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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

GRAND STEWARDS' LODGE.—This lodge met on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Edwin March, W.M., presiding. Lodge was very numerous, attended, and after two propositions for joining had been made, Bro. Bristow off red himself as Steward for the Boys' School Festival, and five guineas was voted to his list. The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, when the following brethren were present:—Edwin March, W.M.; Edwd. Baxter, S.W.; J. F. Walsh, J.W.; John A. Rucker, Treas.; Fredk. Hockley, Sec.; Frank Richardson, J.D.; E. W. Hubbeck, I.G.; John M. Stedwell, P.M.; H. J. Norman, P.M.; C. H. Waters, P.M.; J. Swainston, W.M.; W. B. Scott, William Kilsby, T. H. Edmunds, Wm. Bristow, A. A. Richards, B. Risdom, F. Binckes, B. K. Minton, P.M.; John Hart, P.M. 410; Hickson Briggs, P.M. 865; Albert B. H. Day, P.M. 865; Aubrey Walsh, P.M. 8; H. Massey, P.M. 619 ("Freemason"); W. White, 181; J. W. Starkey, P.M. 1174; Hy. N. Pink, 1593; C. S. Peters, P.M. 1460; Wm. Blackmore, 14; and H. Wellington Vallance, 294. At the conclusion of the banquet, after grace had been said, the W.M., who presided, proposed the toasts. After giving that of "The Queen and the Craft," he proposed that of "The M.W.G.M.," and in doing so said that the Prince of Wales was so highly beloved among Masons that it was quite unnecessary to say more than to ask the brethren to drink his health. No doubt one and all would be delighted to see him on his return home again. He was now on the sea, and he had accomplished the purpose for which he went to India to the highest satisfaction of our brethren in that country, as well as to all our other fellow subjects in the great Empire. The toast was coupled with that of "The Earl of Carnarvon." In giving the toast of "Lord Skelmersdale and the Grand Officers," the W.M. coupled the name of Bro. Rucker with it, of whom they were all very proud, and by whose appointment as G.S.D. they felt much honoured. Bro. J. A. Rucker responded. The Health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Stedwell, P.M., who said the brethren knew the W.M. and his good qualities so well that even a very long speech would not enhance him in their estimation. He had the interests of the Grand Stewards' Lodge at heart at all times, and the immense amount of good he had always done, and was now doing independently of being the W.M. of the lodge entitled him (Bro. Stedwell) to ask the brethren to drink the W.M.'s health most cordially. The W.M., in reply, wished he deserved all Bro. Stedwell's praise. In one thing he had said the truth, that he had always had the welfare of the Grand Stewards' Lodge at heart. He hoped he always should. When he first joined the lodge, not so many years ago, the funds were small, and the first time he dined in it they sat down seven. The state of things was different now. He was proud of the lodge, and would do all in his power to keep it up. Although he did not believe as some did that they would regain the privileges they had lost, and if the number of red apron lodges was increased (which they could not look for) they might yet do a great deal of good in Masonry; they could set examples, and the Grand Stewards' Lodge, not No. 1, but the first lodge in the Craft. If the brethren would only follow him, and the P.M.'s, and those who desired to make it a great lodge they would succeed. (Hear, Hear.) The toast of "The Visitors" followed, in which the W.M. gave those brethren a most hearty welcome. This was seconded by the rest of the brethren drinking the toast warmly in bumpers. Bros. Walsh, H. W. Vallance and Briggs replied, and the W.M. next gave "The P.M.'s," and in recounting the services the brethren had rendered named Bro. Briggs as being the brother who raised the lodge when it was small in number to the proud position in which it at present stood. He also included the names of Bros Stedwell, Norman, Binckes, Swainston and Waters. Bro. Stedwell replied, and assured the W.M. and the brethren that the P.M.'s would follow the course they had always pursued. The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," Bros. Rucker and Hockley, drew the brethren's attention to two noble representatives of the lodge, the W.M. saying that better officers there could not be, and the lodge heartily thanked them for the able manner in which they performed their duties. Bro. Hockley, who replied, thanked the brethren sincerely for their kind recognition of his and the Treasurer's services. "The Musical Brethren and Bro.

Monckton" followed, the thanks of the brethren being given to the musical brethren, and the W.M. adding that when Bro. Baxter had gone through the chair he should propose that he become Org. of the lodge. Bro. Monckton replied, and "The Officers of the Lodge" was proposed, those brethren having ever contributed to establish the prestige of this lodge, notably Bro. E. Saunders, P.G.S.D. Bro. Baxter, S.W., replied, and looked back with pride on those old times when Grand Stewards' Lodge had public nights, which had now been superseded by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. Bro. F. Binckes replied for "The Charities," and thanked their lodge for having supported Bro. Bristow, who had kindly undertaken the Stewardship of the lodge for the Boys' School. The brethren afterwards separated.

THE ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).—The standard of this lodge does not float over one of the houses of entertainment popularly supposed (and there is much more supposition than fact about the idea) to be open for the benefit of "man and beast;" but it holds its happy meetings under Bro. Brooks at the Wellington Club, in the Upper-street of that northern part of London which used to rejoice in the nomenclature of "Merrie Islington." On Tuesday night the installation meeting was held, and a goodly attendance of the brethren of the lodge and of visitors witnessed the last night's work of the most efficient Master of the last year. Bro. J. F. Wilson, who handed over the duties to the new Master amid general acknowledgments of the good work he had done during his year. Before the ceremony of installation was commenced the old Master performed the ceremony of passing for the benefit of Bro. De Metz, and then initiated a namesake, Mr. Alexander Wilson, as well as two other gentlemen, Mr. Walter Holcome and Mr. Ernest Edward Street. The W.M. then proceeded to install his successor Bro. Wright, the first child of the lodge who has reached that position. The ceremony was performed with all the accustomed rites, and the brethren greeted the new W.M. when the Board of Installed Masters being closed, he was proclaimed according to ancient custom. The W.M. appointed as his officers Bros. P. Dickenson, S.W.; W. H. Cohen, J.W.; J. F. Wilson, I.P.M., as Treas.; G. S. Rigley, as Sec.; Gladwell, as S.D.; D. L. Buderus, as J.D.; A. J. P. Stevens, as I.G.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., as Chaplain; J. P. Watford, as Organist. After the Master had risen for the first time, the Junior Warden, in well chosen terms, spoke of the excellent manner in which the outgoing W.M. had discharged his duties to the lodge, and said Bro. Wilson had placed all the members of the lodge in his debt by his performance of the ceremony of installation, and the speaker moved that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of the lodge to Bro. Wilson. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson seconded the motion, and said he had never seen the ceremony worked with greater effect, and it was with pleasure that he saw the young lodge having officers so efficient; and he said that so great an example set before future Masters by a Master would be of the greatest advantage to the lodge. The motion was carried nem. con. with acclamation, and in conveying it to Brother Wilson the Worshipful Master decorated his I.P.M. with the jewel of the lodge. This bore the inscription "Presented by the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298, to Bro. John Figgess Wilson, P.M., to mark their appreciation of his excellent working, urbanity of manner, and great zeal evinced for the prosperity of the Lodge." The lodge, after voting £10 10s. to the Boys' School, to go on Bro. Jaffra's list, closed in due form, and at a somewhat late hour—late from the heavy work in the lodge—sat down to an excellent banquet, provided under the superintendence of Bro. Brooks, one of the proprietors of the club. Among the visitors were Bro. Linton R. Rogers, P.M. 902 (Burgoyne); Bros. Manger and Wells, both P.M.s of 1314; Bros. J. While, I.P.M. of United Strength, No. 228 ("Freemason"); H. B. D. Dunn, Finsbury Park Lodge; Wo. dward, of 176; Tabernacle, of Finsbury Park; and others. There was an absence of P.M.'s of the lodge, with the exception of Bro. Woodman, for the reasons that the lodge has not many, that one is abroad, and that another is ill. After the banquet the W.M. gave the usual loyal toasts—"The Queen and the Craft," and spoke of that day's ceremony—in her Majesty's visit to the East to open a new wing of the London Hospital—as showing that the Head of the State is animated with the same kindly feelings for which her Masonic father was celebrated. In proposing "The Health of H.R.H. the Grand Master, the W.M. made reference to the Grand Master's journey to the East, and said the Freemasons of England would give his Royal Highness a joyous welcome home. In response to the toast of "The Grand Officers," Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, as P.G.C., spoke with his usual eloquence, and repeated what he had said in lodge with regard to the "work" of the lodge, declaring that Grand Lodge would be highly gratified could the members see how efficiently all the duties of the Craft were carried out. He said, too, that he was proud of being a Royal Standard officer, and though he had been a transient Chaplain for a long time he would endeavour to give them more of his attendance. The W.M. then proposed "The Initiates," and Bro. A. Wilson, and his conferees acknowledged the toast in fitting terms. The visitors were toasted, and Bro. Linton Rogers responded thanking the lodge for the opportunity it afforded the visitors of seeing the excellent work of the Royal Standard. Bro. J. F. Wilson then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said that it was with the utmost gratification the members saw one of the children of the lodge take the position of its Master. The lodge was now in a most flourishing position, it had a balance in hand, it had contributed to the charities liberally, and it had good members. The W.M. who now took the head of the Lodge under these favourable circumstances was one who had worked steadily from the first through the offices of the lodge, and had done his duty to the lodge and its Masters in past years in a manner which had been well

followed by his brother officers. The W.M. acknowledged the toast in fitting terms, and thanked the brethren warmly for assisting him in attaining the "summit of his profession." The brethren then, at a late hour—merging on midnight—seemed to be about entering on the enjoyment of the "evening;" but the recorder of events, with others who had to cross the valley of the Thames, departed, leaving the brethren of the north somewhat diminished in numbers, but fully inclined to enjoy themselves with the harmony from which the speeches had debarred them.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—Bro. G. Everett, the Immediate Past Master of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, and Worshipful Master of the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, presided at the regular meeting of the latter lodge on the 7th inst., at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, when there was a large attendance of brethren, members of the lodge, and a strong muster of visitors. Among these last were Bros. Greenwood, Prov. G. Sec. of Surrey; W. Palmer, J.W. 177; G. L. Everett, 177; Allcot, from China; Day, 1139; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 ("Freemason"). The officers present were Bros. H. Higgins, S.W.; H. C. Reeves, J.W.; Walls, S.D.; Kohler, J.D.; Speedy, I.G.; Robinson, D.C.; Marston, W.S.; E. J. Page, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; and Past Masters W. Mann, Koch, Gardner, and Drysdale. The work done was initiating Messrs. John King and J. Wardley, and raising Bro. Grimwade, and this occupied the brethren a considerable time, as the ceremonies were carefully gone through and impressively rendered. An excellent banquet was afterwards provided; Bro. Frederick Trotman, who personally superintended its serving. At the conclusion of the banquet, which gave general satisfaction, grace was rendered, and the W.M. proceeded rapidly to deliver the toasts, as the hour was late. After that of "The Queen and the Craft," which was followed by singing the "National Anthem," the W.M., in giving the toast of "The Grand Master," said that from the time H.R.H. first entered the Craft till that glorious day in April last when in the presence of 8000 or 9000 of the Craft he was installed as Grand Master he had never ceased to display his interest in the Craft. His progress through India had been one of great success, and in every town he had visited where Freemasons had come forward to show him their loyalty he had treated them with the greatest condescension. He was a generous-hearted man, and a thorough Freemason, and if he made as good a King as he did a member of the Craft a happy and glorious reign might be predicted for him. (Hear, hear.) "The Earl of Carnarvon, &c." was the next toast, and the W.M. said, in proposing it, with reference to Lord Skelmersdale, that since the Kennington Lodge last met his lordship had taken the chair at the festival of the Benevolent Institution, when over £1000 was announced; he had installed Prince Leopold as Grand Master of Oxfordshire; and not a week ago had presided at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. He was a man made of the right stuff, and while such men were assistants of the Prince of Wales nothing would be wanting in Freemasonry with respect to its working. Bro. Page, P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and referred to the admirable way in which he had performed the duties of the chair. He congratulated the Kennington Lodge on having secured such a Master. While it had such a ruler it would be sure to be successful; it was successful now, and he trusted that the happy era which had now commenced would continue. There were in the lodge many young and aspiring members, and he had no doubt they would emulate the example of Bro. Everett, and carefully work up to the proud position to which he had attained. The W.M. in responding, after thanking the brethren for the kind way in which they had drunk his health, said it was very pleasing indeed to receive praises, especially when one felt that he had tried to deserve that praise. He felt very proud, as he had the right to do, to think that having just vacated the chair of one lodge he was placed in that of another; and he begged to assure the brethren that he should do in the future, as he had done in the past, everything he possibly could to promote the good of Freemasonry in general, and of the Kennington Lodge in particular. In order to obtain this object he had to solicit the assistance of his brother officers, and the brethren generally, and from what he had seen during the short time of his Mastership he felt assured he would not plead in vain. His year had been begun very happily and auspiciously, and if it continued as it had commenced he might predict that there was a very great future in store for the lodge. At all events nothing should be wanting on his part to bring about such a happy end, and he had no doubt of the result. The W.M. proposed "The Visitor," and said that of the many pleasing things that happened in Freemasonry one of the most pleasing was that of visiting lodges. It was a good and wholesome custom that ought to be encouraged; it served to cement the feelings that ought to exist among Masons. Bro. Greenwood, Prov. G. Secretary of Surrey, was the first to reply, but said he should much prefer to hear the brethren from the far East tell them something of the position of Freemasonry in that quarter of the globe. Returning thanks for such of the brethren as chose to place themselves under his banner, Bro. Greenwood said, the lodge ceremonies had given him great satisfaction, and their working redounded greatly to the credit of the lodge. The brethren were fortunate in having a Master who could do his work so well, and in having officers so well able to assist him. He was pleased to see on his right Bro. Drysdale, who many years ago initiated him in Freemasonry. To his left he saw the newly-initiated Bro. King, whom he had known 30 years, and who, he was sure, would bring credit to the Craft. He fully endorsed the W.M.'s remarks about visiting lodges; it was the greatest charm in Freemasonry, for thereby you made new and cemented old friendships; it also enabled brethren, though they might find diversity in working; to pick up hints which were very useful in the working of a lodge.

Bro. Allcot, from Hong Kong, also replied. He was, he might say, a stranger in the vast metropolis of London, having arrived here only a few months ago, after an absence of 18 years. He went first to Hong Kong, where there were four lodges. He was then removed to Ningpo, where he made it his business once a month to go to the Lodge Tuscan. There were four lodges there under British sway, one American, one German, and one French lodge. He had been much pleased at the way in which the Kennington Lodge was worked, and he might truly say it was sublime. He trusted that it might long continue to prosper, and might be the means of disseminating light and truth to the world, while it brought many true and good men under the banner of Freemasonry. He trusted all present would be spared to do their duty in this world, and after that be admitted as good and faithful Craftsmen to the Grand Lodge above, and be granted seats in the presence of the Great Architect. The W.M. then proposed "The Initiates." While Masonry was progressing so much it behoved the brethren to keep a watchful eye on those who were desirous of being admitted to the Order. As to those who had been initiated that evening, he knew, or at least he believed, that they would become a valuable acquisition to the Order. He did not know anything more gratifying to a Master of a lodge than to have the privilege of imparting to others those beautiful tenets with which he was himself so well acquainted. Some 18 or 19 years ago he saw the light of Masonry, and it made so deep an impression on him that he felt it now as if it had been but yesterday. From what he had seen of the initiates that day it had made the same impression on them. He congratulated them on having become members of the brotherhood, whose principles were brotherly love, relief, and truth, and whose watchwords were loyalty and charity. Bros. King and Wardley replied, and the W.M. having given the P.M.'s, Bro. Gardner made an excellent reply, in which he promised the W.M. all the assistance in his power. The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was responded to by Bros. Page and Stuart. The W.M., in proposing "The Masonic Press," paid a high compliment to the "Freemason," the accuracy of whose reports, both of lodge meetings and all the Grand proceedings in Masonry, he could speak from his own personal experience. Bro. H. Massey replied for this journal. The officers each responded for themselves, and Bro. Longstaff having given the Tyler's toast, the brethren separated after spending a very pleasant evening.

LANGTHORNE LODGE (No. 1421).—The first regular meeting of this lodge, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., Bro. R. G. Owen, was held at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, E., on Thursday, the 24th ult., the following officers being present, viz.: Bros. R. G. Owen, W.M.; B. Cundick, S.W.; H. Carter, J.W.; C. W. Ashdown, P.M. and Sec.; C. Lacey, P.M. and P.G.; J. D. Herts; T. S. Taylor, S.D.; H. N. Taylor, J.D.; G. F. Dix, I.G.; W. J. Rivett, D.C.; S. Morris, W.S.; M. Sherwin, Org.; and W. Steedman, Tyler; together with a number of brethren, and several visitors. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Claridge, of this Lodge, and Bro. G. F. Crane, of the Lodge Rose of Denmark, No. 975, were severally passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree, and the ballot taken for Mr. J. Young, a candidate for initiation, which proving unanimous in his favour, and that gentleman being in attendance, he was admitted, and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The ceremonies throughout were very creditably performed by the W.M., assisted by his newly-invested officers, most of whom being young, though energetic, Masons, will no doubt, ere long, endeavour to render the working of this lodge equal to that of any lodge presided over by older and more expert brethren. The report of the Audit Committee was, after some discussion, unanimously received and adopted, and the nomination of Bro. C. W. Ashdown, P.M. and Sec., to represent the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming annual festival of the Girls' School, brought the business of the evening to a conclusion. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, separating in perfect peace and harmony, after spending a most pleasant and enjoyable evening; the Organist, Bro. Sherwin, and several other brethren contributing some excellent songs, &c. The visitors present were Bros. E. W. Clarke, W.M. 975; F. Y. Latrielle, P.M. 1036; A. Grimwade, 1381; J. Boulton, 1036; R. Leithwaite, 282; and J. Alcock, P.M. 1228.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, March 11th, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, and it was very numerously attended by both members and visitors, and amongst the latter were the following brethren:—Nochmer, P.M. 186; Poynter, P.M. 902; G. Allcot, 325; Zetland, Hong Kong; Brockman, Madras; H. John, 749; G. Bisset, 405, Scotch Constitution; L. Corne, 49; Partridge, 1445; Botterill, 49; Codner, 23; D. Green, 179; W. H. Green, 403; Monckwood, 192; Morgan, 1335; Herold, 1056; T. S. Carter, P.M. 403; and others. The lodge was opened at the early hour of two o'clock, when Bro. Moody, P.M. and Sec., took the chair, and the usual preliminaries having been gone through, the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and Bros. Wylor, Royd, Roberts, Boote, Sampson, White, and De Lieve were respectively raised to the Degree of M.M. This duty was kindly entrusted to Bro. Moody by the W.M. on account of one of the candidates for the Sublime Degree being a personal friend of the worthy Secretary, and he wished to be allowed to perform that ceremony. It is needless to say that in Bro. Moody's hands the work was well done, and left nothing to be desired. The W.M. then assumed the chair, and Mr. William Styles, a candidate for Freemasonry, being in attendance, he was most ably instructed into its mysteries by the W.M. The next business was the election of

W.M. for the ensuing year, and a ballot unanimously resulted in the choice of Bro. Seex, the S.W., to fill that office, who returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, promising to do his utmost to secure their approbation, and expressing a hope that at the end of his year of office he should leave the chair with the same kind feelings as he had been elected to it that night. The next business was the election of Treasurer for the year, but before the nomination took place Bro. Freeman, who has hitherto filled that office from the commencement of the lodge, expressed his wish to retire, but hoped his place would be filled by one of the Past Masters, and Bro. Headon, the Immediate Past Master, was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. As Bro. Headon is such a thorough favourite with every member of the lodge the announcement of the result was received with loud cheering. Bro. Headon, I.P.M., returned thanks to the brethren for this mark of their confidence, and hoped that the amount would be large that they should place in his hands, and he assured them that he would take good care of it. Bro. Headon then said he had a pleasing duty, to propose that a Past Treasurer's jewel should be presented to Bro. Freeman, as an acknowledgment on the part of the lodge of his services. Bro. H. Thompson, P.M. ("Freemason"), said if he was in order he should like to make an addition to this notice of motion, and to supplement to by the words, "And that Bro. Freeman should become an honorary member of the lodge." He was quite sure that when they remembered the courtesy, kindness, and goodwill Bro. Freeman had invariably displayed towards every brother, they would admit with him that this was a compliment that would be well deserved. Bro. Moody said that Bro. Freeman had just telegraphed to him that he should not like to accept it. (Laughter.) Bro. Thompson said if that was Bro. Freeman's desire he would not press the motion, however much he might consider he deserved that honour to be conferred upon him. Bro. Freeman thanked Bro. Thompson for his kind intentions, but said he had no wish to be tied hand and foot as an honorary member, but wished to be at liberty to take part in their proceedings. The other notice will be considered at the next meeting of the lodge. Bro. Steedman, P.M. was unanimously re-elected as Tyler, and there being no further business the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to the large hall, where the banquet was served, the W.M. presiding. At the conclusion grace was said by the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain, and Chaplain of the lodge, followed by "The Health of the Queen" and the National Anthem. The W.M. said the next toast he had to submit to the brethren for their consideration was that of "The Health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." They all knew from the papers how he had enjoyed himself in India, and he trusted that his visit would not only have afforded enjoyment to his Royal Highness, but would cement feelings of kindness and goodwill between this country and India. He had no doubt it would be attended with beneficial results in India, and he was sure that all Masons would be prepared to give him a hearty reception on his return. He (the W.M.) had the privilege and pleasure of attending at his installation at the Albert Hall, and he was much struck with the energy and ability with which His Royal Highness conducted the proceedings, and he was sure that all would drink his health with heartiness and cordiality—a request that was enthusiastically responded to. The W.M. said the next toast he had to offer to their notice was that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present." They had two Grand Officers members of the lodge, and one of them, Bro. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, was then present. He was a man who was well known in Masonry, and a man, he might say, whom they all esteemed. The toast was well received. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson said he thanked the W.M., the officers, and brethren for the honour they had done the officers, past and present, of the Grand Lodge. The names of Lord Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale were names that were sufficiently answerable for the performance of their public and private duties, and they were also names always received with every feeling of respect in a Freemason's lodge. Freemasonry had a great mission always before it, for it had the happiness to possess in itself the elements of right, and whether engaged in business or pleasure a religious principle was inculcated, and it went far to give permanence to the welfare and happiness of mankind. It was a happy thing that Freemasonry should come to the point, for as a number of grains tended to form the lump of stone, so did the different individual members of Freemasonry help to improve the whole body of society to which they belonged. After some other observations, he said that, feeling his attachment to the lodge, as he must feel as their Chaplain, he did not wish any longer to be an honorary member, and he trusted the lodge would allow him to be its real member for the future, for he felt he should like to be attached as an active and not as an honorary member. He was responding for the Grand Lodge, but whether it was for a small lodge, The Great City Lodge, or the Small City Lodge, they were all banded together for the same object, in diffusing that that was good, and extending the happiness and welfare of their fellow creatures. (Cheers.) Bro. Headon, I.P.M., said it was now his duty to propose the next toast, which was that of "The Health of the W. Master." He had asked him as a particular favour not to propose it, and perhaps he would tell them why, but he could not consent in his position as Past Master to forego the pleasure he had in proposing his health. He could say more, that the W. Master had done his utmost to overcome the difference in their ritual, and he wished that there was but one ritual, so that they might have perfect working amongst them. The W. Master, in reply, said his reason for wishing Bro. Headon not to propose the toast of his

health was because the evening was somewhat advanced. He thought they had heard enough of him for the last twelve months; but as Bro. Headon had thought proper to propose that toast nothing remained for him but to thank the brethren for the very cordial manner in which they had responded to the toast. Bro. Headon had alluded to the difference of their ritual, but he had done his best to give them what he had done. He was much indebted to all the brethren for their kindness during his year of office, and he thanked them for this renewed mark of their courtesy to him as W.M., as that was the last time he should address them in that capacity. Bro. Headon returned thanks for the "Past Masters," and Bro. Styles, for his health as the Initiate. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," for which the greater part of them returned thanks. Bro. Brockman, from Madras, said: After a very protracted stay in the East he was very proud to be amongst them that evening, and he found them what Masons were all over the world. He had thoroughly enjoyed himself, for which he cordially thanked them, and he felt himself as much at home as if he had known them all for years. Bro. Allcot, from Hong Kong, said he had been a few months in England, and during that time he had visited several lodges, but he had never met with more able working than he had seen in that lodge, and he should take back with him to the far East many pleasant recollections of that evening. He trusted the lodge might continue to prosper, and by uniting members under their banner show to the world at large that there is something in Freemasonry, and whether they hailed from one lodge or another he trusted that they might all become members of that Grand Lodge where the Great Architect of the Universe lives and reigns for evermore. (Cheers.) The Tyler's toast was then given, and the proceedings were brought to a close at an early hour.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1558).—This lodge held its fifth regular meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 9th inst. Bro. W. Snowden, W.M., being unavoidably absent on important business, Bros. J. Dunn, P.M. and Sec., officiated as W.M.; W. S. Cackett, S.W.; T. Sleaf, J.W.; W. Mitchell, S.D.; A. Runacres, J.D.; E. W. Boyton, D.C., as I.G.; W. Chalk, W.S. Also members of the lodge Bros. R. Scott, J. R. Smith, C. E. Power, J. Kemp, J. Dixon, J. E. Pentreath, W. Grayson, J. H. Swan, C. Sims. Also visitors Bros. J. Stanford, 72; E. G. Webster, 72; G. Allcot, 525; J. Sutcliffe, 1309; C. E. Towell, 1056; H. T. T. Ross, 87; M. S. Larham, W.M. 1539; J. Ruff, 95; J. Hernaman, 1326; J. W. Brooke, 1381; E. W. Devereux, 1423. The minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Messrs. W. Fish, J. W. Smith, and W. G. Bott were initiated. Bros. W. Bower, J. Dixon, and W. Grayson were duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and Bros. R. Scott and J. R. Smith were raised. The W.M., Bro. W. Snowden, arrived and took the chair. Notice of motion was given by Bro. T. Sleaf, J. W., that at the next regular meeting of the lodge "The propriety of altering Bye-law No. 1, so as to reduce the number of meetings from nine to six in every twelve months, and that the meetings take place every alternate month" be taken into consideration, as more conducive to the interests of the lodge. Also to consider the question of raising the visitors' fee for refreshment. The lodge was adjourned till Thursday, the 13th April. The brethren then partook of refreshments in the banquet-room of the hall. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. In reply to the toast of "The Visitors" several neat speeches were made, congratulating the lodge on its harmony, good working, and prosperity. Bro. Allcot (525) said that when in China he had heard that the Masonic ceremonies were conducted in a very slovenly manner in England. Since he had been in this country he had visited many lodges, and on his return to China he should be able to acquaint his brethren there that Freemasonry in England is conducted with the utmost regularity and decorum—in short, that Freemasonry in every part of the globe he had visited is one universal science.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The first meeting under Bro. Brown, the new W.M., was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, March 2nd, when he was supported by Bros. Cooper, acting as I.P.M.; Carey, P.M., as S.W.; Falkner, J.W.; Ashley, P.M. and Treas.; C. Wilkinson, Sec.; Braham, J.S.D.; Denham, J.D.; Gummer, I.G.; Wilton, P.M. and Dir. of Cer.; Hunt and Radway, Stewards; Past Masters Rubic, Mann, Mitchell, and Dr. Hopkins; several members, Bro. Styles presiding at the harmonium; as visitors, Bros. Collins, 379; Sparrow, P.M. 906; Pinkett, 906; and Bigwood, Tyler. The minutes having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. T. Trevor, W.M. 944, S.C., Bombay, as a joining member, which being unanimous in his favour, he was duly received into the lodge. Messrs. Mercer and Meatyard, previously balloted for, were admitted, and initiated by the W.M. The charge was admirably delivered by Bro. Cooper, and the J.W. was equally successful in the explanation of the working tools. In the course of the evening the brethren were carried off for refreshment, generously provided by the W.M., whose kindness was acknowledged by a vote, which was carried by acclamation. Bros. Hunt and Gummer presented the report of the committee appointed to see to the renovation of the furniture, for which an expense of £27 had been incurred, which was ordered to be paid, and after some discussion as to missing articles, a cordial vote of thanks was awarded to them for their efficient services. On the proposition of the J.W., a committee was appointed to confer with deputations from the other Masonic bodies in Bath as to the purchase of a new organ. The W.M. feelingly announced the severe domestic bereavement which had befallen Bro. General Doherty, W.M. of 906, and the Secretary was directed to forward to this highly esteemed brother a letter of condolence on behalf of the brethren of

No. 41. Bro. Cooke, formerly a member of this lodge, was proposed to rejoin it. Bro. Dr. Hopkins suggested the desirability of the purchase of an engraving of the installation of the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., but owing to the lateness of the hour the consideration of it was postponed. The lodge was closed at 10.45.

WOODBRIDGE.—Doric Lodge (No. 96).—The usual monthly meeting of this old lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Woodbridge, on Wednesday, the 1st March, when there were present Bros. B. Gall, W.M., Whistock; Barnes, S.W.; B. D. Gall, J.W.; Browne, J.D.; E. Fitzgerald, P. Prov. G.S.B., Sec.; Wilmshurst, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B., acting I.P.M.; visitor, Bro. Emra Holmes, P. Prov. G.R., and P.G.D.C. of the British Union Lodge. The lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of last lodge read and confirmed, and Bro. Dr. George Edward's Keer having been examined and entrusted, the lodge was duly opened in the Second Degree, and the candidate was passed to the degree of F.C., the ceremony being very efficiently performed by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his officers. The charge (which is too seldom given in lodges) was impressively given by Bro. Fitzgerald. The current business of the evening having been disposed of, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren retired from the neat and elegant little lodge-room to the Bull Hotel, where a plain and substantial repast was served, and the usual Masonic and loyal toasts were given by the W.M. in quick succession, and duly responded to by the brethren. The worthy Secretary, Bro. Fitzgerald, with the permission of the Chairman, assumed the gavel, and proposed "The W.M.," passing a hearty encomium on the way in which he had done the work that evening. The W.M. modestly responded, and said that had he known for what purpose Bro. Fitzgerald asked for the use of the gavel he should certainly have refused it. The Secretary said that whilst he was still in possession he would propose another toast. The brethren had amongst them that evening as a visitor a brother with whose name they had long been familiar, and they were very glad to see him. He had so many titles, and held so many degrees, that he was unable to give them—but he begged to propose his health. The toast was very cordially drunk, and Bro. Emra Holmes, in responding, begged to thank the W.M. and brethren for the kind way in which they had received him that evening, and Bro. Fitzgerald for the flattering way in which he was pleased to speak of him. He assured the brethren that it gave him very great pleasure to bear his testimony to the excellent working he had seen that night. He thanked them very heartily for their cordial reception. He, as they probably well knew, had made Masonry his hobby, and for the last 15 years had done his utmost, in a very humble manner it was true, to endeavour to advance its true interests in every way. He liked to visit various lodges, and was delighted often to see how ably country lodges were worked, as in the case of this, the Doric Lodge, and which would astonish their metropolitan brethren. It was often not easy for a stranger Mason to get into these lodges, as he had found from experience. Bro. Holmes then related how strictly he was examined in a certain west country lodge some time ago, and how by a courteous and experienced Past Master he was severely catechised in the three degrees, and passed his examination very well until the P.M. demanded a proof that he really was a P.M., as the W.M. was to be installed that night, which, the speaker said, regularly "floored" him, as he had so seldom seen the Installed Masters' Degree worked, and had quite forgotten it. They were then in a regular dilemma as to whether he should be admitted, and the difficulty was only solved by the entrance of another old P.M., well known in the west. This brother, on hearing his name, said: "Well, I will vouch for Bro. Emra Holmes. I have never seen him before, but I have read his lectures and papers in the "Freemason" and "Masonic Magazine" for years past, and will guarantee it is all right." So he was admitted, and very cordially treated when they found out who he was, and he afterwards supped with the brethren, and enjoyed a remarkably pleasant evening. On another occasion, the speaker said, he visited a certain Royal Arch Chapter, and he knew no one there. His cousin, who was a medical man in the place, and S.W. of the lodge, but not a R.A.M. himself, brought him up to the lodge-room. The F.P., who was a Major-General, by the way, accosted him, and asked if he was a R.A.M.? Bro. Holmes said he was. "Who introduces you?" said the General rather roughly. "I don't know any one! but my cousin, Bro. —, brought me here." "Your cousin is not a R.A.M." "I know that, but he is a gentleman," said Bro. Holmes, and he would not have allowed me to come had he not known I was a R.A.M." He then produced his certificate, and proved himself, and was admitted. After the meeting was over he was asked to stay and have some refreshment with the companions, but he declined, and went home, feeling that though it was well to be strict with strangers it might be carried to extremes sometimes. He merely mentioned this to the brethren so that they might be prepared when they visited strange lodges, and he ought perhaps to explain by telling them what he imagined very few of them knew, that there was a good deal of spurious Masonry practised, and many spurious Masons about, and no doubt all this excessive care was necessary in some places. Again thanking them, he resumed his seat. Bro. John Bull sang a very good song about a jilted sailor. Bro. Holmes gave H. J. Byron's clever comic song, "Betsy Knubbles, the Maid of all work," and the Tyler's toast, which, by the way, was given from the chair, brought a very pleasant and harmonious evening to a close.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—Lodge of Friendship (No. 100).—On Thursday, 2nd inst., the members of this lodge met at the Town Hall, for the purpose of installing a W.M. for the year ensuing. Bro. E. J. Benfellow had been unanimously elected, and he was installed by Bro. O. Diver. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. Bond, I.P.M.; R. Martins, S.W.; R.

W. Hubbard, J.W.; J. W. French, S.D.; E. J. Bostock, J.D.; L. Spence, I.G.; C. M. Kirkham and J. A. Wade, Stewards; D. R. Fowler, Sec.; and J. Holt, Tyler. Bro. the Rev. J. J. Gurzey, Incumbent of St. James, was appointed Chaplain, and Bro. F. Welham, Organist. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. A. M. F. Morgan, D.P.G.M.; Rev. Dr. Maughan, J. C. Smith, P.M.; T. Lord, W.M. 1500; J. S. Offord, W.M. 213; G. Brittain, P.G.O.; and Smart, P.M. of East Dereham. After the installation ceremony, which was most impressively performed, the brethren adjourned to the Crown and Anchor Hotel, when 60 brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided in first class style by Bro. Franklin.

LANCASTER.—Fortitude Lodge (No. 181).—On Wednesday, 8th inst., the members of this lodge assembled in monthly meeting at the Masonic Room, Athenaeum. Bro. T. Atkinson, the W.M., presided, Bro. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. England, occupying the chair of I.P.M. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Aldous was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, the working being ably performed by the W.M., and who also presented the newly-obligated brother with the working tools of a Master Mason. Heartly good wishes were given by the visiting brethren, and acknowledged by the W.M. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and the lodge was then closed with the peculiarities of the Craft.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—This lodge held its monthly meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at which a large number of members and visitors attended. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. H. Clark, W.M., who afterwards initiated Mr. J. Walker into the ancient mysteries of the Order, and passed Bro. E. C. Potter to the degree of F.C. The W.M. then, on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented to Bro. J. Smethurst, I.P.M., a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, and in doing so expatiated at some length on the deserving merits of the recipient, who during his term of office as W.M. had gained the good esteem of all the brethren, and successfully conducted the business of the lodge. During the speech of the W.M. the brethren frequently testified their concurrence by their applause. Bro. Smethurst, in a few well chosen remarks, feelingly expressed his gratitude for the honour which had been so conspicuously conferred upon him, and said that he should ever treasure the jewel as a token of the esteem of his brethren, and of their good will which had during his occupation of the chair been so unanimoously and generously shown towards him. Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.M., gave notice of the following motion, viz.: "That the sum of £20 be granted from the funds of the lodge to the new East Lancashire Systematic Benevolent and Educational Society," and from the cordial reception given to the notice there is no doubt that the motion will at the next meeting be carried into effect, as this old-established lodge has always been in the foremost ranks in all matters connected with charity. After the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned to refreshment, under the presidency of Bro. Clark, W.M., and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The loyal, Masonic, and other customary toasts were heartily and enthusiastically received. The speeches were interspersed with songs and recitations, the musical arrangements being, as usual, under the able direction of Bro. J. R. Lever.

FOLKESTONE.—Temple Lodge (No. 558).—This lodge was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the 7th inst. Present: W.M. Bro. R. B. Jenner; Bros. S. S. Stalwood, S.W.; C. Woollett, J.W.; J. B. Gill, C. Dickenson, D. Jones; Past Masters J. Sherwood, S. Penfold, J. Kennett, P.G.O.; W. Earnshaw, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Poole, P.P.G.S.W.; H. Stock, Sec., P.P.G.S.W.; W. B. Tolputt, P.P.G.O. Visitors: Bros. G. Adamson, P.M. 199, 1208, P.P.G.D.C.; Fuhr, P.M. 199, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Wilson, P.M. 199, P.P.G.; S. Popkis, P.M. 1203; J. Ferson, W.M. 199; Downing, P.M. 184; G. Adamson, jun., 1208; S. R. Elms, 199; Gorton, 199; Smith, 199; Cook, 1436; C. Gosby, P.M. 1436; R. H. Pledge, J.W. 1436, and the V.W.D.P.G.M. of Kent, J. S. Eastes. The lodge was opened at 3 p.m. by Bro. P.M. J. Kennett, in consequence of the indisposition of the W.M., Bro. R. B. Jenner, assisted by Bros. S. S. Stalwood, S.W.; R. H. Pledge, 1436, acting J.W. The first business was the election of a Bro. to serve on the Charity Committee for the province of Kent. Bro. P.M. Penfold was unanimously elected to fill that office. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary then read a statement of accounts, showing a balance in hand of upwards of £15. Mr. S. Joseph was initiated, which ceremony was performed by Bro. P.M. Kennett. Bro. G. Adamson then took the chair, and assisted by Bro. Earnshaw, and J. Kennett, as Wardens, proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. S. S. Stalwood, in the chair of K., which ceremony was performed in Bro. Adamson's usual fluent style. Previous to the installation the brethren rose to salute the V.W.D.P.G.M., who kindly honoured the lodge with his presence on this occasion. The W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year, viz., C. Woollett, S.W.; C. Fagg, J.W.; Dr. J. B. Gill, S.D.; D. Jones, J.D.; G. Taylor, I.G.; H. Stow, P.M., Sec.; J. Kennett, P.M., Treas. Bro. Kennett then offered to the acceptance of the lodge a very handsome Master's chair, designed by himself. The present was acknowledged by the W.M. in a few appropriate remarks. The chair was much admired by everyone present. The brethren then adjourned to the West Cliff Hotel, where a very recherché banquet was prepared by Mr. C. W. Wedderburn. The brethren expressed much satisfaction at the manner in which the repast was served. The gavel was wielded by the W.M. in such an able style that the usual Masonic toasts were quickly and effectually disposed of, until that of the V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. S. Eastes, was given, and very enthusiastically received. Bro. Eastes, in response, spoke of the great rise and progress of Freemasonry during the past few years, and of the many influences at work to cause it. One of the great duties of a Freemason was charity, and the charities of the instit-

tion had risen in proportion. The brethren must not allow it to be used merely as an axiom, but it must become the duty of every brother to support and encourage these charitable institutions as far as lies in his power. "The P.G. Officers" was then given, and responded to by Bro. W. F. Gosling, P.P.G.P. The Installing Master, Bro. G. Adamson, P.P.G.D.C., whose health was cordially drunk, rose and said that it always afforded him the liveliest pleasure to come over and assist the Temple Lodge in any way. He must apologise for the brevity of his remarks, as he was obliged to leave on account of the early departure of the trains for Dover. "The Mayor, Bro. Past Master Sherwood," was then given by Bro. H. Poole, P.P.G.S.W., who dwelt upon the popularity and esteem in which he was held by all classes. The Mayor, in responding, made many trite and appropriate remarks upon Freemasonry, and mentioned that it was the twelfth or thirteenth time that a gentleman who was also a Freemason had occupied the civic chair. After "The Visitors," "The Secretary and Treasurer" and "The Junior Officers," the Tyler's toast brought the evening's proceedings to a close. Several songs by the brethren added to the harmony, and thus closed one of the most successful meetings of the Temple Lodge for some years.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Plumstead, the W.M., Bro. A. Penfold, in the chair. The other officers present were Bros. C. Coup and, P.M., and P.G.S. for Kent; W. Tongue, P.M., and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; T. Smith, P.M. 829, and P.P.G.P. Kent; C. A. Ellis, P.M.; W. T. Vincent, S.W.; H. W. Butter, J.W.; A. Jessup, Treas.; E. Denton, P.M. 706, Sec.; T. D. Hayes, S.D.; W. B. Lloyd, J.D.; J. Chapman, I.G.; B. Lester, Tyler; and R. J. Cook, D.C. The work before the lodge consisted of the balloting for the following brethren as joining members:—3r. s. H. Barrett, of Lodge 1076; Hastings, S.W. of 829; and E. Long, of 1107; all of whom were duly affiliated to the lodge. Messrs. Upperton and J. C. Mitchell were then approved of by ballot, and initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Bros. T. J. Anderson, T. Read, and S. Long were passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. A. Wallis raised to the Sublime Degree, the W.M., supported most ably by his officers, performing the ceremonies in excellent style. Among the visitors were Bros. T. Ward, W.M. 700; F. G. Pownall, W.M. 1536, and S.W. 13; C. W. Hubson, P.M. 700; H. G. Picken, S.D. 1536; C. Cooke, Org. 700, and of 13; E. Nugent, 706; J. T. Donnelly; 706; W. Tapp, 879 and 700; W. Jolly, 1107; E. Howett, 13; C. Beard, 700; R. Blight, 147; H. S. Fisher, Org. 871; E. W. Fisher, 700; R. S. Garrett, 290; T. C. Hassell, 13; W. Wren, 687; and G. Elliott, 1076. At the conclusion of the business of the lodge the brethren supped together, and refreshed in true Masonic fashion.

NELSON (New Zealand).—Southern Star Lodge (No. 735).—The brethren of this lodge of Free and Accepted Masons celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist on Monday, the 17th Dec., at high noon, when the Worshipful Installing Officer, Bro. W. B. Sealy, installed Bro. J. C. Moutray into the chair of the lodge as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ritual and ceremony were very effective, and the admonition, the charges, and address of the Installing Officer were very impressive. The Master then invested his officers, and the lodge adjourned until Wednesday evening, the 29th, when the Craft in general assembled to a banquet excellently provided at the Masonic Hall. The usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were drunk; as also "The Health of the Ruling W.M.," the W.M. elect; the Sister Lodges of the district, certain highly esteemed brethren, &c., and the evening's entertainment was heightened by good music. We are assured that the position of the lodge at this time is highly favourable, and a prosperous and harmonious year is confidently looked forward to by the brethren. The Wardens for the year are Bros. Dr. L. G. Boor and W. Holmes.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—The regular March meeting of this lodge was held at the Middleton Hotel, on Thursday, the 9th inst. Bro. E. F. Phillips, P.M. 379, W.M., presided, and among other brethren who were present were Bros. A. Lucking, P.M. 160, Prov. A.G.D.C. Essex, I.P.M.; Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.M., and P.Z. 214, Grand Chaplain, S.W.; F. V. Jillings, J.W. 160, acting J.W.; J. A. Wardell, P.M. 160 and 1000, P. Prov. G.D., Sec.; J. R. Hemmann, P.M., Prov. J.G.D. Org.; W. Chaplain, S.D.; W. Chignell, I.G.; G. R. Dawson and A. F. Godward, Stewards; Rev. H. J. Hatch, S.W. 160, Prov. G. Chaplain Essex; F. Canton, W. Allen, jun., S.D. 160; G. F. Jones, W. D. Merritt, G. Berry, W. Wallis, and H. Hicks. Bro. F. Wood, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W., the worthy Treasurer of the lodge, being absent through domestic affliction. Visitors: Bros. A. Winnill, 160; H. D. Brown, 160; and Captain De L'Ande son. After the usual lodge business, Bros. Rev. Hayes, H. Briggs, and W. H. Lockett were passed to the Second Degree; Bro. B. Mackie was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, and Mr. P. Benton, jun., was initiated into the mysteries of the Order, the ceremonies being performed by the W.M. in a highly creditable manner. The brethren afterwards partook of refreshment, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (1051).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst., at the Masonic Room, Athenaeum, Bro. H. Longman, W.M., presiding. The business was of a routine character, and this having been transacted, the brethren merged into a Lodge of Instruction in the Third Degree, Bro. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. Eng., acting as Master of the Ceremonies. On its conclusion a hearty vote of thanks

was accorded to Bro. Moore for his services, and duly acknowledged.

GREENWICH.—Star Lodge (No. 1275).—On Friday, 4th inst., at the Ship Hotel, the regular meeting of this well-established lodge was held. Bro. J. J. Lincebeer in an admirable manner raised Bro. C. Marr, and then initiated Messrs. J. S. Leaper, J. W. Neale, and T. Gilloch into Masonry. Bro. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treasurer, was unanimously elected as the Steward to represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Girls' School. All the officers were present, and Bros. Waugh, P.G.P.; H. Keeble, C. J. Hogg, P.G.S.; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., were in attendance. Visitors: Thomas, 134; Jewell, 1559; Lover, J.W. 1178; Hubbuck, P.G.S., P.M. 58; Moss, P.P.G.R. Middlesex, P.M.; T. Reynolds, 58; Stainer, 172; and others. Banquet and dessert followed.

HAMPTON COURT.—Burdett Lodge (No. 1293).—An emergency meeting of this lodge took place at the Mitre Tavern, on Saturday, the 26th February. The lodge being opened, and the summons calling the meeting having been read, Bro. Frederick Keily, the I.P.M., Provincial Grand Steward, and S.W. designate Musgrave Lodge, by special permission of Bro. Pearce, the W.M., took the chair, and conferred the Third Degree on Bro. Brookfield, that brother having been initiated and passed by Bro. Keily during his year of office as W.M. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Keily in such a manner as to convince all present that the Craft has in him a thoroughly efficient working Mason. The W. Master, Bro. David W. Pearce, then resumed the chair, and the ballot having been declared unanimous in favour of the admission of the candidate for initiation, Mr. Thomas W. P. Forrester was introduced, and initiated into the Order in that perfect manner for which the W.M. (as an old P.M. of the Craft) is so eminently celebrated. The brethren then retired to a plain dinner, provided by Bro. Sadler. There were present amongst others the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Col. Burdett; Bros. Pearce, W.M.; Berrie, S.W.; Southwell, J.W.; Buss, Prov. G. Treas., Sec.; Rev. D. Shaboe, P.G.C., S.D.; Tindall, J.D.; Godan, I.G.; H. Phythian, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; Sanders, and others. Visitor: Bro. H. M. Carter, S.W. 173.

SOUTHALL.—Acacia Lodge (No. 1309).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 22nd ult., at the Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall. Present: Bros. C. Horsley, P.M. and acting W.M.; Rushworth, S.W.; George, J.W.; F. Walters, P.M., Treas.; T. W. Cave, Sec.; Staler, P.M., S.D.; Nebb, I.G.; Staler, P.M.; Walters, P.M. The visitors were Bros. Hill, Royal Brunswick Lodge, Brighton, and Wall, Prosperity, 65. Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken and proved favourable for the Rev. J. S. Rothergill, Clerk in Holy Orders. Mr. H. R. Brown, Bailiff, was initiated; Bro. Rodger was passed; Bros. Morgan and Sutcliffe were raised. Bro. Walters, Treasurer, gave notice of his intention to propose at next lodge meeting, that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Horsley on expiration of his year of office as Master of this lodge.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Truth (No. 1458).—This lodge met on Saturday, March 4th, at the rooms, Newto. Heath. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot for Mr. Samuel Cooper proving favourable, he was initiated into ancient Freemasonry by Bro. Kent, W.M. The address being given, and the working tools presented by Bro. Turner, P.M., Bro. Wm. Smith was passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Caldwell, P.M. Bros. Hebdon, Lorking, and Swain were severally passed by Bro. Kent, W.M. The lodge, now meeting on private premises, necessitated the appointment of a purveyor. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Turner, P.M., accepted the office, much to the satisfaction of the brethren. There was a large attendance of members, and after an excellent tea had been served Bro. Hiff and others enlivened the evening with some appropriate vocal music.

HALLIFORD.—Thames Valley Lodge (No. 1460).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst., at the Ship, Halliford. In consequence of the recent death of Mrs. Brette, the Rev. Dr. Brette, W.M., was not present, and in his absence the chair was taken by Lieut. Col. Peters, P.M., the first Master of the lodge. Bro. W. T. Howe installed Bro. J. Llewellyn Jones as W.M., who appointed the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. W. T. Howe, S.W.; T. B. Yeoman, J.W.; W. Paas, P.M., Treas.; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; W. Sweetland, S.D.; J. E. Kershaw, J.D.; J. H. R. Gowan, I.G.; W. Alcock, D.C.; and T. Woodstock, Tyler. A unanimous vote of condolence was passed to Dr. Brette, on his sad bereavement, and in the moving and seconding of the vote the brethren expressed their sincere sympathy with the rev. brother on such a melancholy and unexpected event. The following were balloted for as joining members, and declared elected:—Bros. Walter D. Jones, P.G.S. Camb., (Lodge 859), Captain H. R. Heathcote, (Lodge 228); Edward Lidbury, (Lodge 656); and Geo. Harry Gilliam, (Lodge 192). A banquet, in the usual admirable style of Bro. Stone, followed the lodge work, and Bro. J. Llewellyn Jones, W.M., presided. Afterwards the customary toasts were proposed and honoured. There were present, besides the brethren named above, Colonel Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; E. C. Hislop, Colonel Townsend, J. S. Tyler, Major the Hon. O. G. Lambart, Penniston Union, and visitors, Bros. W. Winn, P.M. 657; W. Maple, P.M. 657; C. Potter, 657; W. W. Morgan, and A. G. S. Cave, 47 (I.C.).

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The installation of Bro. J. Ives W.M. elect of the above lodge, took place on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at Bro. West's, the Three Crowns, North Woolwich.

The lodge was opened at two o'clock by Bro. B. B. Brayshaw, W.M., supported by his officers, Bro. West acting as I.P.M. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, Bro. J. Henderson, P.M. 13, was elected an honorary member, and Mr. E. W. Ives was approved of as a candidate for Masonry. Bro. Brayshaw then proceeded to install his successor, which ceremony was most impressively rendered by him. The W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. W. Steele, S.W.; J. Silver, J.W.; A. J. Manning, S.D.; W. T. Turner, J.D.; T. Geller, Treas.; J. Henderson, Sec.; W. Stansfield, I.G.; N. Steadman, Tyler; J. Plume, D.C.; F. A. Elder, W.S. The new officers being seated, the W.M. then had the pleasure of initiating his son into the mysteries and privileges of the Order; and the lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Graham, P.M. 700; T. Day, W.M. 1076; J. Carnaby, W.M. 1382; H. B. Holliday, P.M. 1076; T. W. Butt, S.W. 700; J. Waters, J.W. 700; C. Bunham, S.W. 724; J. Fisher, 27 (Scotch C.); H. Knight, 700; J. White 1076; H. Tapley, 1079; J. W. Mitchell, 1076; J. Jacobs, 1327; W. Brooks, 522; J. Dalton, 1076; and C. Jolly, 913. The banquet was a superb effort of the cuisine, and reflected great credit upon Bro. West's taste and ability, and having been thoroughly appreciated by the brethren, the W.M. gave, as usual, "The Queen and the Craft," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." In giving the latter toast, he, as he felt sure all Masons did, wished our Royal brother a safe and speedy return to his native land. The toast of "The Deputy and Pro Grand Masters" was most loyally responded to. Bro. Brayshaw then proposed "The Health of the W.M." in glowing terms, and here his testimony to the zeal and efficiency of Bro. Ives, and augured a successful year for the lodge under his guidance. Bro. Ives, in reply, expressed himself unable to find words sufficient to thank them for their kindness to him through the past, and above all for their placing him in the proud position of W.M. of the Henley Lodge. He then adverted to the charities of the Order, and warmly advocated their cause. They had just established a benevolent fund in connection with the lodge, and he asked them to aid him in making it a permanent and successful power in the lodge. He thanked them again, from his heart for the trust reposed in him, and would do all in his power during his term of office to strengthen the Craft in general, and above all the continued prosperity of the Henley Lodge. "The Health of the Initiates" followed, and Bro. Ives, then, responded in a brief and modest speech. The W.M. then rose to propose the toast of "The Past Masters" of and belonging to the lodge, and in so doing coupled it with the name of Bro. Brayshaw, who, he said, had by his courteous and affable demeanour made himself universally respected and admired. He (the W.M.) had that night a very pleasing duty to perform in connection with the toast, and that was to present Bro. Brayshaw with a valuable jewel, marking his position as Past Master of the lodge. He felt sure that Bro. Brayshaw wanted no incentive beyond the love he had for it to aid the cause of Freemasonry, but he believed in recognising services such as Bro. Brayshaw had done to both the Craft in general, and to this lodge more especially. He then fastened the jewel upon Bro. Brayshaw's breast, besides that of the Capper, Royal Arch, and Royal Installation jewels, which already adorned our brother, and in conclusion, said he trusted Bro. Brayshaw's life would long be spared to be in the future, as he had been in the past, an honour and a credit to the Craft. Bro. Brayshaw, who felt deeply the warmth of his reception, briefly thanked them for their valuable presentation, but above all for their good feeling and brotherly love towards him. He assured them of the pleasure he had experienced in presiding over so excellent a lodge, and of the valuable assistance he had always received from the officers during his term of office. He felt every confidence in the prosperity of the new lodge under their new Master, and after again thanking them resumed his seat amid great cheering. "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Day, Butt, and others, and Bro. Steele did so for the officers; and after a warm eulogy had been paid by the W.M. to the Masonic Press, for which Bro. Jolly responded, the Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable day.

BOOTLE.—Bootle Lodge (No. 1473).—On Thursday, the 2nd inst., this lodge met at the Town Hall, Bootle, at 3 p.m., Bro. H. Wyatt, W.M., in the chair, supported by a large number of brethren. Three candidates were initiated by Bro. Wyatt. The chair was then taken by Bro. J. W. Baker, P.M. 241, who proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. J. W. Turley, P.P.G.J.D., which ceremony Bro. Baker performed in his usual capital manner, for which he received the hearty thanks of the brethren present. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers, viz., Bros. H. Wyatt, I.P.M.; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; McArthur, P.M., D.C.; Roberts, S.W.; Duncan, J.W.; Clemency, Sec.; Paterson, S.D.; Hough, J.D.; Merkleman, I.G.; LeComber, S.S.; and Stott, J.S. Bro. Blake was unanimously re-elected Tyler. After the installation the brethren adjourned to the Derby Arms Hotel, where a capital entertainment, provided by Bro. Dowling, was done ample justice to. A selection of music was performed very satisfactorily by Bros. T. Foulkes, W. Forrester, and C. E. Bryan, under the superintendance of Bro. J. P. Bryan. We ought not to omit to state that during the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Wyatt, the Immediate Past Master. Many visiting brethren were present, among whom were Bros. Dr. Spratley, P.M.; Dr. C. Swaby Smith, W.M. 1380; Bolton, W.M. 1289; Newell, W.M. 1035; G. Morgan, P.M. 1035; Morrison, 241; and others.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 23rd ult., at the Bridge House Hotel. Present: T. J. Satine, I.P.G. S.B. Middlesex, P.M. 73, W.M.; J. C. Mason, S.W.; E. S. Stidolph, J.W.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, Chaplain; W. Hudson, P.M. 315, P.P.G.S.D. Sussex, Treas.; F. Walters' P.M. 73, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, Sec.; W. J. Kemp, S.D.; C. W. Hudson, J.D.; H. Faija, I.G.; W. Y. Laing, P.M. 45, Tyler; P.M. Bro. J. J. H. Wilkins acted as I.P.M. The visitors were Bros. R. Giggles, W.M. 228; H. Keeble, P.M. 1275; J. B. Langley, W.M. 1423; R. Kemp, 89; and others. On the opening of the lodge the minutes were duly read and confirmed. A balloting took place resulting unanimously in favour of admission of the following gentlemen:—Messrs. E. Hooper, A. F. Duick, R. C. Harrison, H. Blackwell, and R. Levy, who underwent the ceremony of initiation, which was, as well as the remainder of the work, very creditably performed.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1507).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Metropolitan Club, 260, Pentonville Road, King's Cross, on Friday, the 25th February. Present: Bros. Jas. Willing, W.M.; H. B. Fowler, S.W.; C. J. Scales, J.W.; Berrie, S.D.; Fenner, J.D.; Side, I.G.; T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor, W.M.; Stiles, Hon. Sec.; J. J. Michael, Jordan, H. Stiles, H. Scales, Care, Morgan, Read, Child, Little, and Solomon. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Lee, P.M. 1524; Blaise, and Webster. Lodge opened, and minutes confirmed. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Solomon acting as candidate. Bro. Michael, having assented to the usual charges and regulations, was installed to K.S. chair by Bro. James Willing, P.M., in a very able manner. The Second Section of First Lecture was then worked by the brethren under the Preceptor's superintendance. Bros. Morgan and Care were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction.

MANCHESTER.—St. David's Lodge of Instruction (No. 117).—The members of this lodge held their usual monthly meeting on Tuesday, 17th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street. There was a very fair attendance, and the following brethren were chosen to fill the various offices:—Bros. Ishmael Davis, acting as W.M.; Fied Coupe, acting S.W.; J. Holmes Poulton, Friendship, 44, J.W.; T. R. Peel, acting P.M.; John Taylor, acting J.D.; J. P. Howarth, acting S.D.; J. Singer, I.G. The opening and closing in the three degrees, together with the ceremony of initiation, formed the work of the evening. The admirable working bore testimony of a careful study of the different portions of the ritual by all concerned.

EAST SURREY LODGE OF CONCORD (No. 463).—At the regular weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, held at the Fox and Hounds, London Road, Croydon, on Tuesday evening, the 29th ult., the ceremony of installation was very impressively rendered by Bro. C. H. Woodward, P.M. and Hon. Sec. of the mother lodge, assisted by Bros. H. W. Hunt, H.R.B. Poemere, P.M.'s of 463; A. C. Ebbutt, W.M. 463, visiting Bro.; the W.M. of the Addiscombe Lodge, Bro. Tarquand; Bro. Sheard, P.M. of 272, and about twenty members of the mother lodge, who evinced their gratification by a very flattering and unanimous vote of thanks to the Installing Master. This Lodge of Instruction, or rather Lodge of Improvement, meets every Tuesday evening as above, at 7.30.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Emulation (No. 1525).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall. Bro. J. T. Callow, W.M., presided, and the various officers present were Bros. H. Morris, S.W.; W. Quayle, J.W.; J. Hocken, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Corbin, Sec.; J. Capel, I.G.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Org.; and Williamson, Tyler. The list of visitors included Bros. H. G. Vernon, P.Pov.G.C.; W. Vaughan, W.M. 724; P. B. Gee, W.M. 1264; W. T. May, P.M. 673; W. J. Newman, P.M. 780; T. Ashmore, W.M. 1325; J. E. Jackson, W.M. 667; J. K. Digges, W.M. 673; and T. Evans, P.M. 1393. Three candidates were initiated, and five brethren passed by the W.M. in a remarkably effective manner. A very pleasant evening was subsequently passed at the social board, several songs, glees, &c., being given by Bros. Queen, Quayle, Child, Hobart, and others.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. Mungo (No. 27).—The regular meeting of this the oldest lodge in the province was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Thursday evening, 2nd inst. Bro. G. Sinclair, I.P.M., and P.G.I. of Benevolent Fund, occupied the chair; A. Bain, P.M. 103, acting S.W., and G. McComb, J.W. Present: Bros. A. McTaggart, D.M. and G. Sec.; D. Dick, S.M.; A. P. Wilson, Chaplain; W. Neilson, W. Albin, D. of Music; J. Thomson, A. Nimmo, J. C. McEwan, J. Kidd, P. Brownlie, J.W. 32; J. Montgomery, T. P. Fleming, 525, Zealand, Hong Kong, China, E.C.; W. Ferguson, P.M. ("Freemason"); and others. On the lodge being opened, Bro. G. Sinclair stated that their respected R.W.M., Bro. D. Butler, would not be present with them that night, on account of having to attend another meeting of considerable importance. There being no work before the meeting (a very unusual circumstance), the lodge was transferred from labour to refreshment. The Chairman proposed the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was responded to enthusiastically; also "The Three Grand Lodges." Bro. Sinclair then proposed "The P.G.L. of Glasgow," and in doing so paid a high compliment to the energetic manner in which the office-bearers of the P.G.L. have discharged their respective duties this number of years back, and he had much pleasure in coupling the name of Bro. McTaggart, P.G. Sec., with the toast. Bro. McTaggart replied, and gave an outline of the business transacted by the P.G.L. for the last seven years in par-

tical, and said it was now second to none in Scotland: that all the lodges in the province were in splendid working order. The Chairman then proposed "The Health of Bro. Wilson, Chaplain," and was proud to see him once again among them after his severe and dangerous illness. Bro. Wilson feelingly replied. "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed, and replied to by Bro. Montgomery and T. P. Fleming, of Lodge Zetland, Hong Kong, China, No. 525, E.C. "The Press" was replied to by Bro. Ferguson ("Freemason"). Bros. McCall, McEwan, Neilson, and Montgomery contributed to the evening's enjoyment by singing some excellent songs. The Tyler's toast was then given. Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again.

The 147th anniversary of this lodge was celebrated by a festival held in the Crown Hall, on Tuesday, the 7th inst. About 140 in all, ladies and gentlemen, assembled, and about 8.30 p.m. dancing commenced to the strains of the excellent quadrille band of Mr. W. C. Bennie, teacher of dancing, Bro. V. Brodie being Master of Ceremonies. At 11 o'clock an adjournment was made to the large hall above, where supper was served. The chair was occupied by the respected R.W.M. of the lodge, Bro. D. Butler, who was supported by Bros. G. Sinclair, P.M.; J. Scott, P.M.; and J. Wilson. Bros. Dr. McInnes, S.W., and McComb, J.W., officiated as Officers. The company was also honoured by a deputation from Lodge St. John, No. 33, consisting of Bros. D. M. Nelson, W.M.; J. McMillan, P.M.; J. Fletcher, P.M.; Wm. Bell, P.M.; P. Brownlie, J.W.; J. Horn, P.J.W.; and others, Bro. D. M. Nelson being called to the dais. Supper having been partaken of, the usual toasts were given. Bro. Dr. McInnes, Croupier, then proposed "The P.G. Lodge of Glasgow," coupled with the name of Bro. G. Sinclair, Treasurer P.G. Benevolent Fund, who acknowledged the compliment, and thereafter in most eloquent terms commended the toast of the evening, that of "Lodge St. Mungo, No. 27," and in doing so reminded them that this was the 147th anniversary of the foundation of the lodge, and it gave him great pleasure to be able to say that at the present time it was in as prosperous a condition as it ever had been from its foundation. Bro. D. Butler, W.M., in reply, said: Having been honoured for the third time to preside as W.M. of the lodge, there are two things at least which it behoves me to say. 1st. That I feel greatly indebted for so gratifying a distinction. 2nd. That I shall do all in my power to further the Lodge of St. Mungo and Freemasonry in general, and to merit your approval. This lodge for several years, by the brotherly assistance of its office-bearers, has greatly flourished, and I earnestly desire that the prospects, character, and influence of the St. Mungo, 27, will be maintained, which I have no doubt, with such a body of members as the lodge is composed of, it cannot help but do so. As regards the character of Masonry, it has been subjected to the ban of the Vatican; but it has lost none of its virtues by the impotent edict. Our noble Order can face such a trial with indifference, and come off more than conqueror. In fact, when I look at the brilliant assembly by which I have the honour this evening to be surrounded, including so many friends distinguished for practical, professional, and commercial ability, as well as for their religious and moral worth, I cannot entertain any serious doubt as to the final triumph of Freemasonry. Cardinal Manning has echoed the sentiments of his Holiness, but it has passed away like a tale that has been told without foundation, and so I may surely prognosticate, not for ourselves only, but for all the lodges all over the world, a happy future. If Popes and Cardinals permit themselves to go on in this fashion, excommunicating Freemasons, they might as well end by excommunicating faith, hope, and charity, for these are the foundation and principles of our most ancient Christian brotherhood: faith in the revealed word of God; hope in a blessed resurrection and a glorious immortality; and charity above all things, not only to the brotherhood, but to all mankind. These are our principles, which, like Jacob's ladder, are a means of communication for us between earth and Heaven, on which we shall yet come and go for the benefit of mankind. With such principles to sustain and guide us we need have no fear of any excommunication from man, for our hope is in God. I conclude by congratulating you all on this, the 147th anniversary of the lodge, and I trust that it will be memorable to you chiefly for its lasting friendships, its pleasant intercourse, and its joyous recollections. On the conclusion of the toast list, which between the intervals was enlivened by some most excellent songs from Bro. J. G. Sharpe, popular Scottish tenor; J. Sawyers, Scotch comic vocalist; Bro. Gall, and others, the company broke up, and dancing was resumed for an hour or so longer, all enjoying a most pleasant evening.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Union and Crown (No. 103).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in Kilwinning Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on Monday evening, 28th ult., Bro. D. Murray, W.M., in the chair; Bros. W. Thomas, S.W.; and W. Forsyth, J.W. Present: Bros. A. M. Wright, I.P.M.; R. Munro, D.M.; J. McFarlane, S.M.; N. Cameron, Treas.; J. Gillies, P.M., Sec.; J. S. Pollock, S.D.; A. Gray, J.D.; P. Cullen, Chap.; A. Bain, P.M.; G. Muir, J. Baunerman, D.M. 73; G. W. Wheeler, 73; and W. Ferguson, 543 ("Freemason"). The meeting was well attended over seventy brethren having signed the attendance book. The lodge being opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and approved of, eight applications were read from the following gentlemen for admission into the Order, viz.: Messrs. D. Livingstone, J. J. McKay, W. Mc Dougall, J. Ross, T. Arthur, J. Brown, J. Logan, and T. Hinchelwood, and the same, being favourably balloted for, were initiated into the E.A. Degree by Bro. J. Gillies, P.M. The lodge was then resumed in the Second Degree, when two brethren were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by

Bro. A. M. Wright, I.P.M., after which two brethren were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. J. Gillies, P.M. The lodge was then reduced to the E.A. Degree, when Bro. A. Bain, P.M., made a motion that the lodge present Bro. W. Cameron, Treas., with a M.M. jewel, and also that a committee be appointed to make arrangements to present Bro. Cameron and his good lady with something in the shape of jewellery for the long and valuable services he has rendered to the lodge for the last fifteen or sixteen years. The motion was seconded by Bro. G. Muir, and carried by acclamation.

RUTHERGLEN.—Lodge St. John's Operative (No. 347).—The annual festival of this lodge was held in their hall, Rutherglen, on Friday evening, 25th ult., Bro. Ex-Baillie Caldwell, S.P.G.M., R.E., in the chair; Bros. D. Smart, W.M.; W. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; and the Rev. Mr. Brownlie; Bros. J. Cunningham, I.P.M.; Rev. J. C. Stewart, St. Bernard's; and Wallace, banker, Rutherglen. About 270 brethren, their wives and friends, were present. The hall was beautifully decorated with flags and emblems, the most conspicuous being the banner of the lodge immediately behind the chairman. The meeting was constituted by prayer by Bro. Stewart, and after partaking of a comfortable tea, the Chairman rose, amid applause, and said: Ladies and gentlemen, it affords me much pleasure to occupy the chair on the present occasion, when so many brethren of the mystic tie have assembled with their wives and friends for an evening's social enjoyment. I am also glad to be able to congratulate you on your appearance to-night, and do not doubt but that the proceedings will be conducted in a manner worthy of the occasion, and that the recollection of them will give profit and pleasure to all. Gatherings of this description are useful in many respects. They foster friendship by bringing together those who might never otherwise have met, and, it may be, more especially among the younger portion of the audience, that a look given, or a word spoken, on such an occasion may influence their whole after life. Perhaps too, when many years have passed with their joys and sorrows, their lights and shades, some of those now around this board may be sitting in other lands, and amid other and very different scenes, and bridging over seas and time, their memory may call up from the "land of long ago" pleasant recollections of friendships formed at such a meeting that will fringe with gold or bring radiant light to bear on the dark clouds or dim mist of declining life. Nobody knows better than the brethren around me that there is no friendship more pure or unselfish than that which springs from Freemasonry. Masonry knows no distinction in class or colour. The heir to the throne in its eyes is no greater than the humblest subject, and under its protecting wings he whose colour is, alas! too often the badge of slavery, stands erect and untrammelled, and feels that he meets on an equality with the brethren under whatever sky they may have been born. Masonry, with its principles and ceremonies, has come down to us from time to time far back in the world's history, when the East was the seat of learning, and its architectural structures were unsurpassed for beauty and grandeur, down through generation after generation, through peace and war, through ages of darkness and times of enlightenment, preserved amidst the overthrow of dynasties and fall of nations. Nor is Masonry limited by geographical lines. It stretches from the farthest east to the farthest west, and from farthest north to farthest south uniting in one grand brotherhood nations widely different in their religious, political, and social life, and whether on the "dark blue ocean," in the heart of the crowded city, in the deep solitude of the primeval forest, on the rugged mountain side, in the frozen region, or on the burning sands, is ever ready to respond to a look, a touch, or a word like that greatest of modern discoveries—the electric telegraph. Yes, even on the very battle field, amidst the shock of contending armies, it may assert its influence, and recal to life the better feelings of the human heart, which for a time had become extinct in the general carnage. Of late years Masonry has been greatly on the increase in this and other countries, and it is gratifying to find that the Rutherglen St. John's Operative Lodge is in this respect no exception to the general rule. It can be gathered from history that 700 years ago the operative Masons employed in building the grand old Cathedral of Glasgow resided in the ancient Burgh of Rutherglen, which, indeed, at that time embraced within its boundaries Glasgow itself. These operatives would doubtless have their lodge or brotherhood in Rutherglen, to which yours is not an unworthy successor. The first minute of your meetings extant is dated 27th December, 1755, but likely enough the lodge existed before that date. It then held of Mother Kilwinning, and admitted as members only operative Masons with their kindred tradesmen, wrights and smiths; but Masons alone could hold office. The minutes of meetings were regularly kept till February, 1828, when the lodge became dormant, and it continued so till the present charter was granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland on 26th November, 1846. There were then twenty members on the roll, and each year, with the exception of 1861 and 1863, added to the number. The first seven years brought thirty additional members, but I cannot refrain from giving in detail the additions during the last seven:—In 1866 there were admitted 18 members; in 1870, 22; in 1871, 48; in 1872, 59; in 1873, 72; in 1874, 67; and in 1875, 70; and in the short period that has run of the present year 10 have been admitted. There have been 45 members added to the roll since the lodge was resuscitated, or an average of 15 a year, which shows a very satisfactory progress, but it is still more satisfactory, and indicates that there must be a great amount of vital energy in the lodge, when it is known that during the last six years there have been admitted no fewer than 336 members, being an average of 56 for each year, or more than one per week. I question if many lodges within the district

can point to such a rapid increase. The result could not have been brought about without unity of action, and the members pulling unanimously together. To crown all you have within the last two years erected these fine buildings, with the spacious hall in which we are met, and other conveniences to be used in connection with the lodge, which will stand for years to come a monument of your energy and perseverance. There is a respectable sum at credit of the benevolent fund, and altogether I feel certain I am uttering the sentiments of the brethren everywhere in now expressing the hope, that your career in the future may be as prosperous as it has been in the past. It would be presumptuous in me to offer you counsel. Your experience will guide you, but if I may be allowed I would impress on you the duty of cultivating a brotherly feeling, not only among members of your own lodge, or the brethren generally, but outside your own circles, striving not to overpower or rule by might, but to establish by persuasive means the reign of peace and goodwill, knowing that thus you will be acting in accordance with your solemn promises, and, in the words of our national bard,

May freedom, harmony, and love,
Unite you in the grand design,
Beneath the Omnipotent eye above,
The glorious Architect Divine.

I cannot close these few remarks without a word to the fair sex who this evening have favoured us with their company. To you, ladies, much of Freemasonry, with its hallowed rites and ceremonies, must ever remain a secret. It is not for me to attempt to tell why this should be. For my purpose it is sufficient to know that it is, and has always been so, but I betray no secret when I tell you, that Freemasonry is founded on the great principles of faith, hope, and charity, and that although among us as in every numerous society, there may be some who, unfortunately, do not act up to their principles, be assured that a true Mason will never turn a deaf ear to the cry of distress, or be a neglectful husband or an unkind father. In the course of the evening Bro. D. Smart, W.M., gave an excellent address, and concluded by saying: Our worthy chairman has told you how the lodge had prospered; if it continues to prosper in the future, and I trust it may, as it has done in the past, I feel confident that before many years go by this building in which we are now met, will be the exclusive property of the St. John's Operative Lodge, No. 347. The Rev. Bro. J. C. Stewart afterwards gave a very instructive address. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was heartily responded to. The concert was well sustained by Miss Ramsay Bro. G. Stobe, Mr. J. Wilson, and a quartet party, (who rendered "Willie Brewed a Peck o' Maut" in fine style), viz., Bro. McDonald and Messrs. Gillespie, Alexander, and Lambert. The company then sang "Auld Lang Syne." An assembly followed, Bro. Graham, Master of Ceremonies, and dancing was kept up till an early hour in the morning to the strains of Bro. Lockheart's Quadrille Band.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Caledonian Railway (No. 354).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 1st inst., in the Commercial Hall, 30, Hope-street, Bros. A. B. Ferguson, W.M., in the chair; J. Harley, S.W.; C. McKenzie, J.W.; D. T. Colquhoun, Treas.; R. A. McLean, Sec.; D. Leitch, S.D.; and J. Harley, J.D. The meeting was well attended by the members and an exceptionally large number of visiting brethren, among whom we noticed Bros. J. M. nro, W.M. 360; J. W. Burns, I.P.M. 87; J. Scott, W.M. 419; D. Reid, I.P.M. 465; W. Phillips, W.M. 556; W. J. E. Do son, W.M. 571; W. Ferguson, I.P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); E. Arthur, O.; J. Fife, O.; and others. On the lodge being opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Messrs. A. Cruickshanks and J. McMillan were initiated into the First Degree by Bro. A. B. Ferguson, W.M., in a manner creditable to himself, considering the short time he has occupied the chair. Two brethren were passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Ferguson, I.P.M. 543.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Dramatic (No. 571).—At the regular meeting of this lodge, which was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at three o'clock p.m., the meeting was not so well attended as on some former occasions, and it may be here stated that this lodge was constituted about twenty months ago, and was intended to meet a great want long felt by professional gentlemen coming to Glasgow. The hour of meeting being three p.m., was fixed to suit the convenience of those wishing to attend the meetings and become members of the lodge. Bro. W. J. E. Dobson, W.M. presided, H. W. Jackman, S.W.; W. Sivewright, J.W.; W. Barbour, Treas.; D. Campbell, Sec.; L. Mitchell, J.D.; F. Hay, I.G.; and J. B. Hardie, Tyler. The Secretary read minutes of last meeting, which were confirmed. The W.M. stated that no definite word was received from the P.G. Master when the lodge would be consecrated, but the members would all receive due notice when the date would be finally fixed. Bros. W. Woolf and J. Robertson were then raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. W. Ferguson, I.P.M. 543. Amongst the visiting brethren present were Bros. W. Phillips, W.M. 556; J. Dunbar, 30; W. Allan, 97; H. Montague, 254; R. Fraser, 413; and W. Ferguson ("Freemason").

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NOTICE.

A supplement of four pages will be issued with the "*Freemason*," of Saturday next, March 25th.

Will A. B. write privately to the Editor, 198, Fleet-street.

Bro. Harriott's letter about the S.B. Institution in our next.

A communication from "Masonic Student" about "Old Constitutions" in our next.

The following communications stand over:—"Proposed Scottish Masonic Benevolent Institution," by Bro. G. E. R. Harriott; "The United Orders of the Temple and Hospital," by Bro. E. Holmes; Reports of Lodges:—Francis Burdett, 1503; Faith, 141; Albion, 9; Thornliebank, Thornton, 512; Albert Edward, 1560; Union Waterloo, 13; Israel, Birmingham, 1474; Churchill, Oxford, 478; Morecombe, 1561; Chapter Elias Ashmole, 148; Conclave Aubrey, 134; Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk; Scotland:—Consecration of St. Bride's Lodge, 579; Caledonian Railway, 354; Mary's Lodge, Wishaw, Coltness, 31; Thistle, 81; Partick Chapter, 112; Paisley Chapter, 113; 1328, Granite.

Reviews stand over owing to pressure of matter.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Proceedings of a Convention of Delegates for Organizing a Supreme Grand Council of the United States of America."—A Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine, New York, 1875. "New York Dispatch." "Masonic Journal."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

TAYLOR.—On the 14th inst., at Ladbroke-terrace, W., the wife of J. H. Taylor, Esq., of a daughter.

FEILDEN.—6th, at Scarborough, the wife of W. L. Feilden, Esq., of a son.

MILLER.—On Dec. 28th, 1875, at Kangaroo Point, Brisbane, Queensland, Mrs. R. Miller, of a son.

CHURCHILL.—On the 13th inst., at Castlenau, Barnes, the wife of J. B. Churchill, Esq., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

PRESTON—HILHOUSE.—At Brixton, Harry W., son of Mr. John Preston, of Brixton Road, to Harriette K., daughter of Mr. Richard Hilhouse, jun., of Loughborough Park, Aug. 14th, 1875.

HUDDLESTON—ATKINSON.—At Plungar, Arthur W., son of Mr. R. B. Huddleston, Aban Court, Cheltenham, to Emma, daughter of the late Mr. T. W. Atkinson, Feb. 20th.

DEATHS.

CALLENDER, Percy W.M., infant son of Mr. John M., at Victoria Park, Manchester, March 3rd.

NEWTON, Mr. William, Member of the Metropolitan Board of Works, at Stepney Green, aged 54, March 9th.

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SATURDAY, MAR. 18, 1876.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO INDIA.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Bombay March 11, in the morning. His Royal Highness as received at the station by the Governor of

Bombay, Sir P. E. Wodehouse, and Staff, by the Chief Justice, Sir M. R. Westropp, and by Lieut.-General C. W. Staveley and other officers of the Presidency. The Prince drove directly to the dockyard, the road being lined with troops. Having received a farewell address from the Municipality, His Royal Highness proceeded immediately on board the *Serapis*. This is the last state appearance of the Prince in India. Her Majesty the Queen, in order to commemorate the visit of the Prince of Wales to India, has appointed His Royal Highness Honorary Colonel of eight Native Regiments, four of which are in future to be designated "Queen's Own," and the other four "Prince of Wales' Own." He was to leave Bombay at once.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S RETURN FROM INDIA.

Our Royal Grand Master was to leave India, on his return to the hospitable shores of old England, on the 10th March, and by a happy coincidence on the anniversary of his happier marriage. He left actually, we believe, on the 11th or 12th. He will soon be amongst us again, in all good health, and having gained golden opinions from all with whom he has come in contact. Indeed it is quite clear, that the effect on the native mind has been even beyond our expectations. As the "*Times*" of Friday last well puts it: "He has done so much in so short a time, and has been followed so eagerly and so closely by the attention of every British subject who can understand a narrative or a picture, that it must be a surprise to most people to be reminded that the Prince left England on the 11th of October, and has consequently been away only five months altogether. Fifty years ago this was about the shortest time in which even a Governor-General could expect to reach Calcutta." But now, thanks to steam, a few days only separates us from our great Indian Empire, and the daily telegram with marvellous accuracy has given us news of him almost within every twenty-four hours during his Indian journey. And, therefore, it is now a question of not very many days before we shall again hail his welcome presence amongst us. There will be but one feeling amongst our entire Order, namely, that of thankfulness and rejoicing that he has been so shielded from accidents and malady in that sultry and often trying clime, and amid the hazards to which he has been inevitably exposed in his venturesome quest after the greater game. We shall all be grateful when we remember to-day that a good Providence has been with him in his "goings out and his comings in," and has preserved for his family, and above all for our English people, for all the citizens of one great and common fatherland, a life so precious and so important. Did we say, for our own land—may we not add for the peace and progress, and good order and conservation of all we hold best and dearest, alike in social life as in the body politic, for the expanded families and the great brotherhood of the human race? And then there comes in another question—How best can we receive him and welcome him as an Order when he does return from his Indian tour, safe and sound, healthy and happy, kind, and considerate, and genial as ever? Well, we have our annual festival; but what can that do to meet the warm feelings and zealous loyalty of our great brotherhood? At the most 600 brethren can sit down in Freemasons' Hall, and what is that amount of fortunate brethren to the vast majority of the excluded? Remembering the many disappointed brethren at his installation, and knowing the feeling that exists in our Order, we venture to suggest to-day, for the consideration of our rulers, and of those who take a leading part in our Masonic councils, that a special reception should be arranged for our G.M. either at the Crystal or the Alexandra Palaces, or at some convenient spot, in which all of our Order who wish to be present may be enabled to be present. We are aware that this is a novel step, and a previously unheard of proposal, and will encounter fifty objections immediately, but we venture to remind our hearers that we are all, so to say, moving on, and that what was sufficient even at the beginning of this century no longer satisfies the exigencies of the hour, or the feel-

ings of our brethren. Surely some form of welcome may be authoritatively arranged which will harmonize with the genuine and heartfelt sympathies of the Masonic body, and will enable us as Freemasons, maligned and excommunicated as we have been, to show to all that there never has existed, and cannot be found anywhere to-day, a more loyal Order than our good and steady old Craft. We throw out these hints, currente calamo, for the consideration of those whose opinions we all pay deference to, and whose authority we all respect. May some great gathering be a witness before the whole world that we welcome our Grand Master back from his Royal and successful progress as rejoicing patriots and devoted brethren, that we have re-elected him in his absence as our Grand Master, because we confide in him, as we know he feels for us, and that we are anxious to offer to him the unbought homage of English loyalty and fraternal affection, proud of the fact that he is at our head, that "Teucro duce et auspice Teucro," we are marching on, a mighty host, strong in our own principles, our own unity, and our "good cause," laughing at our puny assailants, heeding no anathema, and dreading no foe.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

We said in our last number that we should recur to this subject, and we do so gladly to-day. For the last "*Bulletin du Grand Orient de France*" shows us clearly what a very difficult position is that of the rulers of the Order in France, amid the present state of effervescence in which our French brethren appear to be from various causes of one kind or another. We do not now allude to those two grave questions, the dissidents at Bordeaux and Frere Hermite, or the separatists of the "*Freres Unis Inseparables*" under Frere Fabien, because we don't feel ourselves competent to express an opinion on the subject, though we deeply regret in the interests of French Masonry that such controversies have arisen. In the abstract, moreover, we are inclined to think, we feel bound to say, that something may be alleged reasonably and fairly for the "*gravamina*," alike of the "*Ateliers Supérieurs*" of Bordeaux and for the complaints of Frere Fabien, De Villaret, Brimont, and others. But then that is our insular view of things, and it is not, we know, the view of the Grand Orient, and therefore we pass to the "previous question." Indeed, our words are meant to be simply words of eulogy and sympathy for Bro. St. Jean and the Conseil de L'Ordre. It seems that the Lodge Orion, Orient de Gaillac, addressed Frere St. Jean, through its Secretary, Bro. "Poujade," December 8th, 1875, informing the Conseil de L'Ordre that a candidate who had been refused by a lodge at Toulouse had applied for initiation in the Lodge Orion, and that, as the lodge had heard that personal enmity and clerical influence had prevented his reception at Toulouse, they intended to admit him. The President of the Conseil, our Bro. St. Jean, replied to this letter on the 11th December, informing the lodge that such an initiation would be illegal, as by Article 120 it was clearly declared, "Every profane refused for initiation cannot be presented anew except after the delay of one year." In the reply of December 17th, 1875, the Secretary announces that despite Article 120, and the warning of the President of the "Conseil," the lodge meant to initiate the brother, principally because apparently he had "*beaucoup souffert pour la Republique et pour la libre pensee*," but without any reference whatever to the binding regulations of their own Order. On the 20th of December the President invited the lodge to pause, and to conform itself to the General Statutes, and to the particular law, Article 120, calling the attention of the lodge to the responsibility it incurred by such a "flagrant delit" in respect of the constitutional regulations of French Freemasonry. The lodge, not heeding either warning or advice, proceeded to initiate the profane, in direct disobedience of the precise terms of Masonic prescription, and the very words of the Code Maçonnique, and therefore on the 8th January, 1876, the Conseil de L'Ordre provisionally suspended the Lodge Orient de Gaillac, and fixed February 12th, 1876, for it to appear before the "Conseil" and defend its conduct. What that

result has been, if any, we shall know next month. We think that all our readers will entirely approve of the firmness and justice displayed by Frere St. Jean and the Conseil de L'Ordre, and will also agree that a more contumacious act never was carried through by any lodge. We are quite aware that just now, as we before said, the position of the Consul de L'Ordre is no bed of roses, that French Freemasonry is in a very excited and unsettled state, and all to whom the rule of the Order is confided have a very difficult course to steer in order to preserve the just authority of the Grand Orient, and to uphold the constitutional regime of the Order. That the Grand Orient in very difficult times, and through very regrettable scenes, under the able presidency of Frere St. Jean, has acted with great prudence and true Masonic principles we think none can question, and we should be very happy to see the Order in France emerge from its many troubles, and, rising above opposing schools of thought and action, take up its old and independent position. We may recur to the subject before long, as we wish sincerely well to our brethren in France, but in the meantime we beg to congratulate Frere St. Jean and the Conseil de L'Ordre for their loyal adherence, even in the face of much misplaced sentimentality, to the "Lex Scripta" of the Grand Orient of France.

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.]

MASTER MASONS' JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Masonic mind at large seems greatly exercised on the question of "Jewels, Master Masons' Jewels, &c." I am not going here to enter into technicalities as to what may be allowed and what disallowed. I wish to consider the question in its true Masonic spirit.

The badge of a Mason is his apron, which in the three degrees "distinctly marks the status" of its wearer. What more can be wanted?

Jewels are simply emblems of office, and when the wearer thereof ceases to hold office the jewel and collar descend to his successor (vide Lecture on Tracing Board, First Degree).

Thus for all practical purposes the apron is the badge of a Mason. No jewel distinctive of any degree is authorised by the Constitutions. It is true that some may argue that as certain jewels are not disallowed by the Constitutions therefore they may be worn. That is not the point I am seeking to enforce; what I do wish to say is that no jewel is necessary, that by the ancient landmarks of the Order the "badge of a Mason is his apron," and "the jewel the emblem of office." Above all let us remember "simplicity" is a characteristic of every true Mason. So far as to ordinary members of the three degrees I would even go further, and ask why there should be a P.M. jewel?—the levels on the P.M.'s apron distinctly mark his status.

Then again, when the brother has gained purple, the purple itself denotes his pre-eminence, while the distinctive marks on his apron rigidly define his actual status therein.

Why, then, any jewel at all save for actual office-bearers?

I wish to show how unworthy it is for a true Mason to think of personal "adornment;" how unworthy it is for those that aver that they are "poor and friendless" to seek their own glory at the expense of the true feeling of the Craft. There is an old adage applicable to all good Masons, "By their works ye shall know them."

Masonry is Masonry, and stands on too firm a basis to be upset by the question of "personal adornment;" Masonry requires no meretricious advantages to recommend itself; Masonry speaks to the heart not by outward show, but by inward rectitude of purpose. So far then as to these degrees, there now remains the question of centenary and charity jewels. The centenary jewels may be dismissed at once.—there can be no reason for them; but as to "charity jewels" I do feel a difficulty. I hold, however, that as all jewels are contrary to the true spirit of Masonry, therefore that even these should be disallowed. Those noble brethren who have done so much for "charity" (that great characteristic of Masonry), who alone may be considered entitled to wear charity jewels, require no external marks to distinguish them; their names are well-known, their good deeds speak for themselves.

I do not write this letter for the worthy and well-informed brethren, who know more of the subject than I do, but simply for the instruction of the newly-initiated, and those that know little of the Craft.

A true Mason is essentially a modest man, who feels his own personal incapability (seeing that in this world perfection is impossible), and endeavours to the utmost of his power to fulfil what is laid down as his duty.

A true Mason seeks not his own personal aggrandisement, but in his good works to advantage the Order and his fellows.

Meretricious display is contrary to the feelings of a true Mason; therefore I maintain that all jewels save those of

actual office-bearers should be forbidden, as contrary to the landmarks of the Order.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
G. E. R. HARRIOTT,
P.G.M. Wigton and Kirkcudbright.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S INDIAN PRESENTS.

To the Editor of the Freemason

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with much pleasure your timely remarks on the charities of our Craft, and having personally, through the kindness and noble heartedness of our worthy and esteemed Bro. R. J. Spiers, had my unfortunate case favourably considered by our Lodge of Benevolence, I trust you will allow me to make a suggestion to the great supporters of our Craft, which if carried out would add I may say thousands to our charities.

If our Royal Prince the Grand Master of England were solicited to allow the numerous presents given to His Royal Highness on his Indian Tour to be exhibited at some convenient place in London, at a small charge for admission, thousands would go to see them, and the result for the benefit of our charities would be, I doubt not, fabulous. I would also suggest a similar exhibition at all our large towns.

I am Sir, your fraternally,

A PAST MASTER,
Alfred Lodge, Oxford.

7th March, 1876.

MASONIC TOKENS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have lately had placed in my hands a few of the copper tokens issued in 1794 to commemorate the election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master in 1790. These tokens were fully described in your publication some few months ago, and are exceedingly curious and rare. It perhaps may not be out of place to give a brief description of them. Obverse, arms of the "Moderns" Grand Lodge, inscription, "Prince of Wales elected G.M., 24th Nov., 1790." Reverse, a triangle enclosing a number of Masonic emblems and a figure of Cupid holding a level and pointing to the All-seeing Eye, the triangle being encompassed by the words "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty;" also "Sit Lux et Lux fuit." On the rim of the token the inscription "Masonic Token, T. Schechley, 1794."

Having had these tokens placed in my hands for disposal for the benefit of a Masonic charity, I shall be glad to forward one to any brother on receipt of stamps for three shillings, addressed to "J. N., Box 34, Post Office, Bolton."

Yours fraternally,

J. N.

Bolton, 7th March, 1876.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Through the medium of your paper, would you kindly give the meaning of the word "Brannans," a word I saw on a tombstone in Henworth Churchyard, near Darlington, in an epitaph relating to the implements used among Masons.

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

T. MARSHALL BENNETT.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am a Scotch Mason, never affiliated to an English lodge, but just settled down in a town of the Midland counties. We are thinking of establishing a new lodge here, and I wish to know if I have any right to sign a petition to Grand Lodge to obtain a warrant; would my signature stand for anything, I being a Scotch, and not an English Mason? What is the rule on this point? Would it be better to become a joining member of the old lodge first?

Yours fraternally,

A SCOTCH MASTER MASON.

[In our opinion, the "registered Masons," at page 128, Book of Constitutions, are Masons registered in the Grand Secretary's Office, and a Scotch Master Mason should, we are of opinion, join an English Lodge first of all, and be registered in the Books of the Grand Lodge of England.—Ed.]

THE LONDON MASONIC CLUB.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—

Through your columns of the 11th inst., I notice that the Worshipful Master of the Phoenix Lodge (No. 904) was good enough to direct the attention of the brethren present at their last meeting to a circular and prospectus he had received from me as Secretary of the London Masonic Club.

On that occasion Bro. Marsh expressed doubt as to the pecuniary responsibility resting on those who formed the Club.

For his information and that of brethren generally, I beg to state that "members of the club incur no liability whatever beyond their subscription."

The Club is strictly proprietary, being the property of the shareholders of the "London Masonic Club Company, Limited," who are solely responsible for all receipts and expenditure.

The formation of the club by means of a "limited liability company" was, (after mature consideration), thought to be the most feasible and practicable mode of carrying it to a successful issue, and the result has proved the correctness of that idea, for already over 500 applications for membership have been received, and are daily being augmented. Great difficulty has been experienced in procuring a suitable site, the premises now taken (No. 101,

Queen Victoria-street), are both eligible and capable of extension if required. It is hoped the club will be ready for the use of members between the middle of April, and the 1st of May.

I may, in conclusion, state, the next election will take place on the 30th inst., up to which date the time for admitting members at the original rate of subscriptions, and without an entrance fee has been extended.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JNO. A. LATHURRY, Secretary.

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15th March, 1876.

A CORRECTION.

To The Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the report of the Consecration of the Upper Norwood Lodge I am made to be the deputy of the Grand Master for Surrey. Now in the first place Major-General Brownrigg would not, I think, allow another to do a duty he is so capable of himself, and always takes a pleasure in doing; and in the next place Upper Norwood is not in the Province of Surrey, but in the metropolitan district. I consequently represented the Pro Grand Master on the occasion.

Remaining very fraternally yours,

H. E. FRANCES, P.M.,
P.G.J.D. Surrey.

Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

ANCIENT MS. MASONIC CONSTITUTIONS.

I have been asked to furnish a few particulars as to some of the missing MSS. alluded to in my last communication in the "Freemason."

Wren's MS.—The endorsement on the transcript of Brown's MS. (in my possession) is to the effect that the latter was copied from an ancient document found amongst the papers of the late Sir Christopher Wren. It is the only reference I have been able to discover, and hence my so naming the missing MS.

Chester MS.—The endorsement aforesaid states that the MS. (termed Chester MS. by me) was a copy made A.D. 1600 from Wren's MS., and was written on a "parchment roll." Brown's MS.—(Copy of the Chester MS., once the property of Bro. S. Browne, of Chester, now in my possession).

Dermott's MS.—Grand Secretary Dermott exhibited to the members of the Grand Lodge of the Ancients, on 6th December, 1752, "a very old Masonic MS. written or copied by one Bramhall, of Canterbury, in the reign of Henry VII." This is now missing.

Morgan's MS.—At the assembly of the seceders mentioned, Bro. Dermott asked if any other MS. had been discovered, additional to those produced to him on the 2nd of February, 1852. A large roll was then talked about, supposed to have been taken by the late Grand Secretary abroad. This Grand Secretary's name was Morgan, and so to preserve this reference to the document we call it Morgan's MS., and cherish the hope that it will yet be identified. Bro. Morgan was the first Grand Secretary of the Ancients, and held the office before any Grand Master was elected. He was succeeded by Bro. Dermott, who soon obtained a Grand Master, and everything else that was wanted to ensure prosperity for the seceders.

Dodd's MS.—My friend and Bro. Carson, of Cincinnati, who was the purchaser of the Ware pamphlet, published by Mrs. Dodd, A.D., 1738, at Bro. Spencer's sale, has placed it in the hands of the veteran Mason, Bro. Cornelius Moore, for publication in the "Masonic Review." The first portion appeared in that excellent Masonic magazine (the oldest periodical of the kind we believe in the world) for February, and the Craft universal will not fail to appreciate the boon thus conferred upon Masonic students.

I shall be pleased to afford any information in my power respecting the missing MSS.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Can any American brother send me the "Masonic Review," edited by our able Bro. Coruelius Moore, for February, containing a portion of the Dodd MS.

Address care of Editor of the "Freemason," 198, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

ROSE CROIX BALL TO BRO. H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AT GIBRALTAR.

We take the following from the "Gibraltar Chronicle" of March 1st:—

Although the week had been only too full of amusements, yet the Masonic ball was looked forward to with great expectation, arising a great deal from the fact that it was the first ball given here exclusively by the members of the Rose Croix.

It is no less difficult to describe the steps necessary to carry into effect the preparation of the theatre than it is to carry out the preparation itself, and more so after its occupation for a series of the usual nightly Carnival balls. Thanks to the experience of former years there were not wanting brethren who were equal to the task. Bros. J. B. Imossi and N. Clavaresso, although not members of the chapter, threw themselves into the work con amore, and rendered the greatest assistance to Bro. J. Henry, who had charge of the decorative department, and those who were present at the ball can testify to the successful labours of those brethren, nor was the assistance rendered by Bros. Millett, Bridgman, and Preston less valuable in other respects.

The dingy and dilapidated ceiling of the theatre wa

shut out from view by two huge canopies formed of flags of varied colours, those forming the canopy immediately over the boxes being so arranged as to provide for the necessary ventilation combined with effect. From the centre hung the huge chandelier, and under the other canopy two small chandeliers. At the far end of the ball-room was arranged a blaze of 70 lights in the form of an altar, and at the back a transparency. On each side a pedestal and tracing boards with hieroglyphics, unintelligible to the outer world, thereon. Three stalls on each side formed the boundaries, and flowers, natural and artificial, were strewn about in profusion, the whole being closed off from the initiated by a silken cord. The fronts of the boxes were scarcely recognizable, so great had been the transformation; festoons of ivy, pepper plant, &c., and roses in hundreds entwined were hung in graceful curves. The spaces were filled in with Masonic emblems and devices, and over all hung the various banners of the chapter and of other degrees, kindly lent for the occasion. The chef-d'œuvre, a beautiful shield with the emblems of the Order, the work of Bro. Glassford, hung from the front of the Governor's box; Chinese lanterns, curtains, and mantas all helped to give the whole a finished and a pleasing effect.

The passages and stairs were neatly carpeted, and arranged with a choice collection of plants, making the scene such as to tempt many happy couples to linger there. Shortly after nine o'clock H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, attended by his suite, arrived, and was conducted by the M.W.S., Captain G. Gilbard, and Bro. W. J. Henry, Director of Ceremonies, to prepare to take part in the procession.

Punctually at half-past nine Major-General Somerset, the acting Governor, accompanied by Mrs. Somerset and family, arrived, and were accompanied to the Governor's box by the D.C. and other brethren, the band playing the "National Anthem."

The procession having in the meantime been arranged, the inspiring strains of the Masonic March were next heard, and the brethren appeared walking two and two at the entrance to the ball-room, and entered in the following order:—Guests of the Blue Degrees, Mark, Royal Arch, Rome and Constantine, Knights Templars, and last the members of the Europa Chapter, hosts and guests all being in full regalia, the last being H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and the M.W.S. After proceeding round the ball-room, the procession was formed into two lines, the brethren facing inwards, and Major-General Somerset, accompanied by Sir J. Hay, was conducted through the ranks, passing under the Arch of Steel, and received at the upper end by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and the M.W.S. After a few brief words of welcome from the M.W.S., addressed to General Somerset in the name of the chapter, the procession broke up, and dancing was begun and kept up with great spirit until half-past three a.m.

To describe the kaleidoscopic effect of the ladies' dresses, combined with the dazzling brilliancy of the jewellery and regalia worn by the brethren, would require a letter of itself, so it must be imagined and not described. At half-past twelve the supper-room was thrown open, suitable arrangements being made to prevent overcrowding for the comfort of the guests.

The menu provided by Bro. Anderson was all that could be desired, and, judging from the general expression of opinion, the only fault we heard found was, that Masonic balls do not take place oftener, and the one of Friday last has certainly not tended to diminish the desire.

The members of the Europa Chapter may be congratulated on the success of the ball, which fitly wound up a long series of entertainments during the Carnival.

MASONIC BALL AT BURNLEY.

The second annual grand Masonic ball, in aid of the Masonic charities, took place on Thursday, 18th ult., in the Assembly Rooms, Mechanics' Institute, under the auspices of the Silent Temple Lodge, No. 126, Burnley. Amongst the distinguished patrons were Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M.; and Major Starkie, P.G.M., of Hantroyd. The ball was the most imposing and successful that has been held for some time in Burnley, no expense having been spared in the provision of the accessories; and it was all the more interesting from the fact that it was in aid of a good object. The room was decorated by Messrs. Tyrer, of Manchester, in their best style. The walls were hung with crimson cloth, and the windows were beautifully draped. A very effective item in the decorations was the adornment of the room with the various emblems of the Masonic Order. At one end of the room was an excellent painting of the Prince of Wales, robed in the Masonic habiliments worn at his installation as Grand Master of the Order in the Albert Hall, which was kindly lent by Bro. W. M. Grant. The floor was laid with splendid holland. The platform space was made into a deep recess, which was filled with beautiful plants obtained from the Edge End Nursery, and on each side of the recess were card rooms. The ladies' retiring room resembled a splendid boudoir, and was fitted up with every convenience. When the ball opened the room presented a most imposing and attractive appearance.

The Masters of the Ceremonies were Bros. Ralph Landless, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., W.L.; John Rawcliffe, P.M.; Hobson Wadsworth, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. E.L.; Tom Bradshaw, P.M.; and Alexander Bell; and the Stewards Bros. J. W. Allen, W.M.; S. Alexander, P.M.; John Ballard, Sec.; William Walmsley, William Smith, William Marsden, I.G.; John Leedham, R. W. Waterson, S.W.; Richard Parker, P.M.; Edwin Griffiths, Hargreaves Bell, T. T. Bland, O.G.; Thomas Holland, E. Diggle, J.W.; John Allen, William Leigh, S.D.; G. W. Ashworth, Robt. Hartley, and Josiah Pol-

lard. The brethren appeared in full dress Masonic costume, with the jewels and insignia of their rank and office, and after eleven o'clock they assumed the clothing of the Degrees of Mark, Royal Arch, Knights Templar, and Rose Croix. An efficient quadrille band, under the direction of Mr. John Ford, played the dance music, which included the best sets. The music gave the utmost satisfaction, Mr. Ford conducting with great ability. The refreshments were provided by Bro. James Sutcliffe, Bull Hotel, and they were of the most excellent description. Great praise is due to Bros. R. W. Waterson and John Ballard, Hon. Secretaries, for the complete arrangements made and the general arrangement of the ball.

MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

This interesting and much looked for assembly, principally got up by brethren of the Alliance Lodge, No. 667, took place on Thursday evening, the 24th ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Liverpool. Nothing could have exceeded the eclat which has at all times accompanied these balls, and success is always certain when supported in this, as in past years, by most of the influential brethren and their friends connected with the Alliance Lodge. Bro. J. E. Jackson, W.M. 667, made a most excellent chairman, and was ably assisted by Bro. A. Bucknall, 667, who made an equally efficient Secretary. We may state that this is the fourth time this brother has been voted to the arduous post of Hon. Secretary, and from the courteous and skilful manner in which he, along with the committee, carried out all arrangements was due in great measure the success of the ball this season. Bro. A. Morrison, J.W. 1570, acted as Master of the Ceremonies, and discharged his duties most efficiently, keeping up the dancing until a late hour. The following brethren comprised the committee:—Bros. J. E. Jackson, W.M. 667; W. Doyle, P.M., P.G.I.D. 667; J. H. Gregory, S.D. 667; H. Firth, Hon. Sec. 667; R. Douglas, S.S. 667; H. Eve, 667; E. Carter, 667; T. B. Myers, W.M. 1162; A. Morrison, J.W. 1570; A. Bucknall, P.O., Hon. Sec. 667. The refreshments were most ably served by Bro. Eve, 667, who from the high class nature of the viands supplied received, as he deserved, the greatest praise from all present. Several distinguished visitors patronised the ball, amongst whom were Bros. R. Brown, W.M. 241, and Hon. Sec. W.L. Institution; H. Nelson, P.M. 673 and 1505; J. Skeaf, P.G. Org.; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; R. Martin, jun., S.W. 1182, and others, all of whom were unanimous in their expressions of hearty good wishes to this influential committee of ours, who spare no pains to carry out a regularly organised system of balls, pic-nics, dinners, and pleasant parties, cementing in true Masonic form the bond of friendship and true brotherly love.

CONSECRATION OF THE MUSGRAVE LODGE, No. 1597.

On Saturday last this new lodge was consecrated at the Angel and Crown, Staines, thus adding another to the list of lodges in this now flourishing province. The house selected for the meetings of the new lodge is in every respect well adapted for that object, in having all conveniences for the brethren, and separate rooms for the lodge and the banquet. It is very quiet, and its appointments are of the best description. It has also a numerous staff, and an admirable management. The brethren arrived at Staines by three o'clock in the afternoon, accompanied by Col. Burdett, Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, who was appointed by the Grand Master to consecrate the lodge. Shortly afterwards the ceremony commenced, when Col. Burdett opened lodge, having Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G.S.W. Midd., as G. Chaplain; Bros. H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treas., as S.W.; Dr. Woodman, G.S.B., as J.W.; A. A. Pendlebury, as I.G.; H. Phythian, Prov. G. Sec., as Sec.; and T. H. Edmonds, P.G.S., as D.C. Amongst the other brethren present were Bros. Lieut.-General Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Surrey; Col. James Peters, P.M. 1460; Edmund Cobbett, 1293; D. W. Pearce, W.M. 1293; J. Wils on, P.M. and Tras. 209; H. M. Stolberg, 209; H. Massey ("Freemason"); J. F. Knight Smith, Org. 1441; C. B. Payne, G.T.; C. Atkins, P.M. 27; John George Dunn, John Musgrave Levick, Fred Keily, Edward Amphlett, H. F. Lykolm, 1309; Geo. Phythian, 22; J. Shirley Hodson, 25; Evelyn Fairlie, 214; E. Collins, 25; Thos. Woollard, and Gilbert, as Tyler.

The usual well-known ceremony was gone through, and Bro. Little delivered his admirable oration on the principles of Freemasonry. During the ceremony the musical portions were rendered by Bro. Knight Smith, who was assisted by the Masonic Musical Quartet. The dedication to Freemasonry having been made, Bro. Little pronounced the patriarchal benediction, and then, by Col. Burdett's desire, assumed the chair for the purpose of installing Bro. John Musgrave Levick as Worshipful Master. Bro. Levick was presented to Bro. Little by Bro. T. H. Edmonds, whose duties as Director of Ceremonies were most ably performed throughout. Bro. Little then installed Bro. John Musgrave Levick as W.M. in the presence of a strong Board of Installed Masters. When the usual salutes and proclamations had been given and made, the W.M. appointed Bros. F. Keily, S.W.; E. Amphlett, J.W.; H. Phythian, Prov. G.S. Middlesex, P.M. Burdett Lodge, Sec.; H. Edmonds, P.G.S., P.M. 8, S.D.; T. Woollard, J.D.; J. G. Dunn, I.G.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Little afterwards completed the ceremony, and delivered the addresses; and propositions for initiation and joining were given in. The W.M. proposed, and Bro. Edmonds seconded, the conferring of the rank of honorary members on Col. Burdett, Lieut.-General Brownrigg, and Bro. Little, which was put and carried unanimously.

Col. Burdett, in acknowledging the compliment, which he highly esteemed, said that it would give him great pleasure whenever he could attend the lodge to do so, and

to see its prosperity. He felt confident that under the present W.M. it would prosper in every possible way, and that under other Masters it would be a prosperous and flourishing lodge for many years to come.

Lieut.-General Brownrigg said that he felt very great pleasure in signing his name as a petitioner for the warrant for this lodge. He had always thought there ought to be a lodge in Staines, and when he saw how the lodge was about to be constituted he had no hesitation whatever in being one of the signatories to the petition. He was now very glad he did sign.

Bro. Little also replied, considering it a very great honour indeed to be enrolled as a member of the lodge with such distinguished brethren as Col. Burdett and Lieut.-General Brownrigg. He wished the lodge every prosperity.

The W.M. informed the brethren that he had taken upon himself to represent this lodge at the next festival of the Girls' School, and he hoped they would support him on that occasion. He also said that with certain alterations this lodge would adopt the bye-laws of the Burdett Lodge, which had prospered so well that he thought they could not do better than follow it. He then closed the lodge and the whole party adjourned to an excellent banquet, laid out with great taste in another room, and at its conclusion the toasts were rapidly proposed and responded to, owing to the long distance the brethren had to go, and the last train leaving shortly after ten o'clock. The music, however, took up a great deal of time, there being no less than eleven songs on the list, besides the grace. "The Queen and Cra't" having been honoured, and the National Anthem sang, the W.M. next proposed "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." In so doing he said that we all wished H.R.H. might return from India without any ill effects from his journey, and that he might have a glorious time of it, which no doubt he had had, and that his experience would have taught him to appreciate how very important the Indian possessions were to this country. "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., &c.," was next proposed; and Lieut.-General Brownrigg, in reply, said it was now twenty years since he had the honour of being G.S.W. of the Grand Lodge of England. The duties of the officers of Grand Lodge, excepting those who were actually in office, were not very arduous. Still it was their duty to rally round the throne, and to protect the great landmarks of the Order, and support the M.W.G.M. The rules were so well laid down that matters went on smoothly enough in Grand Lodge and the task which fell to Grand Officers was consequently rendered comparatively light. But he was old enough to remember the troublous times of Grand Lodge. They were now over, and he hoped would never return. The higher the social position of the Grand Master the less likely were those troubles ever to occur. He thought it most fortunate for Masonry, especially considering the circumstances under which their late G.M. retired from his position, that he was replaced by the future King of England. His Royal brethren, too, had taken up Masonry, and he believed there was only one member of the Royal brothers who was not now a member of the Craft. The very fact of the Royal Family of England having taken the path they had in Masonry must be a proof to the outer world that there was nothing treasonable or disloyal in Masonry. As he had been given the opportunity of speaking, he could not sit down without expressing his great satisfaction at having been among the brethren that evening. During the many Masonic meetings they had had Middlesex and Surrey had gone shoulder to shoulder in many of the formal processions, and he had found himself alongside Col. Burdett. He accepted that as a good omen, and as an augury that as they were geographically united the two provinces would always go together, that if one could give a helping hand to the other it would always be offered, and he was quite certain it would always be returned. (Hear hear.)

The W.M. next proposed "The R.W. Prov. G.M." The Middlesex brethren might feel, perhaps, that this was a toast particularly belonging to themselves; but he was sure that all the brethren from other counties who knew the Prov. G.M. of Middlesex would only be too glad to join them. In the different counties where he (the W.M.) had had the pleasure of going with him they were always glad to respond to the toast; in Middlesex they were always enthusiastic about it, and certainly there was no county where they had more reason for it than in Middlesex. It had been their good lot to meet their Prov. G.M. frequently, and it had always been with pride that they did so. For himself, he (the W.M.) had always felt it an honour to be in his company. He (the W.M.) was only a small Mason, although the brethren had elevated him very much in Masonry; but he was sure all of them, particularly those of them who were Middlesex Masons, had always felt it was their proudest day when they had their Prov. G.M. with them. (Applause.)

Col. Burdett, in reply, said he should feel very deficient in duty if he did not endeavour to return his most sincere thanks for the very kind manner in which the W.M. had proposed this toast, and for the hearty response given to his sentiments by the assembled brethren. He had always been most kindly received by the brethren of this province, and especially in the private lodges whenever he had had the opportunity and honour of visiting them. He should not feel he could hold the position he did if he was not received so warmly, and felt he did not reign in their hearts. If he was not received in the way he was, or if he were looked upon coldly, he should think it his duty to retire from his position, and he should certainly do so. He was very much gratified with the progress the province had made during the time he had been Prov. G.M. He remembered the time when the province numbered only two or three lodges; now they had twenty-three or twenty-four. Such a province he must therefore naturally feel very proud of presiding over. But it was not only on account of the

large number of lodges under his control that made him proud; it was also the quality of the brethren of whom they were composed. He did not care about the number so much; Masonry wanted for more men of high position, and in the Province of Middlesex they had brethren they were proud to boast of, and in that respect no other province could exceed them. He was glad to see this lodge started under such favourable auspices. They had in it brethren who were present then that very few other lodges could boast of, and he must again say he was proud of being there to meet them. He was gratified not only at being appointed to consecrate such a lodge, with the able assistance of Bro. Little, but also that they had with them the Prov. G.M. of a neighbouring county. This strengthened their position very much indeed to have a neighbouring Prov. G.M. like Gen. Brownrigg aiding them, joining them, and ready to support them in every way he could. He hoped they would be ready to support him in return. By this means, by joining together in friendship, they would be able to carry on the principles of Freemasonry in such a manner as they ought. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Little, who was called on to reply for "The Prov. G. Officers, Past and Present," said he was sorry Sir George Elliot was not present. He (Bro. Little) was the first Grand Secretary of the province, and he had much pleasure in standing by Col. Burdett, whom he had felt it a great honour to serve under. Col. Burdett had brought the province to great perfection. Every officer, he was happy to say, was working in the same direction, and was striving to promote the success of the province and extend good fellowship among the brethren.

The W.M. proposed "The Consecrating Officers," and included among them Bro. Buss, who, in reply, said he had not expected that any duties would be required of him when he came that afternoon to visit the lodge. He could, however, say it gave him great satisfaction to be of any service in the province, particularly as he was the Grand Treasurer, and he hoped he would long have the opportunity of forwarding the interests of the province, in which he would always be willing to bear a part. (Cheers.)

Col. Burdett proposed "The W.M.," a duty which he said he performed with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction, especially on such an occasion as the consecration of a lodge. He did not believe there was any brother more worthy to hold the position of W.M. than Bro. Levick. He had known him for a long time, and he had always considered him a most worthy Mason, and one who had done his duty with credit to the Order. They might be quite sure that the brethren of this lodge would not have recommended him for his present high position unless they had considered him worthy of it. This added to the pleasure he felt in coming forward to consecrate the lodge. (Hear, hear.)

The W.M. said he would do his best in his position. If he failed, it would not be from want of will but from incapacity. He was unfortunately called upon to go abroad for some months, so that for a little time he should be absent from among the brethren; but he hoped by the next meeting of the lodge in July he would be back. He was going a long way off—to the Cape—but that was thought no more of nowadays than going to France was formerly.

"The Visitors" was the next toast, to which Dr. Woodman replied. The sign of the "Angel and Crown" brought back to his recollection a pleasant time when Bro. Little, and himself, with several other brethren came down there to see to what house they could remove the Bard of Avon Lodge. They then tested the capabilities of the house, which they found came up to the mark. They had an excellent dinner, and in consequence of their report the Bard of Avon Lodge was removed there. To a certain extent he was sorry it had since been taken away. It was a very nice lodge, and he was pleased to belong to it at the present time. This was recalled to him by the pleasant meeting of that day. They were planting another lodge in Middlesex which promised to be an honour to the Order and second to none in the province. He was not a Middlesex man; but belonging to more than one lodge and chapter in the province, and having the Stewardship and so forth, he was reminded that he was one of the brethren of the province, and he was very proud of the honour conferred upon him of assisting at this consecration. With regard to the hospitality of the lodge, he must say that the brethren of Middlesex had excelled themselves. They had given such a hearty welcome to the visitors as had made them forget for the moment that they were visitors, and he thought he could not pay the lodge a higher compliment than this. "The Officers" was the next toast, and the S.W., Bro. Keily, in reply, said that the officers would be very much pleased at all times to do all they could to promote the interests of this lodge. The officers would rally round the W.M., and they would consider any duty required of them a pleasure. He hoped their meetings would be pleasant, and that they would have the pleasure of receiving many initiates and joining members. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were very successful throughout.

Royal Arch.

NEWPORT.—St. Woolos Chapter (No. 683).—This chapter was held at Newport, Monmouthshire, on Wednesday, 8th March, when the following were installed as Principals for the ensuing year:—Dr. Cheese, as M.E.Z.; W. H. W. Homfray, as H.; Wm. Watkins, as J. The ceremony was ably performed by Comp. S. Geo. Homfray, G.S.B. of Grand Chapter, and P.G.H. of Monmouthshire. The officers were duly appointed, and several brethren proposed for exaltation. Royal Arch Masonry is certainly on the increase in this province. The chapter was closed in harmony. The chapter was attended by Capt. A. T. Perkins, H. of Avalon Chapter, Wells, who is also an energetic member of this province, and other companions.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Chapter of Prosperity

(No. 290).—This chapter held its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 23rd, at South Parade. The chapter was opened punctually at seven o'clock when Bro. L. B. Brierley was balloted for and exalted. The next business was the election of officers. The following were elected to the several positions mentioned: Comp. W. Schofield re-elected Z. Comp. Hanop, H. and Comp. Turner, J.; Comp. Hutchinson re-elected Treas.; E. Comp. Murphy, N.; and Comp. Wall, P.S. Afterwards the companions sat down to refreshment, and spent a couple of hours in paying honour to the toasts. Besides the companions mentioned above there were present Comps. W. Smith, P.Z.; Aston, P.Z.; Tyers, P.Z.; Haigh, N.; Ruddock, P.Z.; and several others.

Mark Masonry.

PANMURE LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS (No. 139).—This lodge met at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, the 6th inst., and was opened by the W.M., Bro. Charles Pulman, who was supported by Bros. W. Platt, as S.W.; Mark S. Carlham, J.W.; Thos. Poore, P. Prov. G.D.C., I.P.M.; W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O., P.M.; George Lilley, P.M.; W. Poore, M.O.; T. J. Austin, as S.O.; B. Richardson, P.C., as J.O.; J. J. Joseph, R.M.; C. P. McKay, Sec.; J. T. Gibson, S.D.; W. Ackland, J.D.; W. McMurray, I.G.; J. Rawles, Tyler; W. Steedman, and other brethren. Bros. Roger Hannaford, of the Great City Lodge, 1426, and Walter Arnold, of the Burgoyne Lodge, 922, were advanced to the honourable degree with perfect ceremonial. The lodge was draped in mourning, and Masonic mourning was worn by the brethren, in token of esteem and respect for the late Deputy Grand Mark Master, Bro. W. Romaine Callender. The approved bye-laws of the lodge were ordered to be printed. Propositions for advancement at next meeting were made, and the lodge was closed in perfect harmony. Refreshment followed labour, and a brief hour or two were spent in pleasant social intercourse, the usual toasts being duly honoured, and the evening enlivened by the excellent singing of several members. This lodge appears to be making excellent progress, and is apparently much appreciated by the brethren residing in the immediate locality, as well as by others connected with metropolitan lodges.

SOUTH MOLTON.—Fortescue Lodge (No. 9).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday the 11th inst., Bro. J. T. Shapland, W.M. The lodge appeared in mourning for the late much respected P.G.M. Master. Present: Bros. Cole and Worrell, in the Wardens' chair; Bros. Galliford and Widgey, M.M.M., and S. Overseers, and several other officers and brethren. Bro. Marks, of Lodge 251, was balloted for, and unanimously approved of as a fit and proper brother for advancement, other business was transacted, and the lodge was closed at 9 o'clock.

LEICESTER.—Fowke Lodge (No. 19).—A lodge of emergency was held at Freemason's Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday, the 7th inst. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. G. Toller, jun., and amongst those present were Bros. W. Kelly, Prov. Master; Rev. W. Langley, D.P.G.M.; J. McAlister, I.P.M.; S. S. Partridge and A. M. Duff, P.M.; Clement Stratton, J.W., and W.M. elect, with most of the officers and several members. The object of the meeting was to advance Bros. W. Barfoot, 1560 (Mayor of Leicester); C. E. Stretton, 1560; A. H. Burgess, solicitor (clerk to the School Board); R. S. Toller, 1560 (solicitor to the Corporation); and Dr. Buck, I.G. 1560, who, having been severally approved on the ballot, and being in attendance, were advanced to the Degree of Mark Mason, and subsequently to that of Mark Master. A candidate having been proposed for advancement, the lodge was closed until 23rd March, when the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. C. Stratton, takes place, and the annual communication of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge will also be held.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

LANCASTER.—Phillips Chapter Rose Croix. —The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 23rd Feb. The M.W.S., Bro. W. Wearing, presided, and after the usual formal business had been transacted Bro. Dr. Moore, 317, G.J.J.C., took the chair, and duly installed the M.W.S. elect, Bro. E. Airey, as the head of the chapter, and gave the usual addresses on the occasion. The M.W.S. then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. W. Wearing, P.S.; Dr. Moore, H.P.; W. J. First Gen. H. Longman, Second Gen. and R.; Capt. C. H. Garnett, G. Marsh.; W. Had, Raphael; A. L. B. Dodson, Capt. of Lines; R. Taylor, Equerry. The alms were collected, and the chapter closed in due form.

Red Cross of Constantine.

KEYNSHAM.—William de Irwin Conclave (No. 17).—This conclave was opened in due form on February 18th by the M.P. Sov., E. and P. Sir Knight W. Hodges, at 6.5 p.m. On the muster roll being called, the following Sir Knights answered to their names:—E. and P. Sir Knts. W. Hodges, M.P. Sov.; J. F. Hallam, V.E.; W. Munro, S.G.; J. M. Hunt, J.G.; G. Tonkin, H.P.; B. Gay, Recorder; W. Benham, 1st Lieut. Sir Knts. A. G. Williams, H. Amor, H. W. Lane, E. Weare, J. M. Shorland, E. E. Henry, late 17. The minutes of the last meeting of the conclave were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bro. E. S. King, W.M. Lodge 610, as a candidate for installation, which proving favourable, and Bro. King being in attendance, he was duly installed and proclaimed a Knight of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. It was then announced that the Intendant-Gen-

ral of Bristol, Em. and Illustrious Sir Knt. F. G. Irwin, accompanied by Sir Knt. J. F. Tuckey, was desirous of visiting the conclave, when the M.P. Sov. directed the Sir Knights present to form an Arch of Steel, and to receive the illustrious visitors with the honour due to their rank. A ballot was then taken for Sir Knt. E. E. Henry as a joining member, who was declared duly elected. The Intendant-General announced that he had been asked to take a conclave to visit the Grand Conclave to be held in London on March 8th, and expressed a wish that the William de Irwin Conclave should be selected. Several of the Sir Knights expressed their readiness to attend on the occasion, accompanying the Intendant-General E. and P. Sir Knt. F. J. Irwin on his visit to the Grand Conclave, London, to be held on March 8th:—E. and P. Sir Knts. G. F. Tuckey, D.I.G. Bristol; W. Hodges, I.M.P.S.; J. T. Hallam, M.P.S.; W. Munro, V.E.; B. Gay, J.G. Sir Knts. E. G. Honey, Recorder; H. W. Lane, Prefect; A. J. Williams, Herald; H. Amor, 1st Lieut.; E. Weare, 2nd Lieut.; T. Brook; also E. and P. Sir Knt. W. A. Scott, J.M.P.S. of the Munbee Lodge, 101. The M.P. Sov. elect, E. and P. Sir Knt. J. F. Hallam, was then enthroned M.P. Sov. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by E. and P. Sir Knt. Hodges in his usual impressive manner. The M.P. Sov. elect was presented by E. and P. Sir Knt. W. A. Scott, P.M.P.S. Munbee Conclave, No. 101. The M.P. Sov. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—V.E., E. and P. Sir Knight W. Munro; S.G., J. M. Hunt; J.G., Benj. Gay; H.P., W. Benham; Treas., J. F. Tuckey, D.I.G. Bristol; Prefect, Sir Knt. H. W. Lane; Standard Bearer, E. and P. Sir Knt. M. Ansaldo; Recorder, Sir Knt. E. E. Honey; Herald, A. G. Williams; 1st Lieut., H. Amor; 2nd Lieut., E. Weare. Sir Knt. Tuckey, P.M.P.S., proposed Sir Knt. Shoreland as Steward for the ensuing year; this was seconded by Sir Knt. Hodges, P.M.P.S., and carried unanimously. Sir Knt. R. S. King was proposed as 2nd Steward, which was carried unanimously. The Intendant-General proposed that the Immediate P.M.P.S., Sir Knt. Hodges, be elected to represent the Conclave in Grand Conclave for the ensuing year, seconded by the Intendant-General, and carried unanimously. There being no further business before the conclave for the consideration of the Sir Knights, it was closed in perfect harmony by the M.P. Sov. at 7.45 p.m. The Sir Knights then retired to the refectory, where the annual banquet was spread, to which about 20 Sir Knights sat down, when the usual toasts were given and responded to.

Obituary.

BRO. BENJAMIN THORPE.

The Province of Kent, and especially the Invicta Lodge, 709, at Ashford, are mourning the loss of Bro. Benjamin Thorpe, who died "like a shock of corn in his season" at the residence of his son, Bro. Benjamin Kelly Thorpe, of Charing, on Friday night, February 18th ult., after a few days' illness, at the advanced age of 82, one of the oldest members of the Craft; certainly the oldest in the province. Born in June 1793, he was initiated in 1814, 62 years ago, in the Wellington Lodge (then numbered 651, since 426, now 341), at Rye, Sussex, which lodge was founded that year, the fourth lodge after the Union. He was raised December 17th, 1814. The next year he resided at Hythe, where, July 24th, 1819, he joined the Prince Edwin Lodge (then 205, since 147, now 125), of which he became W.M. In 1821 he removed to Ashford, where he resided till the last two years, for upwards of 50 years taking a leading part in all the business of the town. In 1823, July 27th, he was exalted in the Chapter of Harmony—now extinct—attached to the Lodge of Harmony, Faversham (then 215, since 155, now 133). In 1857 he was one of the founders of the Invicta Lodge, (then 1011, now 709), at Ashford, being the first S.W. under the late distinguished Bro. Thomas Hallows, P.M. 147, 125, and Past D.P.G.M. of the Province. He became W.M. the next year. He was a most constant attendant at his lodge, being father, brother, friend to every member and visitor, who looked up to him with reverence and love; and here was presented very often the rare appearance and gratification of three generations being present at once, when he and his son, both P.M.'s of the lodge, were accompanied by his son's son, now P.M. of 1184. In 1859 he was appointed Grand Registrar by the late P.G.M., C. P. Cooper, Esq., Q.C. In 1863 he was elected Treasurer of the province, in which duties he has latterly been assisted by his son, Bro. B. K. Thorpe, P.P.G. Registrar. In 1867 he founded and was first W.M. of Abbey Lodge, 1184, at Battle, Sussex. Lord Pelham, P.G.M. of that province, was present on this occasion, and afterwards offered him the office of P.G.S.W. of Sussex, which however he declined on account of his age. A slight accident to his leg, which was not thought much of at the time, prevented his attending lodge in February. Inflammation and erysipelas set in, and he sank rapidly. His death, like his life, was peace. Just and upright in all his dealings—meek, humble, resigned—faithful to his God, his country, and his laws—rising to eminence by merit, he lived respected, and died regretted. On Thursday, February 24th, his mortal remains were taken from Charing into the parish church at Ashford, the funeral cortège being joined by the members of the Invicta Lodge, headed by Bro. J. S. Eastes (one of the founders of the lodge, and D.P.G.M. of the province), and Bro. Lieut. C. G. Robinson, R.N., the W.M., and from thence conveyed, after service in church, to the old burial ground, and deposited in the family vault. The Vicar of Ashford performed the service very impressively, and at the close the brethren threw sprigs of myrtle and acacia into the grave no other Masonic ceremonial taking place, as the funeral was by the request of the family, a private one.

Masonic and General Tidings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—We understand that the subject of extending the accommodation of the Girls' School will be again brought up for discussion at the meeting of the General Committee on Thursday, the 30th inst., at 4 p.m.

THE WEBB TESTIMONIAL FUND.—Messrs. J. G. Chambers and H. G. Chinnery, who undertook to receive subscriptions on behalf of Bro. Captain Webb, beg to state that the list is now closed. The amount acknowledged by them in the columns of "Land and Water" amounted to £2424 4s. 11d.; of this sum £1872 has, at the request of several subscribers, been invested by Messrs. Chambers and Chinnery on Bro. Webb's behalf, and brings him in an annual income of £89. The remainder and other large sums collected in Shropshire, Liverpool, &c., have been handed to Captain Webb, a large portion of which he has generously placed at the disposal of his father, who is and has been for a long time in ill-health.

Mr. George Moore and Mr. Sampson Cope-stake have given a handsome donation to each person connected with their various establishment in town and country who have been in their employ any length of time, the total amount thus presented being between £35,000 and £45,000.

MODEL OF THE VIADUCT.—A letter was read at the Court of Common Council from Bro. Major C. J. Burgess, Honorary Secretary of the Brussels International Exhibition and Congress, 1876, requesting the loan of the model of the Holborn Viaduct for exhibition at Brussels. On the motion of Mr. Bentems, seconded by Mr. Hanson, the request was complied with, under the direction of the Library Committee.

A meeting of the council of the Central Chamber was held at the Salisbury Hotel, on Tuesday; Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Hants and Isle of Wight took the chair.

The health of the Duchess of Abercorn is, we are happy to learn, improving.

Bro. Adams, the energetic manager of the Royal Music Hall, took his annual benefit on Thursday, 9th inst., when an attractive programme was satisfactorily gone through.

A telegram announces the arrival of Prince Leopold at Cannes. His Royal Highness, who is staying at the Hôtel Beau Site, was present on Thursday at a garden party given by the Earl of Portarlington.

The Court of the Clothworkers' Company have voted one hundred guineas to the funds of the Royal Society for the Assistance of Discharged Prisoners.

SIR CORDY BURROWS, PROV. GRAND MASTER SUSSEX.—The "Brighton Guardian" states that the illness of Sir Cordy Burrows has assumed a serious import, and eminent London physicians have met his local medical attendants in consultation. Excessive prostration cannot be removed, and on Tuesday night Sir Cordy was, if anything, weaker than at any previous phase of his attack.

A bill has been passed by the United States Senate reducing the salary of the President.

The annual meeting of the P.G. Mark Lodge of Leicestershire takes place at Leicester on Thursday, the 23rd inst.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, on Thursday, April 6th, when Bro. P. M. Adams will preside. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock.

NORTHUMBERLAND-AVENUE.—This day (Saturday) has been fixed for the opening of the new street on the site of Northumberland House, Charing-cross. The proceedings, which will take place at one o'clock, will be quite of an informal character, and will consist of the chairman and members of the Board inspecting the sub-way and street, which will then, after a few remarks by the chairman of the Board, be declared open to the public.

Major-General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, has been gazetted a Lieutenant-General in Her Majesty's forces.

THE TOWER OF LONDON.—The Tower of London was opened free on Mondays and Saturdays to the public upon Easter Monday, 1875. Since that date 211,000 people have been admitted without payment. It has been found necessary to close the armouries once a year, for a fortnight, so that the valuable collection of ancient armor may be thoroughly cleansed. The Tower will, therefore, be closed from the evening of the 18th March until the morning of the 3rd April next. Though so large a number of people have visited the Tower, no single article of collection has been damaged or lost.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be worked by Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B. for Middlesex, in the Burdett Lodge of Instruction, meeting at the Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, on Friday evening, 31st inst. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. punctually.

A supplement of four pages will be issued with the "Freemason" of Saturday next, March 25th.

The consecration of the Royal Commemoration Lodge, No. 1585, will take place at the Star and Garter Hotel, Putney, on Monday, the 20th inst., Bro. J. Wright, W.M. Designate.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, March 24, 1876.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
- " 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
- " 1304, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
- Red Cross Con., Villiers, Northumberland Arms, Isleworth.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
- Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.
- Manchester, 179, London-st., Fitzroy-square.
- Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross Road.
- Sinai Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

MONDAY, MARCH 20.

- Lodge 1, Grand Master's, F.M. Tav.
- " 8, British, F.M.H.
- " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 58, Felicity, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
- " 185, Tranquillity, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
- " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
- " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 907, City of London, Gurney's Hot., Little Britain.
- " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
- " 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.

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, MARCH 21.

- Board of General Purpose, at 3.
- Lodge 30, United Mariner's, Guildhall Tav.
- " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
- " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
- " 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
- " 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
- " 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
- " 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- " 1441, Ivy, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge-rd.
- Chap. 46, Old Union, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
- " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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 Rot., St. John's Wood
- Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
- Prosperity, 1, Camomile-st., Bishopsgate.
- St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.
- 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 22.

- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
- " 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
- " 212, Euphrates, M.H., Basinghall-st.
- " 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- " 753, Prince Frederick William, Knts. of St. John Hot.
- " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.
- " 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Chap. 907, Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane.
- Red Cross Con., 15, St. Andrews, M.H., 68, Regent-st., W.

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 23.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
- " 60, Peace & Harmony, London Tav., Bishopsgate.
- " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 66, Grenadiers', F.M.H.
- " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 766, William Preston, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
- " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
- Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.
- " 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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.
- Highbury, 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 24.

- House Com. Boys' School, at 4.

- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
- " 569, Fitz-Roy, Hd.-qtrs. Hon. Art. Co., City-rd.
- " 710, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
- " 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.

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.M.
- Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
- Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
- Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.
- Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
- Metropolitan, Pentonville-road.
- United Pilgrims, Surrey M. H., Camberwell New-road.
- St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
- Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.
- Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
- St. Luke's, Commercial Tav., King's-road, Chelsea.
- Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hot., Buckhurst-hill.
- Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
- Royal Standard, Finsbury Park Tav., Holloway.
- Ranelagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday March 25, 1876.

MONDAY, MARCH 20.

- Lodge 721, Independence, M.R., Eastgate-row, Chester.
- " 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 1051, Rowley, M.R., Athenæum, Lancaster.
- Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22.

- Lodge 42, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- " 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Liverpool.
- " 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 1052, Callender, P.H., Rusholme.
- Neptune L. of I., M.H., Southport.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
- Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 25, 1876.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 20.

- Lodge 129, St. Mirren's, St. Mirren's H., Moss-st., Paisley.
- " 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
- " 581, Plantation, Craigiehall-st., Plantation, Glasgw.
- Encampment St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-st., Buchanan-st.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21.

- Lodge 33, St. John, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
- " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
- " 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
- " 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.
- " 556, Clydesdale, M.H., Rose-st., S.S., Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22.

- Lodge 505, Burns St. Mary, Commercial Inn, Hurlford.
- " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.
- Con. Red Cross, R.C., 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23.

- Lodge 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart H., Dalry.
- " 570, Kenmuir, M.H., Springburn.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24.

- Lodge 153, Royal Arch, Masonic Hall, Pollokshaws.
- " 187, St. John, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.
- " 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hot., Kilbirnie.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25.

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 25, 1876.

MONDAY, MARCH 20.

- Lodge 44, St. Luke, Freemasons' H. George-st.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21.

- " 36, St. David, Ship Hot., East Register-st.
- " 405, Rifle, F.M.H., George-st.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22.

- Lodge 112, St. John, Royal Hot., Musselburgh.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23.

- " 323, Caledonian, F.M.H., George-st.

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