed and drunk, and most ably responded to by Comp. Foulger on behalf of Comp. Bolton, whose absence, he regretted to say, was owing to indisposition. "The Health of the Newly Exalted Companions" was then proposed, and responded to at length by Comps. Ambrose and Clarke. The "Visitors" toast was responded to by Companions Morrison, H. Pullen, Lathbury, and Walls. The former acknowledged the great honour that had been conferred upon him that evening by the companions of the Domatic in electing him an honorary member. In the course of his speech he said that the services he had rendered to Comp. Hill in America were only what every brother, of whatever grade in Freemasonry he might belong, should cheerfully and voluntarily do to one in distress or danger. Ever since he had been connected with Masonic institutions he had endeavoured to carry out to the best of his ability and means those vital principles of the Craft, "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." "The Health of the P.Z.'s of the Domatic" having been given, was acknowledged by Companions Buss, Adams, and Little; and Companions Palmer and Hill replied on behalf of the junior officers. Between the numerous toasts Companions Palmer, Law-

rence, Walls, and Lathbury vocally amused the brethren, who separated at a late hour after enjoying a most instructive and agreeable evening.

GATESHEAD.—De Burgh Chapter (No. 424).—On Thursday, 28th October, the members held their annual meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, West-street, for the purpose of installing E. Comps. James Hume Thompson, Z.; Andrew Harkness, H.; and John Edward Robson, J. Comp. Robert Smale, P.Z., Installing Master, performed the ceremony. The following were invested as officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—A. Clapham, P.Z., Treas.; Rd. Gregory, E.; J. D. Stephen, N.; M. Guthrie, P.S.; N. Brown, First A.S.; J. Montgomery, Second A.S.; and J. Curry, Janitor. Amongst the visitors and members were Wm. Henry Crookes, Prov. G.E. Durham; Wm. Liddell, P.G.J.; E. D. Davis, P. Prov. G.H.; Dr. R. F. Crook, P.Z.; F. P. Jonn, P.Z. 414; Jas. Humphrey, 97. The companions then adjourned to the banquet, after which followed the various loyal and Masonic toasts.

Mark Masonry.

DOVER.—Cinque Ports Lodge (No. 152).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday at Bro. Terson's room, Townwall-street, Dover. The lodge was opened by Bro. Terson, and afterwards Bro. Iggesden was installed as W.M. by Bro. F. Binckes. The following P.M.'s were present—H. C. Fahr, Osmond, Terson, Bros. T. Terson, Cannon, Wilkins, Whicher, Turner, H. M. Baker. After the lodge work was completed the brethren adjourned to Bro. Fahr's Hotel de Paris, where a banquet, in all respects unexceptionable, was provided, to which the brethren did ample justice, and afterwards honoured the toasts usual at all meetings of Mark Masters. The lodge, which has been in abeyance for some time, appears now to have taken a fresh start; and it is said there is every prospect of it becoming very successful. Already there are four candidates for advancement at next meeting, and several others are expected to come.

[The above appeared in our second edition of last week.]

HINCKLEY.—The Knights of Malta, Time Immemorial Lodge (No. 30 on the roll of the English Grand Lodge of Mark Masters), after two years' inaction, met again for an emergency meeting on Monday, the 1st inst., Bro. the Rev. W. Langley, Past Chaplain of Grand Mark Lodge and D.P.G.M.M., in the W.M.'s chair. Bros. R. Boughton Smith, S.W. 21, as S.W.; T. W. Clarke, J.W.; Nugent, M.O.; Griffiths, S.O.; J. Atkins, J.O.; T. Harrold, Secretary; J. T. Thorpe, S.D. of 19, as Deacon; Tippits, as I.G. The minutes of the last lodge having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for five candidates: Bros. F. Worthington, C. Sinsome Preston, Thomas Marson, Joseph Barber, and Robert Bradshaw Smith, all members of the old Craft, Lodge 50, and being unanimously elected, they were advanced to the honourable degree of a M.M. by the acting W.M. and the old officers of the lodge, assisted by Bros. R. Boughton Smith and Thorpe, who most ably performed their duties. Bro. Rev. W. Langley was then unanimously elected W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, and Bro. T. Clarke, Treasurer. Two brethren were proposed as candidates for advancement at the next meeting, and the lodge was closed. Letters of apology for absence were then read from Bros. W. Kelly, Prov. G.M.M., and J. Spittall, W.M. Now that a little fresh life is stirred up in this old Time Immemorial Lodge it will in all probability make up for lost time, and regain its position in the province as second only to the well worked and prosperous Fowke Lodge, No. 19, held at Leicester. It is hoped by the Hinckley brethren that Bro. Kelly will hold his next annual Provincial Grand Mark Lodge under its banner, and so give encouragement to those who have taken great interest in its resuscitation.

DEVIZES.—Wiltshire Keystone Mark Lodge (No. 178).—The annual meeting of this young lodge, which was consecrated a year ago, was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Town Hall, when the Rev. T. F. T. Ravenshaw, P.G.M. Ch., the W.M.M. elect for the ensuing year, was duly installed in the chair of A. by the retiring Master, Bro. Wm. Nott, G. Mk. St., assisted by Bro. William Munro, W.M.M. 119. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested his officers, the principal of whom were as follows: The Rev. Henry Richardson, S.W.; John Chandler, J.W.; D. A. Gibbs, M.O.; F. V. Holloway, S.O.; J. H. Chandler, J.O.; D. A. Gibbs, Treas.; W. Nott, I.P.M. Sec.; H. J. Ward, Reg. A candidate for advancement at the next meeting having been proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned and afterwards dined together at the Crown Hotel.

Royal and Select Masters.

A Council of this body met on Wednesday at the new lodge rooms, Red Lion Square. The Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., M.P.G.M., presided, and he was supported by Captain N. G. Phillips, D.G.M.; Comps. Frederick Binckes, G. Recorder; Hyde Pullen, G.P.C. Work; Frederick Davison, G. T.; Shadwell Clarke, T. W. Coffin, S. Rosenthal, T.I.M. No. 3; and John Read, Org.

A lodge of Most Excellent Masters was opened, and the minutes of former meetings of council were read and confirmed.

Two candidates presented themselves for reception, the Rev. Dr. Brette, of Christ's Hospital, and the Rev. Wm. Ambrose Hall, of Walton-on-the-Hill. These worthy companions were respectively acknowledged as Most Excellent Masters, received Royal Masters, greeted Select Masters, and created Super Excellent Masters.

The council was then duly closed and adjourned.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF PERTSHIRE, EAST.

On Friday, the 29th ult., a meeting of the Prov. G.L. of Perthshire, East was held in the hall of the R.A. Lodge, Perth, at four o'clock p.m., for the purpose of installing the Right Hon. Lord Kinnaird, K.T., as Prov. Grand Master, and his officers. The officers were as follows:—Bros. J. B. Brown-Morrison, Depute Master, Dr. William Cowan, Substitute Master; Rev. W. G. H. Carmichael, Chaplain; William MacLeish, Senior Warden; Colonel D. R. Williamson, of Lawers, Junior Warden; Robert Mitchell, Secretary; Right Worshipful Bro. John Chalmers, Scon and Perth Lodge, No. 3, Treasurer; Past Master Robert Dow, Royal Arch Lodge, 122, Senior Deacon; Robert Lees, Lodge St. Andrews, 74, Junior Deacon; Past Master John Young, C.E., Lodge St. Andrews, 74, Architect; John Baird, Scon and Perth Lodge, Jeweller; John Wilson, Royal Arch Lodge, Bible-Bearer; Right Worshipful Bro. George Hutton, Royal Arch Lodge, Director of Ceremonies; John Scott, Royal Arch Lodge, Sword Bearer; William Bryson, St. Andrew's Lodge, Director of Music; James Rolfe, Royal Arch Lodge, Standard Bearer; Peter Carmichael, Scon and Perth Lodge, Steward; John Robertson, St. Andrew's Lodge, Inner Guard; David Cockran, St. Andrew's Lodge, Tyler.

The lodge having been duly constituted, a prayer was offered up by the Worshipful and Rev. Chaplain, W. G. H. Carmichael, and opened in due and ancient form.

The installation ceremony was performed in a most imposing and impressive manner by Bro. George R. Harriot, of Killimore, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Wigton and Kirkcudbrightshire. There was a large attendance of the fraternity, the number being over 200, and included deputations from the lodges in the Province, as well as from Dundee, Dundee, Forfar, and various other places. There has seldom been in Perthshire such a large gathering of the respectable and ancient fraternity, and certainly no gathering where the success was so great. After the installation ceremony, Right Worshipful Bro. Harriot gave a most interesting address on the great and universal principles of the Order, which are founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue.

It may be mentioned that the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord Kinnaird, has taken a great interest in restoring to the province the benefits of a Grand Lodge, which will now be able to take that supervision over the various lodges in the province which is so necessary for the proper and efficient working of the ancient Craft. This Provincial Grand Lodge has been in a dormant state for several years, and it is due to the Provincial Grand Master to say that when a proposal to resuscitate the lodge was put before him, he entered into the whole matter with that zeal and amiability for which he is so well and deservedly known and respected. The brethren in the city have made a determination to range themselves round his lordship, and, shoulder-to-shoulder, press forward in the work of brotherly love, benevolence, and charity, which are well known to be the watchwords of the Craft.

After the installation ceremony had been concluded, the brethren, in a quiet way, and without any parade, pomp, or ceremony, wended their way towards the Salutation Hotel, where a splendid banquet had been prepared for them by Bro. Peter Carmichael, Provincial Grand Steward. The chair was occupied by the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord Kinnaird, and the croupiers were Bro. William MacLeish, who filled the chair of Senior Warden; Bro. John Young (in the absence of Colonel Williamson), Junior Warden; and Bro. Robert Dow, Senior Deacon. Over 100 brethren were seated round the tables in the great hall of the hotel, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, by the care and industry of Bro. Dow, with various banners, on which were painted a number of beautiful symbols and emblems of the Craft. There were many brethren present clothed in the uniform of the 42nd Royal Highlanders and the 79th (Queen's Own) Cameron Highlanders; and these brethren, along with the officers and Wardens of the various lodges present, clothed with their aprons, collars, gauntlets, and jewels, presented a very pleasing effect, and one that is not likely soon to be forgotten by the brethren who were present.

After the lodge had been opened in due and ancient form, and constituted by prayer by the W. and R. Chaplain,

The Provincial Grand Master proposed "The Health of the Queen." Although Her Majesty was not a Mason, and could not by the rules of Masonry be one, yet from what he personally knew of her virtues, he felt quite sure that she was a Mason at heart, and he had no doubt the Masons present, as did every Mason throughout the empire, would enthusiastically drink to Her Majesty's long life, health, and happiness. (Applause.) One of the first things that a Mason on being initiated learned was to be loyal and obedient to the laws of the realm, both of his own country and of any state or country in the world where Providence might cast his lot.

The toast was responded to with great heartiness, and the band—under the efficient leadership of Bro. William Bryson, Director of Music—played "God save the Queen."

The Provincial Grand Master then said that although this toast had been put upon the list as "The Queen, and the rest of the Royal Family," he considered it right and proper, on the present occasion, that the two should be separated, especially on account of an interesting fact which he had to announce, and of which the brethren were previously ignorant, namely, that her Royal and Imperial Highness the Duchess of Edinburgh had that day given birth to a daughter. (Applause.)

The toast was then drunk with all the honours.

The Provincial Grand Master next proposed "The Grand

Lodge of England, and Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." He hoped that His Royal Highness would safely return from the far country to which he had gone, after having spent a pleasant, happy, and profitable time in India. They were well aware that recently a certain body had taken away their Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Earl of Ripon, and thus a blow was struck at the Order, which was supposed at the time to have a most dangerous effect; instead of this, however, it had been quite the opposite, as His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales came manfully forward, and filled the breach, and thus gave to Masonry an impetus which it never had before. (Applause.) He trusted that the impetus which had been given to the Craft in England would extend, as undoubtedly it had extended, to Scotland, and that this Grand Lodge which had now been restored in their midst would be one of those branches of the grand old Craft which would tend to extend the Order wider and deeper than ever. (Applause.) He concluded by expressing the hope that God would grant His Royal Highness long life, health, and happiness. (Applause.)

The toast having been drunk with great enthusiasm,

Brother Greig of Glencarse responded for the Grand Lodge of England. In the course of his reply, Brother Greig said he had been made a Mason in England some fifty years ago. His being present on that occasion brought to his remembrance a banquet that was given to the late Earl of Yarborough, who was adopted Grand Master of England, and it was attended by many of the elite of the land, and there, as he found in Scotland, Masons proved themselves right good fellows. (Cheers.) No doubt, the very fact of His Royal Highness being the Grand Master Mason of England would bring thousands to join the Craft, and the impetus that must be given from what had taken place that day in the Fair City of Perth would add hundreds, he should like to say thousands, to the Craft. (Cheers.) He had great pleasure in being present that day to witness their noble Chairman placed in the position he now occupied. (Applause.)

The Provincial Grand Master proposed "The Grand Lodge of Ireland, and Brother the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M." He knew but little of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and the doings of the daughter lodges in that part of the kingdom; but as he was connected by family ties to Ireland, he could vouch that the brethren of Ireland were good men and true, and paid great attention to their duties as Craftsmen. (Applause.)

The Provincial Grand Master proposed "The Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Brother Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart, M.W.G.M." He said that Sir Michael Shaw Stewart paid great attention to the duties of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which was in good working order, and he hoped that this branch which had now been restored would be useful in aiding and assisting in the work.

The Provincial Grand Master next proposed "The Sister Provincial Grand Lodges of Scotland." He was glad to see such a large representation of the brethren from Dundee and Forfar—a province he knew which was endeavouring, as had that day been done in Perthshire East, to restore to that province a Provincial Grand Lodge; and he was quite sure, from the efficient manner in which the duties of the evening had been performed by their Installing Master, the Right Worshipful Brother George R. Harriot, they would leave the "Fair City" after having learned many useful lessons that would enable them still further to proceed with the work they had in view. (Applause.)

This toast was very ably responded to by the Right Worshipful Master of the Operative Lodge, Dundee, and also by the Right Worshipful Master of one of the Forfar lodges.

R. Wor. Bro. R. G. Harriott then proposed the toast of the evening, "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Perthshire, East, and Bro. Lord Kinnaird, R.W.P.G.M." In submitting the toast, he said it gave him great pleasure to be present. He had no doubt from what he had seen of Lord Kinnaird, and the officers and brethren of this lodge, in their endeavour to restore the lodge to the province, that they would do their work in an able efficient manner, and would be enabled to raise the Craft to that position in the eyes of the world which it should ever hold. If Masonry was not a religion, it was at least a handmaid to Christianity, and embraced all the principles which ought to guide a man through life. Freemasonry enabled a man of whatever country, clime, or race, to live a righteous life, and showed him his duty to God, his neighbour, and to himself.

The toast was drunk by the brethren of the visiting lodges with great enthusiasm.

The Provincial Grand Master replied in an able and impressive manner. He hoped that the lodge which had now been restored would prosper, and stated that he personally would make every endeavour to secure this end. He trusted, and, indeed, he had no doubt, the officers who had that day been installed would manfully support him, and he had great hopes of their doing much good amongst the lodges in the province, and restoring many of them now in a dormant state to life again. He knew that there were sometimes great difficulties in working country lodges in a proper and efficient manner; but now that a uniform standard had been sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, there could be little difficulty in Masters of Lodges informing themselves of the same, as any Master within the province could make application either to himself personally or to his Depute or Substitute Masters, and receive the information which would enable them to do their work efficiently. He begged, in the name of the lodge, and of himself and officers, to thank Right Worshipful Bro. Harriot for the very able and effective manner in which he had performed the duties of the day, and for his great kindness

in being present, as well as for the interesting address which he had given to the brethren concerning the great principles of their universally-spread Order.

Bro. Dr. William Cowan, R.W.P.G.S.M., proposed "R. W. Bro. George R. Harriot, Wigron and Kirkubright, Installing Master." In proposing the toast, Dr. Cowan said they had great reason to thank Bro. Harriot, and to be proud of having such a brother amongst them. He knew Bro. Harriot to be an enthusiastic Mason and a good man. Masonry itself, he said, was a great and good thing. He himself had traversed throughout every region of the globe, and wherever he had gone he had felt the benefits of Masonry, not only in his own person, but he was enabled on many occasions to assist worthy and deserving brothers, with whom by no other means he could have become acquainted or have known of their difficulties. While he had been enabled to assist those worthy brethren in earning their daily bread, he had also been assisted, both professionally and otherwise, on every occasion he had sought it. If Masonry was not a system of religion at all events it was the closest approach to a universal religion on the face of the earth, for by it a brother Mason was enabled, and he had been so enabled, to take by the hand a Mahomedan, a Jew, a Parsee, a Hindoo, and even a Cherokee Indian, and call them brothers. While Master of a Canadian Lodge (Great Western Lodge, No. 47) in Windsor, Canada West, he had on his left hand while sitting in that lodge, a Cherokee chief, who was Master of a lodge working in the Rocky Mountains. That chief had dropped the tomahawk, and taken to preaching the principles and tenets of Freemasonry; and should any of the brethren now present ever be called, in the Providence of God, to visit that distant region, they would probably find that worthy brother—who was a brother-professional of his (Dr. C.), being a great medicine man—who would greet them warmly as brethren, and who, in place of offering them the scalping knife, would hold out his hand as a pledge of brotherhood. This brother to whom he referred could not only work the lodge of which he was Master in his mother tongue, but he could also work it fluently in English. This was not the only lodge among the Cherokee Indians, as there were three working lodges within that tribe, as he had been informed both by this chief and brother Mason himself, and by worthy brethren in Detroit and Windsor. Such, then, being the principles and results of Masonry, it was well worthy of the acceptance of all men, and of the support of every worthy brother. Their Right Worshipful Bro. George R. Harriot was a most enthusiastic Mason, and was at the present moment spending large sums of money from his private purse, and giving a great deal of his time, in endeavouring to establish in their midst, a benevolent institution for decayed and distressed Masons, and for the widows and orphans of Masons. They ought warmly to cherish such a brother, and give him every support and assistance in their power, in so noble, and useful, and benevolent an undertaking. Large sums of money have been expended in nearly every other country in the establishment of such institutions, and in the sister kingdom of England there at present existed an institution of his kind for which during the past year above £27,000 had been raised by donations and subscriptions—not to establish it, for it had been in existence for several years, but to carry it on, and pay its working expenses. Surely Scotland would not be behind in this noble work. He hoped the brethren present would do all in their power to forward the great cause which Bro. Harriot had so much at heart, and again returned his sincere and heartfelt thanks to Bro. Harriot for the way in which he had come forward to do the duties of the day, and for the able and efficient manner in which he had performed the recent imposing ceremony.

The toast was drunk with all Masonic honours.

Bro. Harriott in reply, said Bro. Cowan had pretty nearly taken the words out of his mouth. This was the only country almost in the world which had a Grand Lodge of its own which had not a place of refuge for its widows and orphans. In the States of America these institutions existed. Some had orphanages and some had homes, but in every State there were some such institutions. Ireland had two institutions; England, three; France had its institutions; and Sweden, that poor, small, thinly-populated country, had an orphanage which would shame the world to know it. It maintained 800 children. If a poor, thinly-populated country like that could do what he had said what should they do with their boasted rights in Great Britain? England and Ireland had done its quota. It remained for Scotland to perform its proportion. The taunt had been thrown in his face that many Scotch beggars, saying they were Masons, were continually crying for alms. There were as good and as independent Masons in Scotland as there was anywhere else, but what they wanted was an institution or institutions such as he had indicated. He professed no originality in his scheme; he simply adopted what was in use in other countries. He referred to the fact that he had been sounding the country on the subject, and sat down amid great applause.

Brother Morison, R.W.G.P.D.M., proposed "The Daughter Lodges beyond the Province." His toast included the welfare of Masonry throughout Scotland. He said Freemasonry was perhaps not a religion, but it was the next thing to it—it had the elements of Christianity strongly developed. And if the different members of the lodges of this country would square their actions, and have them tested by the level and the plumb-line, so that when at last they were called upon to pass through that valley which they knew was illustrated in Freemasonry, and when at last they ascended to the Grand Lodge, they might receive from the Great Architect of the Universe the welcome words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The toast was replied to briefly by Bro. John Wilson, R.W.M., Operative, Dundee, No. 47; Bro. Da-

vid Anderson, R.W.M. St. David's, Dundee, No. 78; Bro. Robt. Jack, R.W.M. Operative, Dunkeld, No. 152.

"The Daughter Lodges of the Province" was proposed from the chair, and briefly and ably responded to by the Senior Masters of the lodges present, namely, Bros. John Chalmers, R.W.M. Scone and Perth, No. 3; and John Young, P.M. St. Andrew.

Bro. McCarrach proposed "W.P.G.S.W. and J.W., Bro. William MacLeish and Colonel D. R. Williamson, of Lawyers."

Bros. MacLeish and John Young replied, the latter officiating for Bro. Williamson.

The Provincial Grand Master then proposed "All poor and distressed Masons wherever dispersed throughout the world, and a speedy relief to their sufferings."

After this toast R.W. Bro. Cowan in capital style, sung "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again,"—a song which had never been heard in Perth before, and which was greatly relished.

The sentiment of the song was then proposed by the Provincial Grand Master; after which the lodge was closed in due form and harmony, all being delighted with the proceedings.

The lodges represented at the banquet were:—St. John, 14, Dunkeld; Operative, 47, Dundee, deputation of three, R.W. Bro. Henry; Ancient Dundee, 49, Dundee, deputation of four, R.W. Bro. James Thompson; St. David, 78, Dundee, deputation of four, R.W. Bro. Anderson; Kilwinning, 90, Forfar, deputation of four, R.W. Bro. Hill; Operative, 152, Dunkeld, deputation of six, R.W. Bro. Jack; Forfar and Kincairdine, 225, Dundee, deputation of three, R.W. Bro. Fyffe.

The deputations from country lodges within the province were:—St. John, 105, Coupar Angus, deputation of four, R.W. Bro. Gill; St. John, 174, Dunning, deputation of three, R.W.M. Bro. Mensies.

There were present at the banquet about seventy brethren from the three city lodges, viz., Scone and Perth, 3; St. Andrew, 74; and Royal Arch, 122.

It may be added that the lodge jewels, which were very valuable, were supplied by Bro. John Baird, Grand Jeweller, George-street, Perth; and the clothing by Bro. George Kenning, 9, West Howard-street, Glasgow, and were the subject of general admiration.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The quarterly convocation of this body was held on Thursday, in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street. Bro. F. A. Barrow, P.G. Depute Master, presided, and the other office-bearers present were Bros. James B. Walker, Treas.; Archibald McTaggart, Sec.; James Gillies, S.D.; G. Thallon, J.D.; Robert Robb, Marshal; John Fraser, Asst. Marshal; A. Bain, B.B.; J. Balfour, Dir. of Cers.; J. Miller, Dir. of Music; Wm. Phillip, Sword Bearer; and Geo. Sinclair, Treas. of P.G. Benevolent Fund; Bro. G. McDonald, R.W.M. Lodge 73, as J.W.; and J. W. Burns, R.W.M. Lodge 87, as I.G.

There was an unusually large attendance of visiting brethren.

The lodge having been opened, the chairman stated that he had that day communicated with Grand Lodge, calling their attention to one or two matters in the way of irregularities calling for their interference. Referring to one of these, namely, as advertised in the "Citizen," instructions to be given in Masonry in some non-Masonic hall at the east end, he said that anything so irregular and illegal had never occurred in the province before, within his knowledge.

The Secretary (Bro. McTaggart) then read the minutes of last convocation, which were passed; and Bro. Sinclair those of several meetings of the Benevolence Committee, which were also passed.

The bye-laws of Lodges 73 and 219, after amendment, were passed.

Bro. Jas. F. Mitchell, R.W.M. 102, then called attention to the systematic violation of Grand Lodge laws by various lodges, especially in regard to giving more than one degree in one night. He added that he knew there was an agency in Glasgow for taking persons out of the province to get made Masons, and where they got made so much cheaper than, in addition, they could pay their railway fare and get a good supper, all for less than they could get made in town. He brought the matter forward now to ask what would be the best way to bring it before the Grand Lodge.

The chairman said that in his opinion it was quite correct to go forward in the matter; but Bro. Mitchell should have given a notice of motion regarding it, and that would have backed up his application. However, he thought it was quite competent at that moment to approach Grand Lodge and say that such things were going on, and asking them to deal with it. That is to say, if they, the P.G.L., were unanimous on the subject they could take action in this form at once.

Ultimately, Bro. Mitchell's views were shaped into the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. James Scott, R.W.M. No. 419, and agreed to nem. con.:—"That the attention of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow having been called to the fact of the systematic violation of Grand Lodge of Scotland laws by lodges holding charters of said Grand Lodge, by giving more than one degree in one night, without just cause, thereby bringing Freemasonry into contempt; therefore the P.G.L. of Glasgow protests against the system in question, and unanimously resolve to transmit to Grand Lodge this requisition, requesting them to take steps to prevent a continuance of such violation."

Thereafter, in reply to the Secretary (Bro. McTaggart), who desired to know whether an honorary affiliated member of any lodge, his name having been inscribed in the books of said lodge, was eligible to hold office therein, the P.G. Depute Master ruled that there was no such designation as "honorary affiliated member." Any member of the

Craft could be made an honorary member of a lodge, but to become duly affiliated he must pay the affiliation fee specified in the bye-laws of said lodge, and then the "honorary" ceased. The Grand Lodge said distinctly that an honorary member had no vote nor voice in a lodge.

Bro. McNaught called attention to the fact that a lodge in the province was holding a meeting on that evening simultaneously with the meeting of the P.G. Lodge. The chairman said that such a proceeding was quite illegal, and instructed the Secretary to write to the lodge in question regarding the matter. If a proper explanation was not given they ought to be fined.

There being no further business on the card the Chairman expressed his gratitude for the very harmonious and orderly meeting they had had, and the P.G.L. was then closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. John (No. 31).—The regular meeting of this crack lodge was held in their lodge-room, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 2nd inst. Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., took the chair, supported by Bros. T. Fletcher, P.M.; D. Neilson, D.M.; D. Horn, J.W.; Robt. B. Dalziel, Treas.; John Dick, Sec.; D. Lindsay, Chaplain; P. Brownlee, S.D., and a goodly number of members and visiting brethren. The business which ought to have come before the lodge was initiation, a considerable number of candidates being on the roll for the First Degree. None of these candidates having come forward, possibly owing to the extremely wet and stormy night, left the members without any work, a most unusual occurrence in St. John's Lodge. They therefore went into a little practical instruction in Masonry, after which the lodge was called to harmony. After enjoying a short time in pleasure and profit, the lodge was duly closed in ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Kilwinning (No. 4).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the evening of the 3rd inst. In the absence of the R.W.M., Bro. Prout, S.M., took the chair, supported by Bros. W. T. Henderson, S.W.; John Currie, Sec.; W. McCulloch, S.D.; Walker, Chaplain; Jas. Booth, S.W. 87; Sage, P.M. 360; and others. The lodge was opened for the dispatch of business. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were passed. An application from Mr. James McGilvrey for initiation was received and approved of, and he received the E.A. Degree, Bro. Prout, the acting R.W.M., officiating. It was then arranged that they should meet on the 9th November for the nomination of office-bearers for the next year, and on the same night the business of passing and raising would take place. The lodge was then closed in due form, the brethren adjourning to the side room for a short time in harmony.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. Mungo (No. 27).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this old and prosperous lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Thursday evening, 4th inst., Bro. Dugald Butler, R.W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. George Sinclair, P.M.; Arch. McTaggart, D.M.; J. McInnes, S.W.; G. McCome, J.W.; A. K. Wilson, Chaplain; Thomas Lochhead, Treas.; and William Niven, Sec. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren present, among whom were Bros. James Gillies, P.M. 103; Alex. Bain, P.M. 103; J. Morgan, R.W.M. 219; W. Ferguson, 543; ("Freemason"); A. Cameron, 3½; D. Couper, 3½; J. Dykes, 7; A. C. Paterson, 102; James McFarlane, 103; James McGuire, 103; John Cullen, 116; W. M. Howie, 116; John McDonald, 117; Benjamin Sutherland, 117; John Bain, 117; James Connel, 117; David McIntosh, 145; John Grant, 197; James Duthie, 219; John Brown, 219; Seth Dory, 290; R. Gardner, 413; William Lockie, 413; W. Herschman, 609; J. C. David Dick, 27; Wm. Brown, 27; Thomas Hastie, 27; Wm. Syme, 27; Wm. B. Paterson, 27; Thomas Brodie, 27; J. Taylor, 27; John Walker, J. McEwan, James Kidd, R. Carmichael, and others. The lodge was opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree, and the Secretary read minutes of last regular meeting, which were adopted. The R.W.M. then called upon the Secretary to read the list of names of office-bearers recommended by the committee, which were also approved of. The R.W.M. read applications from two gentlemen, viz., Messrs. Moses McGregor and Robert Speirs, which were favourably received, who were then admitted and initiated into the Entered Apprentice Degree of Freemasonry by Bro. Arch. McTaggart, D.M., in a beautiful and most impressive style, explaining the emblems and symbols of the Order to the delight of the brethren present. The lodge was thereafter transferred from labour to refreshment, and a short time spent in harmony. The lodge on being re-transferred was closed in due and ancient form. [The report of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 102, in our impression of the 6th inst. was incorrectly headed as St. Mungo's.]

GLASGOW.—Lodge Thistle and Rose (No. 73).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst. in the hall, situated at 170, Buchanan-street. The meeting was a good one considering the unfavourable state of the weather. Bro. G. McDonald, R.W.M., presided with his usual ability, and was supported by Bros. Macgregor, S.W.; J. F. Hanbridge, J.W.; Bannerman, S.M.; G. W. Wheeler, Chaplain; James Ampleford, Sec.; William Walton Treas.; T. Kay, S.D.; Thomas Yule, J.D.; John McInnes, S.W. 408, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There was one application before the lodge to be disposed of, viz., that of Mr. William Caldwell, Sapper Royal Engineers, who had been proposed by Bro. Walton, Treas., and seconded by Bro. Ampleford, Sec. This application being sustained, the gentleman was admitted and received the First Degree, the R.W.M. performing the ceremony with his accustomed ability. The lodge was thereafter raised to the F.C. degree, when Bro. John Wright was put in possession of that degree, Bro. Currie officiating. This concluded the business before the lodge, and it was closed in due and ancient form.

PARTICK.—Lodge St. Mary's (No. 117).—The usual fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 3rd inst., in St. Mary's Hall, Partick. In the unavoidable absence of the respected R.W.M., Bro. William Wylie, the chair was occupied by Bro. John Bain, D.M., supported by Bros. Andrew Brunton, P.M.; David Peacock, S.W.; Andrew Agnew, J.W.; David Forrest, S.D.; John McLaren, J.D. Among those present were Bros. J. B. Maitland, Sec.; J. M. Wylie, Treas.; Alfred Laurence, Chaplain, William Lawson, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$; John Dawson, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$; Thomas McCulloch, 109; Allan Stevenson, 114; John Findlay, 173; James Gray, 225; Alexander Graham, 360; Aaron Spy, 496; Duncan McIndoe, 553; Samuel Leckie, Sec. 543; John McLellan, 543; Alexander McDougall, 543; William Ferguson, 543; John McArthur, 117; Robert Anderson, 117; William Phillips, 117; James Brock, 117; James Livingston, 117; Arch. Young, 117; James Lyon, 117; John Maitland, 117; and Samuel Muirhead, &c. The lodge was opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree. It was unanimously agreed to delay removing to the New Masonic Hall, now nearly finished, in Douglas-street, until after the consecration of the lodge-room, which is expected to take place about the middle of December. An application was then read from Mr. Donald Bain, which was favourably received, and he was admitted and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by Bro. Bain, D.M., in a careful manner. The lodge was then opened in the Fellow Craft Degree, when Bros. J. S. Rowling, Robert Martin, and John Galt were passed to that degree by Bro. Boreland. The lodge was thereafter opened on the M.M. Degree, and Bros. John Arnott, George McKear, and J. S. Rowling were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason (the last-mentioned brother having to leave Scotland in a few days), Bro. J. Bain officiating. The lodge was then reduced to the E.A. Degree, and closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Shamrock and Thistle (No. 275).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 22, Struthers-street, Calton, on Friday evening, the 5th inst., Bro. R.M. Yuill, R.W.M., in the chair; Bros. Ronald, S.W., and Findlay, J.W., with the other office-bearers in their respective places, and a full attendance of members, and a large number of visiting brethren present, among whom were Bro. John Campbell, R.W.M. St. John's, Shettleston, No. 128, who supported the R.W.M. on the dais, along with Bros. Rowan, D.M.; Paterson, S.M.; G. C. H. McNaught, I.P.M.; Hutcheson, Treas.; and Horn, Sec. The lodge having been opened in the E.A. Degree, the Secretary read the minutes of last regular meeting, which were approved of. The first business brought forward was the nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year, which was then proceeded with in proper form. Three applications were then read from gentlemen wishing to be admitted into the Order, and there being no objections, they received the Entered Apprentice Degree at the hands of the R.W.M. in his usual fine style, viz., Wm. Angus, John E. MacLaren, Peter & McCulloch. The lodge was then opened in the Fellow Craft Degree, when Bros. Sergeant Robert Evans and James Gillan were advanced to that degree by Bro. Paterson, S.M. The lodge was thereafter reduced to the E.A. Degree, and transferred from labour to refreshment. After spending a short time in harmony, in which the brethren heartily enjoyed themselves with song and sentiment, the lodge was re-transferred, and closed in due and proper form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Union (No. 332).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 1st inst. The meeting was remarkably well attended. The R.W.M., Bro. J. B. Macnaire, presided, and was supported by D. McKirdy, S.W.; W. Murray (acting) J.W.; R. Mitchell, P.M.; J. Balfour, P.M.; J. Laird, Treas.; John McInnes, Sec.; and other office-bearers. Among the visiting brethren we observed Bros. J. Gilles, P.M. 103; Robt. Kerr, D.M. 524; J. McInnes, S.W. 408; J. Bihland, J.W. 408; C. Arthur, Mother Kilwinning; P. Brownlee, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$; J. Gray, I.G. 103; James Crabbe, 27, &c. The Secretary, having been called to read the minutes of the previous meeting, they were found correct and confirmed. The R.W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the fact that this was the night fixed for the nomination of office-bearers for the current year, and those brethren who had not paid the test fees would have an opportunity of doing so before the nomination commenced. An application was read from Mr. John Gray (iron moulder), aged 24. His proposer and seconder were Bros. D. McKirdy, S.W., and John McInnes, Sec. The proposal was agreed to, and he received the First Degree in Masonry, Bro. McKirdy, S.W., officiating in capital style. The other business before the lodge was passing and raising, but, as the nomination of office-bearers was fixed for that night, the passing was dispensed with and the lodge raised to the Sublime Degree, when Bro. Thos. McGhie and also a brother from the Union and Crown Lodge were put in possession of that degree. Thereafter the nomination was proceeded with, and the following was the result: R.W.M., Bro. McKirdy; D.M., Bro. Robert Mitchell; G.M., Bro. Dempster and Bro. Johnston; S.W., J. McInnes and Wm. Miller; J.W., H. Apperson; P.G.S., Wm. Miller and Alex. McNair; Treas., John Laird; Sec., J. H. Gill; S.W., J. Mitchell and J. Findlay; J.D., J. Findlay and J. Mitchell; S.S., Wm. Goudie; J.S., W. G. Burns; Chaplain, D. Robertson; B.B., J. Burns; Architect, D. Mitchell; D.C., Thos. McGhie; Standard Bearer, J. Stalker; S.B., W. Laird; I.G., vacant; Jeweller, L. Rombach; Tyler, D. Ramsey. Bro. Murray, on behalf of Lodge Benevolent Committee, intimated that the P.G. Benevolent Committee had given a grant to the widow of our late Bro. Dowie in addition to their own lodge grant. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Caledonian Railway (No. 354).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on Wednesday evening, 3rd inst., Bro. James Shaw, R.W.M., in

the chair; Bros. A. B. Ferguson, S.W.; John Harley, J.W.; D. Buchanan, D.M.; D. T. Colquhoun, Treas.; Wm. R. Dunn, Sec. The lodge was opened on the E.A. Degree, and the Secretary read the minutes of last regular meeting and committee meeting. The nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, when the following brethren were duly nominated, viz., James Shaw, R.W.M.; D. Buchanan, D.M.; W. H. Caldwell, S.M.; A. B. Ferguson, S.W.; John Harley, J.W.; D. T. Colquhoun, Treas.; R. A. McLean, Sec.; D. Leitch, S.D.; James Harley, J.D.; John Shaw, S.S.; C. McKenzie, Jeweller; James Douglas, Bible Bearer; John Allison, Standard Bearer; James Coutts, Director of Music; C. More, Director of Ceremonies; William Dickie, Banner Bearer; James Poole, Inner Guard; and James Minnoch, Tyler. The R.W.M. then read an application from Mr. George Anderson, who was admitted, and received the First or E.A. Degree at the hands of Bro. Shaw, R.W.M. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Commercial (No. 360).—The regular meeting of this most prosperous and well regulated lodge was held in their hall, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Friday, the 5th inst., the business of the evening being the election and installation of office-bearers for the ensuing year. Bro. John Davidson, P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., who was attending a special meeting called by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, at 8 p.m. that evening, occupied the chair, supported by Bro. Dr. A. Morton, I.P.M.; Julius Brode, P.M.; W. H. Dingley, P.M.; D. Lamb, D.M.; J. M. Olliver, S.W.; Wm. Finlay, Treas.; W. H. Bickerton, ("Freemason"); and the other office-bearers. On this occasion there was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. On account of the absence of Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., the business of election and installation of officers was put on the list of business for 9 o'clock p.m., and the lodge raised to the Degree of Fellow Craft, and afterwards to that of M.M.; immediately after the lodge being opened by Bro. Davidson. Bro. James Colquhoun was then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., Bro. D. Lamb performing the ceremony in a most careful and impressive manner. On conclusion of this ceremony, the lodge was reduced to the Degree of E.A., when Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., entered, and occupied the seat vacated by Bro. John Davidson, as R.W.M. Bro. Monro, R.W.M., then called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of last regular meeting and special meeting, and also the names of those brethren who had been nominated for office. There being no objection, the minutes were passed and the brethren duly elected. The ceremony of installation was proceeded with in the usual and constitutional manner, Bro. Dr. A. Morton, I.P.M., installing the R.W.M., D.M., and S.M., in a most effective manner. These officers having taken their seats on the dais, the harmonium struck up with the grand march, the brethren marched in procession, signifying their subjection and obedience by the usual salutations. This part of the ceremony being concluded, the other office-bearers were then installed by Bro. John Monro, R.W.M. The ceremony now being over, the newly-installed Master thanked the presiding brother and the brethren present in an appropriate manner. The officers elected and installed were as follows:—Bro. John Monro, R.W.M.; D. Lamb, D.M.; Wm. Finlay, S.M.; J. M. Olliver, S.W.; T. Graham, J.W.; W. H. Bickerton, Jeweller; James Coupar, Chaplain; Wm. Keiller, S.D.; R. Reid, J.D.; R. Brodie, D. of M.; A. Sloane, B.B.; James McCosh, D. of C.; H. Jamieson, I.G.; James Minnoch, O.G. The offices of Secretary and P. of Stewards was not filled. There being no further business the lodge was closed.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Clyde, (No. 408).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on the 5th inst., in the Kilwinning Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, Bro. Wm. Harper, R.W.M., in the chair, Bro. John McInnes, S.W.; Bro. W. Bihland, J.W. The R.W.M. was supported by P.M. Gordon, P.M. Buchanan, Alex. Bain (P.M. 103); D. Mitchell, Sec.; J. Stewart, Treas., &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The next business taken up was that of raising the fees for initiation to £3 3s. A very pleasant and animated conversation followed upon this proposal being made, Bro. the R.W.M. Gordon, P.M.; Downie, S.M.; Buchanan, P.M.; Stewart, Treas. (whose motion it was), and others expressing themselves freely and fully on the proposal. It was ultimately agreed that in future the fees of the lodge for initiation shall be £3 3s. The next business was that of the nomination of office-bearers for the coming year. The following is the result of the nominations:—R.W.M., Bro. W. Harper; S.M., Bros. Black and McInnes; S.W., Bros. Bihland and Crosbie; J.W., Bro. J. McKinnon; Treas., J. Stewart, Harkness, Jas. Hart and Wm. Anderson, jun.; Sec., Bro. Cross; Chaplain, Bro. Strathern; B.B., Bro. J. Buchanan; S.D., Bro. Williamson; J.D., Bro. Crosbie; Archt., Bro. Blackstock; Jewellers, Bros. Morton and Kelly; P.G. Stewds., Bros. Clair and McCall; S.S., Bro. Thomson; Std. Br. Bros. Archer and Waddell; I.G., Bros. Wallace and Collie; and O.G., Bro. Ramsay. The case of a brother who had lost all his effects through shipwreck was then taken up, with a view to assist him under his present difficulties, and satisfactorily disposed of. Mr. Edward Boyd (outfitter), who had been proposed and seconded by Bros. McCall and Downie as a fit candidate for Masonic honours, then received the E.A. degree. The lodge was then passed to the F.C., when Bro. Thos. Brown received that degree, Bro. Downie officiating. This being all the business, the lodge was closed.

GOVAN.—Lodge Govandale. (No. 437).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, Portland Buildings, Govan, on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., Bro. John McFarlan, R.W.M., in the

chair, supported by Bro. A. Campbell, P.M.; Bro. J. Meller, D.M.; Bro. Muir, S.W.; Bro. Ferguson, J.W. There was a very large turn out of the members of the lodge, and visiting brethren. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. James Gillies, P.M. 103, Glasgow; and W. Ferguson, 543, ("Freemason"). The lodge was opened on the E.A. degree, and the Sec. read the minutes of last meeting, which were approved of. A motion was then brought forward, which was taken at a regular meeting one month ago by Bro. James, to the effect that the initiation fee of this lodge be raised to £3 3s. An amendment was made by Bro. Campbell, P.M., that the fees remain in the meantime as before. After voting thereon the amendment was carried by a small majority. After the result being made known the same motion was again tabled to be brought up at a regular meeting to be held for that purpose. The lodge was then opened on the second or F.C. degree, when Bros. Haylett (of No. 437) and James McGuire (of Union and Crown) were admitted and passed to that degree; the last named brother having to leave Scotland in a few days, was thereafter, along with Bro. George King (437), raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, by Bro. McFarlane, R.W.M., in his usual and most impressive manner. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. Andrew (No. 465).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, Garngad-road, on the 4th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. David Reid, presided, and was supported by Bros. Jas. McLish, S.M.; Morton, S.W.; G. B. Davidson, J.W.; Robert Donaldson, Treas.; Wm. Campbell, Sec., and other office-bearers. Among the visiting brethren present were Bros. Wm. Bihland, J.W. 408; J. Fisher, 28; Martin Hallady, 31; and others. The lodge having been opened, the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. Letters of demit were granted to Bros. John Hinshelwood and Joseph Bradburn, both members of the lodge, who are about to proceed abroad. There were two candidates waiting for initiation, viz., Richard Blair, proposed by Bro. Hinshelwood, seconded by Bro. Donald; Walter Davidson, proposed by Bro. Ramsay, seconded by Bro. Fisher. They were prepared, and received the E.A. Degree, Bro. Reid, R.W.M., officiating in his usual complete and satisfactory style. It was then intimated that the nomination of office-bearers for the next year would take place at the next regular meeting. This being the night set apart by the lodge for harmony, no further business was gone into. The brethren having spent some time in pleasant and enjoyable harmony, the lodge was duly closed in ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Clydesdale. (No. 556).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 1st inst., in the Masonic Hall, 106, Rose-street, S.S. Bro. William Phillips, R.W.M., presiding; Bro. J. B. McNaught, S.W.; Bro. J. Howie, J.W. There were also present Bros. Thos. Russell, D.M.; John McNaught, S.M.; John McKechnie, Treas.; Hugh Weir, J.D.; Thos. Phillips, B.B.; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; W. Ferguson, 543, ("Freemason"); G.C.A. McNaught, I.P.M. 275; P. Hepburn, J.W. 178; J. Millar, P.M. 87; David Ronald, S.W. 275; John Paterson, S.M. 275; John Nagle, S.S. 441; Ebenezer Ferguson, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$; James Couper, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$; Archd. Baird, 178; James Watt, jun., 219; Hugh Reid, 116; William Robertson, 219; Francis Dow, 219; George Lyall, 219; John Dunlop, 157; Thomas Stevenson, 290; Peter Paterson, 76; William Wright, 116; William Findlay, 275; James, 275; and a large number of members of the lodge, and other visiting brethren. The lodge was opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree, and the Secretary read minutes of the last regular meeting, which were confirmed. The nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and after going through the usual routine of business, Bros. Robert Paterson, William Wallace, and William Riddall, Entered Apprentices, were passed to the Square Degree of Fellow Craft, Bro. J. M. Oliver, S.W., Commercial Lodge, No. 360, working the degree in a minute and careful manner. The lodge was then reduced to the E.A. degree, and no further business being brought forward was closed in due and ancient form by the R.W.M.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Dramatic (No. 571).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at 3 o'clock. Bro. W. J. E. Dobson, R.W.M., took the chair, and was ably supported by Bros. H. W. Jackman, S.W.; Jas. Houston, D.M.; Wm. Barbour, Treas.; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360, acting J.W.; John Fraser, P.M. 87; J. Booth, S.W. 87. Among the visiting brethren present we noticed Wm. Phillips, R.W.M. 556; John Miller, P.M. 87; John Wilson, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$; D. Couper, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$; G. W. Wheeler, E. B. Adams, 360, ("Freemason"), and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The R.W.M. then reminded the brethren that at this time of the year it was necessary to elect office-bearers for the coming year, but as this was their first year he was not quite sure whether that was necessary or not, but would be glad to hear the opinions of any of the brethren present on this point. Bro. John Fraser said that the present office-bearers were appointed to act till the lodge was consecrated; the lodge had only been three months in existence, and it would be most advisable that the present office-bearers should continue in office, going through the form of nomination and election to keep them in conformity with Grand Lodge laws. Bro. Miller supported Bro. Fraser in this idea, and it was therefore agreed that the nomination should take place at the next regular meeting of the lodge. The lodge was then raised to the F.C. Degree, and a brother waiting for that degree was entrusted with it, Bro. Booth officiating. Thereafter the lodge was closed.

[The following unavoidably stand over:—Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumbarton. Dedication of a Masonic Hall in Glasgow. Lodges 102, 174, 219, 333, 360, 441, 510, 541, 543; R.A. Chapters 50, 144.]

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Bro. W.S. (Gibraltar) is thanked for his interesting report. Shall be glad to receive further favours from him.

The following communications stand over:—

"Joining Members;" "The Mark Degree."

Reports of Lodges 281, 1328, 1509, 1549; Chapters 41, E.C.; 157, S.C.; Mark Lodges 9, 65.

Prov. Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire—too late for this week—in our next.

The report of the General Board to the Grand Mark Lodge on the 30th ult. will appear in our next impression.

Consecration of the Ellington Lodge, No. 1556.

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

BOOK RECEIVED.

Bro. C. Van Dalen, Kalendar fur Freimaurer for 1876, Leipzig, Findel.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOV. 20, 1875.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO INDIA.

Our Royal Grand Master has been at Bombay and Bareilly since our last, and has also visited Poonah, and many other places of interest. We give the "Times" telegrams up to 2.43 a.m. 17th inst:—The Prince has spent a quiet day. There was a display of presents in the forenoon, and later he witnessed the performance of conjurers and snake charmers, and received the Agha Khan, said to be a descendant of the Old Man of the Mountains, who expressed great delight at seeing the descendant of Edward of England. At 4.30 the Prince drove in state to the Secretariat, and mounted to the Esplanade. There were immense crowds collected to see him, including many native Chiefs and Europeans. He subsequently presented colours to the 21st Regiment of Native Infantry or Marine Battalion. There were present on the parade the 3rd Hussars, 2nd Queen's, 1st Bombay Lancers, Poonah Horse, troops of Artillery, Garrison Battery, and two Native Regiments. The Prince expressed the pleasure he felt in presenting colours to such a distinguished regiment, and in seeing native troops for the second time. He congratulated them on their soldier-like appearance and steadiness under arms. The Prince then begged Colonel Carnegie the favour of allowing him to take possession of the old colours of the regiment, which in two years would have completed a century, and said he would give them a place in his house. The march past was very good. The crowds evinced great loyalty by their cheers and behaviour. The Governor, after dinner to the Prince and suite, gave a grand ball, which was very successful and brilliant. The results of the Royal visit are described on all hands as being most extraordinary. The Native Press is exuberant in its expressions of gratification. The Poonah reception astonished even old Indians. The "Brahmin hotbed" was as loyal as any town in England. The Prince is in excellent health. Telegrams from Southern India are anxiously awaited, as the movements depend on them. Bro. Lord Charles Beresford is

perfectly well. The *Serapis* sails on Monday, and probably will visit Goa and call at Beypore. She will thence proceed to Colombo. The Prince will visit Ceylon, and go from Tuticorin to Madras. It is considered necessary to call at Madras. Captain Glyn takes the responsibility. The Prince will go thence to Calcutta. A banquet will be given on board the *Serapis* to the Government authorities.

GOOD NEWS FROM INDIA.

Very pleasant for all loyal Freemasons and, we may add, for all patriotic Englishmen, is the telegraphic intelligence from India. The progress of our Grand Master seems to be one of uninterrupted success in every respect; and if his reception at Bombay be an omen of his subsequent welcome at Calcutta and other portions of our great Indian dependency, we may fairly regard it as one long ovation of loyalty and devotion on the part of a happy, a progressing, and a well governed people. Nothing so much strikes us as this evidence of the real feelings of the Indian population, despite the sometimes vapid and childish jeremiades of journalists and politicians. The great mass of the toiling peoples of Hindostan are thoroughly loyal and perfectly contented. The British Government of India is alike honourable to the governors and beneficial to the governed. No longer at the mercy of each petty tyrant, no longer ground to the dust by unlicensed exaction and irresponsible authority, the natives are well aware that English laws are administered impartially, and that English justice secures to all a fair hearing, and equitable decisions. Hence the many millions of an industrious population under British rule pursue the "even tenour of their way" in peace and prosperity, "no one making them afraid," and with an ever present sense alike of the certainty of protection, and the power of appeal from temporary injustice or wrong. In our opinion, no greater history in the annals of any nation can be found than that of our Indian administration, no nobler page can be perused in the long chronology of mankind. Despite the hasty opinions of some, and the party-coloured assertions of more, the English dominion in Hindostan has been of untold blessing to humanity, an inexpressible gain to the weak, the suffering, and the oppressed. We say nothing here of that evidence of Anglo-Saxon courage, endurance, heroism, and loyalty, whether shown by man or woman, which the presence of the "Feringhee" has eduved, and the lives and deaths of our compatriots have manifested. Indeed, when we come seriously to think of it, calmly and peacefully at home, the history of British India, always romantic, borders even upon the marvellous. In that "land of many millions," so many that their number is almost alarming, there has stood a little band of white men and white women, whom no dangers could daunt, and no difficulties could turn back. Onwards and forwards that little phalanx has gone, in loyal courage and unwearied devotion, perilling life, and enduring disease, without a murmur and without a fear. It has stood sometimes, a mere handful of men, against overwhelming masses, and won the victory; it has advanced on the deadly intrenchment and crowded camp, a thin red line, a thin green line; it has beaten back large armies with small detachments, and overpowering hosts with weak battalions. Hardly a town or village, a hill or plain, a jungle or a forest, but has been the scene of English courage and is the locale of a hero's grave. Sometimes almost alone, in a little station, sometimes far up the country, with no European near, our fellow-countrymen and fellow-countrywomen have maintained their country's prestige and attracted the admiration of the native population. And to-day, with the progress of education, with the improvement of social conditions, with the administration of just laws for all alike, there seems no limit, except what time itself must bring, to the advance of Hindostan in civilization, in order, in improvement, and in loyalty to the British Crown. Greatly, then, must we who "live at home at ease" rejoice to hear, through the wondrous instrumentality of the electric telegraph, of the journey of our Prince, and of his recent joyous reception in India, by every class

of the community. May each succeeding report continue to testify alike of his kindness, and geniality, and admirable qualities, and of the gratification and happiness of an exultant and well-disposed people. May a kind Providence be with him in his travels, and give him health and strength to complete his Royal progress and his historical tour, and may he be restored ere long to devoted hearts at home, who count the moments of his absence and long for his hourly return.

A PLEA AD MISERICORDIAM.

We do not often appeal to our kind correspondents, but we do so most emphatically to-day, and we trust that our plea for a little fraternal consideration will not be altogether made in vain. We are just now embarrassed by a great pressure on our columns, and by a sympathetic plethora of active correspondence, which seems to remind us of the words, "The cry is still they come." So great for the last few weeks have been the demands on our space, and the favours of ready friends, that we have had the greatest difficulty in finding room, whether for lucid report or interesting letter. And if our publisher, with his wonted energy, enables us to get over partly the almost insurmountable stumbling block at first of restricted pages and limited matter, our editorial responsibility is thereby not lessened, but increased. However difficult and abstruse Darwin's principle of "selection" may have been, ours is still more pressing and peculiar. Our main "impedimentum" has been what to leave out and what to insert, what to send up to the printer, what to make a "remanet" of. We almost wish at times that, like the young gentleman recorded in "Vanity Fair," we could make our decision, and announce our choice as clearly, as calmly and as decisively as he did. As an amusing illustration, we commend the story, very good in its way, to the notice and consideration of our many readers:— "A country gentleman had a small son who, having been early taken about to the stables and kennels and initiated into their secrets, had become quite a baby-expert in all matters pertaining thereto, and quite ready to give his opinion as to a horse or a litter of pups with as much serious certainty as though, instead of being a child, he were an old and hardened sportsman and fancier. The country gentleman had the good fortune to be presented with twin daughters by his wife, and the boy after his usual round among the animals, was taken to see these little creatures as they lay in their cradle. The child looked at them gravely, pulled their legs, pinched their arms, opened their eyelids, and, after a moment of reflection, pointing to one of the two, said, "Keep this one." Certainly, we greatly envy the facility of decision evidenced by, as a good friend of ours says, (and, we may observe, he is a married man) this "discerning little rascal." We are always saying to ourselves "keep this contribution, and get rid of the other." Yet, alas! such is the fallibility of human judgment, that in the opinion of one correspondent, at any rate, we have kept the wrong one, and rejected the right one. For, curiously enough, everybody thinks his contribution the contribution for the "Freemason;" and is apt to consider that it ought to go in; that the editor must be a very stupid fellow for not discerning its special merits, and that room ought to have been found for it, even if something else had been left out. We, then, must ask from all our many and kind, but sometimes a little impatient, friends, alike fraternal consideration and good-humoured allowance. We have to select that which appears most likely to instruct, inform, edify, amuse, to do most good to the Order locally and generally, and to advance at the same time both the welfare of Freemasonry and the interests of the "Freemason." Our task is often difficult, and our decision sometimes apparently capricious. But we would, we repeat, request our correspondents to believe that nothing but the insuperable difficulties of space or type can make us reject or keep back the overflowing reports and valuable correspondence of our many well-disposed contributors. We thank them one and all for many favours, we assure them very gratefully received,

and we trust that their past and present most liberal supply of the "pabulum mentis latomicae" may be an augury of their continued interest and kindly communications for the future.

FREEMASONRY AND ROMAN CATHOLICISM IN FRANCE.

Our attention has been called by a courteous correspondent to an able letter on this subject in the "Journal de Geneve," and which is dated Paris, October 8th. We have perused it with much attention, and we think it worthy of note in the "Freemason," as we are always anxious to keep our brethren "au courant," alike of the Masonic literature of the hour, as well as of the comments and criticisms of the profane, the scientific, the journalistic world of letters and opinions. Having very carefully considered the communication of the correspondent of the "Journal de Geneve," we wish to point out, where it is we agree and where it is we differ respectfully from him. We are very sorry that we cannot reproduce the article, as it is all too long for our crowded pages. But we will try and give its general bearing. In the first place, we venture to think that the writer, as foreign Masonic writers often do, overestimates the exact position of Freemasonry, and the actual conflict existing between it and the Roman Catholic Church. He would represent Freemasonry and Roman Catholicism as two hostile camps, the one, Freemasonry, representing liberalism, progress, and toleration; the other, Roman Catholicism, representing intolerance, retrogression, and persecution. This is the gist of the argument of a long letter, exceedingly well written, and very carefully elaborated. Now, though in the abstract the writer's position is correct enough, generally stated, and in the concrete also, "par voie du fait," as the lawyers say, Rome seems to be taking up the untenable and untoward position of unceasing denunciation of Freemasonry everywhere, yet it does not follow that because Rome does wrong Freemasonry should follow suit. We deny in toto that such is necessarily—and, above all, that such should be—the position of Freemasonry in the matter. To condemn Freemasonry to such a lifelong and sterile contest is to deprive it of any possible means of doing real good in the world. For because Rome is belligerent, aggressive, minatory, and condemnatory, it is not a case of sequitur that Freemasonry is to meet allocution by oration, anathema by protest, "coup par coup." In the first place, however abstractedly it may be true, that owing to a false position and false appreciation, alike of the facts of history and the needs of the hour, the Romish Curia is placing the body in a perpetual state of hostility to Freemasonry, it does not result from this as a logical consequence, that such is the true position of Rome, even on the question itself. Neither can it be safely affirmed by any one that because Rome does do so, Freemasonry is therefore to do so and so, in reprisal or return. Two blacks never can make one white, and though Rome does wrong, and is wrong, there is no further reason why Freemasonry should not be right and do right. We therefore do not agree with the position the able writer has assumed, that Freemasonry represents liberalism in this great contest. Freemasonry is liberal and tolerant, and peaceful and progressive enough; it advocates ever the liberty of thought, the cultivation of the reason, the sanctity of the individual conscience; but it does not advocate these principles in opposition to the Church of Rome or any other religious community, but simply because they have been, and are still, and ever will be its own leading principles of teaching and of action. Freemasonry is right in holding such great and solemn truths, truths most necessary for the safety and happiness, and peaceful progress of mankind, whether in a state or as individuals. But because Freemasonry thus asserts its own unceasing sympathy with and interest in the struggles of humanity, the triumphs of peace, and the welfare alike of the individual citizen and of the body politic, it does not intend nor wish to mix itself up with the lower struggles of party or to adopt the often debasing war cries of faction and a pseudo liberalism. All is not gold that glitters, and all is not

truly liberal that passes under the name. Like Madame Roland we can still often say to-day, "Oh Liberty, what crimes are committed in thy name?" We must demur, therefore, to the main argument, either that Freemasonry is simply in antagonism to the Romish Church, or that it represents liberalism, or is opposed to illiberalism, or that it is bound to wage a perpetual warfare with the Church of Rome. Freemasonry has nothing to do with the Church of Rome, quâ the Church of Rome, or any other religious denomination, and only comes into contact or collision with it, when that religious body goes out of its way to attack or anathematize a peaceful, loyal, benevolent, and religious association. Freemasonry has nothing either to do with political contests or party cares. It upholds liberty in its fullest sense, but it utterly ignores the manifestoes of a so-called liberalism, about which it knows nothing, and which, though it assumes loudly enough the name of liberty, has after all but little to do with it, and may only be but another name for revolution. Freemasonry, amid many changes, is still unchanging, and will ever be found ready on its own peaceful and unpolitical principles to advocate liberty, toleration, and freedom of conscience in the clearest measure, and to the fullest extent.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

Our readers, like ourselves, will have perused the last report of the Boys' School General Committee with much interest and approval. By it we learn that a special Committee, consisting of Bros. Col. Ridgway, Dwarber, Dicketts, Diaper, and Motion, has been appointed "to investigate the management and accounts of this institution, and report thereon to this Committee," and also "to report specifically on the charge on page 29 of 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." We note that a professional accountant is to be called in by the Committee to assist them in the investigation of the accounts, and we think that this unanimous decision of the General Committee will afford the greatest satisfaction to the Craft. We are of opinion that the matter being now "sub judice," all correspondence should cease on the subject until the Committee has made its report, and we also feel that we shall be acting most fully in the spirit of Freemasonry and the interest of the Boys' School if we announce to-day, that after this issue we consider the discussion closed until then, and that we shall admit no more letters on the subject in the interim. We venture also to add that we feel there is a good deal of force in our worthy Bro. Sutcliffe's remarks, which he has incorporated in an advertisement, page 516, of our last issue, and with him we deeply regret that so many unseemly personalities have been so ostentatiously obtruded on the notice of the Craft. But then, as Bro. Sutcliffe well knows, and our readers are also aware, in all these conflicts of human opinion and interest, it always is characteristic of weakness and want of ballast, to be alike hasty in judgment and personal in incrimination. We cannot, as Freemasons, but sincerely deplore that on ex parte statements, and on ex parte statements alone, any Masonic body, or member of our tolerant Order, should hastily assume the truth of ill-digested charges and partizan inculpations. We quite agree with Bro. Sutcliffe that the proper course would have been to go to the House Committee, not to the public press, to make a statement calmly to that body, and not openly and violently attack Bro. Binckes. We are very glad to see that Bro. Col. Ridgway's views as regards the real position, whether of Lodges, of Provincial Grand Lodges, or of Grand Lodge, itself, as regards the educational charities constitutionally, are entirely identical with our own. We await the report of the special Committee, with the fullest assurance of its impartiality and justice.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

By the report of the last monthly meeting a resolution has been arrived at, which is as

follows:—"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." By this resolution it will be seen, if a brother takes in on his list £50 in addition to his own donation, he will receive two additional votes at each election, and also two further additional votes for every additional sum of not less than £50. As the matter has got to come before Grand Lodge, we say nothing more in the interim, except that we fully agree with everything that our excellent Bro. John Symonds said so well on the subject, and that we deem the alteration a needful and salutary one in every respect.

OUR KIND CRITIC.

We had not intended to allude any more to the Boys' School, until the Committee had reported, as we said in a previous article, but a letter of the Rev. Bro. Perrott's requires a few words of remark. We had called attention to a great Masonic "laches" on his part and his confrere, in persistently calling Bro. Binckes "Mr. Binckes," which we deemed alike unmasonic and improper. We still think so. Bro. Perrott accepts our correction as to the titular description, though without any proper expression of regret at so unmasonic an offence against good taste, and common propriety, but sends us a "Tu quoque." At school in our days a "Tu quoque" was always visited with condign punishment. We do not see its force of application here. Albæ Dies was an editorial oversight; Albi Dies, as the old line says, "sole dies referente siccos," and as Facciolati tells us that Dies is masculine and feminine in singular, masculine "tantum," in the plural: We do not ourselves, from this little specimen of Bro. Perrott's customary style of writing, profess to have any doubt as to where, in the late "fracas" in the school, to use a familiar expression, "the shoe pinched."

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am desirous to anticipate the shout of exultation which I fancy I can hear over the statement of accounts as published in your number of last Saturday when compared with that given in a previous number.

The latter I had prepared for me, and I was not satisfied with it, especially as regards the discrepancy of £3, but anxious to let your readers know that the expenditure could and should be accounted for, I sent it for publication. Subsequently, I went carefully into the figures myself, and happily arrived at a result equally accurate as satisfactory. That has been submitted to the "Special Committee," appointed at the last meeting of the General Committee, whose report thereon will be laid before the next meeting on Saturday, 4th December. My opponents are welcome to any capital they may make out of this.

May it not be regarded as a fortunate coincidence that simultaneously with this organised attack upon the management of our Institution there should be presented to the General Committee the most favourable report by the Audit Committee ever presented since the sale of our funded property in 1864? We now stand before the Craft with the largest number of boys we have ever had (177, as compared with 80 in 1865—ten years since), better fed, better clothed, and, I hope I may now say, better educated than they have ever been; the original building and its additions paid for; no debts, with the exception of two or three small unadjusted balances waiting the architect's examination and certificate; and, at last, the commencement of invested capital by the purchase of £2000 Consols, carrying over a good balance to meet current expenditure. Surely, a management which has effected thus much is deserving, at least, of indulgent consideration, if not entitled to unqualified approval.

Neither on behalf of the Committee, nor myself, nor of others connected in the administration of the affairs of the Institution, do I make any mere "ad captandum" appeal. We do not fear the strictures of heated partisans, our reliance being on the wisdom, justice, and impartiality of those who delegated to us the discharge of our respective functions.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
FREDERICK BINCKES.
London, 15th Nov., 1875.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I again request the favour of space in your columns for a few remarks on the account said to be submitted to the Special Committee of the Boys' School.

I read on the title page of the Report for 1874 the following words:—"Statement of receipts and expenditure: Report of the House Committee for the year ending December 31st, 1874." I ask, then, why is the sum of £30, paid this year, introduced into the accounts for the last three years. It is impossible to admit this, and therefore, instead of £287 15s to be accounted for, there is a sum of £317 15s. for "grants and outfits" alone; add to this £19 15s. for gratuities (should be, however, £31, see Reports for 1872, 1873, and 1874) and erroneous charge for silver medal, and we have £337 10s., less five shillings, "clerical error," £337 5s. Now, this is £23 too much, for the total in the three Reports is, as given in page 29 of last pamphlet, £314 5s. Again, I observe that in the last three issues of your journal three different amounts have been assigned to the year 1871, viz., £55, £45, and finally, £72 15s. The same may be said for 1874. Why, again, are the pages 41 and 42 from Report for 1871 brought forward, when we are dealing with Reports for 1872, 1873, and 1874? The deduction of £15, thus brought forward, would not make matters straight, whilst only £19 15s. of the £31, said to be given as "gratuities" and not for grants and outfits, are reckoned in the statement. I will only observe, that our calculations in the pamphlet are based on the different statements in the Reports, which are, or ought to be, the reliable records for the years they represent.

I acknowledge your correction of our titular description—"Mr."—of the Secretary, and, as a "tu quoque," will you allow me to suggest a correction of the superscription of one of your leaders of last week? I think the heading should have been "Albi Dies," not "Albae Dies," as "Dies" is always masculine in the plural, though both masculine and feminine in the singular, according to the sense.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
O. G. D. PERROTT.
Eastfield Villa, Hanwell, Nov. 15th, 1875.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR PRIEST.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am writing now from memory, and do not think it will be necessary for me to look up authorities, as I feel sure your indefatigable correspondent, the "Masonic Student," must have written his letter hastily and without examination, as I believe that he himself gave me the first evidence that the York Masons practised this degree in a mention both of the ritual and of the first draft of a warrant. The degree sometimes went by the name of "The Band." However, if he will refer to Godfrey Higgins's "Anacalypsis," he will find that Bro. Higgins got information of this degree from Bro. Blanchard, the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of York, and that he attempts to trace it up to a most remote antiquity. There is, I think, no doubt of the perfect accuracy of my statement, that the York Masons practised the Three Degrees of Royal Arch, Knight Templar, and Knight Templar Priest; and that in each of these sections the presiding officer, in the most ancient rituals, was a High Priest. In the absence of positive proof, there is really strong ground for belief that the three grades were a Rosicrucian concoction of pre-1717 speculative Masons.

The degree of Templar Priest was practised in the York Encampment of Manchester, and was supposed to confer power to preside in absence of the E. Commander. It was ruled by seven pillars and a High Priest, and the candidate went seven times round and answered seven questions. In my estimation it is the most beautiful ceremony in all Masonry. The altar has upon it a book with seven seals.

Yours fraternally,
[We have necessarily left out a portion of the letter.—Ed.]

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your edition of the 30th ult. contains the account of a recent meeting of the "Alexandra Palace Lodge," wherein you inform your readers that in the absence of the W.M. the S.W. took the chair, and performed the duties of the evening, which included initiating a candidate and afterwards presiding at the banquet. Now, I have always understood it is quite contrary to Masonic law for the S.W. to act as W.M., and perform the ceremonies of either of the Craft degrees in open lodge on regular lodge nights. In this province (in the absence of the W.M.) the chair is taken by a P.M. Will you kindly state in your next edition the strict "Masonic law" on this point, as I am anxious to know really what is correct.

Yours fraternally,
MASTER MASON,
Bristol.

[We agree with the writer.—Ed.]

MASONIC JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very much obliged to the W.M. of Lodge No. 73 for his letter upon the subject of Masonic Jewels which appeared in your paper last week, and shall thereupon "wear the jewel" in my lodge, and if I meet with any interference as to my so doing I shall immediately appeal, as he suggests, and place myself in communication with him upon the subject, and for the assistance he kindly offers, should occasion require it.

I may mention I have since seen a very old Mason upon the subject, and he informs me that the "five-pointed star" is a proper Third Degree M.M.'s jewel, that he wears it

himself, and it ought to be worn by all the M.M.'s, and the reason they do not do so is because they do not know anything about it, and are ignorant of the fact that they are entitled to wear it, the jewel to a certain extent having fallen into abeyance, more especially in the London lodges.

I remain, dear Sir, yours fraternally,

AN ENQUIRING M.M.

THE MASONIC CLUB.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I should be glad if you could give me some information regarding the "Masonic Club," the prospectus of which has been advertised in your columns for several months past. I have not even heard whether my name has been accepted as a member, albeit it was submitted to the committee more than four months ago, though I have good reason to hope it will not be rejected. Surely considerable progress has been made in the matter, for there can be little doubt that so admirable a project as a Masonic Rendezvous has met with sufficient support from the Craft in general as to warrant the speedy establishment of the club. Any information that you can afford, as to the locus of the proposed club, and when it will be opened, will be gratefully received by all, and especially by

Yours fraternally,

W.M.

FREEMASONRY IN ST. PETERSBURG.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"Can any brother inform me whether there is an English Lodge at St. Petersburg, and if so, who are the principal officers?"

Yours fraternally,

G. C.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A friend and brother wished me to write to you to see if you can inform him on a certain point. He joined the Hamatt Lodge, East Boston, America, in 1868. Since then he has lost his certificate. What I want to ask you is, can you give me the number of the Hamatt Lodge, and also, to whom can he apply for another certificate.

Yours fraternally,

A. VINALL.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You have omitted the words "per week" in my letter on your article "Recent Provincial Grand Lodges." The sentence should read "on the first occasion I proved from statistics extending over the previous five years, that less than twopence-halfpenny per member per week would have been sufficient to meet all the claims made upon West Yorkshire during that time."

Yours fraternally,

S. O. BAILEY.

P.P.G.S. of W., West Yorkshire.

BRO. NORTON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I deeply regret the advertisement you so kindly inserted a few weeks ago has not had the desired effect.

Surely the brethren do not know one of the Craft is sinking into imbecility for want of a little brotherly aid. Two years ago I was pronounced incurable, and admitted a candidate for the "Home." For upwards of five years I have been helpless, twelve months of which I have passed in three hospitals. My system is now throwing off the disease, and a few weeks stay at Bath and a course of Turkish baths would regain me the use of my legs.

I gave reference in advertisements, and some consideration I earnestly crave.

I am fraternally yours,

B. S. NORTON.

Tettenhall, Wolverhampton.

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

CHEVALIER RAMSAY AND FREEMASONRY.

Bro. Jacob Norton has written me to know if there still exists "Appologetical and Historical Account of the Secrets of Freemasonry," which is alluded to in the "Gentleman's Magazine" of 1739, and which Ramsay says was published by Odonoke, Dublin. Also reprinted in Paris, the latter being burnt by order of the Inquisition at Rome.

Did Ramsay visit Ireland in 1739, Bro. Norton also wishes to know.

I have never seen the work in question, but on reference to Dr. Kloss's "Bibliographie du Freimaurerei," I find it given under No. 251, page 22, as "Relation apologique et historique de la société des F.M., par J.G.D.M.F. M., Dublin, chez Patrice Odinoko, 1738, 8vo., pp. 92."

It was then, by the Junior Grand Deacon, Bro. M. F. M. The sentence, according to another notice by Dr. Kloss, appears to have been promulgated by authority of the "Sacra congregatio Inquisitorum," on the 18th February, 1739.

I have not time just now to further investigate the matter, but it is certainly worth while to trace the whereabouts of this work, and to discover whether any copies exist either in Dublin or in the British Museum, London.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ELLIOT LODGE (No. 1567).

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Col. Burdett thanked the lodge, and trusted that he and his brethren would frequently have an opportunity of witnessing the success of the lodge. The S.W. proposed, and the J.W. seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Little for consecrating the lodge, and another vote of thanks to Bros. Holden, Hervey, Cottebrune, and White, for assisting. Both these votes were carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a beautiful banquet supplied by Bro. Harris, of the Railway Hotel, Feltham, whom Bro. Stone, of the Ship, at Halliford, with a true brotherly feeling, came over to assist. When the banquet was concluded the toasts were proposed in due order. Brother John Hervey, G.S., responded for "The Grand Officers." It had given the Grand Officers who were present much pleasure to witness the consecration of the Elliot Lodge, and the ceremony carried out so well. He was quite satisfied that he expressed the feelings of the Grand Officers when he said that to see the ceremonies properly performed was a great gratification. When they were performed by his good friend on his right (Bro. Little) they all knew that they would be well performed, and could look forward to their being carried out in the most, if he might use the term, rigid manner. They had been so performed, and Bro. Holden, and those who assisted, had also added greatly to the performance by the part they so ably took. If the Prince of Wales had been present he must have been gratified. It seldom fell to his (Bro. Hervey's) lot to return thanks for the Grand Officers; but as the opportunity now occurred, he might say that the Prince of Wales himself would have congratulated the W.M. on this lodge having been brought into existence under such favourable circumstances, and on Bro. Mason being placed in the chair of such a lodge. For himself he could say he was very much gratified at the manner in which the lodge had been constituted, and also on its having such a Master and Wardens. Bro. Little proposed "The W.M.," a toast which he said was acceptable not only to the founders and members of the lodge, but to those who had the honour and pleasure of participating in the ceremonies of the day. It was always a pleasure to Masons, whether young or old, to see a new lodge springing up in any particular neighbourhood, and it was a peculiar gratification to those who were more immediately connected with Middlesex to find a lodge founded on what was, as far as Masonry was concerned, virgin ground. The gratification was increased when they knew that the Grand Master had entrusted the carrying out of the important duties and responsibilities which attached to the Master of a lodge, but which were peculiarly the duties and responsibilities of the first Master, to such a well-known and excellent brother as Bro. John Mason. He was pleased to congratulate the W.M. upon the inauguration and consecration of this lodge. He might also tell those not acquainted with the fact, that the W.M. had been a Mason for a considerable number of years, and that brought him to a point which he was anxious to place before the brethren in as strong a light as he could. Their W.M. had been for a long time, and was still, a member of the Lodge of Harmony at Fareham; and it must be most gratifying to them all to know that the members of that lodge in which he first saw the light of Masonry, and of which he was now a member, could not allow the present occasion to pass without recording their satisfaction by congratulating him on his being placed in the chair. With the permission of the W.M., he would read a letter which he had received:—"Lodge of Harmony, 309, Nov. 6, 1875.—Dear Sir and Brother,—It having become known to the members of his mother lodge, that our Brother Mason was about to be installed W.M. of a new lodge, it was at once decided to present him with a vote of congratulation on that occasion, and I have to request you, on their behalf, to make the presentation. It was my intention and earnest desire to have been present to-day and made the presentation to so worthy a member of their lodge, but I am unfortunately prevented by an important busi-

ness engagement. I can only wish Bro. Mason a prosperous year of office, with fraternal regards. I am, very faithfully, E. G. Holbrook, P.M., and Sec. 309. To the Installing Master, Elliot Lodge, 1567." In pursuance of the duty which devolved upon him, he (Bro. Little) had now to present the W.M. with a testimony of the estimation in which he was held by his mother lodge, and, addressing himself to Masons, he was perfectly convinced that no better testimony to his worth could be presented. Thirteen or fourteen years ago the brethren knew him as a young Mason, when he had not the experience he had now; but now he was a Mason of ripe experience, and it was with great pleasure he announced to the W.M. that he had to present the following testimonial:—"At a meeting of the Lodge of Harmony, 309, held at Fareham, Hants, on Thursday, Oct. 7th, 1875, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Bro. Edmonds, seconded by Bro. Whale, S.W., that an address of congratulation be sent from this lodge to Bro. John Mason, one of its oldest subscribing members, on the occasion of his installation as W.M. of the Elliot Lodge, 1567.—Edward George Holbrook, P.M. and Sec., 309." (Cheers.) (This testimonial was handsomely written on vellum, and framed and glazed.) Bro. Little concluded by wishing Bro. Mason long life and prosperity, and coupled with this, "Success to the lodge." The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment, said it was with feelings of great gratification that he rose to respond to this toast. It was but a very short time ago that he had almost given up all thoughts of even aspiring to the office of Master. He had belonged to Masonry many years, and had had so many disappointments, though belonging and sticking to many lodges, that he had resolved almost to be a lay member. He had to thank many brethren present for his advancement, and he also thanked the company for drinking his health. He could not express the gratification he felt, or his warm thanks for the cordial greeting he had met with, and for the testimonial from his mother lodge. He hoped this would be handed down from generation to generation in his family. He had the honour to date Freemasonry in his family for three generations, and he trusted that not only three but thirty generations would be able to call this day blessed. It had given him a fresh stimulus in Masonry, and nothing that he could now do would be considered too much. He should always consider it his uniform duty to act as a true and faithful husband to Masonry, also a true and faithful son; and he should consider himself a husband to this new lodge. (A voice—Father.) Father, they might say, but he had not yet any children in the lodge, this being but the wedding day. (Laughter.) His mother lodge, to which he had belonged for such a number of years, that he was now the third oldest in the lodge books, he must ever consider as his mother lodge. To that mother he owed due allegiance. He did not say it boastingly, that he did not do as some young Masons did, if they saw a chance of getting into office, left their old mother; but he stuck to her, and if she wanted any assistance he was ready to give it. He could now go down and assist the brethren in their ceremonies; and he would have an opportunity then of thanking the brethren for this testimonial. Speaking of the Elliot Lodge, however, he must look to that; that was his own vineyard; and in Feltham they must work. It was not a very lively place in winter; but summer was the time they intended to hold the lodge, and the brethren instead of stopping in town could go to Feltham and enjoy some beautiful scenery. (Cheers.) The W.M. next gave "The Consecrating and Installing Officer." To this toast Bro. Little responded, but he would not dissociate himself from the brethren who had assisted him. They could not forget that they had inaugurated a new lodge, and when they looked back on the past they could not help thinking what Middlesex Masonry was fourteen or fifteen years ago. At that time he was himself initiated in Middlesex, and there were then but three lodges in the Province. They were like Mahomet's coin, they were not in London, and though in Middlesex, it was not a Province, and they had no Provincial Grand Master. At present there were 21 lodges in

Middlesex, which was now a Province, and there was a petition before the Grand Master for a 22nd lodge. Middlesex would then be one of the first Provinces in the kingdom. Numerically the Province could not compete with Provinces like Yorkshire and Lancashire, but it was gigantic nevertheless, and it was a strong supporter of the charities.

In the course of the evening "The Prov. G. Masters' and Grand Officers' Health" was proposed and drunk, and Col. Burdett replied, stating how much he was pleased with this province, and what excellent officers he had. He was astonished to find that so good and able a brother as the W.M. had not before this occupied the W.M. chair, although he had been a long time member of a lodge, in consequence of having moved with the world. A similar circumstance happened to him (Colonel Burdett.) He was about the world; soldiers were seldom at one place more than a year or two. He, however, took on one occasion advantage of an opportunity offered him of being Master of a lodge, and afterwards he was placed in a higher position. So it was with the W.M. Having attained that position, he was entitled to hope for a higher. Not only had he deserved the brethren's estimation, but he (Col. Burdett) found from his working that evening, that he thoroughly deserved the position he held. He had also instituted a Lodge of Instruction. (Cheers.)

Bro. Little announced that the W.M. had offered himself as the first Steward of the lodge for the Girls' School. (Applause.)

In returning thanks for "The Visitors," Bro. Tindor Trevor said: Worshipful Master, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Worshipful Sirs, and Brethren of Lodge Elliot,—I shall not attempt to respond for that great body of visiting brethren present this evening, whose names are far better known to fame than that of a foreign and humble Mason like myself, but before I return thanks for the honour you have done the Grand Lodge of Hindostan, which hails under the banner of Scotland, allow me, as the Worshipful Master of a lodge under the English Constitution, to acknowledge the deep obligation you, Worshipful Sir, and brethren of Lodge Elliott have laid me under, not only for the profuse hospitality I have had the good fortune to receive at your hands this evening, but also for the most unexpected and gratifying opportunity you have afforded me of making the acquaintance, for the first time, of so many brethren illustrious in the Craft, and, notably, of a brother, the fame of whose name is simply world-wide. I mean Bro. John Hervey, the Grand Secretary, for it is almost the first name in the Craft the newly-initiated Mason learns to revere, since he finds it inscribed in the copy of the Constitutions presented to him on first admission into our ancient brotherhood. Referring also, for a moment, to another matter relating to the English Constitution, let me say, both as an encouragement to young Masons, and in allusion to the remarks made by the W.M. on his attainment this evening of a distinction he has aspired to for so many years, that I have at this moment the proud honour of being the W.M. of the lodge in which I first saw eight, only a little more than three years ago. It may further interest you, Worshipful Sir, to know that Masonry flourishes to a great extent in our Indian empire, and particularly in Bombay, where I think we have at least fourteen different Masonic bodies meeting regularly in the English Masonic Hall. Addressing myself now to the compliment you have paid the Grand Lodge of all Hindostan, in which I have the high honour of holding the post of Grand Bible Bearer, it may not be known to the brethren present that it was only constituted as an independent Grand Lodge, under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in the early part of the present year, having existed previously only as a Provincial Grand Lodge. Much then as I prize the Grand honours I hold under Scotland, I cannot forget, and it gives me especial pleasure on the present occasion, when I have, for the first time witnessed either the consecration of a lodge or the installation of a W.M., to remember that I am the W.M. of an English lodge. I thank you again, Worshipful Sir and brethren of Lodge Elliot, for the honour you have done me this eve-

ning as a visiting brother, and for connecting my name with the Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry in all India.

The W.M. in proposing, "The Health of the Officers," took occasion to remark that having the assistance of suitable officers as he had (both his Wardens being P.M.'s), he saw no reason why the Elliot Lodge should not in a short time stand at the head of the province.

The S.W. replied in a very neat speech on behalf of himself and the other officers, assuring the W.M. that nothing should be wanting on their parts to ensure success.

After the Tyler's toast the brethren separated, having spent a most pleasant evening, and those brethren who came from town returned in a saloon specially provided by the L. & S. W. Ry. Co., through the kindness of Mr Scott.

The music of the evening was performed by Brother Knight Smith, assisted by Brother Cantle.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

CONSECRATION OF THE ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1560, AT LEICESTER.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester, when a large number of the Craft assembled at one o'clock. Amongst those present were the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl Ferrers, Bros. Kelly, Past Prov. G.M.; Rev. W. Langley, P.P. S.G.W., who acted as deputy Prov. G.M.; W. Beaumont Smith, P.P.S.G.W., as P.S.G.W.; Deane, P.P.J.G.W., as P.J.G.W.; S. S. Partridge, P.G. Secretary; M. McAllister, Prov. G.S.D.; J. B. Hall, P.G.A.D.C.; J. T. Thorp, P.G.A.D.C.; C. S. Preston, P.G.S.B.; T. A. Wykes, P.G. Org.; R. A. Barber, P.G.P.; C. E. Stretton, P.G.A.P.; T. Worthington, A. Sergeant and R. Dalgleish, Stewards; G. Toller, C. Morris, and T. W. Clarke, P.P.S.G.W.'s; Clement Stretton, P.P.J.G.W.; Revds. W. H. Robinson, J. F. Halford, and F. S. Cuyler, P.P.G. Chaplains; and a large number of other Past Provincial Grand Officers and brethren of the several lodges in the province. Amongst the visitors was Bro. J. Terry, Sec., Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Grand Lodge having been opened, the role of lodges and of Prov. Grand officers were called over and the minutes of the last general meeting read and confirmed. A very favourable report from the Committee of General Purposes, as to the satisfactory state of the Treasurer's accounts, the flourishing condition of Masonry in the province, and the increased interest shewn by the brethren in the Masonic Charities, was submitted and by unanimous resolution adopted. The several recommendations contained in the report, as to the stated meetings of the Leicester Masonic Hall Committee, the appointment of a Charity Steward, the selection of a charity to be supported by the province during the ensuing year, and other matters, were ordered to be carried out.

Some other business having been disposed of, the constitution and dedication of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, was proceeded with; the Prov. Grand Master (who had been selected as the first W.M.) vacating his chair in favour of Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M., the consecrating officer.

The ceremony of consecration was performed by the P.P.G.M. in the most able and impressive manner, and elicited the warmest expressions of approval from the brethren present. Bro. Kelly was ably supported by the other Prov. G. Officers, and the musical arrangements were admirably conducted and carried out by the Prov. G. Org., Bro. F. A. Wykes.

A very eloquent and masterly oration was delivered by the Senior Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. J. H. Smith.

Bro. Kelly then installed the P.G.M. as first W.M. of the new lodge, and the officers having been appointed and installed, amongst whom we may mention Bros. Canon Burfield, S.W.; Dr. Hunt, J.W.; C. Stretton, Treas.; Rev. W. Langley, Sec.; J. G. F. Richardson, Asst. Sec;

Rev. F. H. Richardson, S.D.; J. F. L. Rolleston, J.D.; Dr. W. E. Buck, I.G. Several candidates for initiation at the next meeting were proposed, and a very large number of brethren as joining members. It was then proposed that, as a slight acknowledgment of their services on this occasion, Bros. Kelly and Rev. J. H. Smith be elected honorary members of the lodge, which being duly seconded, was carried with acclamation, and other business of the Craft Lodge having been disposed of, the Albert Edward Lodge was closed, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was resumed. Bro W. Beaumont Smith was re-elected as P.G. Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers:—

- Rev. J. Halford Prov. S.G.W.
- J. C. Duncombe Prov. J.G.W.
- Rev. J. H. Smith Prov. G. Chaplain.
- Rev. Canon Burfield Prov. G. Chaplain.
- W. B. Smith Prov. G. Treas.
- C. C. Woodcock Prov. G. Regr.
- S. S. Partridge Prov. G. Secy.
- F. J. Baines Prov. G.S.D.
- T. Macaulay, M.D. Prov. G.J.D.
- R. Dalglish Prov. Sup. W.
- J. B. Hall Prov. G.D.C.
- C. J. McBride Prov. G.A.D.C.
- H. James Prov. G.S.B.
- T. A. Wykes Prov. G. Org.
- J. W. Smith Prov. G. Purst.
- L. Riley Prov. G.A.P.
- T. Worthington Prov. G.St.B.
- C. Bembridge and T. Dunn Prov. G. Tylers

S. Cleaver, A. C. Smith, W. Gough, J. Selby, J. Healey, and E. Mason were appointed Stewards.

Bro Kelly then proposed "That a sum of ten pounds be voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the purchase of two Stewards' jewels, commemorative of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., for presentation to the Provincial Grand Stewards at the ceremony, viz., to Bros. Rev. W. Langley, P.P.S.G.W., and S. S. Partridge, P.G. Sec." This proposition having been seconded by Bro. Duff, was carried with acclamation; and the Stewards were presented with the jewels by the P.G.M., for which suitable acknowledgment was made by them. It was decided to select the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and their widows, for support in the province during the ensuing year; Bro. Stretton being appointed Steward, with a donation from P.G. Lodge funds. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was attended by the Mayor of Leicester, and about ninety brethren, under the presidency of Bro. Kelly, Past Provincial Grand Master, much disappointment being felt and expressed, at the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, and his Deputy, Bro. Sir Henry St. John Halford, Bart. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and responded to, and one of the largest and most enjoyable Masonic gatherings held in this province was brought to a close at ten o'clock.

Great credit is due to the banquet stewards for their excellent catering, and the admirable arrangements made for the comfort and convenience of the brethren; also to the Prov. G. Org., for the careful selection of the lodge music, and the songs delivered at the banquet.

CONSECRATION OF THE FORT LODGE
No. 1528, AT NEWQUAY, CORNWALL.

For many years past the members of the Masonic fraternity residing in Newquay and the neighbourhood have been desirous of establishing a lodge in the town, for the purpose of making themselves more intimately acquainted with the mysteries of the Craft, but from various causes the matter was postponed until about a year ago, when the brethren determined that their town should no longer bear the stigma of being unrepresented in the Masonic roll of the province, and accordingly they forwarded a petition to the Provincial Grand Master (the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe) for transmission to the Grand Master of England (the Prince of Wales), praying that they might be constituted into a lodge, to be named the "Fort," after the residence of

the first W.M. designate, who has taken a prominent part in the necessary preliminaries. A warrant was granted by Grand Lodge, and the "Fort" Lodge stands enrolled as No. 1528 in its archives. On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., the lodge was consecrated by the P.G.M., and is now the twenty-sixth lodge in Cornwall.

The P.G.M. was assisted by his principal officers, except Bro. T. Chirgwin, P.S.W., whose absence on account of illness was much regretted, Bro. Captain Colville officiated in his stead. The P.G.M. offered up the prayers in the absence of the P.G. Chap., and also empowered the members of the lodge to exercise all their rights and privileges agreeably to the tenure of their charter and the ancient usages of the fraternity. An eloquent charge on the nature and objects of Masonry was delivered by the P.G.M. Masonry was, he said, thought by many people outside the Order a kind of religion of its own, which must be inconsistent with Christianity. He denied that it was so. They were free from religious controversy, simply because Masonry never attempted to trench upon the worship of God, but made its object solely to inculcate and enforce the command which formed part of all forms of Christian religion, to love one's neighbour as oneself. They should act honourably and unselfishly in their dealings with their fellow men, and in all relations of life; not from worldly motives, not merely because it benefitted them, but from the higher principle that they believed that in acting so they were doing what was a blessing to the Most High.

Bro. Wm. Edwards Michell was installed as the first W.M. by Bro. Colville, at the request of the P.G.M., and he appointed Bros. Thos. Gill Prout as S.W.; W. C. Martyn, J.W.; E. A. Bennett, Treas.; W. R. White, Sec.; B. Wellington, S.D.; and W. Bellamy, J.D.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN SAVAGE, P.G.D.

We deeply regret to have to announce to the Craft the decease of our well-known and very worthy Bro. John Savage. He has been so active a member of Grand Lodge for many years, that the absence of his familiar face will long be felt in that assembly. His many and excellent qualities endeared him to a large circle of friends, by whom he will be very sincerely mourned. We give the particulars of his death, and of his Masonic career.

Bro. John Savage was initiated in Lodge No. 12, on the 9th November, 1835, when he was 27 years of age. He afterwards joined the Egyptian Lodge, No. 29, now No. 27, on the 13th March, 1837, and became J.W. of this lodge in 1838. He joined the Athelstan, No. 29, on the 9th of January, 1839, and was W.M. thereof in 1841 and 1847. He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason, in the Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, No. 7, on the 24th January, 1837, and was Z. of the same chapter in 1843 and 1865. He was appointed Senior Grand Deacon of England by the late Earl of Zetland in 1859, and Grand Sword Bearer in Grand Chapter in the same year. He became a member of the Board of General Purposes in 1845, and was Vice-President in 1847. He was a member of Grand Chapter Committee, and a very active member of the Building Committee appointed to carry out the erection of the new buildings in Great Queen-street. He was also a Vice-President of the Annuity Fund of the Benevolent Institution, and a Life Governor of the Boys' and Girls' Schools. His first signature as connected with the Benevolent Institution appears in the books of that Institution on the 28th October, 1847. He regularly attended the Lodge of Benevolence, and was at its last meeting, on October 20th. He also constantly attended the Board of General Purposes, and the Committee of General Purposes of Grand Chapter. He was looked upon almost as the established Installing Master in the Egyptian Lodge, having installed all the Masters of that lodge, with the exception of Bro. H. G. Buss, for the last thirty years. He also frequently installed the Masters of the Royal Athelstan, No. 19. Three weeks ago, on the 26th October, he presided as M.E.Z. in Chapter No. 7, in

the place of Comp. Boord, M.P., and installed the H. of that chapter, besides exalting three candidates. Afterwards he took the chair at the banquet table, and was full of his accustomed health and spirits. Last week, however, he was taken ill, and he died on Saturday, the 13th, at his residence, Thornhill Square, Islington, aged 68. A seat of the Board of Works, and among the churchwardens of St. Mary, Islington, become vacant by his death.

The following letter was sent to the brethren of the Athelstan Lodge in reference to the funeral of Bro. Savage:—

"Nov. 16th, 1875.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"I deeply regret to inform you of the death of our much esteemed Bro. John Savage, P.G.D. Eng., P.M. No. 19, &c., &c., &c., which occurred on the 13th instant. The funeral is appointed to take place at Highgate Cemetery on Friday next, the 19th instant, at half-past one o'clock. In order to pay a last sad tribute of respect to departed merit, the Past Masters and members of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, will meet at the cemetery lodge gate at a quarter-past one o'clock. White neck-ties and white gloves will be worn on this occasion.

"I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally, "WILTRAM M. BYWATER.

"5, Hanover Sq., W."

BRO. JAMES FRANKLIN.

Freemasonry in general, and West Yorkshire Freemasons in particular, have to deplore the loss of our worthy brother, James Franklin, of Halifax. We hope to give a sketch of his Masonic career in our next.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS, AND THE PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

[The following appeared in our second edition of last week.]

The Special Committee appointed last Saturday to inquire into the allegations made against this institution in the pamphlet of Bros. Tew and Perrott, met yesterday at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Herbert Dicketts, Alfred H. Diaper, J. C. Dwarber, Motion, and Binckes attended. Bro. Binckes laid before the Special Committee the following account, explanatory of the charges concerning inaccurate figures in the accounts which had been published connected with the institution.

	£	s.	d.
Total additions, page 37	50	5	0
Report June, 1874 { 38	100	0	0
{ 39	90	0	0
{ 40	65	0	0
" 1875 48	67	10	0
" 1871 41 & 42	15	0	0
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	£387	15	0
Total additions for 1871, 2, 3, 4, 5			
Deduct paid in 1871	72	15	0
Less, not printed, being a grant to a pupil teacher for clothes.....	2	15	0
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Deduct paid in 1875	30	0	0
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	£287	15	0
Discrepancies.			
Add to G. W. Martin's grant as a pupil teacher	5	0	0
Grant to Henry Smith, for clothes, being educated out of Institution	2	0	0
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Deduct clerical error at p. 37, Report 1874, £5 5s., should be £5			
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	£294	10	0
PAMPHLET, PAGE 29.			
Amount expended 1872, 1873, 1874	£314	5	0
From this is deducted			
Gratuities, 1872.....	£0	0	0
" 1873.....	4	10	0
" 1874.....	5	0	0
And amount charged	18	10	0
In error for silver medal	1	5	0
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	294	10	0
"Duly accounted for".....	172	10	0
"Unaccounted for".....	141	15	0
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	314	5	0
Deductions as shewn above.....	19	15	0
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The committee examined the accounts, but the meeting was private, and the report of the committee will not be made until it is presented to the General Committee of the 4th prox.

Reviews.

"A CHANNEL STEAM FERRY." By HUGH A. EGERTON.—Folkard and Sons, London.

We have been deeply affected by this skilfully compiled pamphlet. We have seen some stormy passages across those "dividing waters" which sever "perfidious Albion from 'la belle France,' the 'brouillards de Tamise' from the 'Boulevards de Paris;" we have witnessed the sufferings of heroic women and young swells, and of patient and desponding foreigners; and we do not deny that we are ourselves well aware what "mal du mer" really means. Hence, then, the proposal of a steam ferry to take us across, as they say, "in a jiffy" train and all, despite wind or fog, and "tumultuous billows heaving," is indeed a prospect fraught with soothing influences and joyful anticipations. To know that you may leave London at "early dawn, or in the dark shades of night," and go across the stormy Channel comfortably and calmly, is a very exhilarating look-out. To realize the fact that you may leave Pall Mall in the morning and be in the Rue de Rivoli in the evening, without leaving your train, which goes across with you, will, we think, lead to an invasion of the fair Parisian capital by an army of English "Goths and Vandals," who will monopolize all the cafés, fill all the theatres, swarm in all the hotels, and crowd all the Boulevards. Happy prospect for Parisians, happier still for some who like Paris at all seasons; and to whom "la Grande Ville" has ceaseless attractions, which time does not lessen, but rather augments. But we fear this is a dream of the future, like the "argosies with magic sails" of Tennyson. Still, nothing is impossible to this inventive age, and we must say this for Mr. Egerton, that whether his proposal is chimerical, or his plan moonshine, he has presented a very readable pamphlet to the great public, and one which we ourselves have received and perused with the greatest of interest and of pleasure. w.

The PYTHAGOREAN TRIANGLE, by the late BRO. REV. G. OLIVER, D.D. London, Hogg, and Co., Paternoster Row.

We have perused this posthumous contribution of our lamented and learned brother to the science of numbers. Arithmancy, as some term it, is in itself an interesting, if somewhat abstruse subject, and one in which Dr. Oliver took much pleasure, and to which he seems to have devoted great attention. He has evidently been a careful reader of many treatises on the subject, and has collected together many curious facts, and recondite authorities. We think that the publication of the MS. is very proper, and will prove interesting to many readers, and admirers of the good old Doctor. At the same time we do not suppose, that beyond our own Order, the subject will be deemed now-a-days to possess much to interest or attract the more sensational tastes of the hour. With too many just now, thought is ever laborious, and study of course a bore. Men cannot afford time to stop and meditate, and think and decide for themselves, and so they cram themselves up for the conversation of the day, by second-hand reflections, and opinions ready made. We cannot therefore predicate for Dr. Oliver's Pythagorean Triangle, either a very large or critical circle of students. Still, as we said before, the subject is interesting in itself, and demands a careful consideration from all who like to dabble in the more abstruse points of Masonic antiquarian lore. Masonic writers have liked to believe that Pythagoras held that esoteric teaching, which seems to have come down to us, though the Egyptian mysteries, to have been coloured by Judaic influences and terminology, and to have been found in the oral ritual and tradition of the building societies of the East and of Europe successively. We therefore commend this posthumous publication of an old friend and distinguished Masonic litterateur, to the attention of our readers, and we thank Messrs. Hogg for this fresh addition to our Masonic literature, and this last contribution to Masonic Archaeology. w.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Special Committee appointed to take into consideration the lately mooted subject of enlarging the Girls' School, met yesterday in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Lieut.-Col. Creton, V.P., presided, and there were also present Bros. H. Browne, Benjamin Head, Colonel Peters, H. A. Dubois, Joshua Nunn, W. Paas, A. H. Tattershall, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, J. A. Rucker, Thomas W. White, Raynham W. Stewart, Thos. Massa, and R. Wentworth Little, (Secretary). Various plans and estimates were laid before the committee, but as the deliberations of the brethren are not yet ripe for publication, we reserve our report.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President, occupied the chair of President; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, the chair of Senior Vice-President; and Bro. E. P. Albert, Assistant Grand Pursuivant, the chair of Junior Vice-President. Bro. John Harvey, Grand Secretary; Bro. H. G. Buss, Provincial Grand Treasurer, Middlesex; and Bro. A. A. Pentlebury, also attended; and there were likewise present—Bros. John Boyd, P.G.P.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. A. Cotebrune, P.G.P.; Thomas Wright, G.P.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; Herbert Dicketts, P.G.S.; W. T. Rowe, Thomas J. Sabine, C. F. Hogard, John Bingemann, Wm. Stephens, W. J. Murlis, H. Garrod, Wm. Dodd, H. W. Hemsworth, Samuel May, H. M. Levy, Jas. Glaisher, W. Smith, C.E.; H. Bartlett, John Coutts, P.G.P.; N. B. Headon, H. C. Levander, W. Hilton, W. Ough, P.G.P.; W. H. Myers, W. Mann, W. Clifton Crick, C. W. Wise, John J. Wilson, Samuel Poynter, J. Chapman, F. Sumner Knyvet, Craven Cobham, Austin (Hertford), W. Carter, B. Swallow, W. C. Parsons, John Palling, Wm. Snowdon, F. Drummond, F. G. Pownall, John Denton, Stephen Austin, H. T. Wood, W. M. Bywater, A. Durrant, John McDougall, J. E. Middleton, G. Lemann, Lewis Angell, Charles Goolden, C. H. Poupard, Jacob A. Hudson, Harry Brett, C. W. Hobson, T. R. Eames, E. Hughes, W. G. Clarke, W. C. Phillips, Percival Sanford, G. R. Shervill, E. Driver, F. H. Jones, T. M. Jackson, A. S. Tomkins, J. J. Limebeer, W. Coombs, W. P. Appleton, J. Dwyer, R. H. Malton, Charles Wise, Geo. Payne, S. W. Gardner, G. Gale, H. Michael, H. Massey ("Freemason"), and C. B. Payne, G.T. Altogether about 100 brethren were present.

At the Board of Masters, whose meeting preceded the opening of the Lodge of Benevolence, the paper of business for Grand Lodge of the 1st December was settled, and at the opening of the lodge the grants made by the last lodge which required confirmation, amounting in all to £205, were confirmed. The brethren then proceeded with the new cases on the paper, which numbered in all 31. Of these, one was dismissed, and two were deferred; and to the remaining 28 the sum of £865 was voted. £250 was recommended in one case, and three cases were recommended for grants of £50 each, £30, £20, £15, and £10 were recommended or granted in the other cases. There were but five small grants of £5 each.

Lodge was then closed, but before the brethren separated Bro. Herbert Dicketts wished to draw their attention to the death of Bro. John Savage, P.G.D., notice of which they had but recently received. He had been a constant attendant at the Lodge of Benevolence, and had paid great attention at all times to the business of the lodge. He did not know whether he was in order, but if he was he would now move a resolution expressing regret at Bro. Savage's death, and ask the brethren to let the resolution be entered on the minutes.

Bro. Joseph Smith said this could not be done. It had been brought before the Board of General Purposes, but it was found that it was out of order, and could not be allowed.

Bro. Joshua Nunn added that the Lodge of Benevolence had no minutes, and therefore the resolution could not be recorded if passed; nevertheless, the brethren might express their regret among themselves, and in this he heartily joined.

Bro. Herbert Dicketts said the opportunity offered itself for his giving expression to his feelings on the occasion, and he did not like to let the opportunity pass.

The brethren then separated.

Masonic and General Tidings.

GRAND LODGE.—In anticipation of the meeting of Grand Lodge on the 1st of December, we may call the attention of the brethren to the usual custom at this annual meeting, which they will find by reference to their old business papers, of nominating the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the next year, the appointment of President of the Lodge of Benevolence, the election of a Senior and a Junior Vice-President of the same lodge, and the election of 12 Past Masters to serve on the same Board. There will, no doubt, be a large attendance of members of Grand Lodge on the occasion, the number of whom will, no doubt, be much increased by the new W.M.'s who have been installed in the present session.

Our worthy Bro. Rev. J. J. Farnham, (P.D.S.G.W., Bombay), the proposed restoration of whose church at Westhorpe, in Suffolk, has been noticed in these columns, has been lecturing last week at the Working Men's College, Ipswich, a very flourishing institution of about 1000 members, under the presidency of the Lord Chief Baron. A local paper thus reports:—A lecture was given on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Working Men's College,

on "Popular Proverbs," by the Rev. J. J. Farnham, of Westhorpe. The lecturer dealt first in an easy colloquial manner of the various definitions of proverbs, some of which—saying proverbs had "shortness, sense, and salt," and styling them "the wit of one and the wisdom of many"—he showed to be more or less inaccurate. Proceeding to the universality of these sayings, he said the ancient Greek and Latin abounded with them—so did the French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, and other modern languages—and those found in the Scriptures were the best of all collections; they were, as the wise King of Israel said, "apples of gold in pictures of silver." Bro. Farnham went on to discuss some of the best known proverbs in various languages on honesty, industry, contentment, thrift, companionship, pride, truth, love of home, &c., contending that many well known proverbs must be used with discrimination; but that those in the English language were mostly on the side of right and virtue. He then adverted to some on the tongue; and quoting the well known sayings "enough is as good as a feast," and "brevity is the soul of wit," concluded a brief but interesting lecture amid much applause. Bro. Emra Holmes, who was well received by a large audience, presided, owing to the absence of Dr. Christian from indisposition.

The first part of Bro. Emra Holmes' notes on the old minute books of the British Union Lodge, No. 114, A.D. 1764, will appear in the "Masonic Magazine" for December.

Bro. George H. Smith, of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, of Providence, who has for some years past been residing in London, and is the manager of the North Metropolitan Tramway Co., has presented to the M.W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island an elegant photograph in colours, of Prince Albert Edward, Grand Master of Masons in England, in his full regalia of office. The picture is a large one, taken from life, and is most artistically coloured and finished. It will be a most welcome addition to the collection of Masonic portraits in the halls occupied by the fraternity in this city. The same brother has also presented a copy of the same picture to M.W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and one to Providence Consistory S.P. R.S., of which latter named body he is a member.—"Freemason's Repository."

We learn from a contemporary the following details of the arrival of our brother the Duke of Connaught at Gibraltar. His Royal Highness was received with a Royal salute of twenty-one guns from the artillery, and by a guard of honour of the 31st Regiment, of one hundred men, under the command of Captain Eccles, Lieutenants Seatham and Frødsham. Officers of the general and the brigade staff, the heads of the military and civil departments, field officers, regiments off duty, and the chairman of the Sanitary Commissioners, were in waiting to receive the Prince, who, on landing, was presented to them by Major-General Somerset, who takes charge of the fortress during the temporary absence of His Excellency Sir Fenwick Williams. The streets were filled with crowds of people, who cheered the Prince on his way to the convent. Major-General Somerset was sworn in as acting-governor, in the presence of the staff-heads of the departments and the commanding officers of the regiments, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught being present, attended by Major Pickard. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was present at the last regular meeting of Lodge Friendship, No. 278, Gibraltar, a report of which appears in another column.

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Surrey Masonic Hall Company, Limited, will be held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, on Saturday, the 27th inst.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Bengal has decided upon the construction of a Masonic Temple worthy of the Institution and of the capital of India. For this end it has formed a company with a capital of 150,000 rupees.

We understand that the Transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York from 1781 to 1816 are about to be published, in eight monthly parts of 64 pages each, by Messrs. D. Sicks and Co., New York City.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE IN LIVERPOOL.—The Prince Arthur Lodge of Freemasons will be consecrated on Wednesday next, the 24th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Upper Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool. Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., West Lancashire, will be the first W.M., and Bro. T. Evans the first S.W.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of Eng., R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire, was, on Thursday, the 11th inst., elected President of the Royal Manchester, Liverpool, and North Lancashire Agricultural Society.

Freemasonry in Italy has suffered a severe loss by the death of Bro. F. de Luca, Past Grand Master. The Grand Orient of Italy has ordered all lodges to go in mourning for seven consecutive meetings to honour the memory of this brother. We have also to record the death of Bro. Muriano Marisca, Honorary Grand Master, also of Italy.

Bro. Griffiths Smith, of 15, Furnival's-inn, has been appointed a London Commissioner to administer oaths in the Supreme Court of Judicature.

Bro. Lord C. Bersford was thrown from his horse while present at the review, at Poona, on the 15th. We are happy to learn that the injuries he received are not serious.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, November 26, 1875.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20.
Lodge 715, Panmure, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M. H.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
INSTRUCTION.
Manchester (179), 77, London-st., Fitzroy-square.
Lily (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road.
Sinai Chapter Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22.
Lodge 4, Royal Somerset Ho. and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rms, St. James's.
" 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
Mark Lodge 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel.
INSTRUCTION.
Prince Leopold (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Kingsland.
Strong Man (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green.
Sincerity (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station.
Camden (704), Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden To.
Eastern (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road.
British Oak (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end.
St. James's Union (180), Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Wellington (548), White Swan, Deptford.
West Kent (1297), St. Saviour's College, Forest-hill.
Perfect Ashlar (1178), Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Sydney (820), White Hart Ho., Church-rd., Upper Norwood.
Metropolitan, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23.
Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
" 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
" 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's Rms., St. James's.
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tavern, Walworth.
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st, Millbank.
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
Rose Croix Chapter Palestine, 33, Golden Square.
INSTRUCTION.
Yarborough (554), Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
Faith, (141), 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
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 Store's Tav., St. John's Wood.
Constitutional (55), Wheatsheaf 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 24.
Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.
" 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, F.M.H., Woolwich.
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), Gratton Arms, Kentish-town.
Mount Edgcombe (1446), 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's.
Islington (1471), Crown and Cushion, London Wall.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25.
General Committee Girls' School.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 66, Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall.
" 766, William Preston, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., Fulham.
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford.
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Sisters' Ta. Haggerston.
Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 538, Vane, Freemasons' Hall.
" 657, Canonbury, M. H., Basinghall-st.
" 834, Andrew, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith.
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, Ponsoby-street, Millbank.
Highgate (1366), Buil 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 26.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
" 569, Fitzroy, Head-quarters Hon. Art. Co., City-rd.
" 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
Chap. 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
Precep. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
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, Gratton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's (144), Commercial Tav. King's-road, Chelsea.
Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-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 27, 1875.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22.
Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23.
Lodge 1393, Hamer, 92, Everton-road, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 6.30.
" 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Mas. H, Liverpool.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), M. Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.
Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.
" 724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Mas. H., Liverpool.
Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), M. H. Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon L of I (1356), 80, North Hill-street.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25.
Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), M. H., Liverpool.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27.
Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 3.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 27, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22.
Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.
" 541, Marie Stuart, Masonic Hall, Crosshill.
Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James's-st., Kingston.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23.
Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 543, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Dalmuir.
Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street, Calton.
" 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.
Lodge 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.
" 505, Burns, St. Mary's Commercial Inn, Hurlford.
" 510, Maryhill, 167, Masonic Hall, Maryhill.
Red Cross Conclave, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25.
Lodge 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.
Chap. 117, Govan, Portland-buildings, Govan.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26.
Lodge 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilbirnie.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27.
Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.
" 305, St. John Woodhall, M. H., Holytown.
Chap. 143, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 27, 1875.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22.
Lodge 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23.
Lodge 151, Defensive Band, Cockburn-street.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.
Lodge 112, St. John, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25.
Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-stree

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