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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.  
Craft Masonry.

**LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).**—Arduous was the work which this lodge had before it at the meeting on the 6th inst., the outgoing W.M. having the three degrees and the installation ceremony to work. The promise made in the summons was not broken to the hope in the lodge, and Bro. Newman's great powers were quite equal to the occasion. The W.M. and his officers were put upon their mettle by the presence of nearly forty visitors, including Bros. Colonel Francis Burdett, P.S.G.W., the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex; Charles Horsley, P.G.R. of Middlesex, W.M. of the Acacia, &c.; F. Binckes, P.G.S., Secretary of the Boys' School; G. Everett, W.M. 177, and W.M. elect of the Kennington Lodge; C. Jardine, P.M. St. George's, 140; D. Pearce, P.M. Canonbury; W. Worrell, P.M. of the Wm. Preston; Farthing, I.P.M. of the Constitutional; Garrod, P.M. of the Belgrave; John While, W.M. of United Strength ("Freemason"); Braun, I.P.M. of the William Preston; G. Clarke of the Domatic; Burgess Perry; H. B. Dunn, of 28; and H. B. D. Dunn, of 1288; and others. Bro. Newman raised Bro. Portch, passed Bro. Borer, and initiated the candidate proposed by Past Masters Kenning and Abbott, the initiate now being Bro. G. Statham. Bro. Cohu, the W.M. elect, was then presented, and after the usual ceremony in the lodge of F.C., received from his predecessor the benefits of installation. In this work Bro. Newman was fully equal to the expectations formed of his powers by the experienced Board of Installed Masters summoned to see the ceremony performed according to ancient custom, among the several Past Masters of the lodge present being Bros. Kenning, Abbott, Marsh, and King. The W.M. invested as his officers Bro. Arkell, as S.W.; Bro. C. Jones, as J.W.; Bro. George Kenning, as Treasurer (unanimously elected at the last meeting); Bro. Lieutenant J. G. Marsh, P.M., as Secretary; Bro. Legge, as S.D.; Bro. Francis Fellowes, as J.D.; Bro. W. T. Rickwood, as I.G.; Bro. Lucas, as D.C.; and Bro. E. King, W.M., as W.S. The usual complimentary speeches were made in lodge, the members of which voted the retiring P.M. the customary jewel of the lodge, and resolved to reimburse him the payment he had made for the installation jewel, he acting as Steward on the installation of the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master. The large gathering, very few short of a hundred, then banqueted in the pillar hall, the banquet being excellent in every respect. After the usual devotion to the table the more devout on this occasion, on the part of many, from the many hours "work" in lodge the W.M. commenced the list of toasts by the usual loyal one to the "Sovereign and the Craft," and followed this by the toast of "H.R.H. the Grand Master," who, the speaker said, it was to be hoped would return from his visit to a country famed for its Masonic treasures with a mind enriched with knowledge, and a body invigorated by the change. The toasts having been fully honoured, the W.M. gave "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present." In giving this the W.M. spoke of the honour which had been done to the lodge by the attendance of Bro. Col. Burdett, with whose name he coupled the toast. The Pro Grand Master of Middlesex, in responding, expressed the pleasure with which he spoke for the Grand Officers before that splendid gathering, and, he said, it was rarely that a lodge could present so noble an appearance as the Lion and Lamb then presented. The lodge, in its good working, its truly Masonic feeling, and its aid to the charities, was a credit to the Order. As to its working, as he had had the pleasure and happiness of seeing the lodge work in bygone years—and he was present when Bro. Kenning was installed—he could judge for himself how the lodge had progressed, and he could say that its work was as near perfection as possible. Bro. Newman had that day performed an immense amount of work in a most masterly manner, and to use a phrase used in the army when a soldier thoroughly knew and discharged his duties, Bro. Newman had gone "fairly through the book." It was a good thing for Grand Officers to visit the different lodges, for by so doing they could understand the feelings and wants of the Craft, and could see how the work was done, and as a visiting Grand Officer that night he begged to thank the Lion and Lamb Lodge for the reception they had given him that night. The I.P.M., Bro. Newman, then, amid great applause, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," wishing him all happiness and prosperity during his year of office. The speaker said the members of the lodge were so well acquainted with their

W.M.'s good parts that it was unnecessary to say that he would do his best to keep the lodge up to the mark in every respect, and, if anything, might be expected to excel previous Masters. The members hoped that their Bro. Cohu at the end of his year of office would be as proud of leaving the chair as the lodge was that night placing him in it. The toast was received with all honours, and the W.M., in responding, said he should be happy indeed if he maintained the character of the lodge for working; but he could not expect to excel the working of the Masters who had preceded him, for that indeed would be impossible. He then proceeded to propose the toast of "The Initiate," and would tell him, he said, what was said to himself when he sat by the Master's chair many years ago. He then was told that that was the only time he should sit at that end of the table until he returned there to preside over the lodge. That was his proud position that night, and he urged the brethren to use their best endeavours to reach that position. The toast was drunk with all honours, and the Initiate responded. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and Bro. Charles Horsley, in response, made a laughable speech on the zoological name of the lodge, saying that Landseer never, in all his experience, painted such gentle lions, and that in this lodge, at all events, the lambs were to be found lying down with the lions. The W.M. then proposed "The Past Masters," and expressed his pleasure that their numbers had received so excellent an addition as Bro. Newman would be to them. The interesting ceremony was then performed of decorating Bro. Newman with a splendid P.M. jewel, bearing the old banner of the lodge in enamel on gold (the jewel being manufactured by Bro. Kenning); and Bro. Newman rose with his new decoration amid the cheers of the brethren. He thanked the brethren warmly for the handsome and valuable jewel, and said he had that night taken upon himself what was an innovation in the lodge—that of installing his successor. This ceremony in this lodge had been performed for many years by an esteemed Past Master but, Bro. Newman, said he, being desirous of making a change in the direction of having each Master instal his successor, had "broken the charm" of many years by his action of that night. He was led to this by a remark he heard many years ago from Bro. Charles Horsley—that it was not only the duty, but that it ought to be the ambition, of every Master to instal his successor, and not to seek for some great luminary in the Craft to do it for him. He trusted that his example would be followed, and that each Master would feel it a duty to perform the ceremony. Bro. Newman thanked the lodge for the support given to him, and for the invariable kindness and courtesy with which they had treated him. Bro. Abbott also spoke for the Past Masters, and the W.M. then proceeded to propose "The Masonic Charities," and spoke of the endeavours needed to place the son of Past Master Trot in the school, this being the only occasion upon which the boy could stand for election. The W.M. said that doubtless, Bros. Terry and Wentworth Little were at some good work that evening or they would have been present. Bro. F. Binckes, in the course of his reply, said that this lodge had so well done its duty towards the charities, that it was needless to say a word before its members as to the merits, wants, and claims of the charities. He reminded them that the three institutions could only be supported by the action of the brethren—that there was no appeal outside the Craft—but, he said, so well were their wants kept in mind, that the £30,000 necessary each year for the support of the institutions would always be forthcoming. In regard to the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on the 9th prox., he bespoke, in Bro. Terry's absence, the support of the brethren, and then with regard to the candidature of their late Past Master's son, he warned them that they would require 2000 votes to warrant them in looking for success. Speaking generally of outside and general charities, he said their purposes were such as would arouse the deepest and holiest sympathy; but he urged upon the brethren not to support other charities to the prejudice of their own institutions, which, he said, notwithstanding the views of those who had but a superficial knowledge of their working, were institutions of the highest character in work, purpose, and management. He trusted that the Lion and Lamb would be true to its traditions in all time to come, and not forsake the Masonic institutions. Bro. Horsley and Bro. Pearce promised their votes for the boy. The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Press," coupling the toast with the name of Bro. John While, of the "Freemason," and in reply Bro. John While said that the paper he represented not only filled the useful function of giving all necessary news of the Craft, week by week, but it would in the future fill that void which every Mason desirous of learning the history of the lodge felt at the present day, in the want of volumes recording past proceedings in and in connection with lodges. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and the S.W. and Secretary responded. In the course of the evening, Bro. Burgess Perry and other musical brethren greatly delighted the assemblage with some excellent chants.

**ASAPH LODGE (No. 1319).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. C. S. Jekyll, W.M.; W. A. Tinney, S.W.; Edward Terry, J.W.; E. S. Jones, Secretary; E. Swanborough, J.D.; Harry F. Cox, Dir. of Cer.; G. R. Egerton, Org.; Charles Welland, I.G.; C. Coote, P.M.; John Chamberlin, jun., Joseph Perry, H. Snyders, W. Graves, J. R. Poulter, Arthur Thomas, Robert Hilton, H. Stephenson, E. Coles, Arthur Swanborough, J. Horton, George Arnold, Victor Tussaud, A. Henson; and visitors: Bros. P. A. Charrier, P.M. 1210; Ernest Sibold, 782; H. F. Moate, 1376; A. J. Phasey, C. Mordaunt Walthew, 263; H. Massey ("Freemason") W. Robertson, 221; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. Messrs. Frederick Delevante and James L. Hambleton were initiated; and the lodge, which had met as early as one

o'clock in the day, was closed shortly before four. The members in this lodge are steadily increasing, and it continues to hold the high position originally marked out for it by its founders, both in working and in support of the Masonic institutions.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—An exceedingly strong meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. There were present Bros. S. Gardner, W.M.; G. Everett, S.W. (W.M. Domatic); Koch, I.P.M.; Mann, P.M.; Stuart, P.M. (Sec.); Webb, acting J.W.; Higgins, acting S.D.; Walls, acting J.D.; Marston, acting I.G.; Kohler, A.W.S. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., assisted by Bro. Stuart, P.M., raised Bros. Saunders and Muller, passed Bros. Collins and Andrews, and initiated Mr. Grimwade. This being the night of election of W.M. for the ensuing year, the Secretary read the names of the brethren eligible for the office, and the ballot having been taken and investigated by the W.M. and I.P.M., was found to be unanimously in favour of the S.W., Bro. George Everett, who virtually vacated the Chair of K.S. at the Domatic on the 10th ult., an office which he had filled to the universal satisfaction of the members, and consequently he will bring a year's experience in one of the largest working lodges in the Craft to bear on the position as W.M. of the Kennington. Bro. Everett, in a few well-chosen sentences, expressed his thanks to the brethren for having unanimously elected him to the chair, and assured them that nothing should be wanting on his part to further the interest and enhance the prosperity of the Kennington Lodge, and he hoped to have the pleasure on a future occasion of further thanking them for the honour they had done him. Bro. Page, P.M., who unfortunately was absent through indisposition, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, the duties of which office he has through a series of years so well discharged. Bro. Longstaffe, after some discussion, was re-appointed Tyler, and Bros. Cruse, Muller, and Brook appointed to audit the accounts on Wednesday, the 19th inst. Several communications having been made by the Secretary, and the customary P.M.'s jewel voted to the retiring W.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and Craft," which was well received. In giving "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," Bro. Gardner spoke at length upon the reception which had been given His Royal Highness by all classes of society in India, and, in conclusion, said it was a proud day for the Craft when the Prince, notwithstanding the many arduous duties of his position as *Hier-apparent*, accepted the responsibilities of Grand Master of this ancient body. After the toast of "The Pro Grand Master," &c., &c., had been given and received the I.P.M. rose and proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who had done his best during his year of office to carry out the duties of his position. This toast having been duly honoured, and Bro. Walls having contributed "Tom Bowling," the W.M. responded at length. In the course of his speech he stated that he had been somewhat unexpectedly elected to the chair, and although he had been a member of the Craft many years, he had not had opportunities, in consequence of his business requiring his personal supervision, of thoroughly qualifying himself for the position of a Master, but he had done, since his election, as the I.P.M. had said, "his best" to give the lodge satisfaction, and he hoped to be spared many years to hold the proud position of a founder and P.M. of the Kennington Lodge. In conclusion, he stated that at the risk of becoming unpopular he had diminished the number of banquets, and in consequence he left the monetary affairs of the lodge in a very prosperous condition, and he believed that his worthy successor, Bro. Everett, would exercise a like retrenchment in the administration of their funds. The initiates, Bros. Andrews Collins and Grimwade, having been toasted, severally replied. The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings at a late hour. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Hart (Stockwell) and Tait (1145).

**THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last, at the City Terminus Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. J. Hamilton Townend, W.M. The lodge was opened at a quarter-past-three p.m., when a long list of business was presented for disposal. All three ceremonies had to be performed, and at half-past three Bro. N. B. Headon, I.P.M., raised Bros. Powell, Keith Frith, Luggar, and Hudd to the Third Degree. At five o'clock the W.M., Bro. Townend, passed Bros. Shore, Wyler, Lawson, and Ginders to the Second Degree; and on the termination of this ceremony lodge was called off for tea. On resuming, Messrs. Royd, A. F. Roberts, J. H. Boute, S. White, and T. A. De Leliva were initiated, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Edward Moody, P.M., who was the proposer of the last named gentleman, and the seconder of Messrs. Roberts, Boute, and White. The labours of the evening were not concluded till a late hour, all the work being performed, as usual in this lodge, with the strictest observance of Masonic ritual and form. Lodge was numerously attended both by members and visitors. Among the latter were Bros. Turner, 157; R. Cumming, 534; E. Wilts, P.M. 144; Smith, 144; Barnam, 144; Betley, 749; W. Phillips, 514; O'Leary, 1216; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; C. F. Matier, P.M. 645. On account of the absence of Bro. Stanway, S.W., Bro. Blackie, S.D., occupied the second chair in the lodge.

**METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday week at the Metropolitan Club House, 269, Pentonville-road. The W.M., Bro. J. J. Michael, presided, supported by a numerous concourse of the brethren, amongst whom were Bros. Kingham, acting as S.W.; Side, acting as J.W.; James Willing, I.P.M.; George Tims, Secretary; Scales, S.D.; Stiles, J.D.; Read, I.G.; and Bros. Cavett Carter, Solomon, Chcek, Gilbert, Walters, Rapkin, Clarke,

H. Stiles, Jones, Rogers; and visitors Bros. Berric, J.W. 1185, and Yeats, 14. The work performed was raising Bro. Sayers; passing Bros. P. E. Vanderpump and E. J. Vanderpump; and initiating Messrs. Ovens, Wrigley, Morgan, and A. B. Greenslade. At the conclusion of this work, several propositions were given in for more initiates at next meeting, and the brethren afterwards adjourned for refreshment, and partook of a bountiful banquet provided by the brother who is caterer of the club.

**CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1572).**—The first regular meeting of this very young lodge was held at the Albion on Saturday, the 1st inst. The lodge is little more than a month old; and, we suppose upon the principle of new brooms sweeping clean, every officer was at his post punctually to the minute, and the lodge was opened precisely at three o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Pawson Hooton, supported by Bros. W. S. Whitaker, S.W.; J. Cowan, J.W.; J. Clarricoats, Treas.; Montagu Scott, Sec.; T. S. Hellier, S.D.; Nelson Reed, J.D.; G. A. Brock, W. Stwd.; G. Briggs, I.G.; T. Brown, D.C. There being naturally no Past Masters, Bro. Montagu Scott, Sec., and P.M. of 765, officiated as I.P.M. The visitors were Bros. Townend, the W.M. of The Great City Lodge, 1426; J. Lee, and J. Chapman, both of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, No 1541. There were also present of the rank and file of the lodge Bros. Dafforn, Tucker, Willecks, Crump, Muuro, and Margetts, comprising every member of the lodge except five, who were unavoidably absent. The minutes of the meetings held preliminary to the formation of the lodge, and of the consecration meeting, were read and confirmed. There were five candidates for initiation, Messrs. J. C. Werring, F. Morgan, R. Cotton, G. C. Searle, and H. G. Edwards, and they all attended, and were separately and distinctly initiated, the W.M. thus setting a very good example for so young a lodge. The proposed bye-laws were referred to a committee of the whole lodge. Several candidates were proposed for the next lodge, and after closing in due form, the brethren adjourned to a refined and recherché banquet, given in the very best style of the Albion.

**WINDSOR.**—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).—On Tuesday, the 4th inst., the annual festival of the lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Windsor. The W.M., Bro. J. O. Carter, presided, supported by Bros. W. R. Denne, S.W. (W.M. elect); Canvin, J.W.; the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, D.P.G.M., Chaplain; Pulling, Treas.; Strange, P.M.; Hume, J.D.; J. Roberts, I.G.; Schieman, D.C.; Nicholes, S.; Pears, S.; Dixon I.P.M., G.P.D.C.; Stacey, P.M.; Wilson, P.M.; Reid, P.M.; McIlwham, P.M.; Bryett, P.M.; Stedwell, P.M.; Duffield, Stollery, Pennicott, Whistler, Christian, Webster, Hiscock, Andrews, H.T. Spindler, Prince, Willoughby, Cousins, and others. Amongst the numerous visitors were Bros. Sir D. Gooch, Bart., M.P., P.G.M., Bucks; Lieut. Col. F. Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex; Major General Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey; W. Biggs, P.G.S., Berks and Bucks; Hickson Briggs, P.G.R., Middlesex; W. Johnson, W.M.; T. Nash, P.M.; W. Bingham, P.M. 771; Tolley, P.M. 771; Grisebrook, P.M. 771; Cantrell, 1501; Hatch, 771; Hopwood, P.M. 141; and others. The lodge opened at 4.30. The minutes having been confirmed, Mr. G. Blizzard, after passing the ordeal of ballot, was initiated by the W.M. The presentation of a testimonial voted by the lodge to Bro. Tolley followed, who was addressed by the W.M. as follows:—Brethren, before I vacate the chair, I have a very pleasing and agreeable duty to perform, a duty the character of which you are all well acquainted with. Personally, I consider it a privilege to be the medium of conveying from this lodge to our excellent Bro. Tolley a small token of our sincere regard and esteem. Since we have been located in this Temple, as so many of you know, Bro. Tolley, although not a member, has attended here night after night, and I fear sometimes at considerable inconvenience, in order to assist at the working of the several ceremonies. During the time I have occupied the chair I have been congratulated, over and over again, by brethren, particularly visitors, upon the effective manner in which the musical portion of the degrees have been rendered. It has been to me, and I know it was the same with my predecessor a wonderful help in discharging the duties of the chair, whilst it at all times must have forcibly appealed to the feelings of the candidates, thereby enabling us to add solemnity and beauty to the working of the degrees, and, if I may use the expression, even have a tendency to elevate Freemasonry itself. Well, brethren, it has been thought the time has now arrived when we could no longer delay offering to Bro. Tolley this small token of our esteem and regard. Do not let me be misunderstood: this is not in return for Bro. Tolley's services, for if we were to make him an adequate return our offering would be of a far more extensive character than it is. It is to let him know and see that we are not insensible of his repeated acts of kindness. It is not my intention to make a long speech, to extol the virtues of Bro. Tolley; they are well known to you all. His character may be fairly described as a perfect monument of "wisdom, strength, and beauty." With regard to the form this recognition should take, perhaps I may be allowed to say a few words. It was Bro. Tolley's wish that it should be in some way connected with Freemasonry; and a decision was made in favour of a Provincial Grand Officer's clothing. Well, brethren, we felt we could not allow it to cease there, as Bro. Tolley, to the knowledge of so many of us, is as much appreciated in his family circle as in the lodge; and we therefore decided—whilst carrying out Bro. Tolley's wish as to the form in which what I may call the Masonic offering should be—that it should also embrace some token of his house. And the result has been, as you now see before you—a clock—and which it is my duty to ask Bro. Tolley's acceptance. Bro. Tolley, as the mouthpiece of the Etonian Lodge, I sincerely hope the Great Architect of the Universe may grant you many years of happiness and prosperity. May He

shower his blessings on your wife, and to your children may He ever be mindful; and as they rise, as I trust they will, to positions of honour and usefulness, may it be a consolation to you to find that the excellent precepts so forcibly taught them by their parents were not in vain. Bro. Tolley, with evident emotion, thanked the W.M. and the brethren for so very handsome a recognition of services that were totally inadequate to justify the regard, thus shown. He had contributed only very small services to the best of his ability in the past; but this expression of their good will and esteem towards him would be an incentive in the future to merit their kindness. The W.M. then proceeded to instal the W.M. elect; who afterwards appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Canvin, S.W.; Hume, J.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Chaplain; Wilson, P.M., Treasurer; Carter, I.P.M., Secretary; Roberts, S.D.; Schieman, J.D.; Nichols, I.G.; Strange, P.M., Dir. of Cer.; Pears, S.; Webster, S. The addresses were forcibly given by Bros. G. W. Dixon, Bryett, and Wilson, P.M. The W.M. afterwards presented the Immediate P.M. with a massive P.M.'s jewel and a gold Albert chain to Bro. Pullen, P.M., for the eminent services he has rendered to the lodge as Treasurer during the past twelve years, having been closed in due form, the brethren assembled at the Windsor Town Hall, kindly placed at their service by the Mayor of Windsor, where over fifty sat down to the banquet, most admirably and bountifully served by Bro. J. Johnson, of the White Hart Hotel. Upon the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. rose and proposed "The Queen and Craft." They were, he said, within the precincts of the Royal residence, where, as elsewhere, her Majesty was beloved. He need say little to obtain a response for so honoured a toast as "The Queen," "National Anthem," Bros. Tolley, Christian, and Smith, of the Chapel Royal. The W.M. asked that glasses might be charged to drink "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, and the rest of the Royal Family." He said the position of His Royal Highness, as Grand Master, was one of which the Craft might indeed be justly proud. He (the W.M.) had the honour of attending the Prince's installation at the Albert Hall, and he was impressed deeply, for it was a wonderful ceremony, the like of which had never been seen by the present generation of Masons. After referring to the Prince's visit to India, and the great good that would come from that visit, the W.M. concluded by wishing His Royal Highness a God-speed back to the old country, when the Craft would receive him with all the enthusiasm of brotherly love. Drank with honours. The W.M. said the next toast was also one of high honour, which he knew would receive their recognition most heartily—"The Healths of the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers of Grand Lodge of England," with which toast he coupled the name of Colonel Burdett, Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, whose presence with them that day would be felt as a great honour by the Etonian Lodge. Drank with honours. Bro. Colonel Burdett expressed himself highly gratified with the honour the W.M. had done him in connecting his name with the toast of the Grand Lodge of England, and which was given in language far more flattering than he deserved. He had seen that day in the Etonian Lodge that which many other lodges might well take a lesson from. He had never seen "working" superior to what he had witnessed that day; and the hall itself and its arrangements were in keeping with the excellent ceremonies conducted by the lodge officers. For the hospitality they had extended to the Provincial Grand Masters he felt grateful; and in the name of the officers of Grand Lodge, with which his name had been associated, he thanked them very heartily. Drank with honours. The W.M. asked the brethren to drink, with all the enthusiasm they could give it, "The Health of the Right Worshipful the Grand Master of the Province, Sir Daniel Gooch," who he regretted had to leave them so early. He need scarcely say how delighted they were to have Sir Daniel with them that evening. Drank with honours. Bro. Sir D. Gooch thanked the W.M. and brethren very much. He could only express his high approval and satisfaction with what he had witnessed. It was not the first time he had attended the Etonian Lodge of St. John. He was with them a year ago; and he was glad to see them maintain their excellent character and position. He would have stopped longer, but he had to catch a train. He hoped they might spend a very pleasant evening. Drank with honours. The W.M. next gave "The Health of Gen. Brownrigg, Provincial Grand Master of Surrey," who had also honoured the Etonian Lodge as a visitor. He gave the General's health with the usual honours. Bro. General Brownrigg felt exceedingly flattered by their expression of feeling towards him, as well, also, in breaking through the usual routine of toasts in his favour at that early hour of the evening. He would not detain them, but it would not be affectation in him to express the great interest he felt in the lodge. It was a happy augury in the provinces represented that evening to be geographically united—Bucks, Middlesex, and Surrey—it was an omen for good. With the three provinces united together, showing a good front, they would be powerful for every purpose of fraternal excellence. From his heart he thanked them for their cordial reception. Drank with honours. The W.M., in eulogistic terms, gave "The Very Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg." The Rev. J. S. Brownrigg briefly responded. He congratulated the senior lodge of the province upon its eminent position holding its laurels for excellence, and setting so good an example to the junior lodges of the province. He heartily echoed the sentiments of General Brownrigg as to the union for good, charitable works of different provinces, and instanced what had been effected in Wiltshire and other places. He concluded by proposing what he considered the toast of the evening, "The Health of the Worshipful

Master of the Etonian Lodge, Bro. W. R. Denne." The W.M. thanked them for the high honour of his position that day, as also for the assemblage that had given him so generous a welcome. He might now well be proud to be the W.M. of the Etonian Lodge, which, thanks to the energy and devotion of the W.M.'s and officers of the last few years, had risen so progressively. To his predecessor some share of praise was due, and he proposed "The Health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. J. O. Carter." Bro. J. O. Carter had during the past year received many proofs of their kindness, but he felt this, perhaps, more than any other occasion, occurring, as it did, at the close of his year of office. He promised them twelve months ago to do all in his power to maintain the true principles of Freemasonry, to uphold the dignity of the lodge, and at the same time, as far as was consistent, to study the comfort of the individual members. He trusted he had not been found wanting in the proper discharge of his duties as W.M. He asked them not to think that, because his connection with the lodge as W.M. had ceased, that he would cease to take interest in the lodge. They might believe him that it would always be his chief endeavour to support their elected W.M. to the best of his ability. He hoped they would accept his sincerest thanks for their kind wishes—to the W.M. for the manner in which he had proposed his health, and to the brethren for the way in which they had received it. The other usual toasts followed, and were duly honoured. In response to "The Visitors," Bro. Hickson Briggs, Prov. Grand Registrar for Middlesex, expressed the pleasure his visit had given him, and regretted he had not been before. He confessed he had been fairly surprised at the admirable working of the lodge, which had surpassed everything he had seen in his neighbourhood. During the evening, the intervals between the toasts were agreeably sustained by sweet harmony in glees and part songs by Bros. Tolley, Christian, and Smith, the pianoforte being presided over artistically by Bro. Tolley.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The winter banquet of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 6th January, at the lodge house, Bro. Tucker's, the Lord Raglan, Plumstead, when upwards of a hundred of the brethren and visitors sat down to enjoy the good cheer provided for them by the worthy host. It being the regular monthly meeting of the lodge, some excellent work was done by the W.M. in lodge; Mr. A. Wallis, of the Oaks, Plumstead, being regularly initiated into Masonry, and Bro. T. Cartland raised to the Sublime Degree. The working of Bro. Penfold, the esteemed W.M., is too well known to need eulogy, suffice it to say that one and all were delighted with it. The other officers present were Bros. J. McDougall, P.M.; C. Coupland, P.M. and P.G.S. for the Province of Kent; W. T. Vincent, S.W.; H. Butters, J.W.; A. Jessup, Treas.; T. Denton, P.M. 706 and Sec.; W. B. Lloyd, S.D.; J. Chapman, I.G.; B. Lester, Tyler; R. J. Cook, D.S.; and Mason, W.S. Among a large circle of visitors were Bros. Capt. C. Phillips, R.A., P.M. 13 and 1536; T. Ward, W.M. 700; F. J. Dawson, P.M. 700; W. Weston, S.W. 1536; F. Sales, 13 and 706; G. Spinks, J.W. 1536; H. Picken, S.D. 1536; F. Hastings, S.W. 829; E. J. De Salis, 1331; C. Beard, 700; E. Tappenden, 781; S. Waters, J.W. 700; H. Carlin, 1536; J. Pudney, 829; R. Thompson, 1536; W. McCoy, 700; C. Cook, 13; J. Knight, 1536, and others. In proposing the toasts the W.M. hoped much from the visit of the Grand Master to India, believing it to be a good thing both for Masonry and the country at large, and trusted that our Royal brother would have a safe return to his native land. The toasts were Masonically received and responded to. In returning thanks for the well-deserved compliments paid him by P.M. McDougall in proposing his health, and the hearty reception it met with from the brethren, the W.M. gave the credit entirely to the valuable assistance received from the P.M. of the lodge, and said, that for himself, if he had by his endeavours made every brother content with himself, and content with every other brother of the lodge, he had his reward; and concluded some very happy and apposite remarks by thanking them for their kindness to him. In proposing "The Health of the P.M.'s," he spoke highly of their zeal and love for Masonry, and Bros. Coupland and McDougall replied, the former adverting strongly to the necessity of supporting the charities, "the magnificent charities" of the Order, and, having accepted the office of Steward at the next Festival for the Boys' School, pleaded the cause of that section most eloquently and effectively. "The Visitors" received a warm welcome, and in putting the toast, the W.M. expressed his pleasure and the gratification of the lodge at seeing so many present; it was a great compliment to the good working of the lodge, and sprung from the seed sown by the former Master, the fruits of which they were now gathering. He took no credit to himself, but was proud and pleased to welcome them to the Pattison Lodge. Bro. T. Ward, W.M. 700, replied, and wished both Master and lodge a happy and prosperous new year. "The Initiates," health was of course given. "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" was then proposed by the W.M., who spoke warmly of the great assistance he had received from them in carrying on the duties of the lodge. Bro. Vincent, S.W. responded, and after a truly Masonic treat the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**UNITED PILGRIMS' LODGE (No. 507).**—This lodge held its first meeting this year on Friday, 7th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall. The officers were:—Bros. R. N. Field, W.M.; Cass, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Durham, S.D.; Harvey, J.D.; Watts, I.G.; Geider, Tyler; M. S. Larham, Preceptor; Francis, Secretary; and others. The lodge was duly opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony

of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Francis being the candidate. The first, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh sections were worked by Bro. Larlham, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cass was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Larlham was elected W.M. for Friday, February 4th, on which occasion the members will hold the annual festival. It was decided to open the lodge on that occasion at six p.m., when three sections in the first lecture will be worked as follows:—Second by Bro. J. W. Watts; third, by Bro. H. J. Harvey; and the fourth, by Bro. E. A. Francis. The dinner is to be on the table at 7.30. Bro. Larlham returned thanks to the brethren for electing him W.M. for the festival night, and hoped that he should be numerously supported on that evening. The lodge was then closed, and adjourned in perfect harmony till Friday, the 14th inst., at 7 p.m.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—St. John's Lodge (No. 34).—The annual festival of the St. John's Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 28th ult., in Maclean's Hotel. Previous to the dinner the ceremony of installing the office-bearers for the ensuing year, elected at last meeting, took place in the hall of the lodge, 213, Buchanan-street, the rite being performed by Bro. A. McTaggart. The following is the list of office-bearers:—R.W.M., Bros. D. M. Nelson; P.M., W. Bell; D.M., D. Young; S.M., T. B. Bell; S.W., J. Sellars; J.W., P. Brownlie; Treas., J. Dunn; Sec., J. Dick; B.B., R. Craig; Chap., D. Lindsay; S.D., A. Cameron; J.D., D. Paton; Archt., J. Ritchie; Jeweller, T. A. Tennent; D. of M., A. Carrick; G.M., J. Wilson; I.G., A. Peddie; Tyler, J. Wright; P.S., R. D. Samuels; Auditors, G. Park, J. McMillan, T. Fletcher. The dinner in Maclean's Hotel was well attended, both by members of the lodge and by visiting brethren, about seventy gentlemen sitting down. R.W.M. D. M. Nelson presided; Bros. J. Sellars, S.W., and J. D. Young, D.M., fulfilling the duties of croupiers. Supporting the R.W.M. were Bros. Sheriff Clark, Rev. R. Thomson, J. Baird, P.M.; A. McLean, W. Kyle, J. Kyle, R. McDonald, W. Bell, P.M.; R. Craig, P.M.; A. McTaggart, P.M.; ex-Deacon Robertson, D. Lindsay, J. McGaw, and J. Dick. The usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the Chairman proposed "The Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland," which was responded to by Bros. W. H. Bickerton for the English, and by Bro. J. Baird for the Scotch Grand Lodge. Bro. Buchan also spoke to the toast, complimenting the old St. John upon her antiquity and still flourishing condition. In proposing the toast of "The Grand Lodge of Glasgow and the Benevolent Fund," Bro. T. Fletcher, P.M., said that the fund was being dispensed to great advantage, many poor and indigent widows having received assistance from it. He would be glad if the Lodge St. John would form a fund for the assistance of brethren who, from whatever causes, had fallen into decayed circumstances, using as a nucleus the donation of £10 which had been received from a worthy member. Bro. J. Baird, P.G.S.M., responded, and gave "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces." This was followed by the toast of "The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of Glasgow." Bro. A. McTaggart then proposed the toast of the evening, "The Lodge of Glasgow St. John (No. 34), and its R.W.M." After a reference to the question of the great antiquity of St. John's Lodge, he stated that, however old she was, she was worthy of their drinking prosperity to her with the warmest enthusiasm. St. John (No. 34) stood forth on the honoured roll in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but she had maintained a very high position for the last twenty-five years in Glasgow. She had spared no effort in raising Masonry, and had been a loyal daughter. More than this, she had led in every good work. He was delighted to hear the suggestion put forward to establish a small fund in the lodge for the assistance of brethren. Bro. McTaggart then spoke on the question of fees of admission, and advocated a still higher scale than that adopted in St. John (No. 34). He held that this was one, and not the least important, of the conditions of elevating Masonry in Scotland, and the chief way in which the benevolent work of the Craft could be carried on. He coupled with the toast the name of the R.W.M., Bro. Nelson, who, in responding, asked for the co-operation of the elder brethren in the work of carrying on the business of the lodge worthily. He agreed with Bro. McTaggart on the question of raising the fees, and, as an argument for Scotch Masons bestirring themselves more in the work of benevolence, stated that in England last year £26,504 had been raised by Freemasons for the institutions established by the Craft, £6630 being sent in on one day. He then again acknowledged the toast, and sat down amid applause. Amongst the subsequent toasts chiefly prominent was that of "The Learned Professions," proposed by Bro. James Ritchie, Architect of the lodge, and responded to by Sheriff Clark in so happy a vein, that after a few remarks from the Chairman and Bro. Smilie, following upon his lordship's reply, the latter expressed his willingness to give in the lodge hall a lecture on "The Antiquities of Masonry"—say somewhere about November next. The evening altogether was a thoroughly pleasant one.

DUMBARTON.—St. John's Kilwinning (No. 18).—The annual meeting, and installation of office-bearers for the ensuing year, and the anniversary of St. John, was held in the lodge-room on the evening of Friday, the 24th ult. Bro. Barr, R.W.M., presided. The annual report was read, showing the addition of twenty members, and the income for the year to be about £50 odd, most of which was spent in benevolent purposes, the furnishing of the lodge, and working expenses, this leaving the amount at the lodge's disposal £96, the same as last year, and a private benevolent fund, which is at

the disposal of the R.W.M. An inventory of articles belonging to the lodge was likewise read, amounting to £210. The election was preceded with, but, there being no opposition for any office, the members proposed at the regular nomination meeting were declared duly elected, viz.: Bros. Wm. Hodge, R.W.M.; John Johnstone, D.M.; Robt. B. Thomson, S.M.; John Barr, S.W.; John McCall, J.W.; John McKay, Treas.; Thos. Boyd, Sec.; Rev. H. R. Williamson, Chaplain; Wm. Campbell, S.D.; Robt. Swan, J.D.; W. F. Henry, S.S.; Arch. Brodie, B.B.; Wm. Ledgett, I.G.; Wm. Lawson, S.B.; Jas. Bachman, Tyler—all of whom were installed to their respective offices by the Presiding Officer, Bro. P.M. Barr, who in vacating the chair said the office of R.W.M. was one of the highest positions to which a member could attain, and the most honourable to which the brethren could elect a brother. Thousands covet the office, but with it there was great responsibility in the discharging the duties afloat, the maintaining the dignity of the lodge, and in instructing the brethren to have credit to fill the offices, likewise to make true and upright Masons. In their new R.W.M. they were losing nothing but gaining much, and without the assistance of the officers he cannot perform his duties aright, but during the past four years I occupied as R.W.M. my knowledge of the brethren is that the lodge should be proud of their officers, and while we have appointed those to rule over us we must not forget our duties. The R.W.M. of any lodge has a certain amount of arbitrary power, so long as he keeps by the Constitutions; but so long as we aid and support him and his officers it is not at all likely that he will be called upon to be arbitrary. We must all attend to the grand principles we profess, and in concluding he trusted that the harmony which had existed during his term of office may not in time be disturbed. On the new R.W.M. taking the chair, along with his D. and S. Masters, the brethren accorded to them the grand honours. B. O. Hodge, R.W.M., in reply, said he had to thank the Installing Master for the manner he introduced him to the brethren, and to them also for the high position they had raised him to, and in his new sphere he trusted that he would do credit to his mother lodge. In accepting office he was stepping into the shoes of one who had occupied the position of R.W.M. with credit to himself and his lodge, and his (Bro. Hodge's) endeavour would be to fill those shoes worthy and well, and from the support that the brethren had promised to accord him he had the more confidence of success. In conclusion he hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would grant him wisdom so to govern the lodge that the brethren would have profit and pleasure thereby. The lodge was then passed from labour to refreshment, and the celebration of the anniversary of St. John's. A blessing having been asked by the Rev. Chaplain, the brethren did ample justice to the repast, purveyed by Bro. Young Baker in his usual creditable manner. The R.W.M. read letters of apology from Bro. Denny and others for unavoidable non-attendance. The usual loyal and Masonic toast was then proposed by the R.W.M., "The Queen and the Craft." She could not be a Mason, but she had done the next thing to it, she had allowed her sons to join the Order, which was a good thing for the Craft. They had already attained a high position in the Order, and he concluded by referring to the various Masonic ceremonies the Prince of Wales had engaged in during his journey through India. As for the Craft, Masonry teaches morality, brotherly love, relief and truth. By the acting to the true principles of Masonry men may attain to all the blessings of the world to come. "The Holy Lodge of St. John's," by the R.W.M., who in proposing it referred to the interest that St. John took in Masonry. When above 90 years of age he was appointed Grand Master of Jerusalem. "The Three Grand Lodges, England, Ireland, and Scotland," proposed by Bro. J. Barr, S.W. "The Prov. Grand Lodge," by P.M. Barr, who said that the Province of Dumbarton might be proud of their Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Smollett, a man of the highest standing, literary and political, and an honour to the fraternity for the interest that he takes in Masonry at his advanced age—the endeavours he takes to spread the principles of Masonry. All would be gratified to see that he had been appointed to instal the Provincial Grand Master of Argyll and the Isles, a duty he did with credit to himself and the province of Dumbarton. It was the interest, desire, and prayer that he may be long spared to preside as Prov. Grand Master. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. John Babbie, G.S.W., who, in replying, thanked the brethren for the expression of their sentiments, and, in addition to what P.M. Barr said in regard to Bro. Smollett, that all the brethren must be highly delighted that a man of 74 would, in the middle of winter, proceed into the Highlands, and perform at his age so arduous a duty, thus shewing his lasting interest in Masonry, and his endeavour to promote the worthy cause was a matter of great congratulation. Many attended that installation that it took at this time of the year eight days to come and return home. "The New R.W.M., Bro. Hodge," was proposed by Bro. Babbie, who said that, with a little experience, he would obtain the respect of all. Whatever he undertook he was sure to carry it to a successful issue, and his career in the office of R.W.M. would be a prosperous one, from the great interest that he took in Masonry. R.W.M. Hodge regretted that Bro. Barr thought it his duty to retire, but, after consideration, he was convinced that the promotion of officers should be more frequent, for by so doing it stimulated the brethren to aspire to higher things, but it was always desirable to retain the services of a brother such as Bro. Barr, but in his new office he would endeavour to succeed Bro. Barr worthily. D. Master Councillor Johnstone said that he had been requested to take the next part in the proceeding of the evening. He would rather it had fallen to other hands than his, but the committee considered that their Chairman was the proper person for

the occasion. So, brethren, you must take the will for the deed. A more pleasant duty could not have fallen to my lot, namely, that of presenting our now worthy Past Master with a token of our respect and esteem for the very efficient manner in which he has presided at the head of our lodge as R.W.M. for the last four years. His duties were faithfully performed. During his reign 126 members have been added to the roll, thus showing the amount of work performed by him, that the position of the lodge is improved, and that he added more to the roll than any of his predecessors. Many other likely subjects might be multiplied, but most of you are conversant with them without my recapitulating them. Charity is the distinguishing characteristic of Masonry, and a desire for the enlightenment and welfare of our fellow creatures is the wish and work of every true Mason. But to any one who occupies the office of R.W.M., this love for mankind seems to be doubly in their heart, and I am sure Bro. Barr has an extra supply of this love. Many are the occasions that a R.W.M. is called upon to exercise charity, and many were the appeals made to Bro. Barr, as R.W.M., to all of which he cheerfully responded. His desire to enlighten his brethren was shown by the careful attention he paid to his office, and the numerous nights he spent in instructing the younger brethren. If it had not been for the love of Freemasonry the nights thus spent might have been employed by him and gained for him and his many pecuniary advantages, and likewise they might have been occupied in instructing his family for their future welfare—but time he found for all. When the proposal was made to present him with a testimonial, liberally and unanimously did the brethren subscribe to it, and put the committee in a position to present Bro. P.M. Councillor Barr with the purse of sovereigns and this handsome gold P.M. jewel. The former will secure many of the comforts of life—but of course Bro. Barr is not deficient in them—and the latter will in after years bring to his remembrance the forms of those with whom he associated in this lodge, and among whom was his delight to be; and may the square and compass guide and guard his actions through life, and God, the great Architect of the Universe, be with him, and the star point his thoughts to that haven above where all true Masons hope to meet. He concluded by proposing "The Health and Prosperity of P.M. Barr," which was duly responded to. (Loud and prolonged cheers.) P.M. Barr on rising was the sign for those expressions being again and again repeated. P.M. Barr, in reply, said he did not know how to express his thoughts. He felt his own unworthiness. He tried to do his best, but was never satisfied with the result. When first asked to become R.W.M. (four years ago) he decidedly refused, but he was proposed to the lodge and accepted. From the first three previous years he took a great interest in everything connected with Masonry. During his term of office he was assisted well by all the brethren. The first year Bro. Graham, then R.W.M. of No. 321, gave him great assistance, but since his removal to another quarter the brethren all had materially assisted him, especially Bros. Thomson and Boyd. He had formed association with many who had gone abroad, many who had gone to their long home, and many who were present; these associations were cemented with truly Masonic love, and were never to be forgotten. They were always men with whom he was proud to meet. This handsome present has entirely taken me aback. Brethren, you must accept my heartfelt gratitude. I have gained a great deal of instruction since I joined the Order, and I intend to gain more from our new R.W.M., in whom we have found a worthy Master to conduct the business of this lodge, and do honour to the Craft. Again he expressed his thanks to all. "Departed Brethren," proposed by Bro. Rev. H. R. Williamson, who said that this was the solemn toast of the evening. Many brethren had departed to foreign climes—but, as our P.M. has said, others had gone to their long home—the way of all the earth. It was his fortune to stand around the death bed of many, and hear expressions uttered. With greater feeling of reverence did I attend the death bed of two, son and grandfather, who died recently—both Masons. Their departure was joy to them. Masonry teaches us to cherish a kindly feeling for the widow and fatherless. It is a sad thing to guide the helm when the bark is tossed on the sea of life. Masonry is good when it supports such. The toast was drunk with due solemnity. "The Visiting Brethren," by R.W.M., replied to by Bro. Valentine, Lodge St. Macher, 54, Aberdeenshire; "The Sister Lodges," by R.W.M., reply by Bro. Alexander, 543; "The Ladies," by Bro. Paton, reply by Bro. Boyd; "The Festival Committee," by P.M. Barr, reply by Bro. J. Allen; "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty," proposed by Bro. A. Booth, reply by R.W.M.; "The Chairman," by Bro. S. M. Thomson, reply by R.W.M. The following brethren gave songs:—Johnstone, Lawson, Campbell, Dewar, Findlay, Dawson, Momson, Barr, and Easton.

DUNBAR.—Dunbar Castle Lodge (No. 75).—Monday Dec. 27, having been the festival of St. John, the brethren of Dunbar Castle Lodge No. 75 assembled at their lodge room in goodly numbers. The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, Bro. D. Vallance, P.M., in the chair, Bro. Charles Nelson, J.W., was installed R.W.M. for the ensuing year, having been proclaimed in the East, West, and South in due form. The lodge being lowered to the First Degree, the following brethren were elected and installed office-bearers for the ensuing year:—D. Vallance, P.M.; J. Sharp, D.M.; A. Melvin, S.M.; J. Blake, S.W.; H. Payne, J.W.; J. Smith, S.D.; Wm. Wilkinson, J.D.; P. Morrison, Steward; A. Main, Asst. Steward; J. McGraw, I.G.; R. Knox, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to the Castle Inn for supper, Bro. Charles Nelson, R.W.M., in the chair. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and heartily responded to, a most enjoyable evening was spent. This lodge is, and has for some time been, in a most flourishing condition; and we

understand that Bro. Captain Dennistoun, 64th Regt., P.M., has recently forwarded a donation of ten pounds for the benefit of the lodge.

**GLASGOW.**—Commercial Lodge (No. 360).—This lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John on Monday afternoon, the 27th December, in Bro. Thornton's Clarendon Café, 251, Argyle-street. The brethren met in their lodge room at 6 o'clock p.m., which was opened in due form, Bro. J. Monro, R.W.M., in the chair, Bro. J. M. Oliver, S.W., and Bro. T. Graham, J.W., and a large number of brethren present. The R.W.M. raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason Bros. Rev. D. McCorquodale, 360; T. Greenlees, 541; and J. Tweigergang, 354. Messrs. W. S. Stewart, James Porteous Scott, and Robert Wylie received the Entered Apprentice Degree. Bro. J. M. Oliver, S.W., performed the ceremony in a masterly style. The brethren, numbering over 60, adjourned to Bro. Thornton's, where a substantial and excellently purveyed supper was fully enjoyed by the brethren, and after doing ample justice to the good things set before them, returned to the lodge, which was again re-opened and put under the care of Bro. Graham, J.W. Among the most distinguished were the following:—Bros. John Monro, R.W.M. (Chairman); J. M. Oliver, S.W., and T. Graham, J.W. (Croupiers); A. Morton, I.P.M. 360; Wm. Findlay, S.M.; George Scott, Treas.; John Smith, Sec.; J. McCosh, 360; G. Steven, 360; J. Gibson, 360; A. Sloan, 360; J. Clark, 360; Morton, 360; James Colquhoun, 360; G. Macpherson, 360; W. B. Paterson, 360; J. Shearer, 360; J. Minnoch, 360; John Davidson, P.M. 360; A. Sage, P.M. 360; Rev. D. McCorquodale, 360; J. D. Porteous, P.M. 360, 541, and 37, E.C.; W. McG. Mason, R.W.M. 541, Marie Stuart; J. Brode, P.M. 541; W. Gillies, D.M. 541; John Fraser, S.W. 541; Robert Walker, sen., 541 (Chaplain); Robert Walker, jun., 541 (Secretary); David Kinghorn, 437, P.G.J.W. of Glasgow; John Peters, R.W.M. 153; James Shaw, R.W.M. 354; C. McKenzie, 354; J. B. McNair, P.M. 332; James Murray, 153; W. Ferguson, P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); John Macnab, 1356, E.C.; F. Cushing, U.M., E.R.; Robert Hunter, 219; Beaton, 45; McDonald, 102; Mann, 27; McIntyre, 541; Brodie, 541; Renton, 541; Blair, 541; J. B. Fitzroy, 333; Humphreys, 234; and others. The Chairman gave the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was received with honours. "The Three Grand Lodges, England, Ireland, and Scotland, with their respective Grand Masters." "The Prince of Wales and other Members of the Royal Family." "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," proposed by Bro. Peters, R.W.M. 153, and coupled with the name of Bro. Lieut. John Macnab, R.N.R. (1356 E.C.). "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow" was proposed by Bro. J. D. Porteous, and in doing so said—It is with the greatest pleasure I propose this toast, and with all due respect to the other P.G. Lodges in Scotland, there is none which occupy so proud a position as the P.G. Lodge of Glasgow. Bro. James Shaw, R.W.M. 354, replied in behalf of the P.G. Lodge in suitable terms. "The Lodge Marie Stuart, 541," was proposed by Bro. Davidson, P.M. 360, who said: "There is no toast this evening will receive the same interest (keeping of our own lodge), as we may say that it is a child of our own, and I am proud to say it has been very prosperous, and have no doubt it will go on to prosper; it will always have the sympathy of the brethren of the Commercial. I have therefore no much pleasure in proposing the 'Prosperity of Lodge Marie Stuart, 541.'" Bro. W. McG. Mason, the R.W.M., acknowledged the toast in feeling terms. Bro. Julius Brode, P.M. 360 and 451, on rising to propose "The Health of Bro. Porteous," was received with cheers. He said: Brethren, in complying with the request made to propose this toast and hand over to Bro. Porteous a presentation, I can assure you I am glad to have the pleasure of doing so. I need not flatter Bro. Porteous, but confine myself to a few facts regarding Bro. Porteous's career in the Province of Glasgow and Renfrewshire East. He became Secretary to Lodge Athole (413) at its erection, and did his duty well. He joined this lodge when it was at a low ebb, and did it great service and brought it to a prosperous condition, and occupied the position of R.W.M. for two years. Bro. Porteous then went south, and was the means of starting a lodge there in 1873, and although not large in numbers there is, I can assure you, good quality. Bro. Porteous was R.W.M. of that lodge (Marie Stuart) until his removal to England about 8 months ago. Bro. Col. Campbell, P.G. Master Renfrewshire East, appointed him P.G.J.W., but on account of his removal from this country he did not enjoy that high position long. I now beg leave to present you, Bro. Porteous, in name of the subscribers, with this handsome set of tea and coffee service, and salver, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented by the brethren of the Lodge Marie Stuart, Crosshill, No. 541, conjointly with the principal office-bearers of the P.G.L.R.E. and several members of Lodges Commercial, No. 360, and Athole, No. 413, Glasgow, to Bro. James D. Porteous, 18, M.M. 384, Past Secretary 413, P.M. 360, P.M. 541, and P.P.G.J.W.R.E., December, 27th, 1875." And, Bro. Porteous, may it please you—may it compensate you for your able and untiring work in Freemasonry amongst us. You have endeared yourself to us all, and may you be long spared to enjoy these along with your better half in England, and hand it over to your children and their children to show our appreciation of your services. I therefore conclude, wishing you every prosperity. Bro. Porteous, in replying, said: Brethren, I must say I have no eloquence on my part to thank you for the kind expressions used by my friend and brother (Brode), and allow me to say I shall never forget the warm-hearted friends I left in Scotland. On behalf of my partner in life I thank you. It shall give me the greatest delight in handing this excellent gift over to her. I do not know how she will contain herself for this mark of your appreciation. "The Clergy" was proposed by Bro. J. M. Oliver, S.W., who said he was glad that one

of the last laid stones was a clergyman, and trusted that many more of the same profession would join our Order. Bro. the Rev. D. McCorquodale replied in a neat and very humorous speech. "The Lodge Commercial, 360" was proposed by Bro. Humphreys, who said it was one of the brightest lodges in the Province of Glasgow, always first in the van with all good deeds. I am now 17 years in Glasgow, and have visited the Commercial many times, and have always found it in harmony. I have therefore to propose "Prosperity to Lodge Commercial." Bro. J. Monro, R.W.M., replied, and thanked the brethren for the manner in which they received the toast; and said: We have harmony amongst us, and that is the reason we are in such a prosperous condition, and would still persevere until 360 would be second to none in the province. "The Last-laid Stones" was proposed by the R.W.M. Bro. J. P. Scott replied on behalf of himself and the other two brethren who were initiated along with him that night. The R.W.M. proposed "The Health and Prosperity of Lodge St. Mary's, Partick, No. 117," who have met to-night in their new hall, and have kindly sent a deputation to wish us a happy evening. Bro. Brunton, P.M., who headed the deputation, replied. "The Press" was proposed by Bro. Colquhoun, and replied to by Bro. William Ferguson, P.M. 543 ("Freemason"). Bro. Paterson proposed "The Past Masters of the Commercial," and Bro. Davidson, P.M., replied. Bro. Graham, J.W., proposed "The Visiting Brethren," and Bro. C. McKenzie, 354, replied. Bro. Gibson proposed "The Ladies," and Bro. Sloan replied on their behalf.

**GOVAN.**—Lodge Govandale (No. 437).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, Portland Buildings, Govan, on Tuesday evening, the 21st ult., Bro. John McFarlane, R.W.M., in the chair, supported on the dais by Bros. A. Campbell, P.M.; John Miller, D. M.; R. Muir, S.W.; G. Wilson, J.W.; J. Sutherland, Sec. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was then read, showing the lodge to be in a very prosperous condition. The election of office-bearers for the next twelve months then took place, and the following brethren were duly elected:—Bros. J. Miller, R.W.M.; J. McFarlane, I.P.M.; J. Hutcheson, D.M.; W. Ferguson, S.M.; R. Muir, S.W.; A. James, J.W.; A. Blair, Treas.; J. Sutherland, Sec.; J. Wilkinson, Chap.; J. Carrick, S.D.; W. Colville, J.D.; C. J. Headman, B.B.; J. Robertson, Aret.; P. Farquhar, Jewr.; W. Maxwell, S.B.; L. Hamilton, D. of M.; W. H. Charles, D. of C.; R. Byth, P.G.S.; T. Paton, S.S.; J. McPhail, J.S.; J. Roggie, J.G.; and J. McIntyre, Tyler. The lodge was then transferred to refreshment, under the care of the Junior Warden, Bro. McFarlane, I.P.M., presiding. The usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and heartily responded to. "The Past Office-bearers" was proposed, and replied to by Bro. Campbell, I.P.M. "Bro. Miller (R.W.M. elect)" was proposed by Bro. McFarlane, I.P.M., and in doing so paid him a high compliment for the way in which he always endeavoured to promote the interests of the lodge since its erection, he being one of the founders of the lodge, and wished him every success during the ensuing year. Bro. Cameron proposed "The Health of Bro. McFarlane, I.P.M.," which was enthusiastically received by the brethren. Bro. McFarlane replied at some length, thanking the office-bearers and members for the support he received at all times at their hands. Bro. Campbell proposed "The Visiting Brethren," and Bro. Wm. Ferguson, P.M., No. 543 ("Freemason"), replied. After the Tyler's toast the lodge was recalled and closed in due form.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Clydesdale (No. 556).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 106, Rose-street (S.S.), on Monday evening, the 20th ult. Bro. William Phillips, R.W.M., in the chair; Bros. John McNaught, S.W.; and Thomas Phillips, J.W. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. Among the latter we noticed Bros. Robert Jack, R.W.M. No. 128; David Ronald, R.W.M. No. 275; William Findlay, S.W. 275; G. H. C. McNaught, P.M. 275; Peter Hepburn, S.W. 178; William Forsyth, J.W. 103; William Ferguson, P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); Owen Short, 87; James Henderson, 87; James Watt, jun., 219; and others. The minutes and Auditors' report were read and confirmed, after which a motion was brought forward to alter the meeting nights to the first and third Thursdays of each month (June, July, and August excepted), commencing on Thursday, the 6th January, which was unanimously agreed to. The installation of office-bearers was then proceeded with. The ceremony of installing the R.W.M., D.M., and S.M. was performed by Bro. William Ferguson, P.M. 543; and the other office-bearers were installed by the newly re-elected R.W.M. in a very creditable manner. It was agreed to hold the annual festival on Friday, the 28th January, in Crown-street Hall. The lodge was then transferred to refreshment.

The "Canadian Masonic News" for January contains an excellent photograph of the late Earl of Zetland.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1273, at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross, on Saturday, the 22nd January next, when the Preceptor, Bro. Govan Macdonald, will preside. Lodge will be opened at 6.30 precisely.

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## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BENGAL.

A Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal was held at Freemasons' Hall, 55, Bentinck-street, Calcutta, on Wednesday, the 22nd of September, 1875. Present: Bros. John B. Roberts, Past Deputy D.G.M., as District Grand Master; W. B. Mactavish, D.S.G.W.; Major T. N. Young, W.M. 1374, and P.M. 552, 836, 988, and 1065, as D.J.G.W.; W. H. Fitze, Past D.G.D., acting D.G. Treasurer; H. H. Locke, Past Dep. D.G.M., as D.G. Secretary; W. Girling, Past D.G. Dir. of Cer., as D.S.G. Deacon; A. LeFranc, D.J.G. Deacon; Jas. Watson, D.G. Dir. of Cer.; P. C. Dutt, D.G. Assist. Dir. of Cer.; J. H. Turner, Past D.G. Sword Bearer, as D.G. Sword-Bearer; C. H. Compton, Past D.G. Org., as D.G. Org.; W. H. T. Ayres, D.G. Pursuivant; N. C. Bural, S.W. of Lodge Anchor and Hope, 234, D.G. Master's Banner-Bearer; C. F. E. Allen, Bar-at-law, H. M. Rustomjee, J. L. Anderson, Robt. Monk, District Grand Stewards; G. Alexander, District Grand Tyler.

The following lodges were represented:—Star in the East, 67; Industry and Perseverance, 109; True Friendship, 218; Marine, 232; Anchor and Hope, 234; Courage with Humanity, 392; Harmony, 438; St. John, 486; Excelsior, 825; Temperance and Benevolence, 1160; Sandeman, 1274.

The visitors were Bros. F. Sebastian, H. M. Mehta, of Lodge 229; J. Pearson, of Lodge 232; Jas. Brander, P.M. of Lodge, 232; P. Basu, of Lodge 234; A. B. Mitchell, of Lodge 392; J. W. Pritchard, of Lodge 486; W. E. Thompson, F. G. Webb, J. C. Orr, of Lodge 1374.

District Grand Lodge was opened in form at 6-30 p.m. The Acting District Grand Secretary reported the receipt of apologies from several brethren for unavoidable non-attendance.

The District Grand Master in the chair said that before opening the business of District Grand Lodge, as set down in the agenda paper, he wished to ask some of the brethren present to perform a duty which he thought would be as pleasant to them to do as it was to him to ask them to do.

At the last Quarterly Communication of District Grand Lodge, as they would all remember, a committee had been appointed to consider and report upon the means by which the erection in Calcutta of a Freemasons' Hall worthy of the Province of Bengal might be secured. After six weeks of almost unintermitted labour the committee presented a progress report, in which certain proposals were submitted, upon which it was necessary that the opinion of District Grand Lodge should be expressed before the committee could proceed further.

A special communication of District Grand Lodge had been held on the 14th of previous month to consider these propositions, and the result was the adoption of the committee's scheme for the formation of the "Bengal Freemasons' Hall Building Association, Limited," and the passing of a resolution directing the committee to take such further steps as might be necessary for the due launching of the company.

The first thing had of course been the framing of the memorandum and articles of association. Great care had been bestowed upon this work by W. Bro. Bonnetjee, barrister-at-law, their District Grand Registrar, and by Bro. G. C. Farr, solicitor, and he (the District Grand Master in the chair) could not allow the present opportunity to pass without acknowledging the obligations under which those brethren had placed not only himself but, as he thought, District Grand Lodge and the brethren generally, by the labour and pains which they had so freely and ungrudgingly given to this work.

The memorandum and articles were now complete, and the former was duly engrossed and lay upon the pedestal before him for the signatures of such applicants for debentures as might then be present, and whom he would ask to append their signatures accordingly, after hearing the documents read.

W. Bro. Thomas Jones, P.M. 67, District Grand Registrar, objected to the documents being either read or signed in District Grand Lodge, no notice of the business having been entered upon the agenda paper. W. Bro. Jones was proceeding to address District Grand Lodge on the subject of the Building Association, to which he was opposed, when

The District Grand Master in the chair said it was impossible for him to allow W. Bro. T. Jones to continue his remarks, seeing that there was no motion before District Grand Lodge—that in fact the business of District Grand Lodge had not commenced.

W. Bro. T. Jones then expressed his desire to move a resolution upon the subject.

The District Grand Master in the chair could not allow W. Bro. Jones to move any resolution whatever or to address District Grand Lodge in any way at that stage of the proceedings, but would have no objection to his doing so later in the evening, under the provisions of Art. 28 of the District Grand Lodge Bye-laws.

The District Grand Master in the chair then called upon the District Grand Registrar to read the memorandum of association of the "Bengal Freemasons' Hall Building Association, Limited," and the said memorandum was read.

Bro. G. C. Farr, was then requested by the District Grand Master in the chair to read the articles of association of the "Bengal Freemasons' Hall Building Association," and they were read accordingly.

The memorandum of association of the "Bengal Freemasons' Hall Building Association" was then signed by those brethren present who had applied for debentures.

W. Bro. T. Jones asked if he might then move his resolution regarding what had just taken place.

The District Grand Master in the chair said he thought the regular business set down in the agenda paper ought to be dealt with before any other motion was brought to the vote, but as far as he was concerned personally he had no objection to accede to W. Bro. T. Jones' request. If,

however, any single member of District Grand Lodge objected he (the District Grand Master in the chair) would be obliged to refuse what W. Bro. Jones asked for.

No one objecting, W. Bro. T. Jones then moved—"That as the solemn proceeding which has been authorized by the Officiating District Grand Master, in the signature by certain brethren present of the deed of association of the Masonic Hall Building Association, was not announced to the Craft in the usual Masonic mode by means of the agenda paper, this District Grand Lodge will in no sense hold itself bound by, or be considered, in its representative character as the Grand Lodge of the District, to countenance, the proceeding in question."

W. Bro. T. Jones in moving the foregoing resolution addressed District Grand Lodge at considerable length and in very strong terms, depreciative of the proposed Building Association and condemnatory of the step taken by the District Grand Master in the chair in laying the memorandum of association before the members of District Grand Lodge, in communication assembled, for signature, without notice having been given, in the agenda paper, that such business would be brought forward. W. Bro. Jones considered that the action of the Acting District Grand Master was altogether ultra vires.

Bro. C. F. Egerton Allen, J.W. 109, and District Grand Steward, seconded W. Bro. T. Jones' motion.

After some remarks on the subject from W. Bro. H. H. Locke, Past Deputy District Grand Master, and acting District Grand Secretary,

Bro. C. Compton, Past District Grand Organist, moved, and W. Bro. Girling, W.M. 232, and Past District Grand Director of Ceremonies, seconded the following amendment to W. Bro. Jones' resolution:—"That this District Grand Lodge entirely approves of the step taken by the acting District Grand Master in placing the memorandum of association of the Bengal Freemasons' Hall Building Association before the brethren for signature this evening, inasmuch as considerable trouble to the acting District Grand Secretary will thereby be saved."

Bro. Compton's amendment to W. Bro. T. Jones' motion was put to the vote, when there appeared thirty-two for and two against it. The amendment was accordingly declared to be carried.

The minutes of the proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal at the Quarterly Communication of the 24th June, 1875, having been printed and circulated, it was proposed by W. Bro. W. Girling, W.M. 232, and Past District Grand Director of Ceremonies, and seconded by W. Bro. J. T. Limpus, P.M. 1160, and Past District Grand Pursuivant, that the said minutes be taken as read. Carried.

W. Bro. W. H. Fitz, P.M. 218, Past District Grand Deacon, and Acting District Grand Treasurer moved "That the minutes of the proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal at the Quarterly Communication of the 24th June, 1875, be confirmed." Seconded by W. Bro. W. Girling, and carried.

W. Bro. Prosunno Coomar Dutt, W.M. 234, and District Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, moved, and W. Bro. Major T. N. Young, W.M. 1374, P.M. 552, 836, 988, and 1065, and Acting District Junior Grand Warden, seconded "That the minutes of the proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, at a special communication held on the 14th August, 1875, having been printed and circulated, be now taken as read." Carried.

W. Bro. W. C. Bonnerjee, barrister-at-law, W.M. 67, and District Grand Registrar, moved, and W. Bro. J. H. E. Beer, W.M. 218, and Past District Grand Organist, seconded, "That the aforesaid minutes of the 14th August, 1875, be confirmed." Carried.

The District Grand Master in the chair addressed the District Grand Lodge as follows:—"Worshipful Brethren, —Your time has already been so much taken up this evening in ways that, were you disposed, you might well say it ought not to have been so trespassed upon, that I will make the remarks which you are accustomed to hear from this chair before proceeding to the consideration of the reports of the committees in as few words as possible. I am sorry to find in the report of the Committee of General Purposes the mention of arrears of dues by 'Lodge Courage with Humanity' and another Masonic body (Rose Croix) for rent—that is to say, I am sorry that there were arrears—not that the committee brought them to notice, that of course they were bound to do, as it would have been a failure of duty on their part had they omitted to do it. In the last named of the two cases the committee were satisfied with the explanation offered, and I trust that the communication which the committee directed should be made to the Worshipful Master of Lodge 'Courage with Humanity' will have the effect of preventing any further necessity for complaint. I regret to have to report to you three exclusions—all for non-payment of dues. Both the Acting District Grand Secretary and myself have had many enquiries put to us as to whether any reply has been received to the memorial which was sent from this District Grand Lodge to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master on the subject of the appointment of a District Grand Master for Bengal, on the 29th of June last. I am sorry to say that no answer of any kind has been, as yet, received. I wish to bring to your notice that a handsome presentation of some plate, in the shape of certain table requisites of a very useful character, has been made to us by Bro. St. Aubyn King, on the part of the District Grand Stewards of last year, out of a surplus which their fund exhibited at the close of their labours. I am sure that I carry you with me when I beg Bro. St. Aubyn King and his colleagues to accept our best thanks for their exceedingly useful and handsome present. (Applause.) As the hour is already late, and we have yet a considerable amount of work before us, I will detain you no longer from the consideration of the business which stands next upon the agenda paper, the report of the Committee of General Purposes."

The report of the proceedings of the Committee of General

Purposes at a meeting held on the 4th September, 1875, was read.

W. Bro. Major T. N. Young, W.M. 1374, P.M. 552, 836, 988, and 1065, and Acting D.J.G.W., moved, and W. Bro. J. H. E. Beer, W.M. 218, and Past D.G. Org. seconded, "That the accounts, as exhibited in the abstract, contained in the report of the Committee of General Purposes, be accepted as correct and passed; and that the recommendations of the committee in respect to the investment of the balances at credit of the General, Musical Instrument, and Freemasons' Hall Funds, in debentures of the Bengal Freemasons' Hall Building Association, be adopted."

W. Bro. T. Jones, P.M. 67, and Past D.G. Reg., moved the following amendment:—"That before any funds under the control of this District Grand Lodge be assigned over to the purposes contemplated in the resolution, the committee appointed to consider the proposal for establishing the Bengal Masonic Hall Association be requested to submit a further report on the subject for the information of this District Grand Lodge."

In moving the foregoing resolution, W. Bro. Thomas Jones addressed District Grand Lodge at great length, and went very elaborately into figures, with a view to showing that the outlay which the building scheme would involve would amount to at least Rs. 11,000 per annum, and that this was more than District Grand Lodge could provide. Bro. T. Jones complained also that one feature in the scheme as set forth in the committee's first prospectus, namely, the swimming bath, had subsequently been omitted, but nothing had been said as to how the amount which it had been calculated would be derived from this source was to be made up without it. It might be that it was intended to increase the rates charged to lodges for rent—in fact, he had elicited this admission from tolerably good authority. Now Masonry was not what it used to be, either in respect to the number, or the wealth and position, of those who formed our lodges, otherwise no doubt they would be very willing to accede to an increase in their rent payments; but as it was, no such increase could be looked for. He was therefore of opinion that the scheme, which he regarded as crude and impracticable, should be sent back to the committee, with the request for such details as would enable District Grand Lodge to understand clearly how it was proposed to raise the sum which would certainly be required, month by month, after the hall was built. He (Bro. Jones) had no wish whatever to oppose a sound scheme for the building of a Masonic Hall, there was nothing that he would more heartily support, but he felt compelled to condemn the present one (which he regarded as ridiculous) in the strongest manner. It was in his opinion a wholly impracticable project, and such as must inevitably lead to disastrous results.

Bro. C. F. Egerton Allen, J.W. 109, and District Grand Steward, seconded W. Bro. T. Jones' amendment. Bro. Allen deprecated the idea that he was otherwise than most favourably disposed towards such an undertaking as the building of a new hall. Nothing would give him greater regret than to see the project abandoned; but he felt compelled to oppose the resolution now before District Grand Lodge as to the investment of their funds in this particular scheme, until it had been more fully explained and its details more clearly put before them.

W. Bro. H. H. Locke hoped that District Grand Lodge would, by its utter rejection of W. Bro. T. Jones' amendment, mark in an unmistakable manner its sense of the exceedingly objectionable line of procedure which Bros. T. Jones and Egerton Allen had adopted in respect to the violent opposition which they were offering to the building scheme. He would forbear to characterize the nature of the conduct in question (both as to what had taken place that evening and what had been done outside by the two brethren he referred to during the last few weeks) lest he should be betrayed into stronger language than it was desirable should be used in that room; but he would ask District Grand Lodge to consider one or two facts (which it would be impossible for W. Bro. T. Jones to deny) and to form their own conclusions thereon. The committee to which District Grand Lodge had entrusted the work of preparing a scheme for the building of a Freemasons' Hall in Calcutta for the Province of Bengal consisted of 25 members, of whom 12 were the elected representatives of private lodges, 4 the ex-officio representatives of the officers of District Grand Lodge, and the remaining 9 were brethren of well-known ability and experience in the Craft (all of them, save one, Past Masters), who had been specially added to the committee by the Acting District Grand Master, in accordance with the resolution passed by District Grand Lodge in June last, for this particular work, for which each and all of them had seemed in some way or other to possess such qualifications as would be of material assistance in the preparation of a sound scheme for the attainment of the object in view. Surely it would be no stretching of terms to say that a committee thus constituted consisted of 25 of the best men for the purpose which the Masonic fraternity could command in Calcutta. This alone would probably induce District Grand Lodge to hesitate before rejecting what had been a laborious and long considered work on the part of the committee merely at the bidding of Bros. Jones and Allen. Not that he (Bro. Locke) was in any way a supporter of the tyranny of majorities. He would not even say that it was an utter impossibility, and would express no opinion as to the probability, that W. Bro. Jones should be right and the other twenty-four members of the committee wrong; but he would ask District Grand Lodge to consider the following points in the line of procedure adopted by W. Bro. Jones, and to say whether that procedure bore evidence of a desire simply to steer clear of difficulties and disastrous consequences, and to base the project under discussion upon a sure and safe foundation, or whether it was dictated by a factious and violent antagonism of which it was unnecessary

to seek very far for the cause. W. Bro. Jones was a member of the committee to which the framing of the building scheme had been entrusted; surely if he were so competent to point out miscalculations and to detect flaws and errors in the committee's scheme as he had endeavoured to make District Grand Lodge believe, it was his duty to have pointed them out to the committee and to have assisted to remove them. This was a duty which, with every desire to use language as temperate as possible, he (Bro. Locke) was constrained to declare thus publicly to District Grand Lodge that W. Bro. Thomas Jones had most conspicuously neglected. (Hear, hear.) The committee had met four times for the framing of the building scheme, and W. Bro. Jones had attended once only. Bro. Jones might of course say that on the three other occasions it had not been convenient to him to attend: but seeing that printed minutes of the proceedings of the committee at each meeting had been furnished weekly to every member it must have been quite easy for Bro. T. Jones to see what was being decided upon, and to make known to his colleagues any objections, or any suggestions for improvement, that might have occurred to him. There was no possible excuse for his not having done this; not only had printed minutes of each meeting of the committee been furnished to every member as soon after such meeting as was possible, but after the last meeting (held on the 24th July) a complete set had been issued for the deliberate consideration of every member, more than a fortnight previous to the special communication of District Grand Lodge, held on the 14th of August, for the sole purpose of considering the committee's scheme. Why had not Bro. T. Jones assisted his colleagues, as he ought to have done? Why had he not pointed out whatever objections he had to make at the proper time and in the proper place? Why had he not even brought them forward at the meeting of District Grand Lodge, held for the especial purpose of considering the building scheme? This was not the proper time for going into figures to show how the calculations of the committee had been made, otherwise he (Bro. Locke) would have been perfectly prepared to show the utter absurdity of the financial statements made by Bro. T. Jones. It was, however, wholly unnecessary to notice them. The question before District Grand Lodge was not whether the committee's scheme was practicable or impracticable—that had been decided on the 14 August, after full publication of the committee's proposals. What they had now to decide was this: would they in a practical manner demonstrate that confidence in the undertaking which was declared by the resolutions of the 14th August, last by investing their own funds therein? Could they expect that others would put money into the undertaking if District Grand Lodge itself did not? However sound the scheme might be, it was absurd to suppose it possible for it to succeed unless the debentures were promptly taken up, and how could they expect this to be done if District Grand Lodge shewed reluctance to invest its own balances in them? If, by any chance, the scheme did fail, he should always consider Bros. Jones and Allen to be responsible for having brought it about by the manner in which, during the last few weeks, they had, in various ways, done their best to damage it. He would mention one other fact which would enable them to judge as to the value they might attach to the vehement opposition which Bro. T. Jones was exhibiting towards the building scheme. At the last meeting of the Committee of General Purposes, the report of which they were then considering, Bro. T. Jones had commenced a hot attack against what he said was an impracticable feature in the project, namely, the swimming bath! and it had been necessary to inform him that the committee had themselves decided against that feature (which had only been thrown out as a suggestion by one member at the beginning), and that it was entirely omitted in the final scheme submitted to, and accepted by, District Grand Lodge. This would show the care with which Bro. Jones had acquainted himself with the papers which had been furnished to him, and with what the nature of the building scheme really was!

(To be continued).

### Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE WILSON MS

I am now trying to trace this MS., and have found a clue not to the MS. actually, but to the collection of MSS. of the house where the MS. is said to have been. If I succeed, I will report proceedings.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

### Obituary.

BRO. J. J. FARNHAM.

We deeply regret to read in "The East Anglian Daily News," of January 10th, the death, by drowning, of Bro. J. J. Farnham, late Curate in charge at West-horpe, Suffolk, Past Dist. S.G.W. of Bombay.

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The following stand over:—

Letters from "A Provincial P.M." Bro. Tudor Trevor, Bro. Kenneth, R. H. Mackenzie.

Reports of Hartington Lodge, 1085, Derby; Albert Edward Lodge, 1560, Leicester; Scientific Lodge, 88, Cambridge; Lodge of Honour, 379, Bath; Ellesmere Lodge, 758, Runcorn; Social Lodge, 93, Norwich; St. James's Union Lodge, 180, London; Unanimity Lodge, 102, Walsingham; Enoch Lodge, 11, London; Lodge of Hengist, Bournemouth; Henley Lodge, 1472, North Woolwich; Lodge Fortitude, 105, Plymouth; Benevolent Lodge, 303, Teignmouth; Perseverance Lodge, 164, Sidmouth; Wentworth Lodge, 1239, Sheffield; Rowley Lodge, 1051, Lancaster; Duke of Lancaster Lodge, 1353, Morecambe; Earl Ellesmere Lodge, 678, Kersley; Alfred Lodge, 344, Oxford.

The Installation of Bro. E. Hodgson; The Masonic career of the Earl of Shrewsbury; Masonic Ball in Sheffield.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

New York "Square." "Lloyd's List." "Keystone." "Friemaurer Zeitung;" "Die Bauhütte;" "Garden Oracle and Horticultural Year Book."

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JAN. 15, 1876.

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

The Prince of Wales since he left Calcutta has visited Lucknow, Cawnpore, and Delhi. He has been over the ground of the great mutiny, and has been reminded everywhere of the heroism of the Feringhee. Many noble soldiers are lying in their humble graves along his route, whose blood has "spilt like water" for the name of the Queen, and in devotion to old England. We can quite understand that the Prince will have been deeply impressed; it could not well be otherwise. All honour to "John Beetlecrusher," and "peaceful resting places and quiet graves" for those who fought so gloriously and died so well. One very touching sight at Lucknow was the review of those surviving natives who adhere so loyally to the English "Rag," and shared no nobly the privations and dangers of these white-faced comrades. They were all presented to the Prince of Wales. The telegraphic account in the "Times" is most interesting up to the 11th, and we subjoin it:— There is every reason to be satisfied with the favourable impression produced on the Talookdars and the people by the Prince's visit to Lucknow. At noon, on the 10th, His Royal Highness presented colours to the 1st Battalion of the 14th Regiment of the Line. After the ceremony, Lieuts. Le Grice and Taylor's Batteries, with the 65th, 14th, 6th, and 41st Native Infantry, marched past. The march past of the 6th was much admired. At 2.30 on the 10th the Prince bade good-bye. The special train to Cawnpore arrived at 4. The Prince thanked Sir George Couper for the reception at Oude. He drove to the Memorial Church with a Guard of Honour of the Buffs and a cavalry escort. There was an Artillery salute. Mr. Prinsep, Colonel Maude, the civil and military authorities, and multitudes of natives were present. The Prince spent some time examining the church and reading the mural inscriptions. Then they proceeded to the fatal Well and the Enclosure, which stand in a fair park, with flower beds. The Prince remained inside a quarter of an hour, and walked to the Cemetery, close at hand. It is beautifully

kept, and forms a strong contrast to the Crimean graveyard. From the Cemetery the Prince proceeded to Mr. Prinsep's. He dined there, leaving at 9.30 by special train to Delhi. Cawnpore is very quiet. Thousands were sitting by the road sides to see the Prince. The Prince of Wales entered Delhi at 9 a.m. on the 11th. Lord Napier of Magdala was present, and the Generals and an immense mounted staff rode with the suite through the lines of Artillery, Cavalry, and Infantry from the station through the city out by the Lahore Gate over the ridge for four miles to the camp, where the Prince held a levée of European and Native officers, lasting two hours. The Prince dined with Lord Napier, who is not yet able to ride. Crowds of natives are lining the route. Extraordinary triumphal arches have been erected with inscriptions. The general attitude of the population is very respectful and courteous. The Prince received an address from the Delhi Municipality. His Royal Highness was much interested in passing the memorable sites, surrounded as he was by many who had borne a share in the great siege.

## H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD.

We feel sure that the entire Craft will rejoice to hear of the nomination of H.R.H. Prince Leopold by his Royal brother our Royal Grand Master, to be Prov.G.M. for Oxfordshire. The close connection of the Royal family with our Order has always been a subject of heartfelt satisfaction to every loyal Freemason, and we feel convinced that on the present occasion that satisfaction will be largely augmented, and universally expressed. H.R.H. Prince Leopold is well known to have many attributes of personal tastes and feelings, greatly in unison with that of our peace-loving and philanthropic sodality. He is a patron of the fine arts, a friend to education in its widest sense, "simpatico" with all those pursuits and tendencies which serve to improve, to adorn, to elevate the human race; most anxious to give his countenance to all that may conduce to the social advancement and æsthetical culture of his fellow citizens; no mean proficient himself, if report be true, in those studies which enlighten, and those branches of learning which civilize, the great family of mortal man. He is a soldier of peace, a pioneer, like his great father, of national advance, of cosmopolitan unity and welfare. And therefore to-day it is that a discerning brotherhood hails its newest ruler with genuine welcome and heartfelt pleasure. May that distinguished province over which he is so fitly called to rule soon demonstrate the benefit of his genial sway, and may it in the future, as in the past, ever maintain its high character for true Masonic principles, for sound Masonic teaching, and for the practice and development of those Masonic virtues and graces without which our highest dignities and our most venerated symbols are but as "sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."

## A MUNIFICENT MASONIC GIFT.

Our pages last week record a most munificent donation by Bro. H. C. Fox, of Philadelphia, to his lodge, the Covenant Lodge, 456, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of 5,000 dollars, or £1,000. Bro. W. J. Hughan has kindly called our attention to the circumstance, and we agree with him in his estimation of the act as a remarkable one, and deserving both of record and remembrance. Nay, we may go a little further and say—yes—imitation. For, to say the truth, we have often thought ourselves how much local Masonic charity might be aided in the ever increasing demands on our funds, private and general, by the voluntary offerings to our lodges of some benevolent and well-to-do brethren. As a general rule our lodges are not rich and have but small investments; but we feel sure of this, that much good would accrue to our Order, if lodges had good Benevolence Funds of their own, and if, as a general rule, individual liberality came in to supplement the formal amount of the annual lodge subscription. Many brethren think when they have paid their annual subscription to their lodge that they have done their duty by the Order. We have always held this to be a mis-

take, and we are glad to see our worthy Bro Fox, of Philadelphia, U.S., so to say, "breaking the ice" and setting an example of lodge donations. We must not shut our eyes to one fact, that though Freemasonry is very prosperous just now it has inevitably its day of trial in store, for the large present admission of members must result ere long in increased demands on all its institutions and all its resources. Now then is the time, while we are sailing before a prosperous wind, to make provision for future possible "dirty weather;" and the only way in which we can do this is by largely increasing our funds of lodge benevolence, and, if possible, making lodges themselves dispense local and immediate aid to deserving applicants. Just as the poor laws, it is most fully and generally admitted, require to be supplemented and aided by individual effort, if ever we are to break down the dreadful "incubus" on honest industry of habitual pauperism, so, if our general funds are to be preserved and relieved, in the pressure which is assuredly coming upon them by anything, it can only be done by the increase of our lodge funds, and the development of lodge relief, judiciously given and carefully supervised. There is a tendency in lodges to throw relief on to the Provincial and the Grand Lodge funds, forgetting, that if our professions are worth anything, if our principles are true, such needful and beneficial work of true Masonic charity, should begin with the lodge in which the recipient first saw the light or received the teaching of Freemasonry. There is another tendency at the present day, equally unsound in practice, to make the aggregate do, what the unit should effect in the first instance. As we hold, that all true work is individual and not general in the world, and that great results are achieved by the unit-worker, not by the aggregate, by the person, not the community, so if Masonic charity is to become properly organised and thoroughly efficient, and sound alike in its theory and practice, it must begin with our lodges, and the Provincial and Grand Lodge Funds should not be appealed to until the actual exigencies of the case required it, or until in justice to others local relief had reached its furthest possible limit. Having said this, we greatly commend and admire Bro. H. C. Fox's munificent gift to the lodge in itself, and call the attention of many large-hearted and liberal-minded brethren in this country, to this seasonable and striking display of American Masonic sympathy and active good will.

## THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The scheme for the enlargement of the Girls' School is still a thing of the future. At the Quarterly Court on Saturday Bro. Kenyon withdrew his resolution, wisely in our opinion, and the whole matter is now practically before the Committee again. We shall await its report with interest, and we trust that when it appears it may be characterized by clearness of scope, and largeness of vision, and that it may deal efficiently and effectively with the undoubted necessities of the Order. We may add that 21 new candidates were accepted on Saturday.

## MASONIC IMPOSTORS IN IRELAND.

We have been requested from Ireland to caution the brethren against some "false brethren," who are now seeking to "loot" the Masonic "Treasury" in that country, and who may perhaps ere long pay us in England, and our brethren across the borders, a fraternal visit. They profess to be American Freemasons, shipwrecked somewhere, but are deliberate Masonic swindlers and vagrants. They are probably some of those worthies who, named in the American Masonic prints, have found the United States too hot for them, and are now seeking to prey on confiding brethren in the old country. We recommend for them an "interview" with the police. We may observe, that one gentleman of this interesting fraternity is now expiating his vagabond raids by a prolonged term of seclusion, little food, and much work, in one of the American penitentiaries. We call attention to an extract elsewhere, taken from the "Keystone," which may assist our good Irish brethren in the matter.

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 SUPREME COUNCIL, 33° IN SCOTLAND.

Letter from D. G. A. Walker Arnott, to Alexander James Stewart, Grand Clerk of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.  
2, Victoria Terrace,  
Downhill, near Glasgow,  
18 April, 1872.

My dear Sir,

To answer your letter fully would consume a vast deal more time than I can afford, particularly as you seem to be perfectly ignorant of what preceded the formation of the Supreme Council of the 33rd by Dr. Morrison. The order of Mizraim of 92° was established in Scotland about 40 years ago, I think in 1822, but perhaps earlier; at all events, it was long before March 1827. The heads of that body were the Messrs. Belarrada, of Paris. The late Duke of Athole, and Bro. H. R. Roux and some others were admitted to the 90th degree, and in March several others to the 99th and inferior degrees. I had once a copy of the printed original list, but it seems to have gone astray. Alexr. Deuchar, Sir Patrick Walker, and some others were admitted to the 90th in 1829. The same year it was established here the Belarrada established it in Ireland, and there it forms the third series of their Supreme Council of Rites. The order of Mizraim contained all the degrees that belong to the Rite Ancient of 33 (and many more), except the two highest degrees, the 32° and 33°. You must be aware also, that what was called Prussian Masonry, or the Rite of Perfection, consisted of 25 degrees, and that the highest is the "Princes of the Royal Secret," and identical with the 32nd of the "Ancient Scottish Rite." These were the original degrees, but in America an addition took place in the beginning of the century (4th December, 1802, at Charleston), so as to make the total number 33 (the number of years our Saviour was on earth). No new degree was however concocted, except the 33° itself, all the other 7 were taken from the floating degrees belonging to several small rites in France and elsewhere, all perfectly puerile.

Now the Rite of Perfection of 25 degrees was brought to Scotland, from America, before the Rite Ancient, and Alexr. Deuchar and some others initiated. Deuchar, however, had a wish that all Masonic degrees above M.M., should, if not Christian, be placed under the Royal Arch series; and all those that were Christian, made part of those of the Temple. No arrangement was however completed, although many of the degrees were in accordance with that view, given by him in the Royal Arch Chapters and Templar "Encampments."

The history of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in Scotland is more obscure. From documents shewn to me by Mr. A. Deuchar, it appeared that both he and the late Duke of Athole had received the 33° regularly, as they believed, and, in consequence, Mr. Deuchar received from France, in French, the Ritual of the 33°, I think also of the 31° or 32°, but these he already had.

I was admitted by A. Deuchar to the first degree of Mizraim as far as the 77th on 23rd November, 1842, and as Mr. Deuchar was anxious that I should relieve him of the trouble of looking after the high degrees, I was soon after promoted to the 90°, and I also obtained the highest degree of all the other rites.

No one doubted the perfect legality of our practising these until Dr. Morrison came, and, as the proper documents had been lost, he deemed that the Rite Ancient had been properly established, in consequence of the body with which he was connected in Paris laying down certain forms, which were not regarded necessary by the other body in France which practised the Right Ancient, viz., the Grand Orient of France, the only one now permitted to practise Masonry, and by which our body here would be regarded as irregular, having derived its authority from the polluted source of their opponents.

From this you will at once understand that, although there may be a doubt about the power of the Scottish Council of Rites, formed by the amalgamation of all the rites, to initiate any one into the Rite Ancient generally, we had a full right to confer all the degrees it contains except the 33° itself.

The object of establishing these degrees here was one merely of curiosity; no one considered it to be of the smallest value, and the only object was to keep up the knowledge of them as a record of the folly of those who aspired to "high degrees." A mere trifle was therefore charged for initiation, or rather affiliation, from those who resided in Scotland, but a higher rate was taken from those out of Scotland, because they had some peculiar object in view.

Now, if my memoranda be correct, James Bell and two others, all Knights of the Royal Order and Royal Arch companions of the Chapter Edinburgh, No. 1, were affiliated into the Degree of Rose Croix in March, 1845, and as our rule was to admit them members of all the rites as far as the same degree, in each, this would probably be done. The same at least were all admitted to the degree of K.H., and afterwards to the 87th Degree of Mizraim, to the 25th Degree of Rite of Perfection, and 32nd Degree of the Ancient Rite. Archibald Douglas alone was then admitted to the 33°, but I know that others were afterwards, but feel sure that among these Mr. Bell was not.

After Dr. Morrison established the 33° in his own fashion, I, feeling that there was great impropriety in there being two such powers in Scotland, refused to hold any meetings of the original body, although I did not object to confer the degrees in Mizraim and Rite of Perfection—in short, all except the "Grand Inspector General." I formed

the determination rather to allow the whole to drop than to do anything that would cause umbrage. I ought to mention that Bro. W. Alex. Laurie, Secretary to the Grand Lodge, had been admitted to the Rose Croix, to the 90th of Mizraim, and to the 33rd Degree of the Ancient Rite in September, 1845.

After Dr. Morrison's death—at least, I think it was not till then—a proposal was made to me to join the 33°, as there was then a vacancy. I refused, unless arrangements could be made to admit also to the same degree they who had obtained from my Supreme Council all those in my list—and at a trifling fee—and that if there was no place for them at present in the corresponding degree they were to be received into that of next highest, with the understanding that they were to be promoted when a vacancy occurred, or at all events were to be so according to seniority—they to rank from the date at which they had obtained the degree from Supreme Council.

This was agreed to by the late J. L. Woodman, and I find a memorandum among my papers, dated Glasgow, 1st May, 1857, (at the time I left Glasgow and came to reside here, and when my Masonic papers were likely to get into great confusion by the flitting—indeed, some have entirely disappeared), to the following effect:—

"In consequence of the Rite Ancient having been established in Scotland by Dr. Charles Morrison, in connection with the Supreme Council of the 33° of France, and as the late Alex. Deuchar had left no documents to show that this rite had been properly established in Scotland, and that he had been admitted a member of the 33rd Degree according to the precise manner laid down in its regulations, the members of the Supreme Council of Rites agreed, without any formal meeting, that they would no longer grant any degree as part of the Rite Ancient, and on the other hand the newly-formed body agreed to admit, as far as there was a place for them, those of the 33°, in connection with the Council of Rites, either to the 33°, or to the next highest degree in which there might be a vacancy, on payment of a modified fee. It was in consequence agreed, also, by the members of the Council of Rites, that in future they would not grant any degrees but those belonging to the Order of Mizraim, and, moreover, that they would not grant more than the 45th Degree to one who was not a member of the Royal Order, or of the 18th of the Rite Ancient, or more than the 63rd Degree until one had obtained the 30th of the Rite Ancient, or the 66th Degree to one who had not received the 31st in the Rite Ancient. This was agreed to, so as to avoid any collision, and in the hope that the fees would be made so moderate as not to exclude brethren. But the members of the Order of Mizraim reserved to themselves power at any time, if they saw cause, to act quite independently of the Rite Ancient, especially if they found it placed obstacles, either by high fees or the ballot, in the way of any brother of respectability, although not of civil rank, obtaining all the degrees up to the 31st inclusive.

"In consequence of the above, no meeting has taken place for several years, the general wish being to allow the Order of Mizraim to die out, unless for the purpose of admitting some worthy brother who would take charge of the papers of the body."

I do not recollect what the modified fees were (but think £1 1s.) made by the Supreme Council of 33°. I alone was admitted to the 33°, there being only one vacancy. Archibald Douglas and some others of my 33° were admitted to the 32°; others cared so little about it that they would not apply or pay the fee. W. A. Laurie, I believe, refused. Dr. MacRitchie and Thomas Elder MacRitchie were both entitled to join the 32°, but I do not know if they did so. Mr. Bell, about whom you wrote, was entitled to join the 32°, but not the 33°; or, if the number was limited, and no place for him, he was entitled to join the 31st, it being distinctly understood that the modified fee was to be a single payment for all the 31°, 32°, and 33°, and that no fee whatever was to be paid for K.H., or Rose Croix, unless they wished a diploma, when they were to pay for the parchment, &c.

I have faithfully kept to my part of the bargain, and hope that the Supreme Council will keep to theirs.

I regret to say that in the matter of the Royal Order, and the 18°, it was distinctly understood by Woodman and myself, when the articles of agreement were made, that every one admitted by the Royal Order as a Knight was entitled to be affiliated into the 18° without ballot or fees, the Royal Order paying the fee of £1 1s. for them. Had Woodman been alive this paction would never have been attempted to be broken, and will force me to grant the Rose Croix of the Order of Mizraim. You will recollect, also, that the Rose Croix formed part of the degree of the Temple in England and Scotland long before Dr. Morrison introduced the 33°. Mr. Bell's oath to the body under me prevents his publishing any secrets, and I do not believe he ever had access to the rituals, at least not from me.

Yours, very truly,  
G. A. WALKER ARNOTT.  
P.S. As I know you dislike reading or writing long letters, I shall here add a summary—my reasons being given above.

1. Mr. Bell was a member of the 32° before the Rite Ancient was established in Scotland by Dr. Morrison.

2. Mr. Bell is entitled to be admitted to the 32° of your now established Rite Ancient, in virtue of the agreement between me and Mr. Woodman—although rather late of asking to be affiliated with you.

3. Mr. Bell is not entitled to be affiliated except on payment of the modified fee, I believe £1 1s., but the Supreme Council books will show what the others paid—as Archd. Douglas, &c.

4. Mr. Bell is not entitled to free himself from his oath and publish any rituals, &c., unless you violate the paction with me.

5. Mr. Bell remains still a member of the 87° of Mizraim, which I regret you do not combine with the Rite

Ancient, nearly as done in Ireland, in the one Supreme Council of Rites, and so end these squabbles.

6. The first principles of Masonry, I was taught, were equality as far as regards civil rank or private fortune, and to give high office to those only who had proved themselves best Masons, provided their character in the world was unblemished. By these principles I have been actuated throughout; and as Mr. James Bell had been admitted in the Royal Order, and afterwards into the Order of Mizraim, Perfection, &c., at a time, too, when it was difficult to rouse any one to assist in (the giving) the higher degrees, I see no reason why he ought not to be admitted at once to the 32°, or, if the number is limited, into the 31° until a vacancy in the 32° takes place, and that for the modified fee, but without ballot, and by merely taking the vow of allegiance to you.

7. I furnished Mr. Woodman at the time with a list of all (not many) who belonged to the several rites under me, and the degree in the series of 33° to which each was entitled. It would cost me too much trouble and time now to furnish another, from my having allowed the rites to become almost obsolete.

G. A. W. A.  
Be so good as to read this postscript to Mr. Bell, or I will send a copy if you wish it.

Since writing the preceding I have found the following memorandum, apparently a copy of the one I gave to Woodman.

Members of Rite Ancient.  
Archibald Douglas, 33°, admitted 22nd March, 1845.  
F. Senneber, 31°, 22nd March, 1845, elected, but not obligated.  
W. Burn Callender, 31°, ditto.

Thomas Elder MacKitchie, { 32°, 22nd March, 1845.  
                                  { 33°, 4th July, 1845.

James Bell, 32°, 22nd March, 1845.  
Edouard Fischer, (in Belgium), member of the 33° Rite  
Prin de Naumur, 30° 4th June, 1845.

Lieut. Walter Lawrence, 32°, 6th June, 1845; 33°, 5th January, 1846.

John Grant, surgeon, Calcutta, 33°, 6th June, 1845.  
J. L. Hamilton Bourgoyne, 31°, 4th July, 1845; 33°, 12th September, 1845.

A. D. Barrowman, 31°, 4th July, 1845.  
W. D. MacRitchie, 32°, 4th July, 1845; 33°, 12th September, 1845.

W. Laurence, Esq., 33°, 4th July, 1845.  
W. A. Laurie, 33°, 12th September, 1845.  
Viscount Suidale, 32°, 5th January, 1846.  
George Phil. Stanhope, 30°, 5th January, 1846.  
J. L. Woodman, 33°, 5th January, 1846.

I freed Woodman from his obligation to us when he wished to join Dr. Morrison's body.

The letter, hitherto unpublished, by Dr. G. A. Walker Arnott to Alexander James Stewart (formerly Grand Clerk, then Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Secretary General to the Supreme Grand Council 33°), is a most important document, and should be carefully noted by your numerous Scottish readers. The career of Dr. Arnott is too well known to require any notice from me, and masonically, I presume, few would claim to be his equals in knowledge, and none his superiors, throughout Scotland, his death being a great loss to the Craft. Bro. Stewart also was well known as Grand Clerk, and subsequently as Grand Secretary; the latter office he held but for a short time prior to his decease. Of the names mentioned I have but to state that Bro. Archibald Douglas (deceased) was a searcher of Public Records in Edinburgh. Bro. T. Senneber (deceased) was a teacher of the French language and a foreigner. Bro. W. B. Callender (deceased) a landed proprietor, resided in Edinburgh. Bro. T. E. MacRitchie, a writer to the Signet, I am happy to state is still living, and a member of the present Supreme Grand Council 33°. Bro. James Bell (deceased), a solicitor in the Supreme Grand Courts of Scotland, and was proprietor of a bi-weekly newspaper called the "North Briton," published in Edinburgh. Bro. W. D. MacRitchie was a medical practitioner in the same city, since deceased. Bro. W. A. Laurie was the Grand Secretary of Scotland prior to Bro. Stewart. Bro. Laurie succeeded his father in that office, and the present Grand Secretary is a representative of the same family, beloved and respected by all who know him. Bro. Viscount Suidale became subsequently Earl of Donoughmore, and Grand Warden of Scotland, and Bro. T. L. Woodman was a writer to the Signet, Grand Clerk to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and has been dead for many years.

In the other names I have not discovered any particulars worth chronicling here.

W. J. HUGHAN.

A QUERY FOR BRO. J. C. PARKINSON.  
To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Do I understand our excellent Bro. J. C. Parkinson, to say Dr. Samuel Johnson was a Freemason, as appears from a speech at the centenary festival of St. Thomas's Lodge, recently reported in the columns of the "Freemason?" This is a new fact, and if a fact, most interesting to all.

Yours fraternally,  
A MASONIC STUDENT.

BRO. BURGESS AND THE MARK DEGREE.  
To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you in the cause of fair play allow me to say in the "Freemason" that, having learnt on the 26th of November last that a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons would be held on the 30th of that month, I at once addressed a letter to the Secretary, asking him to place before that Grand Lodge my claim, to be at once re-instated, on the ground of my expulsion having been illegally carried out, in defiance of Article 13 of the

Constitutions of the Mark Degree, which provides that no brother shall be expelled from the degree without a hearing in Grand Lodge; and that my claim was suppressed from the meeting of Grand Lodge? I only ask for fair play, but the Temple is too strong in the government of the Mark Degree to let me have it.—Faithfully yours,  
CHAS. J. BURGESS.

#### LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE NEW PRINCE'S DOCKS, BOMBAY.

One of the most interesting of all the ceremonies connected with the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to India, was the laying of the foundation stone of the Prince's Dock, with full Masonic honours, on Thursday, November 11th, when our Royal Grand Master made his first appearance in Asia as the head of our noble Craft.

As our readers will remember, these docks have long been talked of and written about, and a certain section of the community have even persuaded themselves that the vast City of Bombay would be better off without them at all! However, now that a beginning has been made, let us hope that the work may proceed rapidly, and that before many years are over "the Liverpool of the East" will be seen in possession of dock accommodation suitable to the requirements of its extended commerce. The new docks will accommodate thirty large ships and will be available at all seasons. The dimensions will be 1460 feet by 1000 feet, with a jetty 700 feet in length, the total area being 30 acres. The wharves round the dock are from 120 to 200 feet wide. The sills are to be laid at 59.30 on Bombay datum, so that there will be 21 feet on them at half tide, 24 feet at high-water of neaps, and from 27 to 30 feet at spring tides. The walls are to be from 37 to 45 in height, according to the nature of the foundation, and 17 feet thick at the bottom. They are to be of rubble masonry, with a facing of small ashlar and large binders. The stone will be of Bombay basalt, set in mortar made of local lime, mixed with ground pumice from Aden. These walls are about a mile and a half in length; the timber for the dams being procured from the forests of the Austrian Alps, and about 1000 tons have already arrived by the P. and O. Company's steamers from Venice. There are to be two entrances, each 60 feet wide in the clear, with a single pair of gates to each. The stones for the pointing sills are to be of Cornish granite, and are being supplied by Messrs. Freeman and Sons, of Penryn. These are of large dimensions, running up from 4 tons to 15 tons each. The last is the weight of each of the heel-stones. The platform will be scoured by means of sluices on each side. A cast iron syphon-pipe is to be laid under both entrances, to hold the pressure-pipes for working the hydraulic gear of the gates, &c. The openings will be spanned by a swing-bridge 180 feet long, turning on the central pier. It is intended to have cranes and shears fit to lift weights up to 60 tons. The excavation from the dock will probably be deposited at Moody Bay, in continuation of the reclamation of that part of the foreshore. For the dredging of the entrance-channel plant is now being made in England. The dredger will be a very powerful machine. Each bucket will hold a ton, and 15 bucketsful will be discharged every minute into hopper barges alongside. The machine can be worked in water from 7 feet to 35 feet in depth. The dredger is being constructed by Messrs. J. and G. Rennie, of Blackfriars and Greenwich; and the three hopper barges are being made by Messrs. John Elder and Co., Glasgow. Each barge will carry 500 tons in its hopper, and the load can be discharged at once through the bottom, by means of tripping chains. The dredger and the hoppers will be all propelled by screws, and their engines are compound surface condensing, working with 60 lbs. steam. The dredger's engine is 300 indicated horse-power, and each engine in the hopper is 180 indicated horse-power. The fleet—dredger and hoppers—will be sent out by the Suez Canal, and as their construction is now well advanced, they will probably be here by the end of the next monsoon. These docks are part of a great scheme, commenced about twelve years ago, and on which two millions sterling have been already expended. The whole scheme of reclaiming the harbour foreshore originated with the Hon. A. Malet, a member of Lord Elphinstone's government, in 1854, and has been supported by each successive government up to the present time.

The scene was most animated and picturesque, and the outside public evidently felt great interest in the unusual sight. Over the site a large mandwa had been erected, at the east end was placed the Grand Master's chair, which was of fine carved work, draped with crimson velvet and standing on a dais of green carpet. On either side thereof the visitors were accommodated, whilst the Masons, ranged under their respective banners, lined the pathway from the entrance to the chair. The posts supporting the roof were all draped with coloured cloths, and from the canvas covering hung numbers of flags and banners, arranged with a pleasing artistic effect. Conspicuous amongst the decorations were a number of shields bearing the coats of arms of the several Governors of Bombay, during whose administration the works, and the discussion arising out of them, have been successively carried on, viz:—Lord Elphinstone, Sir Geo. Clerk, Sir Bartle Frere, Sir Seymour Fitzgerald, and Sir Philip Wodehouse. The approach from the street to the spot where the stone stood was a distance of some 200 yards, and was covered in the whole way, and the floor, all along the centre, and on either side, were two robing-rooms, erected for the convenience of the brethren in donning their Masonic attire; and from that point a long avenue, enclosed on either side, led to the main structure and the scene of the ceremony. Above and behind the Prince's chair, and forming a rich and striking background, was hung a beautiful standard

emblazoned with all the quarterings of the Grand Master's arms, worked in various coloured silks, and adorned with a heavy fringe of crimson and gold. This banner, we believe, cost Rs. 4000. In the centre, behind, was worked in gold letters the following inscription:—"Presented by H. H. Mahabat Khanji, K.C.S.I., Nawab of Junagadh, Kathiavad, 1875." In front of the Prince's seat, and to the side of the stone, stood a table, on which was placed a splendid carved ebony casket, containing the implements to be used by His Royal Highness in laying the stone, viz:—A trowel, a mallet, and a plumb-level. The trowel-blade was of silver, richly chased with gold, and with a carved ebony and silver-gilt handle; and the plumb and mallet were both of carved ivory, mounted with silver and gold. They were all beautiful models of the useful instruments they were intended to represent. The face of the trowel bore this inscription—"The foundation stone of the Prince's Dock, Bombay, laid by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, 11th November, 1875." And on the reverse side was another and longer inscription, which read as follows:—

"Wet Dock, 1460 ft. long and 1000 ft. wide; area 30 acres; depth on sill, neap tides, 24 ft., spring tides, 27 ft. Estimated cost, Rs. 67,43,397. Thomas Ormiston, M. Inst. C.E., Engineer. His Excellency the Honourable Sir Philip Edmond Wodehouse, K.C.B., Governor of Bombay; Trustees of the Port, Col. John A. Ballard, C.B., R.E., Chairman; the Hon. Edward W. Ravenscroft, C.S.; Lieut.-Col. Henry F. Hancock, R.E.; Commander George T. Robinson, late I.N.; Forster F. Arbuthnot, C.S.; Wm. G. Hall, Esq.; Geo. A. Kittredge, Esq.; Geo. F. Henry, Esq.; Henry P. LeMesurier, M. Inst. C.E.; Francis Mayhew, M. Inst. C.E.; The Hon. Nacoda Mahomed Ali Rogay; Sorabji Shapurji Bengali, Esq.; Geo. Manson, Secretary."

The casket itself stood on four silver claws, and had two massive silver handles and a silver plate on the top, bearing the inscription:—"Presented by the Trustees of the Port of Bombay to H.R.H. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, on the occasion of his laying the foundation stone of the Prince's Dock, Bombay, 11th November, 1875."

On the same table stood a sealed bottle, which was intended to be deposited in the cavity of the stone, and which contained copies of five Bombay newspapers:—The "Bombay Gazette," the "Times of India," the "Indian Statesman," the "Guzerat Mitra," and the "Indu Prakash;" a plan of the docks; and the current Indian coins, viz:—Gold-mohur—ten rupee piece, and five rupee; Silver—rupee, half rupee, quarter rupee, and two annas; Copper—half anna, quarter anna, and pie. A copy of the "Masonic Record of Western India," in a hermetically sealed case, was added to these.

The foundation stone is of Bombay basalt, and bore, on the top the Prince's monogram A.E., and on each side the "Marks" of the Prince, the District Grand Master, the Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry in India, Bro. Ormiston and R.W. Bro. M. Balfour, were chiselled in the stone, and brought prominently into notice by being marked with red paint. The upper portion of the stone was raised by means of a pulley, and in the lower half was the cavity intended for the reception of the bottle of coins, and papers, and the usual inscribed copperplate.

The seats began early to receive their occupants, and both sides soon presented a gay and picturesque appearance. The native side, filled with gorgeously-dressed rajahs and Parsee ladies, boasted the greatest variety of colour; but the Europeans, with the bright uniforms of military and naval officers plentifully sprinkled among the sober black of the civilians' evening dress, and the pretty and tasteful toilets of the ladies, formed also a striking and interesting spectacle. Among the native chiefs, there were present such distinguished and imposing-looking personages as Sir Salar Jung and other members of the Nizam's deputation, Sir Madhavarao, the Jam of Nowanuggur, the Thakore of Palitana, and H. H. Ali Shah; but the greatest attention was paid to the young Gackwar, who sat apart with his guardian, Sir R. Meade. The young prince wore the black velvet and gold-laced doublet in which he has usually appeared in public while in Bombay, and, besides his magnificent necklace of diamonds, a large gold medal, a silver scabbard and gold-hilted sword (almost as big as himself), and a beautiful gold watch and chain. The last three ornaments have been presented to his highness by the Prince of Wales, and he seemed immensely proud of them, exhibiting them freely, and with evident gratification, to a large number of ladies and gentlemen, who, attracted by the appearance of so young a boy so splendidly decked out, and interested by his extraordinary history, expressed a desire to be presented to him. The boy appeared much interested and pleased with the scene, and listened eagerly to the explanations and information given him by Sir R. Meade. Among the Bombay gentlemen present, we observed Sir William Merewether, Commissioner of Sind; Major-General Kennedy, R.E., Secretary to Government, P.W. Department; A. T. Crawford, Esq., C.S.; Dr. Lumsden, Sanitary Commissioner of the Presidency; Colonel Worgan; Mr. C. P. Cooper, Mr. G. W. Allen, T. C. Glover, Esq., the Contractor; and the Trustees of the Port, viz:—Col. Ballard, Lt.-Col. Hancock, Mr. Ravenscroft, Mr. Arbuthnot, Mr. Hall, Captain Henry, Mr. LeMesurier, Mr. Mathew, the Hon. Nacoda Mahomed Ali Rogay, and Mr. Sorabjee Shapurjee Bengalee, and Messrs. Maclean, Maneckjee Cursetjee, Wadia, and others.

The ceremony was announced to commence at a quarter to five, and shortly before that time the members of the District Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Scotland for Hindustan, and the representatives of the various lodges, to the number of 550, were marshalled into order by Wor. Bro. Rowe (England), the District Grand Master of Ceremonies, aided by Bro. Yates (Scotland), the English brethren lining the right side and the Scotch the left. The banners looked particularly well, chief among them being

those of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. While the brethren were being marshalled, H.E. the Governor, Sir Philip Wodehouse, arrived, and was received by Colonel Ballard and the members of the Trust, and shortly afterwards a cheer from the crowd outside announced the arrival of the Prince. His Royal Highness drove in a carriage and four, escorted by a party of the 3rd Hussars, and was received by a guard of honour of a Native regiment, who saluted as he passed. He was accompanied by Sir Bartle Frere, the Duke of Sutherland, K.G., and his suite, and was received by the Governor, who presented Col. Ballard, C.B., with whom the Prince shook hands, and the other members of the Port Trust. On alighting, the Prince disappeared for a few moments into the robing-room, and shortly emerged, wearing his apron, cuffs, and collar, as M.W. Grand Master of Freemasonry in England. He was otherwise dressed in a plain black frock-coat and white trousers, and the only ornament he wore beside his Masonic emblems was the Star of India; Sir Philip Wodehouse wore the Star of the Bath, Sir Bartle Frere that of the Star of India. While the Prince was dressing, the Governor and other non-Masonic members of H.R.H.'s suite, and the Port Trustees, proceeded to their places near the stone.

[The remainder of the report will appear next week.]

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Meeting of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John Symonds, Past Grand Deacon, Vice-Patron, presided. Bros. Lieut. Col. Creaton, P.G.D.; John Symonds, C. F. Matier, H. Browne, A. H. Diaper, H. Massey ("Freemason"), W. Stephens, and F. Binckes, Past Grand Steward (Sec.), were also present. A long list of minutes of previous meetings of committees, &c., were read, after which nine vacancies were declared for filling up at next election out of a list of fifty-nine approved candidates.

The brethren then proceeded to consider the following recommendation of the General Committee, as notice of motion:—"That the right to the presentation of a properly qualified boy in perpetuity for admission to this institution be secured to the Province of Warwickshire on payment to the funds of this institution of one thousand guineas."

Bro. F. Binckes having read this notice of motion, which had been duly advertised,

The Chairman was about to put it to the meeting for adoption, when

Bro. W. Stephens asked whether the amount of £1050 to be paid for the privilege of having one boy in the school in perpetuity was quite sufficient. It appeared to him to be a small sum.

Bro. Binckes replied that before the institution came to the conclusion to fix that sum, the brethren took the opinion of an eminent actuary, who calculated that this was the right amount to charge. On this opinion they acted.

Bro. Henry Browne was of opinion that the amount was not sufficient, and he very much feared that if the law of the institution, that this sum was the price of a perpetual presentation, remained there would soon be a great number of presentation boys in the school.

Lieut. Col. Creaton did not think there ought to be any presentations at all. Still, the law was on the books that there should be, and until it was altered they could but follow it.

The Chairman said there was no law at all on the subject. There was a law as to the price of a presentation for life, but not one for a perpetual presentation.

Bro. Henry Browne asked what was the price of a presentation for life?

Bro. Binckes: 500 guineas.

Lieut. Col. Creaton: There is a law by which we can do it.

The Chairman: Oh, yes.

Bro. Henry Browne: I think we ought to amend the law, but it will take us some two months to do it according to our rules.

Bro. Binckes having read the law that a life presentation should be 500 guineas,

Bro. Henry Browne said that that bore no comparison to a presentation in perpetuity; it was very extravagant compared with that. They must, however, accept the rule that day; but he hoped some one would consider the matter and move the Court to alter the law.

The Chairman: There is no law adequate to this: it is a special law for each particular case. We have struck out the law by which any one was entitled to claim it.

Bro. Binckes said that a rider might be added as an expression of opinion to the resolution granting the presentation to Warwickshire that it was inexpedient that after the present time the privilege should be secured to a province in perpetuity at this sum.

The Chairman thought this could not be done without notice.

Bro. Binckes: But only as an expression of opinion.

Bro. W. Stephens said it would call the attention of the governors and subscribers to the matter.

Lieut. Col. Creaton: Yes; and some one will no doubt take it up.

Bro. W. Stephens said that more than one province now had a perpetual presentation, and that with the instances of these provinces before them other provinces might follow their example. This would be stopping the income of the institution to a great extent, because the different provinces would subscribe a sum of money that they might present a boy in perpetuity, and not subscribe further.

Lieut. Col. Creaton thought until there was a law passed against this granting of presentations they must pass this motion, but he was of opinion that it was right to add the rider suggested to the resolution.

The Chairman, therefore, put the motion, "That the ap-

plication be granted on the recommendation of the General Committee; but that in the opinion of this meeting it is not desirable that any future similar presentation should be granted."

The motion was carried.

On Bro. C. F. Matier rising to propose the following motion, seconded by Bro. J. H. L. Hime, "That any brother not serving the office of Steward who may collect for the R.M.I. for Boys the sum of fifty guineas shall, when that sum is completed, be made a life subscriber, and have one vote for life, and should he collect a further sum of fifty guineas shall, on the completion thereof, receive an additional vote, and so on for every further fifty guineas he may collect."

The Chairman appealed to him not to press it at present, because pains had been taken to assimilate the laws of the Boys' School and the Girls' School, and no similar notice had been given to the latter institution. He might perhaps be told that it was competent for the Girls' School at the next Quarterly Court to adopt this resolution; but three months would elapse before that meeting took place, and then a different class of minds might be present and the motion might not be passed. It had been found very valuable in administering the affairs of the two institutions to have their laws similar; and on this ground he would appeal to Bro. Matier not to press his motion at present. He did not want to discuss the motion itself, as it would be out of place for him to do so; but he thought its terms would require consideration if brought before a future court. A hard and fast line should not be drawn. A difference might be made between Stewards and non-Stewards, and there should be perhaps a certain amount of option.

Bro. Matier expressed his readiness to comply with the Chairman's wish.

Bro. Henry Browse could not see any reason whatever in the argument of the excellent Chairman as regarded the Girls' School. He was quite satisfied that there would be notice given of a similar motion for that institution if it was carried now in the Boys' School. If it was withdrawn here, however, a brother might hesitate to give notice of the motion there. If a brother worked hard to get 50 guineas for either institution why should he not be rewarded with the privilege of a vote at each election for every 50 guineas he collected? He was quite at a loss to understand the pith of the Chairman's argument. If the motion was adopted in the Boys' School, he was sure in his own mind that the Girls' School would adopt it too. If it was good for one it was good for the other. The object of passing it now was that they would have the benefit of it at the next festivals of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, for which there was now ample time if the motion was passed that day. He did not wish to have the matter deferred, and consequently he was quite prepared, if Bro. Matier would proceed with his motion, to second it himself.

The Chairman, in explanation, said he did not propose that in all cases this school should have to follow the Girls'. He would rather that an important alteration of this kind were made at a Special Court of the two institutions, held jointly on the same day, so that there might be no possibility of a divergence of opinion between them. Notwithstanding all the arguments of Bro. Browse, he was not satisfied that it was absolutely certain that a law passed at this institution would be passed at the other. If it was not passed at the other, then they would be immediately breaking up the printing in parallel columns of the rules, which was their great beauty.

Bro. C. F. Matier said that as it was the wish of the Chairman he would defer his motion till next quarterly meeting; but he believed that such a law, if carried, would be found to bring in a large staff of unpaid canvassers. It would cost the institution nothing but a vote. It had been found that the large-hearted men who gave their ten guineas and five guineas placed their money on the Stewards' lists; but the bulk of the Craft, who could give their half-guinea or guinea, were not appealed to. It was for the purpose of getting them appealed to that he brought forward his motion. However, in deference to the wish of the Chairman, he would postpone it till next Quarterly Court.

The Chairman again suggested that there should be a Special Joint Court of the two institutions to discuss the question. As trustee of the Boys' School he had the power to request Bro. Binckes to summon a Special Court of the Boys' School, and Lieut.-Col. Creaton, who was present, had the same power with respect to the Girls' School.

Lieut.-Col. Creaton concurred.

Requisitions were then drawn up and signed for the summoning of a Joint Special Court of the two institutions for the 5th Feb., at three o'clock p.m., and with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding the proceedings of the day terminated.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The annual entertainment of the boys who did not go home for the holidays was given on Friday, the 7th inst., at the school house, Wood Green. The inclemency of the weather was against a large attendance of visitors, but several brethren of the Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, were present, with the members of their families, to take part in the amusements of the evening, and assist in making the pupils happy. The Rev. Dr. Morris, the head master, was present; Bro. C. F. Matier, of Manchester; Binckes, Secretary; Miss Hall, matron, and the general staff of the institution also. There were numerous amusements provided for the boys, the principal one, however, being Mr. Bridgman Smith's two lectures, "The World," and "Cinderella," accompanied by his excellent dissolving views. Those of the former illustrated the natural wonders to be seen in different parts of our globe, and of the latter the well-known fairy tale. The entertainment was highly

appreciated, and gave our young friends especial delight. On Tuesday last the entertainment was supplemented by the boys being taken to see the capital pantomime at the Alexandra Palace.

The subscriptions to this institution amounted in 1875 to the enormous sum of £13,211, thus exceeding the estimated amount announced at last festival by £500.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the above Institution was held on Saturday last in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel J. Creaton, P.G.D., Vice-Patron, was voted to the chair. Among the other brethren present were Bros. H. Browse, P.G.D.; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Walter Wellman Samuel Poynter, Thomas W. White, E. H. Finney, George Kenning, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; Robert Kenyon, Robert B. Webster, Thomas Massa, Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; John Symonds, P.G.D.; E. J. Barron, P.G.S.; S. Rawson, P. Dist. G.M. China; Ranyham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; George Wright, H. Muggeridge, W. Roebuck, A. H. Diaper, H. M. Levy, W. F. C. Moutrie, W. Dawson, John Boyd, P.G.P.; F. D. R. Copestick, Fredk. Keily, W. Hall, H. Massey ("Freemason"), and R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G.S.W., Middlesex (Secretary).

Bro. Little having read the notice calling the meeting, and the minutes of former meeting, which were put and confirmed, the Chairman called on Bro. Kenyon to bring forward the following motion, of which he had given notice:—"That a branch school be established as soon as practicable, and that a committee of five Governors be appointed to inspect a freehold estate at Sunninghill, comprising about ten acres and a half, with a view to purchasing the same, and erecting the requisite school thereon; that the outside cost of the land and buildings shall not exceed £12,000."

Bro. Kenyon said that out of due deference and respect to the members of the Special Committee, to whom this question had been amongst others referred, he wished to postpone all discussion on his motion set down for consideration that day. The Christmas holidays had intervened since he gave notice of this motion, and no meeting of the Committee could possibly have taken place. He, therefore, should propose that until that committee had made its report he should not bring on any discussion of his motion. He would, therefore, either withdraw his notice, and give a fresh notice for next Court, or postpone the present motion till that time. He would ask not to be called upon at present to make his motion (hear, hear), and it was out of respect to the committee that he did so.

Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., thought Bro. Kenyon should withdraw his motion, and he would propose that that should be done, because it was hardly fair perhaps, while the subject was before the Special Committee, to get this motion on before the Quarterly Court. Bro. Kenyon had exercised a wise discretion. He (Bro. Joseph Smith) should have opposed the motion tooth and nail if it had been brought on. If Bro. Kenyon's motion had been carried it would have been by stealing a march upon the committee.

Bro. Kenyon begged [Bro. Joseph Smith's] pardon. He had given notice that he would bring on his motion at this meeting, and having appeared in his place for the purpose of doing so he had fulfilled his plan. The report of the committee might render it unnecessary for him to renew his motion.

The Chairman asked whether he understood that Bro. Kenyon withdrew his notice of motion.

Bro. Kenyon replied that he thought that would be the right course.

The notice of motion was accordingly withdrawn.

The Chairman then called for Bro. H. W. Hemsworth to bring forward the motion of which he had given notice, "That not more than two children of same parents be admitted to this institution at the same time," but Bro. Hemsworth not being present, and no brother moving on his behalf, the matter fell to the ground.

Bro. Robert B. Webster thereupon brought on his motion, upon the recommendation of the General Committee:—"That the sum of twenty guineas be granted to Miss Moss, late assistant governess, as a gratuity on her retirement from the school." Miss Moss, he said, had been in the school now something like twenty years, and had during that time won the confidence of every one connected with the institution. (Hear hear.)

Bro. John Symonds, Past Grand Deacon, and Vice-Patron of the institution, said that he had the greatest pleasure in rising to second the motion. Having been for many years connected with the school he had had an opportunity of seeing Miss Moss's career in that school. He was sure that every brother must feel she thoroughly deserved the higher promotion she had obtained. She had faithfully followed in the steps, first of Miss Brandenbergh, of the London Orphan Asylum, and afterwards of Miss Davis, in the school. The British Orphan Asylum in obtaining Miss Moss as head governess had secured the services of a most efficient mistress. She had earned the respect of all the brethren; and the very least compliment they could pay her on her leaving the Masonic Girls' School was to present her with a gratuity of the nature proposed. (Hear hear.)

The Chairman observed that if he might be allowed to add a few words on the subject he would say that he quite concurred in all the remarks that had fallen from the two preceding speakers. Miss Moss had been a most valuable governess, and she had been connected with the school nearly twenty-one years. He was only sorry that the sum proposed to be given her was not larger than it was. Twenty guineas was really too small a sum. Some short time ago they had given £20 to the gardener's

wife, who had not one tithe of the claim on them that Miss Moss had. He only wished he had the power of moving that the sum should be larger.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, Past Grand Deacon, said perhaps Bro. Webster would withdraw his motion for the present, and then bring forward at the next court a motion including the increased sum.

Bro. Webster replied that he would do so.

Bro. W. Roebuck quite agreed with Bro. Stewart. Miss Moss at the present time ought to have held a much better position than she had (a Brother: "No doubt about it.") He would be glad to see the amount increased to fifty guineas.

Bro. John Symonds, P.G.D., entertained much the same view on the subject as the worthy chairman, a feeling of regret that the sum proposed was not larger than twenty guineas, but as that sum had been recommended by the General Committee to this Court, it would not do for the brethren now to take any exception to it. He was, however, quite sure that the course which had been suggested would commend itself to all of them, and it was on that ground he would second the proposition to withdraw the motion.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., would, in a friendly spirit, move as an amendment to Bro. Webster's proposal that the matter be referred to the House Committee. They could recommend it to the General Committee, and then it would come back to the Quarterly Court.

The Chairman said he quite advocated such a course; the House Committee would, he felt sure, fall into the views which had been expressed.

Bro. John A. Rucker, P.G.D., as a member of the House Committee, informed the Court that there was a very strong feeling among the brethren of the House Committee that the sum of twenty guineas which they were proposing was too small; and, it was only from fear that the larger sum would not be carried unanimously at the Quarterly Court that they determined on recommending the smaller sum. They thought it would be better to give a small sum, unanimously voted, than run the risk of a large sum not being unanimously granted.

The Chairman: I am sure that explanation is very satisfactory.

The matter was then referred back to the House Committee, on the motion of Bro. Robert B. Webster, seconded by Bro. John Symonds.

Eleven vacancies were then declared for next election, and the list of candidates was settled at forty-four.

On the motion of Bro. John Symonds, P.G.D., seconded by Bro. S. Rawson, Past District Grand Master of China, a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman for presiding, and the Chairman having replied, the brethren separated.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The annual Twelfth-night celebration which is provided by the members of the House Committee of this Institution to the girls who remain in the school during the Christmas holidays was held on Thursday week, on the premises at Battersea Rise. Thirty-nine of the pupils had not gone home for the holidays, but their Christmas had been merrily spent, and everything had been done to make them happy and comfortable. And very happy and comfortable they had been, for Christmas cheer had been bestowed upon them, and Christmas amusements had been partaken of. The crowning point, however, of these amusements is reached on Twelfth-day, when the House Committee, with the ladies of their families, Bro. Little, the Secretary of the Institution, and Mrs. Little; the familiar old form of Bro. Henry Muggeridge, the collector; Bro. Hedges, Miss Jarwood, the matron and centre figure, with the governesses, all join the young people in the general festivities. Miss Davis, the head governess, was this year away on her holidays, but Miss Redgrave, the successor of Miss Moss (who has become head governess of the British Orphan Asylum), most ably discharged the hostess's duties. The weather without the walls of the Institution was cold and cheerless; snow fell in large quantities, and the traveller by road felt the necessity of Christmas cheer. In bright contrast to this wintry weather, and the brighter for the contrast, was the aspect of the building from the exterior. The festivities commenced early in the afternoon, and when darkness set in, the lights in the windows, the fires burning, the music playing, and the sounds of dancing and cheerful voices within the house, promised the visitor a hearty welcome. Flitting to and fro along the corridor were to be seen through the glass doors of the entrance hall the little girls walking in couples to an fro, neatly dressed waiting maids, and here and there a committee man or his wife, anxious that nothing should be wanting that might add to the evening's enjoyment. On entering, this was more manifest, for in addition to the hearty welcome with which a visitor was received, "Welcome," in Christmas emblems, was profusely displayed on the walls. The children's tea was provided at four o'clock, and in the interval between that and the visitors' tea, which was partaken of at five, visitors and children engaged in dancing and music. At five the visitors sat down to tea, and among those present were the following:—Bros. [Benj. Head (without whom these agreeable gatherings would lose much of their charm), H. Collington, Joshua Nunn, Mrs. Nunn, Miss Nunn, Mrs. Rowland, Miss Rowland, H. A. Dubois, Miss Dubois, Robert B. Webster, H. C. Levander, H. d'Autier, John A. Rucker, H. M. Levy, R. H. Tattershall, H. Massey, ("Freemason"), Thomas W. White, H. Muggeridge, Mrs. Muggeridge, Miss Muggeridge, Miss Sawyer, R. W. Little, Mrs. Little, E. H. Thiellay, Edward Cox, John Boyd, Mrs. and Miss Massey, Bro. Hedges, and F. J. Cox. No time was lost; and the visitors after tea again joined the children in the merry dance. Before seven o'clock Bro. F. J. Cox (optician of Ludgate-hill) had kindly furnished his beautiful dissolving views and an operator and lecturer,

and the large exercise room was fitted up for the exhibition. Nearly two hours of this excellent entertainment was provided, and visitors, matron, governesses, pupils, and servants of the institution participated in it. It was admirable in design and execution, and met with unqualified admiration. After this the children went to supper, when the twelfth-cake, wine, bonbons, and drawing for characters occupied the attention of every one for another hour. Again, dancing, refreshments to visitors, bonbons, and characters, cheerful and happy conversation, reminiscences of the old school, always gratifying (some of the expupils had come down to join in the entertainment), and then more dancing and singing. In the last acquirement, Miss Josephine Mackay created great excitement by her wonderfully beautiful execution of the song, "The Bridge." Her careful singing and exquisite voice took the company entirely by surprise, and she was greatly cheered on her resuming her seat. Thus matters went on till ten o'clock at night, when London visitors, knowing "the perils that do environ" travellers by Clapham Junction, had to think of the principal peril of losing a train. On a wintry night this was a weighty consideration, and even the bright happy faces of the children, the hospitable reception, and the warm rooms of the building, could not induce them to stop. Therefore, after having spent a most happy evening, and wishing all the inmates a happy new year and many of them, they took their departure. The amount of subscription to this institution during the past year is £8663 14s., £1600 more than was announced at the last festival. This is exclusive of the grants made to the institution by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and also exclusive of dividends on invested funds.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday last, in the library, Freemasons' Hall, Lieut. Col. Creaton in the chair. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, Benj. Head, Raynham W. Stewart, Charles Lacey, R. Wentworth Little, W. Hale, W. Hilton, James Brett, W. Stevens, H. M. Levy, Geo. Bolton, Joshua Nunn, Thomas W. White, John Newton, Henry G. Warren, John M. Stedwell, L. Stean, F. Adlard, Dr. Jabez Hogg, John Constable, H. Massey ("Freemason"), and James Terry, Secretary.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the deaths of nine annuitants, five men and four women. The Wardens' report, which was also read by the Secretary, informed the committee of the receipt of 56 sacks of coals, the gift of Grand Lodge. The report also conveyed the thanks of the inmates for the very successful entertainment given to them on the 5th inst., and also for Bro. W. Hale's gift of 11b of tea to each inmate, and for the gifts of tobacco, &c.

The Financial Committee's report was received, to which was appended a recommendation that on account of the Secretary's duties being so much increased an addition of £50 a year be made to his salary. (This will come before the Committee at their next meeting.)

The brethren then proceeded with the consideration of the petitions, which occupied an hour. In the end it was found that 12 women and 6 men had been passed. One case (male) was rejected, and one widow's petition for half her late husband's annuity was granted. The petition of a widow, who some time since left the asylum to live with her friends, to be allowed to return, was allowed, though the principle was objected to. The petition of the friends of Louis Hoberg, for the return of 50 guineas which he had given to the institution, was refused, the grounds advanced for such return being decided to be totally insufficient. The list of candidates for next election was thereafter settled, the number being 59, 26 men and 33 women; 21 new male cases, and 5 brought forward; and 17 new female cases, and 16 brought forward.

The Committee passed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and adjourned till the 8th February.

**ORGANS.**—We have much pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the many advantages offered by THE ESTEY AMERICAN ORGAN, and to this original and genuine instrument the credit for superior excellence alone belongs. Among the numerous improvements introduced the Patent Vox Humana is deserving of special attention, a wonderful invention, imparting to the tone a charming wave-like effect, hitherto unknown in instrumental music. In addition there are numerous patents in connection with THE ESTEY AMERICAN ORGAN, among which we select for notice the Patent Octave Coupler, and the Manual Sub-Bass, &c. These organs are designed for the Drawing-room, Public Halls, Churches, Schools, Lodges, &c., in prices varying from 12 to 125 guineas, especial attention being called to an eight-stop organ, 58 guineas, possessing sufficient power for the Drawing-room, with great variety and sweetness of tone; and a ten-stop Instrument, with many patented improvements, 50 guineas—of the latter, no reed organ of its size and price will bear comparison to it. We strongly advise Masonic brethren visiting London, and those resident in Town, who are about purchasing, either for private use or Public Halls, Masonic or otherwise, Churches, &c., to visit the ESTEY AMERICAN ORGAN COMPANY'S Show Rooms, 6, Argyll-st., Regent-st., where every attention and information will be afforded, and the several instruments can be seen. Every instrument made by the firm fully warranted, and so simply arranged, that the most ordinary performer can manage it. Illustrated pamphlet and price-list on application and post-free.

The installation meeting of the Enoch Lodge, No. 11, took place on Wednesday last. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

#### Reviews.

"THE GOLDEN PHEASANT;" "YOUNG FOLKS' WEEKLY BUDGET."—London. J. Henderson.

We are struck with these evidences of the love of fairy tales which exist amongst us, nay, seems to be increasing amongst us at the present hour. In our young days even fairy tales were going out, and realistic stories like "Sandford and Merton," "The Boys' own Book," &c., were coming in. Not that "Robinson Crusoe" was unknown, or the tales of the Genii unread, or the "Arabian Nights" were strange to us then—no, they were duly perused, alike at a "scob" at Winchester, and on a wet day, and before the fire. But the "Swiss Family Robinson Crusoe," with its greater details of actuality, and the "Old English Baron," and "The Seventh Champion of Christendom" gave way to Peter Parley's tales, and countless other useful and improving booklets for youth. And here we are after the lapse of how many years?—well never mind—with a fresh "outcome" of fairy literature before us. A profound writer who has been "discoarsing" eloquently and "elegantly" on fairy literature, in the "Times" newspaper, as they say, hardly seems to realize the immense amount of current productions of this kind, which find a ready sale, and countless young and trusting readers. He may be aufait as regards the past, and he writes very well about it, but as to the present he is certainly not "up," and we must therefore deal with the subject as a subject "sui generis" ourselves. Well, we do not find fault with the taste for this fairy literature on the part of the young, though some have decried it, and more have condemned it. And for this reason. We believe, that in this love of fairy literature, we discern the traces of those nobler aspirations which still amid many weaknesses, much debasement, and patent evil, seem to cling, so to say, to our poor humanity. For in fairy tales we have vice, if triumphant for the moment, eventually overthrown, virtue prevailing, and good upheld, the base and the cowardly, and the crooked go to the wall, and the honourable, and the brave, and the upright, win the race, and conquer in the struggle. The good fairy always appears at the right moment, says the right thing, and does the right act. Why then is youth to be blamed, if in an ideal world of its own it seeks to find the typical representatives of virtue and constancy, of right and faith, of trust and duty, of all that is fair, and loving in this darkened world of ours? We do not, ourselves, much care how you implant a love of these graces and virtues in the youthful mind, if only you do so. Some minds are affected by the essay and sermon, others by the imaginative and mystical; all in our opinion ought to be pressed into the moral education of the young, as then if ever, the admiration of the true, the beautiful, the right, is to be implanted in their tender breasts. King Pippin and the Golden Pheasant, will be read, no doubt, by many trusting juvenile students, and we find no fault with their tastes, neither do we frown on their love of the marvellous, because we firmly believe au contraire, that in their loyal hearts and loving sympathies they admire all that is gracious and noble, and beneficent and brave, and they contemn with their happy earnestness the lower teaching of that grovelling school, which delights to picture dirt, and is utterly reckless of dishonour, and ignorant of moral truth and beauty.

THE LADIES' TREASURY. Edited by Mrs. WARREN.—BEMROSE & SONS.

This is a most interesting magazine for what the intelligent foreigner called "our vimmins" and we have pored over its pages with much of mental admiration. Certainly the ladies are ahead of us, and if you may judge by the "Ladies' Treasury," they are equally "au fait" of the latest Parisian fashions, or of the last excursions into the ologies; poetry, and romance, crochet work and cookery, sentiment and sobriety, all are "fish for their net," and if the men don't look out, as old John Jones says, there'll be no "holding 'em in." Nay, if our own domestic angel wishes to see how best she can be dressed, or how well she can be instructed, let her study the "Ladies' Treasury."

THE WESTMINSTER PAPERS.—W. KENT & Co. An interesting serial for proficient in chess and lover of whist. We commend it to both classes, as we think both games deserve to be cultivated amongst us, despite the opposition of some well meaning but fanatical persons.

THE ARTIST.—HARRISS & SON. This is a new weekly journal for the artistic world, and very promising it is.

WHITTAKER'S JOURNAL. This is also a new venture, and we are dealing with No. 1. It seems to us very likely to be a success; and we wish it heartily a good "trade wind." We are especially struck with "As Long as She Lived," and shall follow the story with interest and pleasure.

THE "ERA" ALMANACK. We wish that we could give to this useful and interesting publication the space it deserves. We could linger a long time by it, for it is rendered doubly interesting by the autographs of actresses and actors, with whose names and features we are many of us so familiar. Among the former appear the well-known names of Marie Bancroft, Madge Kendal, Ada Swanborough, Lydia Thompson, Ellen Terry, Marion Terry, Adeline Patti, Charlotte Saunders, Ada Lester, Mrs. John Wood, Emily Fowler, Rose Hersee, Emma Albani, Genevieve Ward, Fanchita, Mrs. K. Crowe, Helena Ernstone, Adeline Billington, Caroline Hill, Ada Ward, Fanny Brough, Minnie Walton, Myrie Fairfax, and Ellen Meyrick. Among the latter we note the popular appellations of G. W. Anson,

Dion Boucicault, Wm. Terris, George Conquest, Joseph Eldred, John Ryder, Henry Compton, Henry Howe, John Clark, Henry Sinclair, Frank Holland, Wm. Kendall, C. Santley, G. Clarke, Thomas Thorne, and many more, all living representatives of the "poor actors," who still can warm our sentiment, delight our sympathies, arouse our emotions, and excite our risibility. We are among those who wish well to the stage and to those who play their parts so well, for the amusement of us ungrateful mortals. Let Mawworm denounce, let Bartolo calumniate actresses and actors the ornaments of the crowded theatre, may equally adorn private life, with unostentatious virtue, and kindly natures. That the stage has its pitfalls, and its snares, and its dangers, who will deny? But so has human life, and in our opinion, the prejudice which too often accompanies the word "actress" or "actor," is a disgrace to civilization, and we will even say to religion. We look upon the stage as a great school of morals, and a passing if genial satire upon our follies and faults, our high flown pretensions and our baser developments; and if it ever degenerates into licence, or is vitiated by a forgetfulness of propriety and decorum, the fault is not with the stage itself as a profession. If in order to raise the cachinnations of the gauder, or to gain the applause of the anser, indecency and vulgarity mark its utterances, the blame is to be visited, not on those who live to please, but on perverted intellects, and debased sympathies, on the taste and temper of the age, on those who tempt only to betray, and who insolently patronize only to degrade. We thank the editor of the "Era Almanack" for a very readable and pleasant book.

#### Masonic and General Tidings.

Having completed his University education, H.R.H. Prince Leopold has given up his residence at Oxford, known as Wykeham House, and has taken up his abode at Boyton, Codford, Wilts, where his goods have been recently removed. The installation of His Royal Highness as Provincial Grand Master of the Freemasons of Oxfordshire will, it is understood, take place on February 22nd.

The annual banquet and meeting of the Unanimity Lodge, No. 102, was held on Monday last, the visitors including the Grand Master of the Province of Norfolk, Bro. Lieut. Col. the Hon. F. Walpole, M.P. At this meeting Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Suffield, the W.M. elect, should have been installed, but, as his lordship is now in India with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, that ceremony is postponed until his return. A fuller report of this meeting will appear in our next.

A quarterly court of the Needle-makers' Company was held in the Guildhall, when a considerable number of the livery were present. The Master, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, Past Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, J.P., delivered an address, advising them to do all in their power to maintain the company's ancient rights and privileges, and presented to each liveryman a certificate, engrossed on vellum, of his admission to the freedom of the company.

The Royal York Lodge, No. 315, held a private ball on Tuesday night, at the Pavilion, Brighton, in aid of the Masonic charities. The band of the Royal Scots Greys attended, by permission of Col. Nugent and the officers of the regiment, and the company numbered about 150.

Bro. Alderman Stone has contributed £5 5s. to the funds of the Gifford Hall Mission.

The Town Council of St. Helen's, Lancashire, have bought the local gas-works for £131,000.

The members of the Benevolent Fund attached to the Lodge of Joppa met on Monday evening last, at Bro. Albert's, the Hon. Sec., to elect a President for the ensuing year. After a short discussion, owing to a member of the lodge being present who was not eligible to serve on the committee, the brethren proceeded to ballot, when Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. and Senior V.P., was elected by a considerable majority. We regret to say that Bro. S. E. Hickman, I.P.M., one of the trustees, was unable to attend in consequence of meeting with an accident the day before.

The Cestrian Chapter, No. 423, will be consecrated on Monday next, the 17th inst., at the Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Superintendent, Lord de Tabley, for which purpose his lordship has given directions for a convocation of R.A. Freemasons to be summoned for 2-30 p.m. on that day. His lordship will be assisted in the ceremonies of consecration of the chapter and installation of the Principals by his Provincial Grand Officers and Comp. Henry Muggeridge, Past Grand Standard Bearer of England. The Principals (Designate) of the chapter are Comps. Horatio Lloyd, M. E.Z.; John Chesworth Robinson, H.; and John Oswald Bury, J.

The Captain Superintendent of the Goliath, who has been so warmly commended for his kindness to the poor boys under him, and for the example of courage he placed before them in standing on the burning ship until the last, saying, when urged to leave, "That's not the way at sea, my boys," is an old brother, and every Mason will rejoice that Bro. Captain Bourchier succeeded in rescuing so many of the poor boys. He was warmly supported by Bro. Jenkins, the Harbour Master of Gravesend.

The annual Masonic Ball in Liverpool, which took place at the Town Hall, last Tuesday, was a very successful affair, and the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution will doubtless be greatly augmented in consequence. A full report of the ball will appear in next week's "Freemason."

Bro. Major E. S. Stillwell, of the 1st London Engineer Volunteers, has been gazetted Lieut.-Colonel.

The Metropolitan Club of Instruction, No. 1507, will hold its anniversary festival at 269, Pentonville-road, on the evening of the 28th inst. The brethren will sit down to banquet at half-past six o'clock.

**A MASONIC PRESENTATION.**—At a meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Staffordshire, held at Tamworth, on the 23rd of September last, it was resolved to give a wedding present to Lady Theresa Talbot, eldest daughter of the Earl of Shrewsbury, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, on her marriage with Viscount Castlereagh. Accordingly, a committee was appointed, consisting of Major Tudor, P.D.P.G.M.; Mr. Frank James, D.P.G.M.; Mr. H. Woodhouse, P.P.G.D.; Mr. James Rodgers, P.P.G.D.; and Mr. J. Jacobs, P.P.G.R., and the movement having been heartily taken up by the various lodges in the province, it was decided that the present should take the form of a diamond pendant and necklet, bearing appropriate Masonic emblems. The ornament is in 18-carat gold, and is surmounted with an earl's coronet, jewelled with diamonds, rubies, and emeralds. Around the locket proper are 34 large diamonds, and Masonic emblems in the centre—namely, the square and compasses, and the five pointed star, with the word "Staffordshire" underneath. On the reverse side of the locket is the following inscription:—"Presented by the Freemasons of Staffordshire to Viscountess Castlereagh, eldest daughter of the P.G. Master, October 2nd, 1875." The necklet consists of alternate oblong and circular links, the latter bearing the five-pointed star and other ornamentations, and the links are joined together at the bottom with the Staffordshire knot. The jewel is enclosed in a handsome case, and altogether it is a very pretty present. It is expected that the Viscountess will return from her honeymoon next week, when the presentation will be made; and for this purpose the committee, with Mr. Davis, have been invited to Ingestre Hall, by the Earl of Shrewsbury.—"Daily Post," Dec. 25th, 1875.

**INFORMATION OF IMPOSTORS.**

In pursuance of our purpose to aid in shielding the Craft from the numerous impostors who strive to ply their nefarious trade at the expense of the charities of the fraternity, we give below brief, pointed descriptions of several who have been recently detected in this jurisdiction. We are indebted to Bro. John P. Clark, Secretary of Newport Lodge, 381, F. and A.M., Newport, Perry Country, Pa., for the following names and descriptions, and we will thank other Secretaries to further us in our laudable undertaking to aid in exposing those who have been discovered to be impostors.

It will be observed that all of the following claimed to hail from jurisdictions outside of our own:—

We are indebted to a Louisiana brother for the following description of an impostor who is now, or lately was, in that State, having come from Illinois:—Name, W. W. Temblum, with several aliases; about five feet eight inches in height; dark complexion; large, full, blue eyes; well built; about thirty-five years of age; fluent in speech; and "bright."

James Potter, Franklin Lodge, No. 20, A.F. and A.M., Westerley, Rhode Island, about fifty years old, five feet nine inches in height; a little stooped; florid complexion; slight Irish accent. Is not a member of No. 20, but has assumed the name of the W.M. of No. 20, R.I.

T. C. O'Neil, Jeffree More Lodge, No. 95, Morerci, Michigan. Hair steel-mixed; eyes grey; gray whiskers below jawbone; height about five feet five inches; thin; face pallid; large and long upper lip; says his age is seventy-seven in September; keen look out of his eyes; is known in Morenci; is not a member of any lodge in the United States.

John P. Hale, Independence Lodge, No. 131, A.F. and A.M., Kansas; professed to be going to friends in Westmoreland Co., Pa.; a little lame; about fifty years old; is not a member of Independence Lodge, or of Equity Lodge, No. 131, Kansas.—"Keystone."

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS**

For the Week ending Friday, January 21, 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 15.**

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
- " 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
- " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.

**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 17.**

- Lodge 1, Grand Master's, F. M. H.
- " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 58, Felicity, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
- " 185, Tranquillity, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
- " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
- " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 901, City of London, Gurney's Hot., Little Britain.
- " 907, Royal Alfred, F. M. H.

- Lodge 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F. M. H.
- " 1201, Eclectic, F. M. H.
- Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

**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.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18.**

- Board of General Purposes, at 4.
- Lodge 30, United Mariners', Guildhall Tav.
- " 73, Mount Lebanon, Brid. Hou. Ho., London-brid.
- " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 162, Cadogan, F. M. H.
- " 165, Honour and Generosity, London Tav.
- " 194, St. Paul's, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
- " 435, Salisbury, F. M. H.
- " 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
- " 857, St. Mark's, Half Moon Tav., Herne Hill.
- " 1441, Ivy, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge-rd.
- Chap. 46, Old Union, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

**INSTRUCTION.**

- Farborough, 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, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19.**

- General Committee Grand Chapter.
- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
- " Grand Stewards.
- " 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
- " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 190, Oak, F.M.H.
- " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
- " 700, Nelson, M. H., William-st., Woolwich.
- " 969, Maybury, F. M. H.
- " 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.
- " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
- " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
- Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, F. M. H.
- " 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 192, Lion and Lamb, Terminus Hot., Cannon-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 20.**

- House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 23, Globe, F. M. H.
- " 55, Constitutional, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
- " 63, St. Mary's, F. M. H.
- " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
- " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 181, Universal, F. M. H.
- " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
- " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
- " 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
- " 1287, Great Northern, F. M. H.
- " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.
- " 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-road, W.
- " 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-road.
- " 1512, Hemming, Lion Hotel, Hampton.
- Chap. 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- Preceptory E., Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

**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 21.**

- House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
  - Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
  - " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
  - " 201, Jordan, F. M. H.
  - Preceptory 48, Kemeys Lynte, 33, Golden-sq.
- INSTRUCTION.**
- Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
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- Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.
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- 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.
- Ranclagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.**

For the Week ending Saturday, January 22, 1876.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 17.**

- Lodge 721, Independence, M. R., Eastgate-row, Chester.
- " 1502, Israel, M. H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M. H., Liverpool.
- " 995, Furness, M. T., Ulverstone.
- Everton L. of I., M. H., Liverpool.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18.**

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M. H., Liverpool.
- " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Ho., Barrow-in-Furness.
- " 1276, Warren, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
- " 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hot., Widnes.
- Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
- Merchants' L. of I., M. H., Liverpool.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19.**

- Lodge 537, Zetland, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.
- " 823, Everton, M. H., Liverpool.
- " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Scho., Kirkdale.
- " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
- " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
- Chap. 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
- Downshire L. of I., M. H., Liverpool.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20.**

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M. H., Liverpool.
- " 343, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.
- " 425, Cestrian, M. Ro., Eastgate-row, Chester.
- " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
- " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., West Derby.
- St. John's L. of I. (673), M. H., Liverpool.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 21.**

- Preceptory Jacques de Molay, M. H., Liverpool.
- Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M. H., Liverpool.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST WEST OF SCOTLAND.**

For the Week ending Saturday, January 22, 1876.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 17.**

- Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
- St. Mungo Encampment, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18.**

- Lodge 34, St. John, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
- " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
- " 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-st, Glasgow.
- " 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19.**

- Lodge 117, St. Mary's, M. H., Partick.
- " 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
- " 571, Domatic, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
- Chap. 150, Shettleston St. John, M. H., Shettleston.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20.**

- Lodge 22, St. John's, George Hot., Kilmarnock.
- " 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
- " 465, St. Andrew's, M. H., Garrigard-rd.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 21.**

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

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 22.**

- Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.
- " 305, St. John's Woodhall, M. H., Holytown.
- Chap. 143, Robert Burns, M. H., Holytown.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.**

For the Week ending Saturday, January 22, 1876.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 17.**

- Lodge 44, St. Luke, F. M. H., George-st.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18.**

- Lodge 36, St. David, Ship Hot., E., Register-st.
- " 405, Rife, F. M. H., George-st.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19.**

- Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hot., Nicholson-st.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20.**

- Lodge 48, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.
- " 226, Portobello, Royal Hotel, Bath-st.
- Chap. 152, Perseverance, 86, Constitution-st., Leith.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 21.**

- Chap. 83, St. Andrew, F. M. H., George-st.

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