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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.
Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF TRANQUILLITY (No. 185).—Installation meeting in this lodge was held on Monday, at the City Terminus Hotel, Bro. J. H. Ross, W.M., presiding. There was a very large attendance of brethren, including a long list of Past Masters. Past Master Harris initiated his son; and Bro. John Constable, P.M., in splendid style, installed Bro. Joseph D. Barnett, S.W., as W.M. The following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. Peartree, S.W.; D. Posener, J.W.; Peartree, Treas.; Philip Levi, Sec.; Pare, S.D.; Bayley, J.D.; Croaker, I.G.; A. Posener, D.C.; Barber and Sadler, W.S.; Bilby, P.M., Org.; and Rawles, Tyler. The services of Bro. J. H. Ross, to the lodge while he was W.M., were acknowledged by the presentation of a seven guineas jewel, and a splendid timepiece and two vases in ormolu and china. The new W.M. accompanied the presentation with a highly flattering speech, and read to the brethren the following inscription on the clock:—"Presented by the brethren of the Lodge of Tranquillity, No. 185, to Bro. J. H. Ross, Worshipful Master, in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year. Given in open lodge, 21st, February, 1876." Bro. Ross, in replying, said:—"Brethren: I have often had occasion to regret the want of power to express myself, and you may readily believe me when I say that I never felt that want greater than at the present moment—the diffidence which has hitherto characterised me is intensified by the circumstances in which I find myself placed this evening. Our W.M. has been pleased to refer to me in terms of great praise, perhaps somewhat undeserved; reference has been made to my work during the past year, and probably some may enquire why I am to be the recipient of this mark of bounty and respect. For their information I may add that I have not introduced any new blood to the lodge, simply because the majority of my friends are Masons. That I have performed the duties to the best of my ability no one will deny; but brethren, something more has been accomplished in fulfilling one of our watchwords, viz., Charity, by serving the Stewardships of our Masonic institutions, and thereby adding some amount of credit to our dignified and proud position. Having thus explained the course of my proceedings, I can only now thank you in the most profound and grateful manner for your appreciation of my efforts, made substantial in these handsome testimonials which, believe me, will be as heartily appreciated by the partner of my life as by myself. Again I thank you most sincerely. This speech was received with great applause, and the other lodge business which remained having been transacted, the brethren were called off for refreshment, where an elegant banquet awaited them. The toasts were afterwards proposed. In giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said the toast was never received anywhere with greater enthusiasm than in the Lodge of Tranquillity. She had endeared herself to all her subjects and had shown herself worthy to be our Queen. To the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said that although the Prince of Wales had not been in Grand Lodge since his installation, as H.R.H. would have wished, yet when he returned it was hoped he would be seen performing those duties which it was known he was well able to perform. H.R.H. had always taken great interest in Freemasonry since he had belonged to the Order, and in his position of G.M. Masons would rejoice to find him again presiding in Grand Lodge. This toast having been drunk, was succeeded by the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," which called forth from the W.M. the expression of great gratification at the way his lordship performed his duties and discharged all the offices of the Grand Master in H.R.H.'s absence. The W.M. afterwards gave "The D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers," coupling with it the name of Bro. E. P. Albert, A.G.P. Bro. E. P. Albert replied, and assured the brethren that he had been delighted at the lodge working, both as regarded the initiation and the installation. The way in which the ceremonies had been performed that evening proved to him that the lodge was a good working lodge, and the report which he had heard read as to the funds showed him how the funds were bestowed in charity. Grand Lodge of England was always ready to assist brethren who were in distress, but the course adopted by the Lodge of Tranquillity would relieve them of some portion of their responsibilities. The W.M. next gave "The Initiate," who judging from the source for which he came, they might fairly expect would follow in his father's foot-

steps. In connection with the lodge Bro. Harris, senior, had done much, and if his son did as much for the lodge he would be doing a great deal of good for Freemasonry, and also for himself and to all those with whom he was connected. Addressing the initiate, the W.M. told that brother that at present he knew very little of Freemasonry, but he trusted that when he became better acquainted with it, its objects, its working, and its tenets, he would become, as great an ornament to the Order as his father was. Bro. Harris (initiate) replied, and said that he had long wanted to become a member of the Craft, and now that he had joined it he would strive to become a worthy member. The W.M. gave "The Visitors." He found among them many of his oldest, and most esteemed, and loved friends, and therefore his pleasure at receiving them was far greater than perhaps otherwise it might have been. For the rest of the visitors he could say this, that on all occasions the Lodge of Tranquillity would be happy to receive as many visitors as would come among them. We were cemented together by visiting lodges; no matter what our little differences might be in our positions outside the door of the lodge, when we got inside we met as brothers and fellows. He was happy to say with respect to the Lodge of Tranquillity that there was no lodge where visitors were more heartily received. Bros. Dodson, W.M. 188; Blum, W.M. 1017; and Cohen, W.M. 205, replied; and Bro. Ross, I.P.M., then proposed "The Worshipful Master's Health," and said that no words of his would convey to the brethren an adequate idea of the great respect in which the W.M. was held by all who knew him, and of the high opinion they had of the great determination there was on his part to perform his duty as Master of this lodge. While calling on the brethren to drink his health, he requested them to wish him life and health to perform his duties as admirably as he had begun. The W.M. said he had now to do the most difficult part of his work, to return thanks for himself. He could only say that although in his position he might not be able to add so much lustre as many of the P.M.'s had added to the lodge, yet he hoped that no circumstances would prevent his adding some. At the least he would strive to do so; he would do all in his power, the brethren having placed him in his responsible position, to perform his duties properly, and when he left it he hoped they would say he was worthy to take his place among the P.M.'s. He would not say more. If he spoke for hours he could only add words, and they could but express the feelings he had already exhibited (hear, hear) those of truthful and heartfelt thanks to the brethren for the warmth with which they had received him. When the applause which followed this speech had subsided, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. J. H. Ross, I.P.M.," and in the course of his remarks said that Bro. Ross's work in the lodge had told the brethren what he was, and what had taken place in lodge that day would testify to the brethren the amount of esteem in which he was held. He had done all he could for the lodge and for the charities, the noblest and greatest effort of Freemasonry. (Cheers.) Bro. Ross said in reply that having already spoken he would not take up more time in addressing the brethren. He could but thank the brethren. As the W.M. had mentioned the charities in connection with his name, he would reply that he had felt much pleasure in representing the lodge as its Steward at the different festivals. (Hear, hear.) "The Tranquillity Lodge Benevolent Fund" was the next toast, and the W.M. in giving it said the fund was, every brother must feel, one of the great mainstays of the lodge. The fund was large, and it had been doing a great deal of good, which with the co-operation of the brethren he hoped it would continue to do. Bro. Saul Solomon, Treasurer of the fund, replied, and mentioned a few of the instances wherein the Fund had conferred great benefits on brethren who required its assistance. He also mentioned one of its great features—the name of the brother assisted at any time was not made known. The contributions to the fund were then taken, and the amount of £15 10s. 6d. was collected. The toast of "The P.M.'s" followed. "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" were next given, and Bro. Bilby, Organist, replied at great length, shortly after which the lodge was resumed and then closed, and the brethren separated. During the evening Bros. C. S. Jekyll, Perry, Child, Moss, Hubbard, and Ross contributed some beautiful harmony to the evening's pleasures. Bro. Massey represented the

LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).—This lodge held its meeting at the Albion Tavern on the 7th inst. Present: Bros. Dodson, W.M.; L. Lazarus, S.W.; Millar, J.W.; P.M.'s L. Alexander, M. L. Alexander, H. M. Levy, J. Abraham, and E. P. Albert, A.G.P., Hon. Sec., all the officers, and several members. Bros. J. Creamer, Petchell, and Emanuel were passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Lavy was raised to the Third Degree in a very able manner by the W.M. Messrs. J. R. West, J. Clark, and Smith were initiated into the Order. Each of them contributed to the Benevolent Fund. After the conclusion of business, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-hall, where excellent refreshment was provided. The W.M., after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, proposed "The Prosperity of Joppa Benevolent Fund," coupling with the toast "The Health of Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. and President." The visitors were not so numerous as usual. Present: Bros. Ross, W.M. Tranquillity; Cheesewright, Royal Alfred; and Emanuel.

GRANITE LODGE (No. 1328).—The installation of Bro. W. Henry Muggerridge as W.M. of this lodge, took place on Saturday, the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. All the officers of the lodge were in attendance. Amongst the visitors, who numbered about 50 brethren, were the following:—Bros. J. Boyd, P.G.P.; Colonel Peters, P.M.; W. Dyott Burnaby, W.M. 142; G. A. Rooks, P.M. 142; H. C. Levander, P.M. 142; Muggerridge, P.G.W.; Galt, P.G.J.W. Isle of Wight; J. H. Vockins, P.M. 1329; Larham, W.M. Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge; R. W. Little,

P.G.S.W. Middx.; H. G. Buss, P.G.T. Middx.; Middlemass, 1329; Ibbetson, W.M. St. Andrew's Lodge; and many other distinguished brethren. Letters of regret for unavoidable absence were read from Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middx., and Bro. John Hervey, G. Sec. Before the installation Bro. W. Holliday and Bro. Rhodes Fellow Crafts, were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bros. A. C. Shelley and J. H. Outhwaite were passed to the Second Degree; and Messrs. T. W. Rowe, C. Jenkin Jones, J. B. Lee, Edgerton James Pain, Edward Finnis Clark, and George Henry Chapman, were duly initiated, and Bro. Emmanuel Edward Gefiowski, of No. 249, was unanimously elected a joining member of the lodge. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Cottebrune, P.G.P., in a very impressive and masterly manner, assisted by the Retiring W.M., and the W.M. was duly saluted by the brethren in the Three Degrees. The W.M. appointed as his officers for the ensuing year Bros. F. West, S.W.; R. C. Mount, J.W.; G. Hackford, P.M., Treas.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.M., and Sec.; R. Payne, S.D.; J. Rhodes, J.D.; B. Turner, P.G. Supt. of Wks. Middx. Afterwards the W.M., Bro. John Oliver, was duly presented with a Past Master's jewel for his eminent services in the chair during his term of office, besides his having in the earlier part of the year, been presented with the jewel commemorative of the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master. The brethren then proceeded to the banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern, which was of the most successful and satisfactory character, the wine department being under the care of Bro. Septimus Baker, who proceeds to Beaumaris, Anglesey, where he has taken the Williams Bulkeley Arms Hotel. During the banquet Bro. Dan Godfrey's Band performed several popular airs, principally composed by himself. After the cloth was drawn, the W.M. gave the usual Masonic toasts. "The Health of the Queen and the Craft," was drunk enthusiastically, the National Anthem being sung. The W.M. in proposing "The Health of the Grand Master," said, every one who had had the pleasure of meeting him could bear testimony to the genial, kind, and hearty way in which he met one and all. He had undertaken a perilous voyage to a mighty empire, from which nothing but good would result to the Craft. The fact that he was Grand Master would ensure him great and additional respect. Bro. Boyd responded for the Grand Officers. Bro. Oliver, P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M." The W.M., in responding, said it was with pride that he occupied the chair. Some years ago, when initiated into Freemasonry, he did what he could for the lodge, which had grown from a pebble to a huge rock. Other lodges ought to be proud if they could shew similar results. (Hear, hear.) During the few brief years of its existence it had contributed to the charities. (Hear, hear) That was the duty of every lodge. For the honour they had done him he would endeavour to perform his duty well, and he thanked them all for the kindnesses shewn to him during the time he had been a brother. All the duties he had performed had been pleasing ones. He had been preceded by a Master whose term of office had been remarkable. He had initiated no less than thirty members during the year, and every initiate or any one who had visited the lodge had experienced great satisfaction and pleasure at his hands. He proposed his health, and said he had a still more pleasing duty to perform, which was to present him, on behalf of the lodge, with the Past Master's jewel. Bro. Oliver, W.M., in acknowledging the compliment paid him, thanked them with all his heart for the way they had received his health. It gave him great pleasure to fill the office. He again thanked them sincerely for having presented him with the great installation jewel of Grand Lodge, and also for the Past Master's jewel. He should wear both with a feeling of pride, for his year of office had given him a good deal of anxiety. He had done it in a way that he was sure would meet with the approval of all. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the New Members," remarked that he was sure they would never feel sorry for the step taken, and he felt confident that they would be proud of being invested in a society which boasts so many eminent names. For the future their object ought to be not so much to enjoy themselves, but to help and aid their fellow men. The new members severally acknowledged the great pleasure they felt at being made one amongst a multitude. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Visitors," and in doing so said that if the lodge met together without visitors he was sure they would not enjoy themselves half so much as when they had visitors to participate in the hospitality. One visit brought about another, and it tended therefore to make them know and understand each other, and to find out what peculiarities may exist, and virtues that may lie dormant. There were present the extraordinary number of forty-five visitors, and he hoped their health would be drunk, and a hearty welcome promised them, and he coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Boyd and Middlemas. Bro. Boyd, P.G.P., in responding, said it was not the first time he had visited their lodge. He congratulated the lodge on having such a worthy Master. On the last occasion of visiting the lodge the hospitality was second to none, and he was sure the visitors of the present evening had had all that they could possibly wish for. There were many visitors present who were higher up in Freemasonry than what he himself was, but when they saw around them so many P.M.'s as visitors, he was sure it must be a source of high consolation to every one. Bro. Middlemas, 1329, delivered a most amusing and telling after-dinner speech on the subject of Freemasonry, and its incidental pleasures and pastimes, and received a hearty burst of applause on resuming his seat. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s of the Lodge," coupling with it the name of Bro. Charles Sedy. Bro. Sedy, in acknowledging it, said the number of initiates during the past year had entailed much work upon the officers. There were few lodges that could boast the success of the Granite. The reason was that it had afe

forded every facility to those appreciating Freemasonry, and those who feel that in the Craft they have something solid to look forward to. He thanked them sincerely. The W.M. then gave "The Past Masters' Health," coupling with it the name of Bro. Cottebrune, who suitably replied. The W.M. said the lodge was in a state of unexampled affluence, having more than was wanted, and were enabled out of their funds to give to those having nothing. That spoke volumes for the Treasurer and the Secretary, both of whose healths he cordially proposed. Bro. Hackford, Treasurer, in reply, said the lodge had, under the wise care and judgment of the P.W.M., prospered, and it was a matter for congratulation, more especially as during the last year there had arrived amongst them so many very worthy men. The lodge could afford to be charitable not only to Masonic bodies, but other institutions besides; they ought to look around the world and see in what way they could alleviate distress, whether belonging to the Craft or not. Sometimes he was afraid Freemasons missed the opportunity of doing that good which was placed within their reach. They were a powerful body, well organized, and possessed great resources, and he did think, sometimes with a blush of shame, that they failed to reach that high standard of brotherly love towards each other, and towards all the world, which they ought to exhibit. Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, Secretary, thanked them for coupling his name with the toast, and as there was a "chiel among them taking notes," and eager to hand down, as Bro. Middlemas had said, what he should one morning wake up and blush to find fame, he would only say that he was always prepared to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of all, and in furtherance of the views of the brethren. He would say, however, that the members numbered eighty. The lodge had only been in existence four and a half years, and for one year they actually "hung fire," having no initiates. The great addition to their ranks was due to the influence of P.M. Oliver. The W.M. proposed "The Health of his Officers." Bro. Frederick West, on behalf of the officers of the lodge, acknowledged the kind way in which the toast had been proposed. For himself, as S.W., he returned his sincere thanks. When the occupants entered the lodge there were few initiates, but by steady progress the vessel had steered over the troubled waters, and had reached the haven of prosperity at last. Bros. R. C. Mount, J.W.; R. Payne, S.D.; and B. Turner, I.G., having acknowledged the toast, the brethren separated. Bro. Geo. De Maid, founder of the lodge, was present. The evening was passed in the most pleasing manner, the interlude between the speeches being filled with the soul of music. Bros. F. Cambridge, J. Rhodes, G. T. Carter, Dawson and Lawler giving, by their vocal powers, a charming fillip to the several toasts of the evening.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—A meeting of this young lodge was held on the 17th inst., at the Metropolitan Club, 209, Pentonville-road. Bro. J. Michael, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. James Willing, I.P.M.; T. Williams, S.W.; R. Kingham, J.W.; G. Tims, P.M., Secretary; Scales, S.W.; Side, J.D.; Wm. Stiles, I.G.; Colls, D.C.; Read, Solomon H. Stiles, Gilbert, Easy, J. Tims, Erwood, Clarke, Cavett, Raney, Ormiston, Van Camp, Cadett, Berrie, J.W. 1285; ordan (Zetland), Pinkey, 177; and Harris, 177. Bros. G. and P. Vanderpump and H. Scales were raised, and Bros. Edwards, Ovens, Morgan, Raney, G. Clark, and Greenslade were passed. Afterwards Messrs. W. Brooker, T. P. Robins, Edward Van Camp, Joseph Iriuth, and J. J. Bosshart were initiated. All the ceremonies were fluently and impressively performed. The brethren at the close of the lodge work adjourned to an excellent banquet.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1563).—The regular February meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, when Bro. B. H. Swallow, W.M., presided, having the assistance of Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.P., and Treasurer, as S.W.; White, J.W.; Scott, P.M., Sec.; Turner, J.D.; W. C. Parsons, P.M., I.G.; Shand, D.C.; Hutchinson, W.S.; and Bros. Swaagman, Waugh, Emmanuel, Gardner, and Turner. There were also present Bros. W. W. Stiles, D.C. 1507; Sorrell, S.D. 176; Townley, 1351; Reeves, S.W. 1381; Lakin, 180; and Scott, 135. Altogether about forty brethren attended. Bros. Pratt, 1446, and Shepherd, J.W. 945, were elected joining members of the lodge. Mr. Irving was afterwards initiated in a very able manner by the W.M., who subsequently, and as efficiently, raised Bros. Turner and Gardner to the Third Degree. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous repast. After banquet the brethren honoured the usual toasts. In giving that of "The Grand Officers," he congratulated the lodge on having one of these brethren as a member, Bro. Cottebrune, who excelled in Freemasonry, and of whom they were all justly proud. Bro. Cottebrune replied, assuring the brethren in his happy style of his warm appreciation of the kind words used concerning him by the W.M. He was also proud to belong to a lodge composed of such excellent hardworking Masons as those whom he saw around him. Bro. Cottebrune then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and referred to the length of time he had known him, and to the zealous and hard work which he had performed to bring this lodge into its present prosperous state. He was sure no Master could possibly have started and conducted a lodge in a more creditable manner than Bro. Swallow had done. (Hear hear.) The W.M., in thanking Bro. Cottebrune and the brethren for the kind and cordial manner in which the toast had been proposed and received, said that he was indeed pleased to preside over so prosperous and harmonious a lodge, and the little pains he had taken to make it so were amply repaid by the effect produced. The toast of "The Visitors," which was the next in order, was one, he said he had peculiar pleasure in proposing. He recognised among those brethren some distinguished Masons whom

he had the pleasure of knowing personally, and so knowing them he could say they were ornaments and patterns not only to their own, but any lodges visited. Bro. Sorrell, in his reply, included acknowledgments of the hospitality of the lodge, expressions of the pleasure of his visit, and admiration of the working. Bro. W. W. Stiles, in his reply, said that having met with such a cordial reception, and experienced such an intellectual treat in the perfect working of the W.M. and his officers, he should be happy if some of the members of the City of Westminster Lodge would pay a visit to his, the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, when he was sure they would be desirous of doing so again. And this was the feeling he had himself as a visitor to the City of Westminster Lodge. On his right were Bros. Shand and Swaagman, both of whom were members of the two lodges, and one of whom (Bro. Shand) was D.C. of the City of Westminster Lodge. It would be impossible to find two lodges where the working was carried out more efficiently, and where the brethren were more attentive and courteous to their visitors. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Townley also responded, and added his expression of his favourable opinion of the lodge, in proof of which he would ask Bro. Shand to propose him as a joining member. The other visitors likewise replied in the same strain. The initiate ably responded to the toast of his health, and the W.M. then gave "The Officers," and after expressing his regret at Bro. the Rev. P.M. Holden's absence, said that no better officers than those of this lodge were to be found. He was quite satisfied with them, and he considered the great success of the lodge was due to the efficient officers he had chosen. The officers severally replied, and thanked the W.M. for the support and encouragement they had received. After the Tyler's toast, most of the brethren repaired to Freemasons' Tavern, where the St. James's Union Lodge (No. 180) ball was being held, under the presidency of Bro. W. C. Parsons, P.M., assisted by several energetic and worthy Stewards.

MANCHESTER.—St. David's Lodge (No. 147).—The ninth annual meeting of this lodge (the motto of which is "Y adraig goch, y ddyry gychwyn") was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, at 3 p.m. After the minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and confirmed, Mr. James Buckley Peel was balloted for, and afterwards duly initiated by Bro. Thomas Gibson, P.M. Bro. Thomas Nichols, and Bro. John Roberts were respectively admitted as joining members. Bro. Thomas Robert Peel, W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Thomas Richard Williams, P.M., and duly installed by Bro. George Frederick East, Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies for East Lancashire, which ceremony was performed in an able and impressive manner. The following brethren were likewise invested with the collar and jewel of their respective offices—namely, Bros. Edward Williams, S.W.; Thomas Elliott, J.W.; Frederick Coupe, Treas.; Ishmael Davies, Sec.; James Maclan, S.D.; John Taylor, J.D.; John Oliver Evans, I.G.; Isaac Wolstone and James Pickford Howarth, Stewards; James Sly, Tyler. The business of the lodge being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where a most sumptuous banquet was prepared, after which the loyal toasts were proposed and received by the brethren with that loyalty which characterises Freemasons. Being founded, as the name suggests, by Welsh brethren, the toasts of "Success to the Lodges in Wales" was proposed by Thomas Richard Williams, P.M., and responded to by Bro. John Peters, Provincial Grand Senior Warden for North Wales and Shropshire, who gave a very interesting account of the progress of Freemasonry in Wales. Bro. Ellis Jones, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," reviewing his past career in the lodge, and remarked that the energy and perseverance which he had displayed in the fulfilment of the various offices, to which he had been from time to time elected was due to the fact that he had the Anglo-Saxon and Celtic blood running in his veins. He wished him health and long life to continue as a member of the lodge, and was sure that the W.M. would prove himself worthy of the high position in which he was now placed by the unanimous vote of the brethren. The toast was received by the brethren with immense enthusiasm. The W.M. replied that he was deeply impressed, and at the same time gratified, with the honour which had that day been conferred upon him; he felt that it was a great responsibility, but would endeavour to uphold the dignity and intellectual vigour of the lodge, so that its working and moral tone should be second to none in the province. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," and stated that out of six in number they might always count upon five being present at every meeting, ready and able to perform the duty pertaining to any office. The toast was warmly received by the brethren, and responded to by Bro. John Unsworth, P.M. "The Health of the Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. Ishmael Davies, Secretary, and severally responded to. Bro. Charles Holmes Evans, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Newly-Invested Officers," which was responded to by Bro. John Oliver Evans, I.G. The remaining toasts were given and duly honoured; foremost amongst these were "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Thomas Gibson, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Thomas Wilson. The former remarked that the lodge had not only tided over its difficulties but presented 50 guineas to the Boys' School, and were now about to present thirty pounds to the Systematic Educational and Benevolent Fund for East Lancashire. Among the visiting brethren present were Bros. G. F. East, P.P.G.D.C.E.F.; John Peters, P.G.S.W. North Wales and Shropshire; L. Taylor, P.M. 1387; H. Elliott, 1387; R. W. Braithwaite, 1476, Blackpool; G. S. Ballard, 1345; Thomas Fallows, 1161; Fred Cooper, 999; P. H. Holt, 654; G. P. Griffith, W.M. 597; James Spence, 163; Lieutenant Holmes Poulton. The harmony of the evening was much enhanced by the Masonic bre-

thren present, who sang Welsh and English ballads and anthems.

An emergency meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Saturday afternoon, the 19th inst., at three o'clock, when five brethren presented themselves for raising. The W.M., Bro. Thos. Robt. Peel, raised Bros. Jas. Kilner and Robt. Ruttle; Bro. Ellis Jones, P.M., raised Bro. John Alker; and Bro. John Unsworth, P.M., raised Bros. Jas. Ireland and F. Brown. There was a good muster of the brethren for a Saturday afternoon. The lodge was duly closed at 6.30 p.m. The brethren adjourned to refreshment, and spent a pleasant evening until 8 p.m., when they returned to their own firesides.

MELTHAM.—Lodge of Peace (No. 149).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday evening, February 12th, 1876, in the Masonic Rooms. Present: Bros. Rayner, W.M.; N. Earnshaw, S.W.; D. Cairns, J.W.; C. H. Redfearn, Secretary; D. Wood, Treas.; H. W. Wrigley, as S.D.; J. Ellis, as J.D.; W. Sugg, I.G.; H. Buckley, Tyler. Past Masters: Bros. G. Heywood, T. A. Haigh, P.P.G.D.; W. Haigh, W. Myers, and several other brethren. The minutes of last lodge meeting were read and confirmed, when the W.M. rose and said: Brethren, having been placed in the position which I have now the honour of occupying in this lodge, it falls to my lot this evening to have to discharge a very pleasant duty, and although I feel very conscious of my inability to do that justice to it which [it so much deserves, yet I feel sure that you will all agree with me when I say that no brother could help but both experience very great pleasure and feel very proud of having the privilege of discharging such a duty. The duty to which I allude, brethren, is that of having on behalf of the lodge to present to Brother C. H. Redfearn, P.M., a Past Master's jewel as a token of esteem and regard for the long, faithful, and valuable services which he has rendered to the lodge, and as a mark of the high estimation in which he is held by the brethren. You are all aware from the minutes which have just been read and confirmed that at our last lodge meeting a resolution was passed to present him with this jewel, and I can assure you, brethren, that in the passing of that resolution a spontaneous unanimity was displayed such as is seldom to be met with anywhere; and I must also add that in making the proposition, Bro. P.M. Wood, with his usual tact, very accurately gauged the feelings of the brethren on the subject, as did also Bro. P.M. Dr. Haigh when he so promptly seconded the proposition. The jewel has now been purchased, and an inscription engraved upon it, which I will read to you: "Presented by the Lodge of Peace, 149, to Bro. C. H. Redfearn, P.M., for faithful services. February, 1876." Bro. P.M. Redfearn then advanced to the pedestal, and the W.M. in a very impressive manner addressed him as follows, viz.: Bro. P.M. Redfearn, by referring to the books I find that you have been a member of this lodge 18 years. You have been a P.M. of the lodge 15 years. You have acted as Secretary of the lodge 10 years. During the time that you have been a member of the lodge you have acted as purveyor for a great number of years in addition to performing your duties as Secretary. I believe that at a very early period of your Masonic career you embraced the opportunity of making yourself thoroughly acquainted with the ceremonies; and I also believe that for the last 10 or 12 years each succeeding new W.M. who has passed through this chair has been more or less indebted to you for the instruction which you have been enabled to give them in the ceremonies, and for your advice and guidance in the conducting of the practical business of the lodge. The officers of a lower degree have also been much indebted to you for the instruction they have received from you. Your usefulness to the lodge has not ended even here, but, as all the brethren very well know, whenever any work has had to be done for the lodge, no matter of what kind, you have always been found ready to put your shoulder to the wheel, and to work for the good of the lodge with a zeal which has been altogether unsurpassable. It is on account of these great and valuable services which you have so freely rendered to the lodge that the brethren have agreed so unanimously to present you with this jewel, and I, in their name, have now the pleasure of handing it to you. I do so with the fullest confidence that it will be highly prized by you; that it will be treasured up in your family as an heirloom, not for its intrinsic value, but for the warm and kind feelings which it will ever have the effect of calling to your remembrance. And when you are gone hence and are no more—when your spirit has ascended to that magnificent mansion above not made with hands—it will no doubt be handed down to your children and to your children's children for many generations, who, in their turn, will look upon it with feelings of satisfaction and pride at the thought of having had an ancestor in the olden time who was held in such high estimation among the Masonic brethren with whom it was his lot to associate. The W.M. (shaking hands with him) then said with great fervency: Bro. P.M. Redfearn, allow me to congratulate you, and may the Great Architect of the Universe give you a long and a happy life to wear the jewel which has now been presented to you by the brethren of this lodge. Bro. P.M. Redfearn in a very feeling manner then thanked the W.M. for the very flattering terms in which he had spoken of him and of what he had done for the lodge; he also thanked the brethren for their very handsome present, assuring them that the jewel would be highly prized by him as long as he lived. It had always been his earnest desire to do all he could for the benefit of the old Lodge of Peace, and he trusted that he should ever merit a continuance of their good wishes.

SHEFFIELD.—The Royal Brunswick Lodge (No. 296) held its regular meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield, at 6 p.m., on Monday, the 14th inst., Bro. Henry Ecroyd, W.M., in the chair.

He was ably supported by his Wardens (Bros. Ridal and Nicholson), and assisted by Bros. Henry William Pawson, I.P.M., and William Roddewig, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies West Yorks. The first business of the evening was to ballot for Bro. Edward Mills (Captain and Adjutant Hallamshire Rifles), of St. George's Lodge, Liverpool, as a joining member, and he was declared duly elected. The Worshipful Master then initiated two gentlemen into the First Degree (Messrs. William Fisher Tasker and Robert Colver), and raised two Fellow Craftsmen (Bros. Hugh Neville and Joseph Pickering, jun.) to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. Supper was afterwards served, Bro. Ecroyd presiding. This will be the last Masonic gathering in the present building, as it will be immediately pulled down to make way for a more substantial and convenient edifice. After supper the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, "The Health of the Visitors" being responded to by a brother from the far west of America (near to the Mexican frontier). He stated that it is no unusual thing in his mother lodge for them to have the company of visiting brethren from a dozen lodges, representing a dozen distinct nationalities. During the evening the W.M. called the attention of those of his brethren who were present in the Royal Albert Hall on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, to the interesting pictorial record of that event which is now being engraved in London, and he recommended those who have not already done so to send their cartes to Bro. Edward T. Harty, 213, Regent-street, who will see that their portraits are included in the engraving. Each portrait is intended to be a likeness, whilst its position will be easily recognisable by means of the key which will accompany each copy. As a work of art, as well as an historical souvenir, the engraving promises to become especially interesting in future years to those who were present, and whose likenesses are included in this pictorial record of what must be an ever memorable event in the annals of English Freemasonry.

BATH.—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).—The monthly meeting was held on Monday, February 14th. The lodge was opened by Bro. Cooke, W.M., supported by Bros. Dr. Hopkins, acting as I.P.M.; Gore, S.W.; H. C. Hopkins, J.W.; Dickenson, Sec.; Dill, as S.D.; Bright, as J.D.; H. G. Bush, as I.G.; Pinkett, as Tyler. As visitors there were Bros. Moutrie, P.M. 41; Williamson, S.D.; Davis, Glover, Packer, all members of 906; and Knott, of the Phoenix Lodge. The minutes having been read and confirmed, a communication from the Secretary of No. 41 was read, and after some discussion the J.W. and Secretary were deputed to meet committees of the other two Bath lodges, to discuss proposals for a new organ, and report thereon at the next meeting. The W.M. presented to the lodge a handsomely bound book containing the scripture extracts, which are read at every meeting, for which a vote of thanks was passed. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Dr. Hopkins gave a lecture on the Third Degree, for which, and his constant services to 379, a vote of thanks was passed and recorded on the minutes. The Secretary proposed a candidate for initiation.

MAZAGON.—Lodge Truth (No. 944, E.C.).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Mazagon, on the 3rd of January, 1876. There were present Wor. Bros. H. W. Barrow, P.M. No. 944, E.C., and D.G. Registrar Bombay, as W.M.; Mitchell, I.P.M. and P.D.G.S.W.; W. Yearn, as S.W.; C. Parker, J.W. No. 1100, as J.W.; C. Yudball, Secretary; W. H. Hussey, D.G. Secretary Bombay, and P.M. No. 944 and 1350, E.C., Treasurer; Captain S. Babington, S.D.; G. Claridge, J.D.; G. Gearey, I.G.; J. Neuberger, Steward; and J. W. Seager, Tyler. Members: Wor. Bros. A. Fdginton, P.M. No. 757, E.C.; Alexander McKenzie, P.M. 944, E.C.; W. C. Rowe, W.M. No. 757, F.C.; Bros. J. L. Madden, P. Bellillie, J. O. Weeks, J. Brooksby, J. Simkins, and others. Visitors: Wor. Bros. Council, W.M. 1100, E.C.; G. R. Henderson, I.P.M. 757, E.C.; B. Robinson, P.M. No. 757, E.C.; Soralejee, W.M. No. 1180, E.C.; and C. Parker, and others. The lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m. The summons convening the meeting was read. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Several letters were read from W. brothers and brethren excusing their non-attendance through unavoidable circumstances. The acting Wor. Master said that the next business was to install the Wor. Master elect, Wor. Bro. W. C. Rowe, W.M. of Lodge Concord, No. 757, E.C., and P.J.W. of Lodge Truth, No. 944, E.C., and informed the brethren that he had been requested to act as the installing officer for the evening, which he had great pleasure in doing, and requested the Secretary to read the dispensation from the D.G.M. of Bombay, sanctioning Wor. Bro. W. C. Rowe to be installed as their W.M. for the ensuing year, he having a few days to remain in his present office as W.M. of Lodge Concord, which elicited the applause of all the brethren present. The acting Wor. Master then requested Wor. Bros. Hussey and McKenzie, P.M., to present their W.M. elect, Wor. Bro. W. C. Rowe, who, after assenting to the ancient charges, was duly installed, and proclaimed and saluted Wor. Master of Lodge of Truth, No. 944, E.C., for the ensuing year, the whole of the installation ceremony having been performed in a most able manner by the installing officer, Wor. Bro. H. W. Barrow. The Wor. Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Wor. Bro. C. E. Mitchell (the oldest P.M. of the lodge), I.P.M., the late W.M., Bro. Tudor George Trevor, being absent in England on medical certificate for 20 months' leave; Bro. C. Tudball, S.W.; J. O. Weeks, J.W.; Wor. Bro. Alex. McKenzie, Treasurer; Captain S. Babington, Secretary; J. L. Madden, S.D.; H. Stead, J.D.; P. Bellillie, D.C. and Steward; and J. W. Seager, Tyler for the time nominated; Bro. Simkins, as I.G.; and in-

formed the brethren that he would invest him at the next meeting. Three members were elected to serve on the Permanent Committee, viz., Bros. P. Bellillie, J. L. Madden, and H. Stead. Wor. Bro. W. C. Rowe, the newly-installed Master, then rose and said: Past Masters, officers, and brethren of Lodge Truth, before I return my thanks to you I shall ask you to join with me in thanking our visitors for the kindness they have shown us this evening by attending in such large numbers to assist in the ceremony of the installation of your W.M. To you, Wor. Past Masters, officers, and brethren of this lodge, I again beg to tender you my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the great honour you have done me in appointing me to the Mastership of this my mother lodge, the badge of which I look upon as the emblem of the highest honour the Craft can give or a lodge bestow on any of its members. Feeling this, I earnestly trust that you on your parts will give me that support which is so essential for the proper performance of the duty of a Master; that to the best of your power you will be punctual in your attendance at our meetings, and afford me the advice and assistance, which, as your Master, I may hope to look for; and now brethren, allow me to say a few words with reference to the officers whom I have selected to assist me in the working of the lodge. I am sure the Worshipful and Past Masters present will bear me out in saying it is really a difficult task for a Master elect to choose his officers in a lodge like this, where there are so many members qualified to fill any position to which they may be appointed, but, brethren, I do hope you know enough of me to give me credit for having done my best to secure the interests of "Truth" in the choice I have made. I have appointed Bro. Tudball to the office of Senior Warden because I consider a Secretary has the best claim to the post, especially when during the past year he has performed his work so admirably, and that during a time peculiarly unfavourable to the lodge, and I hope I may add that I do not think there will be two opinions on this selection. Bro. Weeks, the Junior Warden, is one of the oldest of our members, and at different times has worthily filled the posts entrusted to him, namely, those of Inner Guard, Junior and Senior Deacon, and two years as Director of Ceremonies; and I am sure by the able manner in which he carried out the duties of these offices, he will not neglect the post which I have now entrusted to him during the ensuing year. But for the strong claims of these brethren, I should have asked Bro. Captain Babington's acceptance of one of the Warden's chairs. To this worthy brother my best thanks are due for his kindness in consenting to accept the troublesome and responsible post of Secretary, but I must add that I do hope the lodge will so flourish and extend during the ensuing twelve months as to make his post rather heavier than usual even. The Director of Ceremonies, and in addition to these duties that of Steward, has been kindly accepted by another old member of our lodge, who also worthily filled the posts of Junior and Senior Deacon in former years, and carried out the duties of those offices with credit to himself and the lodge. I mean Bro. Bellillie, and I am sure that this brother will also join us heart and hand in carrying out the duties of the offices entrusted to his care during the ensuing year. The S.D., Bro. Madden, is another very old member of the lodge, he having been initiated with Wor. Bro. Walton and myself seven years ago, but up to the present time has not held office in the lodge, although he has not been so regular in his attendance as we should have wished on account of heavy pressure of business; but I trust now he will consider it a matter of duty, and endeavour to attend our meetings regularly to assist us in working his mother lodge up to that high standing it is my wish for her to attain. The J.D., Bro. Stead, is well known to many of the brethren here for his excellent working in other degrees in Masonry, and I am sure he will also join us in the zealous work which I think I may say it is our intention of carrying out in this lodge during the ensuing year, so that the brethren may find it a pleasure to attend our meetings, so that we may say old Lodge Truth is herself once again. These brethren are so well known to you one and all that I need not say anything more in their favour to you. The post of Inner Guard has been kindly undertaken by Bro. Simkins, and I really feel that my best thanks are due to him, for although the post is a very honourable and responsible one, there is often an objection to accepting it in the minds of some brethren. Brethren, again I thank you, and assure you of my earnest intention to do my best for my old mother lodge, now entrusted to my care. The resignation of Wor. Bros. Anderson and Morris and Bro. J. Adams were read and accepted. The Treasurer stated that their dues were all paid, and the Wor. Master ordered clearance certificates to be made out and sent to these brethren. The W.M. then proposed a vote of thanks to the Installing Officer, Wor. Bro. Barrow, for the able way he had performed the ceremony of the installation, which was seconded by W. Bro. McKenzie, and carried by acclamation. Wor. Bro. Barrow thanked the brethren for the vote of thanks just accorded to him, and said that it gave him very great pleasure to be able to instal Wor. Bro. Rowe into the Eastern chair of his mother lodge, which honour he had won for himself by the hard work which he had done for the lodge, and he thought that the brethren had got the right man in the right place, and one that he had no hesitation in saying that he would do credit to the lodge. There being no further work before the lodge it was closed in peace and harmony at 9 p.m., and the brethren then adjourned to a sumptuous banquet. A band was in attendance, and played some select music under the direction of Bro. J. E. Tyers. After the removing of the cloth the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Queen and Craft," which was followed by the band playing the National Anthem. The next toast that the W.M. brought before the notice of the brethren was "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful the

Grand Master of England," and remarked what a great pleasure it had given all those brethren who were able to attend the laying of the foundation stone of the Prince's Dock, and stated that he had been informed that it had met with the high approval of their Most Worshipful Grand Master, and asked them to join in drinking his health, and that he hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would spare him long to rule over us, which was enthusiastically responded to by every brother present. The band played "God bless the Prince of Wales." The W.M. then rose and said: Brethren, the next toast I ask you to join me in drinking is "The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of England, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Scotland, and the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Ireland." The band played "Britannia, the Pride of the Ocean." The W.M. then asked the brethren to join him in a toast that he was sure he had only to mention—it was "The Health of their District Grand Master, the Hon. J. Gibbs, and his Deputy," and stated that he was sorry that the District Grand Master and his Deputy were not there on the present occasion, as they were unable to attend, but he (the W.M.) was sure that the brethren had that fraternal love for them as their heads in that district, and he was convinced that they were one and all pleased to meet them at any time when it was their pleasure to favour them with their company. The band played the air, "Fine old English Gentleman." Wor. Bro. Mitchell, P.D.G.S.W., responded to this toast on behalf of the District Grand Master and his Deputy regretted their inability to be present on this occasion with the District Grand Officers, as he knew that he (the District Grand Master) was always pleased to attend at such a time as the present one with his District Grand Lodge, and thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the kind way they had received the toast which had been put to them, and had been so warmly responded to. The W.M. then said: Brethren, in proposing to you "The Health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry in India," I know you all regret his inability to attend here this evening; but we will drink his health, brethren, with as much enthusiasm as if he were with us, knowing as we do he is otherwise engaged, and we will wish him long life and happiness in the degree he had lately taken, as well as a long Masonic career, which was drank with great spirit. The band played the air, "Blue Bells of Scotland." Wor. Bro. Manekjee, P.D.G.M. of Scottish Freemasonry in India, responded to the toast which had been put to them by their newly-installed Master and said that he was sure that had their Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry in India been present he would have been pleased with the way the work of this evening had been carried out, and responded to the toast far better than he could have done; but thanked them in the name of Most Wor. Bro. Moreland, himself, and his Grand Officers. Wor. Bro. C. E. Mitchell, P.D.G.S.W. and I.P.M., No. 944 E.C., then said: Brethren, I now ask you to join me in drinking a toast that I am sure will meet with your approbation—it is the toast of the evening, and is "The Health of your Newly-Installed Master, Wor. Bro. W. C. Rowe." Brethren, many of you know him so well in the working of the different degrees in Masonry that all I can say to eulogize his Masonic career, and his many good qualities would be superfluous on my part to do so, as I have myself experienced the excellent way he always carries out the work entrusted to him, and you have appreciated his success in this lodge by electing him and installing him as your Wor. Master for the ensuing year. The band played the air, "Cheer, Boys, Cheer." Wor. Bro. Rowe, in replying to the toast of his health which had been proposed by their I.P.M., and which had been so kindly received by the brethren of the lodge and the visiting brethren present, and he would not detain them by making a long speech, and detaining the harmony of the evening, but would simply thank them for the great kindness they had shown towards him that evening by attending in such large numbers to assist in the ceremony of his installation, and hoped he would have the co-operation of the officers he had appointed that evening, also the assistance of the members, and he had not the slightest doubt of the lodge regaining her former standing in the district for the excellent working which she had been noted for two or three years ago, and said nothing else should be wanting on his part to carry out that which he had promised to fulfil during the ensuing year. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters of Lodge Truth," and said that they had excellent proof of what the Past Masters of the lodge were made of, as the lodge had been worked for the last two years by the brethren of this noble institution. The P.M. said he was sure that the lodge would have been at a standstill long ago had it not been for these worthy brethren, and he should look to them during the year for their support and advice. The band played the air, "For they are jolly good Fellows." Wor. Bro. Mitchell rose and said, on behalf of the Past Masters of the lodge, he wished to express his thanks for the very kind way which their healths had been put before the brethren by the newly-installed Master, and he could only say on behalf of the Past Masters, that they were always ready, as there had been sufficient proof of during the past two years; they were willing to assist the lodge and the officers at any time they needed their services, and he was sure they would all give their new Master all the support that he might require during the ensuing year. The W.M. said he had almost forgotten one very important toast during the excitement of the evening, and that was "The Health of the Installing Master, their worthy and Wor. Bro. Barrow, P.M.," who had so ably carried out the work of installation that evening, and said that he esteemed it as a great favour for the arrangement to be made, so that he (Wor. Bro. Barrow), whom he loved as a dear friend and brother, should be instrumental in placing him in the Eastern Chair of his mother lodge that evening, which he had always endeavoured to merit

and stated in what high standing he was held as a ruler in the Craft and respected; they all look up to him in this and every other lodge in the district that he might favour with his visits. The band played the air, "Let us be happy together." Wor. Bro. Borrow, in replying to the toast, remarked that this was the third occasion on which he had acted as Installing Officer in Lodge Truth. It had afforded him peculiar pleasure to place Wor. Bro. Rowe in the Master's chair, not only because he felt sure that, under the able management of that most zealous and hardworking Mason, the prosperity of the lodge, which for some time past has been declining, would return, but because Wor. Bro. Rowe was one of his (Wor. Bro. Barrow's) most valued friends, and merited the support and respect of all who desired to see Freemasonry in Bombay flourishing. Wor. Bro. Rowe was not only well-known in Craft Masonry, but as head of a preceptory, and of an Eighteenth Degree chapter, was looked upon as one of the most careful and successful Principals in the presidency. As they were aware, Wor. Bro. Rowe had lately had conferred on him the high honour of the English 30th Degree, and no other Craft lodge in Bombay had at its head a man who united in his own person more administrative experience in the office of Master. The W.M. then rose and said.—Worshipful Sir and Brethren. The next toast he (the W.M.) had to ask the officers and brethren to join him in—one that was always so well received in Truth—was that of "The Visitors." He could assure them one and all that at any time they would favour the lodge with their presence he could ensure them a hearty reception both at working up stairs and at their festive board below, and hoped that he would have the pleasure of their company during the ensuing year as he had had in the past in other lodges which he had been ruling over for the past year. The band played the air, "Let us be happy together." Wor. Bro. F. Council, on rising to respond on behalf of the visitors, was loudly applauded, and said he had great pleasure at being present at the installation of their W.M. It was one of those elections that they had all looked forward to with great interest, knowing how Truth had been situated for the past two years; but he was pleased to say that he believed the brethren had selected one to rule over them for the ensuing year that would do his work in that Masterly style which he was noted for, and had seen him carrying out in the lodge he had been ruling over for the past year, and he was sure that the members of Truth had made a wise choice in securing him as their W.M. for the ensuing year, and from what he had seen of Wor. Bro. Rowe's working he would this time next year prove to the members that he had done his duty to the lodge, and thought he could speak of all the visitors present, as well as himself, that they would only be pleased to visit the lodge again on some future occasion when opportunity offers, and thanked the brethren of Truth for the kind way the toast of their health had been received and responded to. The next toast was that of "The Newly-appointed Officers of Truth." The W.M. said that he hoped that the selection he had made would prove beneficial to the lodge, as he had taken every care in the selection, and had given his reason for choosing the brethren he had done, and stated the claims he thought each one had to the post he had appointed him to, and hoped he would find them punctual in their attendance, as they were quite aware unless the Master had the hearty co-operation of his officers it was impossible for the lodge to work in that efficient way which he hoped they would do during the current year. The band played the air, "Happy are we to-night, Boys." Bro. C. Tudball, S.W., on behalf of himself and brother officers, said that he could assure the W.M. that they would give him their hearty support, and attend their duties regularly, and give him that assistance they knew he was deserving of, and that nothing should be wanting on their parts to carry out the duties of the offices which they had been appointed to that evening, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind way their health had been received. The W.M. then introduced the toast of "The Past Officers," and in doing so mentioned the services of Bro. C. Tudball as the Secretary of the past year; also those of Bro. Capt. S. Babington, as S.D.; also the valuable services rendered by their I.P.M., Wor. Bro. C. E. Mitchell, and those of Wor. Bro. W. H. Hussey, D.G.S., their late Treas., who had to retire from his old post (which he had so worthily filled for the past few years) on account of his health and the heavy duties he had to perform as D.G.S., which was received with applause. The band played the air, "Life let us Cherish." Bro. Capt. Babington, on behalf of the Past Officers, said what little they had done during the past year they had done with a good will, but he hoped that those that were appointed to office during the ensuing year would endeavour to do better than they had done in the past, and thanked the brethren for the cordial way they had received the toast of their health. The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony by the brethren, many good songs being sung, the choruses of which were accompanied by the band. The W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the approaching hour, and the last toast of the evening was that of "The Poor Masons," and took leave of each other at 11.15 p.m. Thus ended the merry installation night of Lodge Truth. The band played the air, "To all Poor and Distressed Brother Masons," after which, to close the proceedings, "God Save the Queen," in which all the brethren joined.

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HAMPTON COURT.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, 12th February, 1870, at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court. Present: Bros. J. Baldwin, W.M.; E. H. Thiellay, S.W.; J. B. Langley, J.W.; T. J. Sabine, P.P.G.S.B., Middlesex, P.W.; Treas.; F. Walters, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; F. W. Deveraux, S.D.; S. Wolff, J.D.; A. F. Loos, I.G.; B. Wright, D.C.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Mid-

dlesex, Tyler. Past Masters: Bros. J. T. Moss, P.P.G.R. Middlesex; H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex; W. Hammond, P.P.J.D. Middlesex. Visitors: Bros. J. Hawker, P.M. 871; W. A. Lochhead, 871; T. Horton, 871; A. G. Dobson, W.M. 118; T. Kingston, W.M. 862; W. Stead, I.G. 813; T. Painter, P.M. 749; H. R. Harker, 79; J. M. Kender, 1512; F. W. Clark, 1348; J. W. Hiscox, 1512; and others. After the minutes of previous meeting had been duly read and confirmed, balloting took place, and resulted unanimously in favour of the admission of Bro. G. S. Elliott, 749 and 1375, as a joining member and Mr. Wingate for initiation. Messrs. Beckwith and Wingate were then initiated by Bro. T. J. Moss, P.P.G.R. Middlesex, P.M. Bro. J. B. Langley was installed by the W.M., who received a vote of thanks for performing the ceremony, and it was directed that the vote should be recorded in the minutes. Bro. Langley appointed the following brethren to the various offices for the ensuing year:—Bros. E. H. Thiellay, P.P.A.G.P. Middlesex, W.M. 145, S.W.; T. J. Sabine, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M. 73, W.M. 1540, J.W.; H. A. Dubois, P.P.A.G.D.C., Middlesex, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.P.G.P., Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; (Bro. Walters was re-elected Secretary for the fourth time); E. W. Deveraux, S.D.; S. Wolff, J.D.; A. F. Loos, I.G.; J. Mason, W.M. Elliot, Lodge, Org.; B. Wright, A.S.; J. Johnson, D.C.; M. Underwood, W.S.; H. Faija, C.S.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middlesex Tyler. The following motions were unanimously agreed to: To present thirty guineas to Masonic Charities, and a ten guinea testimonial to the Secretary. The usual twelve guinea Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. W. Baldwin. The proceedings then terminated with the proposition of several gentlemen for initiation, and the passing of some new bye-laws, and were followed by a banquet.

FELTHAM.—Elliot Lodge (No. 1567).—The second meeting of this promising young lodge was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., Bro. J. Mason, W.M. in the chair, supported by Bros. H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treas, acting as I.P.M.; F. Green, S.W.; W. Dunham, J.W.; J. R. Nicholls, S.D.; A. J. Ireton, J.D.; J. H. Pearson, I.G.; S. L. Green, D.C.; T. W. Clarke, W.S.; W. T. Hone, Prov. G. Purs., Treas.; and J. Elliott, Sec. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the consecration and emergency meetings having been read and approved, the ballot was taken for five gentlemen as candidates for initiation, this being unanimous in each case. Four of them being in attendance, were introduced, and received the benefits of the First Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Pearce and Nicholls were duly advanced to the degree of Fellow Craft. The S.W. presented the lodge with a very handsome volume of the Sacred Law, which, for elegance of design and material, we have seldom seen surpassed. The present was duly received and acknowledged on behalf of the lodge by the W.M., who said he trusted that not only would the members look upon it as a gift to the lodge for the mere routine business thereof, but that they, by careful study and strict adherence to its precepts, may be guided to that Grand Lodge above, where he was sure it was the earnest desire of every one present they may at last meet, when this life and its meetings shall have passed away. Bro. Hone proposed, and Bro. F. Green seconded, a motion that Sir G. Elliot, having kindly given his consent for the lodge to use his crest for all lodge purposes, that this become at once a banner lodge, which, being carried unanimously, the banner of Bro. Mason, as first W.M., was at once unfurled, and was much admired by all present. Several gentlemen being proposed for initiation, and one as joining member at the next meeting, brought the lodge meeting to a close, after which about 30 of the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet supplied by Bro. Harris, who was assisted by the well-known caterer, Bro. Stone, of Halliford. After the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual Masonic toasts, which were well received; and in proposing that of "The M.W.G.M.," he referred to his visit to India, and thought that if anything was needed to prove the high estimation in which he was held, both in and outside the Craft, he was sure that need had been well supplied. He trusted that the Great Architect of the Universe would guard and shelter him from every danger, that he may be enabled to return safely to his native land, when every member of the Craft would rejoice to find him once more amongst us. The lodge was honoured by a visit from Bros. H. Buss, Prov. G. Treas.; R. W. Little, Prov. G.S.W.; J. Coutts, P.G.P.; E. M. Haigh, P.G.S.; B. Swallow, Prov. G.S. (W.M. 1563); J. Green, G. Townsend, J. Barfield, and A. Glover. Each of the toasts were given and responded to in a truly Masonic manner, the Tyler's toast bringing to a close a most enjoyable evening. We wish the lodge that success which it deserves, and which is evidently attending its every movement, as we understand that a list is always to be found lying on the festive board for contributions to the Girls' School, which already amount to nearly £40, and we think this should stimulate other Provincial Lodges to greater exertions on behalf of the forthcoming festival.

INSTRUCTION.

LEICESTER.—Union Lodge.—The annual festival of this lodge, which is held under the joint sanction of the local lodges, took place on Thursday, the 10th inst., at Leicester, and was attended by a large number of the members of the town lodges. The Twelve Sections of the first and second lectures were worked as under:—

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Sec. by Bro. S. S. Partridge, I.P.M. 523, D. of C., 1560.
2nd " " T. A. Wykes, J.W., 523.
3rd " " W. Sculthorpe, P.M., 523, Std., 1560.
4th " " J. M. M'Allister, W.M. 279.
5th " " E. Mason, S.W. 1391.
6th " " J. T. Thorp, W.M. 523.
7th " " C. W. Statham, S.W. 279.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Sec. by Bro. W. C. Shout, S.D., 523.
2nd " " J. Ewing, Sec., 1391.
3rd " " W. T. Rowlett, S.W., 523.
4th " " T. Worthington, W.M., 50.
5th " " H. Meadows, 1391.

The questions were given by Bro. G. Toller, P.M. 523, I.P.M. 1560, who occupied the chair. At the conclusion of the work R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M., referred in laudatory terms to the excellent manner in which all concerned had performed their tasks, there being hardly a single slip throughout, and proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be given to those concerned, which was seconded by Bro. C. Johnson, P.M., and carried unanimously. Bro. Toller responded in suitable terms on behalf of those engaged in the work, and after the transaction of some routine business the lodge was closed, and the members adjourned to refreshment.

Royal Arch.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—The last convocation of this excellent and old established chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, the 8th inst. The chapter was opened by Comps. Smith, M.E.Z.; Holbrook, I.P.Z.; Harfeld, P.Z.; Treas.; Davage, P.Z.; Scribe E.; W. Hammond, P.G.P.S. Middx., H.; Elsam, J.; Wagner, N.; Robinson, P.S.; Mander, 2nd A.S. There were also present Comps. Whitley, Bond, Webb, Walls, Sumner and Stewart. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the companions proceeded to elect the office-bearers for the year ensuing, as follows: Comps. Hammond, M.E.; Elsam, H.; Wagner, J.; Robinson, N.; Harfeld, Treas.; Davage, S.E.; and Mander, P.S. In every case the ballot was unanimous, and at the conclusion of the election the companions severally returned thanks for the honour done them. A letter of resignation having been read from Comp. Honnewell, who held the office of 1st Assist., which was accepted with great regret, Comp. Harfeld, P.Z. arose and proposed that some fitting tribute of respect and esteem was due to their worthy M.E., Comp. Smith, who had presided over them for two consecutive years, and who had on all occasions discharged his duties with unremitting zeal, excellent ability, and invariable urbanity. He went on to say that the last proof of the M.E.'s interest in his mother chapter that could be adduced, was the fact of his coming at all seasons so many miles to preside over them, namely, from Chester. In conclusion he hoped that the chapter would, in consideration of his great services, vote Comp. Smith a very handsome jewel, and he would suggest that it should be at least twice the money value of that usually voted to those who had discharged the onerous duties of First Principal, the Jerusalem Chapter. Comp. Holbrook, P.Z. in seconding the proposition endorsed the remarks of the last speaker most warmly. The proposition, having been neatly put by Comp. Hammond, was unanimously carried, and the M.E. in a very modest speech acknowledged his gratitude for the kind manner in which the proposition had been moved and seconded, and also for the hearty way in which the vote had been received and carried by the chapter at large. Comp. Mander having proposed a member for exaltation at the next meeting, viz., Bro. Pratt, of the Mount Edgcombe, which was seconded by Comp. Stewart, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the M.E. gave the usual loyal toasts, which were warmly received. In proposing "The Health of Comps. Lords Skelmersdale and De Tabley, G.H. and G.L. of England," the M.E. dwelt at length upon the eminent services rendered by those justly esteemed noblemen, not only to the supreme degree of the R.A., but to Freemasons generally. In speaking of the latter peer, the M.E. stated that as Lord de Tabley held the position of G.M. and G.S. of Cheshire he had frequent opportunities of observing the manner in which he discharged his Masonic duties, and he could only say that he was a most excellent working Mason in all degrees of the science, and that his lordship personally took a great interest in the doings of every chapter and lodge in his province, and in private life he was most justly and deservedly esteemed by all classes of the community. In conclusion, the M.E. expressed his opinion that while Freemasonry was supported by such noblemen as those whose health he had had the honour of proposing, and he was proud to think that there were many such, it would continue to flourish, and eventually become so powerful that its most bitter enemies would have reason to believe that the Craft and its degrees were something more than mere empty names. It is needless to say that this toast and the remarks that accompanied it was most cordially received by the companions. Comp. Walls having recited the "Charge of the Light Brigade," the I.P.Z., Comp. Holbrook, proposed "The Health of the M.E.," in which he stated that after the encomiums which had been passed upon Comp. Smith in the chapter that evening, and which were well merited, it would be perhaps in bad taste for him to further enlarge upon the good qualities and working abilities of the M.E., who for two years had occupied that exalted position, and in conclusion he would ask the companions to join with him in wishing Comp. Smith a long life and the enjoyment of every domestic blessing. The toast having been duly honoured, the M.E. responded. In the course of his speech he touched feelingly upon the kind remarks that had been passed upon him that evening by Comps. Harfeld and Holbrook, which he felt he did not deserve in their entirety. It was true he had striven to do his duty, with the hope that by so doing he should merit the approval of the companions, but he considered that no one should aspire to fill the chair of a First Principal unless he was prepared to devote every en-

ergy to discharge its multifarious duties with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the chapter. With regard to the jewel which has been unanimously voted to him that day, he hoped to be spared many years to wear it as a memorial of the respect and esteem borne him by the companions of his mother chapter, the old Jerusalem. Comps. Robinson and Mander having contributed some harmony, the M.E. proposed "The Healths of Comps. Hammond and Elsam, the First and Second Principals elect," in a very neat speech, in which he stated that he must mention that the assistance he had received from those worthy companions during his two years of office was great in the extreme. However well up a First Principal might be, his efforts would be abortive unless aided by the exertions of his chief officers, and he was pleased to say that in every way Comps. Hammond and Elsam had rendered him good suit and service, and in conclusion he looked forward to the chapter enjoying two prosperous years of office under the able sway of those companions, and it was his intention to endeavour to bring several provincial brethren to be exalted during their respective years of office. Comp. Hammond, in reply, stated that he was proud to think that the chapter had voted him that day to fill the chair of the Jerusalem as First Principal during the ensuing year, and he would endeavour to merit the confidence reposed in him. He then touched at length upon the remarks of the M.E., and said that although he could not hope to equal the working of Comp. Smith, yet he would try, with his assistance, in conjunction with the other P.Z.'s of the chapter, to preserve its prestige, and in conclusion he hoped that his term of office would be as prosperous and as successful as that of the M.E. Comp. Elsam briefly returned thanks, in which he endorsed the remarks of the last speaker, and said that with the good examples of the M.E. and the M.E. elect before him, it would be very hard indeed if he could not manage to discharge his duties when the time came to the satisfaction of the chapter. The M.E., and Comps. Mander and Walls having vocally and dramatically amused the companions, Comp. Wagner, the Third Principal elect, was duly toasted, and made an excellent reply. "The Health of the P.Z.'s of the Chapter" was then given, and Comps. Harfield, Davage and Holbrook responded. The toast of "The Subordinate Officers of the Chapter" having been given by the M.E., prefaced by a few kind remarks addressed to each officer individually, was acknowledged by Comps. Davage, Robinson, and Mander. The installation of Comp. Hammond takes place on the second Tuesday in April next.

BARNET.—Gladsmuir Chapter (No. 1385).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on the 17th inst. Present: E. Comps. T. S. Carter, Prov. G.N., M.E.Z.; J. Lowthin, Prov. G. 2nd A.S., H.; W. Cutbush, J.; J. Terry, Prov. G.D.C., P.Z.; J. R. Cocks, Prov. G.J., S.E.; G. W. Verry, P.Z., Prin. Soj.; and Comps. Hayward Edwards, S.N.; J. Livingston, 1st A.S.; Booth, 2nd A.S.; Cussans, M.C.; Crutch, Steward; Purrott, Marks, Fisher, Young, J. Cutbush. Visitor: E. Comp. W. B. Heath P.Z. No. 22. The business of the chapter was to instal the Principals and induct the officers for the year ensuing. E. Comp. Terry in his usual efficient manner acted as Installing Officer, and installed E. Comps. Lowthin, M.E.Z.; W. Cutbush, H.; Hayward Edwards, J. The following companions were inducted officers:—Cocks, S.E.; Verry, S.N.; Livingston, Prin. Soj.; Booth, 1st A.S.; Cussans, D.C.; Fisher Young, Steward. Comp. Goddard was re-elected Janitor. The M.E.Z. presented E. Comp. Carter, the 1st Z. of the chapter, with a very handsome Past Principal's jewel, which had been subscribed for by the members of the chapter, for which Comp. Carter thanked them.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Chapter (No. 41).—Owing to sickness and other causes, the monthly meeting on February 15th was but thinly attended. Unfortunately the absence of the 1st and 2nd Principals was thus accounted for. By request Ex. Comp., Dr. Hopkins P.Z. 328, 587, 710 took the chair of Z.; Ex. Comp. Moutrie, P.Z. and Treas., that of H.; and Ex. Comp. Carey was in his place as J. The following P.Z.'s were also present:—Rubie, Mann, Kees, Reeves; and Trevor, as a visitor from a chapter at Bombay. After the chapter had been opened the following companions were admitted:—Hill, E.; Hearne, N.; Brown, P. Soj.; Gummer, as Soj.; Faulkner, J. Soj.; Howes, Davies. Comp. Bigwood was in his place as Janitor. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Packer was introduced, properly prepared, and exalted to the Supreme Degree by the acting 1st Principal, who also gave the historical, symbolical and mystical lectures, with the exception of the explanation of the working tools, which devolved on the acting H. The chapter room on this evening wore an unusually cheerful aspect, the officers wearing new robes and collars; there was also a new altar; the sceptres, staves, jewels, candlesticks had been regilt, &c. Ex. Comp. Moutrie reported on what had been done, and presented to the chapter a new veil for the altar, and a banner for the 1st Principal. For this a vote of thanks was passed, as also to him and Comp. Hill for their successful labours in the work of restoration. A grant of ten guineas was made to the Masonic School for Girls. Other matters not of general interest were settled, and a brother was proposed for exaltation.

STONEHOUSE.—Sincerity Chapter (No. 189).—A convocation of this chapter was held on Monday evening at St. George's Hall. There were present: Comps. J. E. Curteis, Z.; Chapman, H.; Dampney, J.; Rac, P.Z.; Bayly, P.Z.; J. Latimer, S.E.; A. Latimer, S.N., Hon. P.S.; Rev. J. W. Lemon, S.S.; Ferguson, J.S.; Col. Fitz Gerald Horton, C.; Croydon, G.; Evans, J.E.; Moon, J.; Barrett. Comp. J. E. Curteis, M.E.Z., presided, and the minutes of the last regular meeting (which included a vote of £5 to the Royal

Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, placed upon the list of the M.E.Z., who represented the province at the annual festival) having been read, Comp. Curteis, assisted by Comp. Rac, P.Z., installed Comp. Chapman (who had travelled from Sheffield to be present upon the occasion) as Z.; Comp. Dampney, as H.; and Comp. J. Latimer, as J. The following companions were appointed and invested:—Comps. A. Latimer, S.E.; Rev. J. W. Lemon, S.N.; Hon. P. S. Ferguson, S.S.; D. Horton, J.S.; Rogers, Janitor. Comp. Curteis congratulated the chapter upon its financial position, and expressed a hope that whilst it continues to expect a high standard of qualification on behalf of all candidates for admission to it, the one great object of all Freemasonry would, as it ever had been, be well considered.

MANCHESTER.—Affability Chapter (No. 317).—This chapter held its monthly meeting on Thursday, the 17th inst., when more than forty members and visitors were present. The chapter was opened by Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, Z., who afterwards installed his successor, Comp. S. Henson, as Z. Comp. Fox was installed as H. by Comp. W. F. Towle, P.Z., and Comp. J. Smethurst as J. by Comp. J. Hall, P.Z., P.G.P.S. of E.L. The officers were invested by Comp. Towle, viz., Comps. J. Lees, as S.E.; J. Dawson, as S.N.; D. Donbavand, P.S.; Moore, 1st A.S.; J. Kerridge, 2nd A.S.; W. P. Norris, Treas.; and J. Sly, Janitor. The newly installed Z. presented the balance sheet, which was passed. He congratulated the chapter on the flourishing state of their finances, and in doing so stated that for years there had been a debt upon the chapter, but he was proud to say that their late Z., during his two years of office, had by his exertions raised the chapter in its number of members as well as in its financial state, and they had now a good balance in hand. He then briefly alluded to the presentation which was to be made during the evening to Comp. Sillitoe. After the chapter was closed about forty companions sat down to a substantial repast, Comp. Henson presiding. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and drank with enthusiasm. "Comp. Henson's Health" was proposed and received very warmly. After returning thanks he in a very eulogistic speech presented to Comp. Sillitoe a very handsome timepiece, and a beautiful eighteen-carat gold P.Z.'s jewel, as a tribute of the esteem in which he is held by the members of the chapter. The timepiece bears a gold plate with the following inscription:—"Presented to Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., by the members of the Chapter of Affability, 317, for his valuable services, February 17th, 1876." The jewel also bears a suitable inscription. The musical talent of this chapter is well-known in the province, and the proceedings of the evening were enlivened by songs and recitations, Comp. Roberds, P.G.G., doing good service at the pianoforte.

Mark Masonry.

TEMPLE LODGE (No. 173).—At the regular meeting of this lodge for the installation of Bro. G. W. Verry there were present Bros. C. Lacey, W.M.; G. W. Verry, S.W.; E. Gotthiel, J.W.; T. S. Mortlock, Treas.; J. T. S. Hood, Sec.; W. R. Marsh, M.O.; G. Snow, S.O.; A. Mole, J. O.; G. Hollington, Registrar; B. Cundick, S.D.; W. H. Wallington, I.G. The visitors were Bros. F. Binckes, G. Sec.; Geo. Yaxley, 104, G. Steward, and P.G. Overseer; R. Berridge, W.M. 104, P.G. J.W.; P. L. Simmond, P.M., St. Mark's; J. Terry, Southwark; E. V. Henley, Thistle; John Close, 104, P.G. Steward; John Smith, 105. Bros. S. H. Rawley, J. Newton, E. J. Moore, R. C. Davis, were advanced to the degree of Mark Master Masons. The ceremony of installation was then worked, and on the brethren being admitted P.M. Mortlock gave the charge in a most impressive manner. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—E. Gotthiel, S.W.; J. T. S. Hood, J.W.; W. Christian, S.D.; W. H. Wallington, J.D.; G. Hollington, I.G.; B. Cundick, Registrar; B. L. Stuitesant, Sec.; N. Gluckstein, W.S.; and J. H. Ross. At the conclusion of the business the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet. The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Queen," stated that we had in connection with Mark Masonry Prince Leopold, and he had no doubt that he (Prince Leopold) would attain a high position in the degree. After the toasts of "The G.M., Lord Limerick, P.G.M. of the Order, Lord Leigh, the Earl of Carnarvon, Bros. Binckes, Portal, &c.," the W.M., proposed "The Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale. He spoke very feelingly of the loss the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons had sustained by the death of Bro. R. Callender, stating how short a time since he had sat together with him, &c. "The Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. Binckes, who said it was with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret he passed a high eulogy upon Bro. Callender, especially dwelling upon his universal kindness to Masons, and not only to them, but his love and charity extended to those outside the Craft, and to all philanthropic objects. The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," coupling with it the name of Bro. Berridge, W.M. of the Macdonald Lodge, 104, who responded in a very able speech. The W.M. then proposed "The Past Masters." Bro. Lacey proposed "The Health of the W.M. elect, Bro. Verry," who, in responding, said he would, as far as he could, promote the interests of the lodge, and do all he could for its welfare, and keep up its prestige as the two P.M.'s had done before him. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Newly-advanced Brethren," who, he stated, were personal friends of his own. Bro. Davis sang a capital song, and the newly-advanced brethren replied to the toast. The W.M. then proposed "The Healths of Bros. Binckes and Terry." Bro. Terry replied in a most eloquent speech. Bro. Binckes also replied, and gave a most encouraging account of the Mark Benevolent Fund,

and impressed upon his listeners that they must not forget "Our Boys." There were some other toasts, and a duet, whistled by Bros. P.M. Mortlock and Henley, was received with great applause.

MACDONALD LODGE OF MARK MASTERS (No. 104).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masons' Hall, Coleman-street, London, E.C., on Saturday, the 19th inst. The brethren attended in regulation mourning for the late Deputy Grand Mark Master, Brother W. Romaine Callender, whose lamented decease was the subject of generally expressed regret. The W.M., Bro. R. Berridge, opened the lodge at the appointed hour, and amongst others present were the W. Bro. W. Worrell, P.G. Organist, I.P.M.; Bros. T. White, S.W.; N. Ritherdon, M.O.; the V.W. Bros. Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; P.M.'s, L. Hammerton, P.G. D.C., P.M. and Secretary; Bros. W. P. Collins, S.D.; F. H. Cozens, J.D. and Organist; N. J. F. Bassett, I.G.; G. Yaxley, D.C.; G. W. Verry, W.M. Temple Mark Lodge, W.S.; J. Close, C.S.; W. C. Hale, J. K. Pitt, H. F. Partridge, J. F. Honey, F. G. Raggett, J. R. Williams, H. H. Cook, W. Grant, and others. There were no visitors on this occasion, and the business was not so heavy as is usual in this lodge. Bro. Edwin Frost, of No. 1347, was duly advanced with full and perfect ceremonial. The W.M. offered his services as Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, an offer which was cordially accepted with promises of support. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The customary toasts were severally proposed and responded to, the only one requiring special mention being that of "The Deputy Grand Mark Master, and the Past and Present Officers of Grand Mark Lodge," in response to which Bro. Meggy feelingly alluded to the loss the Order had sustained by the death of Bro. Callender, whose good works, both in Craft and Mark Masonry, were so generally recognised both in the metropolis and in his large and important province. In the nobleman about to be appointed in his stead Bro. Meggy hailed an influential addition to the future prospects of the Mark Degree, and having further expressed his conviction of the earnestness with which the officers of the Grand Lodge endeavoured to perform their duty to the Order, thanked the brethren in the name of his colleagues present for the compliments the W.M. had paid to them. Charity was not forgotten, and on the toast of "The Mark Benevolent Fund" being responded to, the offered Stewardship of the W.M. was gratefully acknowledged. The very enjoyable evening was enlivened by some capital songs, Bro. Cozens presiding with his usual ability and urbanity at the pianoforte, and was brought to a close at a reasonable hour by the Tyler's toast.

Red Cross of Constantine.

COCKERMOUTH.—Dyke's Conclave (No. 36).—A special assembly of this conclave was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the rooms of Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, Market-place, Cockermouth. Em. Sir Knt. R. Robinson, Past Sovereign, was in the throne, in the absence, through continued indisposition of the M.P. Sovereign, Em. Sir Knt. E. W. Henry, M.D. The officers present were: Em. Sir Knts. Rev. W. Beeby, Eusebius; E. Tyson, Senior General; J. L. Paiton, Recorder; W. Shilton, Standard Bearer; Rev. E. M. Rice, High Prelate; W. F. Lamonby, Herald; and others. Em. Sir Knts. J. Pearson and W. Taylor, Past Sovereigns, were likewise present. The only business before the conclave was conferring the grades of Viceroy and Sovereign on Sir Knt. W. F. Lamonby, by special warrant of the Executive Committee of the Grand Imperial Council, in order to enable him to spread the Knightly Order in the Australian colonies, whence he proceeds in the month of April next. The ceremonies were most correctly and impressively performed by the presiding Sovereign, assisted by the other Em. Sir Knights present, and the conclave was duly closed by the newly-enthroned Sovereign.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Mother Kilwinning (No. 0).—The fifth annual re-union of the brethren in Glasgow neighbourhood belonging to the ancient "Mother" was held on Friday evening, the 18th inst., in the hall of St. John's Lodge (No. 33), at 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow. Bro. R. Wylie, P.G.S., Ayrshire, presided, supported to right and left by J. A. Ferguson, P.S.W. 0; J. Thomson, 0; M. Nelson, W.M. 3 1/2; W. Bell, I.P.M. 3 1/2; John Baird, P.M. 3 1/2; and others. Bros. Stodart and Walker, No. 0, officiated as Croupiers, and about 50 brethren sat down to an excellent supper, elegantly purveyed by Bro. C. Galloway, of West Nile-street. Previous to commencing the subsequent proceedings of the evening, the Secretary, Bro. Stodart, read letters of apology for absence from Bros. Sir James Ferguson, Bart. of Kilkerran; W. Montgomery Neilson, W.P.G.M. of Glasgow; and Rev. Bro. Inglis of Kilmaurs, P.G. Chap. of Ayrshire. The Chairman then proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were enthusiastically honoured. In commending that of "The Prince of Wales, G.M.M. of E.," he said that the Prince, as they were all aware, was not only the head of the Craft in England, but was also the patron of Freemasonry in Scotland. He had no doubt that the Prince's visit to India would have a very beneficial effect upon Freemasonry, in that distant part of her Majesty's dominions, in addition to cementing more closely the people of that great empire with the old country. The toast of "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces" having been given by Bro. Stodart (Croupier), and acknowledged

by Bro. Serjt. Reid, the Chairman said they had now got to that part of the programme where what was known as the "chairman's address" came in, but first of all he felt it to be his duty to thank them for honouring him with the position of chairman on that occasion—to preside over the "sons of light" who were cradled in the Mother Lodge Kilwinning. Assembled as they were that night around the social board, drawn together by the most sacred ties of brotherhood, he had chosen as text for his few remarks, "What is Freemasonry?" They were again invited to answer that question by those who had not entered within the portals of the Masonic temple; and, as they were aware, their Order had been assailed and anathematised by the Church of Rome. Well, Freemasonry, as they understood it in these days, had been defined as "a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols—faith, hope, and charity being among its brightest jewels." Its principles were incontrovertible; they were based on the broadest ethical truths; it was founded on the Bible. Freemasonry sought to infuse its members with the spirit of love, charity, and benevolence; to break down the partition wall between class and class. In a Masonic lodge peer and peasant, rich and poor, learned and illiterate, met fraternally on the same level. Freemasonry had been denounced for being a "secret" society; but he held that wherever and whenever secrecy was necessary it was also commendable. But what were those secrets? Remove from Masonry the pass-words, signs, and tokens, and the manner of conferring the degrees, and the whole secrecy of the matter disappeared. The benefits of the Order, however, remained, being reserved for the initiated, who contributed to its support; and its cosmopolitan language was used only as a sign and test of brotherhood. Having referred to the olden times, when Masonry was exclusively a guild society, when none but operative Masons were admitted to enjoy its privileges, the Chairman said it was worthy of remark that the Lodge Glasgow St. John, within whose walls they were highly privileged to meet that evening, was the last to give up this ancient character. Within that time-honoured lodge non-operatives were not admitted until so recently as the year 1842, and not till the year 1850 did they see fit to join themselves with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. In concluding his remarks the Chairman said that the Freemasons did what in them lay to aid in healing dissensions, and in bringing good and honest men into one indissoluble brotherhood. The door of a Masonic lodge was open to every man of "good report," irrespective of his religious or political creed. Notwithstanding all that had been said by the uninitiated against Freemasonry, and he admitted that, like all merely human institutions, it was not perfect—the fraternity seemed in a fair way of becoming co-extensive with terra firma. It was a somewhat tite saying that "the sun never sets on the British dominions"—an apt and forcible illustration of the wide distribution of their Order. Lodges had been formed in all the great geographical divisions of the world—in Europe, Asia, China, along the coast of Africa, the two Americas, and Australia. Hence they might truly say that in almost every clime there was a lodge, and in every lodge a band of brethren—thereby doing somewhat to hasten the time of which our national poet prophesied—

When man to man, the world o'er,
Shall brothers be and a' that.

The chairman resumed his seat amid much applause. The toast of "The Province of Glasgow" was given by Bro. Thomson, and responded to by Bro. John Baird, P.G.S.M. The latter said he felt exceedingly sorry that the P.G.M., Bro. Neilson had not been able to be with them that night. He could assure them, however, that he (the P.G.M.) had been much successful in promoting and maintaining the cause of Masonry in Glasgow. That he had been successful was shown by the fact that there were now some 26 or 27 lodges within the province, and that, at the last visitation of them by the P.G.L., every one of them was found to be in a promising condition. The prosperous condition of the P.G.L. itself was shown by their now being able to give away regularly a large amount in charity. Before sitting down, Bro. Baird begged to propose the toast of "Mother Kilwinning." In so doing he remarked that it certainly did seem strange that in every country in the globe the name of Mother Kilwinning should be known. Such was the case, however, and that its prosperity might yet more increase, and its borders be extended in time to come, was the wish not only of those present, but in every quarter where Masonry was known. The toast was acknowledged in brief but fitting terms by Bro. Ferguson, P.S.W. Amongst the other toasts were "Lodge St. John, No. 33," by the Chairman, coupled with the name of Bro. D. M. Nelson, W.M. of St. John, and by him ably acknowledged; "Visiting Brethren," responded to by Bro. Brownlie, Lodge St. John; "The Chairman," by Bro. Wm. Bell, I.P.M., No. 3, &c. The programme, we may just add, was abundantly interspersed with song and recitation, and the fifth re-union of the Glasgow sons of the Ancient Mother was an unquestionable success.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Thistle and Rose (No. 73).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday evening, the 15th inst., Bro. G. McDonald, W.M., presiding; A. McLeod, S.W.; J. F. Hanbridge, J.W.; F. Stewart, P.M.; Ampleford, Treas.; and Richards, Sec. On the minutes having been read and confirmed, £3 was voted out of the funds of the lodge to the widow of a late brother, and £1 to a brother in poor circumstances. A brother was then passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, and Bro. A. Abrahams raised to the Sublim. Degree of Master Mason by the W.M. in his usual able manner.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. Clair (No. 362).—At the meeting of this lodge, held in the M.H., 25, Robertson-street, on Monday evening, 14th inst., Bro. W. Hogg was in the chair, supported by G. Thallon, I.P.M.; H. Mair,

P.M., and No. 216, Lodge Harmonic, Liverpool, E.C.; A. Rutherford, S.W.; C. Galletly, J.W.; G. Fraser, Sec.; W. Pascoe, Treas.; M. Fox, J.D.; A. Taylor, Org.; Capt. J. Gray, and Warnock, Tyler. Among the visiting brethren we noticed Bros. J. Callen, S.W. 116; J. W. Harris, S.; J. M. Walters, 17; J. Bell, 116; Jos. Callen, 116; F. Price, 116; D. Robertson, 247; G. Fiadlater, 458; D. Dorg, 553; and Ferguson ("Freemason"). On the lodge being opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, a committee of seven were appointed to revise the bye-laws. Bros. A. Rutherford, jun., and J. Brown were then raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by the W.M. The business being over, Bro. Mair, P.M., said he had much pleasure in being present that night with the members of the lodge, after an absence of about fourteen years in England, and was well pleased to see the lodge of which he was a P.M. in such a prosperous condition, and complimented the W.M. on his excellent working of the Third Degree. He would have much pleasure in being present with them at their annual festival on the 25th inst.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. George (No. 333).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, Bro. A. Thomson, W.M., presiding, ably supported by Bros. J. Forsyth, S.W.; R. Anderson, J.W.; J. McFarlane, D.M.; J. Findlay, S.M.; A. Dunn, Treas.; A. McIntyre, Sec.; J. Clark, Chap.; Adam Boyd, S.D.; T. Hill, J.D.; and A. Wright, I.G. The Secretary read minutes of last regular meeting, which were approved of. A subscription was then raised on behalf of the Fraser Testimonial. Messrs. R. A. Grandison, J. Findlay, and J. Robertson were initiated into the First Degree by Bro. J. Findlay, S.M. Bros. J. K. Adams, J. Cormack, and R. Hunter were passed to the Second Degree, which was again ably gone through by Bro. Findlay, S.M.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Caledonian Railway (No. 354).—At the regular meeting of this lodge, held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on Wednesday evening, 2nd inst., Bro. A. Arrick Smith, P.M., in the chair; Bros. A. B. Ferguson, S.W., and John Harley, J.W. Present: Bros. D. Buchanan, D.M.; R. S. McLean, Secretary; Daniel Leitch, S.D.; James Harley, J.D.; Colin McKenzie, Jeweller; John Fraser, P.M. 87; David Reid, I.P.M. 405; Peter Brownlie, J.W. 34; George B. Davidson, S.W. 405; William Ferguson, P.M. ("Freemason"); A. R. Wilson, Chaplain 27; Daniel Cameron, 180 (Oban); and a large number of other visiting brethren and members of the lodge. Messrs. T. Stark, Writer, and W. McIlwraith, architect, were admitted and received the Entered Apprentice Degree at the hands of Bro. D. Reid, I.P.M. No. 465, in a very able and accurate manner. The annual festival of the lodge is to take place on the 8th March, in Bro. Thornton's Restaurant, Argyle-street. The next business before the meeting was installing into office the officers elected at last meeting. On account of Bro. Shaw's resignation as W.M. the ceremony was ably gone through by Bro. A. A. Smith, P.M., assisted by Bro. John Fraser, P.M. No. 87. The following were installed:—Bros. A. B. Ferguson, S.W., as W.M.; J. Harley, J.W., as S.W.; Colin McKenzie, Jeweller, as J.W.; and J. Reid to the office of Jeweller. The lodge was then called to refreshment and put under the care of Bro. McKenzie, J.W., and after a most enjoyable evening was closed.

SPRINGBURN.—Lodge Kenmuir (No. 570).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their M.H., Springburn, on Thursday evening, the 10th inst., Bro. R. Aikman, W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. J. Law, I.P.M.; J. Rennie, D.M.; G. Dalglish, S.M.; J. Mark, S.W.; W. Reid, J.W.; J. Sharp, Treas.; D. Russell, Sec.; J. Millar, J.D.; and others. Among the visiting brethren we noticed Bros. J. Morgan, W.M. 219; W. B. Stewart, 219; G. W. Wheeler, 73; Reddie Currie, 73; R. Gardner, 178; J. Allan, D.M. 28; J. Wilson, 384; W. Ferguson ("Freemason"); and a large number of others. The Secretary read minutes of last meeting, which were approved of. Bro. W. Reid, J.W., presented the lodge with a very handsome sword, and the W.M. moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Reid, which was heartily responded to. Mr. J. McCallum was initiated by Bro. Aikman, W.M., into the First Degree, and Bro. W. Buchanan was raised by Bro. W. Ferguson, I.P.M. 543. The bye-laws, as drawn up by the committee appointed for that purpose, were read for the first time, after which the lodge was closed.

ARDROSSAN.—Lodge Neptune Kilwinning (No. 442).—On Friday evening, 4th inst., the members of this lodge held an out-door demonstration, which was followed by a supper and a ball in the Eglinton Arms Hotel, Ardrossan. About seven o'clock the procession was formed at the lodge-room, Princes Lane (North), and, headed by the band of the Ardrossan Artillery Volunteers, the brethren, dressed in their regalia, marched through the principal streets, carrying several handsome banners. The weather was very fine, and the procession, which was lighted by a number of torches, attracted considerable attention from the large number of spectators who turned out to witness it. About eight o'clock upwards of eighty ladies and gentlemen sat down to an excellent supper in the Eglinton Arms, served up in Mr. McKenzie's usual good style. The room was tastefully decorated with evergreens, choice plants being also placed upon the tables. The chair was occupied by P.M. Bro. J. Robertson, who was supported right and left by D.M. Bros. J. Robertson; H. Boyd, W. Wyllie, Chaplain. The Croupiers were Bros. W. Ross, Treas.; and Thos. McNidder, Sec. Apologies were read from the W.M., Bro. F. Goodwin, who was absent owing to ill-health; Provost Barr, and Bro. D. Goodwin. After supper, the Chairman gave "The Queen," and also "The Grand Lodges of Scotland, England, and Ireland," "Prosperity to the Ardrossan Neptune Kilwinning, No. 442," and "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Francis Goodwin." Bro. McNidder suitably proposed

"The Health of P.M. Robertson." The Chairman, in response, said it was always a pleasure to him to meet with his fellow Craftsmen, and he was willing to do anything he could for the good of the lodge. The Chairman gave "The Town and Port of Ardrossan," and regretted the absence of Provost Barr. He coupled with the toast the name of Acting P.M. Bro. Hugh Boyd. Bro. Boyd briefly replied. "The Health of the Deputy and Substitute Masters" was then given from the chair, and acknowledged by Bro. John Robertson; also "The Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. W. Reid and A. Bell," replied to by Bro. Reid. The Chairman said he had great pleasure in proposing "The Health of the Secretary and Treasurer." Bro. W. Ross replied. The Chairman next gave "The Deacons and Stewards" Senior Steward, Bro. W. Marshall replied. The Chairman proposed "The Absent Seafaring Brethren." "The Young Brethren" was replied to by Bro. Mulholland. Bro. Captain Crawford gave "The Ladies," which was replied to by Bro. D. Fullarton. The concluding toast was "Happy to meet," &c. Some excellent songs and duets were contributed by Miss Stewart, Messrs. W. Reid, W. Wyllie, A. Bell, Scott, Hope, John Robertson, and Trodden. The room was afterwards cleared for dancing, which was kept up with great spirit till an early hour by the brethren and their fair partners, when they separated, highly pleased with the meeting. Bro. J. Robertson officiated as M.C. The music was supplied by the Messrs. Wyllie, Kilwinning.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Clydesdale (No. 556).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Rose-street, S.S., on Tuesday evening, 8th inst. Bro. T. Phillips, W.M., presiding; Bro. J. McNaught, S.W., and Bro. T. Phillips, J.W. The W.M. was supported on the dais by Bros. H. McCulloch, D.M.; J. Boyle, S.M.; G. B. Yuill, Sec.; J. McKechnie, Treas.; F. Webster, Chaplain; J. Miller, P.M. 87; and W. Ferguson ("Freemason"). Present: Bros. P. Young, S.D.; J. McMillan, J.D.; W. Simpson, S.S.; and J. McMillan, J.S. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. A proof sheet of new bye-laws was handed to each member for perusal, said laws to be read and adopted at next regular meeting, with alterations, if any. Members were then served with tickets for annual festival, which is to take place on Friday, the 18th inst., in the Hall, Rose-street. Bros. W. Banks, G. McVean, W. S. Grogans, and W. Squires were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by Bro. Ferguson. The lodge was then called to refreshment, when the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Lodges, and Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," were heartily responded to. "The Press," proposed by the W.M. Bro. Ferguson ("Freemason") replied. During the evening a deputation from Royal Arch Lodge, No. 116, was received, headed by Bro. Ferguson, I.P.M.

Reports of Lodges 33, 354, 543, 556, and 571 stand over.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE. No. 1589.

The St. Dunstan's Lodge, No. 1589, was consecrated yesterday week at Anderton's Hotel. The lodge was established by brethren who are parishioners of St. Dunstan's in the West, and to parishioners alone it is intended to confine membership. There is a strong body of Freemasons in the parish, and it is believed there will be no difficulty in getting the lodge well supported. The ceremony of consecration was ably performed, and if the music had been good would have been unexceptionable. From the Consecrating Master to the Inner Guard, all the officers were perfect in their duties, and the Chaplain delivered an oration which for its practical bearing could not be surpassed. The lodge was consecrated by Bro. James Terry, Grand Director of Ceremonies Herts, the other officers being filled as follows:—J. C. Dwarber, W.M. 1589; W. Wellsman, S.W. 1519; H. W. Dalwood, J.W. 1586; W. Maxwell, I.P.M. 1589; W. M. Praed, Treas. 1589; A. Tisley, Sec. 1589; J. H. Dodson, S.D. 1589; T. A. Woodbridge, I.G. 1589; H. Green, 1589; L. H. Williams, 1589; J. Gilbert, Tyler; J. Terry, Cons. Officer; Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G.C.; R. W. Little, Prov. G.S.W. Middlesex; R. W. Williams, Org., J.W. 1275, &c.; J. Smith, P.G.P.; E. P. Albert, A.G.P.; J. D. Blake, W.M. 8; J. T. Robertson, W.M. 55; F. W. Pamplion, W.M. 91 and 858; A. Treadwell, W.M. 177; W. Wallington, W.M. 860; R. N. Field, W.M. 902; H. J. Green, W.M. 1538; G. Campion, P.M. 19; E. C. Mather, P.M. 23; J. Shepherd, P.M. 27, 201; C. B. Payne, P.M. 27; G. Tyler; Alderman S. C. Hadley, P.M. 55; J. W. Dosell, P.M. 55, 463; P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; H. Webb, P.M. 72, 193, 890; E. Dodson, P.M. 72; E. W. Mackney, P.M. 134; M. L. Alexander, P.M. 188; S. Webb, 193, 1217; A. P. Leonard, P.M. 619 1207; H. Massey, P.M. 619 ("Freemason"); Worthington, P.M. 834, 858; J. Shuter, P.M. 858; W. Hurlstone, P.M. 862; W. H. Lee, P.M. 1524; Rev. G. R. Purefoy Colles, LL.D., P.P.G.C. Oxon; C. J. Singleton, J.W. 858; W. Brodie, J.W. 1254; H. W. Green, S.D. 108; H. W. Nevill, 55; A. Scard, 177; Langdon Davis, 181; L. Jeffries, 720; W. G. Dickins, 860; J. Jones, 860; Scotter, 22; E. T. Coppinger, 033; G. H. Mason, 67; E. D. Maddock, 71. The lodge having been opened, and the ceremony completed down to the point where the Chaplain delivered the oration.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., rose and said—I believe it is the usual custom on these occasions to deliver what is called in our language an oration, and it is also very common, I believe, for the officiating Chaplain to deliver that oration from a written document and at some length. I hope I may not be considered disrespectful to this lodge if I break through the usual custom observed on these occasions, and if I merely give you a few thought

occurring to a brother Mason, of my heart and mind, as it may occur to me, for a very few minutes on the nature and principles of the Institution of which the present lodge is a branch, the latest in the Order. Brethren, I do this on more accounts than one. Time is, with us in London, as you all know, a valuable thing, and I am sorry to say of late mine has been taken up in such a manner as not to admit of my giving more thought to this subject, but I feel that long apologies are unnecessary in one sense, because I see myself surrounded by Masons who, I have no doubt, are more experienced by far than myself, and are quite as sensible as, or more sensible than, I am of the nature, duties, and principles of that Order to which we have the honour and happiness to belong. Though numbering now eight and twenty years as a Mason I feel that there are many Masons present in this room to whom I need say little to impress upon them and upon myself (for I always in speaking to my brethren in whatever capacity I may have occupied, feel that I am also addressing myself) the principles of Freemasonry. Brethren, in the first place, it is very natural that I should recur for a moment to that which has often been probably brought to your notice—I mean the manner in which the ceremonies and working of our lodges should be conducted. I have in the long period during which I have had the privilege of being a Mason been present at many lodges both in the north and south of England, and it has been my good fortune to be present upon many occasions on which the ceremonies of our Order have been beautifully and admirably, and solemnly conducted; and I have no hesitation in saying that the conduct of those ceremonies in such a manner has tended very materially, not only to impress upon the brethren the desirability of accuracy and well doing in whatever they take in hand—which is an excellent lesson for life in general—but that the well conducting of those ceremonies has had a very material effect in conveying to the brethren the glorious principles which those ceremonies so eloquently embody. Brethren, it has been my misfortune too, to be present in lodges where the ceremonies have been done in what I will say, not is very elegant, but in very expressive phrase, a very slipshod manner; and when done so, I need scarcely say that they have exposed our venerable Order, not merely to the ill repute of being unequal to its office, but have positively brought it into ridicule. The effect of a grand ceremony badly done is in my opinion far worse than if no ceremony was done at all; it leaves the mind of the hearers in a most unsatisfactory state, and that which was to be held up to veneration becomes a matter of ludicrous comment. It is related of a great archbishop of Milan, when passing through the galleries of one of the great painters in Florence, surrounded by a magnificent retinue, and clad in his robes of office, that the students occupying the galleries looked up with veneration and admiration to the great prelate. But unhappily he paused before one picture, and thinking he understood painting as well as ecclesiastical authority and learning, gave unhappily a comment which turned the awe and admiration of the students into a loud burst of laughter; in fact, their veneration was converted into ridicule at the ludicrous attempt to express an opinion on the subject of which the archbishop was ignorant. So it is with our ceremonies when ill done; and I hope, brethren, that this lodge may follow the example of, and may emulate, the Emulation Lodge, in endeavouring to carry out the ceremonies of our Order in that accurate and solemn manner, which befits the high principles embodied in them, and which, as I have said before, conveys such deep lessons to us all. And, brethren, let me also say that not only in the lodge but out of it, must we endeavour to carry out the principles which we more or less pledge ourselves to, by being associated thus together. We must remember that all signs that have not something signified in them are empty signs, and that when we adopt those signs, those symbols, those high principles which they embody without carrying them out into action, we are like the form of ourselves without its life, which is simply dead to everything around. I am quite sure that in the present day, as a great statesman within a few days or a few hours has stated in regard to the great City Companies of London, I am quite satisfied that Freemasonry is on its trial at this hour, as a great body of men who profess certain principles. And of course I need scarcely say to the brethren that recent circumstances over which we all rejoice have brought out Freemasonry into the foreground more than ever in its history, and if a multitude of men seek to join our lodges let us see that those men be worthy of our choice; let us see that they be men that shall illustrate the annals of Freemasonry in modern days, and be able to hand down to future generations the best heritage in the world, the value of a good example and an honest name. I feel quite sure that in proportion as we carry out the principles of our Order, so will it be raised in the eyes of mankind; so will men wish to join it, not for any mercenary object, nay, not for any animal object; but for the highest, the best, the noblest objects that can possibly exalt humanity, viz., Glory to God, the Great Architect of the Universe, and blessing to our fellow men, made by God, as well as we ourselves in the Divine image. It is in this way that we shall raise our Order, and that we shall in proportion become independent, sir, of the sneers of faction, come from what quarter they may, and of the ridicule of men however high in authority. Whatever that authority may be we shall be able to give the quiet, calm denial of a good and steady example; and when, perhaps, men attempt to quote ancient times, and refer to names of men who have flourished in history, whether in Church or State, we may be able to show on our rolls a number of men who have not said, *Let there be no light*; but who, following the Great Architect of the Universe when he brought into existence this planet on which we live, proclaimed aloud, *Let there be light*. *Let there be light on our business*; let there be light on our devotions;

let there be light on all the transactions of our lives; nay let there be light upon our very recreations, so that we need not fear that Allseeing Eye; and when we fear not that we need fear no scrutiny of man—poor man! so that whether our lodge be meeting in one place or another, whether we be under one name or another, ancient or modern, let us seek to carry out that glorious motto so often sung in our lodges, "Let there be light." This lodge, as you know, brethren, rejoices in the name of the ancient saint, which distinguished this ancient parish. Let us seek now in our generation to preserve the blessings that have been handed down to us, and without in the slightest degree reflecting upon those who in former and in darker times had not the same advantages as ourselves, let us by God's blessing seek to use the blessings we possess, and not only proclaim *Let there be light*, but live as the sons of light. (Applause.)

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and at the conclusion of the consecration Bro. John Charlton Dwarber, P.M. No. 55, was installed by Bro. Terry as Master of the lodge in the presence of 31 Past Masters. The officers invested were Bros. Walter Wellsman, S.W.; H. W. Dalwood, J.W.; Winthrop Mackworth Praed, Treasurer (unanimously elected); J. Tisley, Secretary; John Dodson, S.D. (Junior Deacon to be chosen at next meeting); Woodbridge, I.G.; John Gilbert, Tyler; and Bro. W. Maxwell, P.M. No. 8, was invested as I.P.M. Bro. Wellsman moved, and Bro. Dalwood seconded, a vote of thanks to and the election as honorary members of the lodge of Bros. Terry, R. J. Simpson, R. W. Little, Joseph Smith, and E. P. Albert, which was unanimously carried; and Bros. Terry, Simpson, Smith, and Little having acknowledged the compliment, propositions for initiation and joining were taken, and the lodge was closed. A very choice banquet was afterwards provided by Bro. Clemow, the serving of which was admirably superintended by Bro. Smith, the manager of Anderton's Hotel. When this had been partaken of the toasts were proposed in due course. After proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," in which the W.M. alluded to Her Majesty as the daughter of a Mason, and a patroness of the Masonic Institutions, he proceeded with the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," and after regretting His Royal Highness's absence, said that so important a Craft deserved, and it was necessary that it should have, a strong head and a firm hold, and these it could never have if its members did not feel respect and love for those who ruled over it. Fortunately this was the case with respect to the Prince of Wales and the brethren of the Order, for the Prince of Wales was most popular in the Craft, who were fortunate in having such an enthusiastic Mason to rule over them. "The Pro Grand Master, the D.G.M., &c.," were represented by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., who responded. In the course of his observations, wherein he said that he was not returning thanks merely as a matter of form for brethren whom he was bound to reply for, but really for brethren who deserved and had obtained the respect of the Craft, he expressed much pleasure at the establishment of St. Dunstan's Lodge. He thought it was one more link in the chain of brotherhood, which at the present time was a very important thing; important on two grounds, first, constitutionally, secondly, socially—constitutionally, because he felt that Masons represented that beautiful harmony that should exist between order and freedom, which probably was scarcely possessed by any other body which he was acquainted with. It hit a happy medium which brought down from the throne to the peasant the idea that while we were perfectly free, while we had light to be thrown upon all things, there was to be respect for authority, for order, and for all those things which alone could make society hold together in times of considerable danger. Again, he regarded it as a wonderful agency socially; for, while we were divided as men by many things—by religious opinions, by political opinions, by private quarrels, by differences of tastes, by the thousand other things which acted upon us as men—Masonry seemed, in the order of God's Providence, to bring us together and link us in such bonds that we began to consider how we might best agree, and how those sharp corners which continually rubbed against us in the busy affairs of life might be toned down with the pumice stone of brotherly love till we were bound together. (Hear, hear.) Therefore, he thought it was a happy idea that parishes—those ancient divisions which God protect in this land—should have their lodges. Next to the family unit came the parochial unit in England; and whatever might be their opinions on other subjects, let them never give up that. He was glad to find Masonry backing up the idea; and as long as they had good and worthy men among them who were acting in the legal divisions of parishes might they hope that Masonry would unite them in another bond, in religions, in political and in social life, in everything which might lead to their happiness as men, and that might produce at last that best of all, happiness for which good men ever looked.

Alderman Hadley also replied.

The W.M. next gave "The Consecrating Officers," and in reference to Bro. Terry, said that when that brother called on him some years ago for a subscription for the Benevolent Institution he was so struck with him that he could not help telling Bro. Dwarber after Bro. Terry had gone that the old men and women would never starve while Bro. Terry collected the money for them. Regarding the ceremonies of the day he would only say that they had been most ably rendered by all the consecrating officers.

Bro. Terry replied, thanking the W.M. for the flattering terms he had used, and stating that it had given him great pleasure to perform the ceremonies. All the consecrating officers might congratulate themselves that the St. Dunstan's Lodge had started under such favourable auspices. Bro. Terry then proposed "The Health of the W.M." The brethren had not placed in the chair a bro-

ther incapable of performing his duties, for they had themselves witnessed what he could do when he invested his officers. Under his rule might St. Dunstan's Lodge progress.

The W.M., in reply, said that since he had been a Mason he had endeavoured to do his work earnestly, properly, and well. He had not lived to the age of sixty years without knowing that it was perfectly impossible for the best man, however animated he might be by the most righteous intentions to please his brethren, to succeed in doing so. In his time he had found men go away from him, but ultimately come back to him, which was a great triumph, and this he said without any desire to be ostentatious. At times you could not act as men wished, simply from your own honest convictions, but that was no reason why they should not be friends. He quite agreed with the Chaplain's remarks about parochial connections. Before starting this lodge, it occurred to him that he was living in a neighbourhood which was the very hotbed and nucleus of Freemasonry; they were in the very centre of Freemasons, where they had been inactive for a certain number of years. The Masonry there was lying dormant, and only wanted reviving. He knew it, and those who acted with him knew it, and his desire was to resuscitate it, and to bring it into usefulness. There was no greater mischief surrounding the parochial system than that of not knowing each other; and after living near one another for a long time, we often asked the question when we became acquainted, Why did not we know each other before? Much misrepresentation was removed by such knowledge; and we blamed ourselves frequently for not being the first to speak. Now, Masonry unsealed all this reticence, and in that parish he wanted to bring Masonry into play. He wanted to make the lodge a lodge of usefulness. The parish was one in which he had spent his best years, formed his dearest affections, where he was married, where his children had been born, and where he hoped to die. His heart went with this lodge, and his best efforts would be used to make it serve the objects for which it was promoted. After giving "The Visitors," the W.M. gave "The Charities," for which Bro. Little replied; "The Treasurer and Secretary" followed, Bro. Tisley responding. Bros. Wellsman and Dalwood replied for "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded the evening, which was enlivened by some beautiful singing and music by Bros. E. W. Mackney and Webb.

THE PROPOSED SCOTTISH MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION. A SECOND APPEAL.

To you my Scottish brethren of "the Mystic Tie" I must once more appeal. The year before last I issued to all lodges and chapters, &c., a scheme for a "Benevolent Institution for Scotland," embracing the three branches, viz., Schools for Boys, Schools for Girls, Asylums and Annuities for Widows and Aged, together with an advanced scheme for students, at the several Universities. I need not here further recapitulate.

The scheme is patronized by most of the Grand Office-bearers; a greater part of the Provincial Grand Masters. There are numerous representatives scattered throughout Scotland, a list of whom will again shortly be published in the "Freemason;" surely then we must suffer no more time to elapse, we must put our shoulders to the wheel and prove that we are Masons in deed, as well as in name.

Do not, my brethren, hang back for others to lead, be the leaders yourselves; and though late in the field—though other countries are now before us—let us make up for lost time, and provide for the wants of those daily, yes hourly, crying to us for aid. Picture to yourselves your aged brethren reduced by no fault of their own to dire penury, perhaps without even a crust of bread to allay their fierce hunger. Think of the widows and orphans, who having lost their bread winners have been reduced from comparative comfort to abject misery and want. Let not their cry go up in vain; come forward like honest men and Masons to the best of your ability, and soothe these aching hearts. Now is the time, while yet you are able, ere the fall season arrives when you yourselves may be in such evil plight; you know not what a day may bring forth. Soon, ay too soon, their lot may be yours.

Brethren of Scotland, I have taken this opportunity to address you, as it seems very appropriate; the year is yet young, and from the the Sister Kingdoms already bright auguries of the future are presenting themselves.

Many of you will remember that last year (while traversing Scotland in behalf of this scheme) I was enabled to lay before you the returns of the English, the Irish, and many foreign institutions of a similar character. At that time I was able to inform you of the wondrous deeds of the small country of Sweden and Norway, small in population (4,297,972 according to census of 1873). Another bright point I was able particularly to emphasize, viz., the three great English charities which that time had received over £28,000 for the year, collectively, this amount far in excess of former years. Still even this magnificent donation was considered inadequate to the demand, and all well-wishers, all true Masons, were earnestly solicited to help. One answer has been given, and a worthy one.

I have before me the account of the anniversary of the Benevolent Institution "for Widows and Aged," this year a glorious total, over £9000 and lists yet to come in, an increase of £2000 over last year. May the Great Architect grant that this steady increase in one branch alone, may be permitted to the other two yet to come in.

I would mention one other fact. Lancashire, two simple provinces, after proceeding for their own special Institutions, has given over £1500 to this one fund also; Lancashire and Scotland are much alike in population and general wealth—surely then Scotland could give at least £3000 to the combined institutions. Every facility will be given to the poorest to contribute their mite.

I have no fear that you will respond to me in behalf of the widows and aged, but I have heard the question raised, schools! Why more schools? Education is compulsory, and ratepayers have to provide for those who cannot afford this luxury; true, most true; but I would ask then, how are these poor orphans to be fed, clothed, and properly brought up; are they to live a street arab life till the Board Officer finds them and roughly takes them to the nearest school? Does the education act provide food, clothing, and decent God-fearing homes for these poor wretches? No, brethren, no? Fancy yourselves by illness, or other cause, reduced to want (you the breadwinner may die suddenly) and your poor widow is left without a single hope of relief, left I say, to maintain her helpless children; are these children to herd with the lowest, perhaps, the criminal classes? No, brethren, no. We as Masons hope for much more, we hope to receive these poor children in a true home, free from contamination with vice, to educate, to support, to feed, to clothe, and to house them, and when they are thrown upon the wide world to earn their own living; they may bless their benefactors, and strive to show by blameless lives, that they appreciate the good that has been instilled into them, and maintain the good character and God-fearing habits in which they have been reared and brought up.

I may say that I am not unacquainted with our existing Masonic Schools, I know the good they do and for years they have done, and I feel assured that all those equally or better informed than myself will endorse my statements.

Come forward then, my Scottish Brethren, or our colonies will distance us in the race, already I have letters from distant lands seeking to give a helping hand (the colonists are no niggards) what they have earned with the sweat of their brow, they are ready and willing to give; think brethren of your duties, your solemn duties as Masons! Remember the hour when you were admitted into Masonry! Consider the glorious words then uttered! Do what you then solemnly promised! Above all remember those blessed words of Scripture, "Blessed is he that gives as well as him that receives."

GEO. R. HARRIOTT,

Prov. G.M. Wigtown and Kirkcudbrightshire.

February 14, 1876.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday, in the library, Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, V.P., in the chair. There were also present Bros. John Boyd, Benj. Head, H. Browse, W. Roubuck, Dudley Rolls, R. Kenyon, Col. Creaton, Thomas Massa, De. Hamsey, Walter Wellman, H. A. Dubois, A. H. Tattershall, H. Massey ("Freemason"), Robert B. Webster, F. G. Baker, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, H. Phythian, Richard Spencer and R. Wentworth Little, (Secretary.)

Col. Creaton brought on his motion for increasing the Secretary's salary £50 a year. As a brother who saw a great deal of the working of the institution, he could say that Bro. Little had always given the greatest satisfaction. It was unnecessary for him to say more, as the brethren knew as well as he did what the services of the Secretary were. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Tattershall seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. Col. Creaton then moved the addition of £20 a year to the salary of Bro. Hedges, the chief clerk in the office. Bro. Little gave him a very high character, both for attention to his duties and ability in the performance of them. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Tattershall seconded the motion, which was then put and carried unanimously.

Bro. Little having been called in, the Chairman, addressing him, said that the increase had been unanimously carried, and all the brethren considered he deserved it.

Bro. Little thanked the brethren for their kindness, and said that although his health had not been all he would have desired for a few months, yet the interests of the institution had not suffered thereby. What the brethren had done would act as a stimulus to still further exertions on his part. He also thanked the brethren on behalf of Bro. Hedges.

Two candidates were placed on the list for election in April next, and the committee then adjourned.

ST. JAMES'S UNION LODGE BALL.

The fourteenth annual ball of the above lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Thurs., the 10th, and was attended by a large number of brethren and their ladies.

Dancing commenced at half-past nine with a goodly muster. Coote and Timney's excellent and justly famed band of sixteen performed, with their usual spirited gusto, the admirable programme prepared for the occasion, Bro. Jarvis acting with indefatigable zeal the office of M.C. Nearly 300 ladies and gentlemen answered the invitation of the Stewards, who left nothing wanting for their guests' enjoyment. A sumptuous supper was served in the Crown and Sussex Rooms, presided over respectively by Bros. Parsons and Staden, Bubb and Smith, the usual toasts on such occasions being given and responded to with admirable brevity. Dancing being resumed, was continued with great spirit, and it had turned half-past four before the last dance closed one of the most successful of these annual festivities.

Appended is the list of Stewards:—Bros. W. C. Parsons, I.P.M., President; A. W. Staden, Vice-President; G. Bubb, P.M., Treasurer; J. Gillard, W.M.; A. Amett, J.W.; S. Smith, S.D., W.S.; E. S. Harrison, J.D.; E. Farwig, I.G.; W. Stallard, W.S.; J. W. Stacey, D.C.; H. A. Stacey, P.M.; J. Miles, P.J.D.; A. Hays, R. Rickards, J. A. Hussey, J. Wood, J. Atkin, W. H. Baker, W. H. C. Sharpe, A. Pinto Leite, L. B. Pillin, J.W., Hon. Sec.

APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE, NO. 357.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the University Masonic Hall, Oxford. Bro. Cave Brown Cave, P.M., presided at the opening, and raised Bros. Barrow, Batchelor, Bingley, Childen, Kemp, Neave, Sichel and Tomlin.

Bro. Rev. David Thomas, Past Prov. Grand Chaplain of Glamorganshire, late Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford, Lord Ramsay, and Bro. J. R. Izat were elected as joining members. At three o'clock the W.M., Bro. the Rev. H. A. Pickard, presided, and raised Bros. Sankey and Swithinbank, in which he was assisted by Prince Leopold, S.W. After this the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Pickard.

Among the distinguished brethren present were the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Lord De' Tabley, Lord Methuen, Colonel Burdett, Bros. R. J. Spiers, Reginald Bird, J. B. Monckton, Revs. C. J. Martin, Walter F. Scott, T. F. Ravenshaw, Bro. McIntyre, Q.C.; Captain Phillips, Major Shadwell Clerke, Colonel Adair, Bro. Victor Williamson, Rev. R. K. Bedford, and Past Masters of the Lodge Trywhitt, Dallin, and Bro. Cave Brown Cave. Bro. H. Massey represented the "Freemason." The Prince was attended by the Controller of his Household, Bro. Collins, C.B., and his Equerry-in-waiting, the Hon. Alex. Yorke. The Immediate Past Master of the lodge, Bro. F. P. Morrell, presented Prince Leopold to the Master, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The Worshipful Master then duly installed him, in the presence of a board of Installed Masters, numbering 36 brethren. The Prince showed his proficiency as a student of Freemasonry, and invested his officers for the year as follows:—Bros. Rev. R. W. M. Pope, Deputy Master; Williamson, Senior Warden; the Rev. L. K. Hilton, Senior Chaplain; the Rev. E. D. Whitmarsh, Junior Chaplain; Reginald Bird, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Oxford, Vice-Principal of Magdalen College, Treasurer of the lodge; J. C. Bodley, of Balliol College, Senior Secretary; Paget, Christ Church, Junior Secretary; W. M. Clencross, Christ Church, Senior Deacon; Drummond, Christ Church, Junior Deacon; Bros. Gordon Campbell, F. Hedges, Gandy, Maxwell, Douglas Campbell (of Blythwood), and Janson, Master of Ceremonies; Gandell, Inner Guard; Parratt, Organist of Magdalen College, Organist of the lodge; the Rev. H. Deane, Vicar of St. John's, and Bros. Tuke, Weatherley, Knollys, Berrington, La Terrier, Gerard, Leigh, Grenfell, Symonds, W. Little, Stewards; and George Norwood, Tyler. His Royal Highness then rose to close the lodge, when five propositions were given in for initiations, and the "hearty good wishes" were expressed by Lord Methuen, from Wiltshire; by Lord Shrewsbury, from Staffordshire; by Colonel Campbell of Blythwood, from Renfrewshire; by Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., from Grand Lodge; by Lord de Tabley, from Cheshire; by Colonel Burdett, from Ireland and Middlesex; by Colonel Adair, from Worcestershire; by Bro. J. N. Palmer, from Hants and the Isle of Wight; by Bro. J. B. Monckton, from the Board of General Purposes; by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, from Suffolk; and by a long list of other brethren, among them being Bro. Reginald Bird, representing the Province of Oxfordshire. Lodge was then closed, and a banquet at the Clarendon Hotel followed, presided over by the Prince; after which the usual toasts were proposed.

The W.M., in giving the first toast, said,—Brethren, I rise to propose to you the toast dearest to all loyal subjects, and particularly to all Masons. Though it is one requiring no comment, we will drink it with no less enthusiasm. Brethren, I give you "The Queen and the Craft."

The toast was followed by "God save the Queen."

The W.M. then rose and said,—Brethren: I rise with the greatest pleasure to give you the toast next in order, but equally important with the one we have just drunk. It is that of "The Grand Master of England." (Applause.) As to all Englishmen the reception of the Prince of Wales in India has been particularly gratifying, so all Masons must feel especially gratifying the

tribute of loyalty paid to our Grand Master in India by the Craft. (Hear, hear.) While drinking our Grand Master's health, let us unite, brethren, in wishing him a safe and speedy return! (Cheers.) Brethren, I give you the toast of "Our Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

This toast was followed by the singing of "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The W.M. again rose and said: I will now, brethren, give you the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Officers of Grand Lodge, Past and Present." We, members of the Apollo, can recal with just pride that the two first officers I have named were initiated in this lodge, and both are members of it. Nor need I remind you that they are not the only representatives of Grand Lodge whom the Apollo can boast of. We hope to see the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master at the ceremony to-morrow. In the meanwhile I assure you that they regret no less than we do their inability to be here with us this evening. I couple with this toast the name of the Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire, Lord Methuen.

Lord Methuen replied, and apologized to Grand Lodge for being so badly represented in an elocutionary point of view by him. If the whole of Grand Lodge had been present they would have hailed with delight the advent of one who promised to become a star in the hemisphere of Freemasonry. If he might be allowed in His Royal Highness's presence to say so from his earliest days down to the present he had been a shining bright light to all those who came about him; and they felt he would remain so as long as life was spared him; and as long as he remained the head of the Order at Oxford he would set an example to Masons in the province. He (Lord Methuen) wished he could express himself as strongly as he could wish in proposing the health of one who had done, and was doing for the Craft and the Lodge so much good. He had worked most assiduously in the cause of Masonry throughout the province, and had successfully brought to an issue whatever he had attempted with regard to the welfare of Freemasonry. His Lordship concluded by proposing "The Health of the Grand Registrar in charge of the Province, the D.G.M., and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge."

Bro. A. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R., replied: It was a great pleasure to be praised by one who himself deserved so much praise. It had been his earnest endeavour since the province of Oxford came into his hands to discharge the duties of his office to the utmost of his ability, and in that he had been more than supported by all the brethren who had been appointed to office in the province. If ever there were officers loyal to their head or devoted to the principles and practice of Freemasonry, it was in this province. Never in any province did brethren more deserve office, or, having obtained it, more worthily discharge the duties thrust upon them. He felt it indeed a proud thing to have been placed by fortuitous circumstances at the head of the province of Oxford; but he felt it more fortunate, having been placed in that position, to have been so well supported. It would leave an impression upon his mind which could only be effaced by time with him being no more. (Hear, hear.)

The Earl of Shrewsbury proposed "The Worshipful Master." He felt that a very important duty had devolved upon him, and if he was guilty of any failure in it, it was to be attributed, not to want of will, but to inability to discharge the duty properly. He appealed to his brethren of the Apollo Lodge to excuse any fault. He might say this of Masonry, that those who wished to push themselves forward in it never succeeded, but those who went on quietly and guilelessly, and accepted the honours thrust upon them, succeeded. He felt it an additional honour, after having been 30 years a member of this lodge, to have to propose the health of His Royal Highness. Without adulation he might say of His Royal Highness, that he congratulated him upon the facility and adaptability with which he had conducted his important duties in lodge that evening. Thank God for the adaptability, sociability, and kindness of heart which characterised not only their illustrious

brother, but all the members of the Royal Family, whether male or female, which harmonised with the affections, wishes, and desires of the people. He would refrain from saying more, for a good man did not want to be praised. In his university career, in his social life, and in his classical life, His Royal Highness had endeared himself to the whole university; while in his Masonic life he had endeared himself to the members of the Apollo Lodge. In his future career he hoped that he would follow in the same course, and as one object in Freemasonry that he would recommend to His Royal Highness, he would recommend him to patronise the Masonic Charities. Without mentioning one in preference to the other, he hoped he would give a little of his time towards helping those great societies of Masonry, and Masonry would then flourish as it ever had done under the hands of his Royal and illustrious brother. He hoped to live to see him take the same position with regard to the charities as the Prince of Wales had done. (Cheers.)

Prince Leopold said: It is with feelings of great pride and most heartfelt pleasure that I rise to thank you for the most cordial manner in which you have welcomed me, and I beg to thank Lord Shrewsbury for the kind manner in which he has proposed my health. I must feel it a great honour, after having served so short an apprenticeship to Masonry, that the members of this lodge should have unanimously chosen me to be their Master, and I also feel grateful to them, as it will give me an opportunity of returning from time to time to Oxford, where I have already spent so many happy days. When I think of the prestige that has always attached to the Apollo, and the many distinguished Masons who have preceded me in my office, I do indeed feel and appreciate the warm encouragement and kind support which I have met with this evening at your hands. I trust I may be able to come among you frequently during my term of office, and to perform its duties in a manner not altogether unworthy of my predecessors, though I am well aware that this will prove no easy task. Before sitting down I have a toast to propose to you. It is "The Health of those who have so kindly honoured us with their presence here this evening," and I couple with that toast the name of Bro. Col. Burdett, the Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex. (Cheers.)

Col. Burdett replied, and said he was glad to see that there were represented on that occasion the brethren not only of the North, South, East and West, but also Scotland and Ireland even, for he found a brother from North Munster, who he was sure would take back to North Munster a report of the proceedings of the day, a report which he was sure would be received there in the same manner as it was here. It must have given every visitor the greatest pleasure to see the work so well performed by the W.M., and all the officers, from the Inner Guard upward. It was most able and creditable, and they must all feel very proud of it. Not only in lodge had the work been well done, but at the festive board the W.M. had presided in a most able manner. (Hear.)

The W.M.: Brethren, the next toast I have to give you is that of "The Past Masters of the Lodge." The reputation which the Apollo enjoys for its working it owes to its Past Masters. Many of them are known to me only by tradition, but I feel myself very fortunate in having been initiated by so good a Mason as Past Master Morrell, and in having served under a Master so remarkable for his thorough working of the lodge, and for the unswerving manner in which he has always maintained the strictest order and discipline as Bro. Past Master Pickard. Brethren, I give you the toast of our "Past Masters," coupled with the name of our Immediate Past Master Bro. Pickard.

The Rev. H. A. Pickard, I.P.M., said: On behalf of the P.M. of the Apollo, I rise to return my hearty thanks for the honour you have done us to-night, a body much larger than we generally have here to drink our health; and as I look round the room I see that I appear in a very unusual position as both Senior Past Master of the Apollo Lodge, and also the Junior. As during the past you have heard so much of me in that capacity you will be very glad not to hear so

much of me in the future. But I may look back on my Masonic career and say that there are three epochs in my life as a Freemason in which I have been hitherto inclined to consider as the most memorable in my life. I refer first of all to the 4th June, 1856, when in the first year of my office as W.M. of this lodge in the Gardens of Worcester College we presented a testimonial to one whose name has always been received in the Apollo Lodge with the greatest enthusiasm, our Past Master, Bro. Beach, now Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. On that day we showed the gratitude Masons always feel to one who raises a lodge beyond the position which it has to that time occupied. I speak in the presence of the old members of the Apollo with all deference and due respect to the position which the Apollo occupied in their days, but I speak also in the presence of the members of the aforesaid lodge who used to do the work of the Apollo when I was initiated in Masonry, and I say that to Bro. Beach is due the position which I think I may say without ostentation the lodge now holds. Well, I look back to the 4th June, 1856, with great pleasure for another reason, because on that occasion we for the first time had the pleasure of inviting the wives, the children, and the friends of Masons to enjoy on that commemoration day the pleasure which they had not hitherto had at Oxford, when music such as we have just had was provided for them. (Applause.) We were able to give a treat which for 20 years has now been given, and has been a source of gratification to the visitors. And my second epoch is the 16th May, 1857, when in the second year of my Mastership of Apollo Lodge I was Prov. S.W. of Oxfordshire, and Lord Zetland, Grand Master, honoured the province by visiting it at our Provincial Festival. Coming down to modern times—passing by that dark period when up in the cold north I saw very little of the light of Masonry (through my own fault, brethren, and through my manifold occupations)—I pass on to that grand epoch, the 28th April last year when I had the honour of representing the province at the installation of our Grand Master in the Albert Hall. Up to the present time those are the three great epochs in my Masonic career; but now the proudest moment has arrived when I have had the honour of installing your Royal Highness in the chair of King Solomon, and of hearing from your lips those gracious words in which you proposed my health and that of the P.M.'s of the Apollo. I have to thank you for the cordial manner in which, brethren, you have received the toast which has been proposed. If it has been a life of toil and trouble there are occasional glimpses of worldly happiness, and with me they are generally connected in some way or other with Freemasonry. I may recal that of meeting those old friends whom I can only see on such occasions as this, and it is the very greatest delight to me to be able to give to them a hearty welcome. (Hear, hear.) And now, W.M. and brethren, so far having delivered myself of the speech which I have had to inflict upon you, the W.M. having entrusted me with his gavel, allow me to propose a toast which I must say I have so often proposed with the greatest pleasure. It is "The Masonic Charities!" and the health of those who have supported them. Every one round the table has supported them; but if not, I know he will double his subscription next time he is asked. (Laughter.) Having created some amusement by my desultory remarks, I have now to ask you to drink to the health of the Masonic Charities, and especially to that Apollo brother, who is well-known not only here but all over England, if not wider, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain of England, one of my oldest friends, one of my dearest best-beloved brethren, who bears on his breast a badge which will tell you how often he has served the stewardship of the different Masonic Charities. All I have to say before I sit down is to quote the words of a poet whose creed if he had now lived would have probably precluded him from being among our brethren, but whose words, I think, may justly be the motto of all Freemasons:—"In faith and hope the world may disagree. But all mankind's concern is charity;

All must be false that thwarts this one great end And all be true that makes mankind a friend."

The Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., responded, and strongly recommended the three institutions to the favourable notice of the brethren.

Bro. Bué, W.M., Alfred Lodge, responded for "The Visitors," and the proceedings were brought to a close about eleven o'clock.

There was some exquisite singing, under the direction of Bro. Farlay Simkins, by Bros. Bickley, of Birmingham; Thornton, of St. Paul's; and Robson, of Magdalen College, all of whom belong to the Alfred Lodge. Bro. T. Plowman also by special request sang his amusing song of "Cock-a-doodle-do," which contains some very clever hits at passing events. It was most favourably received, particularly the reference to the Suez canal.

MASONIC BALL AT HUDDERSFIELD.

The annual Masonic ball in connection with the Lodge of Truth, No. 521, took place on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Fitz William-street, and as expected was a great success, in fact, the best Masonic ball ever held in Huddersfield. From the energetic manner in which the ball committee went to work it could not fail in any particular. Bro. T. Jackson, W.M., was chairman of committee, and, as is well known, whatever duty he takes in hand he is sure to perform with credit, so it was particularly in the present instance. Upwards of 90 ladies and brethren were present, and so thoroughly enjoyed themselves that dancing was kept up far into the small hours, in fact, the hand of time pointed nearer five than four. Several brethren from Leeds and Manchester were present, as also from the other lodges in the immediate neighbourhood. The room was beautifully decorated by Bros. Allen, Jackson, P.M., P.G.S., and Platts, and reflected great credit on their artistic abilities; mirrors hung with lace curtains and imitation tapestry were placed at intervals round the room, and beautiful baskets of flowers (provided by Bro. Midgeley) were so placed as to make the scene like one in fairyland. The floor being covered with Holland enabled the dancers to move easily and gracefully, the room being lighted from the roof by a powerful limelight gave the appearance of moonlight, the effect on such a variety of colours being magnificent. The Master of Ceremonies, Bro. J. Varley, P.M., discharged his duties to the satisfaction of all present. The refreshments were provided by the purveyors of the lodge, Bros. Firth and Turner, P.M., ably assisted by Bros. Hirst and Sykes. Amongst the company were Bros. T. Jackson, W.M. 521; W. Smith, P.M., P.Z. 290, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Jackson, P.M., P.Z. 521, P.G.S.; G. Marshall, P.M., P.Z. 521; T. Tyers, P.M., P.Z. 1458; Walters, Austin, besides several others of equal note. On Saturday evening the lodge held its annual children's party, which took place the evening following the ball. About 120 children were present, and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The season will probably wind up with a social gathering in about a month, when no doubt many who were at the ball will again meet, and with gratification speak of the happy and pleasant evening they spent on the 11th of February.

Obituary.

BRO. S. D. FORBES.

It is our painful duty to chronicle the sudden death of Bro. S. D. Forbes, of Portsea. He was initiated into Freemasonry in the year 1839, in the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342. He joined the Lodge of Harmony, then held at Gosport, on December 3rd, 1840, and was Worshipful Master in 1843. He was one of the founders of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487 (late 717), in 1843, and was appointed Secretary. He was W.M. of the Portsmouth Lodge for the years 1844 and 1845, and was appointed Secretary again in 1847. He was elected an honorary member of that lodge, March, 1860, in recognition of his services to Masonry in general, and the Portsmouth Lodge in particular. He was also one of the founders of the United Brothers' Lodge, No. 1069, in 1865. He was a P.P.G. Warden of Essex, and was appointed Senior Grand Warden of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight at the last provincial meeting, held at Ryde in July, 1875. His funeral, which took place on Thursday, 17th inst., was attended by nearly 100 brethren of the neighbourhood, among them being Bros. Alderman H. Ford, M. E. Frost, J. L. Rastwick, and James Tayler. The funeral service was conducted by Bro. the Rev. E. Churchill, P.G.C. The loss of so old and valued a brother will be severely felt by every Mason in the province.

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"Debrett's Peerage and Baronetage for 1876;" "Debrett's House of Commons and the Judicial Bench for 1876;" "The Craftsman."

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MARRIAGE.

CLAUGHTON-MILDMAY.—At Chelmsford, the Rev. T. L. Claghton, Curate of Ashbourne, to Henrietta, daughter of Mr. Edmund St. J. Mildmay, Equerry to H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Feb. 15.

DEATHS.

BRETTE.—19th, at Christ's Hospital, the beloved wife of the Rev. P. H. Ernest Brette. Friends please accept this intimation.

WITHALL.—19th, at his residence, Bell Cottage, Dulwich, Bro. Wm. Withall, S.W. Panmure Lodge, 720, much regretted by all who knew him. Aged 45.

FORBES.—12th, at Portsea, Bro. S. D. Forbes.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEB. 26, 1876.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER IN INDIA.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has paid a most successful visit to Nepal, where he was most warmly received by Sir Jung Bahadoor on the part of the young Maharajah. The R.G. Master was to take part in some time tiger hunting.

The Serapis has arrived at Bombay. The despatches from India Thursday morning state that there was splendid sport on Monday. Seven tigers were shot, six falling to the Prince's rifle. His Royal Highness was accompanied by Sir Jung Bahadoor. Upwards of 600 elephants were employed in beating the jungle, and the sight was of an imposing character.

THE INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD AS P.G.M. FOR OXFORDSHIRE.

For some time the thoughts of English Masons have been turned to that distinguished province, over which so fitly and so seasonably the exalted brother of our Royal Grand Master has been called to rule. Like many of his Royal Family, Prince Leopold seems to have sincerely attached himself to our Order. And as Freemasons, we rejoice to know and to think that our principles and practice so commend themselves in successive generations to various members of the House of Brunswick, that while we have received from them all of kindly sympathy, approval, and adhesion, we on the other hand have been able to offer to them alike our loyal homage and our fraternal attachment. So mote it be, in the future as in the past and present, and long may this happy union continue between the august and genial sons of our gracious Sovereign, the daughter of an old Grand Master, and our peaceful, intelligent, law-abiding, educated Craft. When some years hence another pen records in the still flourishing columns of the "*Freemason*" the passing events and notable "sayings and doings" of Freemasonry, may he have to tell, as we do gratefully and gladly today, that close and affectionate union which ever has existed, and we feel sure ever will exist, between English Freemasons and our Royal Family. Prince Leopold has already gained golden opinions at Oxford, and on every ground, personal and Masonic, we feel sure that no happier choice of a ruler for the province could be made than that which has been so wisely made by our absent but mindful Grand Master. A letter from India in our last impression tells us well what his zeal and sympathy for Freemasons and Freemasonry really are! The tastes and temperament, the studies and the sentiments of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, all seem to augur a prosperous regime, and to point to a grateful and contented brotherhood. Owing to the distinguished character of its lodges generally, and the noble and cultured brethren who swell the long roll of the Apollo Lodge in particular, the Province of Oxfordshire is always a very important one in the Masonic aggregation. We therefore congratulate it to-day on its gathering, and the interesting ceremony of the 23rd, its new ruler, and the spirit and enthusiasm of its members. Time does not permit us to go into the account of the installation in detail now; we shall recur to it in our next, offering as we do to our good brethren in the Province of Oxfordshire our sincere felicitations and our hearty good wishes.

THE ONWARD MOVEMENT OF FREEMASONRY.

Those who are conversant with the real facts of the case as regards the present proceedings and prospects of Freemasonry, especially under the Anglo-Saxon system, and we believe the same state of things is to be found more or less in other jurisdictions, must be struck with its tendency to increase and to expand. On every side of us in Great Britain, the New Dominion, and the United States, we see young lodges springing up, we hear of fresh lodges being formed. Here, there, and everywhere, the brethren of the mystic tie, like the armed but silent host in the "*Lady of the Lake*," seem to "crop up" before our wondering gaze to attract our attention, and to claim our notice. Indeed, we think it cannot be denied by any, that at no epoch of our existence since the Revival of 1717, has the spirit of Masonic propagandism been so active or so success-

ful as now. Indeed, it is impossible to read the hebdomadal columns of the "*Freemason*" without noting how many proofs are therein to be found of the advance and augmentation of our ancient Craft. And we are among those who, believing in Freemasonry, always gladly welcome those numerous interesting "little strangers" who, in the guise of new lodges, challenge our kinship and demand our sympathy. We do not believe in a stationary Freemasonry; we do not think even that that lodge or district is very much permeated either with Masonic zeal or with a desire for Masonic light in which, following the humdrum course of years, one lodge supplies either the wants of a populous town, or is the only Masonic centre in an influential and increasing district. There are sleepy Masons and sleepy lodges up and down our good land, and whenever you come across them you know at once that it means the minimum of work, and the maximum of refreshment, an indolent, half-hearted, indifferent profession of Freemasonry. We, on the contrary, desiderate Masonic energy and life, activity and service, zeal and labour, and we therefore always welcome the planting of new lodges, and the "swarming" from old ones. For it is in this way that Freemasonry still, poetically at any rate, spreads "from pole to pole." It is in this way, we repeat, that its principles are diffused, and its benefits are proclaimed. We are inclined to think sometimes, that one of the reasons of this advance and increase of Freemasonry is to be found in the fact, that wherever its true teaching is best understood it is apparently most appreciated. Many of us have become very weary of the worn out cries of sectarian bitterness, of unreasoning intolerance. The dogmatism and the defiances, the anathemas and the antagonisms, the uncharitableness and the unsavoury violence of many pseudo-hierophants, have aroused as a counter action, and even counter irritant, the "free lances" of thought, of enquiry, and of criticism. In such a contest the pendulum is apt to swing a little over first on one side, then on the other, and we have always to regret, being human and fallible, mournful mistakes and puerile theories. But the "residuum" of all this often angry and perhaps not unsterile controversy seems to be the assertion of liberty of conscience, of freedom of opinion, of the inviolable and sacred right of the human intellect, the absolute liberty of the individual, within certain safe and recognised limits of religious teaching, and of religious conviction. The principle of toleration in its truest and widest sense is the keynote to all the mystic harmonies of Freemasonry, and it is just because Freemasonry is so wide-embracing and so unsectarian that it retains its peaceful and gentle character. But when we say this we do not mean that Freemasonry in any way encourages the sceptical reveries, or the hurtful unbelief of the day. We can be tolerant without being infidels. We can be charitable without becoming latitudinarian. It is thus that Freemasonry in its present position becomes a neutral ground for contending parties and even differing creeds. Once within its portals we do not enquire what our brother's politics and religion are. We assume, as we presume, that he is a believer in God, a loyal subject of his queen, but we do not trouble ourselves whether his doxy is our doxy, or anybody else's doxy. Hence Freemasonry has many charms for the kindly and sympathetic, the courteous and the cultivated. To know that amid the din of war and the shouts of contending factions, the disputes of the so-called religious world and the internecine strife of conflicting schools, in this great battle-field of earthly life, there is one sheltered "oasis" in the dreary desert, one "Adytum Sanctum" into which the profane shouts of outside combatants cannot penetrate, where rancour is unknown, and "airesis" is not, this is both a pleasant "look out" and a gracious memory for us all. Good for us if, amidst increasing numbers to-day, we never forget the universal character of our Order; happy will it be to us if, adhering to our ancient landmarks, we allow neither love of novelty or change, the caprice or ignorance of the hour, to loosen those moorings which have so long held in a safe anchorage the good ship Freemasonry. Amid its onward progress and its material prosperity,

amidst exalted patronage and numerical development, amid all that tends to popularise or to attract or to raise our Order in the opinion of the world, let us never forget that Freemasonry in its universal and cosmopolitan character, presents to many of us all a very great and attractive feature, and one which alike commends itself to our minds and consciences, our unchanging sentiments, and our active sympathies.

THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

We feel bound to call special attention to the last report of this most valuable and working organisation of ours, to its active labours, to its great utility. Each succeeding meeting only serves to show how important and how needful it is, how creditable to our Order, how helpful to those who stand in actual want of it. It seems to us to be Masonic charity in active exercises! For the reports all testify, and our last report especially, that there is at the present a very large demand for aid on our funds, and on the Lodge of Benevolence. Many of the cases we are assured, are very sad ones, indeed, even "heartrending," and the relief administered is alike truly required and gratefully received! It almost would appear from recent facts, and our monthly reports, that there is, so to say, a great "substratum" of poverty in Freemasonry. Whence does it come? How is it there? It may be difficult to account, perhaps, for it at first, just as it is to explain the presence of "flies in amber," as we remember hearing Mr. D'Israeli say many many years ago, but still the fact is before us, and seems to be a fact beyond any reasonable doubt. Why or whence, we repeat does it come? We make bold to say, through the fault mainly of our lodges, and of the Order! It is quite clear that for some time, the admission of new members has been far too lax; that is to say, we have admitted those who came with their fees in their hand, and have made our motto "carpe diem." We have not "thought of the morrow," nor looked on to the future? Hence we have admitted confessedly many who ought never to have been admitted at all; we have "sown to the wind," and we shall probably "reap the whirlwind." We must not shut our eyes to this distinct reality, that there is coming upon us a strain alike on our resources and our very system. This very great material prosperity of ours has its concomitant evil in a too rapid increase of brethren, since a large number are admitted to our privileges who look for the benefits and will eventually claim the charity of Freemasonry. But then, on the other hand, we must not take too gloomy a view of things. Our resources are still ample and increasing, and the prosperity of the Order seems, so to say, daily to augment. We have not a right to grudge the "Dole" of Masonic benevolence to all who really require it, and we are to find in our working out of the active principle of charity, as well our highest happiness, as our bounden duty. In nothing does our good old Order so shine, as in that incessant and liberal distribution of pecuniary succour to those who claim its fostering hand, or implore its beneficent aid. While, then, we carefully watch over the "outgoings" of our Masonic benevolence, which are just now very large indeed, while we seek to discountenance and deprecate any mistaken but somewhat popular view, that Freemasonry is to be sought for as well for what it gives, as for what it is, let us pride ourselves on the fact, that with some imperfection of details, common to all earthly institutions, Freemasonry in our own country, as in many others, is still, month by month, so to say, zealously employed in pouring into the wounds of our afflicted brethren the oil and wine of benign charity, in succouring old age, in soothing calamity, in pitying misfortune, in sympathizing with the sorrows of our mortal lot, in cheering the homes of the destitute and in causing the "widow's heart to sing for joy."

THE WILSON MS. CONSTITUTION.

The discovery of this much desiderated MS. is a happy omen of further archaeological discovery, as it shows what patience and perseverance will do.

It occurred to me some time back that in order to trace it I had better ascertain if it still existed, and if Mr. Wilson of Broomhead, in whose possession it was said to be, was a "vera persona," as too many "tricks upon travellers" have been played on Masonic students. The first reference to the M.S. alluded to occurs in Preston and Hutchinson about 100 years ago, as far as I know, and many changes might have taken place since then.

No previous enquiry seems to have been made about it, though it has been mentioned more than once in the archaeological discussions of later years, and is also alluded to by Bro. Hughan and myself, in the collection of the Constitutions which he edited some time back.

My obliging Bro. S. B. Ellis of Sheffield, a Masonic student, at my request placed himself in communication with Bro. Nixon, who was acquainted with Mr. Wilson, the present owner of Broomhead, and descendant of the Mr. Wilson mentioned by Preston, and it was ascertained from Mr. Wilson, who wrote in the kindest manner, that the Wilson MSS. had been sold to Sir Thomas Phillips, the well-known collector of MSS., and Mr. Wilson believed that some of them had been resold or given to the Bodleian Library. On enquiry it moreover soon became apparent that such was not the case, and that the MS. remained still in the possession of the relative to whom they had been left by Sir Thomas Phillips. Luckily, a previous friendly acquaintance gave me, so to say, a special facility of access, and I found to my great delight that the MS. still exists "in vellum," is, its owner says, of the 17th century (the real date has to be ascertained, as a vellum MS. of the 17th century is somewhat rare). He has most kindly permitted me to have it copied, and it will appear in the "Masonic Magazine" for April. Until of course it has been seen and looked over carefully, and collated with others, no one can know or say anything as to its real date, or whether Preston's statement of its age will turn out to be correct or not. It is just possible that Preston, who was not an "expert" in MSS., if he saw it, might not write critically or correctly on the subject, and probably took his facts on the assertions of others; but every endeavour will be made in the interests of historical truth and accuracy to ascertain if possible its, at any rate, approximate date. It is, however, a fresh Constitution unearthed, and I think may lead to others being discovered. A. F. A. WOODFORD.

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.]

WELCOME OF OUR GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am indeed pleased to see this question "mooted," by our worthy brother "An old English Mason." I think with him, that something on a grand scale should be done by the entire Craft of England—such as a meeting, say, at the Crystal Palace, which is far easier of access, than the Alexandra Palace. The train service to the latter is not yet perfect.

I would suggest that the tickets be half-a-guinea, a profit of 5s. on each ticket to go to our charities. We might expect 10,000 (min. no.); that would give a goodly sum of £2500.

I also would suggest that our fair sisters be admitted, as we all must admit that they are largely endowed with charity.

I earnestly hope Grand Lodge will take up this question and bring it to a glorious issue. I also beg the brethren to state their views through the columns of the "Freemason."—I am, dear Sir, and brother, yours fraternally,

A YOUNG M.M., No. 72.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I quite endorse the sentiments expressed by "An Old-English Mason" and Bro. E. J. Wallford as to giving our Grand Master a right royal welcome on his return to his native country, and hope the matter will be taken up by the proper authorities, and put in motion at once.

Yours fraternally,

S. PIGOTT,

W.M. St. John's, 328.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see with pleasure in your impression of Feb. 19th proposals to celebrate Masonically the return home of our M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; in my opinion the idea is one of great value. We have already had one of the most imposing Masonic ceremonials of modern time, on the accession of our M.W.G.M. to the throne of the Order. We can now do something to prove to the world that we practice our great watchword charity, and this by bringing our three noble institutions to the front.

I should have been inclined to have recommended a united anniversary of our three charities as the method of welcoming home our M.W.G.M., but one of these anniversaries has already been held, and the matter might have been difficult to arrange. But might we not hold "A Grand Masonic Fete" at one of our great central

places of resort (such as the Palaces of Sydenham and Muswell Hill, the Agricultural Hall, Islington, or the Westminster Aquarium), with special attractions the proceeds, after paying all expenses, to be divided among the three several institutions; arrangements might be made to entertain the whole of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, together with the widows and aged, and to present them to their Royal Patron. An address of welcome and congratulation might be presented, and perhaps a grand banquet held, but these are matters of detail that had better be left in the hands of our excellent brethren, Sir A. Woods and T. Fenn.

By having such a fete as this, the ladies who have done so much for our charities, the wives and daughters of Masonry, could also partake in the general joy, and while so gratifying themselves, would feel that they were one and all assisting in the cause of charity, and helping to cheer the aged, the widow, and the orphan in their distress.

I am, Sir and brother, yours fraternally,

GEO. R. HARRIOTT, Prov. G.M. Wigtown and Kirkcudbright (Scottish Constitution), late M.M. Castle Lodge of Harmony No. 26 (E.C.)

4, Howard-place, St. Andrews, Fife,

Feb. 21st, 1876.

ELECTION OF PROV. G. OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I know a brother, a professional man for nearly forty years, and a Mason of the same standing, who is the oldest Mason and the oldest P.M. of his lodge, and who is at the present time the W.M. of a Mark lodge, and M.E.Z. of a chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and who was some years since mainly instrumental in keeping his Craft lodge from going to the ground, and for all this he was never offered a chair in the Grand Lodge of this province, and some seven or eight younger brethren of his lodge had been appointed over him, and when this old and esteemed brother some short time since wrote to the P.G.M. very politely, and told him what I have just written, and asked him how he selected his P.G. Officers, he was very curtly told that no one had a right to ask him, but the Grand Master; and thus the matter at present stands.

Will you, or some experienced brother, kindly tell me how P.G. Officers are appointed in other provinces, and what steps you would advise my neglected brother to adopt under the above circumstances?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours very fraternally,

A LOVER OF JUSTICE.

[The appointment of all Provincial Officers rests with the P.G. Master, except the P.G. Treasurer.—Ed.]

MASTER MASONS' JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I hardly like to put up my very humble opinion in opposition to yours; nevertheless, I should like to be allowed to give my reasons for dissenting from the editorial note which is appended to a letter of "A Master Mason" in the "Freemason" of the 12th inst.

"A Master Mason" asks if a jewel consisting of the square and compasses is one which a Master Mason may correctly append to his breast; also whether there is the same doubt attached to the jewel of the "square and compasses" as to the "five-pointed star."

In a note at the end of the letter you write that, in your "humble opinion, according to the Book of Constitutions, a jewel appertaining to the Master Mason Degree can lawfully be worn in lodge."

Now it is my very "humble opinion" that although there is no authority for the wearing of a "five-pointed star" by Master Masons, and it is therefore doubtful whether it is "correct," yet, inasmuch as no competent Masonic authority that I am aware of has yet decided that it is "incorrect," Master Masons aspiring to the wearing of doubtful decorations may be "winked at" for wearing the "five-pointed star."

But with regard to the wearing of a jewel consisting of the "square and compasses," this is a matter which in my very humble opinion does not admit of a doubt. For that is the jewel which according to the Book of Constitutions (page 119, also plate 2) is appropriated to the Past Deputy Grand Master of England, and therefore I maintain that it is thoroughly "incorrect" and Masonically illegal for any one except a Past Deputy Grand Master of England to wear such a jewel.

I well remember when a young Mason visiting the Emulation Lodge of Improvement for the first time, just eighteen years ago, with a jewel consisting of "crystal square and compasses" appended to my breast, and my being ironically asked by dear old Bro. Pike (since gone to his rest) if I was Lord Panmure, "as he was the only person entitled to wear such a jewel." This dictum was confirmed by Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson (then Secretary of the lodge) and other brethren present, including, I think, the present Grand Secretary; and I was then politely requested to divest myself of the illegal jewel in the face of the assembled brethren, a proceeding which made a deep impression upon my youthful mind, as even then I prided myself upon being very correct in my "clothing" as well as in my "work." So when I got home that night I rushed to my Book of Constitutions, and there ascertained for myself that I had been rightly convicted of the (Masonic) crime of wearing an illegal jewel.

Ever since then whenever I have been in the chair of a lodge and espied a "square and compasses" jewel, I have quietly requested the brother wearing it to remove it.

I enclose my card, and beg to remain, dear Sir and brother,

Yours fraternally,

A PAST MASTER.

Feb. 16th, 1876.

INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD AS PROV. GRAND MASTER OF OXFORDSHIRE.

This long looked for event took place on Wednesday last, in the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford, on which occasion there was a splendid gathering of Freemasons to give éclat to the proceedings. Among those present were Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master; the Marquis of Hamilton, M.P., Senior Grand Warden; Bro. Alderman Stone, ex-Lord Mayor of London, Junior Grand Warden; Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain; Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar; Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary; Bro. F. Morrell, Junior Grand Deacon; Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, Grand Director of Ceremonies; and Bro. S. George Homfray, Gd. Assist. Director of Ceremonies. Among the Provincial holding high positions in the Grand Masters, Past Officers of Grand Lodge and others Craft who were present were the Earl of Hardwicke, the Earl of Shrewsbury, the Earl of Limerick, Lord de Tabley, Lord Methuen, Lord Leigh, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, the Earl of Jersey, Lord Ramsay, General Brownrigg, Colonel Burdett, Viscount Newry, Bro. W.W. B. Beach, M.P., Bro. T.F. Halsey, M.P., Bro. J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; Colonel Adair, Bro. V. A. Williamson, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Rev. P. Moore, Rev. D. Sedgwick, Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, Rev. W. F. Short, Rev. K. Bedford, Rev. Dr. J. Edmund Cox, Colonel Campbell of Blythwood, Bro. R. R. Holmes, Bro. H. W. Strange, Captain Philips, Major Shadwell Clerke, Bro. R. J. Spiers, Sir E. Lechmere, Captain Ferrier, Lieut.-Colonel Somerville Burney, Bro. Staveley Hill, Q.C., M.P., Sir F. M. Williams, Rev. T. Cochrane, Bro. Heather Bigg, Bro. Frederick Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.S.D.; Bro. Colonel Machen, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Bro. R. Phenes Spiers P.M. 10; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; E. M. Haigh, P.G.S.; W. Roebuck, Bro. Kingston, W.M. 862; Bro. Alfred Wigan, and Bro. Milsom, of Bath; and Bro. H. Massey ("Freemason").

The ceremony which gave Prince Leopold one step higher in Masonic rank was arranged with the same regard for detail and order as was the splendid ceremony of the 28th of April last, when the Prince of Wales was installed as Grand Master of English Freemasons at the Royal Albert Hall. Indeed, it was like it in almost every particular, even to the presentation of an address of congratulation from the Grand Orient of Italy. It will be remembered by Freemasons that on the 28th of April, 1875, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, Past Grand Deacon, presented such an address to the Prince of Wales from the Italian Freemasons; and the same brother on Wednesday presented a like address to Prince Leopold. As the Prince of Wales received the address sent to him, so did Prince Leopold receive the address sent to him, most graciously, and the same will be duly enrolled in the records of the province. Perfect success attended the proceedings.

The doors of the Divinity School were opened

for the admission of the brethren at twelve o'clock, and closed at half-past one, after which no brother could be admitted. The semi-circle was reserved for the officers of Grand Lodge, present Provincial Grand Officers of Oxfordshire, and all brethren up to the rank of Provincial Grand Warden. The area was reserved for all other Provincial Grand Officers; Oxfordshire being on the left of the chair, and other provinces on the right. Those who were not Provincial Grand Officers were directed by the Stewards to their places in the Ladies' Galleries. The brethren appeared in evening dress (or black frock coat), white gloves, and full Masonic Craft clothing.

At ten minutes before two the following procession was formed in the Divinity School, viz.:

- Two Tylers with drawn swords.
- Three Provincial Grand Stewards
- Past Provincial Grand Pursuivants.
- Provincial Grand Pursuivants.
- Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer.
- Provincial Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
- Past Provincial Grand Superintendents of Works.
- Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works.
- Past Provincial Grand Deacons.
- Past Provincial Grand Secretaries.
- Past Provincial Grand Registrars.
- Provincial Grand Registrar.
- Past Provincial Grand Chaplains.
- Provincial Grand Chaplains.
- Past Provincial Grand Wardens.
- Provincial Junior Grand Warden.
- Provincial Senior Grand Warden.
- Provincial Junior Grand Deacon.
- Past and Present Officers of Grand Lodge, according to Rank.
- Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
- Provincial Grand Sword Bearer.
- The Right Worshipful the Grand Registrar in Charge of the Province.
- Provincial Senior Grand Deacon.
- Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England.
- Two Grand Stewards.

The procession entered the hall, the organ being played by Bro. Plumridge. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Grand Registrar.

As soon as Grand Lodge had been opened the Deputy Provincial Grand Master announced to Grand Registrar the presence of the Deputy Grand Master of England, Lord Skelmersdale. Bro. McIntyre immediately requested his lordship to take the chair, which the Deputy Grand Master accordingly did, and told the brethren that this especial Provincial Grand Lodge had been called together for three purposes; first, to instal a Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire; secondly, to present a testimonial to Bro. Spiers; and thirdly, to appoint a Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and a brother to the vacant Stewardship of the province, in the room of Prince Leopold. The Rev. H. A. Pickard informed his lordship that Prince Leopold was without the door of the lodge, and sought admission and installation.

The procession having been formed, retired, and re-entered in the following order:—

- Three Provincial Grand Stewards.
- The Gloves and Apron of the Provincial Grand Master, on a cushion borne by the Master of a Lodge.

The Collar and Jewel of the Provincial Grand Master, on a cushion borne by the Master of a Lodge.

- Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- Provincial Grand Registrar.
- Provincial Grand Treasurer.
- Provincial Grand Chaplains.
- Six Past Provincial Grand Wardens.
- HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE LEOPOLD,
Provincial Grand Master.
- Two Equerries.
- (Bro. Collins, C.B., & Bro. the Hon. Alex. Yorke).
- Two Provincial Grand Stewards.

His Royal Highness on entering was received with several rounds of applause. Placed on the left hand side of Lord Skelmersdale, Prince Leopold was duly installed, when, to the sound of blast of trumpet, he was duly proclaimed Grand Master of Oxfordshire, and saluted according to ancient form.

Lord Skelmersdale then, addressing him, said—"I beg to congratulate your Royal Highness on being placed in the chair. I need not tell, you, sir, how important are the duties of the high office to which you have been promoted. Your steadfastness in the cause of Masonry has proved to all the brethren how thoroughly worthy you are to occupy that chair, and I congratulate the brethren of the province that the choice of the Grand Master has fallen upon your Royal Highness. Accept, I beg of you, my hearty congratulations."

The brethren endorsed these expressions, given with his lordship's customary suavity, by a burst of applause, and His Royal Highness bowed both to Lord Skelmersdale and the other brethren. Bro. Reginald Bird, Vice Principal of Magdalen, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, then yielded up to the new Grand Master his "jewel" of office, which His Royal Highness immediately handed back. The warrant of his appointment as D.P.G.M. was then read, and the usual salute followed. His Royal Highness's next business was to supply the vacancy which his own elevation had caused in the Stewardship of the province, and Bro. Walter Jas. Douglas Campbell was called up for investment. Assigning to him the office of Provincial Grand Steward, Prince Leopold shook him warmly by the hand, and that worthy recipient of the Grand Master's favour took his seat among the Grand Stewards of the province. Considerable cheering followed the appointment, which evinced that it was acceptable to the brethren.

The following Provincial Grand Officers were then re-appointed, and on presentation to His Royal Highness he shook them by the hand. Bros. John Galpin, Provincial Senior Grand Warden; H. R. Cooper Smith (Magdalen College), Provincial Junior Grand Warden; Rev. R. W. M. Pope, Provincial Grand Chaplain; Rev. W. Alexander Ayton, Provincial Grand Chaplain; Alderman Thomas Randall, Provincial Grand Treasurer; R. L. Williamson (Christ Church), Prov. Grand Registrar; William Henry Horn, Prov. Senior Grand Deacon; Jason Saunders, Prov. Junior Grand Deacon; Sinclair Frankland Hood (Magdalen College), Prov. Grand Secretary; Charles Bishop, Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works; Julius Sladden, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies; Carlisle J. S. Spedden (Queen's College), Prov. Grand Di-

rector of Ceremonies; Alderman William Eagleton, Prov. Grand Sword Bearer; Henry Plumridge, Prov. Grand Organist; Henry Williams, Prov. Grand Pursuivant; Gordon Campbell (Exeter College), Cecil G. Paget (Chris Church); J. E. Courtenay Bodley (Balliol College), Wm. Peppercorn and Frederick Dolley, Prov. Grand Stewards; and William Stephens and George Norwood, Prov. Grand Tylers. These appointments remain in force till next Provincial Grand Lodge.

The proceedings were now drawing somewhat towards a close, and the brethren were looking anxiously for a mark of favour which Royal hands were about to bestow on a brother whom they delighted to honour. For more than twenty years Bro. R. J. Spiers had held the office of Deputy Grand Master, and the brethren of the province had subscribed for a handsome silver inkstand, a purse of 500 guineas, and an elegant album recording the names of the subscribers. The gifts were borne on a crimson cushion and handed to the Prince, who called for Bro. Spiers, and then, addressing the brethren,

The Prov. Grand Master said: Brethren, a pleasant duty has devolved upon me, which I now rise to accomplish. It is to present a testimonial to Bro. Spiers who has now for many, many years been associated with Masonry, not only in the province, but also in the Grand Lodge. It is the great zeal and energy which he has ever shown for the Craft, which merits the slight testimony of regard from many of his friends of our brotherhood. (Applause.) I have been asked to act to-day as spokesman on their behalf, and it is with great pleasure that I fulfil the task. Bro. Spiers, in the name of a large number of Masons, most of whom you see here to-day, I present you with this inkstand, and this purse containing the sum of 500 guineas, as a token of their esteem and regard for yourself, and of their gratitude for the work you have done for Masons in general. (Applause.)

Bro. Spiers, who had been standing all this time, then advanced to the Provincial Grand Master and received the present. He said, in reply: May it please your Royal Highness, my Lords and brethren, I trust indeed that the kindness which I have ever experienced from my brethren, which you have so kindly extended to me, will cause you to grant me some indulgence on this trying moment of my life. (Hear, hear.) I stand here before you in the presence of His Royal Highness, at whose hands I have just received this magnificent gift, and in the presence of my friends, many of whom I have known now for many many years, and you may believe that a brother may well be unnerved who has to accept at the hands of royalty and in the presence of such distinguished brethren such a gift. Words would quite fail me to respond to you in adequate terms for the present you have just now made; but I trust that having been for many years among you, you will excuse any default on my part. I have now been with you many, many years—a long time, as most of you are aware, more or less for thirty-two years, and I feel somewhat overcome, when I see so many of my old friends. I entered Freemasonry 32 years ago in Oxford, and I found out what an

institution it was. Attending in London frequently I had an opportunity of seeing by the Masonry there what a rich mine of ore it was from which the Freemasons of Oxford might dig. It is recorded in Provincial Grand Lodge, the year before I became a Freemason that there were but two lodges in the province. One of those had 30 members, and the other 33—which comprised the whole of the Freemasonry of the province—and I believe until I had the honour of being a Steward, there had not been such an office in the province to represent it at the charities. Of course I was glad to make myself a Steward, and I induced my brethren to enter the list, and since that time there have been no less than 200 stewardships. For the great kindness you brethren have shown me, especially the Apollo University Lodge, in supporting me, I was encouraged to go on and on till I got office in Grand Lodge. Within a year of my initiation we got from Grand Lodge £50 for a deceased brother's widow, our province gave another £59, and we got the daughter into the Girls' School. We, while being happy ourselves have tried to obtain happiness for others. Last year Grand Lodge honoured me by granting £150 to a brother of the Apollo, and last week I got a grant of £50 from the Lodge of Benevolence for a Past Master. I now have to thank all the brethren for this testimonial, the committee, the Treasurer, Bro. Randall—whose name will always be kindly remembered by old Oxford men—Bro. Thompson, a name which for three generations has been held in high esteem by all Oxford Masons. I thank you all, and I can assure you the plate will be handed over to my children, as an heirloom, and I hope they will honour it. (Applause.)

The address, of which the following is a translation, was presented from Italy by Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.:

"Grand Orient of Masonry in Italy and the Italian Colonies.

"To His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire,

"Most illustrious and potent Brother,—Italian Masonry, which rejoices at seeing evermore honoured in the most noble nation of England that universal brotherhood of which too is not the least portion, hastens to send you its most respectful and affectionate congratulations on the auspicious event of your Royal Highness's exaltation to the office of Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire.

"Happy the people among whom the men of the loftiest social standing appreciate and practise, as you do, the grand principles of that humanitarian progress which it is the object of Masonry to vindicate and to diffuse throughout the civilised world.

"Accept, most illustrious and potent brother, our most devoted and sincere congratulations and our fraternal salutation.

"Rome, 18th February, 1876.

"In the absence of the Grand Master, the Grand Master Associate,

(Signed) GEORGE TAMIO, 33°."

All the arrangements were under the control of Bro. Reginald Bird, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. the Rev. H. A. Pritchard, P. Prov. S.G.W., to the latter of whom was entrusted the duty of superintending the arrangements inside the theatre; and they are both to be congratulated on the excellent manner with which everything went off.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated, but in the evening dined together at the Corn Exchange, under the presidency of His Royal Highness.

The toasts of the evening were then proposed.

The Provincial Grand Master, on rising to propose the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," said: Brethren, the first toast of the evening, which I now rise to propose, needs no words of mine to preface it. It is one which all loyal subjects and Masons will drink with loyalty and fidelity. Brethren, I give you "The Queen and the Craft."

The toast having been drunk, was followed by the singing of "God save the Queen."

The Prov. Grand Master: Brethren, it is with feelings of the greatest pleasure that I rise to propose the toast which comes next upon our programme this evening, and it is one which I

am sure all of you will drink with enthusiasm. "The Health of the Grand Master of England" will always meet with a hearty reception among Masons (hear); and when we can identify with it, as we can on the present occasion, "The Health of the Prince of Wales" (applause), the toast must meet with a reception doubly warm and enthusiastic. (Cheers.) Our Grand Master has been most loyally received by our brethren in our Indian Empire, and we may hope that as the friendly ties between this nation and India have been strengthened by his visit, the cause of Freemasonry may be benefited in no less a degree. (Cheers.) Brethren, I call upon you to join with me in drinking "The Health of the Grand Master of England," and in doing so to wish him a speedy return home. (Hear, hear.) I give you, brethren, "The Health of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master."

"God bless the Prince of Wales" followed the drinking of this toast.

The Provincial Grand Master again rose and said: Brethren, it is with great pleasure that I rise to propose this toast; nevertheless, regret is coupled with the task, as one who I had much hoped to see here to-day is prevented by illness from coming. I am sure that you will be all as much grieved as I am to hear that the Pro Grand Master of England, Bro. Lord Carnarvon, will not be able to return thanks to-day for the toast which was to have been coupled with his name. At the same time I am sure you will be glad that he should run no risk of increasing his indisposition by travelling contrary to the advice of his physician. (Hear, hear.) And while calling on you to drink "The Health of the Officers of Grand Lodge," I am able to give you the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master of England." I must thank him at the same time for the prominent part he has had the kindness to take in to-day's proceedings, a part which he has performed, as he indeed always must, so gracefully and so well. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, I give you "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge," coupled with the name of Bro. Lord Skelmersdale. (Cheers.)

Lord Skelmersdale: Your Royal Highness, my lords, and brethren, I thank you most heartily for the most kind way in which you have received the toast of the Pro Grand Master, myself and the other Grand Officers. I can assure you it was with very deep regret that the Pro Grand Master had to give up all thoughts of attending here this day, and doing the duty which I have the honour to perform instead of him. With regard to myself I can assure you that when twenty years ago I took part in a festivity of a different kind to this—I mean the Masonic ball, when I was in reality a meek lambkin, having just entered into the happy fraternity—I little thought I should stand here as one of the highest officers in that fraternity to return thanks for this toast. But, brethren, I have never regretted for one single moment since that day my having entered the Order. The more I see of it the more I rejoice to belong to it, and the more do I wish and hope that others may belong to it, and long may it continue. And I only hope with God's grace I may be enabled to perform properly the part I have taken in it. Brethren, I thank you in the name of all the Grand Officers here present for the hospitality shown to them; and also I am sure I may say on behalf of them that they must have been well impressed with the ceremony this day, and that they were all glad to be present at it. (Cheers.) I thank you for the Pro Grand Master, myself, and all the Grand Officers, Brethren, before I sit down I have H.R.H.'s command to give the next toast—may I call it, as it is, the toast of the evening. (Applause.) Brethren, we were told not long ago that the two great watchwords of our fraternity were Charity and Loyalty. Charity, brethren, I will not dwell upon. Not long ago I had occasion to speak to many whom I have the pleasure of seeing here present to-day upon that subject, but I will not be tedious on that subject now, as I am afraid I was on that occasion. It is well understood among us brethren, and I hope it will be carried out as ardently as formerly. But loyalty is another great point in our faith and I ask you what can more conduce to loyalty among Freemasons than seeing, may I say, the

Royal brotherhood taking such an active part as they do in our proceedings. At the earliest age possible His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, and His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, have all in turn become members of our fraternity; and not only have they become members of our fraternity, but they have become active working members. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) Brethren, I congratulate you most heartily and sincerely on having secured His Royal Highness Prince Leopold as Grand Master of the Province of Oxford, for I feel sure, brethren, he will carry out the duties of that office as fully as he has hitherto carried out the duties that have fallen to him in lodge. Brethren, I give you "The Health of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire."

The toast was received with great cheering, in which the ladies joined.

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The Provincial Grand Master, who on rising to respond was received with renewed cheering, said: Brethren, I find it difficult to express my feelings on the present occasion, or to thank you sufficiently for the manner in which you have received the toast so very kindly proposed by the Deputy Grand Master. I can assure you I deem it no small honour to be appointed Grand Master of this province, and I will ever do my utmost to prove myself adequate to the charge which has been committed to my care. (Cheers.) I feel it also no small compliment that after having been for so short a time a Freemason you should have testified your approbation of my appointment in so kind and flattering a manner. (Cheers.) The very name of Oxford will be always associated with everything that is near and dear to me, (cheers); and it is with feelings of the truest pride and pleasure that I find myself so closely bound in a bond of brotherhood, both with the university and the province, as Master of the Apollo Lodge and as Provincial Grand Master. (Applause.) One of the greatest benefits of Freemasonry exists in the opportunities it affords to members of the Craft of meeting together from time to time, and expressing those great qualities of goodwill and friendship which are the very key notes of Freemasonry. (Cheers.) In conclusion, I trust, brethren, that I may be able to perform my duties in a manner not altogether unworthy of my illustrious predecessor, Bro. McIntyre, who has for some time past conducted the business of the province so ably, so energetically, and so well. (Hear, hear.) Brethren I ask you to join me in drinking "The Health of the Grand Registrar of England, Bro. Æneas McIntyre."

The toast having been drunk,

Bro. McIntyre said: Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, brother Wardens and Officers of the province of Oxfordshire, I cannot allow a moment to elapse before rising to return thanks for the very great compliment that has been paid to me by His Royal Highness your new Provincial Grand Master. Some years ago, before I was intimately connected with the province of Oxford, it became my duty, as holding the office which I now hold in the Grand Lodge of England, to rule over a neighbouring province and to establish on the banks of this noble river which runs through your city a lodge which since that time has flourished. When I reflect that when I came to consecrate the Abbey Lodge of Abingdon the members who were strenuous in supporting me and who rallied round me in immense numbers and in honour to the consecration of that lodge attended and made it one of the most successful in the province of Oxford—I little thought then that my esteemed friend, your late Grand Master, Bro. Colonel Bowyer, would be called to his account so soon, or that I should be called upon to rule over it. When I was so called I found the province of Oxford, as it was sure to be under so good and able rule as the rule of Bro. Bowyer, supported by Bro. Spiers, in a most admirable condition. Since I have had the charge of the province, which has been for five years, it has kept in that condition, and I may say I leave the province in good working order—loyal Masons, true officers, determined to do their duty, to be loyal to their King and faithful to the Craft.

(Applause.) Of course, in one respect, I do feel deeply that that tie which has united us so closely during the last five years is now severed; but I do rejoice in this, that in taking my departure from among you as the head of this province I hand the government over to His Royal Highness, who has shown great promise of doing well, and who has shown all others how to do well, not only throughout the Province of Oxford, not only throughout England, but throughout the whole world. I am especially thankful to His Royal Highness for the extreme kindness with which he has been pleased to speak of me on this occasion, and I am also highly flattered by seeing there are such a number of brethren whom I have met on former occasions when I have presided in your Provincial Grand Lodge, and who now shew to me the same kindness that they always exhibited when I ruled over them. It has been truly said that man honours the rising, not the setting sun; and when a person has ceased to rule over them, and is departing from among them, and has nothing more to give them, gratitude is very seldom shewn. That is not the characteristic of Freemasons. I feel sure from what you have manifested towards me this evening that during my rule of five years over you, although I may frequently have erred in judgment, every Mason in Oxford will know that I have endeavoured to discharge my duty to the best of my ability; and in taking my leave of you I thank you for the numberless kindnesses you have shewn towards me. (Cheers.)

Lord Methuen proposed "The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge."

Bro. Reginald Bird, D. Prov. G.M.: Your Royal Highness and brethren, I rise to return thanks for my brethren, the Provincial Grand Officers, and I have to return thanks for a most distinguished number of brethren—brethren who are far more able than I am to return thanks; but I feel quite sure that on their behalf I can say this one thing, that no body of men feel the honour more than they do—the honour that has been conferred on this province to-day by the appointment His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master has made of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold as our Provincial Grand Master. If anything was wanted to induce the brethren of this province to endeavour to increase their zeal for Freemasonry, and to try to do more good to the Craft throughout the province, I am sure this day's ceremony and this day's appointment will induce every one of them to redouble his efforts. On behalf of myself I have to thank you most heartily and sincerely for the very high honour you have conferred upon me, and I trust I shall be able to discharge those duties you have placed in my trust, as well to your satisfaction as to that of this province. I thank the brethren very much for the kind reception they gave to me on my appointment, and I trust my best endeavours will be to promote the interests in the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, of every lodge of this province. I trust the first duty you will be called upon to perform will be that of allowing the consecration of a new lodge in this province, one that I have every reason to believe in a very few weeks will be consecrated, and which I have every reason to think will be a successful one. On behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers of Oxford I thank you most sincerely for the kind way in which you have drunk our health. (Applause.)

Bro. W. Beach: Your Royal Highness, Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and brethren, I have the honour to propose the next toast. The interchange of visits between the brethren of the respective provinces is productive of the greatest benefit to Freemasonry; it affords an opportunity for contracting new friendships, and it also gives an opportunity for welcoming those who perhaps for many a long day we have not seen. I propose the toast of "The Visitors" with peculiar gratification, because intimately associated as I have been in former days with the Province of Oxford, and never having relinquished my interest in it, I can bear willing testimony to the delight with which the brethren of that province honoured visitors from other quarters. And I am truly glad to say, as you will all bear me out, that the brethren of the present day have not deteriorated

from the character which those who went before them earned. Brethren, I will not detain you at this late hour of the evening, but I will as an old Mason of this province congratulate you upon the auspicious proceedings of this day, and trust that they augur well for the prospects of Freemasonry in this province. I beg to couple with this toast the name of Lord Limerick, who is an energetic, an able, and successful Mason. He rules over his province with ability, and I am sure you will receive his name with enthusiasm. (Cheers.)

The Earl of Limerick: May it please your Royal Highness and brethren—If under ordinary circumstances to attend as visitors at your Masonic meetings is a pleasure and an honour, how much more when we have been called upon to be present at a meeting of such importance, not only to the province of Oxfordshire but the Craft at large, as the installation of His Royal Highness as Provincial Grand Master. I venture to say, brethren, that, saving one occasion—that of the installation of His Royal Highness our Grand Master—there has been no Masonic event for a long time more fraught with advantage to our Craft. It has been a pleasure and an honour to those brethren whom you have invited to be present at the ceremony of installation and to see with what ability that ceremony was carried out, and whom you also invited to be present and partake of your magnificent hospitality. I am sure that I only speak the minds of all the visitors when I express our heartfelt wishes for His Royal Highness's prosperity, and for the prosperity of the province over which he is called upon to rule. I thank you, brethren, in the name of the visitors, for the manner in which you have received the toast.

The Prov. Grand Master: Before we leave I have one last toast to propose. It is one I am sure that you will drink with the greatest enthusiasm; it is that of "The Ladies," the ladies, who so seldom deign to visit us, but whom we are always so glad to see. I wish we could see them oftener. I give you "The Ladies;" and as Bro. Hilton is in the gallery I will call upon him to respond.

The Rev. J. Hilton: W.M. and brethren, I have received at the hands of your W.M., the first piece of unkindness that I believe he has ever done me; that is to say, not that I am not glad and rejoice to be spokesman for so much beauty as you see around me here to-night, but at the same time I feel truly unworthy to be their spokesman. And for another reason it is unkind, because a stern college and a sterner dean and chapter forbid me to be anything other-wise than a celibate. (Laughter.) But perhaps that is rather a reason why I should return thanks, because I shall be so exceedingly impartial to them. (Renewed laughter.) Let me then return on behalf of the ladies their most sincere thanks, and I have heard some say that they hope some day or other the ladies will return thanks for themselves. Unworthy though I am to be their representative, I hope that that day will be very, very far distant. As we hear so much about the claims of equality, of ladies and gentlemen being exactly alike, that ladies are to go in for all kinds of occupation, without proper training or fitness for them, I am sure none of the ladies here wish any such thing to happen. When I say they do not wish it, allow me to say when this does happen, when this equality does occur, but which I hope it never will do, then we shall find what they lose. Ladies gain so much now on all occasions by the courtesy which you shew them, that when this equality comes they will feel their loss. And what would they lose? They would lose, if we consider ourselves on an equality that graciousness, kindness, gentleness, and courteous feeling towards ladies that has long been the characteristic of an English gentleman. Brethren, I am sure you will bear me out, and the ladies will bear me out, in saying I hope the day is far distant. I return on behalf of the ladies my most sincere thanks to you for drinking their health in the way you have drunk it. I am only sorry that you have such an unworthy mouthpiece of so much that is noble, and beautiful, and kind.

The proceedings then terminated.

The musical entertainment, which was ver

beautiful, was given by the following brethren:—Bickley, of Birmingham; Thornton, of St. Paul's Cathedral; Robson, of Magdalen College; Farley Sinkins, Christ Church; Rowley, Duxbury, Crane, and Halliwell. The whole was under the direction of Bro. Farley Sinkins.

In the course of the evening His Royal Highness received a telegram from the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, of which he has been elected Master. His Deputy Master has just been installed, and on receipt of the telegram His Royal Highness put on the ancient chain the square and which are always worn by the Master of that lodge on the night of installation. They were delivered to him by the outgoing Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, who was present at the banquet. His Royal Highness belongs to two London lodges, the Antiquity, No. 2, and the Westminster and Keystone, No. 10. He wore the jewels of the Antiquity on this occasion.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Lord Chief Justice of England will preside at the annual festival of the Newspaper Press Fund on May 20.

This year's Civil Service estimates were issued yesterday. The total amount required from the several classes for the twelve months ending March 31st, 1877, is £13,308,855, a net increase over the sum appropriated for the expiring year to the extent of £299,744.

The roll of the Institution of Civil Engineers on the 1st of this month contained the names of 843 members, 1530 associates, and 14 honorary members, while there were also attached 373 students, making a total of 2760 of all classes.

The Liverpool charities have been benefited by another large bequest, the total amount of which is £25,500, which sum is to be divided among twenty-four institutions, eleven of which receive each £2000 two others £1000, and the balance is apportioned in small amounts among the others. The testatrix is Miss Cort, who died at Kirkley, near Liverpool, on Jan. 3. This bequest follows closely upon the legacy of £300,000 left by Mr. Lyon Jones to Liverpool charities.

An Inaugural Ball will take place shortly at the Surrey Masonic Hall, in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The following is a copy of a telegram from Governor Sir W. F. D. Jervois, K.C.M.G., to the Earl of Carnarvon, dated Singapore, Feb. 17, 2.55 p.m.:—"Three of actual murderers of Birch captured. One confesses everything; says nine men perpetrated murder, and has given names."

Bro. Sir Watkin W. Wynn, P.G.M. North Wales, has recently added a domestic chapel to his principal seat, Wynnstay, near Ruabon, North Wales. It consists of a nave and north aisle, with vestry, two bold and well-moulded arches separating the nave and aisle. Mr. Edmund B. Ferrey was the architect.

Bro. Captain Mercier has been re-elected Chairman of the Hospital Saturday Fund for the present year.

Sir Knt. H. C. Levander has undertaken, with the sanction of the Executive Committee, to represent the Red Cross and Appendant Orders, as a Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

THE LONDON MASONIC CLUB.—We are glad to find that the London Masonic Club is progressing most favourably towards completion, and also in numbers. Next week we hope to place a full description of the building, and its internal arrangements before our readers. Owing to the number of applications for membership already received we hear that it will be necessary to raise the subscriptions, and impose an entrance fee; we therefore recommend brethren intending to join to send in their names without loss of time.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, No. 902 held at the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town, on Friday, 3rd of March, 1876. Chair to be taken at seven o'clock precisely, by Bro. J. F. Wuest, Preceptor, P.M. 753.

The "Graphic" of Saturday last contained an engraving of Bro. W. Romaine Callender.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin gave a banquet on Thursday week, at which there were 400 guests. The Duke of Abercorn spoke of the prosperity of Ireland as having increased during the past year. It had, he said, made most decided and positive advances, and these gave rise to well-founded hopes of seeing great progress in the future. What Ireland wanted was more capital expended in it, and without security for life and property this could not be obtained.

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

A deputation from the Royal Hospital, Belfast, recently waited on the Lord Lieutenant, and presented an address expressive of thanks to His Grace for having obtained the charter, and pointing out the advantages which the charity derived from it. His Grace said it gave him great satisfaction to find that the charter was of such use to the hospital, from £20,000 to £30,000 having been already obtained.

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and Lady Georgiana Hamilton, gave a ball at Dublin Castle on Tuesday, the 15th inst.

We are requested to state that owing to the death of Her Imperial Highness the Grand Duchess Marie Nicolaivna of Russia, the parties announced to be given by their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh on the 26th inst. and the 2nd March will not be held.

On the promotion of the Prince of Leiningen, G.C.B., to flag rank, the command of the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert will, it is stated, be given to Commodore Sir William N. W. Hewett, K.C.B., senior officer on the West Coast of Africa.

The "Daily News" understands that during the three years' naval command of the Duke of Edinburgh the Duchess of Edinburgh will reside for a considerable portion of each year in Russia. Arrangements have been made by which the Duke and Duchess will spend the winter of 1876-7 in Malta.

A Norwegian expedition to the Arctic Seas will (our Copenhagen correspondent writes) start early this spring.

Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall contradicts the report that he intends to retire from the representation of Warrington.

MARK MASONRY.—The Right Hon. the Earl of Lime-rick, M.W.G.M.M., has appointed the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale to be D.G.M.M. in the room of R.W. Bro. Romaine Callender, M.P., deceased.

NEW QUARTERLY MAGAZINE.—"The Rosicrucian and Masonic Record," which has been for nearly eighteen years the organ of the Rosicrucian Society, will henceforth be published with the view of enlisting the support of those brethren of the Masonic Fraternity, who are associated with the Christian and Philosophical Degrees. The field of general Masonic literature being already well occupied, the "Rosicrucian and Masonic Record" will be devoted mainly to the examination and elucidation of Freemasonry in its more æsthetic relation with symbolism, science, and thought. Facts and occurrences of an interesting character will, however, be duly noticed, and meetings of Rosicrucians and Philosophical Masons regularly recorded. Several brethren of literary attainments have promised cordial co-operation, and the magazine will continue to be edited by Bros. R. Wentworth Little and William Robert Woodman, M.D. The publisher is prepared to enlarge the magazine to 48 pages, for the price of one shilling, the numbers to be published in January, April, July, and October.

Bro. George Tedder's Annual Benefit Concert will take place at the Erith Public Hall, on Monday next. Bro. W. B. Henwood, Hon. Sec. (Belvedere), from whom any information may be obtained.

Her Majesty has expressed her intention of opening the new wing of the London Hospital which has lately been added to the institution by the Grocers' Company. The ceremony will take place on March 7th.

NARROW ESCAPE OF BRO. R. WENTWORTH LITTLE, Sec., Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.—Bro. Little had a narrow escape a few days back. While proceeding home in a hansom cab, the horse took fright, the driver losing all control over it. Fortunately Bro. Little escaped with but slight injuries.

METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1506.—Bro Adams is the Preceptor of this lodge, and on Friday, 11th inst., being the first meeting since the recent death of his daughter he was not present. In his absence Bro. Shand moved, and Bro. Solomons seconded, and it was unanimously approved, that a vote of condolence be entered upon the minutes, expressing sympathy with their worthy brother, the same to be transmitted by the Secretary in a letter to Bro. Adams.

On Wednesday, the 2nd inst., Emra Holmes gave a reading a la Bellew at Colchester in aid of the Literary Institution there, Shakespeare, Hood, Tennyson, Dickens and Barham being laid under contribution to furnish the evening's amusement. The "Essex Standard" says "there was a very full audience," and Bro. the Rev. C. L. Acland, himself an accomplished scholar and lecturer, took the chair. The "Standard" adds, "the programme was a very varied one, and calculated to tax the power of a reader; but Bro. Holmes accomplished his task without any difficulty, and seemed equally at home with both the grave and the gay." Amongst the former was a "Legend of St. Swithen's Eve," from the Masonic Magazine, which was listened to with great attention and a pparent interest, and the latter was best exhibited by Mr. Sprouts's courtships, which elicited roars of laughter.

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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 26.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 179, London-st., Fitzroy-square.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross Road.
Sinai Chapter, London Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 26, Castle L. of Harmony, Willis's R., St. James's.
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, London Tav., Bishopsgate.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Red Cross Con., Premier, Regent M.H., Regent-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Daihouseie, 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, MARCH 1.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7.
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle 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 Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tav.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
" 1351, St. Clements Dane, 265, Strand.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., E.
Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.
" 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.

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, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, 111, Cheapside.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Marquis of Ripon, Albion Tav., Albion-rd., Dalston.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Chap. 3, Fidelity, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
" 8, British, F.M.H.

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 Courts, 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 March 4, 1876.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.

Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29.

Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Easgate-row, Chester.

Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1.

Lodge 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hot., Chorley.

" 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.

" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st., Wigan.

" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.

Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.C., 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.

De Grey and Ripon L. of I., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.

Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

Mark Lodge, 65, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.

Harmonic L. of I., Mona Hot., James-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2.

Lodge 239, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.

" 1573, Bootle, Molyneux R., Bootle.

" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hot., Blackpool.

Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.

St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.

" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.

Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 4, 1876.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st.

" 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 219, Star, 12, Trongate.

" 352, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.

" 541, Marie Stuart, M.H., Crosshill.

Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James's-st., Kingston.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1.

Lodge 0, Mother Kilwinning, M.H., Kilwinning.

" 4, Glasgow, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 21, Old St. John, M.H., Lanark.

" 86, Navigation, Commercial Hall, Troon.

" 117, St. Mary, M.H., Partick.

" 126, St. Andrew, George Hot., Kilmarnock.

" 128, St. John, M.H., Shuttleston.

" 166, St. John, 29, Graham-st., Airdrie.

" 198, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Maybole.

" 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-st.

" 442, Neptune, M.H., Ardrossan.

" 571, Dramatic, 213, Buchanan-st.

Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2.

Lodge 11, St. John, King's Arms, Maybole.

" 22, St. John, Kilwinning, George Hot., Kilmnck.

" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

" 149, St. Andrew, M.H., Irvine.

" 157, St. John, Nairn-st., Beith.

" 165, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.

" 202, St. Clement's, Trades Tav., Kilmarnock.

" 320, St. John, Royal Arch, M.H., Ardrossan.

" 370, Renfrew, M.H., High-st., Paisley.

" 465, St. Andrew, M.H., Garnad-rd.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3.

Lodge 114, Royal Arch, M.H., Cambuslang.

" 116, Royal Arch, Council Rutherglen.

" 135, St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.

" 175, St. John, St. John's Hall, Greenock.

" 215, St. Andrew, Avondale Inn, Strathavon.

" 217, Cumbarnauld Kilwinning, T.H., Port Glsgr.

" 242, St. Houston, Cross Keys Hot., Johnstone.

" 248, Lockhart St. John, M.H., Carnworth.

" 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.

" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-rd.

" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 459, Kilburne, Cumbrac Hot., Millport.

" 512, Thorntree, M.H., Thornliebank.

" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hot., Larkhall.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4.

Lodge 458, St. John, Wilson's Hall, Busby.

" 544, St. Andrew, M.H., Bank-st., Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 4, 1876.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

Lodge 349, St. Clair, F.M.H., George-st.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2.

" 97, St. James's Operative, Writer's Court.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3.

" 291, Celtic, Ship Hot., E. Register-st.

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