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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ALBION LODGE (No. 9).—This lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, Bro. Kimber, W.M.; E. T. Scott, S.W.; W. R. Lake, J.W.; T. Moring, P.M., Treas.; J. A. Abbott, M. Sec.; S. McCarthy, S.D.; S. Coste, P.M., D.C.; J. Forbes, Org.; G. Roby, I.G.; P.M.'s J. S. Carter, H. S. Friend, E. Storr, S. Vallentine, E. Coste, and W. R. Marsh, I.P.M.; Visitors: Bros. P. Edmger, W.M. 95; E. N. Levey, P.M. 507; B. Mots, P.M. 185; R. Brown, 1421; S. R. Foulger, P.M. 177; and several other brethren. At the last meeting of this lodge it was proposed and unanimously carried, "That the thanks of this lodge be and are hereby accorded to the Immediate Past Master, Bro. W. R. Marsh, for the zeal, energy, courtesy, and dignity with which he conducted its affairs during his year of office as W.M., and that a copy of this resolution appropriately framed be presented to him." This resolution was beautifully illuminated on vellum and handsomely framed by Bro. Thomas Moring, of Holborn. The W.M., Bro. E. Kimber, in a very feeling and appropriate speech, then presented the testimonial to I.P.M. Bro. W. R. Marsh, who expressed his deep thanks to the brethren for the handsome testimonial they had presented to him, and that it was a source of gratification to him to know that during his year of office he had given satisfaction to the brethren of the lodge. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel on the 29th ult. There were present Bros. Waygood, W.M.; Davis, S.W.; Mallett, J.W.; Davey, acting S.D.; Walls, acting J.D.; Bye, I.G.; Rumbold, W.S.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; P.M.'s Bros. Peavor, Hopwood, Green, Themens. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. Goldsmid, Titley, Colin, Robinson, passed Bro. Goulden, and initiated Messrs. Rolenburg, Manley, Smith, and Kendall. Several communications having been made by the Secretary, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by Messrs. Clemow under the superintendence of Bro. Smith. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts. In proposing "The Health of the Initiates," the W.M. said he was glad to think that their ranks that evening had been recruited by four gentlemen who would, he was sure, eventually become great acquisitions to the lodge. This toast having been duly honoured, Bros. Rolenberg, Manley, Smith and Kendall briefly replied. In giving "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Peavor, who is the oldest P.M. of the lodge, spoke very highly of the manner in which the ceremonies and general business of the lodge that day had been conducted by Bro. Waygood. The W.M. having briefly acknowledged the toast, immediately proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was responded to in a very neat speech by Bro. Sparks, 1540, on behalf of himself and Bros. Stevens, 179; Timpson, 188; Edward, 619; Moorcroft, 780; Simmonds, 1107; Wray, 1257; Webb, New Concord; Raalte, Cosmopolitan. In the intervals of the toasts Bros. Robinson, Smith, Walls, and others instrumentally and vocally amused the brethren. The toast of "The Past Masters, the Treasurer, Secretary, and rest of the Officers of the Lodge" followed, and having been severally responded to, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren adjourned until the last Tuesday in the present month.

LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH (No. 228). A full night's work greeted the new Master on the first meeting after his installation, this being held on the 14th inst. at the home of the lodge in the antique gate of St. John of Jerusalem, St. John's-lane, Smithfield. Bro. Robert Griggs, the W.M., had all his officers present (a late D.C. excepted), and opened the lodge precisely to time with Bro. James Hill, S.W., Snare, J.W.; P. M. Winsland, Treas.; P. M. Davis, Assistant Secretary; R. Halford, S.D.; Percy, J.D.; Todd, I.G.; Patmore, A.D.C.; Hickman, A. Steward; J. While, I.P.M. ("Freemason"), and Hillhouse, P.M. The lodge minutes having been confirmed, Bros. the Rev. W. Dawson, T. Griggs, Harley Paine, W. J. Randall, Frank Arnold, and W. Trotter were candidates to be passed to the Second Degree, and the ancient ceremony was repeated in their favour, so that now they are midway in their career as Masons. There were

three brethren to be raised, Bros. Adams, Hanchett, and Coles; but as the latter was not present to time the work was proceeded with in favour of the others, and the ceremony was performed in a manner worthy the reputation of this old lodge. The lodge was then reduced to the First Degree, and Mr. Edwin C. Booth, the author of "New England," and of "Australia," was initiated in ancient form, and appeared to be highly delighted with the charges. The after business included dealing with the cause of charity, which was dealt with in a practical manner, and then the brethren discussed whether the lodge should officially sign in support of two proposed new lodges, one to be held in the old gate, and the other in the neighbourhood. As the proposals appeared to be conflicting, the consideration of them was adjourned until next meeting. The brethren then elected Bro. Harty as an honorary member, he occupying the position of Organist, and one and all thanked the brother for the excellent addition he had made to the ceremonies. The lodge then adjourned to the banquetting-hall, where supper was served in Bro. Gay's best style. The W.M. in proposing the loyal toasts, said that loyalty and patriotism were watchwords of the Order; and in giving "The Health of the M.W. the Grand Master," the Sovereign of our Order, the W.M. said that His Royal Highness was esteemed for the work he had done in the Craft, and the brethren over whom he reigned would give him a welcome home which would far exceed in splendour and magnificence, if it were possible, the ceremony last April in Albert Hall. The toasts were drunk with all honours, and Bro. P. M. Marsh (of the Lion and Lamb, &c.), chanted the National Anthem. The W.M. then proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," and in doing so spoke of the great honour bestowed upon the Craft in illustrious statesmen not only holding the places of honour in the ranks, but carrying out arduous duties. The toast having been honoured, Bro. While proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who had, the speaker said, filled in a worthy manner all the offices of the lodge from its most junior position, and the manner in which he had discharged the duties could be judged of by the perfect character of the work in the three degrees that night, the rendering of them being such as to necessitate no I.P.M. in the character of prompter. The W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said he was able to fill the chair to the satisfaction of the brethren and with credit to himself through the cordial co-operation of those who held the position before him, and he then proceeded to propose the toast of "The Initiate." Bro. Booth in responding, said he came prepared to be surprised, but he was delighted as well. He thanked the brethren for accepting him as a member of the noble Order, and said in the course of his life and travels he had met with mysteries before, and he asked their leave to describe to them a mystery which had puzzled him from long bygone times. The brethren were, as may be guessed, all attention, when the newly-made brother began the relation of a most curious story, hailing from Columbia, which mystery proving of a most comical character, the recital was greeted with roars of laughter. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Visitors," giving those who had stayed a hearty welcome, and expressing his regret that visitors who were in the lodge had not staid to sup. Among those present were Bros. Marsh, P.G.P. of Middlesex; Wiles, W.M. 173; Whitby, 151; Blackwell, E.A., Chaucer; Staines, 51; Parsons, 250; Adams, 761; Fife, 879; and Pennefather, P.M. 879. Bro. Marsh said he had to thank his Bro. Heathcote for a Masonic treat that evening, in seeing how well the work of the Craft was carried out in that old lodge, for the W.M. was perfect in his work, and he was ably supported by officers who thoroughly knew their duty, and, all in all, there were few lodges who could excel the United Strength in good working, and in truly Masonic feeling. The other visitors spoke to the same effect, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," which was acknowledged by Bro. While, who expressed his gratification at having achieved the honour of being enrolled in the ranks which held such worthy brethren as Bros. J. Terry, Davies, Winsland, Crump (the latter the quarter of century Secretary), and he spoke of the warm sympathy which all felt for their Bro. Davies, who had lately lost the partner of his home. The toast of "The Officers," followed, and the high merits of those who filled the various positions were cordially acknowledged. The Tyler's toast ended the festivities in good time.

UNITED PILGRIMS' LODGE (No. 507).—The meeting of the brethren of this lodge for the installation of Worshipful Master was held on Wednesday evening, at the Surrey Masonic Hall. Bro. North Ritherdon, W.M., presided, and after the formal business of the lodge had been transacted, he installed Bro. J. S. Terry, W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year. The brethren appointed as officers were Bros. Hicklin, S.W.; Barclay, J.W.; J. W. Watts, S.D.; Parsons, J.D.; Marr, J.G.; Lee, P.M., Treas.; Jonas Duckett, P.M., Sec.; Ritherdon, I.P.M.; and Tongue, Tyler. The W.M. immediately proceeded with the work, and initiated Mr. William Henry Beckley and Mr. William Nichols into Freemasonry. His working of the ceremony was perfect, and delivered with fluency which was highly creditable to so young a Mason, it having only been four years since the W.M. was himself initiated. The following brethren were present besides those brethren already named:—Bros. Samuel Haddock, E. N. Levy, P.M.; J. Bradley, George Reeve, S. G. C. Carr, J. Lenanton, Henry Levy, R. G. Cooper, 1329; E. T. Edgington, I.G. 1321; M. S. Larlham, W.M. 1539; E. A. Francis, 4, U.S.A.; A. Murray, 860; B. Moss, 218; H. Massey, P.M. 619 ("Freemason"); W. R. Marsh, P.M. 9; G. Simpson, 15; T. W. Clarke, 1348; James Ashton, 1571; and H. A. Woodwell, 193. The work mentioned above was all that was before the lodge, and when it had been executed the brethren closed down

and adjourned to a choice little banquet in the dining hall, where their comforts were admirably looked after by the officers of the lodge, and more especially by Bro. Watts, who undertook for the occasion the whole of the duties of Wine Steward. The banquet having been disposed of, the W.M. proceeded to propose the toasts, and after honouring those of "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," "The Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers," Bro. Ritherdon proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so, said that he need not sing to his praises, because all the brethren knew what a worthy member of the lodge the W.M. had proved. Ever since he had been in office the W.M. had been a most regular attendant at lodge, and had worked himself up to the position he now held. With what success he had done so the brethren had witnessed that evening, as they had seen him go through the duties of the office he now held with ability, fluency and energy. For the first time he had occupied the chair of W.M. he had performed the ceremony of initiation, which was a feat not frequently attempted; but he had done it, and done it well, and the brethren were proud of him for it. (Cheers). The W.M. in responding said he could not help feeling the toast had been ably proposed, but he felt quite inadequate to respond to it as he ought, it being his first night in the proud position of W.M. He had certainly worked very hard for that distinction, as he wished to qualify himself to do honour to the office. When the brethren next met he hoped he would be able to acquit himself even more to the satisfaction of the lodge than he had that evening, and he trusted that the brethren would support him in his endeavours to conduct the lodge business properly. The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Initiates," said that all the brethren must agree with him that the initiates knew the least of what had taken place that evening, and as initiates usually felt in a very confused state on such an occasion, there was no reason to suspect that Bros. Beckley and Nichols were different to other brethren in the same position. The brethren would consequently make every allowance for them. Addressing the initiates, he said that if they would only look at the ceremony as symbolical they would find that it was only by leading such a life as Masons were bound to lead, that they would become such good and true men as to be fit for admission to any Masonic lodge. Bro. Beckley said he appreciated the ceremony he had gone through, and was much pleased that he had joined the Order. Any shortcomings he must ask the brethren to overlook, but he hoped to be worthy of the lodge's election. Bro. Nichols also replied, but would not venture out of his depth, for it must be remembered that in Masonry he was then only as a child, who could but just crawl or creep along. As far as he had gone the ceremony had made his heart beat; for what had he seen? At present he knew nothing. He knew one or two brethren, but they had told him nothing; and yet he had been received among them to learn by experience the friendship which he conceived made the brethren rally round the W.M. It gave him great pleasure to come among the brethren, and he should feel only too happy to do something more than he had that evening, to learn still further what Masonry was, and to see, he trusted, its beauties. He hoped as long as they were all Freemasons they would be men and act as men to one another. (Hear, hear.) The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," said the brethren of the lodge, as well as himself, were always glad to see visitors, and when the visitors came the brethren endeavoured to make them as comfortable as they possibly could be anywhere. By entertaining visitors they exhibited one of the leading principles of Freemasonry. Bro. R. W. Marsh replied. For the last ten years he had from time to time visited the Lodge of United Pilgrims. Ten years ago it presented, as far as members were concerned, a very different appearance to what it did now. He remembered too an honoured name, that of Bro. Thomas, who had done so much in his time for the lodge, and whose name was a household word in Freemasonry. He knew of no man who had worked more in his day for Freemasonry than that brother, and it pleased him exceedingly, although the United Pilgrims had removed to the beautiful Surrey Masonic Hall to find that Bro. Thomas's portrait was hung up in the room. The lodge was not so numerous now as it was in Bro. Thomas's days, but he was happy to find that there were brethren in it who would take the mantle which had fallen from his shoulders, and make the lodge what it had long been—illustrious among the Craft. As to the W.M. saying he felt awkward in his new position, he thought this was not quite correct, for, from what they had seen, they were also to say he had conducted the lodge business not only with energy and spirit, but had brought to bear in his task a knowledge of Masonic working which was an excellent example to all brethren who witnessed it. He had seldom seen a W.M. or a body of officers perform their duties so well on the first night, and this was true of them not only in lodge, but also at the banquet table. In the lodge they were well up to their work, and at the banquet table the S.D. especially had been most energetic. Bro. Marsh then addressed himself to the subject of Freemasonry, which he said tended to make men better brothers, husbands, fathers, friends and in every relation of life better men. He exhorted the initiates to pay attention to the principles it taught, and directed their notice to the great principle of charity which it practically exemplified by having three grand institutions for the support of which he begged the United Pilgrims' Lodge to lend a hand. The W.M. next gave the toast of "The P.M.'s," without whose help the lodge would fall to the ground. They were, in fact, the Attorney-General and legal advisers of the W.M., who was always ready to avail himself of their assistance. Bro. Ritherdon, replying, said he was now among the Conscript Fathers of the lodge. During his year he had not had much to do, but he knew the cause of the brethren keeping their candidates back was that they might escape tavern influence. The Surrey Masonic

Hall, which was a beautiful building, adapted and furnished in every respect for Freemasonry, being now their home, the brethren would introduce their friends to the United Pilgrims' Lodge, and the first impressors of Freemasonry they would receive, which were always the most important, would be favourable. Properly conducted, in a proper building, the ceremonies impressed candidates with the dignity and importance of Freemasonry, and they felt their own responsibility in taking upon themselves its principles. Bros. E. N. Levy, Jonas Duckett, Lee, and Haddock also replied, as did also Bros. Hicklin, Duckett, and Watts for "The Officers," after which the brethren separated, a delightful evening having been spent.

MARQUIS OF DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 1159).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, when Bro. Chepsan was raised and Bro. Wintle passed. The accounts of the lodge for the past year were audited. Bro. P. L. Simmonds, P.M. 141 and 554, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. H. T. Wood was elected Treasurer in the place of Bro. Besant, resigned, and a Past Master's jewel voted to Bro. Wood, the retiring Master, for his efficient services to the lodge during his year of office.

GRANITE LODGE (No. 1328).—The members of this lodge assembled at the Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, the 12th inst., at five o'clock, when, in consequence of the absence of Bro. W. H. Muggeridge, W.M., from illness, Bro. Jno. Oliver, I.P.M., assumed the responsibilities of the chair. The officers present were Bros. F. West, jun., S.W.; R. C. Mount, J.W.; Geo. Hackford, Treas.; James Lewis Thomas, Sec.; R. Payne, S.D.; Fredrick Kirk, D.C.; and J. Oswald Gardner, Steward. There were also present about forty of the brethren, and six visitors only. The business consisted of raising to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. A. C. Shelley, which ceremony was performed by the I.P.M. in most solemn and eloquent terms, and with an impressiveness which apparently rivetted the close attention of one and all present. After performing the most solemn obligation of his office, Bro. Oliver's eloquence was again called into requisition in passing Bros. E. Jenkin Jones, J. B. Lee, Egerton J. Pain, and George Henry Chapman, and here again this ceremony was of a piece with the former in its solemnity. But it might as well be mentioned at once that Bro. Oliver performs other offices besides that of P.W.M. He is a perfect masculine Ceres, if such a term can be innocently applied to him, for he is constantly sowing the seeds of Masonic poverty, which fructify in a marvellously short time, and in return for his labours, a rich golden harvest rewards his benevolent efforts. By his exertions already the coffers of the Boys' and Girls' School have been augmented, and on Saturday it was announced, amidst applause, that Bro. Oliver would represent the lodge as Steward for the Boy's School at the festival in June; whereupon, the lodge, with true Masonic spontaneity voted the sum of twenty guineas to be placed on his list. It was likewise announced that the W.M., Bro. Muggeridge, would represent the lodge at the approaching festival of the Girls' School, and notice was given that the lodge would be asked to vote a similar amount for his list. The names of the visitors were Bros. M. S. Larham, W.M. Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge; Albert Martin, Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge; J. Middlemas, Leigh Lodge; F. Binckes, Grand Stewards' Lodge; F. J. Harvey, Royal Jubilee Lodge, and W. Mann, Industry Lodge. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, where a quasi-banquet awaited the coming of the hungry ones, after doing justice to which a most pleasing evening, spent with usual Masonic conviviality, closed the proceedings.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—This lodge met on the 16th inst., at its usual quarters, 259, Pentonville Road. As usual the lodge was very fully attended, there being altogether present eleven officers, eleven visitors, and forty-six lay members. Bro. J. J. Michael, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. J. Willing, I.P.M.; Williams, S.W.; Kingham, J.W.; Rose, Treas.; Tims, P.M. Sec.; Douglas S.D.; Scales, J.D.; Side, I.G.; and Stiles, Assist. Sec. The ceremonies, which were most impressively rendered, were raising Bros. Baddeley, Ovens, Morgan, Raney, G. Clark, and Greenshade; and passing Bros. Hewison, E. Van Camp, Brooker, Irith, and Bosshart. For the first time in the history of the lodge there was no initiation this evening, and the brethren immediately proceeded to the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. T. Williams, S.W., was unanimously chosen; Bro. Rose was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Daly, Tyler. The W.M., Officers and Bros. Saintsbury, Child and Check were appointed Auditors. The lodge agreed to have a summer festival, ladies to be invited. Windsor or some other equally pleasant river-side place was suggested, but left to a committee of officers, with Bros. Check, Clarke, Rapkin, &c., to select place and make arrangements. A jewel of the value of £10 10s. was voted to the W.M., Bro. Michael, for zeal and ability displayed during his year of office. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual loyal toasts having been duly given and cordially received, Bro. Willing, I.P.M., said a pleasing duty devolved upon him for the last time (the next regular meeting being the installation) of proposing "The Health of the W.M." He congratulated the brethren upon the prosperity and good working of the lodge as developed by the retiring W.M., who had spared no pains to make himself thoroughly master of the working and ceremony of the lodge. He had ever been constant in attendance, profuse in liberality, kind and courteous to his officers and brethren, and second to none in endeavouring to promote the happiness of the brethren and welfare of the lodge. He was now about to pass from them as Master, but would ever be remembered by every brother with affection and esteem, and no Mason leaving the chair as Bro. Michael was now

about to do, he having endeared himself to all, could help feeling what a glorious institution Freemasonry was, how the kindly feelings of human nature were aroused, and what a proud position it was to be W.M. of such a happy lodge. The toast was enthusiastically received, and the W.M., in a short but most effective reply, said the brethren paid him more honour than he felt he deserved (no, no), but his best services were always at their disposal, as well as any information that he might possess. He certainly had had a laborious year of office, having had so many new members enter the lodge, but the knowledge that what he was doing was making them better citizens, and promulgating glorious principles, rendered his labour sweet. He could not leave the chair without expressing his gratitude to the I.P.M., Bro. Willing, for his able assistance; to his officers for the hearty support he had received from them; and to the brethren generally for their attendance, attention, and interest taken in the lodge. He left them in love and peace with every brother, and a hope to meet them many, many years to come under as happy auspices. The toasts of "The I.P.M., Bro. Willing," "W.M. elect, Bro. Williams," "The Visitors," "Officers," and "Tyler" were respectively given before the brethren separated. The following visitors were present:—Bros. W. Carnock, 1216; J. Millis, P.M. 157; H. Lewis, 1425; W. Yeats, 907; T. Walton, S.W. 157; E. Warrington, W.M. 809; L. Vamburger, 1366; W. Snelling, 180; A. W. Fenner, 1227; J. Wharton, Sec. 1366; and H. Levy, 188.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—On Thursday, March 16th, this recently consecrated lodge held its first emergency meeting at the New Cross Hall, Lewisham High Road. There was a full muster of the brethren. At request of the W.M., Bro. H. Keeble, P.M. 1275, Sec., opened the lodge, and passed Bros. Solomon Jewell, Hiram Henton, William Smurthwaite, James Moss, and Samuel Husbands Beckles to the Second Degree, and it is needless to say the work was done in a most efficient manner. The W.M., Bro. W. B. Woodman, then assumed the chair, and Mr. Ernest Edward Smith, a candidate for Freemasonry (proposed by Bro. Keeble, P.M., Sec., and seconded by Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, Treas.), being in attendance, was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with Masonic honours, the W.M. replying at some length. The toast of "The Initiate," given by the W.M., was duly replied to by Bro. Ernest Smith; the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" being responded to individually. The visitor, Bro. McDonald, S.W. 1158, made a capital reply, which was well received, the Tyler's toast closing the proceedings. Several songs by the brethren added considerably to the enjoyment of the meeting.

ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE (No. 1589).—This new lodge held its first regular meeting at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 17th inst. Present: Bros. Dwarber, W.M.; Wellsman, S.W.; Dalwood, J.W.; Tisley, Sec.; J. H. Dodson, S.D.; H. Turner, J.D.; Woodbridge, I.G.; Williams, and H. Green; Bros. G. H. Mason, of 65; H. Turner, of 55; and H. W. Foster, of 11, were unanimously elected joining members. Messrs. G. Manners, J. J. Bull, G. M. Low, H. J. Shurgood and W. H. Clemon were initiated into the Order. After the conclusion of business, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where an excellent repast was provided. The following brethren honoured the lodge by visiting it:—Bros. S. Poynter, P.M. 902 and 1491; G. J. Palmer, P.M., I.G. 11; A. F. Littell, P.M. 160; Johnson, 1423; F. H. Fowler, 207; Owen Low, 257; Dr. Dunn, 34; H. F. Cox, 1319; E. Swanborough, 1319; A. Swanborough, 1319; and C. H. Stephenson, 1319.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 133).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Woolwich, the W.M., Bro. T. J. Carvelley, in the chair, supported by the following officers:—Bros. G. B. Davies, P.M.; B. Picking, P.M.; F. G. Pownall, S.W.; G. W. Reed, J.W.; J. Hendersen, P.M. and Treas.; H. S. Yer, Sec.; J. P. Moore, S.D.; T. Hutton, J.D.; N. Brown, I.G.; B. Norman, Tyler. Among the visitors were Dr. J. Baxter Langley, W.M. 1423; C. Bead, 700; H. Shaw, 700; C. Sweeney, 700; T. McKnight, 700 and 1536; H. J. Weston, 1536; and T. Cavey, 1472. The minutes and accounts having been duly read and passed, Messrs. H. Wells, D. T. Morley, W. Macdaniel, and G. H. Baker were unanimously elected. All being present, were duly initiated, and Bro. H. Robus, of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, was passed to the Second Degree; and Bro. W. W. Prophet was raised to the Third Degree, the whole of the ceremonies being most efficiently worked by the W.M. The lodge was closed, and the brethren and visitors (excepting Dr. J. Baxter Langley, W.M. 1423, who had to leave for London) adjourned for refreshment. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and the brethren responded most heartily. His own health, proposed by P.M. Davies, was drunk most enthusiastically. On that of "The Visitors" being proposed, Bros. McKnight, of the Nelson and United Military, and C. Beard, of the Nelson, with whose names the toast was coupled, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind reception the visitors received upon all occasions, and the manner the degrees had been worked by the W.M. and the officers generally made the visit a real pleasure. "The Initiates" were next toasted, and Bro. Macdaniel made a very pleasing reply. The Past Masters' toast was very suitably replied to by Bro. G. B. Davies. The next toast was that of "The Officers of the Lodge," and was very ably replied to by Bro. F. G. Pownall, S.W., and the Tyler's toast concluded the pleasures of the evening.

NORWICH.—Union Lodge (No. 52).—The Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk, with the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, Col. the Hon. J. Walpole, M.P.,

attended the monthly meeting of the oldest lodge in the province—the Union—on Tuesday evening, the 7th inst. There was a very numerous attendance, the lodge-room (Norfolk Hotel) being filled. The W.M., Bro. G. B. Kennett, presided, with Bros. Major Penrice, S.W. (acting for Bro. W. A. Tyssen-Amherst), and E. M. B. Lacon, J.W. The W.M. initiated C. R. Gilman, Esq., and T. Watson, Esq., and also passed Bro. F. A. R. Pemberton. Lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, Major Penrice then took the chair, and raised Bros. Kingston Stracey, Wm. Shacklady, and Dawson Paul to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons, performing this important duty in the most impressive manner. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and the lodge was closed down to the First Degree, when the Worshipful Prov. G. Master feelingly alluded to the loss the province has sustained by the death of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. Barwell, who for very many years had occupied that position, and throughout a long and honourable life had evinced the warmest interest in the welfare and prosperity of the Craft. He concluded by proposing, in suitable terms, the following resolution of condolence:—"That this lodge desires to express to Mrs. Barwell its heartfelt sympathy with her and her family on the death of Bro. the late Very Worshipful the Provincial Grand Treasurer, who was initiated 25th January, 1820; was Worshipful Master of this lodge in 1829 and 1834; took the degree of Royal Arch, June, 1820; Knight Templar, September, 1820; Mark Mason, 1821; was Provincial Grand Secretary for several years; and was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer in 1856, and held that office until his death; and to record its deep sense of the valuable services rendered to the Craft by that worthy brother, whose whole life was devoted to objects of benevolence and promoting the welfare of his fellow creatures." This was appropriately seconded by the D.P.G.M., Bro. A. M. F. Morgan, and duly carried. On the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and two or three most enjoyable hours were passed. There were, of course, the customary Masonic toasts. In proposing "The Prov. Grand Master," the W.M. congratulated Bro. Walpole on having received his appointment from Royal hands, and said that the choice of H.R.H. the Grand Master of All England was extremely gratifying to the Masons of Norfolk. Bro. Walpole had been a most zealous Mason, and had used his utmost exertions to promote the success of the Craft in the province, and Lodge 52 felt it to be a very great honour to be favoured with the first visit of the newly-appointed Grand Master and his officers. The visits of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge were at all times beneficial to Freemasonry, as it kept them well up to their work. As a proof of the popularity which had attended the accession of Bro. Walpole to the Prov. Grand Chair, he need only refer to the work they had done that evening, and the cry was, "Still they come." But as the lodge was now full a line would have to be drawn. The toast having been drunk with honours, the Prov. Grand Master responded in one of his characteristic speeches. Having congratulated the W.M. on the working of the lodge, he referred to the statement that the lodge was now full, and jocosely remarked that what was wanted in Freemasonry was quality, and not quantity, and this the lodge had. He next made some suitable observations on the present condition of the Craft in the province, and assured the brethren that his efforts would always be directed to the promotion of its welfare, which he had so greatly at heart. He valued everything that tended to that end, and, therefore, congratulated the lodge on the proposed re-opening of the Royal George Chapter, at which he intended to be present. In the course of the evening the W.M. proposed "The Initiates," remarking that they were always pleased to see a new stone laid in the fabric of Freemasonry, and it was an additional pleasure to him to initiate Bro. Gilman because he would henceforth be not only a brother-in-law, but a brother in Masonry. Bro. Tom Watson was also the son of an old and worthy citizen, and it was such men particularly they were glad to see come amongst them to strengthen their ranks. Bro. Gilman briefly responded.

LIVERPOOL.—Ancient Union Lodge (No. 203).—This venerable lodge, which numbers amongst its P.M.'s many worthy names, had another brother placed in its chair for the ensuing year who is likely to add lustre to the roll. The members met on Thursday evening, the 16th inst., for the purpose of assisting at the installation of Bro. J. Winsor, the W.M. elect. The gathering was perhaps the largest seen at any private lodge for many a day, there being about 150 present, and in this large muster there was an evidence of the popularity of the lodge and of its retiring and incoming Masters. The lodge was opened by Bro. E. Johnston, W.M. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Dr. T. W. Sargeant, P.M., took the chair, and installed Bro. J. Winsor as W.M. in a masterly style. The W.M. subsequently invested the following as his officers:—Bros. E. Johnston, I.P.M.; Julius Frank, S.W.; J. Alston, J.W.; C. Bromley, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); J. Thomas, Sec.; J. Hilton, S.D.; C. Birch, J.D.; J. R. Japha, I.G.; T. W. Sargeant, D.C.; J. P. Bryan, Org.; T. Hatton, S.S.; E. Cattrall, J.S.; and P. Ball, Tyler. During the pleasant after-dinner proceedings a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. E. Johnston, I.P.M., as a mark of esteem of the brethren of the lodge. The usual toasts were given during the evening, and the manner of their proposal by the W.M. and others was of the most satisfactory kind. A beautifully executed "photo" of the W.M. adorned the menu and toast list, the portrait being the work of Bro. R. Brown, and the card itself the work of Bro. S. Jacobs, 1502. No finer specimen of the combined results of photography and lithography has been seen for a long time. The proceedings were greatly enhanced by the musical efforts of Bros. Queen, Jones, Child, Hobart, Bryan, R. Brown, and others.

WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).—The usual monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on Tuesday, the 7th inst. Present: Bros. Deane, W.M.; Canvin, S.W.; Hume, J.W.; Carter, I.P.M., Sec.; Wilson, P.M.; Roberts, S.D.; W. S. Nicholes, I.G.; Pears, S.; Strange, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; Dixon, P.M., P.G.D.C.; Reid, P.M.; Pullin, P.M.; McIlwham, P.M.; Bryett, P.M.; Stedwell, P.M.; Webster, Hiscock, Legg, Stollery, Cousins, Woods, Blizard, Day, Waterson, Bladen, Terry, Lovegrove, and others. Visitors: Bros. Berry, P.M. 865, Munday, 25; Hopwood, P.M. 141; Tolley, P.M. 771; Terry, 65; Smith, 1221; Lee, 570; Whittaker, 73 (I.C.); Hammond, P.M. 201, 1326 and 1512; Wilkins, 1181; Sharples, 348; Johnson, 771; and others. The chief business of the evening was conferring the benefit of the Third Degree upon Bros. Day, Waterson, and Blizard. The Auditors' report and balance sheet were submitted, which shewed that the financial position of the lodge is in a prosperous condition. Bro. H. Briggs, P.M. 865, P.P.G. Reg. Middlesex, was unanimously elected as a joining member. Two candidates for initiation were proposed.

SHEFFIELD.—Royal Brunswick Lodge (No. 296).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, on the evening of Monday, the 13th inst. Bro. Henry Ecroyd, W.M., occupied the chair, and passed Bros. Howell, Tasker, and Bingham to the Fellow Craft Degree. Two propositions were on the circular, and both were duly discussed and carried. The first was in the hands of Bro. Walter Nicholson, J.W., who was ably seconded by Bro. John F. Moss, P.M. It was to the effect that the Royal Brunswick Lodge should take up twenty-five additional shares in the Sheffield Masonic Hall Company, Limited, and thus make up the number of shares held by the lodge to fifty. The second proposition was moved by Bro. P.M. Arnison, and seconded by Bro. S. B. Ellis. It was, "That the Royal Brunswick Lodge do subscribe the sum of five guineas towards the formation of a Masonic library for Sheffield." After this amount had been unanimously voted, Bro. Ellis rose and thanked his brethren for their donation. He congratulated them upon the unanimity with which the Library Committee had been supported on all sides, and he read several communications received from distinguished brethren connected with the town and province, who have promised rare and valuable books, as well as pecuniary assistance. Amongst others, he read letters from the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of West Yorks., Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart.; the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Tew; and from the M.E. Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons of West Yorks, Bro. Bentley Shaw. The Sheffield Masonic Library has for its President Bro. Past Master Henry Seebohm (30°), F.Z.S., whilst its Hon. Sec. is Bro. Samuel Bramhall Ellis, whose zeal in the cause of the Craft, and of his Sheffield brethren in particular, is well known and appreciated. The more general establishment of Masonic libraries in connection with Masonic lodges and clubs is a thing much to be desired. Sheffield in this matter is setting an example to other Masonic communities which is worthy of especial commendation. Brethren in London and in other parts of the kingdom who possess duplicates of rare editions of books suitable for a Masonic library will, we are sure, gladly forward presentation copies to the Sheffield Committee (addressed to the care of Bro. S. B. Ellis, Brocco Bank, Sheffield), who will take care that the names of the generous donors are duly inscribed in the books so presented. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry in general, or of the Royal Brunswick Lodge of Sheffield in particular, it was closed in due form by Bro. Ecroyd. On this occasion the brethren separated without partaking of the usual supper, owing to the want of suitable accommodation, pending the reconstruction of the Masonic Hall on a greatly extended scale. The work of demolition is now in full progress, and it is hoped that before winter sets in the brethren of Sheffield will be in possession of commodious and well ventilated premises, suited to the wants of the rapidly increasing Masonic community who dwell in that busy hive of industry.

OXFORD.—Churchill Lodge (No. 478).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 6th inst., for the purpose of electing a Worshipful Master and Treasurer for the ensuing year, and for other business. The present Master, Bro. H. R. Cooper Smith, B.A., of Magdalen College, and Provincial Junior Grand Warden of Oxfordshire, presided, and amongst the brethren present were the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. R. Bird, M.A., Magdalen College), the P.D. Prov. G. Master (Bro. R. J. Spiers), the Junior Grand Warden of England (Bro. F. P. Morrell, M.A.), the Worshipful Master of the Alfred Lodge (Bro. Jules Bue, M.A.), and Past Masters W. Harrison, M.A., W. Thompson, and Captain Ferrier, R.E. Bro. H. Offley Wakeman, B.A., Fellow of All Souls' College, and Junior Warden of the lodge, was unanimously elected as Worshipful Master, and Bro. F. P. Morrell as Treasurer for the ensuing year. It was agreed that the installation of the new Master and annual festival should take place on the 1st of May. At the close of the proceedings in lodge the brethren supped together.

LEICESTER.—John of Gaunt (No. 523).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 16th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, the W.M., J. T. Thorpe, presiding, supported by S. S. Partridge, I.P.M.; W. T. Rowlett, S.W.; T. A. Wykes, J.W.; R. Taylor, Sec.; W. C. Shout, S.D.; E. Odell, J.D.; J. Young, I.G.; and a number of the lodge members. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. T. Worthington, W.M. 50; J. Smith, I.P.M. 279; J. M. McAllister, W.M. 279; R. B. Smith, P.M. 1007 and 1560; R. A. Barber, W.M. 1391; Luke Riley, W.M. 1130; and others. The lodge having been duly opened, and minutes of preceding meeting confirmed, Bro. Henry Eagle was examined

and subsequently passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Upon resuming in the 1st, Bro. Partridge, I.P.M., rose, and said it afforded him great pleasure to take this opportunity of presenting to the Hall Library, through the John of Gaunt Lodge, six volumes (bound) of the "Freemason," being the complete series of that very useful record of Masonic events, with the exception of vol. 1, which he had no doubt, some other brother would be able to supply. The W.M. moved that the hearty thanks of the lodge be accorded to Bro. Partridge, for his very generous and most useful gift, which was ably seconded by Bro. Rowlett, S.W., and carried unanimously. In acknowledging the same, Bro. Partridge intimated his intention of presenting a volume of the journal in question annually. Letters of apology for absence having been received from R.W. Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; Bro. Toller, P.M.; and Bro. W. B. Smith, P.M. and Treasurer; and after hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

RUNCORN.—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 758).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, March 8th, 1876. It was opened at 6.30 by Bro. E. Aston, W.M., and the following officers and brethren were present:—Bros. J. Warburton, S.W.; W. Wass, J.W.; C. Gerrard, S.D.; J. Coxshill, J.D.; W. Lyon, Treas.; Geo. Moss, Sec.; T. Gregson, Org.; W. Mellor, I.G.; G. Purver, Tyler; R. Rigby, I.P.M.; C. C. Simson, P.M.; J. Fothergill, P.M.; R. Roberts, J. Price, J. L. Jones. Visitors: Bros. J. R. Diggs, W.M. of St. John's, 673. Bros. T. Kingston and Alex. Day having been proposed at a previous meeting as joining members, were balloted for and duly elected. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge being raised to the Second Degree, Bro. James Collier was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree. Mr. John Waterworth being a candidate, was balloted for and unanimously elected. The lodge was lowered, and Mr. J. Waterworth was initiated in the First Degree. The efficient working of the two degrees reflected the highest credit upon the officers. Bro. E. Aston, W.M., proposed, and J. Warburton seconded, that Bro. Jonathan Wilson be received as a joining member. Other important business being done, the lodge closed in harmony, and adjourned to Bro. Wilson's to an excellent banquet, prepared in Bro. Wilson's usual style. A very pleasant evening was spent.

DERBY.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday evening, March 1st. The lodge was opened at 7.30 p.m. Present: Bros. S. Pipes, W.M.; H. T. Bobart, I.P.M.; F. Iliffe, P.M.; W. Heathcote, S.W.; T. Gadsby, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.M., Treas.; Geo. Pipes, Sec.; T. Hills, S.D.; J. Heathcote, J.D.; E. Taylor, as I.G.; G. F. Edwards, Org.; T. Sliar, Tyler. Bros. Manton, Rippon, Mills, Whales, Parkins, Hepworth. Visitors: Bros. J. Smith, P.P.J.G.W., P.M. 731; Whittaker, 731; Strafford, 731; Burton, 731; T. Cox, P.G. Treas., P.M. 253 Butel. The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Geo. Hill, who was duly elected. Mr. J. Parkinson was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry in solemn form by the W.M. Mr. Geo. Johnson was proposed as a candidate for initiation, which concluded the business of the evening. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a substantial supper was provided, after which the usual toasts were given. Bro. G. F. Edwards very ably presided at the pianoforte. Several songs were sung, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

WEST DERBY.—Pembroke Lodge (No. 1299).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby, and the popularity of the W.M. elect (Bro. Richard Bennett) was clearly shown by a larger attendance of influential brethren than at any previous meeting of the "Pembroke." Not only was it the most weighty in Masonic influence, but it was also more numerously attended than we ever remember. Business commenced with the opening of the lodge about three o'clock by Bro. William Jones, W.M., who was supported by Bro. P. Macindrow, P.G.S., P.M.; W. Vines, P.M.; J. Sellar, P.M.; R. Bennett, S.W.; G. Aspinall, J.W.; H. Liversage, Treas.; A. E. Kirkpatrick, Sec.; J. Capell, S.D.; W. S. Bennett, J.D.; J. Holme, I.G.; W. Hiles, S.; T. B. Bramhan, S.; and Robinson, Tyler. The attendance numbered altogether between seventy and eighty, and amongst the prominent visitors were Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; J. Lunt, P.G.D.C.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; C. Coe-jeman, 786; G. Welsby, 786; T. Fozzard, P.M. 1035; W. G. Veale, Org. 1356, &c.; E. O. C. Rothwell, P.M. 1356; W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823; S. Millikin, 823; W. Thomason, J.D. 1182; R. Jones, P.M. 220; J. Hayes, P.M. 249; R. C. Yelland, W.M. 1094; G. Fowler, 216; J. Busfield, 216; Parker, Sec. 1547; and others. After the transaction of some routine business, Bro. R. Bennett was installed as W.M. by Bro. W. Jones, his immediate predecessor in the chair; and the following brethren were invested as the officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. Jones, I.P.M. and Treas.; W. Vines, P.M., D.C.; G. Aspinall, S.W.; J. Capell, J.W.; J. H. Townley, Sec.; A. S. Howarth, S.D.; J. Holmes, J.D.; F. Bramham, I.G.; T. B. Griffin, S.S.; Fisher, J.S. (by proxy); and J. Robinson, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony, which was admirably performed by Bro. Jones, "hearty good wishes" for the new Master's success were expressed by the representatives of more than a dozen lodges. Several applications for relief were responded to by grants from the funds of the lodge, which, according to the balance sheet, are at present in a healthy condition. The brethren subsequently banqueted at the hotel, under the presidency of Bro. R. Bennett, W.M., and during the evening Bro. Wm. Jones, I.P.M., was presented with a very handsome timepiece, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Wm. Jones, P.M., by the Pembroke Lodge, 1299, as a token of esteem. March 16th, 1876."

ECCLES.—Victoria Lodge (No. 1345).—The first regular meeting of this lodge under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Rudman, was held at the Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, W.L., on Wednesday, the 15th inst., the following officers and brethren being present:—Bros. Rudman, W.M.; Wright, I.P.M.; Lowndes, S.W.; Harper, J.W.; Buxton, P.M., Treas.; Barker, P.M., Sec.; Steel, S.D.; Ainsworth, J.D.; Pearson, I.G.; Gillman, P.M., P.G.S.D.W.; Macher, Goering, Metcalf, Wilson, Overend, Pendlebury. Visitors: Bros. Menzies, W.M. 792; Diggle, 1134. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees by the W.M. Bro. Ashton was raised to the degree of M.M. by Bro. Wright, I.P.M., in a manner that called forth praise from every one present. The W.M. then assumed the chair, and the lodge was closed down in regular form, and the brethren spent a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

BIRMINGHAM.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1474).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, at the Masonic Hall, Birmingham (Old Synagogue). There was a very large attendance of brethren, including the Very W.D.P.G.M. of Warwickshire, Lieut. Colonel Machin, and most of the P.G. Officers, and a long list of P.M.'s. Bro. Pursall, P.P.G.S.W., who 16 years ago initiated Bro. Lyon, S.W., in the same lodge-room, now installed him in his usual splendid manner. The following brethren were appointed to office:—Bros. J. Silverston, S.W.; B. Lazarus (President of the Benevolent Fund), J.W.; J. Myers, Treas.; J. G. Emanuel, B.A., Chaplain; D. Lavenstein, Sec.; W. Harris, S.D.; P. Roberts, J.D.; Wood, I.G.; G. Baker, sen. P.M., D.C.; E. Marks, A.D.C.; A. Vigers, Organist; A. Silverston and D. Lawrence, Stewards. The W.M. then rose, and addressing Bro. P. M. Davis, said: "Having been placed in the position of Master of this lodge it falls to my lot to have to discharge a very pleasant duty, and I feel proud to discharge that duty in the presence of so many distinguished Masons and your fellow townsmen. The duty I allude to is that in the name of the lodge of presenting you with a P.M. jewel, in token of the regard, esteem, and admiration in which you are held by every member of the lodge. Our worthy Treasurer, who ever has a care for the funds of the lodge, has asked for a very modest sum, but many of the brethren, in order to show their gratitude to a Master who has so faithfully served this lodge for two years, have privately subscribed in order to render this jewel worthy of your acceptance. The jewel, which was set with diamonds value 50 guineas, bears the following inscription:—"A mark of esteem and regard to Bro. Davis from the brethren of the Israel Lodge, No. 1474, on retiring from the chair which was worthily occupied by him for the first two years of the lodge's existence. March 13th, 1876." In placing this jewel on your breast I have every confidence in knowing you will feel as much pride in wearing it as I have in the name of the lodge in presenting it to you, and hope it will be treasured in your family as an heirloom, not for its intrinsic value, but when you have gone to that Grand Lodge above your children will look at it with feelings of satisfaction and pride that they had a father who was held in such high estimation amongst the Masonic brethren with whom it was his lot to associate. The W.M. then shook him by the hand, placed the jewel on his breast, and said: "I congratulate you, and may the Great Architect of the Universe give you a long and happy life to wear this jewel. Bro. P. M. Davis, who was much affected, very feelingly thanked the W.M. for the flattering manner he had spoken of him for what he had felt a pleasure in doing for the lodge; he also thanked the brethren for their very handsome present, assuring them that the jewel would be highly prized by him as long as he lived. The W.M. then received the many congratulations from the Masters of the other lodges present, and closed the lodge, but not before many propositions of new members to commemorate his installation. The W.M. also presented the lodge with three handsome silver inlaid mallets, having on a former occasion given a very magnificent bible. The brethren then adjourned to the newly-decorated banquet-room, where a grand banquet was served. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in a very efficient manner. Bro. I. G. Emanuel, B.A., proposed "The Visitors," Bro. J. Silverston, S.W., proposed "The W.M.," who, in a very suitable and feeling manner, responded. Bro. B. Lazarus, in his usual humorous and witty way, proposed "The I.P.M.," who responded, and proposed "Success to the Benevolent Fund."

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This lodge held its last regular meeting on the 8th inst., at the Albany Hotel. Present: Bros. W. Wigginton, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. of Worcestershire, P.G.S. of Middlesex, W.M.; Saunders, S.W.; Tomlinson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. of Norfolk, J. W.; C. Horsley, P.M., P.P.G.R. of Middlesex, acting I.P.M.; Knaggs, Treas., S.D.; N. Court, senior, Secretary; Taylor, J.D.; Court, jun., acting I.G.; Rogers, S.; Palmer, W.S.; Sugg, A.O. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed the W.M. proceeded to initiate Mr. Benjamin Alfred Corber. The W.M. then gave the First Lecture on the Tracing Board with excellent effect, and at its conclusion, upon the motion of Bro. Horsley, P.M., the lodge unanimously passed a vote of thanks to the W.M., which was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The S.W. then proposed, which was seconded by the Treasurer, "That from the 10th of May, 1876, alteration be made in bye-law 14, substituting £2 2s. for £1 1s. (annual subscription)." This proposition called forth considerable discussion. The motion was carried. Two other propositions followed, viz, "That from the aforesaid date alteration be made in Bye-law 10, substituting £7 7s. for £5 5s., (initiation fee); and alteration be made in Bye-law 12, substituting £5 5s. for £2 2s. (joining fee)." These resolutions were passed. It was decided that the W.M. should represent the lodge as Steward for the Girls'

School this year, and that the sum of £10 10s. from the lodge, in compliance with the bye-law 22, should head his list. The brethren adjourned to an excellent collation. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Stebbing, 26; Corben, 172; Wix, 735; Edwards, St. Mark's; Maskell 1236. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. stated that as the hour was so far advanced, he was necessarily compelled to be very brief in introducing the various toasts, but he felt sure that, notwithstanding this brevity, they would be received by the brethren with none the less enthusiasm. He then gave "The Queen and Craft, and the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." These toasts were duly honoured, and Bros. Wall and Saunders contributed verses of the "National Anthem," and "God Bless the Prince of Wales." "The Health of the Pro G.M., and the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present" followed, and was heartily drunk. In proposing "The Health of R.W. the P.G.M. of Middlesex" the W.M. mentioned the great interest which Bro. Colonel Burdett manifested in the welfare of every lodge within his jurisdiction, and he felt sure that there was not a more zealous, popular, and energetic Provincial Grand Master in England than their worthy and esteemed R.W. This toast was most enthusiastically drunk. "The Health of the other Officers of the Province" was proposed and acknowledged by Bro. Horsley, P.M., P.P.G.R., who immediately gave the toast of "The W.M." in well set terms, in which he paid a great compliment to the ability and attention of Bro. Wigginton, which had been manifested, he said, to a remarkable degree throughout the whole career of the Francis Burdett Lodge, and concluded by stating that the more the brethren saw of him the better they liked him. It is needless to say that this toast was most warmly received. The W.M. having briefly replied to this compliment, proposed "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Corben," which was duly honoured, and previously to its being acknowledged by the newly made brother, P.M. Horsley contributed the E.A.'s song. In giving "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. expressed the pleasure he experienced that evening at being in a position to entertain, amongst others, two brethren from New Zealand, namely, Bros. Vix and Maskell, and he was sorry that time prevented him from doing more justice to the toast, but he hoped that this first visit of these brethren in particular to the Francis Burdett Lodge had been in every way agreeable to them. This toast having been duly honoured, was responded to by Bros. Vix and Maskell, in which they expressed how gratified they felt at the kind manner in which they had been received, and how impressed they were with the excellent working of the W.M. and his officers, and that they should carry back with them to New Zealand a very pleasant recollection of their first visit to the Francis Burdett Lodge. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," coupled with the names of Bros. Saunders, Tomlinson, and Knaggs. In his speech he particularly mentioned the names and services of the first mentioned brother, who, he said, notwithstanding he had been resident in France some time, never missed an opportunity of being present at their meetings. Bros. Saunders, Tomlinson and Knaggs briefly replied, and the former said that although crossing the Channel at this time of year was not particularly pleasant, yet as long as he occupied any position in Masonry he should consider he was only discharging his duty by making every personal sacrifice in order to be in his place. Between the toasts Bros. Saunders, Knaggs, Sugg, Wix and Walls vocally and instrumentally amused the brethren.

LEICESTER.—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1560).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., when there were present, amongst others, R.W. Bros. W. Kelly, P. Prov. G.M.; G. Toller, jun., I.P.M., as W.M.; Clement Stretton, P.M., as I.P.M.; S. S. Partridge, P.M., as S.W.; Dr. Hunt, J.W.; C. Stretton, as S.D.; Capt. Goodchild, as J.D.; Dr. Buck, I.G.; J. M. M'Allister, W.M. 279; E. Mason, S.W. 1391; and several others. Bro. the Rev. C. H. Wood was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the acting W.M., and the Lecture on the Tracing Board was given by Bro. Partridge. After the discussion of some matters of business, the lodge was closed in harmony.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—This lodge, which has hitherto met in a temporary lodge-room at the North Western Hotel, has now secured permanent accommodation in the board-room belonging to the Morecambe Board of Health, and where in future its meetings will be held. The first meeting in the new lodge-room took place on the 4th inst, the chair of K.S. being occupied by Bro. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. England, the W.M., Bro. H. Longman (W.M. 1051), occupying the I.P.M.'s chair. There were several of the brethren present from Lancaster, including Bros. J. L. Bradshaw (P.M. 1051), W. Warbrick, J. J. Crossbell, R. Stanton, and J. Atkinson (281), F. Dale (J.W.), R. Wolfenden (Sec.), R. Hartley and D. Greenwood (1353), and Capt. Chenoweth. The lodge was opened with solemn prayer in the First Degree, and afterwards raised to the Second and Third, when Bros. Poole and Bingham, having given proficiency as Fellow Craftsmen, were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the working in the degree being efficiently performed by the W.M. and Bro. H. Longman. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, when Mr. William Stephenson was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry. Four candidates were proposed for initiation, and hearty good wishes having been tendered by the visitors, and acknowledged from the chair, the lodge was closed in solemn form. The brethren and visitors then adjourned to the house of Bro. T. Longmire, the West View Hotel, and sat down to an excellent supper, Bro. J. D. Moore (P.G.S.B. England) presiding, supported by Bro. N. Duff (S.W.). On the conclusion of the repast a few toasts were given and responded to, the Chairman

in the course of his remarks congratulating the brethren on the evident progress which the lodge was making in point of numbers, and urged upon the officers the desirability of attending lodges of instruction, with a view to their attaining proficiency in their duties and in the working of the lodge. A very pleasant evening was spent, the brethren separating at a reasonable hour.

Royal Arch.

NORWICH.—Royal George Chapter (No. 52).—After having been in abeyance for a quarter of a century the Royal George Chapter, connected with Union Lodge, No. 52, which was established at the beginning of this century, was re-opened on Friday 10th inst., the Grand Chapter having given its sanction to the proceeding. The chairs were filled by Comps. Col. L'Estrange, Z.; J. Dunford, H.; and A. M. F. Morgan, Dep. Prov. G.M., J.; H. Mason, was P.S.; J. Hotblack, E.; and Shephard Smith, N. Among these present were Comps. Lieut-Col. Duff, E. Baldwin, P.Z. 40; Dudley Stacey, Drinkwater, J. Stanley, J. Stanley, jun., J. Marshall, and others. The following candidates were exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch of Israel:—Bros. H. Barwell, Prov. G. Sec.; G. B. Kennett, W.M.; Col. Bignold, E. M. B. Lacon, Rev. Walde Cholmeley, R. Kerrison, G. Baxton, E. P. Youell, 100; J. B. Aldis, and A. H. Santy. On the close of the chapter the companions sat down to refreshment, when the toasts were given. The Dep. Prov. G.M. in the course of the evening congratulated the members of the Union Lodge present on the re-opening of the chapter. During the time that he was the Master of the lodge he made a strong effort to bring this about, and subsequently several times urged it upon the late Prov. G.M., but without success. It had, however, fallen to the lot of Comp. Kennett to see this accomplished, and he trusted that in future the chapter would periodically be held.

WARRINGTON.—Chapter of Elias Ashmole (No. 148).—The annual convocation of this chapter took place at the chapter-rooms on Monday, 13th inst., at four o'clock in the afternoon. The chapter was opened by the Principals, M.E. Comps. W. S. Hawkins, Z.; W. Sharp, H.; P. G. Edelsten, J., assisted by E. Comps. J. Bowes, P.Z., &c.; D. W. Finney, P.Z., &c.; and W. Mossop, P.Z., &c.; when the rest of the companions were admitted, amongst whom were Comps. C. Crosier, E.; Auckland, N.; Brierly, P.S.; J. W. Thorp, Sec.; Wilson, W. Woods, Thos. Tunstall, J. R. Young, W. Galloway, Jas. Jackson, Rose, Chas. Sutton, T. Pierpoint, and a visitor from South Australia. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the Auditor's report presented and passed. The M.E.Z. announced that the next business was the installation of the Principals elect for the ensuing year, and he had pleasure in calling upon their senior member, as well as Senior P.Z., E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., P. Prov. G.S.B., to perform the ceremony. The companions below the rank of Installed First Principals then withdrew, and a conclave was opened, and the newly-elected Principals duly installed and invested in their respective offices. The conclave being closed, the companions were re-admitted, and the new Principals were greeted and proclaimed. The other officers were then invested, and after a cordial vote of thanks to the Installing Principal and a proposition, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., Comp. W. Sharp, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

BARNSTAPLE.—Chapter of Loyalty and Virtue (No. 251).—A quarterly meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Barnstaple, on Wednesday, 15th inst. The Principals were J. Hancock, Z.; W. Britton, H.; and J. T. Shapland, J. A goodly number of companions attended, and Bro. Robert Paul Morrison, of Lodge 251, was exalted. The Treasurer presented his last year's accounts, which showed that this old chapter was in a very flourishing state, and it was closed at nine o'clock.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Chapter (No. 540).—The first meeting (since the consecration) of the above chapter was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., when there were present, (with the exception of Captain F. C. Polhill Turner, M.P., absent on his parliamentary duties) all the officers of the chapter—Comps. Col. Stuart, M.E.Z.; J. R. Bull, H.; and Cookson, J.; Rev. Wm. Tebbs, Chaplain; Captain Colburn, E.; Trapp, Treasurer; Cuthbert, P.Z.; Captain Green, and Fisher, A.S.; and many companions. Visiting companions were Barfield, P.Z., and Read, P.Z. of Mount Sinai, and Campion, of Northampton. A great deal of work was done, including the exaltation of five companions—Nash, Capt. G. P. Nash, Billson, Richardson, and Reynolds (Janitor). Sir John Montague Burgoyne, Bart., of Sutton Park, was balloted for, but not exalted, because absent from illness. The working elicited expressions of admiration from those companions who, having been present at the consecration, and coming from town to assist (if necessary) the officers of the young chapter, found to their astonishment that so great had been the diligence displayed during their brief term of office, that their services were well-nigh unneeded. It is, however, hardly necessary to say that their intention of helping if need had been was as gratefully accepted as gracefully tendered. After refreshment the M.E.Z., having given the usual toasts, proposed "The Health of the Newly Exalted Companions," remarking that it had never before happened in his experience, that father and son (Comps. Nash and G. P. Nash) should have been exalted at the same time. "The Health of the Visitors" was then heartily drunk, and feelingly responded to. The brethren then separated delighted with their evening's work, no less than with the promise made that the chapter will be as well worked and rapidly become as important as the Stuart Lodge, to which it is attached.

MANCHESTER.—Derby Chapter (No. 1055).—This chapter held its installation meeting at the

Knowsley Hotel, Cheetham, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., about thirty members and visitors were present. The chapter was opened by Comp. J. West, Z., who, after the minutes had been passed, exalted Bro. J. Brown to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason. Comp. James Hall, P.Z., P.G.P.S., then proceeded to instal Comp. Ernest Link, as Z.; Comp. T. H. Glendinning was installed as H. by Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 317, and Comp. E. Ratcliffe, as J., by Comp. Hall. The following officers were duly invested by Comp. Sillitoe:—Comps. Caulder, S.E.; Pollitt, S.N.; E. Pike, P.S.; Romer, 1st A.S.; Steffor, 2nd A.S.; Turner, Treas.; and J. Sly, Janitor. Comp. Hopkins, P.Z., P.G.D.C., acted as Director of Ceremonies throughout the evening. Before closing the chapter the balance sheet was read and passed, and a vote of thanks was proposed, and heartily accorded to Comps. Hall, Sillitoe and Hopkins for their services during the evening. After the chapter was closed, the companions sat down to a very substantial repast, and the evening was most agreeably spent. The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the toast of the evening, "The Newly Installed Principals" was most enthusiastically drunk, and was ably responded to by Comps. Link, Glendinning and Ratcliffe. The toast of "The Visitors" was as usual most heartily received, and was responded to by Comp. Sillitoe. The last toast was given at 10 o'clock.

Knights Templar.

BOMBAY.—Mount Zion Preceptory.—This preceptory was held on January 7th, at which there were present Em. Sir Knts. W. C. Rowe, E.P.; P. Belleli, C.; A. McKenzie, M.; T. Burdett, A.S.M.; Mitchell, Treas.; H. W. Barrow, Reg.; Barrett, C. of G.; Bro. Seager, G.; Em. Sir Knt. Irvine, hon. member. Visitors: Very Em. Sir Knt. G. S. Judge, P.P., with his P.G. Officers, were admitted under the Arch of Steel. The muster roll having been called, the summons convening the meeting was read. The minutes of the preceptory meeting held on the 5th of November, 1875, were read and confirmed. The minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Committee, held this day, were read and adopted. The Treasurer's accounts up to the 31st December, 1875, had been audited and found correct. The patent of Em. Sir Knt. Judge's appointment as a Knight Commander of the Order of the Temple was read by the Registrar. Em. Sir Knt. Rowe then addressed the preceptory as follows: Sir Knights, before I deliver over the charge of this preceptory to my worthy and esteemed successor, Sir Knt. Alexander McKenzie, E.P. elect, I think it is nothing but my duty to give an account of my stewardship during the two years I have held the offices of E.P. of Mount Zion Preceptory Knights Templar, and E.P. of Mount Moriah Priory of the Knights of Malta. During the time I have had the honour to rule over this preceptory there have been thirteen meetings of the preceptory and eight worthy companions installed as Knights Templar, viz., Sir Knt. Edward Hewett, manager of the Land and Mortgage Bank, Bombay; Alfred King, chief storekeeper G.I.P. Railway; H. W. Barrow, secretary Town Council, and clerk to the Corporation of the City of Bombay; A. W. Seabrook, Esq., H.M. Bombay Marine; B. Robinson, officer in the Locomotive Department G.I.P. Railway; H. Stead, official liquidator London and Mediterranean Bank; Dr. De Tactiam, surgeon H.M. Indian Army; and F. Turner, government cotton inspector. We have also had five meetings of the Priory, and all these worthy Knights have been installed Knights of Malta, and I am pleased to say all have signed and received their diplomas for both degrees. I have also during my term of office made the necessary alteration to the jewels, clothing, and property of the preceptory, in accordance with new statutes, and paid off all debts and fees that were due or owing from this preceptory when I took over the charge. Although, Sir Knights, our progress has not been rapid, I must certainly congratulate the preceptory on those members who have been added to their number during my term of office, as they are all good staunch members, and will prove worthy of our good old Order. I must, before I proceed to install your E.P. elect, thank those officers who have served under me during the two years I have had the pleasure to rule over this preceptory for the very punctual way they have attended to their duties and the excellent way they have gone through their work when we have been installing members into the degrees, both in the preceptory and priory, which I have had the pleasure to rule for the last two years. With this short account of my stewardship, Sir Knights, I shall now proceed to install your E.P. elect. The Very Em. the Prov. Prior said he must be allowed to state, in justice to the very admirable way in which the preceptory had been conducted during the past two years, that he never saw any preceptory better worked than Mount Zion had been by Em. Sir Knt. Rowe. Not only had he ruled the preceptory within, but he had by his good management relieved it of a load of debt with which it had been oppressed when he took charge of its affairs. He (Very Em. Sir Knt. Judge) begged to propose a vote of thanks to Em. Sir Knt. Rowe for his valuable services to Mount Zion Preceptory. Em. Sir Knt. Mitchell seconded the motion, which was carried. E. Sir Knight Rowe, in acknowledging the compliment, said he had only endeavoured to do his duty while ruling over the preceptory. He certainly felt regret in having to give over charge, but he knew that the worthy Sir Knight who was about to succeed to the command would do at least as well as he Sir Knight Rowe had done. E. Sir Knight Mitchell then presented the E. Preceptor elect, Sir Knight A. McKenzie, for installation. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, the Installing Officer being (E. Sir Knight Rowe). Sir Knight A. McKenzie was then duly installed as Preceptor for the ensuing year, and in conclusion Sir Knight McKenzie proposed

that a sword be presented to E. Sir Knight Rowe for his past services, which was seconded and carried by acclamation. E. Sir Knight Rowe then expressed his thanks for the great honour which the Preceptory had resolved to confer on him, and assured the members that the sword would be valued by him more highly than anything else he possessed connected with the Order. He hoped he might be spared to wear it for many years to come, and whenever his services could be of any use he would be always found ready, and at his post, and endeavouring to do his best. E. Sir Knight McKenzie then invested his officers as follows:—Sir Knights H. W. Barrow, C.; B. Robinson, M.; P. Belleli, P.; H. Stead, S.M.; Ems. W. C. Rowe, Reg.; Frater Seager, G. The following Sir Knights were elected to serve on the committee:—Sir Kats. Belleli, R. G. Walton, and H. Stead. The ballot was then taken for Comp. J. Luhe, residing at Byculla, engineer, G.I.P.R.C., of Chap. Keystone, No. 757, E.C., as a candidate for installation, and the ballot proved clear. A letter was read from the Vice Chancellor of the Order referring to the mode of depositing the arms; also a letter and circular regarding the new statutes. It was then resolved that the terms of the petition already sent home in support of the changes which have been made in the statutes be adhered to, which was approved. Read a letter from Sir Knight Seabrook, requesting to be placed on the absent list, which was recorded. The Registrar reported that K.T. and K.M. certificates had been delivered to the following Sir Knights:—viz., Barrow, Robinson, Turner, Stead, and Dr. De Tatham. The Registrar applied for instructions as to what should be done with nineteen unclaimed certificates, and it was ordered that the certificates in question be placed before the committee, with a request that those of which the owners cannot be found be returned to the V.C. of the Order with an explanation. Those Sir Knights who are residents are to be written to and requested to claim their certificates. The Very E. Pro Prior requested that he might be favoured with a complete list of the members of the preceptory at an early date. The Priory of the Knights of Malta was then opened, and the new E.P. was installed by the retiring E.P., Sir Knight Rowe, and the officers of the priory were invested for the ensuing year. The Sir Knights sat down to a banquet, and a very pleasant evening was spent, many good songs being sung.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

SHEFFIELD.—Talbot Chapter of Rose Croix.—The Talbot Chapter (No. 15 on the roll of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England, Wales and the Colonies) held its quarterly chapter in Sheffield on Friday, the 17th inst., under the presidency of the Most Wise Sovereign, Ill. Bro. Henry Seebohm (30°), who was very ably assisted by the Immediate Past M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Collinson, and supported by Ill. Bros. William Henry Britain, (31°), William Roddewig (30°), Robert Arnison (30°), and Henry John Garnett, all Past Most Wise Sovereigns of the Talbot Chapter. There were also present Ill. Bros. Alexander Hay, First General; Samuel Kelley, 30°; G. W. Hawksley, S. B. Ellis, John Nixon, Geo. Edward Bennett, Henry Ecroyd, Francis Griffith, M.D., Simeon Hayes, William Jervis, T. B. Edwards, John Francis Moss, Walter Charles Smith, W. R. Thomas, M.D., and others. The ballot was taken for Bros. Captain Edward Mills, Adjutant of volunteers, and Hugh Nevill, of Her Majesty's Civil Service, Ceylon, who were accepted as candidates and afterwards perfected according to the peculiarly impressive rites of this most beautiful degree. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Ill. Bros. Rev. F. Vernon Bussell, Prelate; Henri Emil Voigt (30°), John Denton, Clement Hamill Perrott, and others. A letter was read by the M.W.S. from Ill. Bro. Bentley Shaw (Past M.W.S. of the Talbot Chapter), thanking those of the brethren who went over from Sheffield on Thursday, the 9th inst., to assist at the consecration of the new Rose Croix Chapter in Huddersfield (the Prince of Wales). This being the time to elect a M.W.S. for the ensuing year, Bro. Alexander Hay, First General, was duly proposed, seconded, and balloted for—the ballot being unanimous. Bro. Hay returned thanks for the honour conferred on him, after which the chapter was duly closed. Owing to the alterations going forward at the Masonic Hall, the usual banquet was dispensed with. A cold collation was, however, provided, which was presided over by the M.W.S. It was announced that the Charity Steward, Bro. Arnison, had received a cheque from Ill. Bro. Seebohm for thirty guineas as a donation from the Most Wise Sovereign of the Talbot Chapter to the funds of the Masonic School for Girls. The toast of "The M.P.S.G.G., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Members of the 33rd, 32nd, and 31st Degrees" was proposed from the chair, and responded to by Ill. Bro. Wm. Henry Britain, 31°. "The Health of the Most Wise Sovereign of the Talbot Chapter" was proposed by Ill. Bro. Collinson, and responded to by Ill. Bro. Seebohm in his usual original and instructive manner.

Red Cross of Constantine.

WEYMOUTH.—Aubrey Conclave (No. 134).—The inauguration of this conclave took place on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Queen's Hotel, Weymouth. The following brethren were duly installed as knights companions of the Order:—Henry Cook, Edward Harding, Charles Palmer Jee, William Butt, Charles Williams, Samuel Gerrard, William Holloway, Thomas Searle Warren, Richard Cole, Archibald Robert Millar. The ceremony was ably and impressively performed by the M.P.S. Captain Barnes, assisted by E.V.E. John Penny. Afterwards the ceremony of consecration was duly and solemnly performed by M.P.S. Captain Barnes, assisted by

E.V.E. John Penny; when the following Sir Knights were appointed to various offices:—Harding, S.G.; Gee, J.G.; Cook, R. and Treas.; Butt, H.P.; Williams, P.; Gerard, O.; Holloway, Std. Bearer; Warren, H.; Cole, S. The conclave having been closed in imperial form, the knights adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by Sir Kt. Cook.

Reviews.

"MASONIC MUSIC, &c." By Bro. F. C. ATKINSON, P.P. G.O. West Yorkshire. Weekes & Co., London.

We have received this volume with much pleasure. We have long been of opinion that more use may be made of music in our lodge ceremonies than has been hitherto the case. We therefore gladly welcome all such efforts on the part of our musical brethren to supply us with the "de quoi." Bro. Atkinson seems to have entirely succeeded in his laudable effort, and we heartily commend his musical contribution to the notice of the brethren and the lodges.

"DEBRET'S PEERAGE, BARONETAGE, AND KNIGHTAGE FOR 1876." Dean & Son.

Very useful and very well arranged is this annual work of reference and information. These are subjects which, if a "fellar" can't understand, he ought to, and we are of opinion that in our body politic such easily understood facts are both needful and important. Nothing is so unfortunate in itself as ignorance of others, who they are, and what they have done, and nothing often so embarrassing as in conversation, and leads to many a regrettable contretemps, as this inexcusable ignorance of the "upper ten thousand." It is needless almost to praise this work, as it is admirably illustrated and printed, and is so indispensably necessary to all who have much correspondence, that we can most cordially commend it to the notice of all our readers.

"DEBRET'S HOUSE OF COMMONS," and the "JUDICIAL BENCH" for 1876.

Equally important for us is the knowledge of those who form our great "Wittensamegot," or "Talking House," and of those who administer laws often peculiar in their construction and difficult to understand. All Englishmen are proud of their Judicial Bench, as we all still properly believe in the "unsullied purity of the ermine." Despite some most mistaken and unjustifiable attacks recently on a very eminent judge, and his patient confreres, both judges of high repute, attacks which every patriotic Englishman must deplore and resent, the judges of England merit, as they possess, the confidence of all classes, and we all feel equally that to the impartial administration of just laws this country owes no little of its happiness and prosperity, and all of its peace and privilege. Deo et Lege is an axiom full of meaning and power for us all still.

BRO. H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND THE ROSE CROIX.

It may be as well to remind our readers that our Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was installed a member of the Rose Croix Degree at a special convocation of the Europa Chapter, held at the Masonic Hall a few days ago. All the members were present on the occasion except two, who were unavoidably prevented from attending by illness. The ceremony was impressively performed by the M.W.S. Captain Gilbard, 31°, ably aided by the officers of the chapter, Bros. Morgan, Haynes, Elmes, Preston, Paterson, Hepper, Trenerry, and Henry.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., was in the President's chair, Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., in the Senior Vice-President's, and Bro. J. Wright, G.P., in the Junior Vice-President's. The following brethren were also present:—Bros. John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss and A. A. Pendlebury; also Bros. S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; J. Symonds, P.A.G.D.C.; John Boyd, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; W. Clifton Crick, W. H. Myers, H. Bartlett, S. Poynter, Herbert Dicketts, P.G. Steward; W. Hilton, W. Wigginton, W. Mann, M. Suffield, E. Harris, J. Cox, T. Cohu, J. Debec, Wm. Stephens, J. T. Berry, J. A. Barnard, C. F. Hogard, P. Wagner, S. Millis, Griffiths Smith, E. Budden, M. Chubb, B. Clegg, C. Burmeister, E. H. Stansfield, M. Higgs, J. Carnaby, R. Griggs, E. H. Hongman, E. King, J. J. Barnes, J. Ward, J. Green, C. W. Kent, C. Martin, A. Vanderlyn, C. Palmer, G. Lambert, T. Burt, J. Watts, W. T. Howe, E. P. Albert, A.G.P., W. Levy, and H. Massey ("Freemason").

There were 34 new cases, to which a total grant of £536 was made, after grants of £235 made at former lodge had been confirmed; and after a long sitting the lodge was closed and adjourned.

Notice is given from the Lord Chamberlain's office that her Majesty's birthday will be kept on Saturday, the 27th of May.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Chest Preservatives.—At all seasons of the year the rate of mortality from diseases of the lungs is very great. Holloway's Ointment, well rubbed upon the chest, aided by the Pills, arrests all mischief. These cleansing medicaments exercise the most salutary and restorative influence over the entire contents of the pectoral cavity. Air tubes, nerves, blood vessels, and all other tissues feel their wholesomely potent power, more particularly in their thoroughly purifying both venous and arterial blood, by promoting the free circulation of air. Neither Ointment and Pills contain any noxious ingredient whatever, but their balsamic nature nourishes rather than irritates the system, and kindly subdues all untoward symptoms till all is well once more.—ADVT.

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.

Bro. Sir John Bennett presided at a Spelling Bee on Tuesday, at the South Norwood Congregational Church, and on Friday evening week at the Camden Road Athenæum.

We regret to hear that Mr. Clifford, of the firm of Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, met with a slight carriage accident a few days since, but which might, however, have been attended with serious consequences. His horse stumbled on the asphalt in King-street, and he was thrown from the carriage. Mr. Clifford has been confined to his house for several days.—"City Press."

BAPTIST TRANSLATORS AND THE PRINCE OF WALES.—During the late visit of the Prince of Wales to Calcutta a presentation of specimens of the Scriptures translated by the Baptist Missionaries, under the auspices of the Bible Translation Society, was made to His Royal Highness. The translations occupied eight volumes, handsomely bound in morocco. The rule having been laid down that the Prince could receive no addresses or deputations in person, except the addresses of municipalities of capital towns, the books were sent through Sir Bartle Frere, who, by command of the Prince, sent a reply, in which he said:—"I am commanded to tell you that they are much appreciated by His Royal Highness, who has desired me to convey to you, his very best wishes for the success of the admirable work in which your society has already made so great a progress."

Since her visit to East London the Queen has heard with pleasure that no accident resulting from the crowd was carried to the hospital, that the patients had not suffered from the excitement, and that the little girl to whom Her Majesty spoke was progressing favourably. On Tuesday the boys from Christ's Hospital exhibited their drawings and charts to Her Majesty. The Queen was accompanied by the Princess of Wales, Princess Beatrice, and the young Princes and Princesses of Wales, and the drawings were laid before Her Majesty by each boy separately. The Queen leaves for Germany on the 27th inst.

Bro. Alderman Hadley will preside at the 5th annual festival of the Railway Officers' and Servants' Association, to be held at the City Terminus Hotel on Thursday, the 30th inst.

Bro. Frederick Kent, C.C., has been unanimously elected solicitor to the Municipal Bank.

The Skelmersdale Lodge, 1599, will be consecrated at Masons' Hall Tavern on April 7th. Bros. John Bingenmann, W.M. designate; Wm. Henry Marston, S.W. designate; Laker, J.W. designate.

The Ivy Lodge, No. 1441, has, under the sanction of Grand Lodge, been removed to the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road. The installation meeting will, we understand, be held on Tuesday next, on which occasion Bro. Chas. Smith, P.M. and founder, will act as Installing Officer.

The fifth report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts has just been published. It is a bulky folio of 656 pages. The work of inspection during the past year has been carried on by Mr. Alfred Horwood, Mr. H. J. Riley, and Mr. J. C. Jeaffreson for England, by Dr. Stuart and Mr. Fraser for Scotland, and by Mr. Gilbert for Ireland. In addition to these, Professor Brewer has continued his examination of the Cecil documents in possession of the Marquis of Salisbury, and Canon Robertson has furnished a report on the MSS. in Canterbury Cathedral. During the year 70 additional collections have been examined, and 60 reports prepared, and since the issue of the Royal warrant in 1869 more than 420 collections of MSS. have been examined. Some of the collections are very rich in historical interest. Among the most so is the Duke of Sutherland's, which he has sent from Trentham to London in order to be examined, and which deals largely with the civil war. The Duke of Marlborough's is said to be of priceless value, but has yet to be reported on. The Marquis of Lansdowne's MSS. are made large use of by his brother, Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice, in his "Life of Lord Shelburne." Mr. Pine Cotton's, at Portledge, North Devon, contain much information about the Duke of Monmouth's rebellion and the bloody assize. The Marquis of Bute's deal with Scotch affairs, early in the 18th century. Some of the small old towns like Dartmouth, Hartland, High Wycombe, New Romney, Rye, and Sandwich possess some interesting documents, so also do some of the colleges. The report is signed by Sir George Jessel, the Marquis of Salisbury, the Earl of Airlie, Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice, the Bishop of Limerick, Lords Talbot de Malahide, Houghton, and Acton, Sir W. S. Maxwell, Sir T. D. Hardy, Lord C. Russell, and Dr. Dasent.

ISLINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—The ceremony of consecration and installation will be worked by Bro. James Terry, P.G.D.C. Herts, Secretary to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, in this lodge on Wednesday, the 12th April, at 6.30. Brethren to appear in Craft Masonic costume. This young but useful Lodge of Instruction meets every Wednesday evening, (commencing at seven, and closing at nine), at the Crown and Cushion Hotel, corner of Winchester-street, London Wall, where the ceremonies are worked only, affording an excellent opportunity to those brethren seeking offices in their lodges.

A letter from the Prince of Wales to Lord Northbrook has been officially published at Calcutta, expressing in cordial terms the sincere pleasure which his Royal Highness has derived from his visit to India.

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ERRATUM.—In the report of the Grand Conclave Red Cross on the 11th inst., for "Capt. Bartlett" read "Capt. Barnes."

NOTICE.—We do not find it necessary to issue a supplement this week.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

WATSON.—On the 20th inst., at Holland-road, W., the wife of Gerald T. Watson, of a son.

ANGUS, Mrs. Joseph, at Eton-villas, Haverstock-hill, March 21st, of a son.

HEATHCOTE, the wife of Lieut.-Col. C. T., Bombay Staff Corps, at Belvedere-road, Upper Norwood, March 20th, of daughter.

MARRIAGE.

VAN DER BYL—MYBURGH.—On the 17th ult., by special licence, at Stellenbosch, Cape of Good Hope, by the Rev. Dr. Faure, assisted by his son, the Rev. Philip Faure, of Class William, P.G. Van der-Byl, Esq., of 102, Harley-street, London, to Johanna, youngest daughter of the late Ryk Myburgh, Esq., of Elsenburgh, Cape of Good Hope.

DEATHS.

COBB.—On the 19th inst., Stanley Rhodes, son of R. Cobb, Esq., of Surbiton Lodge, Kingston-on-Thames, aged 10.

DURANT, Lucinda, relict of Mr. George, of Tong Castle, Shropshire, at St. Romans, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, aged 67, March 15th.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAR. 25, 1876.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S RETURN.

The "*Times*" informs us that the *Serapis* arrived at Aden, March 20th, with the *Raleigh* in company. All are well. Will leave after coaling. The *Osborne* was sent ahead on the 17th at noon to have all in readiness for her consort. From Bombay it has been very fine weather. The thermometer was 80 deg. in the shade, and the sea quite smooth. The menagerie is quite comfortable. It contains 80 animals of all sorts. The elephants walk about the deck; the deer are very tame, and the tigers are domesticated, though they exhibit tendencies to relapse. Thursday the calm continued, and the temperature was the same. The sea was as smooth as glass; no ships, nor fish, nor birds were to be seen. Friday the sea and temperature remained the same as before. The squadron has been averaging 272 miles in 24 hours. The *Osborne* ran under the quarter of the *Serapis* to exhibit her two elephants, which saluted the *Prince* as she passed ahead. We shall be next hearing of the *Prince* at Suez and at Malta.

MASONIC OLD WOMEN.

Some people do not like to be called old, and a great many persons we know do not relish being termed "old women." But yet the clearness of truth compels us to say, that old women do exist and are many, and that we meet with them and confront them in various scenes and in different walks of life. To suppose that we can be always young is alas a great fallacy; to believe that youth, with its halcyon smiles, and living hopes, and active hours, is ever to wait upon us here, is but the baseless fabric of a deceiving dream. No, youth has to give way to middle age, and middle age to old age, day-by-day, and the weakness and perversity and querulousness of old age, often seem to tinge with dulness and gloominess, the early promise and the maturer excellence. Old age is then inevitable, and old men and old women have to share with youth the pageant of the hour. But we are talking of old women. They sometimes unpolitely say, that old women, as the young Frenchman once gravely observed, are "de trop," though we protest against any attack on real good old women. But we confess, as we say this, that we have a dreadful souvenir of some Masonic old women who have been a heavy drawback on our lodges, a great stumbling block in the way of Freemasonry, and mournful obstacles to all improvement and progress. As a general rule the Masonic old woman is a brother who has not done a great deal for Freemasonry really and truly, though he thinks he has, and always tells young Masons that "things were better managed in his days." He is very fond of hearing himself talk, and what he says is generally what a reporting brother and friend of ours once ventured to term "didactic twaddle." But where he most distinguishes himself is in his opposition to any movement for improvement, for progress, for light. Is it a library?—"Books are expensive," "Masons have no time for reading," "For his part he does not approve of publication," "Money had better be spent in charity," are the stereotype objections, the stock phrases of fageyism, which fall from the lips of that respectable old woman. Is it a soiree?—"Well, he prefers a lodge meeting, and his pipe and glass of toddy afterwards." "He does not see why brethren are to come in evening dress." "All this chopping and changing don't suit him." "He never remembers such a proposal before;" and so he damps the enthusiasm of the ardent, the zeal of the cultured, does this mischievous old woman. Is it the admission of ladies? He is "aghast at the idea. What would Bro. P.M. Popkins have said, or old 'Dont,' or Bro. Jenks, or Bro. somebody else? And the lodge, accustomed to dictation, and Conservative in its respect for years and authority, goes with the old woman, and floors the young man. Now, we have cited no imaginary cases, we have drawn no ideal individual, though without any personal reflection; but all lodges, we fancy, in a greater or lesser degree, are suffering from the infliction and presence of Masonic old women at the present time. Can nothing be done for remonstrant and despondent Masonic youth? Is there no possibility of inducing these worthy and otherwise amiable old women to take a kinder view of things and persons? Alas! we fear not! Such as they are, such they will be to the end of the story, and though the moralist may deprecate, and the cynic may scoff, and the young Mason may cry out, the genus Masonic old woman is very flourishing amongst us, and is not, we fear, for a very long time indeed likely to leave that lodge life of ours, which its presence enfeebles and its perversity mars.

ANTI-MASONIC IMPERTINENCES.

We have been much struck with the tendency of our opponents just now to assail our peaceful and useful Order with a plethora of mingled impertinence and falsehood. Indeed, nothing is too hard or too bad to say of Freemasons, without a shadow of justification, without even the pretence of truth. It is simply, as fast young men say to-day, "calm lying," nothing more and nothing less. These are serious words, and we

are bound to prove them. In the "*Weekly Examiner and Ulster Observer*," sent to us by a kind Hibernian brother, and which is, we may observe, a Roman Catholic paper, of date March 11th, 1876, published at Belfast, two letters are to be read, unsigned, and apparently editorial, judging by their place and type, which constitute in themselves some very impertinent and untruthful charges against Freemasonry and Freemasons in that district. We might, indeed, say to all our brethren there, "Risum tenentis fratres;" we might bid them laugh with Archdeacon Denison, "*asbesto geloti*," at such a mixture of balderdash and vulgarity. The weak and foolish person who penned these letters—we have grave doubts of his sanity—makes Freemasonry responsible, in his Ultramontane perspicuity, for recent commercial embarrassments in Belfast, in "flax spinning," principally, as it seems, because the "brethren monopolize one half of the alphabet in mere initial indication of the cacophonous Craft honours." Now this, we beg to observe, is meant for wit and also sarcasm—Ultramontane wit and Ultramontane sarcasm. Well, to say the truth, amid laughter-loving Paddies we never met with a "duller dog" than the writer of these childish invectives, and as for the sarcasm—"Heaven save the mark." If this is all the Ultramontanes can do, they must be in a very bad case, and the Freemasons in Belfast and the district will simply treat such an attack as we do, as another beautiful specimen of Ultramontane ignorance, impertinence, and mendacity. It is sad to have to use such words, but they are both, in our opinion, necessary and just, and remembering that the Roman Catholic mot d'Ordre just now seems to be everywhere, at home and abroad, as regards Freemasonry without rhyme or reason, "*Delendam esse Carthaginem*," we see no use in being mealy-mouthed, the more so as we are simply upholding the interests and honour of our cruelly maligned Order. Our able contemporary, the "*Masonic Advocate*," published at Indianapolis, Indiana, United States, tells us as follows:—"We have before us the prospectus for an anti-Masonic newspaper, to be published at Cincinnati, O., by one J. H. H. Woodward, accompanied by a circular letter, which says, 'We want you for a good, permanent, cash-paying subscriber, and solicit your money, your aid, and your influence.' It is safe to presume that this was not intended for us, and as safe to wager that we will give nothing of this sort. We think a great deal of Masonry. We love it for the good it has already done, and we want to perpetuate it for the good it will do in the future. The greatest fears we have ever had for the institution were in its popularity and too rapid growth. We want no more recruiting agents in the shape of anti-Masonic papers and crusaders against Masonry, for they are sure to create a more favourable opinion of the Order, and greatly increase the number of those seeking admission. When renegades unite with rejected applicants in defaming the institution of Freemasonry, which is upheld by the reputation of more than half a million of the best citizens of this country, they soon succeed in convincing intelligent, honest people that they themselves are liars and slanderers of the worst character. The documents before us establish the fact that the author of them is no exception to the rule. We give a short extract from them, that those who know anything of Masonry may be able to judge for themselves:—'Masonry is aggressive, and interferes with every one. The fearfully depressing times we now experience is her handywork, the result of her counsels, machinations, and plots. The confidence of man in man can never be restored so long as Masonic principles prevail. Every Mason imbued with the principles of his Order feels that every other Mason is a rascal, and that the entire race of man is an institution of perverse wickedness, and carries his idea into the daily walks of his life, and thus Masonry, from the number of her votaries, acting upon this principle, has sown the seeds of universal distrust broadcast over the whole land. Good times can never again prevail in this country until the heresies of Masonry are destroyed, and a general and neighbourly confidence is restored among the people. Masonry forbids neighbourly

kindness, equal rights, and just principles among men, and thus disintegrates society, destroys confidence, and paralyzes every branch of business, and reduces a nation of people to beggary and want.' These are only a few of the false statements published in this prospectus by one who says, 'We speak by the card, we have been there;' but they are sufficient to show that if he has ever 'been there,' he did not get out any too soon for the reputation of the Order. Masonry teaches that "truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue," a lesson that never made an impression upon this modern Ananias. He does not offer any evidence to prove the truth of his statements, nor can he in a single instance present any that will substantiate it. Until this is done, nothing more than a mere denial is necessary." When people will thus libel Freemasonry and insult Freemasons, we can only allude to the fact in self defence. As for taking any further notice of such rubbish, it would be utterly beneath the dignity of our good old Order. We can, like our contemporary, and fully agreeing with his sensible remarks, afford to laugh at what he amusingly calls "Anti Masonic Thunder." Freemasonry is best known by its fruits, and if there were a scintilla of truth in any one of the allegations of this vituperative assailant, Freemasons could certainly no longer defend its utility, or believe in its mission. But until, instead of all this unseemly virulence, and this unvarnished witness, we have facts tending to prove these deliberate libels and slanders—as we hold them to be without even the slightest foundation,—we shall prefer to believe that the Craft will outlive in its greatness, its truth, its beneficence, and its good, all such puny assailants, and can afford to disregard utterly all such contemptible impertinences.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

THE PROPOSED SCOTTISH MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Many thanks to you for publishing, and to the worthy lady who has so feelingly written in your columns. Let me assure her that I feel deeply grateful for her kind and general sympathy, and am certain that her letter will do much good; if the wives, sisters, and daughters of Masons in Scotland can be entered on our side we may hope for a promising future. I know "that women can really accomplish wonders," may it be granted to us that the warm and true hearted letter of your correspondent may evoke similar feelings in the hearts of other Masons wives and sisters, and cause them to urge their husbands and brothers to act as true Masons.

Even if this movement should do no other good, it will show at least to our "sisters" that Masonry has a high and noble aim—"Charity," and they will never grudge their husbands' attendance at lodge.

Appropos of this question, I would add that at all social and convivial meetings of the Craft in Scotland one "new toast" should be given from the chair, viz., "Charity," with this addition, when our institution is fully started, "Charity and our Benevolent Institution."

While again using your valuable space I would sincerely urge our Scottish lodges to appoint some one of their members as Stewards for the Benevolent Institution, names of such Stewards to be sent either direct to myself or to Bro. J. Laurie, Grand Secretary Scotland, 98, George-street, Edinburgh, Bros. W. H. Bickerton, 9, West Howard-street, Glasgow; Dr. Cowan, M.D., Victoria Building, Tay-street, Perth; Alexander Henry, 140, Murrugate Dundee; A. O. Grandfelt, 26, Marshall-street, Aberdeen; D. Murray Lyon, Ayr; or any of the accredited agents of the proposed Institution.

I would also add, for the instruction of my Scottish brethren who may feel inclined to support the institution, that they will in no way pledge themselves to carry out my scheme in toto, unless it seems good to the majority to do so, they are asked only to agree that a "Masonic Benevolent Institution for Scotland shall be established." The first meeting of promoters will take into consideration the ways and means, and no doubt many useful ideas will be forthcoming, and many valuable additions made.

I have it is true drawn up a full scheme, as I know from experience, that an abstract idea and resolution, without any further basis to go upon, would at once fall to the ground. I have simply given a foundation based upon existing institutions of a similar nature, on which I trust a superstructure may be raised honourable to its builders.

I would ask them one and all to come forward with their support and advice; if any one has anything better to propose, by all means let him do so. I do not say this now for the first time; I have all along urged this. Why then, my Scottish brethren, should you hold back? Rather come forward and endeavour to form as good a scheme as human brains can supply.

I hail with delight that "our sisters" have taken up the task, and trust that they may influence their husbands and brothers.

There is an old motto much affected by Scotchmen, "Nulli Secundus," let that be ours.

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

G. E. R. HARRIOTT,
P.G.M. Wigtown and Kirkcudbright.
No. 4, Howard Place, St. Andrew's,
March 10th, 1876.

UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I venture to suggest to my brother Knights Templar through the medium of your valuable columns that the Order of which he is Grand Master, and to which it is well-known he is very much attached, should give the Prince of Wales a cordial welcome on his return from India. I think that a special Convent General should be held, say at the Middle Temple Hall, that the Knights should go in procession to the Temple Church to offer up thanks to Almighty God for his safe return, and that afterwards a banquet should be held, either in the Middle or Inner Temple, to celebrate the auspicious occasion. I have no doubt the authorities would gladly lend their noble halls for such an event, and we should be as Templars on historic ground. The Prince is, I believe, a Bencher of the Middle Temple.

Commending this suggestion to the notice of Lord Limerick, the Great Prior, and the powers that be,

I am, fraternally yours,

A PAST GRAND OFFICER OF GRAND CONCLAVE.

BALLOT FOR CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I shall be glad to know what is the usual custom in lodges in balloting for candidates whose names have been received too late for proposition in open lodge.

In the lodge of which I am Secretary we require that the proposer and seconder shall address a letter to the W.M., asking for an emergency (to be held on the next regular lodge night) to ballot for a candidate who has not been regularly proposed in the lodge, and the name, &c., of the candidate is inserted in the next regular summons, under the heading of "emergency."

At the next lodge night the lodge is declared to be a lodge of emergency for the purpose of taking the ballot for such a candidate, and if favourable he is at once initiated.

We are, however, informed by brethren that all this is not necessary, and that names of candidates can be received up to the time of printing the summonses without inserting the emergency, or declaring it in the lodge.

This, however, does not accord with the Book of Constitutions (see article on Proposing Members), and I shall be glad if my question elicits from some well-informed brother what is the correct practice.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

A SECRETARY.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you allow me to call the attention of the brethren to the case of the boy, James Edgar Tanare, as advertised in your columns. Bro. Tanare (the father) is an inmate of Colney Hatch Lunatic Asylum, and certified by Dr. Shepherd to be incurable. As this is really a most deserving case, I ask the subscribers very earnestly for their votes for the ensuing election.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN EMMENS, P.G. Purst.

ACCUSATIONS AGAINST FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A series of accusations against Masonry have recently appeared in the leading papers, the truth or falsehood of which I wish, for my own satisfaction to ascertain.

Will you, therefore, in your "answers to correspondent" give me as much information as possible as regards the following points.

1st—Where may I obtain an authoritative declaration of principles, (like our own constitutions), of the Orient of France, the Orient of Belgium, and the Supreme Italian Authority, also a list of lodges of these respective countries, with names of chief officials like our own Cosmopolitan Calendar.

2nd—Louis Blanc and Felix Pyatt are asserted to be Masons? Are they, if so, what are their characters? Are they not avowed Atheists?

3rd—Did the Grand Orient of Belgium issue a projet de loi to suppress all religious education? If so, where can it be procured?

4th—Where can I obtain the Dutch Freemasons' Almanack for 1872, and the price? Is there a translation?

5th—Was an International Congress of Freemasons' held at Lugano, in 1872? If so, where are the records of it to be obtained, and price? Is there a translation?

6th—Why did Prince Murat resign the Grand Mastership of France?

7th—What part did the Masons take in the affairs of the commune? Where can I obtain official account of their appearance on the walls of Paris at that time. A Bro. Thirifocq is said to have written on this matter in an "Appeal to Freemasons of every Rite." Is he a Mason? If so, is any thing known of his character? Where can his book be obtained, and price?

8th—Prince Frederick of Orange is said to have resigned

the Grand Mastership of the Netherlands because he was a Christian. What was the real reason of such resignation, and where may I obtain evidence of it?

You will see how highly necessary it is that every Mason should be as fully as possible informed on these matters so that he may be enabled to meet them if false, and to exercise that great virtue "silence" if true.

If you would kindly answer these queries in Saturday's paper, especially as to the constitutions and list of lodges of foreign Masonry, and questions seven and eight, you will greatly oblige yours truly and fraternally,

A.B.

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE MS. CONSTITUTIONS.

The readers of the "Freemason" who take an interest in archaeological studies and all that appertains to the evidences of the Craft will rejoice to think how much progress has been made in this latest development of Masonic research. A few years ago when, for instance, with others I began the then somewhat arduous work of collating and verifying our Masonic MS. Constitutions, very little was comparatively known of them, even of their actual number. Old discussions had in the "Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror" elicited the fact, that in the British Museum there were five copies of the Constitutions, as well as the additional MS. Constitutions edited by Bro. Matthew Cooke, as well as the Masonic poem edited by W. O. Halliwell, now W. O. Phillips, in 1840. It would not be fair here to forget that Bro. Matthew Cooke published a list of the MS. Constitutions in the British Museum about 1860 in the "Freemasons Magazine;" neither should we overlook the debt that English archaeological Masonic students owe to the Rev. J. Dallaway, a non-Mason. Bro. Matthew Cooke's publication of the additional MS., which now is generally called Cook's MS., was, no doubt, also a great step in Masonic archaeology in England. But it is not, I think, too much to say, that to the publication by another non-Mason, Mr. W. O. Halliwell, of that curious old poetic Constitution we owe the impetus happily given to a more critical study of our evidences and our constitutions, which has led, alike in Germany and England, to almost a new school of Masonic students. To Bro. W. J. Hughan must be fairly conceded in England (though we must not overlook the earlier publications of Laurie) nor forget Bro. D. M. Lyon's contributions in Scotland—to Bro. W. J. Hughan, I repeat, must be fairly conceded in England, if not the first collation, at any rate the first publication of our Masonic Constitutions. He paved the way for future students by the opportune republication in 1869 of Cole's copperplate edition of a MS. Constitution published in 1728 or 1729.

In 1871 Bro. Richard Spencer published a most interesting volume, and to whom the warm thanks of all Masonic students are due. And in 1872 Bro. W. J. Hughan issued his most valuable collection of the Constitutions, an era in English archaeology.

But since that time many new ones have turned up. Bro. Hughan has lighted upon the Chester MS. and the Aberdeen MS., and a copy of a MS. said to have been in the possession of Sir Christopher Wren. Bro. Norton has found the Scarborough MS., Bro. D. M. Lyon has carefully republished and collated the Kilwinning MS. and the Aitcheson Haven. The Wilson MS. is on the eve of publication, and I have no doubt but that many new MSS. may yet be traced out.

Bro. Hughan calls attention to Dermott's MS. and Morgan's MS., discoveries peculiarly his own, and I am not yet without hopes of tracing the MS. Constitution, which Dr. Plot saw, and Ashmole used.

We want, however, many others, such as the original of Dowland's MS., the original of Rawlinson's MS., and others alluded to by Bro. W. J. Hughan; and I feel sure that a careful search in all old lodge boxes and chests, often stowed away in garrets, would result in the discovery of other rolls and other MSS.

Sometimes the lodge papers get into the hands of a Secretary, who mixes them with his private papers, and at his death they are sold with his effects.

I would then earnestly ask all W.M.'s and Secretaries of lodges, and I am sure Bro. W. J. Hughan will join in my prayer, to have at once a correct list made of all MSS., or books belonging to the lodge. In my opinion we are only yet at the beginning of our discoveries. So apathetic and careless have we all been, so overlaid by the dust of years are our lodge archives which may exist, so little store have our forefathers set by what would be invaluable evidence to a

MASONIC STUDENT.

MASONIC TOKENS, AND BRO. J. N.

I am very pleased to see that Bro. J.N., of Box 34, Post Office, Bolton, Lanc., has a few of the Masonic Tokens of 1794, commemorative of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in 1799, for sale. (Vide "Freemason," 18th inst.)

A few have turned up of late, consequent upon the Grand Installation of April last leading to so much discussion, &c. Prior to this event, I failed to meet with any, and doubtless in a few months we shall revert to an old experience, for there cannot be many left now, after the hunt that has been made. Full particulars of these tokens are given by several writers in the "Freemason," for June 12th, 1875, and a list of those then known in the same paper for September 25th. The number for August 7th is especially worth consulting on the subject.

Bro. J. N.'s motive is a good one, and brethren will do well to avail themselves of his fraternal offer.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

Amid the bleakest winds of this bleak March, and during a beating snowstorm on last Tuesday, a large muster of brethren gathered at the Star and Garter Hotel, Lower Richmond-road, Putney, to witness the start in life of the lodge founded under this name in commemoration of the Royal Installation in April last. The "Lower Richmond-road" is the south bank of the Thames, and the hotel is the river-side house where boating men hold their congresses in habits as if they belonged to the Craft of those who "go down to the sea in ships." The lodge is "aloft," a distinction and a difference from "a loft," though the ascent to the apartments where the mysteries of the Craft may now be carried on is very remindful of the approach to the upper floor of stables. The apartments themselves have, we believe, hitherto been dedicated to the use of the London Rowing Club, and the house is one where the luxurious athletes of the oar take their ease in their inn. The lodge-room fronts Father Thames, and gives a good view of ancient Fulham. The brethren who assembled last Tuesday were recalled from the out-look on the snow-covered Thames, and the first appearance of the light blue, and dark blue, to form the procession to the lodge-room, which had been neatly laid out. As Bro. James Terry, the Prov. G.D.C. of Herts., headed the procession, Bro. G. Stacy, Organist of 1348, played the march on an excellent organ provided. Bro. Terry, who had been appointed Installing Master, then took the chair, and appointed Bro. Ough, P.G.P., as S.W.; Bro. W. Watson, P.G.S., as J.W.; and Bro. P.M. Meredith, as I.G.

Bro. Terry then proceeded with the work which he, if not the hero of a hundred fights, at least the worker of a hundred consecrations, knows so well, and having addressed the assemblage upon the nature of the meeting, and received the address from the Secretary pro tem., he ranged the brethren in order—Bros. Joseph Wright, as W.M. designate; J. W. Robinson, as S.W.; C. Jackson, as J.W.; and A. Wadkins, P.M.; Henry Smith (Royal Arthur), W. Morphew, F. Holland, A. Boehr, Collings. Approval having been signified to the officers, Bro. Terry, in the absence of a Chaplain, gave the oration on the nature and principles of the institution, and this was followed by the psalm—

"How vast must their advantage be,
How great their pleasure prove,
Who live like brethren, and consent
For offices of love."

The lodge was then dedicated according to form amid the rapt attention of the brethren, who joined in the beautiful hymns of the ceremony, given with excellent effect by Bro. Stacy. The lodge was then constituted, and this part of the ceremony closed with the hymn—

"Glory be to God on high,
Let Heaven and earth reply,
Praise ye His name;
Masons His love adore,
Tiled in their mystic lore,
And cry evermore,
Glory to God."

Bro. Terry then became the Installing Master, and proceeded to instal Bro. Joseph Smith, an old P.M., according to the rites and ceremonies as worked by the Lodge of Emulation. This was very perfectly rendered in the presence of a large assemblage of past and present holders of the chair, among them being Bros. Daurini, P.M. 1044; Meredith, P.M. 1257; Pulsford, P.M. 1158; Gallant, W.M. 813; A. W. Wright, P.M. 1158; C. W. Wise, W.M. 1158; Ough, P.G.P.; Pendlebury, P.M. 1056; While, P.M. 228 ("Freemason"); Burrell, I.P.M. 1446; Howick, P.M. 1044; Payne, P.M. 27; Sorrell, W.M. 176; H. Potter, P.M. 11; Bethell, P.M. 30; Whiteman, P.M. 256; Whitley, P.M. 946, P. Prov. A.D.C. Middx. When the brethren under the degree of Installed Masters were admitted, the proclamations were made in the accustomed form, and the W.M. then appointed as his officers, amid the acclamations of the brethren, J. W. Robinson, S.W.; C. Jackson, J.W.; G. A. Watkins, Treas.; P.M. Henry Smith, Sec.; W. Morphew, S.D.; F. Holland, J.D.; A. Boehr, I.G.; Collings, D.C.; and Bro. J. Smith, as Assist. Secretary.

The closing addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, and to the lodge were given by Bro. Terry with his usual point, clearness, and completeness, and the W.M., after taking the names of joining members and the proposals for initiation, read a letter from the G. Sec., whose absence was caused by official circumstances, but he wished the lodge a prosperous career. The W.M. then spoke warmly of the services which Bro. Terry had rendered the lodge, and said he hoped that Bro. Terry would be elected the first honorary member of the lodge.

A proposal to this effect was made by P.M. H. Smith, the Secretary, and was seconded by the S.W. It was carried unanimously.

Bro. Terry, in acknowledging the honour thus paid to him, thanked the brethren, and said it gave him great pleasure to consecrate a lodge whose name was one which would ever carry the mind back to the grand ceremony at Albert Hall in April last. He trusted that the lodge which was thus consecrated would have a good growth, and would honour its name by the good quality of the members it introduced to the Craft.

Thanks were then voted to Bro. Stacy for his services as Organist, to Bro. Hill, of the Highgate Lodge, for acting during the ceremony as D.C., and to Bros. Ough and Watson for their services in the Warden's chair. The votes were acknowledged, and the lodge was then in due form closed.

The banquet was held in a room beneath the lodge-room, and the W.M., whose experience as a P.M. was of the utmost value in guiding the newly launched vessel, both in lodge and at the banquet table, gave with great

force (the greater because brief) the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master," "The Pro Grand Master," "The Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," coupling with the latter the name of Bro. Ough, who responded, and warmly praised the merits of those who ruled over the Craft, pointing out the essential necessity, for the good of the brotherhood, that its rulers should be chosen from those who were the rulers in the nation by training and by birth.

Bro. Terry said the duty fell upon him, in the absence of any Past Master, to propose the toast of "The First W.M. of the Royal Commemoration Lodge." The name of the lodge was a happy one, and doubtless it was the happy choice of the name which obtained for the lodge its warrant. It was a very good choice the brethren had made in Bro. Wright for the First Worshipful Master, and it was almost essential that the W.M. who occupied the chair of a new lodge should be one who had had experience in that position, as he would be the better able, by his knowledge of the work to weld the new parts of a lodge into a harmonious whole. They all knew how zealous and energetic Bro. Wright was in all things, a fact seen in the example he set as Steward to the festival of the institution, for he said he would not go unless he had three figures on his list, and three figures he had—(cheers)—and the brethren would toast him as one whose work and actions they would all attempt to emulate.

Bro. Wall, S.D. of the Kennington Lodge, gave the company the benefit of a charming song.

The W.M. then responded to the toast of his health, and said he had accepted the helm of this lodge with the intention of making it a good lodge. If had pleased the Earl of Carnarvon, the Pro Grand Master, to approve of the name of the lodge and to grant the warrant, and it behoved the members of it to take care that no action or proposal of theirs should ever sully it. Fortunately, the speaker said, he could say he had done his best to launch the lodge in a worthy manner, and he thanked the officers for the assistance they had given him in purchasing (of another lodge) the necessary furniture for its use. He felt as captain of this new ship that he was supported by good officers, and he trusted it would sail on in strength and happiness. After some singing by brethren, the W.M. went on to propose the toast of "The Consecrating Officer, Bro. Terry," of whose kindness and talents the speaker warmly spoke, adding that of all consecrations the worthy Secretary of the Masonic Institution had performed he had never performed one with greater spirit than the one that day. (Cheers.)

One of the brethren sang a parody on the "Village Blacksmith," giving a fancy sketch of the life of a London policeman—a performance which caused roars of laughter.

Bro. Terry, as the Consecrating Officer, in return, said that he was very amply repaid for his exertions by the satisfaction expressed and by the attention which the brethren had given to him. He trusted that he should see the Master install his successor, and that the lodge would show that it was prepared to maintain the high principles and tenets of the Order by having its name enrolled on behalf of the Masonic charities.

To the toast of "The Visitors" Bro. Sorrell responded, and the Treasurer's health being warmly toasted—with the hope that he would take good care of the lodge argent, when he got any—that brother responded, asking the brethren to give him the chance.

Bro. Henry Smith responded for the Secretaries. The Senior Warden in response to the toast of the officers made a neat speech, in which he accepted the simile of the Master in likening the lodge to a ship, and said that he trusted the Captain would find the crew a good working one.

The Junior Warden thanked the Master and brethren for selecting him to be the third officer in the ship, and said he should endeavour to prove that their confidence was not misplaced.

Scotland.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. BRYDE LODGE, No. 579, UDDINGSTON.

Thursday, the 9th inst., witnessed the inauguration of a new Masonic Lodge, bearing the name of St. Bryde, No. 579, in the rising village of Uddingston. The ceremonies of constitution and consecration were performed by Bro. Provost J. C. Forrest, of Hamilton, D.P.G. Master of Lanarkshire (Mid. Ward), assisted by the following P.G. Officers:—Bros. Rev. A. O. Brown, Chaplain 203; C. Spalding, P.G.S.W.; A. Ramsay, P.G.J.W.; A. King, P.G. Treas.; J. Nisbet, P.G. Sec.; C. Gilchrist, P.G.S.D.; W. Morrison, P.G.J.D.; W. Forrest, P.G.B.B.; C. Nelson, P.G.D.C.; W. McMurdo, P.G. Marshal; and W. Sibbald, P.G.I.G.

Amongst those present we noticed Bros. T. Duncan, D.M. Mother Kiwinning; Wylie, Bernard, Miller, Proudfoot, and Gardner, of 31 St. John's, Glasgow; R. Kelso, W.M. 31; G. McDonald, W.M., and J. Bannerman, D.M. of 73, Thistle and Rose, Glasgow; J. Glen, W.M. 114; T. Halket, P.M. 102, St. Mark's; W. Malcolm, W.M. 88; W. Fleming, P.M. 88; R. McIntyre, W.M. 203; G. Arthur, P.M. 203; Davidson, S.W. 203; Cochran, J.W. 203; J. King, W.M. 406; Forsyth, S.W. 406; W. J. Hay, 187; Gardner, W.M. 233; D. Wright, W.M. 551; Paterson, J.W. 551; Ferguson ("Freemason"), and others. In all there would be about 120 brethren present, completely filling the hall, which is fitted up to suit Masonic purposes.

On the lodge being opened by the P.G. Lodge, the P.G. Master proceeded to the work of consecration, and during

the ceremony the P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Brown, delivered an impressive oration on the "Nature and Objects of Masonry," which was listened to with great attention, and repeatedly applauded. Subsequently Bro. W. J. Easton, W.M. elect, received the ceremony of the installation degree, and also Bros. Malcolm, W.M. 88; Fleming, P.M. 88; and McIntyre, W.M. 203, at the hands of Bro. McMurdo, P.M. 305, P.G. Marshall. The office-bearers were then installed by the P.G. Master, viz., Bros. W. J. Easton, W.M.; Scott, D.M.; W. Walker, S.M.; T. Halket, S.W.; J. Baird, junr., J.W.; T. Shott, Treas.; W. Crawford, Sec.; J. Walker, S.D.; G. Robertson, J.D.; D. Bryden, S.S.; W. Watson, J.S.; G. W. Ruddock, I.G.; and R. Rae, Tyler.

We should state that Bro. J. Annan, Organist 7, St. John's, Hamilton, presided at the harmonium.

Labour being ended, the lodge was transferred to refreshment, Bro. Easton in the chair, when the usual loyal, Masonic, and patriotic toasts were given and duly honoured. "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire, Middle Ward," was proposed by the W.M., and replied to by the P.G.M. "The W.M." was given by the P.G.M., and enthusiastically responded to by all present. The W.M. replied in suitable terms.

KIRKINTILLOCH.—Lodge St. John Kilwinning (No. 28).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Black Bull Inn, on Saturday, 11th inst., Bro. D. Cameron, W.M., in the chair, supported by his Wardens and other office-bearers. Messrs. T. Docherty and W. McLean were initiated by Bro. J. S. Allan, D.M. Two brethren were then passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by the W.M., and afterwards three were raised to the degree of Master Mason, the W.M. again performing the ceremony.

WISHAW.—St. Mary's Lodge Coltness (No. 31).—The annual assembly of this lodge was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., in the Crown Assembly Rooms, which was tastefully and elegantly decorated for the occasion. A large and brilliant assemblage of ladies and brethren were present, and the dancing, which commenced shortly after ten o'clock by the R.W.M., Bro. Kelso, and his lady leading off the Grand March, was continued with great spirit till an early hour in the morning, everyone present appearing to have enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The appearance of the assembly rooms when thronged with the ladies in their bright and captivating costumes, and the brethren in their many coloured aprons. Sashes and emblems of office was more like a scene in fairyland, than a gathering of the members of the mystic land. The following deputations from sister lodges were present:—St. Mary's Partick, No. 117; St. John's Motherwell, No. 406; St. Clare, Cambusnethan, No. 427; and the Provincial Grand Lodge, Middle Ward, Lanarkshire. Bro. A. Brownlie, S.W., was all that could be desired as Master of Ceremonies, and the music, which was first class, was supplied by the quadrille band of Mr. McGhee, assisted by Professor Bain of Bothwell on the piano. The affair throughout was an entire success and reflects the greatest credit on Bro. W. Forrest, Convenor, and the rest of the committee for their faultless arrangements.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Thistle (No. 87).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on Tuesday evening, 7th inst. The meeting was well attended, the hall being nearly full. Bro. Booth, W.M., in the chair, J. Fraser, P.M.; J. Miller, P.M.; W. Stuart, S.W.; R. Barr, J.W.; J. G. Ritchie, S.M.; W. Wilson, Sec.; T. Patron, Treas.; J. McLachlan, S.D.; J. Cossar, J.D.; T. Best, E. Arthur, J. Annand, B. McCoo, Coutts, 36; D. Hood, 124; J. Preston, 219; J. Lawrence, 219; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; G. Adam, 360; W. Barr, 543; L. R. Mitchell, J.D. 571. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and approved of, the Treasurer read the quarterly report, which showed about £120 to the credit of the lodge. A committee was appointed to make arrangements with the Railway Company for the lease of a tenement in Cathedral-street, to be converted into a Masonic Hall. Bro. Miller then tabled a motion to be brought up at a future meeting, which will be looked forward to with interest by the members of the lodge. Messrs. R. Butcher and A. Christie were admitted into the First Degree by Bro. J. Booth, W.M., the latter gentleman for Lodge Commercial, No. 360. The lodge was then assumed on the Third Degree, when Bros. A. E. Knowles, J. Ritchie, and A. McLachlan were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by the W.M., in a very solemn and creditable manner.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Union and Crown (No. 103).—About sixty members of this lodge, including their wives and friends, met in Summers Hall, 93, Candleriggs, on Friday, the 3rd inst., to celebrate their 109th anniversary. Bro. D. Murray, R.W.M. of the lodge, occupied the chair; Croupiers, W. Forsyth, J.W., and J. Gillies, Sec., P.M. and P.G.T. After partaking of the good things which were laid before them, and a blessing sang, the Chairman said:—Croupiers, ladies, brethren, and gentlemen,—We have met here on this occasion to celebrate the 109th anniversary of our lodge, for it is now 109 years since this our lodge had its birth. It gives me great pleasure as Master of this lodge to have with me on this occasion such a happy company, and so many ladies present. I sincerely hope that each and all of you will enjoy yourselves, and I can assure you nothing on my part shall be wanting to enable you to do so. Respecting the lodge and its history, my connection with it has not been many years, but I have looked over the documents that now remain, and cannot trace anything further back than fifty years for want of lost records, which, I am sorry to say, seems to be the complaint of many other lodges, even of Mother Kilwinning, but what I can trace it is clear to me that very little was done in actual work any earlier than twenty years back. The lodge has been in adversity and prosperity, and I am sure I can safely say that the last

four years the lodge has continued to prosper, and at the present time stands second to none. This year the work has commenced well, and I am sure, with the present office-bearers working as they are harmoniously together, that it must end well. I will, therefore, conclude, wishing you all may enjoy yourselves, and I am delighted, ladies, to see so many of your happy faces amongst us, and hope we may live to meet on many similar occasions. The following toasts then followed:—"The Queen and the Royal Family," "Three Grand Lodges, England, Ireland, and Scotland," and "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Patron of Scottish Freemasonry," all of which were most enthusiastically received and drank. The toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow" was proposed by Bro. McFarlane, and responded to by Bro. J. Gillies, P.G.T. Other toasts followed, enlivened with some most excellent songs. After the last toast the company adjourned for a short time, when an assembly followed, and dancing was kept up with great spirit for a few hours.

PARTICK.—St. Mary's Lodge (No. 117).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their own hall, Partick, on Wednesday evening, 15th inst. Over 160 signed the signature book. The W.M., Bro. W. Wylie, in the chair, with the following office-bearers present:—Bros. Brunton, I.P.M.; Bain, D.M.; Donaldson, S.M.; Peacock, S.W.; Agnew, J.W.; Wylie, Treas.; Lawrence, Sec.; McSwan, S.D.; Wallace, J.D. The minutes were read and confirmed, and a motion brought forward, and unanimously carried, raising the initiation fees to a level with other lodges in the province. Messrs. G. Barker, D. Stewart, and J. Laing were initiated by Bro. Bain, D.M.; Bros. A. McDonald and A. McLean were passed by Bro. Boreland; and Bros. T. Alexander and T. Barclay were raised by Bro. Bain, D.M.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Shamrock and Thistle (No. 275).—This lodge held their 50th annual soiree and concert in the Masonic Hall, Struthers-street, on Friday evening, 3rd inst. In the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Bro. D. Ronald, W.M., Bro. J. Paterson, D.M., occupied the chair, supported on the platform by Bros. G. C. H. McNaught, P.M.; W. Phillips, P.M. and W.M. 556; Rev. R. Thomson, W. Findlay, S.W.; T. Neilson, J.W.; H. Matheson, S.M.; J. Horn, Sec.; Hutchison, Treas.; J. Singleton, W.M. 178; J. Campbell, I.P.M. 128; and others. The hall was tastefully decorated with banners and other emblems, the most prominent being the "Shamrock and Thistle," immediately behind the chairman. About 220 brethren with their wives, partners, and friends sat down to tea, and after partaking thereof the Chairman rose, and said: Ladies, gentlemen, and brethren—We have now arrived at that part of our programme called the Chairman's address. It is with sincere and heartfelt regret that I have to announce to you the unavoidable absence of our worthy and respected Master through severe indisposition. We fondly hoped that he would be sufficiently recovered to occupy his place of honour at this our 50th festival. From the short notice I received of having to occupy the position of chairman to-night, I am encouraged to ask and expect your kind forbearance in my attempt to discharge the duties of the chair on this auspicious occasion. Since our last annual festival we, as a lodge, have made considerable accession to our numbers, and I am proud to say, of a class of gentlemen who will reflect credit, not only on the lodge in which they have been initiated, but on the Order in general. It gives me great pleasure, and it must be a source of gratification to all, that the past year has been as prosperous as any of its predecessors, and I think I am safe in saying that the Lodge Shamrock and Thistle was never in a more healthy, prosperous, and harmonious condition. As you all know, the great work of Freemasonry is benevolence, and I am proud to tell you that this work goes on amongst us, and I trust as years go on it will increase. I do not intend to make a long speech. I will therefore conclude by saying I am delighted to see the ladies among us to-night, and I can assure them that no class of men are more delighted to see the ladies amongst them than Freemasons. I therefore wish you may all enjoy a pleasant evening. Bro. the Rev. R. Thomson in the course of the evening gave a most instructive address, and called upon the Scottish Freemasons to establish Benevolent Institutions similar to those in England for the benefit of old Masons, their widows and orphans. During the evening a concert was well sustained by the excellent singing of Misses Stanley and McLean, Bros. Houston and Gray, and Messrs. Thomson and Campbell. After a vote of thanks to the chairman, for the able manner in which he discharged the duties of the chair, by Bro. J. Horn, Sec., and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Paterson, the company sang "Auld Lang Syne." An assembly immediately followed. The music was supplied by Bro. T. Brown, and Bro. R. Hardie was Master of Ceremonies.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Caledonian Railway (No. 354).—The members of this lodge celebrated their annual festival in Bro. Thornton's, Caledonian Café, 251, Argyle-street, on Wednesday, 8th inst., Bro. A. B. Ferguson, W.M., in the chair; Bros. J. Harley, S.W., and C. McKenzie, J.W., acted as Croupiers. About 60 brethren sat down to supper. Amongst those present were Bros. D. Buchanan, D.M.; R. S. McLean, Sec.; D. T. Colquhoun, Treas.; Harley, J.D.; J. Reid, Jeweller; Douglas, B.B.; Couatts, D.C.; Dunn, P.S.; Speirs, S.S.; J. Gillies, P.M. 103, P.G.T.; W. Harper, W.M. 408; Rankin, 33; Reid, 33; J. A. Mann, 27; G. S. Hendry, 27; T. Sinclair, 46; R. Munro, D.M. 103; J. Martin, D.M. 219; Howie, 275; J. Baird, P.M. 306; Stewart, 360; Adams, 360; Fyfe, 465; T. Burrett, 553; J. Waggett, 553; and Ferguson ("Freemason"). After supper the brethren adjourned to the Commercial Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, and the lodge opened by the W.M., and transferred to refreshment. The Chairman gave the following toasts in succession:—"The Queen and the Craft"; "The Prince of Wales, and the other Members of the Royal Family"; and "The Three

Grand Lodges." "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow" was proposed by Bro. McKenzie, J.W., in a neat Masonic speech, coupled with the name of Bro. Gillies, P.G. Treas., who, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to occupy the position by replying to the toast of the Prov. G.L. of Glasgow, which is in a most satisfactory position. The office-bearers paid strict attention to their duties, which is no small amount, considering that no less than twenty-nine lodges are now in the province. "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers" was proposed by Bro. W. Lean, Sec., and replied to by Bro. Speirs. Bro. Gillies then rose, and said he had much pleasure in proposing the toast of the evening, "The Prosperity of Lodge Caledonian Railway, No. 354." She is the only lodge in Scotland who has a floating charter granted by the Grand Lodge, and is entitled to work in any part of Scotland where the Caledonian Railway Company has running powers. I am glad to find she is in a very healthy position, and under the able guidance of Bro. Ferguson, W.M., she is bound to prosper. Bro. Ferguson, W.M., replied. "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. Harley, S.W., and replied to by Bro. Mann, 27; "The Press," by Bro. Speirs. Bros. Stewart and Ferguson ("Freemason") replied. Other toasts followed.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Glasgow (No. 441).—The annual soiree of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Struthers-street, on Friday evening, the 17th inst., Bro. J. Wood, W.M., in the chair, supported on the platform by Bros. Tulloch, I.P.M.; Jackson, P.M.; Swan, S.M.; A. Bain, P.M. 103, P.G.B.B.; J. Morgan, W.M. 219; Martin, Treas.; and the other office-bearers. About 150 sat down to tea, and after singing the 100th Psalm the Chairman rose and said: Ladies and brethren, it is with the greatest feelings of pleasure that I now rise to welcome you to our annual festival. It is with gratitude that I am enabled to announce that during the past year Masonry has flourished more in the United Kingdom than it ever did in any one year in the recollection of the oldest Freemason. It makes me look forward to the day when the Freemasons of Scotland will unite like our brethren in England, and follow their example. Indeed, so great has been our progress lately, that I sincerely hope that the brother who will address you as Chairman at our next festival will be able to tell you that the Freemasons of Scotland have begun with a determination to make Freemasonry more than a name. Ladies and brethren, I will not inflict a long address upon you to-night, but conclude by simply saying that nothing speaks better of our progress as a lodge than to see such a large meeting here to-night, and I welcome you all, and particularly the ladies, and I trust you will enjoy a happy evening. During the evening Bros. Tulloch, I.P.M., and A. Bain, P.G.B.B., addressed the meeting. A concert was ably sustained by the excellent singing of Bros. Lawson, Waggett, Barrett, and Bain. At the close, Bro. J. Morgan, W.M. 219, proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Wood for the able manner he filled the duties of the chair, and after singing "Auld Lang Syne" the company broke up. An assembly followed to the strains of an efficient quadrille band, led by Bro. Wilson. Bro. Goldie, M. of C.

THORNIEBANK.—Thorniebank Lodge (No. 512).—The annual dinner of the Thorniebank was held in their lodge-room, Thorniebank, on Friday evening, 10th March, Bro. R. Scobie, W.M., presiding, Bro. A. Nicholson and A. G. Horne fulfilling the duties of Croupiers. Supporting the W.M. were Bros. Rev. G. Campbell, Chaplain of the lodge; W.M. Z. H. Heys, 307; P.M. J. Millar, 87; P.M. J. Horner, 512; D.M. L. McKellan, 512. The dinner was well attended both by members of the lodge and by visiting brethren, upwards of sixty gentlemen sitting down. Amongst the brethren present from other lodges were Bros. Burns Thompson, 153; W. Patterson, 153; J. Anderson, 507; J. McGregor, 117; J. Smith, 38; J. Shand, 33; J. M. Neilson, 195; W. T. Smellie, 307; and others. The lodge having been opened by Bro. Scobie, W.M., with Bro. Fletcher, as S.W., and Bro. McEwan, as J.W., and a blessing having been asked by the Chaplain, the brethren partook of an excellent repast, provided by Bro. McKellan, D.M., which was heartily enjoyed by the brethren. After disposing of the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. R. Scobie, W.M., gave "The Prosperity of the Thorniebank," and in doing so presented P.M. John Horner, founder of the Thorniebank, with a Past Master's jewel, as a mark of the respect felt for him by the members of 512, to which Bro. Horner, in a few chosen sentences, replied. The Rev. G. Campbell, Chaplain of 512, in a short, eloquent reply to the toast of his health, spoke of the great advance Masonry has made within these last few years, and on the Christian and charitable feelings that bind the brethren one to another. A number of other toasts were given during the evening by Bro. Nicholson and Bro. Horne. Altogether a very happy evening was spent under the shadow of the Thorniebank till the time came to close the lodge.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Dramatic (No. 571).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Wednesday, March 15th, at three o'clock p.m., the W.M., Bro. W. J. E. Dobson, in the chair of K.S., who was supported by Bros. J. Winton, P.M. 333; J. Balfour, P.M.; Campbell, P.M.; G. W. Wheeler, Chaplain 73; Wilson, P. Chaplain 27; Bro. Jackman, S.W., being unwell, the S.W. chair was ably filled by Bro. J. McInnes, S.M. of 408; Barbour, Treas.; G. Weir, acting Sec.; W. Sivewright, J.W.; R. S. Smith, S.D.; L. R. Mitchell, J.D.; and the other office-bearers in their respective places. There was a very large number of visiting brethren, amongst whom we noticed, Bros. J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; Brownlie, J.W. 33; and B. Fraser, 27. The brethren being assembled, the W.M. proceeded to open the lodge in the E.A. Degree. Minutes of previous meeting were read and duly confirmed. Messrs. Gill and Muir were initiated.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Plantation (No. 581).—The inauguration of this lodge took place on Monday

evening, 13th inst., under very favourable circumstances, in the New Masonic Hall, Craigiehall-street. The hall is the lesser of three, just newly erected at the corner of McLean and Craigiehall streets, by Bro. Stobo, the extensive builder in that locality, who is the R.W.M. elect of the lodge. As already reported in our columns, the charter was granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland on 7th Feb. last, and the brethren met on Monday evening, as above stated, to constitute the lodge, instal the W.M. and the other office-bearers. At seven p.m., Bro. A. McTaggart, P.G. Sec., formally handed over the charter to Bro. Stobo, the Master elect, at whose request Bro. McTaggart occupied the chair, and proceeded to the business of the evening; Bro. D. M. Nelson, W.M. 33, acting S.W.; and Bro. J. Munro, W.M. 360, acting J.W. Bro. McTaggart called upon Bro. W. Ferguson to read the charter, which was accordingly done, and other business of minor importance proceeded with. The hall comfortably holds about 120, but over that number were present on this occasion. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. W. Bell, I.P.M. 33; J. S. Allen, D.M. 28; J. W. Burns, I.P.M. 87; R. Mitchell, P.M. 332; D. Smart, W.M. 347; J. Cunningham, I.P.M. 347; J. Harley, S.W. 354; J. Gray, 362; W. Galbraith, S.D. 362; W. Ferguson, P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); W. Phillips, W.M. 556; J. McKechnie, Treas. 556. Deputations were also present from lodges Nos. 0, Mother Kilwinning, 33, 28, 69, 87, 103, 117, 173, 175, 347, 354, 360, 362, 413, 419, 543, and 556. The installation of office-bearers was then proceeded with, Bro. McTaggart performing the ceremony in his usual able and impressive manner. The following are the office-bearers:—Bros. T. Stobo, W.M.; W. Ferguson, D.M.; Alex. Gow, S.M.; D. Peacock, S.W.; J. Henry, J.W.; W. Taylor, Treas.; R. Allan, Sec.; A. Imrie, S.D.; J. Hailey, J.D.; W. McIntosh, Chaplain; J. Campbell, S.S.; J. Dowell, J.S.; M. McLean, I.G.; and J. Cumming, Tyler. Bro. McTaggart at some length then addressed the brethren, and congratulated them upon the happy auspices under which their lodge had been inaugurated. He trusted that they would in their conduct of business show an example to other lodges in the province, and demonstrate that though they were the youngest lodge their aspirations were high, and that their resolution was to maintain unsullied the principles of the Craft. He concluded by calling for three cheers for the success of "Lodge Plantation," No. 581, which were given with a will. The W.M. then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. McTaggart, for his service on that and other occasions, which was seconded by Bro. Gow, S.W., and carried with universal acclamation. The lodge then proceeded to the business of initiation, the following being the "first laid stones" of Lodge 581:—Messrs. J. Nish, R. H. White, Neil Thomson, and E. S. Garraway, who received the first degree at the hands of Bro. W. Bell, I.P.M. 33, in that brother's well known able style. Bros. A. McTaggart, P.G.S.; D. M. Nelson, R.W.M. 33; W. Bell, I.P.M. 33; W. Bell, I.P.M. 33; R. Mitchell, P.M. 332; and J. Munro, R.W.M. 360; were obligated honorary members of the lodge by Bro. Ferguson, D.M., and Bros. J. W. Burns, I.P.M. 87, and J. Robertson, J.D. 347, as joining members. The lodge was then transferred to refreshment, Bro. Stobo in the chair, who proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and also "The P.G.L. of Glasgow." Bro. McTaggart replied. Bro. Gow, S.M., proposed "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Neilson, R.W.M. 33, who replied. "Prosperity to Lodge Plantation and the R.W.M.," was proposed by Bro. McTaggart. Bro. Stobo replied in suitable terms. "The New Laid Stones," proposed by Bro. Ferguson, D.M., and replied to by Bros. Thomson and White. During the evening Bros. Nelson and Dowell sang some excellent songs.

PAISLEY.—Paisley Chapter (No. 112).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held in St. Mirren's, M.H., Moss-street, Paisley, on Friday evening, 3rd inst., at 8 p.m. The chair was occupied by Comp. A. McLeod, M.E.Z., and supported by Comp. W. Gemmell, H., and Comp. J. Carswell, J. There were also present Comps. A. McPherson, Scribe E.; G. Fisher, acting Scribe, N.; W. Brown, acting P.S.; M. Rodger, Asst. Soj.; J. Spence, acting Asst. Soj.; and others. The chapter was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and approved of. Two candidates, Bros. Ex. Bailie Jas. Caldwell, P.G.S.M., Renfrewshire (East), and Jas. Tannahill, both of Lodge St. Mirren's, No. 129, were duly proposed and elected, and both brethren being in attendance were received and exalted to the degree of R.A., by Comp. McLeod, M.E.Z. There being no other business before the chapter it was thereafter closed. This chapter has only just been resuscitated after having been almost dormant for nearly three years.

PARTICK.—Partick Chapter (No. 113).—The ninth anniversary of this chapter was celebrated by a festival held in the old Masonic Hall, Dumbarton Road. The chair was occupied by Comp. J. Halkett, Comp. G. Ward, acting as Croupier. There were also present Comps. Brunton, Barr, J. White, Boag, William White, W. Wylie, Commissioner Trotter, Rose, Stewart, Lyon, Duncan, J. J. Cook, J. Peden, R. Clydesdale, A. Macdonald, G. Russell, J. Graham, W. McFarlane, and others. After supper the Chairman gave the usual loyal and Masonic Toasts, which were responded to with the usual enthusiasm. Some excellent songs were sung, and the meeting was closed about twelve o'clock.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, March 31, 1876.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 25.
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 27.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness.
" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, W.
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
Mark Lodge 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hot.

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 28.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Moira, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 186, Industry, M.H., Basinghall-st.
" 205, Israel, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James.
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tav., Walworth.
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tav., Clerkenwell.
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
" 1441, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall.

Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Rose Croix Chap. Palestine, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Win., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, 1, Camomile-st., Bishopsgate.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Constitutional, Wheatshaf 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 29.

Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 30.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Pownall-rd., Haggerston.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 31.

Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
K.T. Prec. 26, Faith & Fidelity, Terminus Ho., Cannon-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Lyceum Tav., 354, Strand.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Metropolitan, Pentonville-road.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.

St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, Commercial Tav., King's-road, Chelsea.
Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hot., Buckhurst-hill.
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
Royal Standard, Finsbury Park Tav., Holloway.
Ranelagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday April 1, 1876.

MONDAY, MARCH 27.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, 22, Everton-rd., Liverpool.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge, No. 11, Joppa, M.C., Birkenhead.
Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30.

Lodge 1313, Ferrier, M.H., Southport.
Mariners' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 1, 1876.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 27.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 103, Union & Crown, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 219, Star, 12, Trongate, Glasgow.
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.
" 541, Marie Stuart, M.H., Crosshill.
Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James's-st., Kingston.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 543, St. John, M.H., Dalmuir.
Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-st., Glasgow.
" 73, Caledonian of Unity, 170, Buchanan-st.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30.

Lodge 334, St. John's, Castle-inn, New Cumnock.
Chap. 117, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31.

Lodge 51, London Kilwinning, Black Bull, Newmilns.
" 118, St. Bride's, M.H., Douglas.
" 125, St. James, Masons' Arms, Newton Ayr.
" 153, Royal Arch, M.H., Pollokshaws.
" 236, Wilsontown St. John, Forth Inn, Carnworth.
" 347, St. John, M.H., Rutherglen.
Chap. 79, Commercial, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1.

Lodge 458, St. John, Wilson's Hall, Busby.
" 544, St. Andrew, M.H., Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 1, 1876.

MONDAY, MARCH 27.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 28.

" 151, Defensive Band, Alexandra H., Cockburn-st.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31.

" 223, Trafalgar, 54, Bernard-st., Leith.

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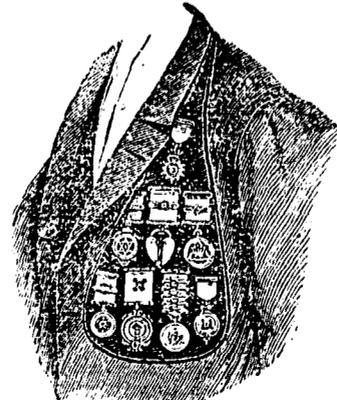
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