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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.  
Craft Masonry.

**UNITED MARINERS' LODGE (No. 30).**—This lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, 18th January, 1876, at the Guildhall Coffee House, Bro. H. Bethell, W.M., in the chair, assisted by his Wardens, Bros. Lefeaux and T. Smith. The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bailey was raised to the degree of M.M. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, consisting of Bros. R. E. Barnes, P.M. 15; J. Turner, P.M. 30; T. Johns, P.M. 30; W. Ansell, P.M.; G. T. C. Smith, P.M.; J. Harling, P.M. 30; J. Driscoll, P.M. 30; W. McDonald, P.M. 30; R. Sennecatt, P.M. 160; R. H. Williams, P.M. 1314; W. Manger, P.M. 1314; J. C. Cox, W.M. 1257, who, according to ancient usage, installed Bro. A. Lefeaux to the chair of the lodge. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. T. Smith, as S.W.; A. Gladwell, as J.W.; J. Turner, P.M., as Treas.; R. E. Barnes, P.M., as Hon. Sec.; C. Davey, S.D.; J. Clark, J.D.; C. Cosedge, I.G.; J. Driscoll, W.S.; Grant, Tyler. Resolved—"That the thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. Joseph Driscoll, P.M., for the very efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of Installing Master." The brethren adjourned to the banquet, prepared by "mine host" in his usual recherché style. The usual loyal toasts being given and responded to, Bro. Henry Bethell, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. A. Lefeaux." He observed that the lodge had occasion to be delighted with the selection they had made in the choice of a Master to preside over them; his efficiency in the discharge of his duties was creditable in the highest degree, his punctuality of attendance, and the zeal he at all times manifested for the welfare of the lodge, was such as to merit their warmest approbation. Bro. Lefeaux, W.M., in reply, assured them he felt highly honoured with the encomiums passed on him. As Master of the Lodge he should endeavour to promote its welfare, and during his year of office would use his utmost energies to merit the continuance of the esteem evinced towards him. The W.M., Bro. Lefeaux, then craved the attention of the lodge for a short time. He said the period had arrived when the important feature of the proceedings, the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. H. Bethell, was to take place, and he (Bro. Lefeaux) wished that it had fallen to the lot of some other brother who could have done greater justice to it. In the name of the brethren he presented to Bro. Bethell a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, for the zeal he had evinced for the welfare of the Craft during his Mastership, with every wish for his health, happiness, and prosperity. The testimonial bears the following inscription:—"Presented by the United Mariners' Lodge, No. 30, to Bro. H. Bethell, P.M., to mark the zeal evinced for the welfare of the lodge, and the very efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M., January 18th, 1876." Bro. Bethell, P.M., returned thanks in an appropriate speech, and assured the brethren that he should ever esteem it a great honour conferred on him by the lodge in which he was initiated; that when placed on his breast he would ever be reminded of the estimation in which he was held by his brethren in Masonry. He accepted with great pleasure the jewel presented to him, and which he should more highly prize as coming from his mother lodge. The toast of "The Visitors" was duly given and responded to; as also "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge." The remaining toasts, amongst which was "The Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, Bros. Turner and Baines," were given from the chair, and the brethren parted, much gratified with their evening's entertainment.

**LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 205).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Tuesday, 25th ult., Bro. Buckland, W.M., in the chair. After the ordinary lodge business, which included the raising of Bro. Da Costa, the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Lionel Jacobs, was very ably performed by Bro. Latour. The appointment of officers was as follows:—Bros. Cohen, S.W.; M. J. Emanuel, P.M., J.W.; C. Coote, Treas.; A. M. Cohen, Sec.; Bassington, S.D.; J. Crosthwaite, J.D.; Phillips, I.G.; and Hogard, D.C. Among the visitors present were Bros. Sigismund Millar, 889; M. H. Stephens, 1049; Famber, 1158; Lazarus, 55, 93, 355; Bowley, 248; Dodson, 188; L. Lazarus, 188; Ridler, 219; Asher, Tranquillity; Musto, 1349; Rodgers, 188; Rooks, 142; and Edmund C. Massey ("Freemason"). At the conclusion of the business the lodge was closed in perfect har-

mony, and the brethren, to the number of about fifty, sat down to an elegant repast, to which ample justice was done. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Jacobs, W.M., rose and proposed "The Health of the Queen and the Craft," observing that anything he could add would be superfluous, as Her Majesty the Queen was dear to the heart of every British subject. The toast was drunk with the usual Masonic honours. The W.M.: The next toast I have to propose is that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of Freemasons." The Prince of Wales has endeared himself to every one of Her Majesty's subjects by his attention to every part of his duties as a Prince and a Mason over the four quarters of the globe; he has never neglected any duties he has been called on to perform. "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; Earl Skelmersdale, the Deputy G.M., with the rest of the Grand Officers," was then proposed, coupled with the name of Bro. Albert, who, in responding, observed that it was the duty of the Grand Officers to keep a zealous watch over the working of ordinary lodges, which duty they performed with credit to themselves and benefit to the Craft at large; and it gave him great pleasure to respond to this toast. Bro. Buckland, I.P.M.: I rise with great pleasure to perform for the first time the duty of proposing "The Health of our new W.M." He is a thoroughly good working Mason; he has gone through the various offices in this lodge in a most efficient manner, and I have no doubt that he will perform the high functions he is now called upon to undertake in a very proper manner, and that he will thus reflect credit on your choice. I beg to propose "The Health of the W.M." The W.M.: Brethren,—I have to return you my sincere thanks for the hearty manner in which you have responded to the toast proposed by Bro. Buckland. I shall not make a long speech, as I feel short of words, but I hope I may be able to perform the duties, and I shall only assure you that no endeavour shall be spared by me to have these duties fulfilled with becoming propriety. The W.M.: The next toast I have to propose is always welcome in the Lodge of Israel. It is "The Health of the Visitors." There are among us many distinguished visitors, men whom we have known in the Craft for years, whom we cannot help admiring. Brethren, when the Lodge of Israel has the honour of entertaining visitors like these the least we can do is to show that we appreciate it, and I trust you will do so by the way in which you receive this toast. The toast was acknowledged by various visiting brethren in the name of the sister lodges, Joppa, Tranquillity, and Montefiore. The W.M.: The toast I have now to propose is one that I am sure will meet with your sympathy. It is "Prosperity to the Benevolent Fund" belonging to this lodge; it is available for any one of us who may be in want. We none of us know how soon misfortune may fall upon us, and it is right that all should contribute towards its support. Brethren, I am not able to speak as fully as I could wish, for I lack the words that express my feelings, but I am sure you will support the toast as it deserves. Brethren, "The Benevolent Fund." Bro. Cohen, P.M., Sec.: As the representative of the Benevolent Fund of this lodge, I could tell a great deal as to the usefulness of the institutions, but on this occasion, as our numbers are so few, I will not attempt to do so in the few remarks I am now about to make. I beg, in the name of the lodge, to state that we do not take contributions from visitors; the fund is only for members of the Lodge of Israel, and I beg, therefore, that my visiting brethren will not attempt to give anything. But, I beg the members to further this fund as far as they can; I only make a strong plea to you once during the year; I have always been successful, and I beg you not allow me to be less successful this evening. A petition has come before the lodge this evening, which has been referred to the Benevolent Fund Committee; this shows the benefit of having such a fund. We have not had as much pleasure accorded to our appetites as we usually do, but I ask you whether any pleasures of the appetite can give so much pleasure as the pleasure derived from contributing to this fund. No matter how fortunate we may be, we may totter on the uneven paths of adversity. I say, while we can, let us contribute towards this fund, so that when brethren have to come to this fund we may have something like valuable relief to give, something that will do them good in a future career, and enable them to return to this fund, not only the money they take from it, but great interest upon it. You know, brethren, that there is no greater pleasure than to relieve your fellow creatures in distress. Brethren, that is the object of this fund. None know what may happen in course of time. Young or old may be compelled to come to this fund. We don't want to give with a niggard hand, and I therefore ask you to support this fund as freely as you can—that is, the members of the Lodge of Israel. The W.M.: Brethren the toast I have to propose is "The Health of the Immediate P.M.," and this toast I ask you to receive with the cordiality it deserves. The P.M. has had many difficulties to contend with during his year of office. I am sure you will agree that he has discharged his duties in a most efficient manner in regard to the difficulties he has had to combat. Those difficulties were of no light order, and I give you Bro. Buckland's health, trusting that you will receive it with all the cordiality it deserves. Bro. Cohen, P.M.: Worshipful P.M. Buckland, I have been deputed as the Senior P.M. of this lodge to present you with this testimonial. It is a mere sign of the appreciation that the brethren have of your services, which appreciation must not be measured by the intrinsic value of this jewel. I only wish it was of far greater value. Bro. Buckland: I beg to thank you most sincerely for drinking my health, and for the kind sentiments that have been expressed towards me for performing the duties during the past year. I am afraid I have not done them very well, but no man can do more than his best. I shall always wear this jewel in kindly remembrance that it was presented by the brethren of the Lodge of Israel. "The Health of the Past Masters and Officers

of the Lodge" was then proposed and duly honoured, and the company separated after a very pleasing evening's entertainment.

**FITZ-ROY LODGE (No. 569).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the head-quarters of the Honourable Artillery Company, London. Bro. Griffiths Smith, W.M., presided, supported by his officers, Past Masters, and an immense array of visitors and members. On the 21st ult. Bro. Griffiths Smith held an emergency meeting, when he initiated Messrs. Robert Parker, Alexander McKenzie, Lewis Thomas Crook, William Parker Piggott, and John A. Hunt. At the installation meeting Bro. Griffiths Smith initiated Serjt. Major John S. Simmonds, Mr. Charles Stoddart, and Ensign Aug. M. Soule. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Peter Matthews, P.M., and Bro. J. Eglese, P.M., who impressively rendered the ceremony, and placed Bro. Frederick Graves in the Worshipful Master's chair for the year 1876. Twenty-seven Past Masters formed the board, which number agrees with the number of years that the lodge has been in existence. The following brethren were invested by the W.M. as his officers for the year.—Bros. Griffiths Smith, I.P.M.; Spicer, S.W.; Webster, J.W.; Peter Matthews, P.M., Treas.; J. Eglese, P.M., Sec.; Everingham, S.D.; Sanderson, J.D.; Stohwasser, I.G.; Jolliffe, D.C.; and T. Woodstock, Tyler. The W.M. at the conclusion of the ceremony placed a handsome P.M.'s jewel on the breast of Bro. Griffiths Smith, voted by the lodge in recognition of his services as W.M. for the past year. Three propositions for initiation and one proposition for joining were then presented, and the lodge was then closed. A nice banquet, accompanied by some choice wines from the cellar of the lodge, followed, and the toasts were afterwards proposed and drunk, interspersed, however, with solo and part songs by Bros. T. Baxter, Carter, Thornton, and Winn. After "The Health of the Queen and the Craft" had been duly honoured, the W.M., in proposing that of "The Grand Master," referred to his journey to the East, where he was now assisting most materially in cementing that bond of union which ought to subsist between the natives and the whites. He was also doing more; he had attended lodges out there, and had helped by that means to make Masonry flourish in that distant part of our possessions. (Hear hear.) Bro. James Mason, P.G.S.B., responded for "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., &c.," and adverted to the very satisfactory manner in which Bros. Matthews and Eglese had performed the ceremony of installation, who were intensely gratified with it, as well as with the initiations by the I.P.M., Bro. Griffiths Smith. He concluded by wishing the lodge as a regimental lodge, peace, plenty, and unanimity. Bro. Griffiths Smith proposed the "The Health of the W.M." He was but speaking the truth when he said that Bro. Graves was one of the best men the brethren had had in the lodge for some time. He was a most worthy man, irrespective of being a Mason. He had been in the lodge longer than he (Bro. G. Smith) had. He had done his duty not only in the Artillery Company but in the lodge. He had worked his way through all the offices of the lodge, and when he came to perform the ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising at next meeting the opinion they had been able to form of him from what he had done that evening would be confirmed. He (Bro. Griffiths Smith) would conclude by wishing him good health, and that the lodge might prosper under his care. (Cheers.) Bro. F. Graves, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said it had been his ambition for a long time past to become Master of the Fitz-Roy Lodge, and having attained the summit of his ambition he should use his best endeavours to uphold the honour of the lodge in every respect during his year of office. (Cheers.) After this he proposed "The Initiates," of whom there were eight, and Bros. Parker and McKenzie replied. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and the W.M. remarked that there were forty-one present, a thing very rarely found in a lodge. He selected Bro. Loftus, P.P.G.J.W. Norfolk, P.M. 1193, to respond. It would be remembered that a year or two ago a detachment of the Hon. Artillery Company marched into Norfolk. On its reaching there Bro. Loftus entertained not only those of them who were Masons, but every member of the detachment, in the most hospitable manner. Consequently, he thought he was a fit brother to respond to the toast. (Applause.) Bro. Loftus, who was received with the greatest enthusiasm, in reply, said that this was the first Masonic lodge he had ever been present at in London, and he had come there with no idea that he would be called upon to respond to a toast, and especially he thought he should have been free from doing so when there were so many distinguished Masons who were visitors as well as himself. Still, he was old enough in Masonry to know that his duty towards the chair was to obey the W.M., and as he had been selected he would respond. As the W.M. had referred to the Hon. Artillery Company's march into Norfolk he might be excused for mentioning that he (Bro. Loftus) was at the time Grand Junior Warden of that province, and when he was told that so distinguished a corps, which included many distinguished Masons, were coming, he thought he would not be doing his duty as Provincial Junior Warden if he did not entertain them. He had looked forward to his visit to London with very great pleasure for many a day, but though he had been there three months he had not until that evening entered a Masonic Lodge, it being his sincere wish that he should visit the Fitz-Roy Lodge before any other. He would like to inform the brethren present that for what he did as Master of his lodge, and humbly representing the province of Norfolk, the Fitz-Roy Lodge presented the Doric with a handsome silver snuff-box, which was now in the lodge, and which was held up before the brethren every evening they met, and they were very proud of it. It was one of the most pleasing reflections he had in his Masonic life that he had been able to give a proof that he knew how to perform his duty, and he could assure the Hon. Artillery

Company if they marched into Norfolk again they would be received with the same Masonic feeling as they were before. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Griffiths Smith," who, having gone now into the ranks of the P.M.'s of the lodge, would be found equally ready with the other P.M.'s to come to the assistance of the W.M. when he required help in the performance of any of the ceremonies. Bro. Griffiths Smith in reply said that along with the other P.M.'s of the Fitz-Roy Lodge he had always tried to promote its good. He had to thank the brethren for the assistance they had rendered him. Apart altogether from the lodge toast, he had to inform the brethren of a subject which they would like to hear. During the last month he was Master it was proposed that the ball should be given under the patronage of the Fitz-Roy Lodge; and he wished that the brethren should send in their applications for tickets at once; as the number was limited. The ball would be a private ball, but yet it would be under the patronage of the Fitz-Roy Lodge. W.M. proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," both of whom had held these offices for many years. They had been annually chosen all that time, and that would not have been the case if they had not fulfilled their duties in a most able manner. Bro. Peter Matthews and Bro. Joseph Egles responded. The former said he had been 40 years in Masonry and had at all times felt great pleasure in it. The Fitz-Roy Lodge was now in its 27th year. It was prosperous and had fulfilled the expectations of those who started it. He then gave a history of its origin and progress. They had £135 in their Treasurer's hands besides a good stock of wine in the cellar, which they were very glad to dispense among visitors as well as themselves. As a proof of the prosperity of the lodge, 78 brethren had sat down to banquet that evening, and 27 P.M.'s were at the installation. There must be some good in Masonry for such a result. But in all they did at their lodge they never forgot the charities. In 27 years the lodge had collected about £1000 for these institutions, which last year received from the whole Masonic body more than £30,000. He concluded by begging of the brethren never to forget the boys and girls, the old men and the old women. Bro. Egles in his reply made special reference to the initiates, who he hoped would see in Masonry something which taught them to work harmoniously and with a friendly feeling together. Let them carry those feelings outside the lodge. All could do something in their time to produce kind feelings, and they might gather from Masonry much that was good. What Masonry was in years gone by it was to the present time. It reminded him of a few lines he had committed to memory about a lamplighter:

From lamp to lamp he hurries on  
Till he has lighted every one;  
Behind he leaves a track of light;  
In front, the shades of coming night;  
The wayworn traveller hails from far  
The kindling of each earthborn star.  
Let us then, like the lamplighter,  
Illuminate our little sphere,  
To cheer where all is dark and dreary  
To lend aid to careworn and weary,  
That they who travel bear in mind  
We leave a track of light behind.

The brethren shortly afterwards separated.

**GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).**—On Thursday, 26th ult., the installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. James Forbes, W.M., presiding. There was a large gathering of brethren on the occasion, and among the visitors present we observed Bros. Parsons, 180; Mackull, 134; Kingston, 862; Bartlett, 186; Pulling, 144; Busbridge, 1063; Koester, 438; Cutmore, Whewell, Foster, Trimsell, 1425; Arkell, 172; Dyer, 22; Standage, 241; J. Wright, 1158; Friswell, 1348; Turner, 157; and Edmund C. Massey ("Freemason"). The following gentlemen were balloted for and initiated:—Mr. Richard Cane, Mr. John Jackson, and Mr. Charles Kempton, after which Bro. E. Lancaster, J.W., was presented to the W.M. for installation, and having been obligated in the customary form was presented to a Board of Installed Masters and inducted into the chair of K.S. The whole of the ceremonies were performed and the charges delivered by the W.M., Bro. Forbes, in a very able manner, although he was suffering much from a very severe cold. At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Christie, S.W.; Jupe, J.W.; Webb, Treas.; Staton, P.M., Sec.; West, S.D.; Robinson, J.D.; Arkell, I.G.; Scherle, D.C. The lodge having been closed in perfect harmony, the brethren adjourned to a very elegant banquet at Freemasons' Tavern. When the cloth had been removed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the Worshipful Master, who, in proposing "The Health of the Prince of Wales" observed that by the journey he had undertaken to a far distant country he was doing more good than if he had remained in England, for by that visit he was bringing the two countries into closer union—that by making himself at home in India he was bringing India to the side of England and cementing it to the old country. He thought they had every reason to be proud of their M.W.G.M., and did not doubt that his visit to India would have a very beneficial effect upon Freemasonry in that distant province; what a pleasure too it must be to those brethren in the East, who otherwise in many cases would have no chance of seeing the head of the Craft. In proposing "The Health of the Deputy G.M., the Earl Skelmersdale," the W.M. coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Busbridge, 1063, who, on rising to respond, said that he did not know why the W.M. had associated his name with the toast of the Deputy G.M. of England, except that he was an underling Grand Officer. He had been Master of his lodge, and he might have had some influence in quarters where his opinions had not been unappreciated, but certainly he was not prepared that night to

answer for the Deputy Grand Master of England. As, however, he had been called upon, and as all must bow to the wishes of the W.M., he trusted to the indulgence of his audience to help him over the difficulty of his position; if he should say anything he ought not to say, that they would forgive him; if he should omit something that he ought to say, that they would bear with him and accept the will for the deed. Freemasonry had among the principles of its existence the affording relief and assistance to those who needed them, and these principles affected Masons in their work in the Craft, as well as the affording relief and assistance to the needy in another sense. Thus the Deputy Grand Master's functions were to assist and act for the M.W.G.M. when that distinguished personage was unable by reason of those public and private calls upon his time to perform his Masonic duties in person. These duties the Deputy Grand Master performed with skill and ability. He was deservedly popular in the Craft, and he (Bro. Busbridge) felt it a great honour to be called upon to respond to the toast which had been so cordially proposed by the W.M. that evening. He tendered them his best thanks on behalf of the Deputy Grand Master, and trusted that he might at the same time be allowed to add his acknowledgments for the kindness with which he personally had been received on this occasion. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Three Initiates, Bros. Richard Cane, John Jackson, and Charles Kempton." It was always a pleasure to see a fresh stone added to the Temple of Freemasonry, and it was the duty as well as the interest of all to collect the materials, when they found them worthy, from far and wide. He had not himself as yet had the satisfaction of employing his working tools in laying any of these three stones, but he trusted that during his year of office he should have the pleasure not only of passing and raising them to their proper places, but also of adding many similar stones to the structure of the Great Northern Lodge, of which it was his happiness now to be the head. The three candidates, in replying, expressed themselves highly gratified with what they had that day seen of Freemasonry, and trusted that they would live to become worthy members of the Craft. Bro. Forbes, I.P.M.: Brethren, I have now a very pleasant duty to perform, but it is also a very important one. It is to propose the health of our W.M., but before calling upon you to drink it I wish to say a word or two. Brethren, you may congratulate yourselves on the choice you have made in selecting Bro. Lancaster to be your W.M. In the first place he is a true Englishman, faithful and just in the discharge of duties; secondly, he is an excellent Mason, whose working is as perfect as working possibly can be; and thirdly, he has risen to his present position from being an initiate in this lodge, and I am sure that you could not have chosen any one who could better discharge the duties of his high office either in the lodge or at the banquet table. I propose his health, wishing him all the success that you wished me a year ago. Bro. Lancaster, W.M.: I return you my most heartfelt thanks for the kind and cordial manner in which this toast has been proposed and received by you. It is a source of satisfaction to me that I am the first lay brother who has become Master of this lodge, and I beg to assure you that I shall use my best endeavours to carry on the work of the lodge as my predecessors have done before me, and with the able assistance of your Immediate Past Master, I have no doubt that I shall be able to do so. I have now to propose "The Health of the P.M.'s of this Lodge." You all know the debt of gratitude we owe them, and their willingness at all times to render aid in working the lodge, and their desire to raise the Great Northern Lodge to a high pitch of excellence. I, therefore, have much pleasure in proposing their health, and while doing so I have the very pleasing duty to perform of presenting your I.P.M., Bro. Forbes, with a P.M. jewel. It affords me great pleasure to place this on his breast, as the gift of the brethren of the Great Northern Lodge, as a mark of their appreciation of his services as Master of the lodge. Bro. Forbes thanked the brethren for their beautiful gift, and assured them he should always treasure it. He should always be ready to aid the Master with counsel and assistance, as others had assisted him during his term of office. The other P.M.'s having responded, the toasts of "The Visitors and Officers" were proposed and duly honoured. In the course of the evening some very good songs were sung, which our readers will readily understand when we say that Bro. Mackney was one of the brethren present.

**IVY LODGE (No. 1447).**—The January meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 18th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Southwark. The lodge was opened by the W.M. (Bro. George Mattock) at 6.30 p.m., supported by the following officers:—C. Smith, I.P.M.; Cattle, S.W.; Poupard, J.W.; Corneillison, S.D.; Ashwell, J.D.; and D. H. Ashford, I.G. (acting for Bro. Knight Smith, who as usual kindly undertook the musical arrangements); Fox, Tyler. The Secretary, Bro. Jolly, was, through severe illness, prevented from attending the lodge. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. Matthews to the degree of a M.M., and afterwards passed Bro. Chambers to the Degree of a F.C. Mr. Wadkinson was initiated. This being the night for the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, the choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. Cantell, the S.W., who will be regularly installed into the chair of K.S. at the next meeting in March. A Past Master's jewel was then voted to Bro. Mattock, the outgoing W.M., who was also unanimously elected to the office of Treasurer to the lodge for the ensuing year. Bro. Fox, P.M. 73, the first and much respected Tyler of the lodge, was, without a single dissent, unanimously re-elected Tyler. Bro. Goodman, Partington, and three other brethren were elected on the Audit Committee, and Bros. Ashwell, Vernon, Burgess, and Giles on the Benevolent Fund Committee. The brethren present were Bros. Noke, P.M.; Skegg, Foster, Pantlin,

Ashford, Partington, and several others. Visitor: Bro. Allcott, of the Zetland Lodge, No. 525, Hong Kong, China.

**METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).**—A further meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th ult., at the Metropolitan Club, 269, Pentonville-road. Bro. J. J. Michael, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. Williams, S.W.; Kingham, J.W.; James Willing, I.P.M.; George Tims, P.M., Secretary; J. Douglass, S.D.; Scales, J.D.; Side, I.G.; Stiles, D.C.; Colls, W.S.; and Saintsbury, Cheek, Jones, Carter, Solomon, Gilbert, Rapkin, Hatton, Fowler, Page, Clarke, Easy, Little, Rogers; and visitors Bros. Middlemas and Edwards. Bros. Cave, Van Camp, and Lovegrove were raised; Bros. Baddeley and H. Scales passed; and Messrs. Hewison, G. Clark, and T. S. Raney, of the Metropolitan Railway, initiated. Banquet followed, and in the course of the speeches which were afterwards delivered Bros. Willing and Middlemas gave very interesting and valuable advice to the younger brethren, impressing upon them the necessity of making themselves acquainted with the ceremonies and teachings of the Craft by diligent attendance at lodges of instruction. There was some very pleasant music and singing during the evening.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. W. H. Lee, W.M.; T. C. Chapman, S.W., W.M. elect.; H. Lister, J.W.; B. Meyer, Treas.; Neville Green, Sec.; J. B. Shackleton, S.D.; James Symes, J.D.; W. H. Brand, John Varney, H. G. Moon, J. Bailey, H. Meyer, F. Brasted, Jas. Alford, C. W. Smyth, R. Dallas, C. Johnson, E. A. Harding, J. Watson, and F. A. Kelly. Visitors: W. Smeed, P.M. 946, P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex; John Bingemann, P.M. 55; W. Sheed, 1366; F. D. Rees Copestick, P.M. 869; W. T. Kipling, P.M. 946; Marx Gross, J. J. Marsh, E. W. Clarke, R. A. Steel, W.M. 1194; G. C. Young, and E. Wilden, P.M. The lodge was opened in the First Degree. The minutes of the regular and emergency meetings were read, also the report of the Audit Committee. Mr. Edward Dignam was then balloted for which proved unanimous in his favour. Bros. Bailey and Moon were then raised to the Degree of Master Mason, and Bro. Smyth passed. The next proceeding was that of installing Bro. Thos. Charles Chapman as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, which ceremony was performed in a very creditable manner. Bro. Chapman then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. Lister, S.W.; Shackleton, J.W.; B. Meyer, Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; James Symes, S.D.; Neville Green, J.D.; H. Meyer, D. of C.; F. Brand, I.G.; Johnson and Alford, Stewards; Gilchrist, Tyler. The re-appointment of Bro. Gilchrist was received with loud applause by the brethren. The lodge being opened in the First Degree, Mr. E. Dignam was initiated. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet, the serving of which reflected great credit upon the caterer, Bro. T. H. Prestage. Banquet over, the usual toasts followed, among them being "The Queen and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.;" the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," each toast being given by the W.M. with the usual complimentary observations, the brethren receiving them in the customary manner. The next toast the W.M. proposed was that of "The Installing Master, the I.P.M., Bro. W. H. Lee," and in the course of his remarks he alluded to the very satisfactory manner in which Bro. Lee had discharged the duties of W.M. during his year of office, and that if he (Bro. Chapman) could do likewise, he would, at the expiration of his term, retire from the chair, which he had the honour of filling, perfectly satisfied. He then presented Bro. Lee with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, which was much admired for its design and workmanship. Bro. Lee was also presented with a gold watch subscribed for by the members of the lodge and presented to him as a token of the great esteem in which he is held. The I.P.M. replied in a very feeling manner. The W.M. then proposed "The Initiate." "The Visitors" toast was then given, the W.M. expressing in very happy terms, the great pleasure he experienced in seeing so many present. This toast was acknowledged by Bros. Smeed and Copestick. The next toast on the list was that of "The Masonic Charities," on behalf of which Bro. Lee, I.P.M., and Steward for this lodge for the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, made a most feeling reply, urging upon the brethren to support the charities to their utmost. We believe a favourable result followed Bro. Lee's appeal. The several toasts were given by Bro. Chapman with excellent point and brevity. The Tyler's Toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Harmonic Lodge (No. 216).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was recently held at the Adelphi Hotel. The new W.M. is Bro. W. Derryhouse, and the ceremony of installation was most admirably and impressively performed by Bro. J. McKune, P.M. The following officers were also elected:—Bros. A. C. Moore, P.M.; D. S. Davies, S.W.; Edwin Evans, J.W.; W. Laidlaw, Treas.; Rev. J. R. Jenkins, Sec.; J. P. Bailey, S.D.; R. P. Gill, J.D.; W. Wright, S.S. The funds of the lodge, which is one of the most prosperous in town, were reported to be in a flourishing condition, notwithstanding that considerable grants for charitable purposes were made during the year. After the installation the brethren dined together under the presidency of the new W.M., and a most pleasant evening was spent. There was a very large attendance of the brethren of the lodge, and among the visitors were Bros. Dr. K. Smith, P.G.R., and E. Friend, P.P.J.D., of Cheshire.



all good Masons prided themselves, namely, loyalty; he had therefore the pleasant duty of proposing the first Masonic toast, "The Queen and the Craft," and he trusted that the brethren present would show by their reception of it what true and loyal Masons they were. In proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," Bro. Willing referred to his visit to India, and the interest which all of us take in watching his progress, and he remarked that it was extremely gratifying to feel that the Prince could take that long journey with perfect confidence in the love and loyalty of the people in this country, to whose care and protection he left those nearest and dearest to him. The other Masonic toasts having been duly proposed, Bro. J. J. Michael said that the W.M. had intrusted him with the gavel for a few minutes. He stood in the position that night of acting P.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, and he was very sorry to say the absence of their esteemed P.M., Bro. Adams, P.G.P., was due to domestic affliction. He knew how highly they all esteemed their instructor, Bro. Adams, and he was sure that all would sympathise with him upon the cause of his absence. He had now to propose "The Health of Bro. Willing, the Founder of their Mother Lodge," and he might likewise say the founder of this lodge of instruction. They had often heard him express his admiration of Bro. Willing's work; indeed, he might say that he did not think there was one thing in Craft Masonry that Bro. Willing could not do; and he was sure that there was nothing he could do for the benefit or comfort of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction which he was not willing to do. In fact, he was a very willing fellow altogether, and his ability as a Mason was equal to his good qualities as a man. After thanking Bro. Michael for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health, Bro. Willing proceeded to propose the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction," in doing which he said that he was very much pleased to be able at the end of their first year to be able to look with satisfaction at the results they had achieved. This lodge of instruction was held at the rooms of the Metropolitan Club in place of being held at a tavern. To become a member of the lodge it was necessary to become a member of the club. They had an able Club Committee and they were made very comfortable. He thought that the lodge of instruction had done very good work. They were sure to learn good working from their esteemed Preceptor, Bro. Adams; when they went into other lodges of instruction, and it happened that their working differed at all from the working prevailing there they had only to defend their mode by saying that that was Bro. Adams' method to be at once acknowledged correct. Bro. Adams he was sure was the very best of instructors, always eager to impart knowledge, not for the purpose of airing his own acquirements, but for the most benevolent wish to make others as good workers as himself. And when he had to correct an error it was always done in so kind and courteous a manner as to make it a pleasure to receive his corrections. He was sure that they were very fortunate in possessing such an instructor. He knew that they had been spoken of out of the lodge as having made great progress in this their first year. They were under a certain obligation to the mother lodge for the privilege of working under its charter, but he thought that the parent was still more indebted to them, in the advantage that the members of that lodge had derived from the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Willing concluded by drinking "Prosperity to the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Stiles, their Honorary Secretary, who, in replying, confirmed the remarks made by Bro. Willing as to the acknowledgment in other lodges of instruction of the superior working of their instructor, Bro. Adams. The W.M. then proposed "The Parent Lodge," coupled with the name of Bro. Michael, who, in replying, said that were he a good public speaker the subject Bro. Willing had furnished him with would last him till midnight. He could descant on the solemnity of Freemasonry, also of the cheerfulness and hilarity to be observed among its members; further, of the peculiar feeling which (speaking for himself) there was of their being something beyond us, something unattainable in Freemasonry. We were always learning but never altogether perfect. But passing by such questions as these he would confine himself to the toast that had been proposed "The Metropolitan Lodge." That lodge was undoubtedly a great success. During Bro. Willing's term of office he believed more candidates and joining members were added to them than perhaps had ever fallen to the lot of a W.M. They had had as many initiates night after night as the Book of Constitutions would allow—namely, five—and they had been obliged to call five lodges of emergency in consequence of the influx of initiates. And they had six ordinary meetings. He added that there was never before known such a thing in the annals of Freemasonry. He believed that Freemasonry was growing so fast that the world has come in upon us. He had succeeded to the W.M.'s chair, and had himself held one lodge of emergency, and they had now seven candidates waiting initiation. He thought no lodge could very well be in a more flourishing condition. There was, too, a great desire among them to carry out the tenets of Freemasonry, a marvellous desire to make themselves good, efficient working Masons, and in this direction the Metropolitan Lodge had been a valuable adjunct to the parent lodge. He was himself largely indebted to the lodge of instruction, if not for his position in the mother lodge, still for that fluency with which he was at all times able to work the ceremonies, and he felt it his duty on this his first anniversary to tender it his meed of praise. He concluded by thanking the brethren for their cordiality in receiving the toast of the mother lodge. "The Health of the Officers" was then proposed, and responded to by the Secretary and Senior and Junior Wardens. Before proposing the Tyler's toast the W.M. gave "The Health of the Lay Members of the Lodge," for the purpose of affording an opportunity to some of them

of addressing the chair, which was responded to by several of the members present. The musical efforts of various brethren, who sang in the intervals between the speeches, were very successful, and rendered the occasion of the first anniversary banquet of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction a very pleasant evening.

### Royal Arch.

**DOMATIC CHAPTER (No. 177).**—A meeting of this chapter was held on the 17th ult., at Anderson's Hotel. Present: Comps. Bolton, M.E.Z.; Hayward, H. Cottebrune, acting J.; Foulger, I.P.Z.; Buss, P.Z., Treas.; Payne, P.Z.; Sutton, P.Z.; Cubitt, P.Z.; Coutts, P.Z.; Hill, P.S.; Palmer, S.E.; Treadwell, A.S.; and others. The visitors were Comps. Walls, 185; Kent 192. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed the election of office-bearers then took place as follows:—Comps. Hayward, M.E.Z.; Scott, H.; Weaver, J.; Palmer, S.E.; Hill, S.N.; Treadwell, P.S.; Buss, P.Z., Treas. A vote of £5 was given to Comp. Foxcroft, who has kindly accepted the position of Steward to the festival of Aged Freemasons. A Past Principal's jewel having been unanimously voted to Comp. Bolton, the chapter was closed in ancient form, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were given by the M.E. slightly prefaced by a few well-chosen remarks. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. Buss, P.Z., who spoke of his (Comp. Bolton's) long connection with the lodge, and hope that he would be many years spared to wear the P.Z. jewel which had that evening been so justly voted to him. The M.E., in reply, thanked the Treasurer and the chapter for the very kind and hearty manner in which his health had been proposed and drank, and expressed how sorry he felt that certain untoward circumstances had prevented him from paying that attention to the chapter which the duties of his position as First Principal had demanded, but he hoped in future, in the character of a P.Z. of the chapter to be regularly present at their convocations, in order to render any assistance that might be required. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors" the M.E.Z. expressed his regret that they had not had an opportunity of witnessing any working that evening, but hoped that this visit had been in every way pleasing to them. This toast having been duly honoured, Comp. Walls, on behalf of Comp. Kent and himself, stated that although they had not had on this occasion an opportunity of participating in an exaltation yet he wished to assure his co-visitor and the chapter that on his last visit to the "Domatic" he witnessed the impressive ceremonial of exaltation, most ably carried out by two distinguished P.Z.'s of the chapter, viz., Comps. Adams and Cottebrune, who were most ably supported by the rest of the officers, and he felt confident if the younger members would only follow the guidance and accept the instructions of the many excellent P.Z.'s of the chapter, that the Domatic would continue to be what it has been for years past, one of the best working chapters in the City of London. "The Health of the M.E.Z. elect, and Comp. Scott, H.," was then proposed and drank, and responded to by Comps. Hayward and Cottebrune in the absence of Comp. Scott. "The Health of the P.Z.'s of the Chapter" was then proposed and ably responded to by Comps. Buss, Cottebrune and others. Some vocal effusions by Comps. Palmer, Foxcroft, Webb, and Wall then followed, and the M.E.Z. gave "The Health of the Officers of the Chapter," enumerating them by name. Comps. Palmer, Hill, Treadwell, and Buss replied. The former stated that with the assistance and instruction by Comp. Buss, their worthy Treasurer he had been enabled to discharge the duties of S.E. for five years, and by their favour and support he would continue to do so until the time should arrive when the companions might be in a position to honour him by promoting him to higher office, should they think that his conduct and services as S.E. deserved such a recognition. Previous to the departure of the companions, P.Z.'s Little and C. Horsley came, and were warmly received. The Janitor's toast terminated the proceedings. The installation of Comp. Hayward will take place on the fourth Thursday in March.

**WINDSOR CASTLE CHAPTER (No. 771).**—The usual quarterly meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on the 20th ult. Present: Comps. Hodges, Z.; Tolley, H.; Grisebrook, J.; Dixon, Scribe E.; Powell, Scribe N.; Flick, P.S.; Devereux, P.Z.; James Stevens, P.Z.; Reid Collins, Roberts, L. W. Carter, Goodwin, J. O. Carter, and others. After the M.E.Z. had opened the chapter, Comp. Stevens exalted Bro. W. R. Denne, W.M. of No. 209, into R.A.M., in his well known efficient and effective manner. Comp. Bryett, J. of 834 Chapter, was admitted as a joining member. A presentation of an interesting nature here took place. It was resolved at the last regular meeting in October to present Comp. James Stevens with a suitable token of the appreciation of the members of the chapter, for the admirable manner in which he has presided over them for the three years ending in October last. The actual presentation was made by Comp. Devereux, who said it was his pleasing duty to present to Comp. Stevens on behalf of the chapter a silver salver, and expressed his admiration of the manner in which the affairs of the chapter had been conducted under Comp. Stevens' long reign. He knew sometimes it was under considerable inconveniences that he attended. He also expressed the pleasure it afforded him to find the presentation was not of the ordinary kind, but something which he knew would be appreciated by Comp. Stevens's wife and family, not only at the present time but also in years to come, he concluded by gracefully wishing not only Comp. Stevens, but also his wife and family, every possible happiness and prosperity, a sentiment he knew would be endorsed by every member of the Windsor Castle Chapter.

Comp. Stevens, in reply, said the handsome present was of greater value than he knew his services had been to the chapter. He had always been pleased and proud to attend the meetings since he first joined. He greatly admired the propriety of departing from the usual rule instead of adding another to his numerous decorations. This was a present he should value indeed, as it was something of domestic utility, and would, he was sure, be highly appreciated by his wife and family. He thanked the companions for their kind expressions towards his wife and children. The salver, which is both costly and handsome, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Comp. James Stevens, P.Z., by the Windsor Castle Chapter, No. 771, in recognition of past and invaluable services to the chapter, and in remembrance of the three successive years he so kindly and ably filled the F.P. chair as M.E.Z."

**LIVERPOOL.**—Temple Chapter (No. 1094).—The annual meeting of the members of this chapter for the installation of Principals and the transaction of other business was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. Comp. W. Shortis, M.E.Z., opened the chapter, supported by Comps. J. Pemberton, P.Z.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.Z.; J. B. Robinson, P.M.; R. R. Martin, H.; P. Macmudrow, J.; R. Collings, S.E.; R. C. Yelland, S.N.; R. Washington, P.S.; J. W. Burgess, A.S.; D. Davies, A.S.; R. Ball, Jan.; H. P. Price, H. Dutton, F. J. Jeffrey, J. K. Cave, E. Hughes, J. Hayes, and T. Gray. The visitors were Comps. H. Ashmore, 823; and S. Haynes, P.Z. 823. The minutes having been read and confirmed, and an exaltation having been made, Comp. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.Z., proceeded to instal Comp. R. R. Martin in the chair of M.E.Z., a ceremony which he performed with rare efficiency. Comp. J. B. Robinson, P.Z., also installed Comp. P. Macmudrow as H., and Comp. R. Washington as J., and the other offices were filled as follows:—Comps. J. Pemberton, P.Z., Treas.; R. Collings, S.E.; J. Hayes, S.N.; and R. C. Yelland, P.S. Comp. Pemberton, P.Z., in name of the members of the chapter, presented a very chaste and beautiful P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. W. Shortis, I.P.Z., in a highly complimentary speech, in which he referred to the excellent work he had done in connection with the Temple Chapter. The jewel was supplied by Comp. G. Kenning, and was very generally admired. Comp. Shortis, in an appropriate and eloquent speech, thanked the members for their kindness. After the transaction of some further business, including several propositions for exaltation, the chapter was closed in due form, and the companions afterwards adjourned to banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the companions separated at an early hour.

### Mark Masonry.

**LEICESTER.**—Fowke Lodge (No. 19).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, January 27th. Amongst those present were R.W. Bros. W. Kelly, P.G.M.M.; G. Toller, jun., W.M.; J. M. McAllister, I.P.M.; A. M. Duff, and S. S. Partridge, P.M.'s; C. Stretton, S.W.; W. Sculthorpe, J.W.; W. T. Rowlett, S.O.; G. W. Statham, Sec.; J. H. Garnar, Treas.; T. A. Wykes, Reg.; J. Young, J.D.; Robart, Biggs, Taylor, Dr. Meadows, Knight, Odell, Rushin, and others. Apologies for absence were received from most of the officers not present. After the confirmation of the minutes of the preceding meeting, the P.G.M. read the reply of the Grand Secretary to the invitation given by this province to the Grand Lodge to hold their next moveable meeting at Leicester in the autumn, from which it appeared that although the Grand Master could not definitely accept the invitation so long before hand, yet it is probable that he will ultimately do so. Bros. C. G. Woodcock, 1500, P.G. Reg., and F. L. Rolleston, J.D., 1500, being in attendance, were then advanced in due form to the Degree of Mark Mason, and ultimately to Mark Master. The ceremony was performed by the W.M., assisted by the P.G.M. and Bro. Partridge, P.M.; Bro. Duff, P.M., acting as M.O. This being the night for election of W.M., the ballot was taken, and Bro. C. Stretton, S.W., was found to be chosen to the post. In a few well-chosen words he thanked the lodge for the honour conferred on him. Bro. Garnar having resigned his office of Treasurer, Bro. Odell was unanimously elected in his stead. A joining member having been proposed the lodge was closed in due form. The Mark Degree having proved very successful in Leicester, it is not impossible that Grand Lodge at its forthcoming visit may be called on to consecrate a new lodge.

**THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL COMMITTEE.**—The annual meeting for the election of the committee for the management of the Liverpool Masonic Hall, Hope-street, was held on Friday evening, the 28th ult., when there was an exceedingly large gathering of brethren. Bros. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, Prov. G. Reg., was elected Chairman of the Hall Committee; T. Armstrong, Prov. G. Treas., the Vice-Chairman; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., the Treas.; and J. T. Callow, W.M. 1505, P.M. 673; the Secretary, as Bro. D. W. Winstanley, P.M. 1094, again declined to stand for re-election.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS:** In bilious disorders, sick headache, indigestion and affections of the nerves, these famous Pills, long highly appreciated in all quarters of the globe, are regarded as a perfect remedy. They purify the blood, regulate the secretions, give tone to the stomach, restore the appetite, and renovate the whole system. After a course of these Pills, the once emaciated and feeble patient is so changed that his friends are both wonderstruck and delighted. These cheap preservatives of life and health are a blessing to mankind, their powers and benign influence over disease have, for nearly half a century, been proclaimed by restored and grateful patients in almost every town, village, and hamlet throughout England.—ADVT.

## Scotland.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The annual meeting of this P.G. lodge was held on Thursday evening, 27th ult., in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street. The R.W.P.G. Master, Bro. Walter Montgomery Neilson, of Queenhill, presided, supported on the dais by Bros. Henry Inglis, of Torsonce, P.S.G.M. Grand Lodge of Scotland, and P.G.M. of Peebles and Selkirkshire; John Baird, S.P.G.M., and various other office-bearers of the P.G. lodge; Bros. George McDonald, R.W.M. 73, acting P.G.S.W.; James Booth, R.W.M. 87, acting P.G. J.W. The P.G. Lodge having been opened, and minutes read and adopted, the Chairman said he thought they should take the opportunity of having amongst them that night one of the oldest and best Masons in Edinburgh, Bro. H. Inglis, of Torsonce, to get him to instal their office-bearers. The proposal was received with much approval, and cheerfully agreed to by Bro. Inglis. The following were duly installed and invested with the badges of their respective offices by Bro. Inglis:—Bros. James Gillies, P.G. Treas.; George Thallon, P.G.S.D.; John Miller, P.G.J.D.; J. Ritchie, P.G. Architect; R. Robb, P.G. Marshal; A. Allison, P.G. Jeweller; A. Bain, P.G.B.B.; James Balfour, P.G. Dir. of Ceremonies; A. Arrick Smith, P.G. Sword Bearer; David Reid, P.G.I.G.; and George Sinclair, Treas., and Convenor of the P.G. Benevolent Fund. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Inglis for his kind offices in connection with the ceremony of installation that evening, which was done with universal acclamation. Thereafter it was moved by Bro. John Baird, S.P.G.M., that a hearty vote of thanks be awarded to Bro. J. B. Walker, late P.G. Treasurer, for his services rendered to P.G. Lodge in connection with the high and responsible and elective office. Bro. Baird spoke at some length in regard to Bro. Walker's discharge of duties both onerous and delicate, and complimented him on the conciliatory spirit in which he had met all the difficulties attaching to his position. The motion was seconded by Bro. J. Gillies (Bro. Walker's successor). The P.G. Lodge unanimously, and in the heartiest manner, endorsed the motion. The following brethren were then appointed Auditors of P.G.L., viz.: Bro. William Bell, I.P.M. 33; J. Morgan, W.M. 219; and J. Monro, W.M. 360. It was agreed to, that the P.G. Lodge Committee should consist of the office-bearers, commissioned and elective, together with the W.M. of each lodge within the province; Bro. D. M. Nelson, W.M. 33, to be Convenor. The meeting was well attended by members of the P.G. Lodge and others. It may be mentioned that Bro. H. Inglis intimated that he received an invitation from Bro. John Monro, W.M. 360, to visit the Lodge Commercial, which he had accepted, and would be glad to see as many of the Glasgow brethren on that occasion as could conveniently attend. This concluded the business before the meeting. The lodge was closed in due form.

**GLASGOW.—Lodge St. Mungo (No. 27).**—A meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Thursday evening, 20th ult., Bro. Dugald Butler, W.M., in the chair, Bro. Dr. J. McInnes, S.W.; and Bro. George McComb, J.W. The meeting was well attended by the members, and a large number of visiting brethren were present. The W.M. was supported on the dais by Bros. A. McTaggart, D.M., P.G.S. of Glasgow Province; David Dick, S.M.; Alex. Bain, P.M. 103. There were also present Bros. E. Arthur, Mother Kilwinning; G. W. Wheeler, 73; Wm. Morrison, P.M. 215; Wm. Ferguson ("Freemason"); A. C. Todd, 149; W. B. Paterson, 360; Robert Burns Thomson, 153; and Wm. Alexander, 441; and others. The lodge having been opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bros. James Dickie, Wm. McIntyre, Moses McGregor, Joseph Thomson, John Goldfinch, and Robt. Huntley, were passed, and Bros. James Kidd, Robert Speirs, James Dickie, John Goldfinch, Robert Huntley, Joseph Thomson, Moses McGregor, and Thomas Bell, were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Both degrees were most impressively rendered by Bro. Alexander Bain, P.M. 103. The W.M. then took occasion to propose Bro. Robert Burns Thomson, M.M. of Lodge No. 153, Royal Arch Pollockshaws, who is a grandson of Bro. Robert Burns, the immortal Scottish bard, for honorary affiliation, which was received with applause, and after being obligated by Bro. Bain, returned thanks for the high honour conferred upon him. The lodge thereafter adjourned to refreshment, when a pleasant hour was spent in harmony; the meeting being much enlivened by some excellent songs sung by Bro. Burns Thomson, the more so they being his own composing. On the lodge being called to labour it was closed in due form.

**PORT GLASGOW.—Lodge Doric Kilwinning (No. 68).**—The 119th anniversary of this lodge was celebrated in the hall, Church-street, on the 25th ult., Bro. Forgie, W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. James Kelly, P.M., and Andrew Dick, P.M., and others, and surrounded by his office-bearers. The lodge having been opened, the brethren partook of an excellent repast, provided at the expense of one of the most enthusiastic Masons in our midst, Bro. J. Kelly, P.M., and which was heartily enjoyed. After disposing of the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, Bro. A. Dick gave "Success to the Doric Kilwinning," which was received with all the honours. As usual, the day being the anniversary of the birth of the immortal poet, Burns, Bro. Kelly referred in most appropriate terms to his worth as a brother Mason and as Scotland's greatest bard, concluding by giving "The Memory of Burns," which was drunk in solemn silence. The W.M., as is customary at the anniversary of the Doric, in highly eulogistic terms, presented the Past Masters and the Past Wardens with tastefully elaborated goblets, as a mark of the respect and esteem in which they are held by their brethren, and in

testimony of the highly satisfactory manner in which they had performed their duties as office-bearers during the past year. Bro. D. Brown, P.S.W., in name of himself and others, returned thanks. He said he did not require such a memento to keep him in mind of the honour they had conferred on him in electing him to the office, and the kindness and indulgence he had experienced from the brethren during the time he filled it. His memory would not be good if he at any time forgot that he was Senior Warden of the Doric. He expected on this occasion to have bid the brethren "good bye," but as fate had destined otherwise, he would still have the privilege and pleasure of going in and out and fraternising among them. Like the "chap" that got soft in the head of the old oak tree, he might say of the Doric—

"In youth it sheltered me,  
And I'll protect it now."

A number of other toasts were given.

**GLASGOW.—Lodge Star (No. 219).**—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Monday evening, the 24th ult., in their hall, at 12, Tron-gate, Bro. John Morgan, W.M. in the chair, Bro. James Horn, S.W., and Bro. David Mearns, J.W. Present: Bros. Jasper Martin, D.M.; W. Anderson, S.M.; Francis Dow, Sec.; Benj. Smart, Treas.; John Brown, S.D.; David Taylor, J.D.; and Robert Watson, Chap.; Alexander Bain, P.M. 103; David Reid, I.P.M. 465; William Bell, I.P.M. 33; Wm. Bilsland, S.W. 408; W. Ferguson ("Freemason"); D. McIntyre, 33; W. Dick, 33; George Dunn, 5; James Robertson, 87; M. W. Kirk, 250; James Reid, 354; Robert Fraser, 413; and Malcolm Stark, 419; and others. The lodge being opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, five candidates were initiated into the E.A. Degree by Bro. Morgan, W.M., viz.: Thomas E. Beatty, James McCoy, Charles Groel, William McDonald, and Robert W. Sherlock. Bro. John Brand was elected I.G. (Bro. Elliot, jun., having resigned), and Bro. Jamieson Coutts was elected Org., and presided at the new harmonium just purchased by the office-bearers and members of the lodge. After making further arrangements for holding the annual festival, the lodge was transferred to refreshment. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to. Bro. William Bell, I.P.M. 33, replied on behalf of the P.G.L. of Glasgow. Bro. Bain, P.M. 103, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and paid him a very high compliment for the efficient manner in which he performed the ceremony of the First Degree in the former part of the evening, and the able manner he conducts the business of the lodge at all times. Bro. Morgan replied. After spending a short time in harmony, the lodge was called to labour and closed in due form.

**DUNOON.—Lodge Dunoon Argyll (No. 335).**—The annual conversazione, musical promenade, and assembly of this lodge took place in the Burgh Hall, Dunoon, on the 28th ult. The hall was beautifully decorated with evergreens, pot plants, and flowers, flags, &c. About 50 couples were present, including many of the elite of the town and neighbourhood. Bro. J. F. Muir, W.M., presided, and conducted the opening proceedings, assisted by Bros. J. Russell, S.W., and J. D. Smith, J.W. Deputations were present from the following lodges:—Greenock Kilwinning, No. 12; Port Glasgow Doric Kilwinning, No. 68; Greenock St. John, No. 175, and Rothesay St. John's, No. 292. In proposing a vote of thanks to the W.M. for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the opening proceedings, Bro. the Rev. J. Cameron made a brief but most excellent speech, in which he pointed out the principles on which Freemasonry was conducted, and expressed his belief that next to marriage the Masonic Order was the oldest institution in the world. While other orders had grown hoary with age, and many had died out altogether, Freemasonry was still in its youth, and he believed it would remain so for ages to come. Dancing was thereafter commenced, and was kept up with unabated vigour till an early hour in the morning. The refreshment department was presided over by Bro. A. Gunn, of the Argyll Hotel, in a manner which left nothing to be desired. Everything passed off most successfully, and altogether the gathering was one of the best that was ever held under the auspices of Lodge Dunoon Argyll.

**RUTHERGLEN.—Lodge St. John's Operative (No. 347).**—The regular monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge was held in St. John's Masonic Hall, Cathcart-street, Rutherglen, on Friday evening, 28th ult., Bro. David Smart, W.M., in the chair; Bro. John Murdoch, S.W.; Bro. Thos. Alston, J.W. The W.M. was supported by Bros. J. Cunningham, I.P.M.; Samuel Abbott, D.M.; Alex. Warnock, Sec.; William Gardner, Treas.; Wm. Young, S.D.; A. Robertson, J.D. There were also present Bros. John Hamilton, W.M. 116; John McInnes, S.W. 408; William Ferguson ("Freemason"); Thomas Dickson, 20; John W. McBrand, 21. On the lodge being opened the Secretary read minutes of last meetings, which were approved of. Messrs. George Allan, Hugh Morton, John Aitkenhead, William Miller, and Alex. Liddell were initiated by Bro. Smart, W.M. Two brethren were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, and Bro. Samuel S. Armstrong and James Dempster were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. Cunningham, I.P.M. After arranging to hold the annual festival on the 25th of February, the lodge was closed in due form.

**GLASGOW.—Lodge Commercial (No. 360).**—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held in their hall, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Friday, the 21st ult., Bros. John Monro, W.M., in the chair; J. M. Olliver, S.W.; J. Graham, J.W.; D. Lamb, D.M.; William Finlay, S.M.; G. Scott, Treasurer; J. Smith, Secretary; William Keiller, S.D.; R. Brodie, D. of M.; and others. There was a large attendance of visitors and members of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros.

James Booth, W.M. Lodge Thistle, No. 87; A. M. Wright, I.P.M. Lodge Union and Crown, No. 103; R. Monro, D.M. Lodge 103; David Murray, W.M. Lodge 103; W. Mc. G. Mason, W.M. 541. On the lodge being opened, the minutes were read and adopted. The business of the evening was the initiating of a candidate as an E.A. Freemason for Lodge Union and Crown, No. 103, and the raising of three brethren of Lodge Commercial to the Degree of M.M., the ceremony of initiation being performed by Bro. Olliver, S.W., and that of raising by Bro. Lamb, D.M.

**GLASGOW.—Lodge Athole (No. 413).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 25th ult., in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Bro. James Louttit, W.M., presiding; Bros. Daniel Leeds, S.W.; Andrew Holms, J.W. The meeting was well attended by the members, and an unusual large number of visiting brethren present. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. W. Neilson, D.M.; J. Baikie, S.M.; R. Graham, Sec.; G. Robertson, S.D.; Wm. Grindlay, J.W.; Wm. Bell, I.P.M. 33; J. Booth, W.M. 87; T. B. Bell, S.M. 33; Wm. Ferguson, I.P.M. 116; R. Jack, W.M. 128; J. Morgan, W.M. 219; Arch. McPhee, Sec. 87; Wm. Ferguson, I.P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); D. Hodge, 202; B. D. Scott, 335; Geo. Summers, 335; J. Colquhoun, 360; A. Graham, 360; J. Stewart, 360; G. McKenzie, 370; and others. The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and adopted. After disposing of business of minor importance, the lodge was called to harmony, and after spending a happy evening in song and sentiment, and honouring the usual loyal, Masonic, and patriotic toasts, the brethren separated after the Tyler's toast, happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again.

**GOVAN.—Lodge Govandale (No. 437).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Portland Buildings, on Tuesday evening, 18th ult., Bro. John Miller, W.M., in the chair; Robert Muir, S.W.; and Alex. James, J.W. This being the night of installing the Master, and other office-bearers, a very large number of members and visiting brethren were present, viz., Bros. James Gillies, P.M. 103 (P.G.T. elect); Alexander Baird, P.M. 103; John Bain, D.M. No. 117; Wm. Borland, 117; Wm. Ferguson ("Freemason"); Wm. Urquhart, 190; Wm. Millar, 219; Robert Allan, 401; L. McDonald, 408; and Wm. H. Ross, 432; and others. The lodge having been opened, the Secretary, Bro. John Sutherland read minutes of last meeting, which were adopted. Messrs. Robert Webster, John Beaton, Wm. Currie, James Anderson, and John Robertson were initiated by Bro. J. Gillies, P.M. 103. The office-bearers, who were elected on the 21st December, were then installed into their respective places by Bro. Gillies, ably assisted by Bro. Bain, P.M. 103. Thereafter a Board of Installed Masters was formed in the adjoining hall, consisting of Bros. Gillies, Bain, and Ferguson, P.M. 543, and the installation ceremony conferred on Bro. Miller by Bro. Bain. On entering the lodge the brethren saluted the Master with the usual accustomed honours, and after a vote of thanks was passed to the three Past Masters for their kindness in being present from Glasgow, the lodge was closed.

**GLASGOW.—Lodge Dramatic (No. 571).**—A meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, 19th ult., at 3 p.m., Bro. W. J. E. Dobson, W.M., in the chair; Bros. H. W. Jackman, S.W.; and W. Sivewright, J.W. Present: Bros. W. Phillips, W.M. 556; J. Booth, W.M. 87; J. Fraser, P.M. 87; J. F. Mitchell, P.M. 102; O. McGregor, P.M. 156; W. Ferguson, P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; A. B. Ferguson, S.W. 354; and Henry Victor David, 392; and others. The lodge having been opened, Bros. Charles Paulo, Charles Green, and Donald Noble were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. Phillips, W.M. 556. The lodge was then closed.

**NAIRN.—Lodge St. Ninian (No. 575).**—The members of this lodge had a torchlight procession on Thursday evening, the 27th ult., which created a great deal of interest. The route of the procession through the town was illuminated with Bengal lights, which had a magnificent effect. The procession was led by the Nairn Volunteer Band. Amongst other lodges represented in deputies were Lodges Spey, 527, Kingussie; Operative, 152, Dunkeld; Trinity, 148, Elgin; St. Lawrence, 144, Forres; and St. Mary Caledonian Operative, 339, Inverness. A vast crowd assembled on the Links of Nairn to witness the march to the Marine Hotel, the bright light of the torches lighting up the street, and having a very picturesque effect. The brethren dined together in the evening in the Marine Hotel, and a presentation of jewels to the W.M., W. Bayne Pegler, on his departure for the South, took place. The lodge is only a few months in existence, it being the youngest lodge in Scotland, but it is a very strong body, and embraces many of the leading men of the town and county.

## APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE, No. 357, OXFORD.

The attention of the Masonic world being now turned to this lodge, of which H.R.H. Prince Leopold is to be installed W.M. on the 22nd of February, it may be interesting to learn the amount of work done by the present W.M. during Michaelmas term. Two regular lodges were held, as usual, four lodges of emergency, and five lodges of instruction. Sixteen gentlemen were initiated, nineteen brethren passed to the Second Degree, and eighteen raised to the Third Degree. The Anniversary Festival will be held on the 22nd inst., and in consequence of the great demand for tickets for the dinner, it is absolutely necessary to apply as soon as possible to the Secretary, University Masonic Hall, Oxford.

**WIPE YOUR FEET.**—The best Cocoa Nut Mats and Matting are made by Treloar and Sons, 69, Ludgate-hill.

## Answers to Correspondents.

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

We are requested to state, that by a regrettable error, H.R.H. Prince Leopold is described in the "Masonic Magazine" for February, Provincial Grand Warden instead of P.G.M. of Oxfordshire.

BRO. BURDETT YEOMAN.—We have decided upon to print no more poetry in the "Freemason," owing to press of matter, but will send it to the "Masonic Magazine" for March.

SUBSCRIBER.—Can a Past Master legitimately and correctly wear his Past Master's jewel presented to him by his lodge, suspended by a purple ribbon, instead of a light blue ribbon, he being a Provincial Grand Officer entitled to wear the purple clothing?—[In our opinion, no.]

The following stand over:—

Reports of Kennington Lodge, No. 1381; Imperial George Lodge, No. 78; Abbey Lodge, No. 624; United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507; Faith Lodge, No. 141; Hemming Lodge, No. 1512; New Cross Lodge, 1559; Burdett Chapter. Letter from J. E. Iliff.

Reviews of Books recently received will appear next week.

A letter by "Fair Play."—Is the so-called Investigation Committee of West Yorkshire legally appointed?—will appear in our next.

BOOKS RECEIVED.—Whittaker's Journal for February; Masonic Music by F. C. Atkinson, P.P.G.O. W. Yorks; Keystone Centennial Masonic Almanac; Proceedings of G.L. of Ohio; Cassell's Child's Bible; Hand and Heart.

## REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

	£	s.	d.
Addison, T. H., Africa (P.O.O.) .....	0	12	0
Anthony, J. B., Troy (B. of E.) .....	1	6	2
Bailey, F., Perth, (P.O.O.) .....	0	8	6
Dorrell, Wm., Hasskien (P.O.O.) .....	1	16	6
Hill, W., New Zealand (P.O.O.) .....	0	6	0
Hill, T. J., Pert Natal, (P.O.O.) .....	0	10	0
J. F., St. Thomas, W.I. (Stamps) .....	0	13	0
Smith, R. B., Illinois (P.O.O.) .....	2	13	0
W.M., Lodge St. George's in the East .....	1	5	0

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

## BIRTH.

OHREN.—On Saturday, 22nd ult., the wife of Brother Charles M. Ohren, of Lower Sydenham, of a triplet—two boys (Lewises) and one girl.

## DEATHS.

WASHINGTON.—On the 30th January, at her residence, 3, Ashfield Terrace, Wavertree, Liverpool, aged 47, Ann, the beloved wife of Bro. Richard Washington, I.P.M., Temple Lodge, 1094, deeply regretted and universally respected.

THOMPSON.—At Worthing, on the 2nd inst., Bro. the Rev. Edwin Thompson, D.D., of St. John's, Wandsworth, Chaplain to the Grand Master's Lodge and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEB. 5, 1876.

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

Before we pass on and forget the striking incidents and geographical course of the Royal progress of the Prince of Wales, it is well, we think, to note that he paid a flying but successful visit to Chandernagon, a small French colony, not very far from Calcutta. "Vive le Prince des Galles" seems to have been as popular a cry amongst our Gallic friends as "God save the Prince of Wales" amid the European, Eurasian, and native population of Hindostan. The Prince has been, as we said before, to Lahore, and has also paid a visit to the Rajah of Cashmere, at Jummoo, by whom he was both hospitably and royally entertained. He passed through Sealkote and Wigarabad. He visited the Rajah of Puttiala, and halted at Umritsur, where he witnessed the illumination of the Golden Temple. He reached Agra on the 25th, and, after much of State ceremony and a genial reception, went on the 28th for a day's shooting to Burhptore—a very successful expedition. He subsequently attended a great ball in the "Hall Achbar." His visit has greatly pleased the Chiefs of Rajpootana. Our W.G. Master has been to Gualior, and passed in review Scindiah's army, 8000 strong.

## PROVINCE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

We understand that H.R.H. Prince Leopold will be installed Provincial Grand Master of this important province on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. The Curators of the Sheldonian Theatre, where the Commemoration of Founders and Benefactors is usually held, have allowed the brethren to use this building, which is as admirably adapted for the purpose as the Albert Hall was for the installation of the Grand Master. The Vice-Chancellor, who was Grand Warden of the Province in 1837, has allowed the adjacent buildings to be used as Robing Rooms. It is expected that the Pro Grand Master will be present if his ministerial duties permit, and the Deputy Grand Master and several officers of Grand Lodge have already signified their wish to attend. The doors will be opened at 12 o'clock, and closed at 1.30, and the ceremony will commence at 2 o'clock. The W.M. of the Apollo University Lodge has been requested to act the part which Sir Albert Woods took on the occasion of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The dinner will be held in the City Buildings, at 5 o'clock, in order to enable London brethren who must return the same evening to go back by the 9 o'clock train. All applications for tickets of admission to the ceremony should be addressed to the Secretary, Committee of Management, Masonic Hall, Alfred-street, Oxford.

## THE BOYS' SCHOOL AND THE WEST YORKSHIRE COMMITTEE.

We have perused, with an astonishment and pain we can hardly describe, the published report of the West Yorkshire Committee of Enquiry, presented to the P.G. Lodge, and adopted by the same on the 26th, at Leeds. We feel bound to say at once what we believe will be also the opinion of all intelligent and impartial Freemasons, that a greater burlesque on every principle of Masonic fair play, equity, common sense, and justice, never was before exhibited in our good old Order. The Committee was practically nominated by the D.P.G.M., the vehement accuser of the School, the personal assailant of Bro. Binckes, he himself actually being a member of the Committee, and acting as censor, witness, and judge, all at the same time. We also deeply regret to have to add that this brother, who seems very fond of paper warfare, had, under the circumstances, the singular bad taste, to say nothing more, to print a private pamphlet, and term it The Report of the Committee, which contains some of the most astounding statements, incriminations, insinuations, and personal charges it has ever been our painful lot to peruse. We understand that this pamphlet has been withdrawn, but the mischief had been done, and the damning fact remains. In the report of the "Leeds Mercury" of the 17th, of the proceedings of the P.G. Lodge, and which we print in another column, the official report is based mainly on the evidence which Bro. Tew had previously presented, and which, under the circumstances, ought to have been received by the Committee with the greatest hesitation, as it is marked by a most personal and bitter feeling from first to last, and is full, as we, even in our cursory glance, can say, of childish and perverse misstatements, unfounded inferences, and un-Masonic allegations. But the Committee has gravely accepted the evidence of one of their own body, without examining any brother who really could point out to them the gross fallacies involved in the arguments and assumptions of the D.P.G.M. for W. Yorkshire, especially as regards the statistics of other schools, which, originally furnished by Bro. C. Pegler, of Leeds, are, as have been already shown in the "Freemason," utterly deceptive as illustrations, and actually beside the question. We deeply deplore the fact that so distinguished a province as West Yorkshire has embarked in so mistaken a course. The Report of the Committee only shows how "facilis" still is the "descensus Averni," and we hardly yet understand how the Committee can have made such a report on such primâ facie unsatisfactory and untrustworthy evidence, coloured as it is by a "monomania" on the subject, and put together in utter forgetfulness of every attribute of fair play to others, whose good

name and honourable dealings, whose actual prospects in life, are jeopardized by the evil impressions thus pertinaciously circulated. Indeed, legally speaking, as there can be no confidence in the question, and there is certainly, as has been held, no privilege under any circumstances in slander, it may be a grave question whether some of the statements publicly printed are not libellous and actionable. If the West Yorkshire Committee can for one moment suppose that a report based mainly on the personal feelings and theories of its D.P.G.M. can have any practical effect, it must be composed of a very sanguine body of men. For when it is known to the Craft at large that the report is mainly based on the D.P.G.M.'s evidence, which he had previously printed in a private pamphlet and termed it "The Report," many of the passages in the "Leeds Mercury" being verbatim identical with the pamphlet, which is said to be withdrawn, the D.P.G.M. assisting to draw up the report on his own evidence, it will appear to all almost too shocking to believe, and almost too ridiculous to narrate. Here we stop to-day, but it is quite clear that after the extraordinary report of the West Yorkshire Committee the matter cannot rest where it is, though, as we have before said, the report is in itself a nullity, and the action of the Province of West Yorkshire in the matter is in our humble opinion, utterly unconstitutional, unsound, and unmasonic from beginning to end. When we wrote these words we had not seen the official report. Now we have seen it, we beg to express our hope that the Committee will also publish the evidence on which they found their questionable statements, and exparte views, views based apparently on no practical knowledge of the subject.

## THE MANIFESTO OF THE MASONIC CONGRESS AT LAUSANNE.

Bro. Strauss, of Bradford, has called our attention to a translation which he has kindly made for us of the Manifesto of the Congress at Lausanne, and which appeared recently in the "Augsburger Allgemeine Zeitung," a well known paper in Germany. We thank him for it, and willingly reproduced it in our pages last week. We had seen it previously in French, but as there was nothing very novel in its statements, or special in its deliverance, being much pressed just now, we had put off its appearance to a more convenient season. At the time we expressed our general sympathy with the Congress on every principle of fraternal good feeling, though it was not a Masonic Congress proper, as we understand it, but a meeting of the Rite Ecossais, the A. and A. Rite practically. Both in its general propositions and formal utterances we heartily concur, though we confess that we do not quite understand how such cosmopolitan principles can be officially proclaimed by the High Grades which are limited in their symbolical teaching, just as Craft Masonry is universal. We could perfectly realize such a manifesto coming from a Grand Orient, or Grand Lodge, or Congress of Craft Masons, but we do not profess to be able to explain how it can truly represent the teaching of the "Rose Croix," for instance, or of the High Grades generally. We doubt very much whether it would be endorsed in this country, or the United States, or Canada—we mean by the A. and A. Rite. We quite enter into the true statement of what Freemasonry is, but we do not comprehend the proclamation of such principles by the "Rite Ecossais," as we just observed. And the truth is, there is no use shutting our eyes to the fact, such sentences, and such a manifesto, have a distinct meaning for us as Craft Masons, and all Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, which requires a little guarding and limitation. We accept, ex ungue cordi, all those leading principles, but we subjoin certain concurrent axioms, which are unknown or suppressed in much of foreign Freemasonry. We hold and proclaim a universal brotherhood (with two notable exceptions), inviolate liberty of conscience and worship, and free thought, and the avoidance of all religious and political discussions; but we base all our work and teaching on religion, and "notamment" on the authority of the Bible. It is this peculiar characteristic

which gives its force and colouring to all Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry. Now some of our foreign brethren, in our humble opinion, have most unwisely let go this great landmark, this holy symbol, of Freemasonry, and the consequence is, that their words often sound as empty phrases, as unreal professions of Masonic faith. So the question naturally arises, on what do they found these very professions of brotherly love and Masonic duty? If not on a religious basis, on what? Is it a "morale independante?" is it "Positivism?" is it a mild Epicureanism? is it a benevolent Pantheism? Is it, in fact, on the absolute negation of the supernatural, or the denial of revelation?—on the rejection of the Word of God? Is it, in fact, based simply on humanitarianism? Now we must keep all this clearly before us, if we wish rightly to "envisager" the present condition of Masonic affairs, especially in some parts abroad. While we go with our brethren everywhere, who are honestly and temporarily striving to advance legally the principles of Freemasonry, we yet must bear in mind that in some countries the proceedings and addresses of some Freemasons have been most unwise and unmasonic, according to our view. While we reject the pretensions of the Church of Rome, while we deny its infallibility, and repudiate its right of interference, we yet think that Freemasons abroad have no claim to mix up social questions, such as that of education, with Freemasonry. As individuals and citizens they have clearly a right to do so, but not in the lodge. We have said all this, not with a wish to blame, but from a sincere regard to our Masonic brethren abroad. We believe in Freemasonry, and the older we grow the more we believe in it, despite earthly frailties and mortal shortcomings. We would say to them, one and all, phrases go for nothing, "acta non verba" are what we ask for, "the proof of the pudding is in the eating." And while we heartily go with the general propositions of the Congress at Lausanne we should feel more hopeful for the future if we could think that some bodies of foreign Freemasonry would revert to an older and better teaching, and take away a great stumbling block in the path of all Anglo-Saxon brethren and well wishers. At present, in our opinion, they are carrying on the contest on false principles of action and teaching, and we, in Great Britain and the United States, and Canada, can only look on as neutrals in the struggle, as while we are most anxious to assist our brethren every where, we should not be true to ourselves, or to our own great Order, if we did not express honestly our loyal opinion in the matter. We thank Bro. Strauss for his kind communication.

THE PROVINCE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

At a special meeting of this distinguished province, holden at Manchester on Tuesday, 18th January, the rules and regulations of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution were finally approved of. The objects of the institution are the "education and advancement in life of children of indigent or deceased Freemasons of the Province of East Lancashire, and to afford relief or assistance where considered desirable in aid of Freemasons and their families in the said province, and generally to promote the cause of Masonic charity." We think the movement a very good one, and, knowing how zealous and energetic our brethren in East Lancashire are, we feel sure that it will eventually prove a success. Already £1000 have been raised, and there can be no doubt that the interests of Masonic charity will be greatly advanced if every province has a similar institution, not in opposition or rivalry to the great Metropolitan Institutions, but as preparatory to, and in addition to, their great and good work. We have long felt, that alike in our lodges and Provincial Grand Lodges, the work of charity must be more largely and systematically carried on. On one point we feel it, however, right to say a few words. We do not think that it is desirable on constitutional grounds, to mix up such movements too much with the work of Provincial Grand Lodge proper. We think it is quite right for Provincial Grand Lodge to appoint a certain

number yearly of the council or committee to receive formally from time to time, notice of the proceedings, and if it grants a sum of money from its funds to lay down its own terms. But we confess we doubt the legality, on Masonic principles and precedent, of discussing in Provincial Grand Lodge, the general concerns of another body, even though it be Masonic. A Provincial Grand Lodge might say, as Grand Lodge has said to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, "I give you a certain sum of money out of my funds, and I claim the right in the interest of my subscribing members to keep a controlling power over your rules and regulations, to see practically that the amount I have voted, and will vote are properly expended." But there is a habit at our Provincial Lodges, when in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, to resolve themselves for the nonce into an Educational or Benevolent Masonic Society, to receive a report, or to appoint officers. Such a proceeding is in our humble opinion clearly illegal. We remember, years ago, being startled at finding a distinguished lodge we visited, had a custom once a year, in regular lodge meeting, to resolve itself into a general meeting of a benefit order attached to the lodge. We pointed out then to the proper authority the actual illegality of such a proceeding, and we believe our remonstrance had a good effect. We might just as well really and truly resolve ourselves into the Masonic Life Insurance Company, or, in fact, any other society. In the P.G. Lodge, as in private lodges, and as in Grand Lodge, nothing can properly be discussed or adjudicated on external to Freemasonry proper, and the object of the meeting itself. We, venture, therefore, to think that, subject to the limitations we have before pointed out, the P.G. Lodge of E. Lancashire will do well to be perfectly independent of this new and useful organization. We wish the new venture all success. We know some of its active promoters, we have worked with them in the cause of charity before, and hearty good fellows they are, and we feel sure that in all we say today, they will give us credit for being like themselves, only actuated by a desire to speed on the cause of Masonic benevolence, and to uphold the legal and constitutional principles of our great and valuable Order.

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.]

LODGE OF TRUTH, BOMBAY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

With reference to my letter in your issue of the 18th ult., regarding the irregularity which occurred in Lodge Truth, Bombay, during last year (my year of office as W.M.) of the Second and Third Degrees being conferred at one meeting on the same brother, I have to request that you will be so good as to republish in your columns the following extract from the "Masonic Record of Western India" for December, 1875, which has just come to hand.

I see, however, in the "Record" for October, 1875, at the meeting at which the irregularity in question was committed, the name of one well-known Past Master recorded as being present thereat, viz., Wor. Bro. H. W. Barrow, who had charge of Lodge Truth as W.M. and I.P.M. for the two years preceding my installation as W.M. Surely Wor. Bro. Rowe consulted Wor. Bro. Barrow before he took upon himself the responsibility he did. It should also be explained why Wor. Bro. Barrow did not preside as a P.M. of Lodge Truth in accordance with the Constitutions, instead of Wor. Bro. Rowe, who is not a P.M. of that lodge.

Yours fraternally, TUDOR TREVOR, I.P.M.  
Lodge Truth, Bombay, No. 944, E.C.,  
January 11th, 1876.

Extract from "Masonic Record" of Western India for December, 1875, page 324:—

THE RECENT IRREGULARITY IN LODGE "TRUTH."  
We publish the following letter from W. Bro. W. C. Rowe, on the subject of the irregularity in Lodge Truth, in passing and raising a brother on the same evening. We admire the promptitude and candour with which Bro. Rowe has come forward to admit his mistake, and we feel sure all who peruse his letter will absolve him from blame, as he was so suddenly called upon to perform a duty for which he was so little prepared. The Senior Warden, who applied for the dispensation, should have consulted a Past Master before doing so; and as for the Deputy District Grand Master, he holds the same office under the Scotch Constitution, and did not consider it much harm, as candidates are frequently initiated, passed, and raised in one night under the Scottish Constitution.

We hope this will be a lesson for all concerned in the irregularity referred to.

"Parell, 15th November, 1875.

"Dear Bro. Bease,—

"I noticed in the correspondence of the last number of your 'Record' the well-grounded objections to the proceedings of Lodge Truth in October last. In justice to myself as Presiding Officer, and for the information of your correspondent, I may state the circumstances below, under which the irregularities occurred:—

"The Master of the lodge being absent in England since March last, it has fallen to the lot of Past Masters of Truth to work the lodge, and on the evening in question it so happened that none of these worshipful brethren could be present, and on my arrival at the hall I received a note from the Senior Past Master requesting me to perform the work for him; it was rather late before the lodge was opened, and on hearing that a dispensation had been granted to the Senior Warden in charge for conferring the Second and Third Degrees on a brother, I confess it did not occur to me in the hurry of the moment that any irregularity had been or was to be committed, and the Second and Third Degrees were accordingly conferred.

"I may add that immediately on the error which had occurred being observed steps were taken at once to apply to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for a special dispensation legalizing the passing and raising of the brethren who received these degrees in the one night.

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,

"W. C. ROWE,  
Past Junior Warden of Lodge Truth, No. 944,  
and Wor. Master of Lodge Concord, No. 757."

THE LAST MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

What has been going on at the last Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire?

There are queer stories current in Leeds, of angry remonstrances and a Masonic scene, of a pamphlet suppressed, of a report presented, and a promise of withdrawal. In fact, as a worthy P.M. of one of the Leeds lodges said, it was all "Tew bad."

Can any one explain? Will any one speak the truth?

Yours fraternally,  
Leeds, Jan. 27th, 1876.

PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Am I correct in supposing that a Past Master joining another lodge does not become a P.M. of that lodge, unless he actually pass the chair of the lodge?

Is there any difference in the case of a new lodge, when on the consecration a Past Master is appointed I.P.M. Does he become a P.M. of that lodge?

I should be much obliged if some one would answer the above, and quote an authority for his reply.

Yours fraternally, A PAST MASTER.  
[1st question. Yes. He must pass through the chair.  
2nd question. No. He must pass through the chair.—Ed.]

BROS. TEW, PERROTT, AND BINCKES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I quite agree with Bro. Binckes in his view of the question, as the claim of West Yorkshire is an utterly impossible one to accede to, by all who care for our great charities, and the committee is an unconstitutional body, and its report must be a nullity. The committee contains some good names on it, but I am utterly astonished to find that Bro. Tew is a member of it, that he had the nomination of it, and that on his evidence the report is mainly based.

It seems that this zealous censor of his brethren previously published a report privately of the evidence given by himself at Pontefract in a pamphlet, and termed it "The Report," &c.

This, as it was understood at Leeds on the 26th, was suppressed or withdrawn.

Can this proof of absurdity or partizan feeling any further go?

It grieves me deeply as an old Freemason and a lover of FAIR PLAY.

THE ABBOT'S RIPTON RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to say, in answer to numerous and repeated enquiries, both by letter and personal, that I am not the "Mr. Ycoman" who was in the smash up at Abbot's Ripton. So numerous are the visits and enquiries, both in the Craft and outside, that I do desire to express my warmest thanks for such marks of esteem. I was travelling that way, but was not in that horrible collision, for which I thank the Great Architect.

Very sincerely yours, and truly fraternally,

T. BURDETT YCOMAN.

ROYAL ARCH.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Companion,—

I was sorry to read the report of the Special Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Newton Abbot on the 20th ult., to dedicate and consecrate the Devon Chapter. I fear that there must have been some other cause why the Second Principal did not attend besides the one stated in the report.

I wish the M.E.P.G. Superintendent would hold his chapters in the summer months instead of the winter, he would then get a much larger attendance.

Yours very fraternally, I.T.S., M.E.Z.

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, when Col. Brownrigg presided as G.Z.; Comp. S. Rawson, as H.; and Comp. Hugh D. Sandeman, as J. The other officers were Comps. John Hervey, G.S.E.; Col. Creaton, as S.N.; John A. Rucker, P.S.; Joseph C. Parkinson, as First A.S.; Robert Grey, Second A.S.; F. P. Morrell, S.B.; and Dr. Woodman, D.C. The other companions in Grand Chapter were H. G. Buss, Frederick Pattison, Thomas Fenn, P.G.S.B.; Benjamin Head, P.G.S.; Charles A. Murton, P.G.A.S.; H. Browne, P.G.S.; James Glaisher, P.A.P.S.; Edward Snell, P.G.S.B.; Frederick Derry, P.Z. 482 and 938, and P.G.N. Staffordshire; Captain W. Platt, P.G.S.; Joseph Smith, P.G.D.C.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.D.C.; E. D. Davis, P.Z. 24; H. J. P. Dumas, P.S.B.; H. S. Brownrigg, H. 6; John Coutts, P.Z. 177 and 382, Z. 1348; J. M. Case, Z. and P.Z. 259; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 ("Freemason"); John Boyd, P.Z. 145 and 534; William Stephens, H. 862, Z. 1365; William Hammond, H. 185; W. F. C. Moutrie, P.Z. and Z. 11; Joshua Nunn, P.G.D.C.; and C. B. Payne.

The prayers of all the petitions for new chapters published by the "Freemason" in the agenda paper of Grand Chapter last week were granted.

On the motion of Comp. E. Snell, P.G.S.B., it was unanimously resolved that a record be made in the books of Grand Chapter of the great loss Grand Chapter felt that it and Masonry had sustained by the lamented death of Comp. John Savage, late President of the Committee of General Purposes.

The M.E.Z. said he was sure that this feeling must be entertained by the whole body of Masons.

Grand Chapter was thereupon closed.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

On Wednesday, 26th ult., the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire assembled at Leeds, to the number of upwards of three hundred brethren, under the banner of Philanthropic Lodge, 304, the W.M. and officers of which lodge opened the preliminary lodge in the three degrees.

Previous to the Provincial Grand Lodge entering a pleasing incident occurred, in the acceptance by the brethren of a beautifully-framed portrait of Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, of London, formerly of Swillington, near Leeds, and one of the old Past Masters of the lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having entered, was presided over by the Rt. W. Prov. Grand Master (Sir H. Edwards, Bart.), who was assisted by his Deputy, Bro. Tew, J.P., of Pontefract, and the Provincial Grand Officers.

The brethren having saluted the Provincial Grand Master and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master with the greatest cordiality,

The Provincial Grand Master, in reply, said—Provincial Grand Officers, Worshipful Masters, and brethren of this Provincial Grand Lodge, your reception of me to-day is, I hope, a convincing proof that the loyalty and attachment the brethren of West Yorkshire have ever accorded to my distinguished predecessor have in no way, judging from the warmth of your salutation, been diminished with reference to myself. It is my great desire that on all occasions when the Provincial Grand Lodge is called together to be present amongst you. Permit me, on this, the first of our collective gatherings in the new year, to offer the brethren my sincere congratulations and hearty good wishes for the prosperity of the Craft in this important province. This new year opens, I trust, with gladness to ourselves, and as we live in sympathy with every brother throughout the world, it is thus we strive to promote on earth peace and good will towards men. Between the square and compasses our lives are pledged to charity and fellowship; and as in the year behind us, so in the year before us, I hope the brethren of West Yorkshire will strive to emulate the noble aspirations and the generous deeds which have so pre-eminently adorned the high character which Freemasonry in this province possesses. With reference to the gathering in Leeds, the Provincial Grand Master said he was glad to understand that the Leeds lodges were promoting the system of inviting the Provincial Grand Lodge annually, under each lodge in rotation. He referred to the recent election for girls to their school, and congratulated West Yorkshire on their double success. Adverting to the recent Exhibition in Leeds, the Provincial Grand Master said he was present on the occasion of the opening of the Exhibition, and he regretted on that occasion that the then Mayor of Leeds was not a member of our ancient and honourable society. "Most deeply," he said, "do we all deplore that visitation of Providence which, on the 19th inst., unexpectedly deprived Leeds of one of her most public spirited officers in the person of the ex-Mayor." The noble Baronet then concluded by repeating the words of his predecessor, with reference to the increasing strength of the fraternity. "Brethren, remember the strength of our Order lies not in the increasing roll of our members, but in the fraternal spirit by which the members are animated, and which lives and breathes in our lodges."

Bro. Tew, Dep. Prov. G.M., having responded,

Bro. Bentley Shaw entered, and was vociferously received. After he had been saluted he briefly returned thanks for their great warmth of feeling towards him. He felt that he could not, if he would, stay away from the meeting, and hoped to be able to attend many more.

After the ordinary routine business had been gone through, the attention of the brethren was called to the report of the Committee of Investigation into the management of the Royal Masonic Boys' School, which report was presented to the Prov. Grand Master by the chairman of

the committee, Bro. Gill, Mayor of Wakefield. It was gathered from the report that the committee had extended their inquiry over six years—from January, 1869, to December, 1874. During that time the sum of £38,746 10s. 2d. had been expended, showing, for an average attendance of 123 boys per year, an average cost of £52 10s. 0½d. per annum, which, when added to the value of the farm produce, shows a total of £54 10s. 3d. During that time no charge was made for rent or as interest on expended capital. This expenditure contrasts unfavourably with that of the following institutions:—

	No. of Pupils.	Cost per Head.
		£ s. d.
London Orphan Asylum .....	491	31 6 3
Commercial Travellers .....	228	30 4 0
Ackworth School .....	290	31 10 0
Sidworth School .....	97	33 19 0
Yorkshire Boys' School .....	55	33 0 0
Royal Masonic Girls' School .....	146	36 16 11½
Clergy Orphan .....	110	45 18 0½

The report went on to state that the expense caused by the frequent changes of Masters and Assistant Masters was great, and had acted injuriously in the education of boys, as exemplified by the unsuccessful results at the Cambridge and Oxford local examinations. The committee brought their report to a close as follows:—"The great cost of the school pervades nearly every department of its management, and the committee strongly impresses upon the Provincial Grand Lodge the necessity for adopting such measures as will secure a material reduction of such cost, so that the institution may be placed in a position by which its usefulness may be largely extended, its benefits conferred upon a much greater number of recipients, and the sympathies of the Craft continued and extended in its favour."—This report was unanimously adopted, and such resolutions were passed as would carry out the objects of the committee.

Before the close of the Provincial Grand Lodge Bro. Gill, on behalf of the Committee of Investigation, handed to the Provincial Grand Master a very handsome Past Master's jewel, with the request that he would present it to Bro. Robert Craig, P.M. 304, for his courtesy, kindness, and great hospitality in entertaining that committee at all their meetings.

The Provincial Grand Master highly eulogised the character of Bro. Craig, and in handing him the present wished him long life to wear it. Bro. Craig feelingly and sincerely thanked the brethren.

After the business of the lodge was concluded, about 100 of the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet served by Bro. J. L. Oates, in the banqueting-room, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured.

## CONSECRATION OF THE ST. JAMES'S LODGE (No. 1579.)

On Friday, the 21st ult., at the Bell Hotel, Enfield Highway, a new lodge was consecrated, to be called the St. James's Lodge (No. 1579) (under the Province of Middlesex), the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Burdett, P.S.G.W. of England, presiding. The first half hour was spent by the brethren present in looking at the new lodge furniture, jewels, and regalia, supplied by Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain, which seemed to be much approved of by the brethren. At about 3.30 p.m. it was announced that the R.W. Prov. Grand Master had arrived, which was a signal for the brethren to be clothed and take their places to receive the Prov. Grand Officers. Amongst those present were the R.W. Prov. G.M. of Middlesex, Colonel Burdett, P.G.S.W., &c.; W. Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, P.G.S.W.; W. Bro. James Terry, P.G.D.C. Herts; Bros. J. J. Wilson, P.P.G.J.W. Essex; T. Hastings Miller, P.G. Org. Middlesex; J. Tydeman, P.G.P. Essex; Thompson, P.G.D.C. Middlesex; Tye, P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex; James Linzell, P.P.G.D.C., and W.M. designate; Edward Letchworth, S.W. designate; John Painter, J.W. designate; E. Clarke, Driscoll, Stevens, T. Cusworth, G. Jaffa, Verry, Collyer, Gabb, J. Maller, P.M.; W. Gilbert, W.M. 1327; Capt. Wiltshire, P.M.; Malcolm, Sec. 1327; Sheldon, P.G.S. Herts; Harvey, Pepper, Bradstock, Newman, Jewison, Yorke, Odley, Muggleston, P.M.; and others, in all about sixty brethren.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master having appointed the following brethren to assist him as officers pro. tem., viz. W. Bro. R. W. Little, P.G.S.W. Middx., as D.G.M., and to act as Chaplain; W. Bro. James Terry, Prov. G.D.C. Herts, as Director of Ceremonies; Bro. J. J. Wilson, P.P.G.J.W. Essex, as Senior Warden; Bro. J. Tydeman, Prov. G. Purst. Essex, as Junior Warden; Bro. Thompson, Prov. G.D.C., as Inner Guard; and Bro. Verry, as Tyler. The Provincial Grand Organist, Bro. T. H. Miller presiding at the harmonium.

The lodge was opened in the three degrees.

The Grand Master then addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting. Bro. R. W. Little then gave the prayer. After which the acting Secretary addressed the Grand Master, who replied, and gave directions to the brethren of the new lodge to form themselves in order in the body of the room.

The Secretary then read the petition, also the warrant from the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the brethren appointed in the warrant as first Master and Wardens being Bros. James Linzell, P.M., as W.M.; Edward Letchworth, as first S.W.; and John Painter, as first J.W. The Grand Master having inquired of the brethren if they approved of the officers named, the brethren signified their approval in the usual way. After which Bro. R. W. Little gave an oration on the nature and principles of the institution in an eloquent and masterly manner, the same being listened to with the greatest atten-

tion by all present. The following hymn was sung by the brethren:—

Hail, Eternal, by whose aid  
All created things were made,  
Heav'n and earth Thy vast design,  
Hear us, Architect divine.

May our work, begun in Thee,  
Ever blest with order be,  
And when we from labour cease,  
Part in harmony and peace.

By Thy glorious Majesty,  
By the trust we place in Thee,  
By the lodge and mystic sign,  
Hear us, Architect Divine.

After the first part of the dedication prayer, &c., the Chaplain read II. Chron., Chap. I. to XVI. verses. The lodge board being uncovered the Deputy Master and Wardens pro tem. carried the elements of consecration three times round the lodge. The Presiding Officer then dedicated the lodge, when the hymn was sung commencing

Our souls shall magnify the Lord;  
In Him our spirits shall rejoice.

The Presiding Officer having constituted the lodge, the hymn was sung commencing

Now the evening shadows closing.

The consecration ceremony over the lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, when Bro. James Linzell was presented to the Grand Master for installation, and after the usual preliminaries were gone through, those brethren below the ranks of Installed Masters withdrew, while the remainder of the ceremony of installation was proceeded with in the presence of nineteen Past Masters. The brethren having been re-admitted, were called upon to salute the Worshipful Master in the three degrees. The W.M. appointed the officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Edward Letchworth, S.W.; John Painter, J.W.; E. Clark, Treas.; Driscoll, Sec.; Stevens, S.D.; T. Cusworth, J.D.; G. Jaffa, I.G.; Verry, Tyler. Bro. James Terry, P.G.D.C. Herts, then gave the addresses to the officers and brethren of the lodge in a very clear and impressive manner, which brought forth the applause of all present.

Votes of thanks were passed to Bro. the R.W. Colonel Burdett and others who assisted in the consecration ceremony.

Colonel Burdett, Bro. R. W. Little, Bro. James Terry, and Bro. T. H. Miller were proposed and unanimously accepted honorary members of the lodge.

The lodge having been closed to the First Degree, some brethren were proposed as joining members. The lodge was then closed in due form, after which about fifty brethren adjourned to the banquet-hall, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them, composed of every delicacy of the season, the arrangements being carried out in Bro. Jewison's very best style, which, with the excellent quality of the wines, reflected great credit to his establishment and satisfaction to all present. The following loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to:—"The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W. Grand Master, the Prince of Wales;" "The Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon;" "The Deputy G.M., the Earl of Skelmersdale, and rest of Grand Officers;" "The Provincial Grand Master," to which Colonel Burdett replied, thanking the brethren for having made him an honorary member of their lodge, a lodge which, from what he had heard and seen, he expected would become one of the most important in the province. He congratulated them upon the choice they had made of a Master. He was one who had twice before held a similar position, and had creditably performed the duties of his high office.

The W.M. next proposed "The Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers of the Province." Bro. Little replied in very appropriate terms.

Bros. J. J. Wilson, P.M., and P.P.G.J.W. Essex, then proposed "The Worshipful Master," and in doing so congratulated the lodge in getting one to preside over them so well up in Masonry and so popular with his brethren. Bros. Linzell, W.M., having replied, he proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. Wilson, P.M.; Captain Wiltshire, P.M., and Dr. Muggleston, P.M., who in very pithy speeches expressed themselves highly delighted with the whole arrangements of the day, Bro. Wilson remarking that, although not one of the new lodge he wished them every success. He had a few years ago been the principal promoter of a new lodge in the same parish, and the time had now come when he did not see why another lodge should not be worked, and with the good wishes of the sister lodge. "The Officers" were next proposed, to which Bro. Letchworth, S.W., replied, thanking the brethren for the cordial manner in which his own and brother officers' healths had been drank, assuring them that he would endeavour to carry out the duties in a satisfactory way. Having so good a brother as W.M., whose kind and agreeable disposition would insure him the good feelings of those working with him, he looked for prosperity in their new undertaking.

"The Masonic Charities" was responded to by Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the R.M.B.I. He congratulated the brethren upon the success of the day, and afterwards made a claim upon the charity of the brethren. He said that although a very large amount was annually subscribed by our fraternity for the charitable institutions (indeed, a sum to be proud of), yet they were unable to give the assistance to every case that they should like, but if every brother in the fraternity would only subscribe five shillings per year they would raise a sum by which every candidate could be relieved. He called upon the brethren very urgently to consider whether they were doing their duty in this respect, and thus carrying out the first principle of their profession. He was sorry to say there was a very large number of brethren connected with Masonry

whose name never appeared as subscribers to the charities, although their motto should be loyalty and charity. He made a very powerful appeal to those present, and we sincerely hope that Bro. Terry's energy in working for the charities will be universally crowned with success.

It was announced during the evening that the new lodge have already decided to shew themselves not wanting in this virtue, as Bro. E. Letchworth, S.W., has consented to act as Steward at the next festival for the Girls' School, and is open to receive additions to his list of subscribers.

Some excellent singing was given by Bros. Malcolm, Pepper, Yorke, and others, which added to the pleasure of the evening.

The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close, which, to use the words of Bro. Little, would be a red-letter day in the Masonic history of all present.

The whole affair proved a thorough success, and we have every reason to believe the St. James's Lodge will in time become one of the most popular in the Province of Middlesex. The members have done well in deciding to hold their meetings at the Bell Hotel, the accommodation for such meetings being excellent, as in addition to the capital lodge rooms, with comfortable retiring rooms and other accommodation adjoining, Mr. Jewison has recently had erected a spacious hall for banquets, dinners, entertainments, &c., which is near to the house, opening into the lawn and approach to the pleasure gardens of the establishment. Members of London lodges intending to hold summer banquets in the country should certainly visit here before deciding where to hold such meetings. Here are rooms for meetings, the large banquet hall, the extensive gardens and rosaries, and lawns for croquet parties, and other amusements, at a distance of only ten miles from London, good roads, and a pleasant drive.

**Masonic and General Tidings.**

A fire broke out in the town mansion of Bro. Sir William Watkin Wynn, Bart. (P.G.M. North Wales and Shrops.), St. James's-square, on Monday last but owing to the timely arrival of the engines the fire was subdued before any considerable amount of damage was done.

The ceremony of installation will be worked at the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, Wheatshaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, on Tuesday next, February 8th, by Bro. John Bingemann, W.M. 55, the Preceptor. The lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock precisely.

Bro. Lord Shrewsbury, P.G.M. Staff., has consented to preside at the 138th anniversary festival of the Royal Society of Musicians of Great Britain at Willis's Rooms, on the 22nd of March.

Mr. Jolliffe, one of the victims of the recent railway accident, had but a few days previously taken out a policy in the Accident Insurance Company, by which his widow will receive £1000.

Bro. F. Burgess, of the Moore and Burgess Minstrels, announces his eleventh annual benefit for Tuesday next, February 8th.

Mr. Bruce Phillips, the Secretary of the Royal Aquarium, has issued a Shakesperian Diary and Almanack. It is culled from the researches of Mr. Alderman Nottage.

On Thursday night Bro. Sir John Bennett delivered a lecture on "The Dutch and their Doings" to the members of the City of London College, Leadenhall-street.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft presided on Monday evening at the annual meeting of the Bristol Young Men's Christian Association.

The death is announced of Dom Louis Garnier, of Grand Chartreuse, at the age of 72. He had spent 50 years in the monastery, which he enriched by the production of the well-known liqueur.

Bro. T. W. Boord (30°), the Conservative member for the Borough of Greenwich, addressed a crowded meeting of his constituents in the Lecture Hall, Nelson-street, Woolwich, on Tuesday evening.

The Conservatives have chosen as their candidate for the seat in Parliament vacant by the death of Bro. W. R. Callender, Mr. Francis Sharp Powell, who represented the Northern Division of the West Riding of Yorkshire from 1872 until the last general election.

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, M.W.G.M., held the first levee for the season on the 1st inst., at the Castle, Dublin.

G. M. Felton, Esq., C.C., presided in the chair on Wednesday last at the Cripplegate Ball, which was most successfully conducted throughout, to the comfort and pleasure of the company, who were favoured by the presence of the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Lady Mayoress, Mr. Sidney Stone and Miss Stone, Bro. Sheriff Knight, and others.

We have reason to believe that the Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the dignity of a baronetcy on Bro. Gilbert Greenall, M.P., P.S.G.W. England.

The Pantomime at the Surrey Theatre this year surpasses all former attempts. The manner in which it has been mounted and put upon the stage reflects great credit upon its enterprising manager, Bro. William Holland. It is certainly well worthy of a visit.

The Marquis of Hartington, Provincial Grand Master for Derbyshire, left town on Tuesday on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, at Kimbolton Castle, Hunts.

A Grand Council of the Illustrious Knights, K.H. 30°, will be held at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on Thursday next, the 10th inst.

The St. Dunstons' Lodge, No. 1589, will be consecrated on Friday, the 18th inst. It is to be a parish lodge, and to consist of parishioners and office-holders of the parish. Principal Officers Designate:—W.M., Bro. Dwarber, P.M. No. 55, Senior Churchwarden; S.W., Bro. Wellsman, P.M. No. 858, Junior Churchwarden; J.W., Bro. Dalwood, P.M. No. 860, Overseer; Secretary, Bro. A. Tisley, No. 1275, Assistant Vestry Clerk.

The installation meeting of the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, took place on Tuesday last; a report of same will appear next week.

Sir George Elliot has lodged two millions sterling as caution money in connection with a financial operation. It is rumoured that the Anglo-Egyptian Bank has done the same in French interests.

REQUESTS TO LIVERPOOL CHARITIES.—A division of £300,000 left to the Liverpool charities has been made by the executors of the will of the late Mr. Roger Lyon Jones, a Liverpool merchant, who died about a year and a half ago. By the division the Liverpool Royal Infirmary receives £25,000; the Southern Hospital, £20,000; Northern Hospital, £20,000; and five other charities, £10,000 each. Forty-six other charities receive from £500 to £5000. Exercising the discretionary powers vested in them, the executors have determined that these sums shall be permanently invested for the benefit of the charities referred to.

The New Cross Lodge, No. 1559, was consecrated on Wednesday last. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The next examination of candidates for admission into the Medical Service of the Royal Navy will take place at the University of London, Burlington House, on Monday, Feb. 14th.

On Wednesday evening Bro. C. T. Mathew, C.C., one of the newly-elected members for Farringdon Without, entertained the members of his election committee and a few friends to dinner, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

We understand that a marriage is arranged, and will take place, shortly before Easter, between Professor Tyn-dall, LL.D., F.R.S., M.R.I., and the elder daughter of Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P. (niece of the Duke of Abercorn, M.W. Grand Master Ireland).

The Lodge of Truth, 1458 Manchester, will, in future, hold their meetings on the first Saturday in every month at private rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

The Leopold Lodge of Instruction now meets at the Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-street, S.E.

The Lodge of Truth, 521, Huddersfield, will hold their Masonic Ball on February 11th, which is expected to eclipse any previous Masonic ball held in Huddersfield.

INSTRUCTION AND CHARITY.—The brethren of various lodges who attend the Lodge of Instruction on Friday sat the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, had a profitable evening last Friday, and the proceedings were largely attended, indeed, the spacious room was as crowded as possible for a Masonic gathering to be. Bro. Bingemann, W.M. of the Constitutional, presided, and the piece de resistance was to be the installation ceremony. Bro. Stacey was the Preceptor, and among the brethren present were Foulger, P.M.; While, W.M. 228 ("Freemason"); Griggs, W.M. elect, P.M.; Hogard, J. Hill, Abell, W.W. Snelling, and others. The third ceremony was first performed, Bro. J. Hill being the candidate, the Wardens' chairs having as occupants during this part of the proceedings Bros. While and Hogard. For the installation the Senior Warden was duly presented, and Bro. Bingemann went through the ceremony with great precision, all the work being done in full form, just as in ordinary work. The proclamations and addresses having been given, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Bingemann, upon whom the honours of honorary membership could not be conferred, as he has already achieved that distinction, and the presiding W.M. said that there was only one other pleasure the large gathering present could have, and that was an invitation to go en masse to see their Brother work the ceremony on the occasion when he attained the honourable position of I.P.M. The suggestion, it was explained, could not be acted upon, as the meeting place would be filled, and the lodge went on to other business. It was agreed to accept the invitation of the Metropolitan Club of Instruction for next Friday, at King's Cross, and therefore the meeting will not be held at the Portugal. It was announced that the association formed for the purpose of qualifying brothers to become life subscribers of the institutions by monthly payments of a shilling a week, was flourishing—several draws had been made, and new members were enrolled. Thus meetings which are shorn of "eating and merry making" have pleasures of which enemies to the Craft do not dream in the exercise of prudent charity.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following is the list of the Stewards for the annual festival on Wednesday next, the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Prov. Grand Master for W. Lancashire, in the chair: PRESIDENT:—V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., P.G. Chap.

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HONORARY SECRETARY:—Bro. J. Terry (Secretary to the Institution), 4, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

LADIES' STEWARDS: Bros. T. W. Allen, J. S. Banning, E. Bowyer, J. Bingemann, G. Baxter, J. C. Chaplin, J. T. Dalby, F. Fellows, W. Johnson, J. J. Lowenthal, J. M. Levick, J. Mason, W. R. Marsh, T. W. Murley, E. C. Mather, T. H. Miller, B. Swallow, E. H. Stamwitz, J. K. Stead, J. B. Sorrell, J. W. Terry, G. W. Verry.

We are authorised to state that the Queen will hold an official and diplomatic Court on Thursday, Feb. 24th, at Buckingham Palace.

A NEW BOOK ON CHESS IN THEORY AND PRACTICE, containing the Laws and History of the Game, together with an analysis of the openings, and a treatise on end games, by the late Howard Staunton and Robert B. Wormold, price 8s. 6d., will be published in a few days by Messrs. Virtue & Co., and may be had of all booksellers.

Obituary.

**BRO. THE REV. EDWIN THOMPSON, D.D.**  
We deeply lament having to record the decease of Bro. the Rev. Edwin Thompson, D.D., of St. John's, Wands-worth, Chaplain of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, and also to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Thompson expired at Worthing on the 2nd inst., after a very brief illness. Only a few days since we met him in apparent health and strength, and now he has gone to his rest. His demise will be deeply felt by his sorrowing family, and by all—especially his Masonic brethren—who had the privilege of his acquaintance and friendship.

**THE LATE BRO. W. ROMAINE CALLENDER.**—The following circular has been issued from Grand (Mark) Secretary's office:—"W. and Dear Sir and Brother, "It is with extreme regret that I inform you that intelligence has this morning been received of the death of the R. W. Deputy G. Master, Bro. Wm. Romaine Callender, M.P., &c. An event so sad and unexpected demands, and will in due course receive, a more fitting notice than can be given in an official circular. It will suffice to state here, that the loss thus sustained will be felt most sincerely, not only by all the members of this degree, in which our lamented brother held so influential a position, but by other large and important interests with which he was actively and intimately associated. I have received the commands of the Most Worshipful Grand Master (of Mark Masons) that all lodges under his jurisdiction shall be suitably draped in mourning, and that all members thereof shall wear mourning for the space of six months as a token of esteem and respect for our late Deputy Grand (Mark) Master. I am, W. and dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally, FREDERICK BINCKES, (P.G.J.W.), G. Secretary (Mark G. Lodge)."

MASONIC CHARITABLE BALLS.

The annual Bootle Masonic ball, the proceeds of which will be given to the endowment fund of the Bootle Borough Hospital, took place on Thursday evening, the 27th ult., at the Town Hall, Bootle, near Liverpool.

These enjoyable assemblies have in previous years resulted successfully, and that given last evening was not less so than those which have preceded. The brethren of the "mystic tie" in the neighbourhood deserve much praise for thus having their chief element of existence in view, while providing a most pleasant gathering for those on pleasure bent.

The annual ball of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182, also took place on Thursday night, the 27th ult., at the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, in aid of a Masonic charity, which was well attended. The festive gathering was an exceedingly pleasant one, great praise being due to Bros. T. B. Myers, W.M.; R. Martin, S.W.; and Bro. T. Davies, hon. sec., and other brethren for the excellent arrangements.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS  
For the Week ending Friday, February 11, 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, FEBRUARY 5.**  
Special General Court, Boys' and Girls' School. (See advt.)  
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.  
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road.  
Sinai Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7.**  
Lodge 12, Fortitude and Cumberland, Ship and Turtle.  
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.  
" 60, Unity, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.  
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot.  
" 83, United L. of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-st.  
" 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Mason's Avenue.  
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.  
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-square.  
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, FEBRUARY 8.**  
Lodge 46, Old Union, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.  
" 56, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 166, Union, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.  
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.  
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 211, St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate-st.  
" 228, United Strength, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.  
" 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hotel, Bond-st., W.  
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
" 834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.  
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.  
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Chap. 185, Jerusalem, F.M.H.  
Rose Croix, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M. H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Win., 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.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.**  
Anniversary Festival of R.M.B.I. (See advt.)  
Com. R.M.B.I. at 3.  
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.  
" 9, Albion, Regent M.H., Regent-st.  
" 11, Enoch, F.M.H.  
" 13, Union, Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.  
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.  
" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.  
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
" 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E.  
" 1017, Montefiore, F.M.H.  
" 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.  
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tav., N.W.  
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tav., High-st., E.  
" 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.  
Rose Croix, Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq.

**LODGES OF 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, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
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 Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's.  
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10.**  
Lodge 19, R. Athelstan, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.  
" 21, Regularity, F.M.H.  
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 263, Bank of England, Albion, Aldersgate-st.  
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.  
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.  
" 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Dock.  
" 1216, Macdonald, Head-quarters, 1st Surrey Rifles.  
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.  
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.  
Chap. 140, St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
K.T. Precep. 45, Temple Cressing, Bridge House Hot.  
" 117, New Temple, the Inner Temple, City.  
" 128, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-sq.

Grand Council of Ill. Knights, K.H. 30°, 33, Golden-sq.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
Highgate, Bul 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, FEBRUARY 11.**  
Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.  
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.  
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hot., S.W.  
Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's R., King-st., W.  
Rose Croix, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal-hill, Greenwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Lyceum Tav., 354, Strand.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Metropolitan, Pentonville-road.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M. H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, Commercial Tav., King's-road, Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hot., Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, Finsbury Park Tav., Holloway.  
Ranelagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 12, 1876.  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7.**  
Lodge 113, Unanimity, Assembly R., Bull Hot., Preston.  
" 613, Unity, Palatine Buildings, Southport.  
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
" 1045, Stamford, T.H., Altrincham.  
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Athenæum, Lancaster.  
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Skelmersdale R. C. Conclave, M.H., Liverpool.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8.**  
Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens.  
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.  
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.  
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fyle.  
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Kirkdale.  
Chap. 573, Zion, M.R., Argyle-st., Birkenhead.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.**  
Lodge 86, Loyalty, M. H., Prescott.  
" 281, Fortitude, the Athenæum, Lancaster.  
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-le-Willows.  
" 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.  
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.  
" 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.  
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 80, N. Hill-st.  
" 1547, Liverpool M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10.**  
Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 333, Royal Preston, Vic. Garrison Ho., Fulwood.  
" 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.  
" 786, Crosteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.  
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.

" 1035, Prince of Wales, Kirkdale, Kiverpool.  
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.  
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
Mariners' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11.**  
Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1286, Rock, Bedford Ho., Bedford-rd., Rock Ferry.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 12, 1876.  
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7.**  
Lodge 124, Kilwinning, Union Tav., Ayr.  
" 129, St. Mirren's, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.  
" 138, Operative, Blue Bell Hot., Ayr.  
" 237, St. John, Masonic Arm, Girvan.  
" 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8.**  
Lodge 177, St. James, Old Monkland, M.H., Coatbridge.  
" 230, St. Barnabus, Black Bull Hot., Old Cumnock.  
" 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st., Kingston, Glsgw.  
" 426, Prince of Wales, M.H., Renfrew.  
" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-st., Calton, Glasgow.  
" 543, St. John, M.H., Dalmuir.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.**  
Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 179, St. Mungo, London Hotel, Mauchline.  
" 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 510, Maryhill, M. H., Maryhill.  
Chap. 113, Partick, M.H., Partick.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10.**  
Lodge 88, New Monkland, Montrose, T. H., Airdrie.  
" 109, St. Marnocks, Crown Hot., Kilmarnock.  
" 203, St. John Operative, Olive H., Airdrie.  
" 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hall, Dalry.  
" 570, Springburn, M. H., Springburn, Glasgow.  
Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11.**  
Lodge 18, Kilwinning, Mission Hall, Dumbarton.  
" 170, Leven St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Leven.  
" 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hot., Kilbraie.  
" 427, St. Clair, M. H., Cambusnethan.  
Chap. 144, St. Rollox, F. M. H., Garmad-rd.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 12, 1876.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7.**  
Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hot. Pemwick.  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8.**  
" 1, St. Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Ho., Waterloo-pl.  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.**  
" 2, Canongate, St. John's Chapel, St. John-st.  
Chap. 1, Edinburgh, F. M. H., George-st.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10.**  
Lodge 8, Journeyman, Blackfriars-st., High-st.  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11.**  
Chap. 56, Canongate, M. H., St. John's-st.

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