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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—The brethren of this lodge met at Anderson's Hotel on the 30th November last. In the absence of Bro. Waygood, the W.M., Bro. Kennett, the I.P.M., presided, assisted by Bros. D. Davis, acting S.W.; Mallett, J.W.; Scott, S.D.; Darcy, J.D.; Rumbold, acting I.G.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Hopwood, P.M., W.M. 1512. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Kennett passed Bros. Elverstone and Ormiston, and having an engagement, which necessitated his leaving the lodge, vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Themans, P.M., who initiated Messrs. Colin, Gintz, Robinson, Smithers, and Goldsmid, and raised Bro. Martin. The brethren partook of a slight refreshment. There were no toasts, but the evening was agreeably devoted to conviviality, in which Bros. Themans, Hirsiger, Martin, D. Davis, Walls, and others assisted. Amongst the visitors who attended the lodge were Bros. Dr. Hirsiger de Berne, P.M. Philadelphes, Paris; Fortune, 240; Teamans, 501; Tolmie, Finsbury. The next meeting of this lodge will be held on the last Tuesday in January.

**DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).**—The Audit and Removal Committees appointed by this lodge met on the 31st ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. The W.M. of the lodge, Bro. George Everett, presided, and was supported by Bros. Treadwell, S.W., and W.M. elect; James Willing, J.W.; Palmer, S.D.; Buscall, J.D.; Clarke, I.G.; Tims, Walford, Kent, Foulger, Joseph Smith, P.G.P., Treas.; E. W. Kent, Spiller, Serjeant, Montague, Foxcraft, Richards, Potter, and Plummer. There were also two visitors present, Bros. H. M. Levy, P.M. 188, and Stiles, Assistant Secretary 1507. The accounts were thoroughly examined, and it was found that after paying over £80 to Grand Lodge and the Masonic institutions, a balance remained in hand of over £50, besides the sum of £90 due to the lodge. This was considered eminently satisfactory. The committee appointed to enquire into the subject of the removal of the lodge to larger premises, on account of the greatly increasing number of the members, having witnessed the great alterations made in the lodge-room by Bro. Clemow, and satisfied themselves that Bro. Clemow had done as much as the existing building allowed, adjourned without fixing a day for another meeting. During the meeting of the two committees, Bro. Treadwell announced his intention of promoting every officer, and also of appointing Bro. McLean, an old member of the lodge, his junior officer.

**LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188)** met on Monday evening at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, for the purpose of installing the new W.M. An emergency meeting was held last week to ease the lodge of the initiations, and there only remained the raisings and installation to be performed. Bro. S. L. Hickman, W.M., presided, and there were present 154 brethren. Among these were Past Masters O. Roberts, L. Alexander, H. Berkowitz, H. M. Levy, M. Alexander, J. Phillips, E. P. Albert, A.G.P.; and L. Auerhann. Among the visitors were Bros. Samuel May, P.G.S.; W. Buckland, W.M. 205; S. Lazarus, J. Horth Ross, W.M. 185; A. Lynes, 205; Lawrence, 1228; G. Lilley, 720; E. Coombs, 1046; W. Vine, P.M. 1046; W. Myers, 185 ("Jewish Chronicle"); H. Massey, P.M. 619 ("Freemason"), and a very long list of visitors. The W.M. raised Bros. Creamer, Dewsnap, and Hellier, and afterwards installed with great fluency and impressiveness Bro. Alfred George Dodson as W.M. of the lodge. The Board of installed Masters consisted of 24 brethren. The brethren appointed as his officers by the W.M. were Bros. L. Lazarus, S.W.; Miller, J.W.; A. Auerhann, S.D.; M. Spiegel, J.D.; Berkowitz, Chaplain; L. M. Auerhann, Treas.; E. P. Albert, A.G.P., Sec.; H. Hyman, I.G.; Campion, D.C.; Baker and H. Isaacs, Stewards; P. E. Van Noorden, Org.; and T. Woodstock, Tyler. Bro. Cohen, 205, was elected a joining member. Bro. Berkowitz, on his appointment as Chaplain, acknowledged the compliment, and said it was very gratifying to him to have heard the W.M. state his intention during his year of office strictly to adhere to the principles of the Lodge of Joppa with reference to the ceremonies—that he would have the Hebrew Bible before him; and he trusted that the Hebrew brethren of the lodge would also notice that the W.M. had expressed his intention of having the Hebrew grace said at refreshment. He hoped it would not be too long for the Christian brethren; it would not be too long for the Hebrew brethren. We could not thank the Almighty Giver too much for what we received, neither could we ask too much of Him. The lodge was then

called off, and the brethren repaired to the banquet hall, where a sumptuous repast was provided by Bro. W. G. Jennings. At the conclusion of the banquet grace was said by Bro. Berkowitz, and the dessert was then provided. The toasts were given with excellent point and brevity by Bro. Dodson, and Bro. Albert, A.G.P., who was received with deafening cheers, responded for the Grand Officers. "The Benevolent Fund," of the Lodge of Joppa, was the next toast, and Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., was called upon for a reply, after Bro. Albert had read the balance sheet. This showed that there was now £1229 ros. 2d. invested and in hand, and Bro. Albert informed the brethren of the relief which the committee of the fund had been able to bestow during the past year. The brethren heartily applauded the announcement of this result, and additional voluntary contributions by brethren and ladies were thereupon made to the fund, amounting to the sum of £17 17s. Bro. L. Alexander then replied to the toast, and said there was not a member of the committee but was most heartily thankful for the cordial reception given to the toast. The fund had been largely subscribed to by the brethren. Having been a member of the board for something like 21 years, and a Vice-President for 17, he (Bro. L. Alexander) felt a great interest in the fund. He was happy to say, that each time he had the honour of addressing the brethren on the subject the subscriptions were enhanced, and the fund increased in amount, notwithstanding the calls which were made upon it. Established in 1849 by a now deceased brother, who was President for some years, it had gone on increasing till, as stated, it now amounted to £1229, a large sum of money truly. He might state for the information of the new brethren that the committee had relieved brethren frequently with separate sums of £100. Sometimes there were circumstances which warranted them in giving so much as that. The last time that this occurred the brother receiving the sum expressed himself more than satisfied, and the brethren would be glad to know that it was ample for him to release himself from his difficulties, and give him a start in life again. He was not aware of any one case where the brother relieved was not satisfied. Bro. Hickman proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who he had no hesitation in saying would discharge the duties of his high and important office to the entire satisfaction of the brethren, with honour to the lodge, and credit to himself. The W.M., in reply, acknowledged the enthusiastic way in which the complimentary remarks of Bro. Hickman had been received, but asked for the forbearance of the brethren if they witnessed any shortcomings on his part. No doubt he would require assistance, and he asked the brethren to afford it to him. The W.M. then presented Bro. Hickman with a massive Past Master's jewel, and trusted that the Almighty Architect would give him health, strength, and long life to wear it for many years to come. Bro. Hickman responded, thanking the brethren, not only for their gift, and for the enthusiastic way in which they had received his name, but also for the many tokens of their approval that they had been good enough to evince towards him on many occasions. He was happy to see that his endeavours to please the brethren had not been wholly unsuccessful; and it was a source of gratification to him to know that his year of office had been financially a success. The Lodge of Joppa was in a most prosperous and flourishing condition. He had not been ignorant of the intention of the brethren to present him with a mark of their approval, but he had not been prepared to receive such a magnificent and valuable jewel as had just been presented to him, or for the very flattering remarks of the W.M., which had been echoed with such enthusiasm by the brethren. Being totally unprepared, he could not find words sufficient to express his feelings on that occasion. It was a great thing to secure the esteem and goodwill of every brother of such an ancient, numerous and influential lodge as the Lodge of Joppa. However much his efforts had been directed to make his year of office a success, he had to thank the brethren for their kind forbearance. They had rewarded him even more than he thought he was entitled. (No, no.) He trusted he might long meet the brethren, one and all in the lodge, and that the friendships which, thank God, he had been so fortunate as to foster might be cemented and become more and more lasting. They might rely upon it that he would always be ready to serve the Lodge of Joppa with all the power at his command. He concluded by wishing all the brethren a happy and prosperous new year. Bro. J. Horth Ross, W.M. 185, responded for "The Visitors." Referring to the hospitality of the lodge, he said its magnitude was not second to that of any lodge; it had rather eclipsed it. With regard to the ceremony of installation, it was most admirably performed. The Lodge of Tranquillity, of which he was Master, prided itself both on its hospitality and on its good working; but the Lodge of Joppa, he thought, had distanced them. Bro. S. V. Abrahams, 1017, also acknowledged the toast, and said it was something like twenty years that very evening that he was brought in that lodge and that room to be initiated. The lodge would consequently always have his warm affection. It was an honour to itself; and it was respected throughout the Craft. He complimented the lodge on the magnificence of its entertainment, and also on the good effected by its benevolent fund. The brethren shortly afterwards separated. During the evening a splendid musical entertainment was given, under the direction of Bro. Van Noorden, by Bros. Donald King, Prenton, Mori, and Heind Hugo, and Middle Denham Mori.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Club House, on the 7th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. S. Gardner, the duties of presiding over the lodge were carried out by Bro. Stuart, P.M., Sec., assisted by Bros. Everett, W.M. Domatic; Page, P.M., Treas.; Higgins, acting J.W.; Webb, acting S.D.; Walls, acting J.D.; Hayward, acting I.G. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the acting W.M.

raised Bro. Brooke, passed Bros. Saunders and Muller, and initiated Messrs. Andrews and Collins. The whole of the ceremonies were most ably and effectively performed by that veteran in the Craft, Bro. Stuart. A letter from the widow of the late J.W., Bro. Harry Painter, acknowledging the letter of condolence from the lodge on her heavy affliction, having been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned until the first Tuesday in the present month.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 29th ult. Among the brethren present were Bros. W. H. Lee, W.M.; T. C. Chapman, S.W., W.M. elect.; B. Meyer, Treas.; J. B. Shackleton, S.D.; Philp, Brand, H. Meyer, Alford, and Dallas. Visitors: Bros. Gibson, P.M. 901; Lambert Payne, 757; and Marx Gross, 1278. Bro. John Varney was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason; Bros. Moon and Payne (757), passed; and Mr. Woodward Smyth initiated, the whole of the ceremonies being given by the W.M. in his accustomed excellent manner. After the closing of the lodge two hours of social intercourse were spent, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

**CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540)** held its regular meeting on Wednesday, 22nd ult., at the Bridge House Hotel. Present: Bros. T. J. Sabine, P. Prov. G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M. 73, W.M.; J. C. Mason, S.W.; E. S. Stidolph, J.W.; W. Hudson, Treas.; W. J. Kemp, S.D.; C. Hudson, J.D.; H. Faija, I.G.; A. J. Hawkes, D.C.; A. P. Stedman, W. Steward; W. J. Laing, P.M. 45, Tyler; P.M. Bro. T. J. H. Wilkins, who acted as Past Master; and also Bros. G. H. Mason, J. H. Spencer, W. Wetherley, R. H. Willats, W. J. Walsham, C. Graham, and others. The visitors were Bros. E. Clark, P. Prov. G.S.W. Mid., P.M. 1194, 1326, &c.; E. Howard, S.D. 181; R. Griggs, S.W. 228; G. W. Frodsham, 256; J. Newson, 315, &c. The lodge was opened at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. T. J. Sabine. The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, October 27th, were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the W.M. Bros. E. Emanuel, J. Emanuel, J. Worster, P. W. Crosbie, and R. H. Willats were raised to the Third Degree, the ceremony being beautifully rendered by the W.M., Bro. T. J. Sabine. Several candidates were proposed for initiation. The Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution representing the lodge made an eloquent appeal on behalf of that charity, which no doubt will feel a benefit from his untiring exertions. After lodge was closed, the banquet and dessert followed.

**MIDDLETON.**—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).—On Thursday, 23rd ult., at the Assheton Arms, the installation of Bro. Reid as W.M. took place, followed by the Festival of St. John. The brethren assembled at 2.30 p.m. In the goodly number we noticed the following visitors: Bros. Cox, 625, P.G.S.D. Derbyshire; Hind, P.M. 204; Dickson, P.M. 325; Timperley, P.M. 993; Austin, P.M. 1009; Andrews, I.P.M. 1219; Studd, P.M. 1375; Harwood, 204; Proctor, 277; Barlow, 462; Horne, 462; Crompton, 992; Murray, 1055; Milling, 1134; Davies, 1387; Dec, 1387. The lodge having been opened by Bro. W. H. Kershaw, W.M., he then vacated the chair of K.S. in favour of Bro. John Wood, P.M., D.C., installing Master, and presented to him Bro. David Reid, W.M. elect, who, having assented to the "Ancient Laws and Regulations," was duly installed W.M. in such an impressive and correct manner that gave to the ceremony the solemnity due to it, also showing that the installing Master was truly a man of Masonic mind. After the usual salutations had been paid to the newly-installed Master, he appointed the following brethren as officers whom he then invested:—Bros. Geo. Bradbury, S.W.; W. Percival, J.W.; Harvey Heywood, Treas.; F. Fothergill, Sec.; S. Lawton, S.D.; J. Millhouse, J.D.; J. Wood, P.M., D.C.; J. Hatton, I.G.; John Kent; Tyler; Clark, E. Hatton, P. Lawton, and Newton, Stewards. Four candidates were then proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to celebrate the Festival of St. John. The first toast of the evening, that of "The Queen," was proposed by the W.M., Bro. David Reid, who having accorded to her the eulogium she so well merits, sat down. The brethren then sang "The National Anthem" with fervour, showing their allegiance to the Sovereign of their native land. The W.M. in giving the next toast, "H.R.H. Bro. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," said Masons were all proud of their Royal Chief. He was a great ornament to the Craft; although abroad in foreign lands, he was persuaded that everybody present had a kindly thought for him and wished him God speed. The W.M. reminded the brethren of that grand spectacle, in which some of them took part, in the Albert Hall in April last, and of those grand watchwords, Loyalty and Charity, which rang through that vast assembly and cheered and warmed each heart. In memory of that day, and of him who was the centre of all our affections, the brethren of the lodge who were present at the installation of His Royal Highness were desirous to commemorate that great occasion by presenting to the Imperial George Lodge a portrait of the Illustrious Leader of the Craft. Having partially carried out that desire, they would now complete it. He therefore requested the Secretary, Bro. F. Fothergill, to unveil the same. This surprise was an agreeable one, few being aware that the portrait already graced their lodge room. The W.M. hoped that the Great Architect of the Universe would direct and guide His Royal Highness throughout his eventful journey, and restore him safely to his home, which is adorned by that "Lady of England" his consort, "The Princess of Wales," whose health, with that of their Grand Master, and the rest of the Royal Family, they must one and all drink heartily. "God bless the Prince of Wales" was then sung. The next toast was in-

troduced by Bro. W. H. Kershaw, I.P.M., "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M." He observed that next in Masonic rank to our G.M. stood the noble earl; the fact that men holding such high position in the social scale were also connected with our Craft showed that something more than outward appearances was vested in the Order of Freemasonry. He asked all to drink to the health of one who was able and willing to occupy the exalted position of Pro G.M. Bro. Wood, P.M., D.C., proposed "The Health of the R.W.D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers." He stated that when he was present at the installation of our G.M., Lord Skelmersdale reminded him of that "pillar of beauty" of Masonic origin; he also was doubly one of ourselves, being a Lancashire man, a county man of whom all should be proud. The toast was received with acclamatory feeling. The brethren had next to toast "Lieut Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M.E.L." Bro. Garlick, P.M., said powers of eloquence in him were indeed low; he could not do justice to the colonel in a speech. He stood something like A 1 in Masonry; although not at their head, he was at the head of those in East Lancashire, one of his greatest Masonic ornaments was that of charity, like his Masonic brother, Lord Skelmersdale, he was of northern origin, being a descendant of one of those true sons of England who in time gone by was one of the back bones of our country and our Craft. "The Health of W. R. Callender, Esq., M.P., V.W.D.P.G.M.E.L., and the rest of the P.G. Officers," was proposed by the W.M.; he said that of all brethren whose health he received or proposed in a toast, that of Bro. Callender, "brother of Hearts" was one of the most pleasing to him. He is one who occupies a noble position in Masonry in this province, and who has more than once cheered our lodge with his smiles, and guided us by the wisdom of his counsel. He regretted that he could not speak of his health in glowing words, he having been laid upon a bed of sickness by the Great Architect; but it is improving, and he hopes ere long to take an active part in those duties he so much enjoys. He then asked all to drink with subdued pleasure to his better health, and that he might soon be restored to us. The toast was received with a suitable and sensitive feeling. The toast of the evening now followed, that of "The Worshipful Master," those merits were dilated upon by the Installing Master, Bro. Wood, P.M., D.C., in a masterly manner, although he intimated that he wished it was in better hands. He had long proved the qualities of their newly Installed Master, and knew him to be a good man and true, and one to whom the distressed could always prefer their suit; his hand was always extended to the needy. He knew that the toast would be supported with the prestige it deserved. Here Bro. Crompton effectively rendered that appropriate melody, "We'll drink his Health in a Song," the brethren all joining in the chorus, which added to the impressiveness of the toast. The W.M., in reply, said that Bro. Wood was his "Masonic father," he had sown in him good seeds when he initiated him into Freemasonry, he had cared for and guided him until maturity, and had now installed him in that position in which he hoped to bring forth good fruit. This he trusted to be able to accomplish by the aid of that wisdom from above, the wise counsel of "the fathers" of the lodge, and the cordial co-operation of the rest of the brethren; and hoped that his work would prove that he had not sought the position they had honoured him with for vanity or ambition, but with a higher and purer motive. Bro. Harvey Heywood, P.M. and Treas., in proposing "The Masonic Charities," drew attention to the engravings before the brethren, which represented two noble institutions, supported by the Masonic body. He was sorry to say that the Imperial George Lodge had done but little for those charities. He hoped that all would remember the advice they received on initiation into Freemasonry, with respect to those who, in our ranks, were reduced to poverty. Having a W.M. whose excellence had not been too much extolled that evening, he would suggest that he signalized his year of office by doing something for the Masonic charities. The brethren acknowledged the toast with feeling. The W.M., in proposing "The I.P.M. and P.M.'s of the Lodge," asked "What should we have done without our parents?" They had taught us how to do our duty, and some with Masonically grey hairs were present around him. As being a toast of a double nature, he wished to say that Bro. Kershaw, the I.P.M., had set a good example in the working of the lodge. It was the duty of all to accord to him their most heartfelt thanks. They would do so, and would carry out their words by deeds. He therefore, on behalf of the lodge, would present and invest him with a Past Master's jewel. The decoration that he placed upon his breast he worthily deserved. He hoped that it would pass down for many years to his posterity, and that they would look upon it as a reward for virtue and services rendered. The I.P.M., in reply, exhibited signs of emotion, and thanked the brethren for their good wishes in a neat and concise speech. P.M.'s Dyson, Garlick, Heywood, and Wood also replied. The latter, as Installing Master, said his ideas that evening were that "speech is silver, silence is golden." He had performed that evening for the first time the ceremony of installation. He hoped that it was an earnest that he would not shirk. He did not agree with the idea held by many P.M.'s that it was not necessary to attend the lodge so regularly after they had passed the chair of K.S. The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Visiting Brethren" in appropriate remarks, and thanked them in the name of the lodge for the honour they had conferred by their presence, and begged them soon to repeat the favour. Bro. Cox, P.G.S.D. Derbyshire, in replying, spoke of the united, earnest, and hearty feeling that appeared to prevail in the lodge, and of the excellent way the duties of the evening had been performed. Each visitor responded, but the space will not permit a digest of all; we however must mention that Bro. Harwood referred

to the telling remarks made by Bro. Heywood, P.M., with regard to "the Masonic Charities," and asked to be permitted at that meeting, as a visiting brother, to contribute to the said fund; and in his usual practical manner closed his speech, by presenting a donation on behalf of the "Imperial George Charity Fund." Bro. Dyson, P.M., proposed "The Newly-Invested Officers," to which Bro. Bradbury, S.W., replied in a brief speech, time being on the wing. The last but not least on the list of toasts was the Tyler's, "To all Poor and Distressed Masons." Bro. John Kent, O.G., gave this in his customary style, and which was heartily acknowledged. "Auld Lang Syne" was then sung by all the brethren. 10 p.m. had arrived, the brethren separated, all gratified and pleased with their "red letter day," anniversary; a day which had been honoured more than once since its nativity in 1752. We must record the fact that the musical arrangements were very successful; Bros. Compton, Dee, Dixon, and Fothergill enlivened the evening by a nice selection of glees, &c. Bro. Garlick, P.M., also sang that grand old Lancashire lyric "Jone o' Grenfelt," a song full of wit and humour.

**RICHMOND (Yorkshire).—Lennox Lodge (No. 123).**—The members of this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist on Monday, 27th ult. The installation of the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, of Wensley Hall, Bedale (brother-in-law of the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire), as W.M., took place at the Masonic Hall, the pleasing ceremony being performed in the presence of a large muster of the brethren. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. C. Norman, S.W.; J. W. Smith, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Pollock, Chaplain; T. Thompson, Treas.; R. H. Belles, Sec.; W. R. Walpole, S.D.; W. Todd, J.D.; R. Spence, I.G.; J. H. Rooks, Org.; Newton, Tyler; Heslop, Steward. Subsequently a sumptuous banquet was provided at the King's Head Hotel. On removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and a very enjoyable evening was passed.

**SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).**—On Thursday, Dec. 30th, Bro. W. J. Hickman was installed W.M. of the Royal Gloucester Lodge of Freemasons by the Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.). The ceremony took place at the Masonic Hall, Bugle-street, when the P.G.M., accompanied by his Deputy (Bro. W. Hickman), and several past and present provincial officers, was received with the customary honours. The installing board comprised no less than twenty-two Past Masters; and there was a large attendance of brethren at the installation ceremony, which the P.G.M. most impressively performed. The newly installed W.M. of the Royal Gloucester had filled the office of S.W. during the past year, and succeeds in the chair Bro. Morris Miles, whose Mastership had done credit to himself and honour to the lodge, and has been attended by a gratifying measure of progress and prosperity. After the W.M. had been inducted and proclaimed, he proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—Bros. R. Sharpe, S.W.; C. W. A. Jellicoe, J.W.; M. Miles, I.P.M.; the Rev. E. Y. Nepean, P.P.G.C., Chaplain; J. E. Le Feuvre, Treas.; J. R. Weston, Sec.; Jas. Coles, S.D.; Jennings, J.D.; S. Myer, I.G.; H. M. Pike, Org.; Robertson and Obree, Stewards; Biggs, Tyler. At the conclusion of the proceedings a cordial vote of thanks, proposed by the W.M. and seconded by the I.P.M., was tendered to the P.G.M. for his kindness in specially attending to perform the ceremony of installation. The P.G.M., in responding, expressed the pleasure it always afforded him to visit the Royal Gloucester Lodge; and then presented to D.P.G.M. Hickman the patent of his appointment as Deputy Grand Master of the province, which had been beautifully written in illuminated text. He bore personal testimony to the value of Bro. Hickman's services in the high office which he filled, and said that his Masonic labours both in this province and in London were cordially recognised and approved throughout the Craft. The D.P.G.M., in accepting the same, conveyed his sense of the high honour conferred upon him by the P.G.M. in appointing him as his deputy, and said the pleasure and satisfaction had been greatly enhanced by the cordial manner in which all the lodges he had visited in the province had, by their reception of him, endorsed that appointment. It would ever be his endeavour to promote the true interests of Freemasonry, and to render every possible assistance to the P.G.M. in discharging the important and responsible duties associated with the government of the province. The W.M. then proposed, and Bro. T. P. Payne, P.M., seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Morris Miles for the efficient and assiduous manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during the past year, and that he be presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of the same. This was cordially supported by the P.G.M., who spoke very highly of Bro. Miles's Masonic services; and the vote having been unanimously agreed to, it was suitably and gracefully acknowledged. Another gratifying incident followed in the presentation to Bro. P.M. Booth, who has recently undergone a long and painful illness, of a testimonial, consisting of a purse and an illuminated address, recording the value of the services rendered by him in the various offices he has filled during a lengthened Masonic career, and especially his readiness at all times to aid and instruct individual members of the Order. The testimonial was raised chiefly in the Gloucester Lodge, but several brethren connected with other lodges contributed to it in order to manifest their esteem towards Bro. Booth. The P.G.M. referred in terms of commendation to Bro. Booth's services, and spoke approvingly of the course which the lodge had adopted in giving this practical expression of its regard to one who so well deserved it. In some kindly and well-chosen words he asked Bro. Booth's acceptance of the testimonial and the latter in re-

turning thanks, said that nothing had so much cheered him during his recent illness as the knowledge that his brethren of the Royal Gloucester Lodge were intending to make him this presentation. There were but three present who were members of the lodge when he joined it—Past Masters G. Dunlop, H. Abraham, and T. P. Payne. Time made great changes among them; but he hoped that he might still be spared to render further service to Masonry, and especially to the Royal Gloucester Lodge—his mother lodge—to which he was deeply attached. D.P.G.M. Hickman then proposed, and Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.M., seconded, that the thanks of the lodge be tendered to Past Master H. Abraham, and hereafter recorded in a more permanent and substantial form, for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of Treasurer during a period of twenty-two years, to the great advantage of the lodge, whose finances, mainly owing to his exertions, were in a most flourishing condition—as shown by the fact that there was a good balance in hand and also an accumulated fund. The proposition was passed with great cordiality, and P.M. Abraham, in responding, expressed the satisfaction it had afforded him to render the service which he had been enabled to do as Treasurer of the lodge. He was pleased to say that he had handed over to his successor a balance of more than £90 which showed that the finances were in a very different position to what they were when he first took office. He had not, moreover, waited till old age and incapacity came upon him before resigning his position; but in the prime of life and the pride of health, he had surrendered it to their worthy Bro. Le Feuvre, and was glad to be able to advise him to do as he himself had done. The I.P.M., Bro. Miles, then asked the lodge to accept a handsomely framed and glazed tablet, recording the names of the Masters and Wardens of the Royal Gloucester Lodge from its commencement, which he had collated from the minute books. This the brethren very cordially did, with an expression of thanks to Bro. Miles for his handsome present. The lodge duties were shortly afterwards brought to a close; and at seven o'clock a large party sat down, under the presidency of the W.M., to an admirable banquet, provided by Dr. Dartnall in his very best style, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the healths of the newly-installed Master, the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and many others were drunk with great heartiness. Bro. Sir F. Perkins, P.M. and M.P., was present at the banquet. The proceedings throughout were of a truly fraternal character; and the Royal Gloucester, under its new Master, enters upon another year amid the most favourable and encouraging auspices.

**WARRINGTON.—Lodge of Lights (No. 148)**—The annual installation meeting of the members of this old and flourishing lodge took place on Monday last, at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street. Those who have had the privilege of witnessing many installations must have been frequently struck by the unusually lively and animated appearance of the whole scene. The brethren begin to assemble shortly before the time specified for the commencement of business, and at once proceed with their robing. Fresh arrivals are now frequent, and the friendly and fraternal "grip" is as frequently given and reciprocated. Each countenance is radiant with pleasing anticipations, and each heart seems to go out to his brother. Friendly converse and sometimes "chaff" is the order now, and rarely, if ever, is perfect harmony disturbed. The W.M. elect—proud man—is the centre of attraction, and receives—as he well deserves—an unusual share of friendly greetings. The retiring Master is usually a very popular man with the brethren of his lodge, and a brother of great importance in the lodge. To him falls the duty of installing his successor, and a high honour he considers it, but few retiring Masters attempt this part of their prerogative, perhaps for one reason, because of its difficulty, and, for another reason, it requires great tact and judgment, and like Christmas it comes but once a year. The brethren are in full dress Masonic clothing, and very nice they appear,—every one looks nice in evening dress. Surely there must be something good in Freemasonry, and those who witnessed the beautiful ceremonies so admirably rendered by our worthy Bro. Bowes, on Monday, must have experienced a real treat. Bro. William Robinson, S.W.; a very worthy brother who had been elected to fill the chair at a previous meeting by the unanimous voice of his brethren was in his place and ready to receive further "light." Bro. Bowes, P.M., &c., the very deservedly popular W.M. of the lodge took his place in the evening precisely as the old Trinity clock struck three, and at once opened the proceedings. The following, among other brethren, were present:—Bros. Stringer, P.M.; Harding, P.M.; Finney, P.M.; Pointer, P.M.; Richardson, P.M.; Sharp, P.M.; Pollitt, P.M.; Hephherd, P.M.; and others. The sound of the G. in the E., and the call to order, brought the brethren to their feet, and the business of the lodge began. Bro. Robinson, S.W., and W.M. elect, was presented for the benefit of installation by Bro. Harding, P.M., and, having made the preliminary declaration, awaited further advancement. Another phase of the lodge was now presented, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, Bro. Bowes taking his place in the E. as Installing Master, and being assisted by Bro. Finney, P.M., as S.W., and Bro. Pointer, P.M., as J.W. In this position of the lodge Bro. Robinson was placed in the chair of K.S. with all our ancient ceremonies, and amid the salutations of the brethren of this advanced degree. The Board of Installed Masters having been closed in form, the brethren of the other degrees were admitted, and offered their greetings in the usual way. The new W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. Tunstall, S.W.; Pickethall, J.W.; Bowes, Sec.; Armstrong, Treas.; Hannah, I.G. At the close of the proceedings Bro. Bowes received a well-merited and unanimous vote of thanks for "the admirable, able, and impressive manner in which he had performed all the duties of Installing Master this day."

That worthy and distinguished brother having acknowledged the compliment, the lodge was closed in due form, and with the usual solemnities. The brethren, in goodly numbers, now adjourned to the Patten Arms Hotel for the banquet. The W.M. took the chair, and was honoured with the presence of an unusually large number of distinguished Masons. Of the banquet we must say that it was sumptuous in the extreme, and reflected the highest credit upon Bro. and Mrs. Hughes, the worthy host and hostess. The wines were of the choicest vintage. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and we regret that our space does not admit of our giving them in extenso. We must, however, say, in conclusion, that the most perfect harmony and good fellowship prevailed throughout the entire proceedings, and we desire to offer our congratulations to Bro. Robinson on his attaining so high an honour—the highest honour it is in the power of any lodge to confer upon any one of its members.

**LANCASTER.**—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The members of this lodge assembled at their hall, the Athenæum, on the 29th ult. for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, and also to celebrate the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist. Bro. Edward Airey, I.P.M., occupied the Master's chair, and there was a numerous attendance of brethren. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, when Bro. Longman, S.W. 1051, was unanimously elected as a joining brother, and Mr. Aldous, professor of music, was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. An abstract of the balance sheet was afterwards read, which shewed the lodge to be financially in a very prosperous condition. The next business was the installation of Bro. Thomas Atkinson, S.W., as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the installation ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. Dr. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England, as Installing Officer. On the conclusion of the ceremony the Master received the congratulations of the brethren in the usual manner. He then appointed and invested his officers-bearers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. R. Taylor, S.W.; J. Jowitt, J.W.; James Hatch, Treas.; John Hatch, Sec., (re-elected); E. Cardwell, S.D.; J. McRaith, J.D.; W. Warbrick, I.G.; J. J. Crosskell, S.S.; John Atkinson, J.S.; and John Watson, Tyler (re-elected). The officers were inducted to their several offices by the Installing Officer. On its conclusion, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Dr. Moore for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the installation. After the transaction of some formal business, the lodge closed in peace and harmony. The brethren then adjourned to the house of Bro. Sly, the King's Arms Hotel, when about forty sat down to an excellent banquet, prepared by the worthy host of the establishment. The chair was occupied by the newly-elected W.M., and on the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given from the chair, and responded to in the usual manner. The toasts of "The M.W.G.M., Pro G.M., and D.G.M. of England, and other Grand Lodge Officers" followed, the latter being coupled with the name of Bro. Dr. Moore, who responded. Bro. Dr. Moore then gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and in highly complimentary terms spoke of the manner in which he had filled the lower offices in the lodge. He also impressed upon the Past Masters a more regular attendance at the lodge meetings, contending that nothing could exert a greater sway over the minds of young Masons than the fact that a number of Past Masters, who themselves had passed through the office, were in their places obeying the lawful commands of the Master. That fact of itself was a very great and important matter, and conducted very materially to the success of a large lodge. The toast was enthusiastically received, and the W.M. responded, and in a few well chosen sentences expressed himself conscious of the high honour which had been conferred upon him, and also thanked those Past Masters, and there were many of them, who had kindly offered their assistance during his year of office, if he should require it. Nothing should be wanting on his part to fulfil the duties of the office satisfactorily to the lodge, and also creditably to himself. Bro. Simpson proposed "The Health of the Immediate Past Master," and expressed regret that he had been obliged to remove to the south of England. Bro. Airey gave "The Health of the S.W. and J.W.," who duly responded. Bro. Kelland proposed "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" in highly commendatory terms; the Chairman, "The Health of the W.M.'s" of the other Masonic lodges in the town; Bro. King, "The Health of the other Officers;" the Chairman, "The Health of the Newly Initiate," Bro. Hall, that of "The Press," and Bro. Simpson, the Tyler's toast, all of which were severally responded to. The brethren separated at an early hour, after having spent a most enjoyable evening. In the course of the evening the piece of plate bequeathed to the lodge by a deceased brother, circulated pretty freely amongst the brethren.

**TORQUAY.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 328).—The annual festival was held at the Masonic Hall, on St. John's-day, Dec. 27th, for the purpose of installing Bro. J. Piggott as W.M. for the ensuing year, when a large number of brethren assembled, including several P.M.'s from lodges in the surrounding district. Amongst them were Bros. Warren, W.M. of the Torbay Lodge; Johnson, W.M. of the Jordan Lodge; Goodridge, P.M.; Murray, P.M.; Oliver, P.M.; Law, P.M., and P.P.G.D. for Hert and Surrey; Rev. R. Bowden, P.M. and Chaplain 328; D. Watson, P.M., who acted as the Installing Master, and performed the entire ceremony, including the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, in a most effective and impressive manner. After the lodge had been closed the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where the annual banquet was served. The W.M. had as his right hand guest Bro. Sir Lawrence Palk, Bart., M.P., lord of the manor; and as this was the first occasion on which the worthy and honourable baronet had attended a Masonic

gathering, in Torquay he was warmly and fraternally greeted. In responding to the toast of his health, Bro. Sir L. Palk alluded to the vast antiquity of Freemasonry, records of which are found in every part of the world, adding that an institution which inculcates universal charity and good feeling, and tends to bring men together, is worthy of all encouragement and support, especially in Torquay. The usual routine of toasts having been duly honoured, and the harmony of the evening promoted by the vocal exertions of several who were present, the brethren separated, looking forward to a successful year under the rule of the new W.M.

**BODMIN.**—One and All Lodge (No. 330).—This influential lodge in the Province of Cornwall held its annual meeting on the 29th of December, to instal the W. Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Capt. Colvill, P.M., P.P.S.G. Warden of Cornwall, presided as Installing Master. Fifty brethren, including seventeen Past Masters, who formed the Board of Installed Masters, were present on the occasion. Bro. Crauz, Mayor of Bodmin was duly installed. The W. Master then invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. Colvill, P.M., as I.P.M. and Treas.; Rowe, S.W.; Hon. C. Agar Robartes, J.W.; Reek, P.M., Sec.; Dr. Adams, S.D.; Sercoe, J.D.; Vincent, D.C.; Jacobs, Org.; Jones and Treverton, Stewards; O'Neil, I.G.; and Carrol, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Colvill by acclamation for the admirable manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed, also for his able services as acting W. Master during the past year. Prior to the time appointed for the installation of the W. Master elect a lodge of emergency was held, under the emergency clause, to ballot for and initiate Mr. George Hext, second son of Bro. Hext, P.M. of One and All, 330, P.P.J.G. Warden of Cornwall. The candidate being a Lewis under age, a dispensation was obtained from the Provincial Grand Master. The eldest son of Bro. Hext was initiated on his coming of age in March last. The pleasing circumstance of having two only sons of so distinguished a brother enrolled with the father as members of the lodge is unique in the history of the lodge, and highly gratifying to the brethren. The lodge was called off from labour, the brethren repaired to Bro. Past Master Sandoe's, Royal Hotel, for refreshment, at 5 pm., when a sumptuous banquet in celebration of the festival, of St. John the Evangelist awaited them, of which about sixty brethren partook. Visitors from neighbouring lodges were welcomed as guests in a true Masonic spirit. The usual Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and ably responded to by the respective brethren to whom the duties were assigned. The proceedings were greatly enlivened by the singing of Bros. Rowe and Hawken, Past and Present Junior Wardens, and other brethren, accompanied by Bro. Jacobs, the talented Organist of the lodge, also of St. Petroc's Church, Bodmin. A memorable day in the annals of One and All Lodge was brought to a close in "order, harmony, and brotherly love."

Royal Arch.

**JERUSALEM CHAPTER** (No. 185).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the second Tuesday in December last. The chapter was opened at six o'clock by Comps. Smith, M.E.Z.; Hammond, H.; Elsam, J.; Davidge, S.E.; Wagner, N.; Robinson, P.S.; Manders, acting 1st S.; Horfield, (Treasurer); Holbrook, P.Z.; Loewenstark, P.Z.; Whitley, Walls. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed the M.E.Z. Comp. Smith, exalted Bro. Abraham Stewart, Southern Star. The very arduous, and difficult ritual was completely and most excellently rendered in its beautiful and impressive entirety by the M.E., who had the able assistance of Comps. Hammond and Elsam, who discharged their duties as Second and Third Principals in a manner that left nothing to be desired. The junior officers were also well up in their work, and the whole ceremony may be pronounced a success. Comp. Chandler, P.Z. and P.P.G.J. of Wiltshire, visited the chapter, and expressed himself highly pleased at the manner in which the ceremony of exaltation had been conducted. The companions then adjourned to an excellent banquet. The M.E. gave the usual loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. Holbrook having been entrusted with the gavel proposed "The Health of the M.E." in well set terms, in which he stated that the companions of the Jerusalem ought to be proud of so earnest and indefatigable a worker as Comp. Smith, who never allowed an opportunity to slip of being present at their convocations, although he had sometimes to travel several hundred miles in order to be at his post to discharge the onerous duties of his position. This toast having been warmly received, the M.E. responded. In the course of his brief reply Comp. Smith stated that he had the prosperity and the credit of the chapter very much at heart, and he was sorry that he had not more opportunities of personally mixing with the companions of his mother chapter, but being a resident in the provinces and his business frequently calling him to the most remote parts of the kingdom, he could only find time to run up to London on the chapter days, and he was very proud to think that his endeavours to further the interests and working of the chapter were so highly appreciated by the companions. "The Health of the P.Z.'s of the Chapter" was then given and severally replied to by Comps. Holbrook, Horfield, Loewenstark, and Davidge. In proposing "The Health of the new-exalted Comp. Stewart," the M.E. hoped that he would never regret having entered the Supreme Degree; and having heard that he was a good worker in Craft Masonry, he trusted that in due time, by attention and perseverance to the mysteries of the R.A., Comp. Stewart would fill the chair of First Principal in his mother chapter. Comp. Stewart having acknowledged the toast, the M.E.Z. proposed "The Healths of the Second and Third Principals." In his

speech he paid them a very high compliment by stating that the Jerusalem Chapter should be proud of having two so distinguished members of the R.A. and Craft Degrees as Comps. Hammond and Elsam fulfilling the duties of H. and J. They had both held Provincial Grand rank in the Craft, and the former had but recently been appointed to a high office in the Middlesex G.C.; and in conclusion the M.E. stated that it augured well for the future prosperity of the chapter when the reins of government were to be successively held by those energetic and worthy companions. The toast having been honoured, Comps. Hammond and Elsam briefly replied by thanking the companions, and stating that should they have the good fortune of being elected in turn by the chapter to the position of M.E.Z., they would endeavour to merit the encomiums that had been passed upon them by the M.E. that evening. The healths of the Treasurer, S.E., and junior officers then followed, and were responded to by Comps. Horfield, Davidge, Wagner, Robinson, & Manders. In the intervals Comps. Robinson, Manders, and Walls vocally and dramatically amused the companions, who separated at a late hour. The next convocation will be held on the second Tuesday in February.

**CHESTER.**—Grosvenor Chapter (No. 721).—Some time ago, at a meeting of the members of this chapter, it was resolved, on the motion of Comp. Gerrard, P.Z., seconded and supported by Comp. Dennis and Comp. H. Lloyd, P.S.G.W. Cheshire, that a testimonial should be presented to Comp. R. W. Worrall, P.Z., P. Prov. G.S.B., P.M., in recognition of his distinguished services while principal officer of the chapter. At a chapter held on Tuesday evening, the 28th Dec., Comp. J. McEvoy, Z., presiding, Comp. Worrall was presented with a handsome and valuable gold watch and chain, as a testimonial from the chapter and the Lodge of Independence. At the banquet which followed he was further presented with a gold locket for Mrs. Worrall. The Worshipful Masters elect for Chester Masonic lodges are Bro. G. McIlhattie for the Cestrian Lodge, and Bro. J. Cunnah for the Lodge of Independence.

Mark Masonry.

**ST. MARK'S LODGE** (No. 1).—The January meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday last at Bro. Goslen's Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street. Present: Bros. Dr. Greatrex, as W.M.; Charles Horsley, S.W.; Shepherd, J.W.; P.M. Holden, W. E. Newton, Hall, Wilkinson, R. Wentworth Little, Sec.; H. C. Levanter, Treas.; Thos. Cubitt, P.M.; Rev. W. B. Church, P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; H. A. Dubois, Wm. Stephens, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Greatrex and Smith. Bros. Howe and Simmons were received as joining members. The usual business of the lodge being over, the brethren dined together. Much regret was occasioned by the absence of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Dr. Brette, D.D., through indisposition.

Scotland.

**KILWINNING.**—The Mother Lodge Kilwinning (No. 0).—The members of this lodge met on Tuesday, the 21st ult., in their hall, for the purpose of proceeding with the annual election of office-bearers. In the absence of the Grand Master (Colonel Mure, of Caldwell, M.P.), the Substitute Master (Bro. J. G. Halkett, J.P.) presided. There was a large attendance of the brethren. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—P.G.M., Col. Mure, of Caldwell; Depute Master, R.W. Cochran Patrick, of Woodside; Proxy Master, R. Montgomerie, M.P.; Proxy Senior Warden, J. A. Ferguson; Proxy Junior Warden, J. Tweed; J. Johnston, S.W.; J. Gibson, J.W.; Revs. W. Lee Ker, J. Syme, and A. Inglis, Chaplains; R. Wylie, Sec.; J. Whinton, Treas.; R. Aird, S.D.; G. Jack, J.D.; A. H. Rodgers, S.S.; W. Paterson, J.S.; C. Aitken, I.G.; J. Melvin, Tyler. In the evening the brethren assembled in the Eglinton Arms Hall to celebrate the festival of St. Thomas, and the lodge was visited by large deputations from the following lodges in the province:—St. John Kilwinning, Kilmarnock, 22; Navigation, Troon, 86; St. Andrew, Irvine, 149; St. John, Beith, 157; Thistle and Rose, Stevenston; Blair, Dalry, 290; St. Matthew Kilwinning, Dregghorn, 549. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and after spending a very happy night, at the usual hour of twelve the lodge was called to labour, and closed in due and ancient form by the S.G.M.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge St. John (No. 34).—The largest meeting of this lodge ever known to have been held was that of Tuesday evening, the 21st inst., within their hall at No. 226, Buchanan-street. The occasion was the election of office-bearers, and the special event of the evening the contest for the chair, for which there were three duly nominated candidates, viz., Bros. D.M. Nelson, D.M.; Dalziel, Treas.; and David Horne, J.W. So great was the interest taken in the matter, that brethren were qualified to vote were present from distant parts, whilst others turned up who had not been within the lodge for years, and there must have been very close upon 200 present. The lodge having been duly opened by the R.W.M., Bro. W. Bell, and the minutes of last regular and one emergency meeting read and passed, the chairman called upon the Secretary (Bro. J. Dick) to read the following note, which he (the Chairman) had received from a well-known brother:—"City Chambers, Glasgow, 17th Dec., 1875. Wm. Bell, Esq. Dear sir,—The position in which my brethren proposed to place me I considered a high mark of honour, and I intended carefully to consider if I could accept it with justice to myself and the lodge. My late serious illness, however, incapacitates me, and compels me to decline the proffered honour. I wish success to Masonry in general, and

to our lodge in particular. I enclose a cheque for £10, to be spent in such manner as the R.W.M. and the office-bearers of the lodge may deem most useful.—Yours faithfully, J. Balin." When the Secretary had read the note Bro. J. Baird, P.M., said he might explain what had brought it forth. In view of the chair becoming vacant by the retirement of Bro. Bell, a few of those among them who had held office in the lodge, took upon themselves to call upon the Lord Provost and ask him if he would take it, thinking that if he would do so it might be of benefit to the lodge. He asked a few days for reflection, and this was the result. Of course his late illness would scarcely have permitted him taking the office at present; but, from the terms of the note they had just heard read, everyone could see that he was a brother well qualified for the position. He moved the receipt of the note be minutes in the books, and the thanks of the lodge sent to Brother Bain for the handsome donation accompanying it. Bro. J. McMillan, P.M., seconded the motion. The Chairman said he was sure they could do nothing less than heartily endorse what had been said in the moving and seconding of this motion. He might at the same time just mention to them that in all probability Bros. Bain and Lord Glasgow would shortly take a very prominent part in connection with the Order in the West of Scotland. Bro. Dalziel, Treasurer, submitted the financial statement for the past year, from which it appeared that the income of the lodge from all sources had been £361 3s. 9d., and the total disbursements £343 14s. 4d.—upwards of £50 of the latter being in the cause of charity. The membership of the lodge had been increased by seventy-seven; and fifteen shares of the St. John's Lodge Association redeemed from the shareholders on behalf of the lodge. The Chairman said they would now proceed to the election of office-bearers, which was accordingly done in the case of the chief officer, that of chairman, by means of calling over the roll, and each member as he was called naming for whom he voted, and in that of the others by a show of hands. In the contest for the chair the struggle lay between Bros. Nelson and Dalziel, and for a short time the running was exceedingly close. At the close, however, it was found that Bro. Nelson was the successful candidate, by a majority of about twenty votes. On the candidates being called in, and this result announced, Bro. Nelson said that in the fulness of his heart he would only at present ask them to accept one word of thanks, and to consider that he shook hands mentally with every brother present, whether they had voted for or against him. The election of the other contested offices was then proceeded with, and concluded; the list for 1876 accordingly being as follows:—Bros. D. M. Nelson, R.W.M.; Wm. Bell, I.P.M.; J. D. Yeung, D.M.; Thomas B. Bell, S.M.; J. Sellars, S.W.; P. Brownlie, J.W.; J. Dunn, Treas.; J. Dick, Sec.; A. Cameron, S.D.; D. Paton, J.D.; D. Lindsay, Chap.; R. Craig, B.B.; J. Ritchie, Archt.; T. A. Tennant, Jeweller; A. Carrick, D. of M.; J. Wilson, G. Marshal; R. D. Samuels, R.S.; and J. Wright, Tyler.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Thistle (No. 87).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on the 21st ult. Present: Bros. J. Booth, R.W.M.; Robert Barr, S.W.; Walton Stewart, J.W.; J. G. Ritchie, S.M.; J. Louttit, R.W.M. 413; J. McLaren, S.D.; J. Miller, S.S.; Samuel McPhee, P.G.S., and others. The meeting was largely attended. An apology from the Secretary for non-attendance through illness was read. Bro. Annand read the minutes, which were confirmed. A letter read from a member of this lodge, now in Canada, who had lost his diploma at sea, and could not gain admittance to any lodge in Canada. The Secretary was ordered to send him a letter of clearance and demit in the mean time, he showing clear on the books. A letter from the Secretary of 360 was read, granting the Thistle, 87, liberty to place a harmonium in the lodge for their use on their meeting nights. The lodge was then passed to F.C., when three brothers received that degree in a very able manner at the hands of Bro. Booth, R.W.M. The names of the brethren are Angus McLaughlan, John Ritchie, and Geo. Blace. The brethren were then called to harmony. After the usual toasts had been run through, "The Health of the last squared Brethren" was proposed from the chair in very graceful and complimentary terms. Bro. McLaughlan briefly replied. The R.W.M. then gave the toast of "The Masonic Press," coupled with Bro. Adams ("Freemason.") He said the Masonic Press was a great auxiliary, and the careful manner all reports of meetings were guarded, and the great quantity of valuable information contained, was a great boon, and he wished it every success. Bro. Adams replied, carefully finishing by saying that the way to continue it as a success was to rally round it, and give it their individual support. The next toast was "The Visitors," coupled with Bro. Louttit, 413. Bro. Louttit briefly returned thanks. "Success to Masonry" from the S.W. chair.

**KILBARCHAN.**—Lodge St. Barchan's (No. 156).—On the evening of the 27th ult. the brethren of this lodge met in their hall, Kilbarchan, to celebrate the Festival of St. John. Bro. Cunningham, I.P.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bro. Andrew Buchanan, D.M.; D. Scrymgeour, S.M.; Andrew Grant, Sec.; and others. After the lodge had been opened by the P.M. the brethren formed a torchlight procession, accompanied by a brass band, and, according to use and wont, went to bring home their recently-elected R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Lewis, M.D. Having met the carriage of Bro. Dr. Lewis, they perambulated the various streets of the village, and returned to the lodge, when the R.W.M. took the chair, and called the brethren from labour to refreshment. Thereafter a pleasant evening was spent with song, toast, and sentiment, combining to make everything agreeable.

**WIGTON.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 327).—On Monday, 27th ult., the brethren of this lodge held an emergency meeting for the purpose of installing Bro. W. H. Hoodless, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months.

The lodge was called for "high twelve," but it was somewhat after that time before the brethren assembled. It was opened by Bro. McMechan, then went through a portion of the installation ceremony, the remainder being given by Bro. Porter, P.G.S.W., in very full and finished style. Bro. Hoodless (now W.M.) then took the Master's chair, and proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. McMechan, I.P.M.; Lazenby, S.W.; J. Robinson, J.W.; Rev. C. H. Gem, Chap.; Porter, Treas.; W. J. Carrick, Sec.; R. Twentyman, S.D.; J. Johnston, J.D.; R. Dugdale, I.G.; and T. Richardson, Tyler; Bro. P. F. Freeman, P.G.O. presided at one of Alexandre's cabinet organs during the ceremony. Later on in the day a banquet was provided at the Lion and Lamb inn. About twenty sat down, the chair being taken by Bro. Hoodless, and the vice-chair by Bro. Lazenby. The chairman was supported by Bros. McMechan, I.P.M., P.G.S.; Porter, P.M., P.G.S.W.; Gate, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Freeman, P.G. Org. Keswick; Armstrong, P.G.D.C. Maryport; J. C. Mason, J.W. Bective Lodge, Carlisle; Banks, S.D. Maryport. Supporting the vice-chairman were Bro. J. G. Twentyman, Liverpool, and Bro. Jos. Johnston. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. T. Richardson, P.M.; J. Pearson, P.M.; Bewes, P.M.; P. H. Taylor, P.M.; W. J. Carrick, Robinson, J. Harris, J. Jefferson, and Forester. Agreeable music was supplied during the dinner by a powerfully-toned musical box with drum and bell accompaniments, belonging to the Chairman. At the head of the table was hung a copy of the large and excellent portrait of Bro. Lemon, P.M., P.G. Treasurer, recently published by Bro. McMechan, one of which has been coloured and emblazoned in gold for the lodge by Bro. W. H. Hoodless. We may here remark that much regret was expressed by the brethren at Bro. Lemon's unfortunate absence through illness, and during the proceedings a telegram was sent off by the W.M. to Bro. Lemon, in the name of himself and the brethren, sending their fraternal regards, expressing their regret at his absence, and pleasure at hearing of his improvement. We believe we are not wrong in saying that this will be about the first St. John's anniversary Bro. Lemon has missed attending at Wigton for over forty years. On the removal of the cloth the chairman gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were loyally and heartily responded to.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Union (No. 332).—On Monday, 13th ult., the regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street. The meeting was large and business important, viz., installation of office-bearers. Bro. J. B. Macnair, R.W.M., took the chair and opened the lodge. Bros. McKirdy, S.W.; Murray, J.W.; J. Laird, Treas.; J. McInnes, Sec.; J. Balfour, P.M.; Wm. Morrison, R.W.M. 215; A. Sage, P.M. 360; J. Louttit, R.W.M. 413; J. McInnes, S.M. 408; P. Brownlie, 33; D. McIntyre, 33; and others. The Secretary was called upon to read the minutes, which were passed. A minute was read in reference to the Mark Degree, from which it appeared that a Mark Lodge was constituted in connection with the Union Lodge; it is called the Union Lodge of Mark Masters, and the office-bearers are all appointed, and the lodge in working order. At a later part of the evening Bro. Macnair explained a little more fully the nature of the Mark Lodge, and intimated that those brethren wishing to become members could do so at the next meeting for a fee of 2s. 6d., after which the fee would be 5s. The balance sheet of the annual expenditure of the lodge, after a little discussion was favourably received. Installation was then commenced by the R.W.M. stepping forward, and P.M. Macnair delivering a short but amiable address. All having retired, except Installed Masters, the new Master was entrusted with that degree. The members having re-entered the lodge in the usual form, M.M., F.C., and E.A., respectively, Bro. Macnair called upon the brethren to pass round the lodge and salute the new Master, after which he placed him in the chair, and put in to his hand the emblem of his office. The remaining office-bearers were then installed into their respective offices by Bro. Macnair, a few words of earnest counsel being given by Bro. Macnair to each, after which "three times three" was heartily given for the new Master. It was intimated that the annual festival of the lodge would take place on the 7th January, and the tickets were in the hands of the Secretary and Festival Committee, to whom those wishing to attend should apply at once; the members of the lodge would be supplied with tickets first, as they were limited, those left over would be placed at the disposal of members of other lodges who might wish to be present. Messrs. Frederick Jinkinson, stone mason; Wm. Findlay, merchant; and David Proven, manufacturer, who were waiting for initiation, were prepared, and received the First Degree, the R.W.M. officiating.

**ARDROSSAN.**—Neptune Kilwinning Lodge (No. 442).—At the annual meeting of this lodge held on Monday the 20th ult., R.W.M., Bro. Francis Goodwin, presiding, the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Bro. Goodwin, R.W.M.; J. Robertson, P.M.; J. Robertson, D.M.; C. Adair, S.M.; W. Reid, S.W.; A. Bell, J.W.; W. Wyllie, Chaplain; W. Ross, Treas.; T. McNidder, Sec.; W. Robertson, S.D.; T. Paton, J.D.; D. Gemmel, S.S.; A. Kelso, J.S.; C. Anderson, D. of C.; D. Fullarton, D. of M.; J. Vance, I.G.; and H. Barr, Tyler. The ceremony of installation, according to the ancient Scottish ritual, was performed by Bro. J. Robertson, P.M., in a very impressive manner. The Auditors' report showed the lodge to be in an excellent financial position, £30 having been added to the funds during the year.

**KILDALTON.**—Kildalton Lodge (No. 552).—This lodge celebrated the anniversary of St. John on the evening of the 29th ult. The brethren met at five o'clock in the evening, and proceeded to elect the office-bearers for the ensuing year, the following being the return, viz.:—

A. Johnstone Hodge, R.W.M.; Donald Campbell, S.W.; Robert Peffers, J.W.; John McMillan, S.D.; Duncan McArthur, J.D.; Francis Kean, I.G.; Peter McDougall, Tyler; Dugald Johnston, Treas.; and the Secretary's office remaining for the time unfilled. After dispatching the business of the evening and closing the lodge, the brethren marched in procession through the village by torch-light, and, the night being favourable, the effect was excellent. The people turned out in hundreds, old and young, and accompanied the march, and many of the houses were illuminated. At seven o'clock the office-bearers, and a number of the brethren, accompanied by their lady friends, sat down to a sumptuous dinner provided by Bro. Lachlan McCraig, the tables being laid in a granary, tastefully decorated with evergreens and flags. Ample justice was done to Bro. McCraig's catering, and when the tables were cleared, the usual loyal toasts followed from the chair and vice-chair, occupied by Bro. Hodge and Bro. McCraig, "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," by Bro. Colin Hay, was responded to by Capt. McCraig, of the 7th A.A.V. Bro. Hodge, from the chair, then proposed "The Craft," and in doing so the following observations fell from him, after reminding the company of his endeavour at the last year's anniversary dinner to enlighten them a little as to the great fundamental principles of Masonry:—"Referring to the year that is past, I cannot say it has been of such a stirring description as its predecessor, at least so far as the Kildalton Lodge is concerned. That is to say, in the way of initiations. We have not had so many candidates for admission but this was only to be looked for. It could not be expected that in an island like ours, the same rapid accession of strength could go on for any great length of time. On the contrary it was only to be expected that when the rush of those gentlemen who were anxious to join us had passed, and the lodge had been well formed, an occasional candidate only would come forward, and such has in point of fact proved to be the case. I believe however, I am justified in saying that the Kildalton Lodge is now in the full vigour of life, and the same feelings of brotherhood and affection exist amongst us in undiminished strength. But, if the past year has been of an uneventful character to the Kildalton Lodge, it has been the very opposite to the Craft generally. Indeed, Masonry has experienced a very marked revival during the past year. While it was still young, the Heir Apparent to the throne of these realms was installed Grand Master Mason of England, and his brother Prince Leopold, the scholar of the Royal Family, has at its close accepted the Mastership of the Apollo Lodge, at Oxford. Such patronage as this has shed a lustre on Freemasonry, which has been reflected on every lodge throughout the length and breadth of the land. The consequence has been the arousing of an amount of enthusiasm truly surprising. Masonry has stepped forward like the early spring in beauty and fresh life, and vindicated her undoubted rights to be considered a power for the amelioration of human suffering. Lodges have sprung up in all directions, halls have been built, charity funds organised, and gentlemen of influence have taken their places in the front of the movement, and as a result of all this the field of Masonic labour has been very much extended. Here we are to a great extent shut out from these stirring events, but it is cheering to know that our noble Order is undergoing a process of purification, reform, and re-invigoration, and it is surely a satisfaction to know that we are associated by such close ties with the only institution the world has ever known that provides a platform on which the warrior, politician, theologian, and men of every country, and of every shade of opinion, can lay aside all their differences and meet on the level, and part on the square of friendship. Knowing these things then, our duty is perfectly clear. We must discountenance everything calculated to bring disrepute upon our Order, and cherish and encourage every step that leads in the direction of the true Masonic platform of brotherly love, relief, and truth. The toast was then drunk amidst cheers. Bro. D. Johnston then proposed "The Civil Service," responded to by Bro. James Allen. Then followed "The Clergy," by Bro. D. McArthur; "The G.M.M. of Scotland," by Bro. Kean; "The G.M.M. of Ireland," by Bro. Peffers; "The G.M.M. of England," by Bro. McDougall; "The Ladies," by Bro. D. Campbell, responded to by Bro. R. A. Chatworthy; "The Kildalton Lodge," by Bro. Hay, responded to by Bro. A. J. Hodge, who before sitting down gave "All Poor and Distressed Masons, wherever dispersed, speedy relief, and a safe return to their country if desired." Bro. Campbell proposed "The Health of the Tyler," acknowledged by Bro. P. McDougall. The tables were then removed, and dancing became the order of the night. The music, supplied by native talent, was everything that could be desired, and square, circle, figure dance, reel, and jig succeeded each other rapidly, with songs at intervals, until early morning brought to a close a night of perfect enjoyment, the company leaving the room "sorry to part and happy to meet again."

[Reports of the following Scotch Lodges unavoidably stand over:—31, 7, 18, 31, 88, 111, 114, 116, 117, 129, 156, 169, 175, 187, 198, 258, 360, 391, 413, 459, 497, 531. List of Officers of Edinburgh Lodges.]

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Christmas entertainment to the aged inmates of the Asylum at Croydon, was given on Wednesday last. The former events, which were tried as an experiment, having proved entirely successful, have given all those engaged in getting them up the encouragement to adopt them as a periodical institution, and the brethren and widows who occupy the almshouses may look forward to occasional treats to enliven their stay at the institution, and a visit from the ladies and brethren, who always take

an interest in their welfare. No pains had been spared to make them comfortable and happy, and the building had been adorned under the direction of Bro. Terry with illustrated reminders of the festive season in the enjoyment of which all of us have lately been participating. The hall, which stands over the principal entrance to the building, was neatly decorated with wishes for a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, shields or "lozenges" with arms painted on them, and several reproductions of the Prince of Wales's plume, which were acquired by the institution when His Royal Highness was Chairman of its festival. "Welcome" was also profuse on the walls and at the entrance, and an air of cordiality and friendship was plentifully infused into the whole structure. Bro. Terry, Mrs. Terry, Miss Terry, and Mr. J. E. Terry were present acting the part of host and hostess, and with their accustomed geniality most hospitably received the aged people, and those ladies and gentlemen friends of the institution, who had come down with the intention of adding their quota to the general amusement. The hospitable reception they met with at once made them a family party, every individual of whom at once threw themselves with the spirit of the gathering. Among those who were present were Bros. Charles G. Hill and James Terry, Mr. J. E. Terry, Mrs. Terry, Miss Terry, Bros. W. Lane, and James Linzell, Mrs. Linzell, Bro. John G. Stevens, and Mrs. Stevens, Bros. Geo. Knill, and A. H. Tattershall, Mrs. Tattershall, Bros. H. J. Green, and Richard Percy, Mrs. Percy, Bros. W. J. Crutch, and R. H. Halford, Mrs. Halford, Bros. Geo. F. Cook, and Richard Fowler, Mrs. and Miss Fowler, Bros. H. W. Alford, Mrs. Gogerty, Mrs. Hill, Bro. H. Massey ("Freemason") and Mrs. Massey, Bro. John Constable and Mrs. Constable, Bro. George Ford, Bro. W. W. Morgan and Miss Morgan, Dr. Strong, Mrs. Strong, Bro. John Horth Ross and Mrs. Ross, Mr. Gannon, Miss Haines, Mrs. Baber and Mrs. Dubois. The pensioners were first entertained with an excellent dinner, at which Dr. Strong presided, and the other brethren, and visitors, rendered all their assistance to see to the wants of the party. Every inmate was afterwards presented with a goodly portion of tea and tobacco for consumption in their residences and tea was provided under the direction of Mrs. and Miss Terry, and the "Matron" of the institution, Miss Morris. In the evening feats of legerdemain were exhibited by Professor Lane, and wine and cake and bobbons were supplied at numerous intervals to the whole party of inmates and visitors. Bro. John G. Stevens gave a happy illustration of a vestry meeting, which won for him rapturous applause and convulsive laughter. Bro. W. W. Morgan admirably recited "The Wreck of the Hesperus," and Miss Terry, Mrs. Baber, Mrs. Dubois, the Misses Strong, Miss Haines and Miss Morgan filled up several intervals in the evening with some charming singing and clever execution of pianoforte music. The amusements lasted till nearly ten o'clock, when votes of thanks were proposed, first on the part of the inmates by one of the brethren of the asylum, Bro. Morris, and then by Bro. Terry to those ladies and brethren who had assisted. Bro. Terry acknowledged the vote, which was proposed on behalf of the inmates, and told the brethren that all those who were connected with the institution had their interest at heart, and always endeavoured to make them happy. It was as much pleasure to the subscribers to the Institution to see their friends at Croydon enjoying themselves as it was to the inmates themselves, and he trusted that for many years to come they would have similar happy meetings to this one. In proposing a vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who had taken part in the amusements of the evening, he acknowledged the great kindness which had been shown by them, and the readiness with which they were at all times ready to assist in a good cause. To Dr. Strong, he moved a special vote of thanks for his earnest desire to promote the happiness of the old people, and for his unremitting attention to them in all their little ailments. The different votes of thanks were unanimously carried, and the London brethren and ladies, who were the last to leave the building, returned to town after enjoying one of the most pleasant days on record.

UNPARALLELED MASONIC MUNIFICENCE.

COMMUNIQUE.

I have just heard from my dear friend and Bro. Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, of the handsome gift by W. Bro. Henry C. Fox, which, so far as I know, is greatly in advance of any contribution heretofore of its kind, and deserves some special recognition not only by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, U.S.A., but general and particular acknowledgment in the columns of every Masonic journal in the world, as well as heartfelt appreciation by the Craft universal. The particulars communicated to me are as follows. At the stated meeting of the Covenant Lodge No. 456, held in the Grand Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on the 14th ult., the Worshipful Master, Henry C. Fox, presented to the permanent fund of the lodge the sum of 5000 dols. (£1000) as a "slight tribute of the affection he felt towards the members thereof, and his reverence for the pure principles of Freemasonry." The presentation was a great surprise to the brethren, the secret having been entrusted only to the Trustees of the lodge, and I can quite fancy—though I should fail to depict—the feelings of his hearers as the words fell from the lips of their Worshipful Master. I have never heard of such a munificent gift being made to any lodge in this country, or indeed under any Grand Lodge, and save the solitary exception of the splendid contribution by the lamented R.W. Bro. Stephen Blair to the "Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," I believe that such an amount has never before been given to any Masonic institution whatever by an individual brother. As one of the Stewards for 1876, on behalf of the "Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," how

much I should enjoy having even a tenth of such an amount on my list from a brother, and yet such hitherto unequalled Masonic munificence ought not to be beyond the capabilities or generous impulses of our wealthy brethren. Indeed I doubt much if the annual contributions to our three great Masonic Charities—great as they are—amount to a sum at all commensurate with the wealth and social position of the English Craft, and I do most heartily pray that the gift of our American brother may lead to similar results in this country, and that not only may the permanent fund be thus increased, but may we be able to alleviate all the distress and misfortune which it behoves us to do, and succeed in finding a home for every destitute orphan, the legacies of our unfortunate brethren to the English Craft.

Bro. Fox's munificent gift did not, I am glad to say, prevent the inauguration of another unparalleled Masonic event, viz., that the donor of the £1000 invited the members and certain privileged guests to a banquet, prior to his retiring from the chair, and so on Wednesday evening, the 15th December last, some 400 brethren assembled in honour of the occasion in the banqueting hall of the Masonic Temple, the whole arrangements, according to the circular before me, being evidently most thoroughly Masonic. The toasts embraced "The Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," "The Fraternity," "Our Visiting Brethren," "Woman," "The Centennial," "The Press," and, though not noted, doubtless "the toast of the evening" was "The Health and Prosperity of the Host," Bro. Henry C. Fox. I understand that an account of the banquet and speeches will appear in the racy "Keystone," and in all probability it will have been issued ere this short notice sees the light.

I must not forget to mention that a marked feature of the banquet was the total absence of all spirituous and malt liquors, a fact certainly to the credit of all concerned.

The brethren separated after a most pleasing evening, after singing "Auld Lang Syne."

I await with much interest the next unique fact in the annals of Freemasonry in the "Keystone" State. It has the honour, according to present evidence, of introducing the Masonic Craft in new England, the first lodge being held in Philadelphia, in which city the first Masonic Hall was erected, and now contains the largest and finest Masonic Temple in the world. According to our esteemed Bro. McCalla, the first of almost everything that is good had its origin in the City of Philadelphia, and so we must all proceed there to witness its reception of the Centennial exhibitors and visitors, and if I am able to go I hope to grasp the hand of Bro. Fox, the donor of £1000 to his lodge, as well as the hands of many dear friends.—W. J. HUGHAN.

Obituary.

BRO. ALEXANDER GORDON, 871.

Bro. Alexander Gordon, Royal Oak Lodge, 871, died on the 18th December somewhat suddenly. He was initiated in 871 in August, 28th, 1873, and continued a full subscribing member up to his death. He declined to take any office in the lodge on account of the many other duties he had to attend to. He was proprietor of the New Cross Tavern (Glass House), and was well respected by all who knew him. At his funeral there was a large assemblage of highly respectable persons, together with a goodly number of the brethren, which showed how well he was respected by all who knew him. He has left a daughter to deplore his loss.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Prince of Wales on Saturday last witnessed some tent-pegging, and subsequently visited the principal hospitals. In the afternoon, at Government House, His Royal Highness received a Masonic deputation, who presented an address, enclosed in an elaborate casket.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught has sent a cheque for ten guineas to Mr. Pashley, the founder of the United Soldiers' and Civilians' New Home, North Camp, Aldershot. The Duke of Connaught is expected to perform the formal opening ceremony of this institution next March.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught paid a visit to Ceuta on the 19th ult. in his yacht Vega, and was received with the greatest courtesy by the Military Governor of Ceuta, General Sartorius, and the officers of his staff. After luncheon at the General's house, His Royal Highness rode through the town and visited some of the barracks occupied by the Spanish troops, some of whom were paraded for the Prince's inspection. On Christmas-day the Duke of Connaught visited the inmates of the Naval and Military Hospital. Surgeon-General Balfour conducted His Royal Highness round the wards. The Duke made many inquiries, and conversed with the sick.

Bro. Lord Henry Thynne, who has accepted office as Treasurer of Her Majesty's Household, has been re-elected for South Wilts without opposition. His proposer was Mr. Benett-Stanford, M.P. for Shaftesbury, and his seconder Mr. E. Hinxman, of Durnford House, Salisbury. The noble lord did not address the electors.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., graciously received a deputation of Freemasons of Bankipore on Tuesday last.

Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. of Scotland has sent a supply of game for the patients of the German Hospital.

In consequence of the death of his father, Bro. Boord, M.P. for Greenwich, will not, it is stated, make his annual address to his constituents during the Parliamentary recess.

A number of gentlemen assembled at the residence of Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg on Saturday evening, and presented Mr. Torrens, M.P., with a purse of £200, as a slight acknowledgment of his services as senior member of the Borough of Finsbury.

The meetings of the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No 65, will in future be held at No. 1, Camomile-street, Bishopsgate.

Dean Stanley, in his annual sermon to children in Westminster Abbey on Innocents' Day, referred to the gallant conduct of the boys on board the Goliath, and especially of the little boy Bolton, who refused to leave the ship till the last, and whom he was proud to claim as a Westminster lad.

We have to record the death of Bro. James Rogers at his residence, 16A, Clarendon-square, on the 24th ult. Bro. Rogers was in his 81st year. He was for 54 years with the Mercers' Company, and founder and, for 36 years, Secretary of the London Coffee and Eating House Keepers' Benevolent Association; also Secretary to the Lodge of Confidence (193) for 31 years.

Bro. Alderman Ellis has arranged with the executors of the late Mr. F. J. Clark to undertake the responsibilities of the business of Messrs. Farebrother, Clark, and Co., at 5, Lancaster-place, Strand. Bro. Alderman Ellis will retain his City offices, No. 18, Old Broad-street, as heretofore.

Bro. William Ramsey, of Farringdon-street, has been commissioned by the Lord Mayor to prepare a stained glass window to take the place of the "Cotton" window in Guildhall, which is to be removed to the museum at Kew Gardens. The new window will be divided into two compartments, the upper representing Queen Elizabeth reviewing her troops, and the lower, the Armada Thanksgiving service at Old St. Paul's.

The City Masonic Club of Instruction, which holds its meetings at the Jamaica Coffee House, has just celebrated its sixth anniversary. About forty brethren were present. In the absence of the president, through illness, Bro. Tilley was called to the chair. It was stated during the proceedings that in the short space of six years this club, by devoting its receipts to Masonic charities, had become vice-presidents of both the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and would by the close of the year be qualified as vice-presidents of the other charities connected with the Craft.—"City Press."

TESTIMONIAL TO A BANK MANAGER.—We are pleased to observe that a committee is being formed for the purpose of presenting Bro. William Herbage (Lodge 177), the late manager of the City Bank, Ludgate Hill, and the present joint manager of the London and South-Western Bank, with a testimonial in acknowledgment of his zeal, assiduity, and courtesy. We observe that Bro. Alderman Hadley, P.G.D., is the chairman, and Bro. Frederick Kent, P.M., of 8, Red Lion Court House, Cannon-street, the hon. sec. to the fund, to which we sincerely wish success.

The "Evening Standard" states that the Address of the House of Commons, in answer to the Speech from the Throne, will be moved by Mr. Matthew White Ridley, member for North Northumberland, and seconded by Mr. Mulholland, member for Downpatrick.

It is a noteworthy and significant fact that at the recent elections of Common Councilmen, the City displayed a vigorous vitality and a very much stronger interest in the proceedings than usual. In many of the wards exciting contests took place, and men of position and influence came to the front and vigorously entered into them, in many cases with success; notably in Farringdon Without, the largest Ward in the City, when Mr. G. H. Mason, a new candidate, polled the unprecedented number of 975 votes, the highest ever recorded on a similar occasion in the annals of the Ward, and was elected by a majority of nearly 250, although several of the old representatives (who, by the way, polled more than usual at former contests) are among the most distinguished members of the Court of Common Councilmen.

The "Masonic Magazine" for January contains a portrait of Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, the "Lady Freemason."

ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK.—From the day of opening to the present time the visitors have averaged 8000 a day.

The first sixpenny day at the Crystal Palace on Monday resulted in the attendance of 8287 visitors, of whom 6186 were admitted by payment, and 2101 by season tickets.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Dangerous catarrhs, bronchitis, asthma, and influenza are rife at this season of the year; hepatic and renal congestions frequently occur as the result of checked skin action, giving rise to serious symptoms and preventing attention to business or pleasure. No time should be lost on the first appearance of any indications of the invasion of these diseases for the symptoms may be checked effectually by the use of these valuable remedies. The penetrating local effect of the Ointment acts surely in the affected parts, and restores them to a healthy condition; and the Pills, judiciously taken in accordance with the lucid directions, relieve the congestive capillaries and materially lessen the chance of serious mischief supervening.—ADVT.

## TO OUR READERS.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 12 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

The following stand over:—Letter from Bro. C. Burgess; A Masonic Presentation; Reports of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1573; Love and Honour Lodge, 75; Lodge Victory, No. 557.

## BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Boletino do Grande, Oriente Unido, &c., do Brazil." "Era Almanack" received, a review of same will appear next week. "History of British Guiana;" "The Golden Pheasant," J. Henderson; "The Artist;" "The Westminster Papers;" "Young Folks;" "The Ladies' Treasury."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

## BIRTHS.

RAMSON.—Dec. 24th, at 169, Huskisson-street, Liverpool, the wife of Bro. E. Ramson, Lodge 249, of a daughter.

WOLF.—Dec. 26th, at 46, Seymour-street, Liverpool, the wife of Bro. Isaac Wolf, Lodge 1503, of a son.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JAN. 8, 1876.

## H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD.

We learn that the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to appoint H.R.H. Prince Leopold Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire.

## OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER IN INDIA.

The reception of the Prince of Wales at Calcutta has been most loyal, and everything seems to have passed over with the greatest success. The Investiture of the Order of the Star of India was most striking and imposing, and there can be no doubt whatever but that the visit of our Royal Grand Master to India will have produced the best effects. By the time our readers read these lines the Prince of Wales will have left Calcutta, and the "Pioneer" publishes the following as the final arrangements for the Prince of Wales's tour after his departure from Calcutta, adding that the only alteration in the least degree probable is an extension of his Royal Highness's stay at Jeypore by one day:—On Monday evening, the 3rd of January, he will leave Calcutta by the East Indian Railway, and will arrive at Benares on the evening of the 4th, visiting Bankipore en route. Leaving Benares on the morning of the 6th, he will get to Lucknow the same evening. The Prince will spend the 7th, 8th, and 9th at Lucknow, and will proceed on the morning of Monday, the 10th, to Cawnpore, where he will spend that day, starting at night for Delhi. After remaining at Delhi from the 11th to the 17th he will go on to Lahore, arriving there on the morning of Tuesday, the 18th. The remainder of the 18th and the whole of the 19th will be passed at Lahore. Leaving that city on the morning of Thursday, the 20th, he will arrive at Jummoo on the evening of the same day, and will remain there as the guest of the Maharajah of Cashmere until the morning of Saturday, the 22nd, when he will set out on his return to Lahore. Sunday will be spent at Lahore, and on Monday, the 24th, the Prince will take the train for Agra, visiting Umritsur en route. At Agra a halt will be made from the 25th to the 30th. The visit

to Scindiah at Gwalior will occupy the 31st and the 1st of February, and on Wednesday, the 2nd, the Prince will return to Agra. On the 4th, he will go on to Jeypore, where he will remain until the evening of Sunday, the 6th. The night of the 6th and the whole of the 7th will be spent in travelling towards Nynce Tal, via Moradabad and Kaladoongee, and then will commence a shooting expedition in Kumanon and the Nepal Serai, lasting from the 8th to the 2nd of March. Bareilly will be reached on the morning of Friday, the 3rd, and will be left on the evening of the same day. A few hours of the 4th will be spent at Allahabad, and on the morning of the 6th His Royal Highness will arrive at Indore, where he will remain as the guest of the Maharajah Holkar until the evening of Tuesday, the 7th. On the evening of the 8th he will arrive at Ellora, where he will stay until the next evening. He will then go on to Bombay, and will embark on or about the 10th of March.

## THE LIMITS OF RELIGIOUS THOUGHT AND TEACHING.

We published last week an interesting letter from, we understand, Professor Tyndall, with reference to a recent allocution or circular of the French Roman Catholic Bishop of Montpellier. No doubt Professor Tyndall calls the attention of the "Times," in which journal the letter originally appeared, to this last deliverance of an energetic Roman Catholic prelate, on account of the old theory publicly avowed, but enforced anew by Roman Catholic authority. It is this, practically, the unchanged teaching of Roman Catholicism, which sets it so much at variance with the reason, intellect, feeling, and public opinion of the day. For what is this claim on the part of Rome? It is simply this, that the Roman Catholic Church, as the Church, has the right to pronounce and hold any and all scientific teaching contrary to the truth of Revelation, and to denounce it and condemn it "ad fideles" accordingly! But the Church—quæ the Church in our opinion—has no such inherent authority, or proper power. It is to proclaim spiritual truths not scientific, its great domain is the world of Grace, not the world of Nature. It may and probably does illustrate its teaching, from the wondrous storehouse of animate or inanimate creation, from the marvels of discovery, from the realms of science, from the laws which govern our material being, from the condition and normal existence of created man, but it has no right to pronounce dogmatically on these subjects ex cathedra, much less to make them questions of religious belief, or irreligious heresy, at least, so we hold. It would be very absurd if the Archbishop of Canterbury, for instance, were to say to any learned professor or scientific teacher amongst us, "You are propounding certain theories concerning the 'law of selection,' 'gravitation,' 'optics,' 'ethnology,' 'zoology,' 'anthropology,' 'geology,' &c., &c., and inasmuch as your researches seem to contravene the words of the Bible I claim the right of the Church to condemn your views, and denounce your discoveries." In our humble opinion, that would be travelling beyond the limits of religious thought and teaching! It is true that there may be "oppositions of science falsely so-called." It is, no doubt, correct to say that many writers have, in late years especially, advanced very questionable statements, which they hold tenaciously as "dogmata," and have spoken but little reverently of the Bible, which, as true Freemasons, we recognize and revere as God's word. But still, though this be so, it overpasses, as we regard it, the real limits of religious teaching, when any religious body professes to have a right quæ a religious body, to deal with the deductions of skilled writers, in any branch of the natural laws of this wondrous world of ours, the researches of pure science, the study of psychological phenomena, and to pass a religious opinion upon them, and declare them to be true or false, sound or unsound, contrary to God's word, or opposed to revealed truth. We cannot see or understand how such power can be vested in one or any denominational body. A church—the Church that we consider the church, has a right no doubt to lay down terms of communion, to declare on its infallible or fallible authority, as the case may be, certain spiritual verities

and distinct doctrines to be the truth for its members, and to reject all who refuse to accept them, or be bound by them; but it cannot, as it seems to us, say, or lay down anything more, rightly or lawfully. It clearly has no warrant to say that, because certain truths of the Bible are seemingly affected by certain discoveries of science, those discoveries must be untrue. The Church may command its preachers to aver certain truths to be absolute and essential truths, and, e converso, to condemn by implication, all opposing dogmata, and leave the result to the understanding or faith of the people. But it can rightly do no more, and go no further. The claim of the Church of Rome to supervise and give its "imprimatur" to scientific discovery cannot be admitted by any who value the freedom of the intellect, or believe in a right use of reason. Poor Galileo said that the sun was a "fixed body," with the "earth continually revolving round it on its own axis," but the Inquisition, because the Bible had said that the "sun stood still in the Valley of Ajalon," believed that the sun moved round the earth, and not vice versa, and condemned the great astronomer as a heretic. And so it still is, Rome claims to-day, to pronounce on all the discoveries of science, on all the results of modern investigation on the bearings of the natural laws of the universe, on the careful conclusions of the student and the sage. Such a claim, as we said before, cannot be conceded, and must be resisted. It is one of the main elements of the great struggle which is now going on. We are not among those who oppose ourselves, because we are Freemasons, to religious teaching, or the proper limits of religious thought and dogma. Far from it, we are neither secularists nor sceptics, humanitarians or unbelievers, but we venture to contend for the liberty of scientific studies, just as we uphold freedom of commerce, toleration of opinion, and inviolability of worship. We regret deeply to find that the Church of Rome is embarking on a contest, in which she must be defeated, since in this, as in many other things, the absurdity of her demands, and the unreasonableness of her teaching, will, end in her own overthrow, by the spirit of public opinion, and bring down to the ground with her much that otherwise might have been willingly upheld, and safely maintained.

## THE "FREEMASON."

We are still on the threshold of the new year and we have been taking stock; and the result is, on the whole, gratifying. We do not indeed wish or seek to come forward with magniloquent phrases, or conventional "bunkum." We are not very anxious to praise ourselves at the expense of others, or for the kindly purpose of annoying somebody else, give forth with boastful flourishes what we intend to be satirical, but what we know to be untrue. Far be from us any such ignoble feelings. It may suit those who deal in "cheap and nasty" wares to obtrude an inferior article on a gullible public! But we need follow no such course, nor be characterized by any such tactics. Ours is both plain sailing and straight running. We do not wish to "tout" for patronage, nor laud ourselves for support. We take approval and disfavour as they come and go; we rate them at their proper worth, we care neither for the one nor for the other, to tell the honest truth. We try to do our duty honestly, justly, liberally, by the Craft, and we have no fear that our motives will be misconstrued, or our efforts disregarded. The "Freemason" has never yet appealed to anything but the public opinion and approval of the Craft, and it never will. It has ever pursued a straightforward even course; it has neither been subsidized by friends nor patronized by any select body of Freemasons; it has had no public company to back it up; it has never been the organ of a party or the journal of a coterie, but it has asked for a "fair field and no favour;" and thanks to the liberality, and sympathy, and justice of the Craft, it has obtained a hearing. It was originally set on foot when Masonic literature seemed to have found the "facilis descensus Averni," and since 1869, the date of its publication, it has unobtrusively pursued the even tenour of its way. It has had, like all newspaper properties, its brighter and its darker days; but owing to the energy, and perseverance, and pluck of its

publisher, it has tided over many difficulties, and successfully weathered the gale. At the present time it can boast of a larger circle of readers and subscribers than any English Masonic paper has ever received, and, with one or two exceptions, perhaps than any foreign Masonic journal. It has been the first that has taken a high standard of Masonic literary excellence, and has maintained up to the present moment its intellectual character and its archæological tone. It has led the way to that more critical study of our records, and annals, and monuments and MS., which has practically developed the modern Masonic historical school, and all passing topics it has handled with prudence and firmness, with proper liberty of discussion, and yet with often needful reticence. And, one especial feature of its career has been its toleration of, and its consideration for contemporary Masonic literature! It has never attacked and never maligned, it has never even condescended to the covert insinuation, or the ill-mannered taunt, but has always been free and fair, plain dealing and plain speaking, honest and aboveboard, firm in its own principles, but courteous to all! We think it advisable at the beginning of 1876, to say all this, not to "sing our own praises," nor to be our own "trumpeter," but simply in justice to our publisher and ourselves! Such as we have been, such we shall continue to be. We hope still to merit the confidence of our subscribers, and the approval of our readers. In the year before us, just as in the years behind us, we shall strive to keep up the high character of the "Freemason," alike for correctness in our reports, independence of thought in our leaders, and an anxious endeavour to deserve the good opinion and sympathy of a very numerous and very kindly clientèle. We thank sincerely those good friends and brethren of ours, who have cheered us so greatly, and encouraged us so warmly, by their Masonic countenance and support in times past, and especially the last twelve months, and we beg to ask them with the new year for a continuance of their liberal patronage, their welcome contributions, and their zealous co-operation.

MASONIC SWAGGER.

We all of us know that a little swagger goes often a great way in common things and in daily life. Many unsophisticated natures, as well as easy going people, are sometimes alike imposed on and affected by pretentious swagger. As a general rule the swaggerer is, to use a common and slang term, a "duffer," who covers the vacuity of his brain, or the tenuity of his acquirements, mental, critical, or intellectual, by the pretentious assumption or the overbearing demeanour! And even in Freemasonry, as in all other mundane institutions, we often find plenty of swagger, and not a few swaggerers. Who of us all does not recall even now that amiable but intolerable bore who will ever expatiate "ore rotundo" on what he has done for Freemasonry, and what he knows of Freemasonry? To hear him talk, to peruse his magniloquent phrases, you would suppose that he was some Delphian oracle, some Masonic "Deus ex machina!" Nobody knows anything of Freemasonry as well as he does, nobody writes likes he does, nobody has ever done anything for Freemasonry, either in its literary development or its oratorical studies, until he came to the rescue, until he burst on our astonished Order, in the plenitude of his archæological knowledge, and the beauties of his ornate style. Well, they say every one has a delusion in this world, and why should he not have his, poor fellow; if it amuses him, it does not hurt any one else that we know of. So we shrug our shoulders with a look of pity on such harmless self-deception. For if the truth be told, the perpetrator of this Masonic swagger for the most part, is certain never to "set the Thames on fire." He has, no doubt, great readiness of assertion and a considerable amount of "native brass," but when he comes to "chapter and verse" the true Masonic student soon "spots" his deficiencies and is amused both by his blunders and his ignorance, which are pretty much "on a par." We have listened to not unfrequently the Masonic swaggerer, and found him generally to be a plausible sciolist. We have perused many specimens of Masonic swagger, and for the most part they were only

that and nothing else. The froth on the surface, not to say the scum of the pot. Such communications for the most part are very melancholy reading. If the fool will wear his motley let him do so by all means, and jingle his bells and rattle his "bauble" in the great vanity fair of life, but let him leave Freemasonry alone. It is far too serious a matter to be handed over to the empirical, the charlatan, the swaggerer, and the ignorant. The students of Freemasonry know well to-day both the difficulties and the dangers of their course. They are seeking, all real ones are at any rate, to master historical truth, plain honest reliable truth "pur et simple," without any admixture of fable, or fiction, or gloss, or myth, truth without pretence, alloy, or swagger of any kind. But the swaggerer does not take this more real and enlightened course. Not he. He has not studied the subject carefully or critically, and so he objects to and denounces all who have been so rash as to do so. "He does not approve, he says, of doubters or iconoclasts." He does not like going too deep into any theory. He has got a smattering of Masonic history, or archæology or symbolism, or ritualism, as the case may be, and swagger does the rest for him. Now he always undervalues privately, and publicly deprecates the labours of ardent students of humble enquirers. "He said so and so," "his opinion is to this effect," "he does not see the good of such enquiries," "he knows all that needs be known," and "beyond that he thinks," we "are going too far, and he disapproves of it, &c., &c., &c." How often in our life, have we heard these dreariest of utterances, how often have we seen the "wet blanket" thrown upon the intelligent, and the enquiring. When then, any lodge is blessed by that brother who "will be heard," and "won't be put down," who swaggers in the lodge, and at the banquet, whose whole Masonic career is summed up in the one word "swagger" whose ignorance is only equalled by his impudence, and whose overbearing disposition is only surpassed by his unconquerable "cheek," we pity that lodge deeply, and unless some good fates or some countervailing influence should intervene for it, is doomed to the "husks" and rubbish, and "debris" of Freemasonry as long as that intoward specimen of Freemasonry rules the roast. We do not wish to pursue the subject further, except to say, that we do not ourselves believe that "swagger" happily ever long prevails after all. We have to encounter it daily, we peruse its "outcome" every now and then, but luckily we are living in a discerning age, and though it treats all its friends even to its own childish impertinence, or its own idle boasting, it does very little harm indeed, after all, and may safely we think, be left to the discernment of the intelligent, the pity of the intellectual, and the contempt of the wise and instructed Craftsman.

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 ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
I am sure the kindly letter signed "Richard Wool, Sub-Prior of Worcestershire," which appeared in your issue of the 18th ult., has been read with much interest and satisfaction by all the members of the Order of the Temple, as coming from one who has most evidently the "true interests" of the Order at heart, and who really desires to lend his "influence and aid" towards the healing of those differences which most unhappily exist amongst us at the present time. The publication of the paper issued from the Chancery, to which you have given so prominent a position on page 591 of your issue for the 25th ult., was not only an act of fairness on your part, as you had from time to time inserted in your columns memorials against the new statutes, but I consider it is an act calculated most strongly to serve the "true interests" of our Order, as "throwing (as you have already stated) considerable light upon the compilation and authorship of the new statutes," against which there has been, and is, I am sorry to see, so much opposition. A careful and calm perusal of this document will, I hope, convince many that the changes which have been made are at least not the results of either hasty or clandestine legislation, and that the objections which have been raised to these changes are answered in a straightforward and courteous manner. The province in which I have the honour to hold office memorialised the Great Prior, under date 25th February last, and I think if you will be so good as to publish the ac-

companying copy of our memorial it may help to throw a little more light on the matters in dispute. I find it necessary, however, to correct a misapprehension which seems to have arisen regarding the receipt by the officers of the Great Priory of a similar copy of our said memorial some five or six months ago. It has been thought by some that these copies were sent out from the office of the Chancery of our Order because our memorial was in favour of, and not against, the new statutes. This is a thorough mistake. By direction of our Provincial Prior I sent them out myself after my arrival in England in May last, each cover being addressed in my own handwriting. I wrote and asked the Vice-Chancellor, it is true, to send them out, as he had the addresses of the officers of the Great Priory, but he declined to accede to my request, and referred me to the Calendar for the information I required. If then any officer of the Great Priory has not received a copy of our memorial, it has been because I was unable to trace his name and address.

Trusting you may find room for this communication in your next issue, and with many good wishes,

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

TUDOR TREVOR,  
Provincial Chancellor Bombay.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the "Freemason," December 25th, there appears an article under the head of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital, in one part of which the writer draws a comparison betwixt Knights Commanders, and Past Masters of lodges ceasing to be subscribing members. Of the latter he says "But in Craft Masonry, if he ceases to subscribe for a year his right lapses, and he becomes a mere Master Mason, nor can he recover his position and franchise without again serving as Master of a lodge."

This is a theorem which admits of considerable doubt, being opposed to the spirit and principle of Masonry, contrary to the usages and customs of the Order, and unsupported by law.

In order to understand this matter more clearly it will become necessary to ascertain what is meant by Past Master, and in what relationship does he stand to a Master Mason. "In ancient times no brother, however skilled in the Craft, was called a Master Mason until he had been elected into the chair of a lodge," so that originally the term Master and Master Mason were synonymous, but the Act of Union laid down that pure Masonry should consist of three degrees, viz., Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, and inasmuch as no community or body of men can conduct their deliberations in proper order without a governor, or head, it still remained that the brethren should elect one of their number to preside over them, who, after he had been installed, they should call Master. Hence arose the distinction between Master Mason and Master of a lodge, nor is this a distinction without a difference. The law says "He shall be duly installed in the chair according to ancient usage," at which ceremony "mere Master Masons" are not admitted, and none but actual Installed Masters, or Past Masters, can take part in the proceedings; even a W.M. elect cannot be admitted. It will therefore appear that, de forma, this is a fourth degree, as superior to a Master Mason as the latter is to the Fellow Craft, inasmuch as there are obligations, signs, words, &c., which are held as sacred from a "mere Master Mason," as from the popular world; and further, so long as memory retains its seat, these entitle him to be recognized as a Past Master, equally as the rites, &c., of the Master Mason or Fellow Craft entitle them to their distinctions.

In addition to this, the law grants him certain privileges subject to certain conditions. First, that so long as he holds the office of Master he shall be a member of Grand Lodge, and having executed that office for one year shall, so long as he continues a subscribing member of any lodge, rank as a Past Master, and be a member of Grand Lodge.

Having ascertained the difference in position, rank, and privilege possessed by a Master, or Past Master, above that of a "mere Master Mason," let us next consider the conditions upon which he continues to secure those privileges, and what he sacrifices by failing to comply with those conditions.

What is it then that entitles him to a continuance of those privileges? Continuous subscription to a lodge which if broken or interrupted for twelve months "he shall no longer continue a member of Grand Lodge." Observe! it does not say he shall no longer be a Past Master, nor does it say he shall become a "mere Master Mason." By ceasing to subscribe he loses his lodge membership, and the privileges connected therewith; he also sacrifices his right of membership of the Grand Lodge.

The writer of the article grants that by ceasing to subscribe he does not cease to be a Mason. If then we admit the axiom "once a Mason always a Mason," by the same course of reasoning it may be demonstrated that once a Past Master always a Past Master; and that the rights and privileges of the one are no more affected by ceasing to subscribe than the rights and privileges of the other: one ceases to be a member of a private lodge, while the other, in addition, loses his membership of the Grand Lodge, the Masonic rank of each remaining unchanged.

This brings us then to the consideration of the latter part of the writer's theory. "Nor can he recover his position and franchise without again serving as Master of a lodge."

On what law does he establish this statement? The Constitutions are comparatively silent on this point. Certainly they provide for a brother becoming affiliated to a lodge after his privileges have lapsed, through not subscribing or otherwise; but nowhere, even by implication, do they warrant the assumption of the writer of the article. On the contrary, they seem to imply that on a Past Master rejoining a lodge (after a 'apse) he does so in the posses-

sion of his former rank. Rule 25, page 66 B.C., reads thus:—"Each lodge shall annually make a return to the Grand Secretary of the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the lodge, and of all members who claim to be entitled to attend the Grand Lodge as Past Masters, having served the office of Master in some other lodge, and specifying the lodge in which each of them has served the office of Master." Obviously the above are Past Masters whose rights of membership in G.L. have lapsed through not contributing. It would also appear that on such brethren becoming affiliated to another lodge, they are to be returned as Past Masters, in support of their claim to attend Grand Lodge; otherwise, if they were contributing members of the lodge wherein they served as Master, they would also be members of Grand Lodge, and entitled to attend as such, and consequently the last sentence of the above rule would be unnecessary, viz., "and no brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge unless his name shall appear in such return." There is nothing here about his "again serving as Master of a lodge."

Then, as to the usages and customs of the Order, would any one dream of refusing admission to a well-known Past Master to participate in the ceremony of installation, simply on the ground of his not being a subscribing member? Further, it has been already determined that such an one is eligible to the highest office in the Royal Arch.

Therefore, the new statute of the Knights Templar is nothing more than an embodiment of the spirit and intention of the Antient Law of Craft Masonry as regards Past Masters. To wit, every Master who has executed that office for one year shall be a Past Master for life, and shall be a member of Grand Lodge, "and have a right of voting in the great body, or Parliament, of the Order," so long as he continues to subscribe to some lodge, "Nay, he may cease to do so for any length of time," but so soon as his name becomes placed on the roll of a regular lodge his rights and franchise revive."

I remain, yours fraternally,

HENRY INGHAM, P.M.  
Batley, Dec. 29th, 1875. P.Z. 258; H. 1214.

[Our correspondent is entirely wrong. If he will look at law 18, section 1, Book of Constitutions, he will see that any P.M. ceasing to subscribe for twelve months, forfeits his privileges, and cannot regain his seat in Grand Lodge until he is again installed Master of a lodge, and is, in fact, again a subscribing member. There is no clearer or better known law in Masonry, and we wonder much that Bro. Ingham should be so oblivious of the Book of Constitutions. Section 25, p. 69, applies to another state of affairs, and presupposes that none of the P.M.'s have lost their privileges. If these privileges are forfeited they can only be regained in one way—re-installation.—ED.]

#### GRAND LODGE OF ALL ENGLAND.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to Bro. Hughan, will you permit me to say that he is perfectly right, and that I am wrong in speaking of my lodge as holding its warrant from the Grand Lodge of All England. I was led into the error by a reference in Mackey's Lexicon, stating that in past times there were "two Grand Masters in England who assumed distinctive titles, the Grand Master of the North being called Grand Master of All England, while he who presided in the South was called Grand Master of England." My lodge has a date previous to the year 1800, and its jewel is of the same date. The warrant is from the York Grand Lodge. I should be glad to read Bro. Hughan's "Memorials of the Union" if he will kindly let me know where it is to be obtained. W.M.

#### THE COST OF SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At page 575, December 18th, of your columns, and in the report of a lecture by the Rev. Mr. Agnew, delivered at Auckland, New Zealand, I find the reverend lecturer stating that the cost of Solomon's Temple amounted to no less a sum than nine hundred and forty-three millions of pounds sterling! Where our learned brother got that piece of information I know not, unless, indeed, he is a bit of a spiritualist, and the ghost or spirit of Hiram Abiff's clerk of works being in a jocular mood sent it to him. As to his other statement, that "The true origin of Masonry lay in the Temple of Solomon," I fear it will also have to be taken cum grano salis.

Turning to page 596, December 25th, I find another brother under no less formidable a cognomen than "A Provincial P.M.," gravely informing "such of your readers as may not be aware of it, that St. Alban formed the first Grand Lodge in Britain in A.D. 287, and King Athelstane granted a charter to Freemasons in 926, the same year in which Prince Edwin formed a Grand Lodge at York." As his authority for these wonderful assertions, "A P.P.M." mentions the "Freemason." Now as a constant reader of, and pretty frequent contributor to, the pages of the "Freemason," I was not aware of this before, and I greatly fear that our no doubt worthy brother is drawing rather largely upon his imagination, and that he has failed to read the columns of the "Freemason" with due discrimination between quoted fictions and published facts.

Before "A Provincial P.M." rushes into print again, talking nonsense, I would respectfully hint that it might do him no harm to get a little better posted up in the subject by sending Bro. Kenning a little of his spare cash, who, in return, would send him some reliable information in such works as those by Findel, Hughan, and Lyon. Perhaps, also, our brother might do worse than send up his name as a subscriber to the New Encyclopædia.

Yours fraternally,

Glasgow, December, 29, 1875.

W. P. BUCHAN.

#### CAN A TYLER VOTE?

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The letter signed by Bro. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie, which appeared in your issue of January 1st, 1876, states in the third page that the Grand Secretary informs him, "The Grand Tyler is (scarcely) considered a Grand Officer, and, from his situation and duties, whether as Grand Tyler, or Tyler of a private lodge, it is impossible for him to take part in discussions, and, if he cannot do this, his vote, even if it were conceded to him as such, would not be of much avail."

I cannot understand why "scarcely" is used; the Grand Tyler is, or is not, a Grand Officer; firstly, if he be not a Grand Officer, why does Grand Lodge permit him to wear Grand Lodge clothing? secondly, if he be not a Grand Officer, why is the title "Grand" Tyler given to him in the Book of Constitutions, page 41? thirdly, if he be not a Grand Officer, why is the print of the jewel to be worn by him in the Book of Constitutions? fourthly, if he be not a Grand Officer, why are his duties as Grand Tyler laid down in the Book of Constitutions? (vide page 41.)

The Grand Tyler (and all other Tylers) retains his membership, and all privileges of Grand Lodge, as a P.M. and a subscribing member of a lodge (vide Book of Constitutions, page 18, par. 1, also page 37, par. 1, last four lines); consequently he has his vote, and I should think, right of discussion, the same as any other member, but it would not be quite in good taste for any paid officer of Grand Lodge, to enter into discussion in Grand Lodge.

Tylers are not balloted for, therefore they are not members of the particular lodge they tile, indeed, if I understand the Book of Constitutions, no brother can possibly be a member of a lodge unless he has been regularly balloted for, (vide Book of Constitutions, page 83, par. 1.) except an initiate, and then only provided he express his wish (to be a member) on the day of his initiation, (vide Book of Constitutions, page 65, par. 13.)

I fear our worthy Bro. Mackenzie must have misunderstood the Grand Secretary, and I should like to see an official answer to the question, as it must necessarily affect a great number of brethren acting as Tylers, and the Grand Tyler in particular, as they cannot possibly enter into the matter with good taste.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JAMES WEAVER,

P.P.G. Org., Midx., P.M. 862 and 1319, &c.

[We have reason to believe, that Bro. Mackenzie is in error in attributing the opinion he has quoted to our worthy Grand Secretary. The opinion he expressed has no official weight, and must be considered as Bro. Mackenzie's individual deliverance on the matter.—ED.]

#### PROPER USE OF NAMES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The remarkable "paper" issuing from the headquarters of the "Order of the Temple," and published in the "Freemason" of the 25th ult., after remarking that "it is strange to find men persistently advocating the perpetuation of an historical error," goes on to state that "the equivalent designation of the Hospitaliers was Commander and their estates were called Commanderies, where as those of the Templars were termed Preceptories."

The Charter of Philip and Mary, which restored in England the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, contains the following passage—"Ac dilectos nobis Ricardum Shelley Turcupuler Turcupulerium commendæ seu præceptorie de Slebiche et Halston, commendatorem seu præceptorem, Petrum Felices de la Nuca ballivatum de Aquila ballivum, Cuthbertum Laithen de Newland, Edwardum Browne de Templum-Bruer, Thomam Thornell de Willoughton, Jacobum Shelly de Temple-Combe, et Oliverum Starkey de Quenyngton, etiam Commendatores seu Præceptores ejusdem Hospitalis ordinavit et præfecit."

A folio copy in my possession of "English Houses of the Knights Hospitaliers of St. John of Jerusalem," published in 1817, by Longman and Co. and Joseph Harding, gives a list of 53 preceptories of the Hospitaliers, and references are adduced in support of the notice of almost every preceptory. I will quote one or two:—

"Transcripta cartarum et aliorum instrumentorum Ballivæ de Saundford ordinata et coadunata tempore fratris, Roberti le Escrop tunc (Scil. A.D. 1274) præceptoris ibid cont. fol. 113 MSS. in Bibl. Bodl. Oxon. Wood 10."

"Rentale, &c., per sacramentum tenentium et residentium infra dominica Præceptorie de Saumpford, 14 Feb., 1512; fol. MS. in Bibl. Corp. Christi. Oxon."

Again, de terris in Com. Ebor. ad Præceptoriam de Ribstane."

And, "Qued vicarius de Thorp juxta Stow debet percipere de Præceptore de Willoughton quinque Marcas annuatim." (Claus 16, Edw. II., M. 10.)

And, "the latter term (preceptories) was in use by both Orders." (Templars and Hospitaliers.)

Let me add a modern instance. The Sandilands, Lords of Saint John of Torphichen, are, I believe, to this day hereditary Preceptors of Torphichen of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, by virtue of letters from Queen Mary, to whom Sir James Sandilands, Knight of Malta, in 1564, handed over certain property of that Order.

Without here going into the question of the promulgation of error by those who, in their desire to advocate unsound doctrine, adopted the view that they "might call themselves Masonic or not, as they pleased," I ask your readers to consider whether it be the authors of the "paper" of November, 1875, or those who object to their proceedings, who "persistently advocate the perpetuation of an historical error."

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

CHAS. J. BURGESS.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF EMERALD HILL, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

On Monday, 25th October, 1875, the most important ceremony ever held in the district took place at the George Hotel, Coventry-street, on the occasion of the consecration and erection of the Lodge of Emerald Hill, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The ceremony and its surroundings will always be remembered with pleasure by all who had the honour of being present. The brethren signing the petition were all well-known and respected in the Craft, and from the very favourable start the new lodge has made it promises to be second to none in the colony. Worshipful Provincial Substitute Grand Master, Bro. De Gruchy (in the absence of Bro. A. K. Smith, Provincial Grand Master, through illness), opened the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, assisted by that veteran and enthusiastic officer, Bro. H. W. Lowry, and the Rev. J. Stobbs, V.W. Provincial Grand Chaplain. The following Grand Officers were also present:—Bros. Joseph Cahill, W.P.G. S.W.; E. Parnell, W.P.G.J.W.; C. R. Martin, P.G.S.D.; D. Nicholson, P.G.J.D.; W. Elms, P.G. Treas.; G. F. Martin, P.G. Bard; D. A. McNicoll, P.G.I.G.; William Gane, P.G. Director of Ceremonies; John Robertson, C. F. Erickson, and H. Kelson, P.G. Stewards; W. St. John Caws, P.G. Organist, and others, by whom the solemn ceremony of consecration was very ably performed. There were about thirty Installed Masters present, representing the most important lodges in the province. In courtesy to their neighbours, the W.M., Bro. A. Hart, with the P.M.'s and officers of the Yarra Yarra Lodge, held in the same town, were also invited and were present. The impressive ceremony was considerably enhanced by a grand organ, and the vocal efforts of several musical brethren, under the direction of Bro. Thomas Ford. After the dispensation had been read and some remarks made by the V.W.P.G. Chaplain, the officers and members of the new lodge were presented, and after the following beautiful Masonic hymn had been rendered by the choir, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed:—

To Heaven's high Architect all praise,  
All praise, all gratitude be given;  
Who deign'd the human soul to raise,  
By mystic secrets sprung from Heav'n.

Great Architect, receive our praise,  
And hear when we our voices raise;  
To thank Thee for thy gracious care,  
And for the love all Masons share.

To Thee we look with thankful heart,  
Rejoicing that 'tis Thine our part;  
In humble faith to seek to grow,  
And do Thy will while here below.

May all our acts Thy glory prove,  
May we be worthy of Thy love;  
Be it, O God, our constant aim,  
To live in honour of Thy name.

Thus may Freemasonry extend  
With Thee, O Lord, its greatest friend;  
And fostered by Thy mighty hand,  
Built on a rock for ever stand.

"The Lodge of Emerald Hill" was then declared open, and Bro. Robert Patterson Negus was presented and duly installed as the first R.W.M. of the lodge—the ceremony being performed in Bro. Lowry's well-known impressive manner, after which the following brethren were installed as the first officers of the lodge:—Bros. Joseph Cahill, W.D.M.; D. McNicholl, W.S.M.; Wm. Marshall, W.S.W.; Thomas Ford, W.J.W.; J. H. Horner, Treas.; A. L. Crone, Sec.; J. Robertson, S.D.; C. Dungey, J.D.; Wm. Smitham, I.G.; L. Levy, Tyler. The whole of the ceremony of consecration and installation was exceedingly striking and effective, and many will remember it as the inauguration of a lodge which is sure to prosper. The Provincial Grand Officers then retired, and after the names of a number of candidates had been submitted, the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren, numbering nearly sixty, then adjourned while the installation banquet was being laid on the tables. The following is a list of the toasts, which were proposed in telling terms, and responded to with the greatest loyalty:—"The Queen and Craft," "The Three Worshipful Grand Masters" (H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Duke of Abercorn, and Sir M. R. S. Stewart), "The District and Provincial Grand Masters, under England and Ireland, and their officers," "R.W.P.G.M., of the Scotch Constitution and their Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. De Gruchy; "The R.W.M., Bro. R. P. Negus." The proposer of this toast eulogised the services rendered by Bro. Negus, in every degree of Masonry, which was fully endorsed by all present, the toast being most enthusiastically received. In reply Bro. Negus remarked that he considered that it was a great honour in being installed first Master of the new lodge, which, with the assistance of the efficient staff of officers he had been fortunate in obtaining, he intended making a perfect lodge, one which may be looked upon as a model with respect to the working. The next toast was that of "The Installing Master." Every one present was aware of the interest Bro. H. W. Lowry had always evinced towards Masonry, and his readiness at all times to further its interests in every possible way. Bro. Lowry replied in a few feeling and appropriate remarks. The "Visitors" was next given and heartily responded to, Bro. W. Small, P.M. 714, E.C., making a very happy and telling speech on their behalf. "Our Musical Brethren" followed, and Bro. Exon, P.M. 714, E.C., replied. In doing so, he spoke of the advantage to the ceremony, when music was properly rendered by a choir. From the number of musical brethren residing in the district, and who at the present time give one of the metropolitan lodges the benefit of their services, a very complete choir might be formed in the new lodge, thus

making it even more attractive to visitors, and the ceremony more impressive to candidates by the introduction of appropriate music. "The W.M.'s of Lodges under the three Constitutions in Victoria." The name of Bro. W. Spedding, W.M. of the Prince Alfred Lodge, E.C., was mentioned in the toast as being the youngest Master present—he having been only installed a few days previously. His remarks were acquiesced in by the other Masters, and before sitting down he proposed "Prosperity to the Lodge of Emerald Hill." This toast was given with great enthusiasm. After "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" had been given and acknowledged by the various officers present, the "Last Toast" was given in consequence of the lateness of the hour through the length of the ceremony, and thus terminated the most important Masonic gathering ever held in the district. Great credit is due to all who had the management of the arrangements for their completeness—more especially Bro. T. Ford and the musical brethren who contributed the harmony at the ceremony and the banquet.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held their usual monthly meeting on Saturday last, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart presided. Among the other brethren present were:—Bros. John Symonds, H. Browse, Jesse Turner, John Wordsworth (Leeds), John Boyd, H. W. Homann, Thomas Bartlett, H. Massey, ("Freemason"), W. Paas, S. Rosenthal, W. Mann, F. Adlard, Charles Horsley, James Terry, W. F. C. Moutrie, Hyde Pullen, Richard Motion, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the former meeting of the General Committee, and the reading of the minutes of the House Committee for information, the subject of the infirmary accommodation was brought forward, when it appeared from a statement by the Chairman that in the event of any illness breaking out in the school, which required the isolation of the infected pupils, there was no sufficient provision for this purpose. From explanations offered for the information of the brethren by the Chairman and Secretary, the hospital portion of the building, erected before the enlargement of the school, was shewn to have been occupied in great part by the additional servants rendered necessary by the greater number of boys, and the institution was consequently left with an increased number of pupils and a smaller amount of infirmary. It therefore had become evident to the House Committee that this was an unsatisfactory condition of affairs, as at any time the varying climatic influences of the country might produce illness, which would require good infirmary provision, and in an establishment so large as the Masonic Boys' School such emergencies should be provided against. The Chairman thought that no time should be lost in supplying the deficiency, and he suggested that an expenditure of not more than £2000 should be authorised to erect a suitable infirmary for the boys.

Bro. Charles Horsley, Prov. Grand Registrar of Middlesex, intimated his opinion that the authorisation of any specified expenditure before enquiries were made of competent judges as to what would be required was rather putting the cart before the horse, and he would therefore suggest that the architect should be consulted on the subject in the first instance. For this purpose he moved, "That the House Committee be empowered to ascertain the amount and position of the ground at disposal for the purpose of erecting a building with all necessary accommodation for thirty boys in case of illness, and that they instruct an architect to furnish plans with proper elevations and sectional details, together with an estimate of the actual cost of erecting the same, and within what period from the commencement of the building."

Bro. John Symonds, Vice-Patron and Trustee, thought this was the proper course to pursue, and he enquired what was the ordinary per centage of inmates of large institutions for which infirmary accommodation was usually provided.

The Secretary said 15 per cent.; and, there being 178 boys at present in the school, Bro. Horsley's proposition was adequate to that number.

The motion was then seconded and carried.

The petitions were thereafter considered, and five boys were added to the list, vacancies being declared for nine, and the list of approved candidates being settled at fifty-nine.

A letter was read from the Secretary of a lodge, which recommended the case of one candidate, desiring in the name of the members of the lodge to withdraw their candidate. After some discussion on the subject, the Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the letter, and to inform the lodge that before the candidate could be withdrawn the consent of the candidate's petitioner must be obtained to the withdrawal.

The Secretary informed the Committee that notice had been served on him that the Wakeling bequest was before the High Court of Justice in a suit for a declaration of the rights of parties under Bro. Wakeling's will. The solicitor, Bro. Hopwood, had been consulted, and he advised that the institution should watch the proceedings, especially as it was probable that the costs of all parties would be allowed out of the estate, and that this institution and the Girls' School (which were also beneficiaries under the will) might be represented by one solicitor.

The Committee agreed to the suggestion.

An outfit of the value of £5 was unanimously granted to an ex-pupil, who had obtained a situation, and was giving every satisfaction to a firm of accountants by whom he had been engaged.

The Secretary read a letter from a brother of West Yorkshire, informing him of the appointment of a Committee

to examine into the management and expenditure of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, with a view to a more judicious and less expensive management.

Upon this several questions were asked, when it was elicited that one of the members of the Committee named was not even a subscriber to the school.

Bro. John Symonds, P.G.D., said that every individual subscriber had a right to inspect the accounts, and enquire into the management of the School, provided that he did not interrupt the work that was being carried on; but the province of West Yorkshire could not nominate an individual, or a body of individuals, of its own accord to do this, nor could any province, or any lodge; for if they were allowed so to act the time of the whole of the officials of the Institution might be taken up in attending to different committees of the kind. If parties wanted united action in such a matter their course was to apply to the General Committee, and the Quarterly Court, and move before those bodies for a committee of investigation. This General Committee could not recognise the committee named, or any committee appointed by anybody. Any individual subscriber, however, who required information would have every facility afforded him by the Secretary.

The Secretary said that he had given the brother who had written to him substantially this answer.

The letter, with copy of resolution, was ordered to lie on the table.

Notices of motions being asked for for next Quarterly Court (next Monday), the Secretary said there was one for a perpetual presentation for the province of Warwickshire, on payment of £1050.

Bro. Charles Horsley, Prov. Grand Registrar Middlesex, asked whether any reply, written or oral, had been received from Bros. Tew and Perrott to the invitation of the Special Committee appointed to examine into the charges brought by those brethren against the accuracy of the accounts, to come forward and make any statements further than those which had been found by the Special Committee to be inaccurate.

The Secretary said there had not; whereupon a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman for presiding, and the proceedings terminated.

THE GRAND PRIORY OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE, &c.

The following has been sent to us for publication:—

To the Right Honourable the Earl of Limerick, Very High and Eminent Great Prior of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, in England and Wales and the Dependencies thereof.

The humble memorial of the Sir Knights of the Province of Bombay in Provincial Priory assembled: Sheweth,

That your memorialists view with pleasure and approbation the restorations recently made in the constitution of the Order by the newly-enacted statutes of the Convent General, and emphatically desire to express their approval of the fair and straightforward manner in which those restorations were proposed for the acceptance of the Grand Conclave.

Your memorialists are of opinion that the omission of the erroneous term "Masonic" from the title of the Order was most desirable. They believe that the Order has never really been a Masonic Order, for, if it had been, entrance into it would have been possible for all in possession of the previous Masonic degrees. But such has never been the case, for reception into our Order has always been impossible for all who have been unable truly to declare that for salvation they trust in our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, a qualification which excludes many Masons.

Your memorialists therefore consider that the adoption of such names and titles as "Encampment," "Eminent Commander," "First and Second Captains," &c., was erroneous, and had no historical foundation, and that the restoration of the names and titles "Preceptory," "Preceptor," "Constable," "Marshal," &c., is most judicious, because it is founded upon historical authority. Such restorations, they believe, will increase the dignity of our Order by emancipating it from the anomalous position into which it had been thrust, and in which it was erroneously made to appear to be an off-shoot or dependent of Freemasonry, instead of the parent of the Craft in Europe; it really was. Your memorialists' opinion is founded upon the following facts, that is to say: The Templars, during their residence in the Holy Land, were received into the Syrian Fraternities, which, under the name of mysteries, taught the principles of moral truth and virtue, the liberal arts and sciences, and a more definite idea of the being and attributes of God than was possessed by the uninitiated. The Templars taught these mysteries to those whom they affiliated, but divested the ceremony of all its heathen rites. These mysteries are identical with those of Freemasonry, and there is no record of the existence of Freemasonry in Europe previous to the institution of the Order of the Temple.

Your memorialists consider the abolition of Past Rank, as it heretofore existed, to be most judicious, as tending to enhance the value of the elective offices of the Order. The officers of the Grand Conclave and Provincial Grand Conclaves were very numerous, and, with the exception of the Treasurers, they were all the nominees of the Grand Master and Provincial Grand Commanders, and though many of them had not attained the dignity of Eminent Commander, and their duties were merely nominal, yet they ranked, during their term of office and for ever afterwards, above all Eminent Commanders who had not attained Grand Conclave or Provincial Grand Conclave Rank superior to their own. This was manifestly unjust to Eminent Commanders, who by their installation had attained a degree, or at least a dignity, higher than that of ordinary

Knights, and, therefore, never ought to have been superseded by them. Your memorialists, therefore consider, that the opposition which some are making to the abolition of Past Rank, as it formerly existed, is very ill-advised.

Your memorialists also consider that it is very desirable to retain the newly created honours of "Knight Grand Cross" and Knight Commander," because it would be absurd to make our Grand Master "the Fountain of Honour and Grace," (p. 10, Statutes of the Convent General), and then to deprive him of the power of conferring honours.

Your memorialist, however, respectfully suggest that, since "the hope of reward sweetens labour," some reward should be given to those who faithfully and zealously perform the duties of the offices entrusted to them in the Great Priory and Provincial Priors. This reward might be granted to Preceptors in the shape of a distinction, entitling them to rank above all other Preceptors who have not held a dignified office equal to their own, and to ordinary Knights in the shape of a distinction entitling them to rank above all other ordinary Knights who have not held a dignified office equal to their own, but not above any Preceptor. Your memorialists would further suggest that it be enacted that the attainment of such distinctions shall constitute those who attain them members of the Great Priory or Provincial Priors in which they respectively attain them, and that it shall qualify such of them as are not Preceptors, but who may become subscribing members of preceptories in other provinces, for election as members of the Provincial Priors of those provinces respectively, in which, whether attending as visitors or members, they shall be entitled to such rank and precedence as their respective distinctions confer upon them, seniority of date of distinction giving precedence to holders of distinctions otherwise equal in rank.

Your memorialists have purposely refrained from defining what the distinctions should be, because, in their opinion, that point can best be decided after full discussion in the Convent General.

Your memorialists therefore pray that your lordship will be pleased to take such steps, as to your lordship may seem meet, to bring this memorial before H.R.H. the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master and the Convent General at as early a date as the rules of that august body will permit.

And your memorialists humbly pray that no alteration be made in the statutes of the Convent General with respect to the name of our Order, or the names and titles of the bodies and officers in it, or with respect to the power of H.R.H. the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master to confer the honours of "Knight Grand Cross" and "Knight Commander," but that some provision be made for rewarding those who may faithfully and zealously perform the duties of such offices as may be conferred upon them in Great Priors or Provincial Priors, to take effect from the date of the enactment of the present statutes of the Convent General.

Signed on behalf of the Provincial Priory of Bombay.

G. S. JUNG, Provincial Prior of Bombay.

H. MORLAND, Provincial Sub-Prior of Bombay.

TUDOR TREVOR, Provincial Chancellor of Bombay. Provincial Priory of Bombay, Bombay, 25th February, 1875.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. EMRA HOLMES.—The following address, signed by the Collector and all the superior Officers of Customs at Ipswich, and by a large number of merchants, ship brokers and others, has been forwarded to Bro. Emra Holmes:—"To Emra Holmes, Esq., Collector of H.M. Customs, Woodbridge. Sir,—Whilst heartily congratulating you on your promotion to the Collectorship of H.M. Customs at the port of Woodbridge, as a post of duty for which we think you are eminently qualified, we cannot refrain from expressing our regret at the loss of your services at the Custom House of Ipswich. Having had such frequent business intercourse with you in the long room at Ipswich, as merchants and brokers, or as brother officers, we wish to assure you of our respect and esteem for yourself in such relationship, and to convey to you our acknowledgment of the intelligence and courteous treatment we have therein received. Wishing for your health and happiness during your continuance in your now more important sphere, till another yet higher may soon be opened up to you, we are, yours truly." [Here follow the signatures.] Bro. Emra Holmes's reply was as follows:—"H.M. Customs, Woodbridge, 18th December, 1875. Dear Sir,—The address signed by yourself and others was forwarded to me last evening, and I hasten to acknowledge the receipt without delay. As it is in your handwriting, and I conclude originated with you, may I ask you to be the medium for conveying my most grateful thanks to the gentlemen who have joined with you in this flattering and, I feel, undeserved expression of regard and esteem. I believe that an officer of the Crown who endeavours to perform his duty faithfully cannot hope to be universally popular, but it is some consolation to know that he may at least win the respect of all those whose good opinion is worth having. Although connected with you no longer officially, I yet hope to come amongst you as time and opportunity offer; and wherever, in the course of my official career, I may be stationed, I shall always look back with pleasure to the many happy years spent in Ipswich. Reciprocating your good wishes, and again thanking you most cordially for this testimony of your good will, I remain, faithfully yours, Emra Holmes.—Wm. Budden, Esq., shipbroker, &c."

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## Reviews.

"EVENING HOURS." Edited by LADY BARKER.

This very charming book we especially commend to our brethren for their little Lewises and Masonic blossoms. It is admirably illustrated, and, we feel sure, will be perused by all with equal pleasure and profit. It is sound healthy reading, and cannot be too much commended to mater familias for her little flock.

GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL STATE OF ILLINOIS.

We have received this beautifully printed book. We are very much pleased to note how much the engravings in the "Life of Constantine," published by Bro. George Kenning, are appreciated in America, and they are admirably reproduced. We have looked through this interesting pamphlet carefully, but we have not yet found any acknowledgment of the source from whence these effective illustrations were taken. Masonic comity and chivalric equity might, we think, have led the excellent compilers to say a friendly word for the publisher of the "Life of Constantine," the more so as he is a Constantinian himself. We are, however, heartily glad that we have enabled our good brethren in Illinois to issue so well-printed and pleasant a report.

THE EAST ANGLIAN HANDBOOK.

This is one of those local handbooks which have their interest and use for those who live in the provincial area for which they are drawn up. It is a readable book, and contains a great deal of useful local information, and we are obliged to the publisher for calling our notice to it.

MEMORIAL MASONIC WINDOW.—The Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe, Grand Master of the Province of Cornwall, has designed a window to be erected in the Guildhall, Plymouth, to commemorate the joint meeting of the Freemasons of Devon and Cornwall in the Hall, to welcome H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, on the occasion of his opening the building, August, 1874. The circle of the tracery contains a portrait of the Prince; the cinquefoils have the All-Seeing Eye, the Bible, the Crown, the badge and motto of his Royal Highness, the emblems of Faith, Hope, and Charity; and in the quatrefoils are the arms of the Prince and of the Grand Lodge of England. The tracery has appropriate Masonic borders. The design itself is so arranged, that at first sight it has the appearance of a subject-picture, but it really is composed of four subjects, viz., Brotherly Love, a figure supporting another in distress; Relief, a female with a child being succoured by a figure who consents to take charge of the child; Truth, a figure representing the Master Mason; and Obedience, figures representing the Fellow Craft, and the Entered Apprentice, who are receiving instruction from the Master Mason. The lower part of the window is occupied with the arms of the Grand Masters of Devon (the Rev. Jno. Huyshe) and Cornwall (the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe). The design has been cordially approved, and Messrs. Fouracre, East Stonehouse, have been entrusted with the work of carrying it out. Other windows in the hall represent the receipt of the news of the Spanish Armada, the sailing of the Pilgrim Fathers from Plymouth Sound, Sir Francis Drake bringing water into the town, the siege of Plymouth during the reign of Charles I., the arrest of Raleigh, and the old Plymouth pottery.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, January 14, 1876.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, at 12.  
Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 176, Cavac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1328, Granite, F. M. H.  
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.  
" 1426, The Great City, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.  
Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-square.  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road.  
Sinai Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, at 12. See Advt.  
Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F. M. H.  
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 59, Royal Naval, F. M. H.  
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.  
Chap. 22, Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.  
1118, University, F. M. H.  
" 1319, Asaph, F. M. H.

R.C. Con., 2, Plantagenet, Regent M. H., W.

INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden To.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
West Kent, St. Saviour's College, Forest-hill.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Sydney, White Hart Ho., Church-rd., Upper Norwood.  
Metropolitan, Coach and Horses Hot., 323, Strand.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11.

Lodge 46, Old Union, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.  
" 166, Union, London Tav., Bishopsgate.  
" 180, St. James's Union, F. M. H.  
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.  
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

INSTRUCTION.

Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domatic, Surrey M. H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, 1, Camomile-st., Bishopsgate.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Percy, Grapes Tav., Little Windmill-st., W.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Metropolitan Chapter, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12.

Gen. Com. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.  
Lodge 9, Albion, Regent's M. H., Regent-st.  
" 11, Enoch, F. M. H.  
" 13, Union Waterloo, M. H., Woolwich.  
" 15, Kent, F. M. H.  
" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.  
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
" 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.  
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Limehouse.  
" 1017, Montefiore, F. M. H.  
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tav., Wapping.  
" 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.  
Chap. 1360, Hervey, F. M. H.  
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Brit. Stores, St. John's Wood.  
Precep. 129, Holy Palestine, M. H., Regent-st.

INSTRUCTION.

Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Cas. Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Confidence, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-lane.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's.  
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.  
" 91, Regularity, F. M. H.  
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 534, Polish National, F. M. H.  
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 879, Southwark, Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
" 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Docks.  
" 1288, Firsbury-park, Finsbury-park Tav., Holloway.  
" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.  
" 1457, Bagshaw, Bald-Faced Stag, Buckhurst Hill.  
" [1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.  
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.  
" 140, St. George's, Globe Hot., Greenwich.  
Rose Croix Chapter 8, St. George's, 33, Golden-square.

INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Whittington, Crown Tav., Holborn.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, 111, Cheapside.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Marquis of Ripon, Albion Tav., Albion-rd., Dalston.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 157, Bedford, F. M. H.  
" 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hot., Wandsworth.  
Preceptory D., Mount Calvary, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.

INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal-hill, Greenwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Lyceum Tav., 354, Strand.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F. M. H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Metropolitan, 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 Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, Commercial Tav., King's-road, Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hot., Buckhurst-hill.

Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
Royal Standard, Finsbury Park Tav., Holloway.  
Ranelagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 15, 1876.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10.

Lodge 292, Sincerity, M. H., Liverpool, at 4.  
" 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.  
" 613, Unity, M. H., Southport.  
" 793, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hot., Blackpool.  
" 1021, Hartington, Customs House Building, Barrow-in-Furness.  
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
Chap. 148, Gleas Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington.  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11.  
Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hot., Wigan, at 6.30.  
" 241, Merchants', M. H., Liverpool, at 5.  
" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.  
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, near Ormskirk.  
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Mas. Rooms, Warrington.  
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.  
" 1325, Stanley, M. H., Kirkdale.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12.

Lodge 231, Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
" 1052, Callender, P. H., Rusholme.  
" 1061, Triumph, M. H., Lytham.  
" 1094, Temple, M. H., Liverpool.  
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, North Hill-st.  
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Ho., Ormskirk.  
" 1547, Liverpool, M. H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
Neptune L. of I., M. H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 333, R. Preston, Victoria Garrison Hot., Fulwood.  
" 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.  
" 786, Croxteth, United Service, M. H., Liverpool.  
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M. H., Kirkdale.  
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M. H., Liverpool.  
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.  
Chap. 549, M. H. Liverpool.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 15, 1876.  
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st.  
" 204, St. Paul, Whip Inn, Ayr.  
" 205, Garthland, St. Winnock, Lochwinnoch.  
" 219, Star, 12, Tron-gate.  
" 307, Union and Crown, M. H., Barrhead.  
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.  
" 384, Athole, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch.  
" 403, St. George, Oddfellows' Hall, Helensburgh.  
" 541, Marie Stuart, M. H., Crosshill.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11.

Lodge 177, St. James, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.  
" 230, St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hot., Old Cumnock.  
" 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.  
" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James's-street, Kingston.  
" 426, Prince of Wales, Mas. Hall, High-st. Renfrew.  
" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street, Glasgow.  
" 543, St. John's, M. H., Dalmuir.  
Chap. 60, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.  
" 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st.  
" 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.  
Chap. 113, Partick, M. H., Partick.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.  
" 109, St. Marnock's, Crown Hot, Kilmarnock.  
" 179, St. Mungo, London Hot., Mauchline.  
" 203, St. John's Operative, Olive Hall, Airdrie.  
" 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hot., Dalry.  
" 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.  
Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14.

Lodge 18, Kilwinning, Mission Hall, Dumbarton.  
" 170, Leven St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Leven.  
" 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hot., Kilbirnie.  
" 427, St. Clair, M. H., Cambusnethan.  
Chap. 144, St. Rollox, F. M. H., Garngad-rd.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15.

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

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 15, 1876.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen's, St. James's Hall, Writers' Court.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11.

Chap. 1, St. Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Ho., Waterloo-pl.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12.

Lodge 2, Canongate, St. John's Chapel, St. John-st.

Chap. 1, Edinburgh, F. M. H., George-st.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13.

Lodge 8, Journeyman, Blackfriars-st., High-st.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14.

Chap. 156, Canongate, M. H., St. John's st.

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