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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 205).**—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel on Tuesday, 28th ult. Bro. L. Jacks, W.M., in the chair of K.S. Bro. H. L. Jones was raised to the Third Degree in a most efficient manner by the W.M. The brethren present included F. Buckland, I.P.M.; Cohen, P.M. and Sec.; Coote, P.M. and Treas.; Latour, P.M.; Hogard, P.M.; J.P. Cohen, S.W.; Bassington, S.D.; Crosthwaite, J.D.; Phillips, I.G.; Masden, and Hall. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Binckes, P.M., P.G.S., and Aaron from Canada.

**ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 857).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 21st ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Present: Bros. King, W.M.; E. Crouch, S.W., W.M. elect; Adams, J.W.; Harrison, P.M., Treas.; Frances, P.G. S.D., Sec.; Goolen, S.D.; Seaton, P.M.; Bragg, P.M.; Wynn-Williams, M.D., J.D.; Green, I.G.; Atkins, Edwards, Mellick, Hamilton, Richardson, Beardmore, Rudduck, and Cocks. Visitors: Bros. Crouch, P.M. 851; Taylor, J.W. 1046; Buchill, P.M. 795; Ramsay, M.D., 165; Turquand, W.M. 1556; Wallace, P.P.G.W.; Cozens, 1216; Lavington, 862; Cox, 503; Gray, 705; Pidcock, P.M. 916. The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the following gentlemen were balloted for and initiated, viz., Messrs. Walter Harris, Josh. Fryer, and David Russell. The chair was then taken by Bro. Harrison, P.M., who proceeded to install Bro. Crouch into the chair of K.S. Bro. Crouch then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Adams, S.W.; Goolen, J.W.; Frances, P.M., P.S.G.D., Sec.; Wynn-Williams, M.D., S.D.; Green, J.D.; Newton, I.G.; Atkins, D.C.; and Richardson, W.S. Bro. Harrison, P.M., was also reinstalled with the collar of Treas. The ceremony was well performed. After the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where a very sumptuous banquet awaited them, which had been supplied by Messrs. Bromly, and the wines by Bro. King. Everything was of first class quality and gave great satisfaction to the assembled guests. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly given and honoured, both by the orations of the brethren and the appropriate music under Bro. Cozen's direction, "The W.M.'s Health" was proposed by Bro. Harrison, P.M., and in a few earnest sentences was ably replied to by Bro. Crouch, who then rose and gave the toast of "The Initiates," remarking he had proposed them in the full conviction they were worthy of the privilege conferred upon them that evening of being admitted into the ancient and honourable Order of Freemasons. Having had the knowledge of their worthiness from a long acquaintance with them, he felt no doubt they would prove an honour to the Craft they were that day admitted members of, and he hoped to see them rise to office as he had done in the St. Mark's Lodge. The toast was done ample justice to, and at the conclusion of the E.A. song—by a few expressive words from each of the newly-initiated brethren—was responded to. In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M. said he was happy to inform the lodge that two, namely, Bros. Gray and Lavington, had signified their wish to become members of the St. Mark, and he was sure the lodge would be glad to receive them. The toast was cordially received, and was duly acknowledged by Bros. Gray, Lavington, Crouch, and Wallace. The toast of "The Past Masters" was also received, and responded to by Bros. Bragg, Seaton, King, and Frances (Bro. Harrison having been suddenly called away to attend a patient). "The Officers" was also given, and replied to by Bro. Adams, and the Tyler's toast finished one of the most pleasant evenings ever spent by the brethren of the St. Mark's Lodge, the musical attainments of Bro. Cozens contributing no small share to the enjoyment.

**ST. JAMES'S LODGE (No. 765).**—This lodge held its most important and interesting meeting of the year—its "installation night," on Tuesday, at the Bridge House Hotel, and great was the gathering on the occasion. Unfortunately, the W.M. of the last year, Bro. Peter McCallum was unable, through illness, to be present, and Past Master Child took the position of the Wise Man. That important and anxious piece of work, the reading and confirming of the minutes regarding the re-election of the new W.M. having been gone through in the usual cordial manner where brethren act with a truly Masonic feeling, five brethren were raised, the Masonic circle being thus completed for Bros. Richard and H. B. Bower, J. C. Perkins,

W. Holcraft, and W. H. Myers. The work was done with the studious adherence to ritual which might be expected in a lodge many of whose members are most active promoters of Masonic study. It had been arranged that the Secretary, Bro. Montagu Scott, P.M. of the lodge and who is as well known as an active volunteer as he is for his Masonic knowledge, should instal the new Master, and he accordingly took the chair and set about the work as freshly as he set off on a march with his regiment when the world was younger by more years than we like to think of at present. Bro. Thomas Brown, the W.M. elect, was presented in the usual manner, and the Installing Master, after the address to the brethren on the custom observed from time immemorial, recited the qualifications essential in every candidate, and Bro. Brown having agreed to accept the office under the conditions, and having submitted to the regulations, was pledged in due form before the regularly held and assembled lodge of Craftsmen. The lodge was then raised, and all under the rank of Installed Masters having retired, the new W.M. was with all the forms of the ancient rite installed into the chair. The Board of Installed Masters having been closed the ceremony in the three degrees proceeded, with an entire absence, too, of the "any how," or "that ill do" style prevalent in some places, where carelessness and want of knowledge go hand in hand to mar, and, indeed, to null the whole ceremony, and make all spectators feel a glow of satisfaction at the adoption of a suggestion that the addresses shall be "taken as given." Far different, indeed, was Bro. Scott's work, and he had the processions given with the stateliness of the Central London's march into Gray's Inn. The new Master then selected and invested his officers, Bros. Gibbs being chosen S.W.; Cox, J.W.; Goodwin, S.D.; Ponting, J.D.; Nelson Reed, as I.G.; G. A. Brock, as D.C.; P. M. Jones, as W.S. The selections were well received, and it was felt that the W.M. had made his selections on the best grounds, those laid down in the Book of Constitutions—on merit—and seen in the fact that the junior active officer, the I.G., is now frequently to be seen in the chair of instruction lodges, where he is able to impart that knowledge he has freely received. The Installing Master then gave the three addresses, and the lodge having closed, the members and the large muster of visitors partook of a gorgeous banquet as refreshment. The usual loyal toast of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. the Grand Master," "The Deputy Grand Master," &c., preceded the toasts personal to the lodge, of "The W.M.," "The Installing Master," "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," and "The Officers" were toasted and replied. A delightful musical entertainment was given by the members, Bro. G. C. Searle presiding at the pianoforte. Among those present were Bros. W. S. Whitaker, W. J. Marler, P. H. Wilcocks, J. Clarricoats, the W.M., G. C. Searle, A. T. Pearu, Past Master Jones, Nelson Reed and While ("Freemason") The programme ended with the quotation "Stand not upon the order of your going, but go at once."

**CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).**—At the last meeting of this lodge Bro. Henry D'Arcy, the W.M., presided. The visitors included Bros. Sachs (from Frankfurt) and G. Smith. The Masonic work proper, which was most ably performed by the W.M., consisted of the initiation of Mr. W. Alder and the passing of Bros. Wallis and Morris to the Second Degree. The report of the committee appointed to ascertain the best place for the lodge meetings, as it is necessary to remove as the house where the meetings have been hitherto held is to be pulled down, was received and adopted, and the meetings of the lodge will henceforth be held at the Guildhall Tavern.

**IVY LODGE (No. 1441).**—The last meeting of the winter session of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road. We desire to tender our hearty congratulations to the lodge upon having found a home in a temple dedicated to Masonic purposes. The new hall is unquestionably a great boon to lodges in the south of London, for it enables them to sever their connection from hotels and public houses. We are gratified to learn that several lodges have already located themselves in the building. The lodge was summoned for 4.30 p.m. and, shortly before 5 o'clock it was opened by Bro. Chas. Smith, the I.P.M., supported by the following officers, viz., Bros. John Noke, P.M. 87; J. J. Cattle, S.W.; C. F. Poupard, J.W.; L. Cornelissen, S.D.; W. Ashwell, J.D.; C. S. Jolly, Sec.; R. Forster, D.C.; D. H. Ashford, I.G., acting for Bro. T. F. Knight-Smith, who presided at the harmonium; and G. T. Fox, Tyler. The minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were then read by the Secretary and confirmed, after which the W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. Warkinson to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Bro. Smith, during the time he was W.M. of the lodge, was noted for the very excellent manner in which he worked the ceremonies, and during the twelve months that have elapsed since he vacated the chair has gained more lustre. From the perfect and earnest manner in which the ceremony was rendered, and the profound attention paid by the candidate, it was evident every word was received with telling effect. Bros. Wright and Phillips were afterwards passed to the degree of F.C. There being no initiate, and this being the night to instal the W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Smith, as the I.O., proceeded with the service, after Bro. Noke, P.M., had formally presented Bro. Cattle, S.W. and W.M. elect. The new Master having been saluted in the three degrees, invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Poupard, S.W.; L. Cornelissen, J.W.; W. Ashwell, S.D.; T. F. Knight-Smith, J.D.; C. S. Jolly, Sec.; E. Thurkle, W.S.; G. Skegg, Assist. W.S.; R. Forster, I.G.; and G. T. Fox, Tyler. A vote of thanks to Bro. Smith for the skilful manner in which he had discharged the duties of Installing Officer was then ordered to be recorded in the minutes of the lodge. The W.M. with great regret announced that the absence from the lodge that evening of the outgoing W.M., Bro. George Mattock, was owing to

a severe bereavement he had sustained by the death of his father. We believe it was the intention of the lodge to have recorded a vote of sympathy on the minutes, and to have forwarded the same to Bro. Mattock, but by pure accident it was omitted. Doubtless this will be done at the next meeting. The visitors present were Bros. Col. Creation; Kelly, P.G.S.; H. A. Dubois, G.D.C. Middlesex; and many others. Amongst the members of the lodge we noticed Bros. C. Paulin, Doherty, Plock, Burgess, A. Vernon, R. Giles, D. H. Ashford, J. R. Ashford, J. Vernon, Goodman, and others. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren proceeded to the banqueting hall, where an excellent banquet was served.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday the 30th ult., when there were present Bros. Thomas C. Chapman, W.M.; H. Lister, S.W.; J. B. Shackleton, J.W.; B. Meyer, Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; Neville Green, J.D.; H. G. Buss, Provincial Grand Treasurer, Middlesex; W. H. Brand, H. Meyer, C. Johnson, J. Watson, F. Brasted, E. A. Harding, J. Varney, H. Moon, C. W. Smyth, E. Dignam and F. A. Kelly. Visitors: Bros. C. Arkell, S.W. 192; J. Dorkin, 192; J. F. Lovelock, 212; O. Pitcher, 292, Scotland; J. Jones, 907; J. J. Marsh, 1326; W. Morgan, 1385; and G. S. Streeton, 1326. Bros. Charles W. Smith and John L. Payne, 757, were raised, and Bro. Dignam passed. After the business of the lodge the brethren sat down to supper, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being proposed and duly responded to.

**CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1503).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Piccadilly, on Monday, the 27th ult. Present: Bros. Swallow, W.M.; Holden, S.W.; White, J.W.; Cottebrune, Treas.; Scott, Sec.; Fisher, Org.; Phillips, S.D.; Shand, J.D.; Parsons, I.G. Visitors: Bros. Allen, P.M. 733; Parson, P.M. 749; Sowell, W.M. 176; Davis, W.M. 382; Burmeister, W.M. 538; Lancaster, W.M. 128; Michael, W.M. 1507; Ireton, J.W. 1348; Andrews, Edell, Atkin, Evans, Bourne, Marshall, Clifford, Hiles, Gray, Hooker, and Boehr, and about twenty members. Summons calling the meeting read, and ballot unanimous in favour of the following:—Messrs. Pike, Day, Wass, Riley, and Bonham, who were afterwards initiated most impressively by the W.M. Bros. Gray, Bonham, James, and Irving passed to Second Degree This being the whole of the business for which the lodge of emergency was called, the brethren adjourned to most substantial refreshments. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the W.M. being praised for his good rendering of the ritual, and the officers and brethren for their attention to the visitors. Some excellent harmony contributed to the pleasure of the meeting.

**GATESHEAD.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).**—Monday, March 27th, was the day of installation of this lodge. The lodge was opened by Bro. R. Gregory, W.M., and there was a goodly attendance of the Masonic Craft to witness the ceremony, Bro. J. D. Stephen having been accepted by the brethren. Bros. J. E. Robson and J. J. Clay acted as Installing Masters, and Bro. Dr. R. E. Cook, as D.C. Bro. Stephen having been inducted into the chair of K.S., subscribed to the ancient formulas of the Order. Amongst those present were Bros. W. H. Crookes, Prov. G. Sec., Durham; R. B. Lutert, P. Prov. G.S.D. Durham; W. Liddell, P. Prov. G.D. Durham; J. J. Clay, P.M. 97; Jos. Cook, Prov. G.J.D. Northumberland; J. E. Robson, P.M. 48; W. Lean, P.M. 1087; W. Laing, S.W. 659; T. Blenkinsop, P. Prov. G.D. Northumberland; A. Barker, W.M. 1342; R. Candlish, P.M. 661; G. A. Allan, P.M. 991, P. Prov. G.D. Northumberland; T. Dawson, 424; T. Patton, 48; J. T. Smith, 48; T. White, 48; J. H. Thompson, P.M. 48, P. Prov. C.S.B. Durham; R. Smale, Prov. G.S.B. Northumberland; T. S. Miller, J.W. 424; J. G. Smith, 48; A. Riley, P.M. 139; R. F. Cook, P.M. 48, P. Prov. G.S.D. Durham; R. Humphrey, S.W. 97; W. Richardson, 41; A. Lawrie, S.W. 991; E. Wakefield, 48; G. Hewitt, 48; J. Grieves, 48; J. Atkinson, P.M. 48, P. Prov. G. Supt. Works Northumberland; M. Taylor, 659; P. Harrison, 48; J. G. Robertson, 48; J. Montgomery, J.W. 991. The W.M. invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. D. Sinclair, S.W.; J. G. Waddington, J.W.; R. Gregory, I.P.M. and Treas.; R. F. Cook, D.C.; M. Corbett, Sec.; J. H. Howell, S.D.; R. Whitfield, J.D.; J. Wood, I.G.; R. Tate, S.S.; T. Simm, J.S.; E. Liddell, A.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. Curry, Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to Bro. Jas. Tait's, Grey Horse Tavern, where they partook of an excellent repast. An orchestral band discoursed sweet music during the banquet, and the evening was agreeably enlivened by the following musical brethren, viz., Bros. D. Whitehead, J. Walker and J. Nutton, from the Cathedral choir, Durham; also Bros. R. Dewar, jun., A. S. Donni-son, J. Liddle, R. Terry, and R. Dewar, sen.

**MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th ult., at the Assheton Arms, Middleton, Bro. David Reid, W.M., presided. After the usual routine attendant upon opening the lodge, the ballot was taken for Mr. David Tatton and Mr. Edwin Dodd, and being declared favourable in each case, the W.M. received into "The Mystic Circle" both candidates for its privileges. Such concluded the business of the evening, and the lodge having been closed in ancient form the brethren retired to strengthen the inner man. The customary toasts succeeded refreshment, after which the brethren discoursed in social strain; the Tyler's toast bringing the meeting to a close. The regular monthly meeting of the lodge was held on the 23rd ult., when the ballot was taken for two joining members, Bro. Wm. Jones, 993 Alexandra Lodge, Lever-shulme, and Bro. George Henry Darion, 527 Zetland

Lodge, Birkenhead. The election in each case was unanimous. The lodge was then raised to that degree which may be justly termed, "Retrospective and Prospective." Bro. J. B. Howard was then raised to the Sublime degree of a M.M. by Bro. John Wood, P.M., D.C.; the W.M. then conferred the same dignity upon Bros. John Bradshaw and Henry Wilson. Two other raisings were also due, but want of time necessitated their postponement. Two notices of motion were given by Bro. John Wood, P.M., D.C., and one by Bro. Harvey Heywood, P.M. and Treas., and of which subject we hope to speak favourably in our next Imperial George report. Bro. J. Millhouse, J.D., and Bro. J. Hatton, I.G., each proposed a candidate for initiation, after which hearty good wishes were accorded from lodges, 287, 467, 815, 1375. Charity was next attended to, after which the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the social board. After refreshment the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given; then followed the toast of "Our Newly Raised Brethren," this having been responded to, the toast of "The Visitors" was next given and acknowledged. Bro. John Kent, O.G., "worthy Mason he" completed the list of toasts, with the one at all times cheerfully received—"to all poor and distressed Masons." Before closing, our report we make a slight allusion to the "social board," to which, when labour is completed, the brethren, as a rule, retire. Such a course is also beneficial, especially when every brother seasons his merry heart with moderation and decorum. Although the graver responsibilities of the Craft are not conveyed to the banquetting room in their fullest form, it behoves us ever there to keep down all vain and unbecoming thoughts, and to remember that impious feast recorded, as "The feast of Belshazzar." Our social board when surrounded with lights of steady flame, both trimmed and guarded, points out the way to closer union, does not impede but helps us on our pathway of charity and love, a well trodden path, which every Freemason should be proud to traverse. We conclude, therefore, by remarking that the true Mason can be discovered even at the banquetting board.

**SHEERNESS.**—Adam's Lodge (No. 158).—Yesterday week the installation meeting of this old lodge was held, by dispensation from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. S. Eastes, at the offices of the Local Board, Mile Town, Sheerness, which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the brethren by the chairman and members of the Board. About seventy brethren attended, and the spacious room was well filled. The W.M., Bro. Ferminger, opened the lodge. On the Deputy Provincial Grand Master entering he was saluted according to ancient custom, after which the W.M. delegated the duties of installing Master to Bro. A. Spears, Past Prov. G. Organist, Kent. Bro. Carpenter, P.M., then presented Bro. J. Woodley, S.W., for installation, and Bro. Spears duly installed him as Master in the presence of the following Board of Installed Masters:—Bros. Ferminger, W.M.; J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M.; Alfred Spencer, Prov. G.S.; T. M. Rigg, P.P.G. Reg., P.M. 1089, De Shurland; Townsend, P.M. 158, P.P.G.S.D.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; Clout, P.M., Malling Abbey; Wm. Ord, P.M. 387, Leinster, (Malta); J. Parkes, P.M. 387 (Malta); Carpenter, P.M. 158; J. Bagshaw, P.M., Sec.; H. Massey, P.M. 619 ("Freemason"); E. Gorham, W.M. 184, Lodge of Benevolence; and Bro. J. Hancock, P.M. 1089, De Shurland. Bro. Spears announced that Bro. Woodley was the 98th Master who had been installed in Adam's Lodge since the date of the warrant. The following brethren were appointed to office:—Bros. Ferminger, I.P.M.; Brett, S.W.; Watts, J.W.; A. Spears, P.M., Treas.; J. Bagshaw, P.M., Sec.; Carpenter P.M., D.C. (the first brother who has held that office, the Installing Master said, since he had known Adam's Lodge); Nunn, S.D.; Perkins, J.D.; R. Coleman, I.G.; Akhurst, Tyler. After the addresses had been delivered and the ceremony completed, the new W.M. called upon the Deputy Prov. G.M. to invest the I.P.M. with the jewel which had been voted to him by the brethren of the lodge. Bro. J. S. Eastes thereupon rose, and said he had been requested somewhat suddenly by the W.M. to present Bro. Ferminger with a token of love and regard which the brethren of the lodge had voted to him on his retiring from the chair. He complied with the request with a great deal of pleasure from what he had seen of his conduct that day. Still he had seen but little of him himself; but from what he had been told he had no doubt Bro. Ferminger had been a most active and zealous Master, and that for some time past he had been a most active and zealous member of this lodge. He might remind the I.P.M. that though he had passed from the rank of W.M. to that of P.M. his duties had not ended, but had in fact recommenced, because the duties of a P.M. were heavy; above all, he would have to give advice to the brethren of the lodge, which was a responsible office to take, not less responsible than that of the W.M. himself. He might rely upon it that if the P.M.'s of a lodge remained firm and steady to the principles of Freemasonry, and carried out their duties for the lodge through the chair of which they had passed, the working of the lodges would be performed earnestly and well. He hoped that Bro. Ferminger would still adhere to the working of the ceremonies of the lodge, and that he would consider it his bounden duty to instruct those brethren who came after him. If he did that the brethren would feel that this present which had been given to their brother from love and regard had not been given without foundation for those feelings, because he would then show that he had been a Mason throughout. He trusted that Bro. Ferminger would bear in mind what he had just said, that he would at all times support the Master in the chair and the brethren of the lodge to the utmost of his ability. He had great pleasure in conforming with the wish of the W.M. and brethren in placing this jewel on Bro. Ferminger's breast, not only as a reward for what he had already done, but also in the hope that he would con-

tinue to act for the good of the lodge. Bro. Ferminger, in acknowledging the gift, said he felt it a greater honour than many who had received the same, for this reason, he had in his possession a certificate granted to a brother of this lodge whom he had much pleasure as well as honour in recognising as his own grandfather. The certificate was some 80 or 90 years old. His (Bro. Ferminger's) father was a member of this lodge, and the brethren voted him a jewel of a somewhat similar description to the one just voted. It was an additional honour and pleasure to receive the jewel, because he was thankful to say that during the year of office, which their kindness had voted him to unavailingly, he had followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. He hoped he should continue to act in the same spirit that he had evinced during his year of office; and he could assure the junior brethren that if they wanted instruction they had only to go to the P.M.'s to get it. If any brother, young or old, would come to him he would be happy to devote any time he had at his disposal for instruction of the brethren. As he had received much assistance from the P.M.'s during his year of office he begged now to thank them for it. On the motion of Bro. Spears, seconded by Bro. Townsend, P.M., a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M., for honouring the lodge with his presence. Bro. Eastes, in reply, said he did not consider his presence was deserving of such a vote, as he considered it only a pleasurable duty to come in his official capacity. By repute he knew a great deal of Adam's Lodge. He knew intimately at one time their late Bro. Keddill, who was a P.M. of the lodge, and in coming that day he renewed his recollection of him. He had to express his thanks to the brethren for having fixed a day for the installation which was suitable to his own convenience, and it was with much pleasure that he availed himself of the opportunity to come among the brethren. Bro. Ferminger proposed, and Bro. Carpenter seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Spears for performing the ceremony of installation, and Bro. Spears having responded, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman and members of the Local Board for granting the use of the board-room to the Adams's Lodge for the installation. The motion, which was made by Bro. Townsend, seconded by Bro. Ferminger, and carried unanimously, was ordered to be conveyed to the Local Board in a letter from Bro. J. Bagshaw, Secretary. This concluded the business of the lodge, which was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to their own room for banquet, which was admirably provided and served. When the banquet had been disposed of the toasts were proposed, the W.M. getting through them with great rapidity for the convenience of the many brethren leaving by the last (eight o'clock) train. To enable the brethren to get off at this hour he coupled the name of Bro. Binckes, Past G. Steward, with the toast of "The Grand Officers," and cleverly introduced the toast of "The Masonic Charities" to save time. Bro. Binckes, in reply, said that although he was not a Grand Officer, yet it had been held that in the absence of a Grand Officer or a Past Grand Officer a Grand Steward or Past Grand Steward might properly respond to this toast. On the present occasion there was no one present of higher rank in Grand Lodge than himself, and he would therefore discharge the duty cast upon him with much pleasure. The W.M., in his speech proposing the toast, had referred to Lord Skelmersdale as a zealous and hard-working Mason, and as a brother who had taken the chair of different Masonic charities, at the last of which—the Benevolent Institution—subscriptions to the amount of nearly £10,000 were obtained. Although comparatively young, his lordship was strenuous in the support of the Masonic Order, which he was sure arose from his intense love of it, and its general principles. He had at all times shown himself anxious to occupy any position he might be called upon to fill with advantage to Freemasonry. Occupying the high position he did he was constantly with Freemasons, and wherever he went he was received with the utmost enthusiasm, and had won "golden opinions from all sorts of people." With respect to the other Grand Officers, they discharged their duties with fidelity and zeal. Speaking upon the cause of charity which had been joined by the W.M. with this toast, the evening was waning very rapidly, and he would simply thank the brethren for what they had done in the cause, and the W.M. for bringing it before them. He considered charity the very main-spring of Freemasonry, the item by which Freemasons were better known and understood by the outer world than by anything else. Twenty-five years he had been associated with all the institutions, and fourteen years he had actually been the Secretary of the Boys' School. He trusted he might say—spite of some little exclusively prevailing opinions in one locality, at all events in the province of Kent—that he could challenge denial when he stated that in that position he had discharged his duty faithfully, conscientiously, and he would go so far as to say on the present occasion honestly, without being open to the charge of being egotistical. Kent had nobly supported the charities, it was always doing something for them, and he thanked the brethren heartily for what they had done. Freemasonry had received a great impetus by the advent to its supreme power of the Prince of Wales; but it must be remembered that with a great accession to the number of Freemasons greater demands would be made on the Institutions, and consequently greater would be the efforts required by all those connected with the institutions to keep pace with those demands. Larger responsibilities would be required of Freemasons than they had hitherto been called upon to bear. He hoped they would be all equal to the emergency, and that the proud boast of Freemasons that no deserving brother in distress, no widow or orphan of a brother, went away unrelieved, would always be asserted with the greatest truth. The toast of "The Prov. G.M., Lord Holmesdale," was next proposed, and Bro. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the

very cordial reception he had met with that day. It was scarcely two years since he (Bro. Eastes) had the honour of receiving his appointment from Lord Holmesdale, and he had not once during the time that had since elapsed had the opportunity of visiting this lodge in his official capacity. To-day, however, he had been enabled to carry out his own especial feelings with regard to lodges where there were two or more in a town in that he had been enabled to visit the more ancient first. A lodge like this, which was really 110 years old, should be looked upon in an especial way. Since he had been appointed to his office a new face had been put upon Freemasonry. One and all must individually feel this. Still fresh in their recollection was that heavy blow which was aimed at their headship, and which, after all perhaps, figuratively, was a device for bringing us to our knees. In what light, however, could it be looked upon by our enemies. They had seen the Prince of Wales accepting the position of Grand Master, a wonderful increase in the number of Masons, and the wonderful prosperity of Freemasonry throughout the world, thanks to his Royal Highness stepping in and taking the Grand Mastership. They ought to be very proud that the principles of the Order enabled him to do so without fear and without reproach. This was a very great thing, and it had made a great impression on the outer world. We could gather from this at least one lesson for ourselves, how very necessary and desirable it was that all Freemasons should conduct themselves in such a manner as to shew to the world that there was something real and earnest in the spirit of Freemasonry. It was most essential that that should be the case; we ought to be especially good; and certainly in any little differences of opinion they had they ought to be careful not to let the world know of them. This was a thing he wished to be cultivated in the Province of Kent, that brotherly love which they desired to see in the various lodges, and among the individual members themselves. They should be particular to earn a good name as Freemasons; that their action should not dim the lustre of that close relationship they had with their Royal Grand Master. There was one other subject he wished to speak upon, the subject of charity referred to by Bro. Binckes. It was a subject which the brethren of Kent had a great interest in. They might assume that the charitable institutions of the Order were never in a more prosperous condition than now. Thanks to the energy and ability of the Secretaries of those institutions the matter was brought before the Freemasons in the provinces, and the result had been very great additions to the funds. The province of Kent had not been behind hand. But this would be of no avail if they did not back up their early efforts by renewed energy. A great deal more had to be done. There were many individuals in the provinces who never thought of subscribing to the charities, and he was sorry to say there were many lodges which had not thought of this duty. This was an especial field for the Charity Committee of the province to work in; they should call them to account if they did not bring in a large amount of subscriptions. There was another matter he wished to bring before the brethren, the necessity of combination and concentration of their whole voting power when they had a candidate. Let them place the candidates in the hands of the committee, and when the committee had decided which to support let them all use their efforts to carry that one in. It was utterly useless, and a mere frittering away of strength, if several brethren were using their exertions on behalf of different candidates. He hoped he had made himself explicit enough on this point. He felt it was of vital importance to the province of Kent. He did not care what they gave; although he would not wish to discourage their giving what they could, he would say it was useless giving away their votes, one here and one there; let them give them all into the hands of their representative, and pass them over for the benefit of the candidate their Charity Committee might select. He made these remarks in a friendly spirit, and as such he hoped they would be taken. Bro. Alfred Spencer, Prov. G. Sec., replied for the Prov. Grand Officers, and informed the brethren that Masonic affairs in the province were in a very satisfactory condition, better than they had been in for years. On some occasions he had had occasion to complain of the work of the different Secretaries, but he was pleased to say there was a great improvement in that respect. His observations had been received kindly, and the returns had been properly made. The number of Masons was now becoming so large that it was incumbent on Masters and the brethren of lodges to be careful whom they admitted, because, as Bro. Binckes had said, as the number increased greater demands were made on the charities. Masonic law might be put in a very few words; be careful whom you admit; being careful whom you admit you will only have good members who will conform to the laws and constitutions of the Order; you will have order and propriety in your meetings; and you may depend upon it that if we act strictly upon that principle, our Craft will be supported by our Grand Master and other eminent Masons. Bro. Spencer then called the attention of the brethren to the circular from Grand Lodge as to the jewels which ought to be worn, and called upon the brethren to see that the orders of Grand Lodge were obeyed. He also called attention to the fact that Bro. Spencer was representative for the Charity Committee, and asked the brethren to support him. Bro. Ferminger, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." They all wished him good health during his year of office. They had had an opportunity of seeing what he could do in the various offices through which he had passed, and they believed he would perform his duties as W.M. as satisfactorily. If he did, Adam's Lodge would never regret electing him to the W.M.'s chair. He had been a member of the lodge for the last twelve or fourteen years, and during that time had been most assiduous in his duties. He had never been absent except when his Queen and country called him

While in the S.W. chair he had never been absent but once, when the snow prevented his getting over from Sittingbourne in time; but even then he tucked up his trousers, put his sea boots on, and attempted to wade to Sheerness in time. He, however, arrived too late for the working of the lodge. While he was S.W., he (Bro. Ferminger) never knew what it was to want a brother to whom he could go for advice and assistance, for he was well up to the W.M.'s duties. As the subject of charity had been touched upon, he hoped the W.M. would follow in the path of other W.M.'s, and that the brethren would support him. The W.M., in reply, said he should do all in his power to assist the institutions, and what he had heard that day had produced a strong effect upon him. He hoped he should carry out his duties as well as his predecessors had done, and with the assistance of the Wardens, Past Masters, and officers, he had no doubt he should succeed in doing it to the satisfaction of the brethren. (Hear, hear.) The toast of "The Masonic Press" was replied to by Bro. H. Massey, of the "Freemason." Bro. Ferminger, in reply to the toast of "The I.P.M.," said,—I rise rather promptly, as the time is getting on. You are aware I stand before you this evening a full-blown Past Master. I must confess I am not a very big flower, but still I am as big as I can be. But, going from the ridiculous to the sublime, I hope that during my past year of office I have given you satisfaction. If I have not done so I can say honestly I have tried all I possibly could to act conscientiously in the discharge of the obligation I took when I was installed in that chair. There is one thing I hope will remember, that "to err is human, to forgive, Divine." If I have erred I hope you will forgive with all the power of which you are possessed. I am satisfied by the very handsome present you have given me, and the very handsome speech with which it was accompanied this afternoon, that my conduct must have met with your approval, or you would not have presented me with that gift. In accepting it I look upon it as a thing I may be proud of for years and years to come. I felt proud some twelve or thirteen years ago with a jewel that came from the brethren of the Adams's Lodge to my father. I felt proud of it as being his only son. Unfortunately, I had it stolen from me; but what I wish to impress upon your minds is, that if I could feel proud of a tribute that the members of Adams's Lodge in years gone by offered to his memory, I must feel equally proud in having a tribute which you have offered to my efforts to do my duty during my year of office. I can assure you I feel as much delighted in receiving it as you do in giving it. With these remarks I beg to thank you kindly and cordially for the able assistance and ready acquiescence that you have accorded to me while I occupied the chair. (Hear, hear.) The London brethren then returned to town, and the remainder of the toasts were afterwards proposed.

**FOREST HILL.**—West Kent Lodge (No. 1297).—The installation of this lodge was held on Saturday, at the Railway Hotel, Forest Hill, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. J. Allen, W.M.; H. D. Stead, S.W.; Crouch, J.W.; Clements, P.M.; Warren, P.M.; Kindon, P.M.; A. K. Stead, P.M.; Leonard, P.M.; Dr. Rosenthal, Massey ("Freemason"); Browden, Lawler, Corani, Gardner, Harford, Farmer, B. Cooke. Visitors: Bros. J. C. Parkinson, P.J.D.; A. L. Rosenthal, 1260; F. Toole, P.S.J.W. of Essex; J. White, I.P.M. 228; Isliffe, Crawley, Brookman, Webb, Shaw, Augustus Stead, Berry, Very, and others. The lodge having been opened in due form, the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. H. D. Stead, was proceeded with, the work being done in a masterly way by Bro. Allen, the W.M. The new Master being duly installed, invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. Cronel, S.W., E. C. Massey, Treas., J.W.; Leonard Crowder, S.D.; Gates, J.D.; Lawler, I.G.; Farmer and Harford, Stwds.; Dr. Rosenthal, Chaplain; Warren, D.C.; and Kindon, Sec. The new Master presented Bro. Allen, the I.P.M., with the Past Master's jewel, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the manner in which he had filled the chair. Bro. Allen, in acknowledgment, said he should always value that jewel above all others he might get, as a memento of his year of office, and as a testimony that he had done his duty to the satisfaction of the lodge. Mr. Zuccani was then initiated in Masonic form. Before the lodge closed Bro. Warren said that the lodge had not yet acknowledged the handsome present of a harmonium given by Bro. Corani, sen. He was sure the brethren had appreciated the generosity of the donor, and he should therefore move that the thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. Corani, and that the same be written on vellum and presented to him. This was seconded and agreed to. The lodge then closed in perfect harmony. A banquet followed labour, at the conclusion of which the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft." The recent public appearances of Her Majesty had given general satisfaction, especially her visit to the London Hospital, and they might well drink "The Health of the Queen, the Mother of Masons." The W.M. said the next toast was "The Grand Officers." They were much indebted to their Grand Officers, and H.R.H. the Grand Master in his recent visit to India had represented Freemasonry as much as Royalty. As to the other Grand Officers he had the happiness of being present at the late installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, and he had been much struck with the neat working of Lord Skelmersdale. It impressed him with the full idea that the Grand Officers set a noble example to the officers of lodges. He proposed "The Health of the Grand Officers." The toast was drunk with Masonic honours. Bro. I.P.M. Allen said the toast he had to propose was that of "The W.M." They had all been pleased with the way in which he had acquitted himself that day, and he would no doubt carry on the business in a way worthy of himself and the lodge. The W.M., in reply, said that that was the proudest moment in his life save one. The exception was the announcement of the birth of a son, to be followed by others,

and two of whom he was happy to see present. Another was in Bombay, and had the honour to receive the Prince of Wales when H.R.H. was there. His pride was not one of position, but in their approbation, which he certainly was very proud of. In answer to the kind remarks of Bro. P.M. Allen he could only say that he should endeavour to support the known reputation of the lodge. In conclusion he could assure them that he would always try to promote the interests of the Craft in general, and of that lodge in particular. He begged to thank them for their kind response to the toast. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of their Brother Initiate," said that he was a gentleman who was inclined to penetrate deeply into the mysteries of the Craft, and he was sure that Bro. Zuccani would prove a very worthy member. Bro. Zuccani in response briefly thanked the W.M. for initiating him and those officers who had assisted him in the ceremony. He trusted before long to be well versed in the forms and ceremonies of this honourable Order. The W.M.: The next toast was always well received at the West Kent Lodge, it was that of "The Visitors," for they were always pleased to give a hearty welcome to visitors. Visitors were frequently the salt of a lodge meeting, and that night the salt was not without its savour. They had a goodly array of visitors, and he especially thanked Bros. Crawley and Webb for the able assistance they had given him in preparing him for the chair. He regretted that Bro. J. C. Parkinson had been compelled to leave the lodge in order to keep an engagement in town, and in conclusion gave "The Health of the Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Berry and Toole. Bro. Berry, of the Yarborough Lodge, responded, and wondered why he had been selected to reply. He could only say that of the Yarborough Lodge in three months they had given eighty guineas away in charity. He had been highly pleased with the kind reception he had met with, and he had much enjoyed the work and hospitality of the lodge. Bro. Toole also responded. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters of the West Kent Lodge, to which all of the body present replied. The toasts of "The Officers" and "The Tyler" were then given, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion in good time.

**CHISLEHURST.**—Chislehurst Lodge (No. 1531).—The election meeting of this young and prosperous lodge was held at the Bull's Head Hotel on Saturday, March 25th. Bro. J. Coutts, P.G.P., P.M., W.M., presided, supported by Bros. F. Walters, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M., Treas., as I.P.M.; J. Griffin, P.M., Sec.; G. F. Guest, S.W.; W. Kipps, J.W.; H. Gloster, S.D.; Hutchings, D.C.; J. Fox, W.S.; and many others. The only visitor was Bro. Griffiths, P.M. 901. The work, done in an admirable manner, was raising two, passing one, and initiating three gentlemen into the Order. Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, having informed the members it was not his wish, if elected, to accept the office of Treasurer, because he wished and recommended the lodge to elect their father, Bro. Coutts, into that position by a unanimous vote. A ballot for W.M. for the ensuing year was unanimous in favour of Bro. George Frederick Guest, S.W., and with the same result in favour of Bro. John Coutts, W.M., being Treasurer. On the proposition of Bro. F. Walters, it was unanimously resolved that a ten-guinea testimonial be purchased from lodge funds (the amount to be supplemented by private subscriptions amongst the members), be presented to Bro. J. Coutts, as a slight recognition of his services as first W.M., founder, and father of the lodge. That whenever any vacancy occurred amongst the officers, that in consideration of the essential services rendered to the lodge by the Secretary, Bro. J. Griffin, that he have the vacant office conferred on him. That so long as the lodge has amongst its members a P.M. who can work the installation, that on no account whatever be it ever allowed for any visitor to do that ceremony. Several candidates were proposed for initiation at next lodge meeting. Three Auditors, in addition to those who were provided for in the bye-laws, not being officers of the lodge, were elected. Business being ended, the lodge was closed. After some substantial refreshment, the usual loyal toasts were given and responded to. Some good songs from Bros. J. Williams, Hunt, Samuel, and others helped to pass away a pleasant evening. Before leaving the hotel a good display of fireworks was given, which completed the amusements of the evening. Those not local returned to town, and no doubt enjoyed what they had earned,—"Tired nature's sweet repose, balmy sleep."

**INSTRUCTION.**

**MANCHESTER.**—St. David's Lodge of Instruction (No. 1147).—The brethren met on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street. There was an exceptionally good muster. The ceremony of the First Degree was then worked, the following brethren filling the various offices:—F. Coupe, W.M.; T. R. Peel, P.M.; J. Holmes-Poulton, Friendship 44, S.W.; W. Hadden, J.W.; J. Singer, S.D.; J. Davies, J.D.; J. O. Davies, I.G.; T. Elliott, as candidate. A portion of the First Lecture was then taken, which formed an agreeable interlude to the regular work. Subsequently the First Degree was rehearsed again, the following brethren acting:—Bros. F. Coupe, W.M.; J. Davies, P.M.; J. O. Evans, S.W.; T. Elliott, J.W.; J. B. Seel, S.D.; E. Staveley, J.D.; J. Holmes-Poulton, Friendship, 44, I.G.; J. Singer, as candidate. The work was carefully and impressively done, and the high state of proficiency the brethren have attained is in no small measure due to the untiring zeal and energy displayed by Bro. T. R. Peel, W.M. St. David's, 1147, and Preceptor to this lodge of instruction.

A portion of the presents made to the Prince of Wales in India will, it is understood, be exhibited at the New Indian Museum, South Kensington, and the remainder in the Bethnal Green Museum.

**Scotland.**

**GLASGOW.**—Cathedral Chapter (No. 67).—The regular monthly meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, 22, Struthers-street, Calton, Comp. James Duthie, Z., in the chair; Comps. George Pridie, H.; M. Dickson, J.; James Goldie, Scribe; James Wood, Treas.; Samuel Besland, First Sojourner; J. Ayton, Second Sojourner; James Dickie, Third Sojourner. Visiting companions present from Chapters 50 and 87, and a large attendance of members. The Mark Master Lodge being opened, applications were read from the following brethren:—Bros. John Sommerville, 157, Maryland, U.S.A.; William Carstorphine Star, 219; Charles Hawthorne, 458; John McFarlane, 138, Ayr. The four brethren were advanced and had conferred upon them the Mark, Excellent, and Royal Arch Degrees by the M.E.Z., and the chapter was closed in due and ancient form. Comp. Sommerville in an able and brief speech complimented the chapter for the manner in which it was worked, and said it gave him great pleasure in having become a member of the chapter, and that, although he was not a tectotaller, Good Templar, or either, he was at all times temperate, and recommended that all the lodges and chapters should discourage anything like having refreshments in their meetings, as no such had ever been used in his own mother lodge; that Masonry ought to raise man that he would at all times be an example to every one outside of the lodge that in such a way they might be induced to come in and join in the noble work; that he had Masonry at heart, and his wife and daughter were all members of the Order of the Eastern Star, and were far more enthusiastic than what he was, and said it was a mistake that the ladies in this place could not receive the benefits of having the Order conferred upon them, the same as in America.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge St. Mark (No. 102).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Monday, the 27th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. J. O. Smith, Bro. T. Halket, P.M., occupied the chair; A. C. Paterson, Treas., acting S.W.; Jas. Thomson, J.W.; W. Nicholson, D.M.; J. Monteith, Sec.; H. McMillan, S.D.; G. Littlejohn, I.G.; and A. C. L. Gray, P.D.M. Visitors present: Bros. A. Wallace, P.M. St. George's, Greenwich, 140, E.C.; D. Cowen, St. John's Gibraltar, 115, E.C.; T. B. Bell, S.M. 3½; P. Brownlie, J.W. 3½; J. Bannerman, D.M. 73; J. Taylor, 93; A. McLeod, P.M. 129; G. Fisher, J.W. 129; A. Macpherson, Sec. 129; J. Livingston, P.M. 180; J. Grant, 197; M. McIntyre, 219; H. Cowan, 335; and W. Ferguson, I.P.M. 543 ("Freemason"). The lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Bro. J. Taylor, of Lodge St. Nicholas, Aberdeen, No. 93, was elected a joining member. Messrs. Adam Neil and B. Vol. Browne were initiated into the E.A. Degree by Bro. T. Halket, P.M.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Union and Crown (No. 103).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on Monday evening, 27th ult., Bro. D. Murray, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. A. M. Wright, I.P.M.; R. Munro, D.M.; J. McFarlane, S.M.; W. Thomas, S.W.; W. Forsyth, J.W.; N. Cameron, Treas.; J. Gillies, P.M., P.G.T., Sec.; P. Cullen, V. Chap; J. S. Pollock, S.D.; A. Gray, J.D.; J. Gray, I.G.; and others. The meeting was particularly well attended, and among those present were Bros. A. Bain, P.M.; A. Leckie, 3½; J. J. Hurst, 4; A. Campbell, 27; T. Docherty, 28; T. Chalmers, 118; J. Dick, 122; J. Brown, 152; A. Toward, 170; J. Cameron, 219; J. Findlay, S.M. 333; T. Muir, 347; J. Callen, 419; J. Smith, 458; W. Smith, 458; and others. Bro. J. Callen, of Lodge Neptune, 419, was received as a joining member, and Messrs. J. McLeod and H. Adamson were admitted and received the E.A. Degree at the hands of Bro. Murray, W.M. The other business before the meeting was that of passing and raising, but it was agreed to have an emergency meeting on the 30th ult., at five o'clock, for that purpose.

On Thursday, the 30th ult., an emergency meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, Bro. D. Murray, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. R. Munro, D.M.; J. Bannerman, D.M. 73, acting S.W.; A. Peddie, 3½, acting J.W.; N. Cameron, Treas.; W. Ferguson, I.P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); and a fair attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge being opened, two brethren were passed to the F.C. Degree. The lodge was then assumed on the Third Degree, when nine brethren were raised to the degree of Master Mason. Both ceremonies were performed by Bro. W. Ferguson, I.P.M. 543.

**RUTHERGLEN.**—St. John's Operative Lodge (No. 347).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their Masonic Hall, Cathcart-street, Rutherglen, on Friday evening, the 31st ult., Bro. D. Smart, W.M., in the chair; J. Cunningham, I.P.M., acting S.W.; T. Alston, J.W. The other office-bearers present were Bros. M. Abot, D.M.; T. Muir, S.M.; W. Gardner, Treas.; A. Warnock, Sec.; W. Young, S.D.; A. Robertson, J.D.; and others. A large number of brethren were present, including Bros. J. Hamilton, W.M. 116, and Wm. Ferguson, I.P.M. 116, with a deputation of 23; W. Phillips, W.M. 556, with a deputation of ten; A. Gow, S.M. 581; J. Henry, J.W. 581; R. Allan, Sec. 581; and deputations from the following lodges:—Nos. 27, 73, 87, 114, 117, 219, 408, and 458. The lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. A letter of apology was read from Bro. Horn, Sec. 275, that a deputation from their lodge could not be present that night on account of Bro. Ronald's, the respected W.M., indisposition. Bro. J.



Clare, 408, Lodge Clyde, was affiliated a joining member, and Bros. J. Hamilton, W.M. 116, and ex-Bailie Edgar, Rutherglen, were affiliated honorary members of the lodge by the W.M. The lodge was then called to refreshment, when the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was replied to by Bro. A. Gow, S.M. 581, in an eloquent speech. "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Phillips, W.M. 556, and replied to in suitable terms by Bro. Smart. "The Past Masters" was proposed by Bro. ex-Bailie Edgar, and replied to by Bro. Cunningham, I.P.M. During the evening Bros. Young, Aitken, Millar, Cunningham, Montgomery, and Gardner sang some excellent songs.

**MOTHERWELL.**—Lodge St. John Dalziel (No. 409).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Friday, 31st ult., Bro. John King, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. W. Forrest, P.G.B.B.; C. Gilchrist, P.G.S.D.; W. Bulloch, D.M.; and J. Johnston, S.W. Bros. J. Forsyth, S.W.; and Williamson, J.W., ably discharged the duties of Croupiers, supported by Bros. Kelso, R.W.M.; Brownlie, S.W.; and Barr, J.W. of Lodge St. Mary, Coltness, No. 31. Between fifty and sixty brethren sat down to dinner, including deputations from the following lodges:—Bros. A. Gladston, St. Mark's, Glasgow, 102; J. Walker, Hamilton, 233; and McPhail, Kilwinning, Paisley. After the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts had been proposed and responded to, Bro. Bryson, at the request of the Chairman, proposed "The Health of Bro. A. King, P.M.," in a very congratulatory manner, and in the name of the lodge presented him with a very handsome timepiece, as a mark of respect, and in consideration of the valuable services he has rendered to the lodge. Bro. King, in replying, thanked the brethren for their kindness, and said that this mark of esteem was quite unexpected, and that it gave him very much pleasure to think that the brethren had thought him worthy of such a handsome presentation. A very happy evening was spent with song, toast, and sentiment. Bros. Robertson and Gladston added greatly to the harmony of the meeting by giving some excellent selections of music on the violin and harmonium.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Athole (No. 413).—A meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday evening, the 28th ult., Bro. J. Louttit, W.M., in the chair; J. Miller, P.M.; D. Leeds, S.W.; A. Holmes, J.W.; P. Agnew, Treas.; J. Graham, Sec.; G. Robertson, S.D.; W. Grindlay, J.D.; and others. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. W. Bell, I.P.M. 33; Jas. Booth, W.M. 87; W. Ferguson, I.P.M. 116; W. Ferguson, I.P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); R. Allan, Sec. 581; Fraser, 73; Kay, 73; Annand, 87; Grant, 127; Aitken, 441; and Hunter, 453. On the lodge being opened, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, Messrs. James Peace and J. McNeill were admitted and initiated into the First Degree by Bro. Louttit, W.M. Three brethren were passed to the F.C. Degree, the W.M. again performing the ceremony, and four brethren were raised to the degree of Master Mason by Bro. J. Miller, P.M.

#### RIFLE MATCH IN EDINBURGH.

A most interesting rifle match came off on Monday, 27th ult., in the Hunter's Bog, between the Volunteer members of the Rifle Lodge, No. 405, and the military and Volunteer members of the Roman Eagle, No. 160. The competition arose out of a challenge, given some weeks ago by the Rifle Lodge, which was at once accepted by their Masonic brethren of No. 160. The last-named lodge being strong in military members, the match was considered by outsiders as a foregone conclusion in their favour. The result, however, shows that the Rifle Lodge has among its brethren a number of very good average shots. The conditions were—ten men aside, any military weapon, ranges 200 and 500 yards, seven shots at each. Proceedings began at 2.30, by which time a very large number of gentlemen connected with the Craft had assembled to witness the match. The weather was dull, but altogether favourable to good shooting. At the conclusion it was found that the youthful lodge representatives (the Rifle) had beaten their opponents by 37 points. The top scores of the match were Colour-Sergeant Machin, 79th Regiment, 47 (Roman Eagle), and Private D. Stewart, 47 (Rifle). The arrangements for the match were carried out by Bro. J. H. Forrester for the Rifle Lodge, and Bro. Gunn for the Roman Eagle. The following are the aggregate scores:—

RIFLE LODGE.		ROMAN EAGLE.	
Pt. D. Stewart, Q.E.R.V. 47	Col.-Ser. Machin, 79th... 47	Ser. Edwards, M.C.A.V. 44	Ser. Emslie, 79th..... 41
Gunner Young, M.C.A.V. 43	Piper Glen, Q.E.R.V. ... 40	Capt. Hills, Q.E.R.V. ... 40	Ser.-In. Kennedy, 79th 39
Pt. A. T. Apthorpe, do. 40	Ser. McPhail, 71st..... 38	Dr. Forrester, M.C.A.V. 39	Ser. Chassels, 79th ..... 35
Cap. Macadam, Q.E.R.V. 38	Ser. Marshall, Q.E.R.V. 32	Pt. Marr, Q.E.R.V. .... 37	Ser. Mallard, A.H. Crps. 27
Bat.-Ser.-Maj. Mitchell, M.C.A.V. .... 30	Ser. Gunn, 79th ..... 27	Mr. Grieve ..... 24	Ser. Henderson, 79th ... 19

The team of the Rifle Lodge were entertained by their opponents to supper in the Iona Hotel, Nicolson-street.

#### NEW MASONIC HALL FOR EXETER.

For thirty-three years past the Freemasons of this city have made Tuckers' Hall their headquarters, and during their occupancy the building was specially fitted up for their accommodation. Sometimes, however, their meetings were found to clash with the meetings of the Tuckers' and Weavers' Corporation, and upon these occasions they

had, of course, to give away. This was a source of inconvenience to the brotherhood, and they have, from time to time, discussed the advisability of obtaining "a house of their own;" in fact, for many years past the funds of the Exeter Lodges have been accumulated and invested for the express purpose of purchasing an eligible site, or a building that could be made available for a Masonic Hall. During the alterations which, for the past nine months, have been in progress at Tuckers' Hall, they have had to hold their meetings at the Public Rooms, and the trouble and expense entailed has brought the old subject of discussion again to the front, so that the question of erecting a Masonic Hall for Exeter has had to be definitely considered. A piece of land at the top of Longbrook-street was offered, and a general meeting of the three Exeter Lodges was called to consider this offer; but just previous to the meeting a suggestion was made that the extensive premises in Gandy-street lately occupied by Mr. Hawkins, surgeon, and belonging to Mr. Snow, wine merchant, might be purchased, and for a comparatively small outlay adapted to serve all the purposes of the Craft. A large number of the brethren viewed the premises, and were so struck with their general suitability that they at once accepted the offer of Bro. Jerman, architect, to survey and report upon the premises to a general meeting of the Order. A joint committee, composed of three members from each lodge, with Bro. S. Jones as hon. sec., was formed to receive the report, which they subsequently brought before the united lodges, who confirmed the first impressions of the brethren, and passed a resolution authorising them to enter into arrangements for purchasing. Like most of the houses in Gandy-street, the residence selected by the Freemasons for their Masonic Hall is of ancient date and appearance. It was built, as far as can be ascertained, more than two hundred years ago, and has been occupied from that time by city magistrates. It was the residence of Roger Sanders, who was three times Mayor of Exeter, and of his family for several generations afterwards; eventually it came into the possession of the Snow family, who used it as a residence until some forty years ago. From the architect's report we are glad to learn that in adapting the building to the purposes of Freemasonry every care will be taken to preserve its ancient and historical features. Several of the inner doors are of the time of Henry VIII., carved and mounted with quaintly-devised ironwork, and, being in moderately-good preservation, they will probably be allowed to remain, as will also the quaint Elizabethan fire-places. The right wing is to be allotted for the accommodation of the resident Tyler. The premises are extensive, and, in addition to the large and handsome lodge-room, will admit of the apportioning of a good-sized private room to each of the three Exeter lodges. The establishment of a Masonic Club has been suggested, and the premises are certainly well adapted for the carrying out of such a scheme. The want of such a club, where the members of the Craft of the city and the province of Devon can meet in social communion, must have been long felt, and it is, therefore, hoped that the brethren will not allow the present opportunity to pass by without giving the matter their serious consideration. We are assured that many of them have already expressed their opinions in favour of such a scheme. The first separate lodge-room, with robing-room attached, is to be on the first floor of the left wing, the other two being on the basement on each side of the staircase. This staircase is a grand, wide structure, with heavy turned balustrade. On the second floor there is a fine large room, formerly used as a banquet-room, 26ft. by 17ft., into which will be thrown a small room, &c., adjoining, making it 31ft. by 18ft. This is to be set apart as the general lodge-room, and is considered sufficiently large to accommodate the Craft in the city for many years to come. If the brethren should feel ambitious to possess a large Masonic Hall for provincial purposes for the use of the whole of the Craft in the West, they have plenty of room at their disposal, and such a hall might be erected without in any way interfering with the present arrangements. The entrance into the large room is proposed to be through wide folding doors, the walls and ceilings to be stencilled and embellished with Masonic emblems and ornaments, a beautiful enamel window to be placed inside the present large window at the East end, and the floor to be covered with a Brussels carpet, of an appropriate design. The upper rooms will probably be set apart for the Orders of Chivalry (Knight Templar, Rose Croix, &c.). These rooms are excellently adapted for this purpose, there being the necessary three rooms connecting with each other. There are several other rooms for the storage of Masonic furniture, and other conveniences. Indeed, it is the opinion of many that more convenient and commodious premises could not have been secured, even if they had gone to the necessarily heavy outlay of erecting a new building expressly for the purpose, while the present building can be adapted and fitted up at comparatively slight expense. We are informed that the preliminary agreement for purchasing has been signed by the honorary secretary to the joint committee, who are to be the trustees, and that the property will be conveyed to them with all convenient despatch.

**A STERLING TESTIMONIAL.**—One of those gratifying and graceful tributes of esteem and recognition of services, after a long number of years, filled with anxiety and care, transpired on Wednesday, 29th ult., by a presentation of a very handsome silver tea set to Miss Agnes Tomkins, lately holding the principal position in one of the numerous fancy departments, in the well-known house of Bro. Ex. Sheriff Hutton, 7, Newgate-street, London. The service was contained in a beautiful Russia case, lined with purple silk velvet, each piece of plate bore the monogram of Miss Tomkins. Such testimonial do credit both to the firm as well as to the lady in question.

#### Reviews.

"ANNUAL REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN AND CITY POLICE ORPHANAGE, 1876."

We have read with much pleasure the Annual Report of this useful institution for 1876. It is a most satisfactory one. There are now 160 children in the orphanage, 88 boys and 72 girls, and the school report of the Rev. D. Anderson is much to the credit both of teachers and taught. The financial statement is equally good in the present and promising for the future. The whole amount received reaches to £9545 19s. 8d., the whole amount expended to £8008 3s. 7d., leaving a balance in hand of £1537 16s. 1d., as well as £1975 6s. 2d. Three-and-a-half per Cent Met. Con. Stock. But some of the items of receipts are very remarkable. Annual subscriptions amount to £1903 18s. 7d., donations to £1179 12s. 7d. The Metropolitan and City Police Sergeants and Constables subscribe £2228 8s. 7d., while the large sum of £3276 1s. 9d. is raised from popular concerts and other entertainments organized mainly by the force. Retired sergeants and constables send £31 4s. 8d., and the boxes at the police stations £72 0s. 2d. Now, as we before remarked, these items are very noteworthy, inasmuch as £5504 10s. 4d. may fairly be said to be obtained by the unflagging zeal and organized efforts of the two forces. It is an old saying, and not the less true because old, that when people are in earnest they are sure to succeed, and we have not the least doubt but that, thanks to some liberal and befitting outside aid, the great success of the orphanage is attributable to the steady and persevering efforts, and cheerful and ready support of the force itself. The French saying "Aide toi même et Dieu t'aidera," "Help thyself, and God will help thee" is often exemplified and made good in human life, and never that we remember has it been more forcibly made true than in the case of this most needed orphanage. We trust sincerely that it has before it a future of increasing usefulness and practical prosperity. It appears to be admirably managed, and economically administered, and remembering what the peace and safety of this huge and overgrown metropolis owes to so comparatively small a body of disciplined and well-behaved men, we think that many of our merchants and "upper ten thousand," may well, by an annual subscription, strengthen the hands of the executive, and develop, as needs be, the great blessings of the institution itself. The work of the police is very hard and trying, they are exposed to innumerable accidents, and worse, and sure we are, the orphanage, of which the force may well be proud, deserves the friendly sympathy of all who are interested in the orphan and friendless, and above all are glad to testify their good will to those from whom they exact so much, and for whom often they do so little.

MAY'S BRITISH AND IRISH PRESS GUIDE FOR 1876.

May's Press Guide for 1876 is a very striking publication. Some of its facts are very interesting. There are now 1754 newspapers published in the United Kingdom, in the metropolis 452, in the provinces 931, in Wales 52, in Scotland 157, in Ireland 141, and in the British Isles 20. Of these 83 are daily morning, and 43 daily evening papers, 13 are published 5 times a week, 2 four times a week, 23 3 times a week, 110 twice a week, 16 are published on Mondays, 63 on Tuesdays, 101 on Wednesdays, 136 on Thursdays, 336 on Fridays, 70 on Saturdays, and 1 on Sundays, we feel bound to say, sad exception, 1 is published three times a month, 15 twice a month, 8 fortnightly, 99 monthly, 1 quarterly, and 1 irregularly. We are interested in this "petit sujet." And of those 80 are published at a halfpenny, 880 at a penny, 93 at 1½d. 270 at 2d., 13 at 2½, 117 at 3d., 10 at 3½, 54 at 4d., 20 at 5d., 76 at 6d., 3 at 7d., 2 at 8d., 6 at 9d., 23 at 1s., 2 at 1s. 6d., 5 at 2s., and 15 gratis. Of these newspapers 5 were established before the year 1700, 75 from 1700 to 1799, 34 from 1800 to 1810, 29 from 1811 to 1820, 48 from 1821 to 1830, 100 from 1831 to 1840, 132 from 1841 to 1850, 457 from 1851 to 1860, 464 from 1861 to 1870, 249 from 1871 to 1874, and 84 in 1875. There are also, it seems 746 periodicals, or serials of which 555 are published in London, in the provinces 107, Wales 19, Scotland, 41, Ireland 22, and British Isles 2. 529 of these are published monthly, 83 quarterly, 80 weekly, 32 at irregular times, and 21 at various times from biennially to half yearly. The earliest magazine is the Gentlemen's Magazine 1732, and six others were published originally in the last century, and still continue. Of these serials 326 are religious, London issuing alone of this number 260. Surely some brother who read these figures, if any one ever does read figures, will admit that "fact is often stranger than fiction," and that there are many more wonderful things in this world, statistical or otherwise, than exist often in a "fellar's" philosophy.

REPORT OF THE SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL AT GREENWICH.

The old "Dreadnought" had a great interest for us all, for though we are a nation of shopkeepers, we have a good deal of "sentiment," and not a little patriotism, and "Jack" always appeals to the heart and memories of a Briton. Now that he is ashore, comfortably housed at Greenwich, and no longer afloat in the Thames, we still feel a considerable degree of interest in that most useful of institutions, which cares in its cosmopolitan character for the mercantile marine of all nations. We are told that the report is, on the whole a good one, though we note that the hospital is apparently in need of funds. Its ordinary and extraordinary income for 1875 amounted to £12,691 18s. 8d., and its expenditure to £14,439 18s. 7d., but as of this account £3636 9s. 6d. were debts, it would seem that if its receipts keep up to this present account, there would remain about £2000 to meet extraordinary expenditure, which, of course, varies each year. 2045 in-patients were admitted in 1875, and as many of them

came from ports which gave nothing we agree with the committee, that efforts ought to be made at once in those places to aid the society's operation. The average number of out patients mainly, through accident, is 1500. We have said enough to show the value and importance of this very useful institution, and we are glad to commend it to the notice of our readers and brethren.

W. F. A.

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE WILSON MS.

We have already given Mr. Hunter's graphic account of his researches among the Wilson manuscripts and their final dispersion by auction. The purchaser was the late Sir Thomas Phillips, and the bulk of the papers are supposed to be still in his collection. But through the inquiries of the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, and Bro. S. B. Ellis, of Sheffield, a curious Masonic Constitution, which formed part of this collection, has been found in the possession of the Rev. J. E. A. Fenwick, son-in-law of the late Sir Thomas Phillips. It is thus described in the April number of the "Masonic Magazine":—"We publish in another page the Wilson MS Constitution. It is a manuscript written on vellum, rubricated in certain words, and said to be of 17th century. A vellum MS. in England of the 17th century is very rare. We hope, however, to obtain a facsimile of the handwriting, which may lead to distinct certainty as to the date. We are ourselves inclined to fix the date as the 16th century from the simple fact of its being on vellum and rubricated. It is mentioned by Preston in 1778, and, if we remember rightly, in Dr. Oliver's edition of Hutchinson, and is said by Preston to be tempore Henry VIII. It was purchased by Sir Thomas Phillips, the great MS. collector, from Mr. Wilson, and is now in the possession of his son-in-law, the Rev. J. E. A. Fenwick, of Thirlestane House, Cheltenham, who has kindly permitted a copy to be taken of the MS., and that it should be published 'literatim et verbatim in extenso.' It is a curious manuscript per se, for several reasons, to which we shall allude in our next number, and very interesting to Masonic students." Freemasons and others who are curious in the matter will find the "Constitution" printed in extenso in the April number of the "Masonic Magazine."

Sheffield Independent.

I beg to call attention to the announcement elsewhere as regards the Wilson M.S., and I am glad to say that I shall soon be in possession of a facsimile, or apportion of it.

A.F.A.W.

Obituary.

**BRO. THE HON. F. WALPOLE, P.G.M. NORFOLK.**  
It is our painful duty to record the death of Bro. the Hon. Frederick Walpole, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk, which sad event took place on Saturday last, somewhat suddenly. Bro. Walpole was installed Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Norfolk, Nov. 20th, 1875, and, owing to his great popularity, and the unanimity with which his appointment by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., was received in the province, served to bring together the largest assemblage of Masons ever gathered at a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk. Upwards of 300 brethren were present, including not merely Norfolk Masons, but Suffolk, Essex, Leicestershire, and London. Previous to this appointment, he had served the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master for many years. We are assured his death will be deeply regretted by the Craft in general.

FUNERAL OF BRO. SIR CORDY BURROWS.

On Saturday afternoon, all that was mortal of the remains of Bro. Sir Cordy Burrows, were carried to their last resting place in the Extra-mural Cemetery, Brighton, amidst all the signs of respect that could possibly be shown to the memory of an esteemed citizen. Indeed, a more impressive scene than that witnessed on the occasion—impressive as a spectacle, and doubly so as an outward sign of deep-seated veneration for the departed and of sympathy with his surviving friends—could not possibly be conceived.

All being in readiness, a movement was made almost punctually at two o'clock via Castle-square, to the residence of the deceased, from whence the body had already been removed and placed on the ecclesiastical open funeral car. A pall of purple velvet, with white satin cross and white tassels, covered the coffin, and on the pall itself were wreaths of white camellias and other rare and beautiful flowers. The bier was surmounted by devices and Masonic emblems worked in flowers. In front, immediately above the foot of the coffin, was a festoon bearing the word "Charity"—and a more appropriate motto could not well have been chosen to connect with the name of the departed. This was the gift of the Master (Bro. J. M. Kidd) and brethren of the Brunswick Lodge.

The Mark Masons of the Province of Sussex sent as a token of their love and esteem a floral keystone. It had a ground work of laurels, upon which was placed a raised design to represent the emblem of this Masonic Order, viz., a keystone composed of white flowers, chiefly camellias and azaleas. Upon the centre of the keystone were two circles, one of dark blue and one of dark red flowers. Across this was a triangle of yellow flowers, and at the top, to represent the Lewis, was a device also in yellow flowers, the whole being exceedingly effective and beautiful.

On one side of the car was placed a magnificent floral representation of the double triangle in the circle, presented by the Master (Rev. Bro. Walker) and brethren of the Yarborough Lodge. On the other side of the car was another very elaborate device in flowers of the square and compasses,

presented by the Master (Bro. W. T. Nell) and brethren of the York Lodge.

The procession had a very imposing and attractive appearance, owing to its thoroughly representative character. The Volunteer Fire Brigade were in full uniform, with hatchets and helmets; the 1st Sussex Rifles were in uniform, but without belts or side arms; the 1st Sussex Artillery wore their busbies, but were also without belts and arms; and the Royal Naval Volunteers wore blue serge trousers and shirts, white naval hats and cutlasses. The principal friendly societies were also emblematically distinguished. No regalia was worn by either order, and only the district officers wore the mourning scarves generally assumed on such occasions. The members of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, however, each wore a sprig of thyme in the left button-hole; the Foresters wore a small piece of pea-green ribbon in the same way; and the Druids wore on their left breast oak and ivy leaves and acorns. The crew of the Robert Raikes lifeboat wore their red Phrygian caps; and the members of the Brighton Rowing Club wore in their button-holes the red and white striped ribbon of the Club, clouded with crape. All others in the procession wore the conventional black; but the leaves of acacia, kindly furnished to the brethren by Mrs. Balchin and Nell, of Western-road, and by Mr. Hugh Saunders, of Keymer, clearly showed that, large as was the attendance of Freemasons, who had been marshalled by Bro. John Scott in the position particularly allotted for them, there were many of the Craft occupying representative positions amongst the members of other public bodies. Bro. Sir-Cordy Burrows was an energetic Mason, and one universally beloved by the fraternity. He was initiated in the Southdown Lodge, 164, was W.M. of the Keystone Lodge, No. 168, and the first Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason of Sussex, having been installed in Brighton in October, 1874, by the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, R.W. Grand Mark Master. He was also a member of the Order of Knights Templar, De Warenne Preceptory, Priory of Malta, and of the Rose Croix Degree, Eureka Chapter. His Craft titles were P.M. 811, of which lodge he was also a founder; P.P.G.J.W. Sussex; and a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in that degree of Masonry in the Lennox Chapter, No. 27.

"Sir John Cordy Burrows, born 5th August, 1813, died 25th March, 1876," so it was set forth on the coffin plate—the deceased's coat of arms and crest, Sursum Corda, surmounting the name—had been laid in the resting place he had himself chosen. His son, his brothers, and the other mourners first took their last glimpse; and then slowly, but in the perfect order that had been maintained throughout, filed past all those who had followed the remains from the top of the avenue to the grave. Those who were Masons dropped on the body the sprigs of acacia which they had till now worn in their coats, in the firm hope and assurance that their departed brother had passed into the mansions of eternal-bliss and glory, where the World's great Architect lives and reigns for ever. Those who were Odd Fellows performed a similar ceremony with sprigs of thyme; and those who were Druids with ivy leaves. Many, very many, of those who belonged to no special "Order" helped to strew the coffin with flowers of the early spring, and so on till every individual member of the whole procession had slowly passed by and respectfully, with uncovered head, bid farewell. Then—it was now five o'clock, the proceedings from the commencement of the cortege organization having occupied three hours—followed on hundreds of the public who had been spectators only, and there was more leave-taking—more bestrewn with flowers—more regretful feelings at the loss of a good man.

At length, it is finished—the grave has closed; but time will have to roll, we had almost written for generations, before "the last resting place of Cordy Burrows" ceases to be looked upon with respectful recollection.

Brethren present: Bros. J. M. Cunningham, P.M. 75, P.G.M. Over, and Dep. P.G.M.M.M. Sussex; T. J. Sabine, P.M. 22, P.M. 75, P.G.M.A.D. of C., P. Prov. G.M. Sec. Sussex; T. Trollope, P.M. 166, G.M.D. of C., and P.G.M. S.W. Sussex; W. Hudson, P.M. 75 and 164, P.G.M.A.D. of C., and P.G.M.J.W. Sussex; S. R. Adye, W.M. 164, P.G.M. St. B., and P.G.M. Sec. Sussex, representing Grand Mark Lodge of England, &c. In addition to the above there were also present: Bros. J. Braithwaite, S.W. 164, P.G.M. of Treas. Sussex; C. J. Smith, W.M. elect 168, P.G.M.D. of C. Sussex; Rev. Cave-Brown-Cave, 166, P.G.M. Chap. Sussex; J. Pearson, P.M. 75, P.G.M. Jun. Ovr. Sussex; W. R. Wood, W.M. 168, P.G.M. S.D. Sussex; J. N. Stoner, W. 168, P.G.M. J.D. Sussex; Kemp, 164, P.P.G.M. Stwd. Sussex; Davis, 75; Tuppen, 75; Rose, 75; J. Eborall, P.M. 75, &c.; Nell, S.W. 75; Foat, J.W. 75; Buckman, 75; Hornsey, 75; Curtis, 75; S. Peters, 75; J. Jeffcoat, Sec. 75; T. Chandler, 75; C. W. Hudson, 264; F. Willard, 164; Matthews, 166; J. R. Hawkins, 68, P.P.G.M. Stwd. Sussex; Tyndal Roberts, P.P.G. Reg., Notts; J. Scott, 315; Kuhn, G. Org. of England; J. M. Kidd, W.M. 732; J. Wood, 811; W. Bennett, 315; H. Saunders, P.M. 315; J. M. Stride, P.M. 315; W. Marchant, 315; W. Smith, P.M. 732; Rev. E. Walker, 811; Rev. Dr. O'Brien, 732; Dr. Tanner, 732; C. Horsley, 732; T. Lainsan, 732; F. Holford, 732; C. Chalk, 732; Lewis Lewis, 732; Vicars, 732; Landau, 732; De Paris, 732; Capon, 732; Auscombe, 732; D. Mutton, 732; King, Bombay; Suter, B.S.W. 56; Stuckey, 315; E. Martin, 315; A. Cunningham, 315; Foat, 315; Merry, 215; Rogers, 315; E. J. Furner, P.G.D., D.P. G. Master of Sussex, owing to his recent severe accident, was unable to walk in the procession, but he followed in his private carriage, and walked from the gates of the cemetery to the grave.

The following Masons were prevented by illness or other causes from attending, but sent apologies and expressions of regret:—Bros. G. Smith, Kukland, S. Cowly, A. Cow-

ley, Fairman, Duke, J. Dorman, G. Wellerd, Knight, Stevens, Binckes, Meggy, Tonkinson, Davey, Pidock, Guyon, Bidgood, Buckham, Golding, Newman, Worge, Moren, and others.

Masonic and General Tidings.

A correspondent informs us that a lodge has at last been formed in Bolivia. It is called Trabajo y Houradez, No. 17, and holds its charter from the Grand Orient of Peru. On the 1st of January, 1876, two months from its consecration, it numbered 34 members. The office-bearers for the current year are as follows:—The Installing Officers Bros. Incipion Vernaza, 18°; W.M., Louis Lichtensteen, 18°; S.W., Louis F. Puelma; J.W., J. Castro Tagle; Sec., Abdon S. Ondaza; Treas., Dr. H. E. Neill; S.D., Anto. Magallanes; J.D., Manl. A. Fejada; I.G., G. Puijo.

It is announced that Her Majesty the Queen and the Princess Beatrice will embark for England on board the Victoria and Albert at Cherbourg on the 21st of April.

As the Prince of Wales will receive the corporation of Portsmouth's address on Board the Serapis, little will be done on shore beyond a ball which is to be given by the Mayor in honour of the occasion. The Freemasons are trying to get a space in the dockyard set apart for them, in which to open a lodge and greet the Prince with Masonic honours.

The anniversary festival of the London Coffee and Eating House Keepers' Benevolent Association will be held at the London Tavern, on the 12th ult. Bro. Alderman Sheriff Knight will preside, supported by an influential list of Stewards.

Bro. John Adams Acton, who is now in Bombay, has been commissioned to execute a bust of the Prince of Wales for the public library of the city of Jullundur.

**GUILDHALL LIBRARY.**—The committee of this library gave its annual dinner on Monday at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, Mr. Reginald Hanson, M.A. (chairman), presiding. In proposing the toast of "The Queen," the chairman remarked that whatever addition her Majesty might make to her title she would still be to Englishman what she had been for nearly forty years, namely, the Queen. The chairman then presented Bro. Symonds, the late chairman of the Library Committee, with a testimonial in recognition of his efforts in furtherance of its prosperity.

At the request of the Glasgow Working Men's Investment and Building Society, Limited, and with the consent and authority of the Provincial Grand Master, Alexander Smollett, Esq., of Bonhill, the Foundation-stone of the first of a series of houses in course of erection by that Society at Clyde Bank, Dalmuir, will be laid with Masonic honours, this day, Saturday, the 8th of April.

It is announced from Florence that Prince Leopold has arrived in that city.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales, (Western Division), will be held at Aberystwith in June. We wish its popular Provincial Grand Master, (Major J. A. Lloyd Philipps), a successful gathering. Further particulars will shortly appear in our advertising columns.

The foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall at Havant, will be laid by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Provincial Grand Master, Hants and Isle of Wight, on Monday next the 10th inst.

Bro. Captain Sir John H. Glover, R.N., G.C. M.G. of the Grand Masters Lodge, No. 1, sailed from Liverpool on Tuesday to assume his duties as Governor Commander-in-Chief of Newfoundland and its dependencies.

Considerable improvements in the postal service between England and France will be introduced on the 1st of May. The French mail, comprising the correspondence from the Liverpool and Manchester district, will be despatched from London at 9.30 p.m., and delivered in Paris the following morning.

The Royal London Militia will assemble for training on the 19th of June.

In reply to numerous enquiries we beg to state that the "Freemason" is published on Friday mornings, and should be obtainable of any newsagent and at all the railway bookstalls on Friday afternoon. The publisher will be glad to be informed where difficulty is experienced in procuring copies.

The Consecration of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1599, took place at Masons Hall, Basinghall-street yesterday. A full report will appear in our next.

It was officially announced at the Admiralty on Saturday last that Captain William Codrington had been appointed private Secretary to Bro. the Right. Hon. Ward Hunt, First Lord of the Admiralty, in the room of Captain M. C. Seymore.

Bro. Chaplin Henry's programme has been accepted for the musical arrangements at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

**THE WESLEY MEMORIAL.**—We are requested to state that the Wesley Memorial in Westminster Abbey is the work of Bro. John Adams-Acton, who is at present in India.

It is stated that the State apartments at Windsor are to remain closed till her Majesty's return from Germany; and as it is feared that this fact may keep visitors away from the Royal borough during the holidays, a meeting is to be held with the view of getting up a requisition to the Lord Chamberlain to consider the matter.

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The following communications stand over:—Consecration of the Hamilton Lodge, No. 1600; "A New Idea in Spelling Bees;" Obituary of Bro. J. Porter. Reports of lodges Faith, 141; Lagos, 1171, South Africa; Harmony, 438, Cawnpore; Chapter Domestic, 177.

## BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Constitution General Statutes and Ordinances of the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry;" "New England Freemason."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

## BIRTH.

ANTRIM.—The Countess of, at St. James's Palace, March 26th, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

KESTEVEN—FLINT.—At Croydon, Mr. William H. Kesteven, M.R.C.S., of Taffnell Park-road, to Beatrice, daughter of Mr. Richard Flint, of Croydon, March 28th.

PEILE—ORRILL.—At St. Stephen's, Haverstock-hill, Mr. Clarence J. Peile, of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law, to Lizzie, daughter of Mr. J. J. Orrill, of Roslyn Park, Hampstead, March 30th.

IRWIN—COX.—At St. Andrew's, Deputy Inspector-General Ahmuty Irwin, R.N., C.B., son of the late Very Rev. Arthur Irwin, Dean of Ardferd, to Annie G., daughter of Colonel J. W. Cox, C.B., commanding the forces in Jamaica, Feb. 26th.

## DEATHS.

WALPOLE, the Hon. Frederick, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk, April 1st.

PORTEIS.—On the 29th ult., Bro. James Porteis, P.G. S.W. Cumberland and Westmorland, after a very short, but severe illness.

VINCENT.—On the 3rd inst., at Morpeth-terrace, Augusta, wife of Sir Francis Vincent, Bart.

GOMPERTZ, Emily Ann, wife of Major E. D., Mysore Commission, at Bangalore, aged 31, March 19th.

BOYCE, Stanley D., son of Mr. Mathias, of Warrington-crescent, Maida Vale, aged 12, March 29th.

ROTHSCHILD, Mr. Sigismund, of Munich, Knight of the Danish Order of Dannebrog, at St. Thomas, West Indies, aged 76, March 14th.

MERCIER, Pauline, M., infant daughter of Mr. Frank, at Canterbury, March 29th.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1876.

## THE RETURN OF OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

The Serapis and her consorts weighed anchor on the morning of the 3rd, and left Alexandria for Malta. The Acting Governor of Gibraltar had received a telegram from Alexandria, announcing that the Prince of Wales would probably be at Gibraltar on the 12th, and stay a week. He would probably reach Malta late on the 5th, or early on the 6th.

## PROFESSION AND PRACTICE.

That it is a "queer world my masters," is a statement as undeniable as it is uncontroversial, and verified by countless experiences of human life, day by day, hour by hour. And in nothing is this more plain than in that wonderful inconsistency of humanity which accompanies every step we take, so to say, from the cradle to the grave. Some have declared that this is the dark side of earthly existence, others have looked upon it as the surest proof of the littleness and frailty of man. For curiously enough, it is, as we all know, the stumbling block of our own little career, be we who we may. Many of us start in life with high aspirations, and goodly impulses: If we are weak and wavering, if we are inconsistent and ignorant, as we all are, we yet believe, as every real man does, that we have a mission to fulfil, something to do, something to achieve. It is often very sad to note how the tendencies of a sybarite luxury or easy self-indulgence, mar a life and palsied emotions, both alike once full of vigour and hope, but now, alas, cold, withered, dead, buried. It is melancholy, most melancholy, at times to reflect how the progress of life has falsified expectations and crushed energies, how it has dulled the keen sense of beauty and perfection, left us with a mutilated "to be" if we may so say, amid countless struggles and hopeless defeats. When, then, we talk of profession and practice, we mean rather the difference between the one and the other which is always before our eyes, in everything of life and the world, of men and of mortality. The preacher and the philosopher, the moralist and the mentor, the man of pompous preludes and wise axioms, the man who has a part to play before the world and plays it, the common-place being, like ourselves, in everything here—all equally afford us the same spectacle of human weakness, and human inconsistency—all alike seem to point to the great broad gulf that lies between profession and practice. And in Freemasonry it is ever the same. We profess to be brethren, and yet how unbrotherly we often are to one another. We proclaim ourselves members of a philanthropic and fraternal association, and yet to hear us talk of one another, one would suppose sometimes we had not learnt the rudiments of any morality whatever. We assert that we are lovers of truth, of fair dealing, and of open-hearted sympathy, and yet how unsincere, how treacherous, how unkind we sometimes make ourselves out to be. It is indeed only another proof, if proof were required, of the grave inconsistency of humanity ever, that even those of us who most avow our love for our good old Order, and know its formulae, and uphold its benefits and reality, can be the most uncharitable of men at times, not even sparing a brother's good fame but even wounding him in the dark with the covert slander, with the cruel inuendo. Alas let us not dwell too long on the bitterness and the "bassesse" of men, for it is a melancholy picture, it is a humiliating subject in all good truth. But as we are on the subject let us keep before us ever that not only "humanum est errare," but that we must ever expect here that mortal man will disport himself in the rays and glitter of his ever self-sufficient pride, forgetful of the fact that "the race is not to the swift nor

the battle to the strong," and that we cannot expect to be consistent while sojourners on earth for a season, even though we are the best of Masons and have taken every degree that can be taken. And knowing this, let us not feel discouraged, because profession is one thing, practice another, because every day tells us that we talk much, we do little, and that though we profess much we perform less. Amiable inconsistency, habitual weakness of us all, let us not be too severe on others, remembering that we all require the greatest of allowances ourselves.

## CARDINAL MANNING ON THE STAGE.

We confess that we deeply regret to have had to read Cardinal Manning's recent onslaught on the stage, alluded to by Mr. Bandmann in a letter to the "*Times*" we published last week, because, in our humble opinion, it is alike unjustifiable in the abstract, and untrue in the concrete. This great dignitary of the Roman Catholic Church, in the fulness of his ecclesiastical fervour, "lumps," as they say, all the theatres together, whether the pleasant Haymarket, or the Penny Gaff, and pronounces all, in unsparing condemnation, to be "one vast scale of corruption" (whatever that may mean), and exhorts his hearers never on any account to set their foot inside them. Thus the principal officer in the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in England declares the stage to have an entire evil influence on the morals and manners of the age in which we live. If Cardinal Manning be correct, the stage, as an institution, is, "ipso facto," corrupt and corrupting, a moral evil, a real upas tree, and saps and destroys the virtue of all classes amongst us. Despite so great an authority, is the statement true? We beg to express our opinion to-day that it is not, and to protest against so sweeping a charge, and so exaggerated an assertion. It is not a fact, per se, that the stage is or needs be corrupt or demoralizing. We look upon the drama, on the contrary, as a great school, alike of past experience and present tastes, temper, and tendencies. And more than this, not only does it represent as in a clear and comprehensive mirror the greatness and the littleness, the strength and the weakness, of human nature, the fashions and follies of the hour, the hopes which elevate, and the feelings which adorn, the words which move us, and the thoughts which burn; but it is also, whenever it is properly directed and wisely controlled, a school of moral maxims. It sets before us the axiomatic teaching often both of duty and decorum, of right and responsibility, of sense and sympathy, of taste and truth. Who can, then, venture to lay down one inquisitorial decree as against the stage? From what immaculate and infallible cathedra can any one dare to assert that all the dramas and comedies, the speaking verse, and the living prose which mark the great and classic productions of the stage at home and abroad, are all offerings to corrupted taste, all dominated by the spirit of ill? When Cardinal Manning makes such a statement does he believe it himself? We certainly do not. We think rather, and we think strongly, that society and civilization owe a good deal to the stage after all, both in England and abroad. For the stage has corrected taste, and vindicated honour, has upheld true sentiment, and ridiculed upstart vulgarity; it has shown us how truth ever ennobles and virtue ever rewards, how falsehood lowers and vice punishes, and it has set before us this most useful of lessons, and of warnings, that human life is really much the same in all generations, and that, "mutatis mutandis," our vices and our virtues are still equally characteristic of the dead ages as of the living present. The stage has no doubt also been always inimical to intolerance, to ignorance, to the parvenu and the profligate, to the tempter, the hypocrite, and the seducer; and the stage has been quite right in stamping a mark of moral opprobrium on all that can betray, can stain, can disgrace, can degrade humanity. But is the stage to be blamed for the excesses of some, for the perversity of others, for a vitiated taste, for individual errors? "Abusus non tollit usum" is as old as the hills, and as true and lasting. No doubt much of stage literature is



objectionable, and many developments of stage manifestations are reprehensible enough. But is, therefore, the stage per se necessarily corrupt and corrupting? We contend not. Is it a moral evil for all classes, to be shunned by the virtuous and the religious? We say again, no. We deeply deplore the fact that a cultivated man like Cardinal Manning can patronize the evil tendency of the time, to "run riot" in respect of correctness of expression, and the abstract importance of truth, can pander to the vicious habit of the day—of extravagance of language and unreliability of assertion. We had expected better things, we confess, of him, and could not suppose that in 1876 he would again practically raise the dead cry of stage corruption, reminding us of old times of intolerance, when poor actors and actresses were refused the rites of Christian burial, and when even Molière had to be buried by stealth, and, with all credit to the King, under Royal pressure. Does Cardinal Manning know anything of the modern drama? of that elevating taste and temperament which colour the greater part of the stage classics of the day? We fancy not, and we would recommend him to read "Masks and Faces," for instance, "Still Waters Run Deep," "King Charles," Tennyson's "Queen Mary;" and for a little lighter reading we would recommend "Woodcock's Little Game," "Ici on Parle Français," "Lend Me Five Shillings," "A Quiet Rubber," "Little Toddlekins," and "The Two Bonnycastles," and we are quite certain, after a diligent perusal of this polite literature, that he will both alter his tone and amend his vocabulary. But, as Mr. Bandmann forcibly observes, such comments come not with a very good grace from Cardinal Manning, après tout. Why, it is not so long ago that Monsignori were measuring dresses, and deciding judiciously and judicially on the propriety or impropriety of the attire of each fair "Ballerina" at Rome. Then it was that Cardinals "in petto," and Bishops in "partibus," had oracularly to declare and oracularly to be satisfied as to whether the gauze dresses of each active Coryphée were too high or too low. No doubt each good prelate said "defendit numerus," and acted like St. Dunstan. We note, then, very sadly this tendency to exaggeration and anathema, in many of the utterances of these high dignitaries of the Roman Church to-day. With them nothing is good, everything is bad, we all are "booked for something uncomfortable," we are all "going to pot." And yet we are inclined to fancy that all these loud words and tall talk are but idle breadth. No more than Freemasonry, can these "deliverances" affect the progress of the stage, and take away our English appreciation of it. If, like the Archbishop of Rheims, with his peccant jackdaw, Cardinal Manning finds it suit his dignity to curse, or any pleasure or profit in the practice, he must curse on. We doubt much the effect to-day of these intemperate ebullitions, those idle outpourings of a barbaric negativism. We have felt it to be our duty, though regretfully, to protest against these last unwise words of an able man, and we are sorry for them, alike in the interest of civilization and artistic excellence, of toleration and liberality of sentiment, and above all of religion. For such licence and violence of language react on the speakers. Such unqualified censure of the stage, being both unfounded and unfair, becomes absolutely worthless, and does more harm than good. We fear that all these outbreaks are only "indiciæ" to the thoughtful of the desire of the Roman Catholic Church to crush out alike liberty of thought and freedom of speech, and, like the Vandal bands of old, to uproot even the mighty buildings which civilization has raised, to place all science and art, intellectual culture and material amusements even under the iron hand of a childish and purient ecclesiastical bigotry. We hear daily these daring claims which would sweep away apparently every vestige of artistic creation, of the "harmless gaiety of nations," of the welcome and amusing converse of the stage, and leave us melancholy and manacled under the depressing and grovelling influence of a baneful and morbid retrogression. Dreadfully "exercised" should we then all be, by the bad taste and the narrow-minded sciolism of a so-called Spiritual power, which has really nothing to do with the matter, and must be taught to mind its own business, and keep

within its own line of demarcation in such matters. We consider, therefore, Cardinal Manning's attack on the stage in the worst possible "form," and alike unfounded and unjustifiable.

#### THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN THE COMMITTEES AND EXECUTIVE OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

We are glad that by a formal vote this important question will be raised at the next Quarterly Court. It is quite time, we think, in justice to the Boys' School and all concerned that this expression of feeling should be given, as we believe there is a very general feeling in the Craft as regards much undeserved censure cast on the Executive, that such a motion is alike reasonable and requisite. We hope that all our brethren who sympathize with such a view of the matter and who are qualified, will make a point of attending on Monday, the 10th.

#### THE PLANS FOR THE ALTERATIONS OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

At the meeting of the General Committee nothing was decided, and the matter remains over practically for the Quarterly Court. Subsequent consideration has made us realize even more forcibly the soundness of the advice we ventured to offer last week to the Order, on all respect and humility. It is quite clear that the greatest caution is required in dealing with the subject, one of great importance, we beg to observe, alike to the Craft and the School. We have an admirable site, and sufficient of space to enlarge and utilize existing accommodation, and it would seem, to be prima facie, very unwise to move elsewhere until we are absolutely compelled to do so. We believe that we are correct in saying that from five to six acres of adjoining land will eventually be offered to the school in the first instance to purchase, if so disposed, and if eventually the land is really required for the railway, then will be the time for sale. In the meantime the land can't run away, and increases in value yearly. If we can educate 200 girls well we shall do a good work, and we are inclined to think that that number will suffice for the present, and that the school of the future is yet the school of the future. We feel it to be our duty to invite our brethren to pause and carefully consider all the "pros and cons" before they commit themselves to a sea of troubles, and the dubious advisability of large building undertakings.

#### A COMMEMORATION MEDAL.

Bro. Kenning has struck a very admirable medal in bronze in commemoration of our Royal Grand Master's installation, April 28th, 1875. It is very effectively designed and artistically executed, and reflects great credit on all concerned in its production. In England our Masonic medals are "few and far between," and we think that Bro. Kenning has done wisely in thus issuing a numismatic memento of an event long to be cherished in the recollection of all English Freemasons. So far the medal has only been struck in bronze, its low price comparatively placing it within the reach of most of us. But we understand that if sufficient support can be obtained either for a silver or gold medallion, Bro. Kenning is willing to issue a higher priced memorial even of so great an event for our Order. We call the attention of our brethren to it. The medal, as we before observed, is a highly finished piece of workmanship, and bears on it that excellent motto to which our Grand Master so happily alluded to at his installation, — Loyalty and Charity. The medal is taken from a photograph by Mr. C. Watkins.

#### OLD CHAPTER MINUTES.

We are glad to announce that Bro. S. B. Ellis's extracts from the minute book of the Chapter of Paradise, Sheffield, are now in the printer's hand for the May number of the "Masonic Magazine;" and as they are very interesting, and will be largely read by students, we recommend all brethren to send their orders for the Magazine for May at once to Bro. George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street, E.C.

#### 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 MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Unfortunately Freemasonry does not generally find favour with the weaker sex, for what reason I confess I am at a loss to understand, seeing that its principles apparently embody everything that is good and noble, and that its watchword is charity, which delights in providing for the widow and children of those to whom they were bound by the ties of brotherhood.

I unhesitatingly affirm that there are not two more noble institutions in the land than their Boys' and Girls' Schools, and as in the decrees of an all-wise Providence no one knows what may be before them in the future, I think it should not only be the aim of every true hearted Mason to extend the blessings of those schools, but that every wife, daughter, and sister of members connected with the Craft should give a helping hand, believing that "Mercy which droppeth as the gentle rain from Heaven is twice blessed. It blesses him that gives, and him that takes."

To do this it has occurred to my mind that if in every large town (one in each county) ladies would interest themselves in a bazaar for that purpose, that it would meet with a hearty response and afford an opportunity for all to do something in such a noble cause, and thereby confer a lasting benefit upon the charities by augmenting their funds to a considerable amount, and enabling the committee to extend their usefulness instead of restricting it as they are now obliged to do.

I must apologise for troubling you, but the suggestion seems to my mind both reasonable and practicable, and has arisen from looking down the list of 59 candidates for the forthcoming election of the Boys' School in which 9 only can be successful, and 12 of the number have only this chance.

I am, Sir, yours truly,

A GRATEFUL MOTHER AND LIFE GOVERNOR.

#### MASONIC HONOURS, &c.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If space permits, will you allow me to ask Bro. Hughan if he will be kind enough to correct me if I am wrong in my supposition in respect to the following. A Provincial Grand Lodge is an epitome of the Grand Lodge, therefore the brethren composing a Provincial Grand Lodge are the officers present and Past of such Grand Lodge and P.M.'s of private lodges as long as they still continue subscribing members to a subordinate lodge in that province, also the W.M.'s and Warden's for the time being of the subordinate lodges. A Provincial Grand Lodge meets at least once a year, when all the members of the subordinate lodges are allowed to assemble under their respective banners, but I believe brethren not qualified as above, that is M.M.'s, have no vote in such an assembly neither are they allowed to address the meeting except by leave from the chair, therefore, I am desirous of ascertaining, by what right, law or constitution a Mason not qualified as above can be appointed to an office in a Provincial Grand Lodge?

I remain, yours fraternally,

T. F.

April 4th, 1876.

#### THE EXTENSION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am glad to see that your powerful pen is in favour of Bro. Colonel Creaton's straightforward and disinterested scheme. Let me state some of the reasons which induced me to support it.

1. The site at St. John's Hill, upon which the present school is erected, is one of the healthiest in the kingdom, having a frontage to Wandsworth Common, and being bounded on one side by the railway, and on the other two sides by green fields.

2. The advantage of having all the children under one roof and one supervision is enormous, while the cost of maintaining two separate schools would be out of all proportion to the benefits supposed to accrue from such a system. As an example, the school for daughters of officers in the army, which has now two distinct establishments, is obliged to give up one in consequence of the duplicated expense.

3. Col. Creaton's scheme will provide what the institution really wants sadly, viz., a good schoolroom where all the children can be congregated together, with plenty of ventilation—the present room is too small for present numbers, and might with advantage be partitioned into class rooms.

Some brethren have expressed surprise that an estate agent should have appeared on the scene with a project to obtain land at some considerable distance from London.

I only wonder that several others in the same profession have not submitted their ideas, it being clearly an estate agent's business to do the best he can for his clients, and of course he is bound to push a sale, if possible.

Yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

#### AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I venture to ask your assistance in making known in your columns the sad case of the late Bro. Robt. Bryant, P. Prov. Grand Officer of Cambs, formerly, a banker

and maltster at Newmarket, who, through no fault of his own, was reduced from a good position to indigence.

Just before his death he, as a patient at Guy's Hospital, underwent a severe operation. His daughter, Ida Mary Bryant, is now since his death left an orphan without either father or mother, and is now an applicant for the Masonic Girls' School, and this being the third, and unfortunately the last application, I shall be very grateful to any brother whose votes are not promised if he will forward them to me, or use his influence in procuring her election.

I am Sir, yours fraternally,

JOHN READ, P.M.M. (No. 22),

P.M., P.Z. (No. 720), 30,

Past Mark Grand Organist, &c., &c.

Indian Office, Westminster, 28th March, 1876.

To the Editor of The Freemason

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you allow me to call the attention of the subscribers to our Boys' School to the case of James Edgar Tanare, a candidate for election on 10th inst. I have known the boy's father in such very different circumstances, when his hand was always open to help any case of distress, and the strain upon the mother's resources is so heavy, having to support both husband and family, and the boy is such a bright intelligent lad, so likely to prove a credit to the school, that I do earnestly hope all brethren who possibly can will give him their votes.

I am, yours fraternally,

W. H. GULLIFORD.

Montefiore, 1079.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last in the board-room, Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Sigismund Rosenthal in the chair. The other brethren who attended were Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; John Symonds, P.A.G.D.C.; William Paas, P.G.D.; H. Browse, P.G.D.; Benj. Head, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. Creaton, P.G.D.; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Richard Spencer, P.G.S.; Herbert Dicketts, P.G.S.; John Boyd, P.G.P.; Jesse Turner, Walter Wellsman, Robert B. Webster, Geo. J. Palmer, W. Peartree, J. Horth Ross, John Constable, Collard Moutrie, J. G. Chancellor, F. H. Ebsworth, Capt. Wordsworth, George Kenning, H. W. Hunt, Leopold Ruf, J. E. Frost, F. Adlard, E. M. Haigh, P.G.S.; H. Massey ("Freemason"), and F. Binckes (Secretary.)

Two boys were placed on the list for election, and the case of one was deferred for better reading. Two outfits were granted to boys who had left the Institution and obtained situations, the reports from their employers being of the most gratifying character. The business paper for the Quarterly Court next Monday was settled, the business being to elect a Treasurer for the ensuing year; to elect 12 brethren on the General Committee; to declare two additional vacancies in the Institution caused by the withdrawal of two boys; to confirm the purchase of Kent House, and to consider the notice of motion by Dr. Ramsay that the four senior members of the House Committee retire every year, but to be re-eligible; and that the four members who have attended fewest times during the year retire, and to be ineligible for twelve months.

The West Yorkshire question with respect to the charges of Bros. Tew and Perrott was then taken into consideration, and a conversation ensued as to the best means of dealing with it at the Quarterly Court.

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., said he had meant to give notice of motion for the next court, if it had not been that Bro. Browse had mentioned before this committee his views on the undesirability of taking any notice in respect of the action of the brethren of West Yorkshire in respect to the Boys' School. He thought there was a great deal of force in what Bro. Browse had said, and he was rather inclined to be guided by the general feeling of the committee on Bro. Browse's observation, that by taking any steps upon the West Yorkshire brethren's proceedings the committee would be playing into those brethren's hands. He wished to place before the brethren what the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire had done—according to his view, irregularly. That Provincial Grand Lodge had passed resolutions appointing a committee of investigation and authorising them to report upon the Boys' School. That committee, appointed in his humble opinion unconstitutionally, and ultra vires, and in express defiance of Lord Zetland's dictum when G.M., had issued a report which the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire had adopted and approved of. Practically, the object of the West Yorkshire brethren was to consider the whole administration of the Boys' School. This question arose out of a pamphlet which had been issued about a year ago addressed to the Vice-Presidents of West Yorkshire, and complaining of gross abuses in the management of the Boys' School. This pamphlet was followed by another in which the writer stated that West Yorkshire would not be satisfied unless the Secretary of the institution was removed, the House Committee had resigned, the matron had been removed, and the head master re-instated. They appointed a committee at a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire at Sheffield to consider the question. That committee met, and the brethren composing it, gave in a report, in which it was stated that the expenses of the Boys' School were out of all proportion; that a great deal more ought to be done with the money which was subscribed; that there was a great waste of funds; and that the whole administration of the establishment required to be looked into. That report had been received, ordered to be put on the minutes, and was accepted unanimously by the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire. The Provincial Grand Lodge passed reso-

lutions to this effect,—That they accepted the report, that they ordered it to be printed, as he said before, for the use of the province, that they ordered a copy to be sent to every Provincial Grand Master in England, and the W.M. of every lodge; and they called upon every life governor of the Province of West Yorkshire to come up to London to support it. They had even asked that their report should be put on the agenda paper of Grand Lodge. He might say as regarded this, that it seemed the most extraordinary proceeding, and one which, in his long apprenticeship to Freemasonry he had never heard the like of before. Previous to the final meeting of this Committee of Investigation at Leeds, one of the members printed a pamphlet, which was called untruthfully "The Report of the Investigation Committee of West Yorkshire." It was really nothing of the sort, for it was only the evidence of one brother before the committee, and some statistics based on another brother's statement. The brother stated in this pamphlet that the reason he had been induced to act as he had was his dissatisfaction with the proceedings which had taken place at the Boys' School since 1863. The circulation of that pamphlet was stopped, and the pamphlet, as far as possible, was suppressed. This was done, and it was very difficult to obtain a copy; but several of the brethren had, nevertheless, seen it. Bro. Binckes had seen it; he (Bro. Woodford) had seen it; and Bro. Wordsworth had seen it. Bro. Wordsworth could confirm what he (Bro. Woodford) said, that the writer in this pamphlet brought forth serious charges against the whole administration of the Boys' School. The question, therefore, now was, could anything be done by the brethren with respect to the action of the Province of West Yorkshire. He had long been connected with West Yorkshire, and he could give the brethren some information as to what the province had done with reference to the Masonic charities. Originally, about nineteen years ago, Bros. Symonds and Hopwood went down to Sheffield when they were beginning a movement to support the metropolitan institutions. They then moved to give 100 guineas to the Boys' School. Next year they moved to give 100 guineas to the Girls' School. That had resulted, as the brethren were aware, in the return of many thousands of pounds from West Yorkshire to the metropolitan institutions. In 1869 he was requested by the Marquis of Ripon to draw up a statement of the comparative cost of the institutions, and having done so he was in a position to bear his testimony to the absurdity of the present movement, the utter unreliability of the statistics, and the fallacy of any brother getting up and starting a theory that a maximum of education should be obtained for a minimum of cost. This was really practically among the recommendations of this committee, that if the brethren would only reduce the expenses of the Boys' School to their minimum they could educate a much larger number of boys for the present expenditure. Could any brother think that a brother putting forward a statement of that kind knew anything about educational establishments, or was a fit judge of the expenditure, when he made such a proposition as this—which he (Bro. Woodford) would leave entirely to the practical knowledge of brethren around the table. Another asserted openly, that living in London was cheaper than it was in the provinces. And another charge was that the Institution did not make contracts with wholesale houses. Now, those were the kind of arguments that had weighed apparently with the brethren of West Yorkshire. The statement was made that the administration of the establishment was radically wrong, and that things were going on which were utterly improper, that Bro. Perrott had been dismissed owing to the improper action of the House Committee, who were led by Bro. Binckes; that he was a victim and a martyr, and that nothing less than his reinstatement would satisfy the justice of the case. Such were the complaints assiduously circulated, which had led to the demand for investigation by West Yorkshire. Now the question came before the brethren, could anything be done to meet this feeling of West Yorkshire, which his brother Wordsworth would bear him out in asserting was very strong indeed just now? Could any thing be done to put an end to it? He would venture to suggest, however, that if the Life Governors of the province had come up that day to move a resolution for a committee of enquiry, they would have been too late, as they had put the cart before the horse, and they ought to have come forward twelve months ago and enquired before making these statements; but after all these statements had been made "ad invidiam," they had no right to come now and invoke the laws of the institution and ask for a committee of enquiry. The question was whether any resolution the brethren might pass at a Quarterly Court would meet the necessities of the case as regarded West Yorkshire. He should himself personally have been unwilling to take an active part in the matter, but as the matter had been placed before the brethren by West Yorkshire, he felt it his duty as the old chairman of their Charity Committee to express his regret at the course they had followed, and he was prepared to take upon himself, as a life governor, the responsibility of moving a resolution at the Quarterly Court to the effect. "That having in view recent imputations cast on the administration of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, this Court deems it to be its duty to express its unabated confidence in the House and Audit Committees and executive." He ventured to think that if they passed that resolution at the Quarterly Court it would attain the end desired. There were a great many brethren of the Province of West Yorkshire who were rather led away by the statements that had been made, and who believed that there was something remaining behind, simply because the statements he had alluded to had been repeated usque ad nauseam. No proof had been offered; statements merely made and reiterated that the things were so. He had spent a great deal of his Masonic life in West York-

shire, and he did not wish to come forward that day and do anything which might raise a spirit of controversy, but, from what he knew of West Yorkshire, he could say there was a great deal of uneasiness among the brethren there in these matters. They hardly knew what to believe, and he thought therefore that if the brethren came forward and passed his resolution at the Quarterly Court declaring their unabated confidence in the management of the Boys' School it would have now the end desired for. They were bound, as brother Masons, in his opinion, to support their House Committee and the executive, believing that they had done their duty. He for one should certainly oppose any committee of enquiry, believing that the proper time was passed and gone. (Bro. Woodford concluded by again reading his notice of motion.)

Bro. John Constable, P.M. 185, said that, maintaining as he did that the charges made in the pamphlets above alluded to were most unjustifiable and unwarrantable, he had great pleasure in seconding the vote of confidence, if it was necessary, and passing at the same time a few remarks on the subject. He trusted that some effort would be made at last to set aside the feelings which existed in West Yorkshire, and that the brethren present would lose no opportunity of reinstating the confidence which should exist, and which had hitherto existed in the House Committee, and also in the Secretary. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Jesse Turner said he could not help thinking that there was such a thing to be observed in this matter as dignity. The House Committee and the auditors could very well afford to stand on their dignity. They had gone into the matter thoroughly, and done all they could to find out the truth. A committee of enquiry was appointed, and they went into the matter, having all the documents before them. That committee, in their report, stated that they did not find that any necessity existed for calling in the assistance of an expert, and that the charges brought forward from time to time by the Province of West Yorkshire had failed. He thought that the brethren, while desiring to do all the good they could, were in reality attaching a great deal of importance to the matter which did not belong to it. The assertions of West Yorkshire as to what they were going to do were mere brutum fulmen. Let it go for what it was worth. He did not think the brethren of West Yorkshire would take it unkindly if he said that we should not suffer very much from what they said as to getting rid of Bro. Binckes and the matron. Therefore, let that go for what it was worth. He knew what the brethren would do: they would support Bro. Binckes and the committee; but he thought they had done so much in this matter that they would go on meddling and muddling, and making a small fire into a great one at the end. The best course was to let the matter cure itself. There were some fires which burnt themselves out; but in this case it appeared to him that they were fanning the flame.

Bro. John Constable asked whether a vote of confidence would not meet the matter.

Bro. John Symonds, P.A.G.D.C., said he apprehended that at a Quarterly Court it would be perfectly competent to any subscriber to move for a committee of enquiry without previously giving notice. Whether that would be an expedient course or not he would offer no opinion. It was, however, the rule in all charities, and there was nothing in the laws of the Masonic Institutions to prevent it. Now, they must be prepared to deal with such a motion if it was brought forward. However, he was not going to express an opinion as to how that matter should be dealt with, or whether a committee should be granted or not. They did not know that any such motion would be made; he only said it would be competent to any subscriber to make it. He would pass to another matter. He found in the report which had been sent out by certain brethren who were constituted a Committee of Investigation, a letter addressed to Bro. Binckes, and signed by brethren who were described as Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and members of the Committee of Investigation appointed by the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire. He had always said, whenever he had heard of the appointment of a Committee of Investigation on the part of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, that we could not recognize such a committee—that if we were to do so it would be quite competent for the Province of Kent at another time, or the Province of Devon at another, and so on for the whole forty provinces throughout England, to be continually appointing committees of investigation; but he likewise said that if any brother of West Yorkshire was placed on such a committee, although that committee were not recognised, and was a subscriber to the institution, he would be entitled, as a subscriber, to have an answer to any enquiry he might make. In the present case he found there were nine brethren from West Yorkshire who signed themselves Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and members of the Committee of Investigation appointed by the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire. Their tacking on those words "members of the Committee of Investigation, &c.," should not have prevented Bro. Binckes from replying to them as Life Governors.

Bro. Binckes explained that the letter was sent to him, and accompanying it was a letter from the Secretary to the committee, that he should esteem it a favour if Bro. Binckes would address his communication to his (the Secretary's) office. Consequently he considered that that was nothing more or less than an official communication, and, acting under a resolution of the General Committee, he was precluded from answering it in any way. They did not apply as Life Governors, but through their official Secretary, who was a paid officer, and not a subscriber to the School at all.

Bro. Symonds contended that though Bro. Binckes might have been right in ignoring Bro. Quarterman, the Secretary, he was not right in ignoring the signatories who were subscribers. Bro. Quarterman was not entitled to have the information, but the Life Governors were.



Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., thought that all Bro. Symonds' remarks were entirely beside the question which was before the committee as to the propriety of meeting the West Yorkshire brethren's action by notice of motion or not. His feeling was that it was a proper thing to meet it by notice of motion, because it would show the West Yorkshire brethren that what was being done was not a hole-and-corner affair, and it would give them an opportunity of rallying their forces to come up and settle it. He was sure if it was decided that they had no confidence in the House Committee, that committee would be ready to retire.

Bro. Symonds admitted that he was not dealing with Bro. Woodford's notice of motion, and repeated his former opinion that it would have been better for Bro. Binckes to reply to the Life Governors' enquiries by a courteous letter.

Bro. Raynham Stewart replied that if the Life Governors had applied individually they would have received the information required; but here was a brother making enquiries who had no interest whatever in the Institution.

Bro. Binckes said on the 1st of January, 1876, a resolution was passed by the General Committee that the letter could not be entertained, and that resolution was arrived at after considerable discussion, the views obtained being simply these, that if you in any shape or way recognised the right of the Province of West Yorkshire to appoint a Committee of Investigation, you would give encouragement to other provinces to do the same. On the 8th of January he received the letter signed by the nine brethren referred to in their double capacity. The official communication to him was the Secretary's letter. This Bro. Quarterman was formally appointed the Secretary of the Committee of Investigation, with a remuneration for his services. He (Bro. Binckes) was not dealing with the Life Governors. Bro. Quarterman was their Secretary, and no life governor at all. Bro. Binckes' reply was, were you as an individual a contributor to our funds I should feel myself bound in courtesy to reply to your enquiries. Any individual brother subscribing to the School had a right to information and would have it. But, carrying out the resolution of the General Committee not to recognise the Committee of Investigation at all, he could not see that he was in any way open to censure as having been uncourteous. He did not regret his conduct; he was prepared to justify it there and elsewhere. He could not see how so experienced a Mason as Bro. Symonds could think he had been uncourteous. He might add that the affair had been a personal attack on himself; that he had been hard hit; and whenever hard hit he should try to hit hard in return.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

ISRAELITISM AND FREEMASONRY.

The following letter appeared in the "Nation's Glory Leader" of March 29th:—

Sir,—Noticing the letter of your correspondent, R. W. D. Nickle, in a recent number of your "Glory Leader," in which he makes some reference to Freemasonry, illustrative of the belief that the sacred Ark of the Covenant was still in existence, permit me, as one well versed in the symbols and teaching of Masonry, a remark or two thereon. Some months ago, when taking part in a discussion in our local newspaper, "The Man of Kent," on the Identity question, I had occasion to point out that the existence of Freemasonry flourishing in our midst was a most strong proof of our Israelitish origin, teeming as it does with allusions without end to ancient Hebrew history, and to a search in the west "for that which is lost." I pointed out in the communication referred to, on the installation of the Prince of Wales to the seat of the Grand Master of England, that he was virtually, in the eyes of all Masons, then installed into the throne of King Solomon. It would not be proper for me, in the columns of a magazine, to shew the constantly recurring references to the past history of the Israelitish people, as one might in the body of a properly constituted lodge or encampment; references and allusions constantly made, but even to Masons not understood. I should be glad of opportunities to point out to my brother Masons, in a proper place and time, the remarkable teaching of our symbolism and ceremonies. The mystical character on the keystone J, which your correspondent, R. W. D. Nickle, calls the names or initials of Hiram Abiff, and which is so generally received as such, has, in fact, a deeper meaning, being the abbreviation for the word "Thesaurus," a hidden treasure or secret hiding-place.

I don't see that there is any allusion whatever, as suggested by your correspondence, to "nine" only of the tribes of Israel, the fact being just to the contrary, that every Royal Arch Chapter is emblazoned and decorated with the banners of the twelve tribes of Israel. I might go even farther, but I have said enough to prove that Masonry is intimately identified with our Israelitish origin, and is the only institution that I am aware of that has kept up in our midst the traditions of our noble ancestry, and the Identity question is one most appropriate for inquiry and discussion amongst Masons, and is peculiarly a search for that which is lost, viz., "The Lost Tribes of the whole house of Israel." I would that my brother Masons and companions of the Royal Arch could rightly understand and see the teaching of their beautiful ritual, tracing boards, and lectures, now so seldom or so carelessly used, and there would be found, although veiled in allegory and symbols, yet in a wonderful way, the truth of our Israelitish origin, preserved so marvellously, and now so remarkably spreading amongst all classes of the Anglo-Saxon race.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
"A ROYAL ARCH" MASON AND A "ROSIKRUCIAN."

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PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., under the auspices of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19.

The lodge was opened at five o'clock, and the attendance of the brethren was both numerous and influential, most of the past and present officers being present.

The Mark Lodges of the province were fully represented, and the reports submitted evidenced a gratifying measure of success and prosperity during the past year, a result which can only be attributed to the untiring zeal and assiduity of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master during a period of nearly twenty years.

The following brethren were appointed Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—The V. W. Rev. William Langley, D.P.G.M.M.; George Toller, jun., P.G.S.W.; Clement Stretton, (Past Grand Steward), P.G.J.W.; Wm. Barfoot (Mayor of Leicester), P.G.M.O.; R. Boughton, Smith, P.G.S.O.; Dr. Clifton, P.G.J.O.; Robert Waite, P.G. Treas.; J. M. McAllister, P.G. Sec.; C. Sansome Preston, P.G.R.M.; Wm. T. Rowlett, P.G.S.D.; H. T. Bobart, P.G.J.D.; F. Amatt, P.G.D.C.; J. T. Thorp, P.G.A.D.C.; H. James, P.G. Ins. of Wks.; M. H. Bobart, P.G.S.B.; Dr. Hunt, P.G. Standard Bearer; T. A. Wykes, P.G. Org.; R. Taylor, P.G.I.G.; and E. Mason, Dr. Meadows, and Wm. Vial, Provincial Grand Stewards.

On the business of the Fowke Lodge being resumed Bro. Toller installed his successor in office, Bro. Stretton, Past Grand Steward, who may be aptly and briefly described as a Freemason whose hand, liberal unto its means hath relieved the wants of others, and whose Masonic career (including the chair of each degree worked in Leicester) has been distinguished by a faithful adherence to the three grand principles of our Order—"Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth."

In the name of the lodge the W.M. presented to Bro. Toller a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, as a token of fraternal consideration for his constant attention and personal kindness to the brethren, and to mark the high sense of gratitude they entertain for his dignified and zealous discharge of the duties of Master during the past year.

Bro. Toller feelingly thanked the brethren for such an unexpected proof of their esteem and regard.

The W.M., Bro. Stretton, ably presided at the banquet which followed, and was supported by the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Wm. Kelly, F.R.H.S.; V.W. Rev. W. Langley, D.P.G.M.M.; Wm. Barfoot, Mayor, P.G.M.O.; S. S. Partridge, P.P.G.S.W.; A. H. Burgess, R. B. Smith, R. S. Toller, Dr. Hunt, W. Sculthorpe, S.W.; R. A. Barber, J.W.; R. Taylor, J. T. Thorp, and others.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the meeting throughout afforded the greatest satisfaction.

MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

We received the following from Ireland, which was in type last week, but was crowded out:—

The annual meeting and distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin, will take place in the Exhibition Palace, Earlsfort Terrace, on Friday, April 28th. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., M.W.G.M., will preside on the occasion.

The doors of the building will be opened at half-past seven o'clock, from which time until the commencement of the proceedings, and also after the distribution of the prizes, a selection of music will be performed by military bands.

At a quarter-past eight o'clock the Grand Officers, the Provincial Grand Officers, the representatives from foreign Grand Lodges, Past Grand Officers, the Master Wardens, and Secretaries of the Dublin lodges, and those brethren expected to occupy places on the platform, will assemble in the Small Concert Room to receive the M.W. the Grand Master; and a procession having been formed, it will move to the Grand Concert Hall. The pupils of the School, together with the pupils of the Masonic Orphan Boys' School, will then enter the room, and on reaching the platform, will file off and occupy the seats provided for them. The Grand Master having been saluted according to ancient usage, the Hundredth Psalm will be sung, and the meeting will be addressed by members of the Order; after which the procession will be re-formed and proceed to the dais in the glass building, where the several prizes and certificates awarded to the pupils at the annual examinations will be presented to them by Lady Georgina Hamilton.

During the evening some of the pupils of the schools will play a selection of pianoforte music.

The brethren are expected to appear in full Masonic costume, ladies in evening dress.

Each governor of the School is entitled to one free ticket, not transferable, and seven visitors' tickets, at two shillings each, provided same be applied for at Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street, on the 11th, 12th, or 13th of April, between the hours of two and five o'clock, p.m. All tickets unclaimed on those days will be issued between the hours of two and five o'clock, on the 25th and 26th of April.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—In angry or indolent sores, and all skin diseases, originating in impure or weak blood, or depraved secretions, the joint agency of Holloway's Pills and Ointment is perfectly irresistible. It is of little consequence how long these disorders may have lasted, or how sluggish, obstinate, or malignant they may seem; the daily application of the Ointment to the parts afflicted, and a course of these matchless Pills will most certainly effect a cure; not temporary or superficial, but complete and permanent. Both the Ointment and Pills are composed of rare balsams, unmingled with mercury or any other deleterious substances. They are, accordingly, as mild and safe as they are powerful and efficacious.—ADVT.

MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, whose consecration, recorded in October, 1874, was chiefly for the purpose of satisfying the wants of brethren of the Jewish faith, appears to be making a most extraordinary progress in the province of which Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., is the Provincial Grand Master. Not only has it increased largely in numbers, but it is well known for the excellent working powers of the officers. Some short time ago they established a Benevolent Fund in connection with the lodge for the assistance of widows and orphans of their members, and also for aid of the brethren in the hour of their affliction. One of the principal laws of this institution is that should any brother, widows, or orphans desire relief, the name of the recipient should be kept secret from the lodge, confining it to the executive of the fund. This is done for the purpose of hiding from the vulgar gaze the downfall of respectability, so that with the assistance of this fund they may endeavour to retrieve their worldly position without having recourse to open Masonic charity. This, in itself is a very laudable object, and one that should have the heartiest support of all charitably disposed Masons, and we know that that number is very great in Liverpool. To increase this fund, as well as to give the members' wives and daughters a delightful Masonic re-union, the lodge held a ball on Wednesday evening, March 15th, at the Washington Hotel, Liverpool. Foremost amongst those present were Bros. A. J. Henochsberg, W.M.; Ralph Robinson, I.P.M. 241, I.P.M. 1502, Treasurer of the Ball Committee; Maurice Hart, S.W.; Alex. Jones, J.W.; B. Levy, Sec.; Schonstadt, S.D.; B. Woolf, J.D.; P. A. Crozier, I.G.; J. Wolf, S.S.; J. S. Wareing, J.S.; Rev. J. Prag, Chap., and a number of private members of the lodge. There were likewise present Bros. A. Hoffnung, P.M.; Richard Brown, W.M. 241, Hon. Sec. West Lancashire Educational Institution; Parrington, 1356; Alvarez, 673, and a number of brethren of other lodges. There was also a goodly sprinkling of non-Masons present. Amongst them were L. S. Cohen, Esq., Zaquary, Esq., E. Davidson, Esq., and others. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock to the strains of Blamphin's band, and the ladies entered into the "light fantastic" with all the zest of sprightliness which Jewish ladies are so noted for. The large room of the hotel is especially adapted for dancing, the floor being laid with diaper, preventing the amount of dust from ascending, which is usually the annoyance of uncovered floors. The gay dresses of the ladies and the Masonic clothing of the brethren (of which the Craft and Royal Arch were the principal) together produced a very pleasing effect. An excellent supper was provided by Miss Lathom, the manageress of the hotel, to which we expect the visitors did ample justice. The whole of the arrangements were under the direction of the committee, of which the officers of the lodge were members, together with Bros. Lyons, Goldberg, S. Jacobs, Prenslan, and Aronsberg. Bro. H. M. Silver deserves an especial word of praise for the indefatigable manner in which he acted as Hon. Secretary. A band of Stewards, under the direction of their captain, Bro. Maurice Hart, S.W., added greatly to the comfort of the guests of the evening. Bros. Alex. Jones, J.W., and S. S. J. Henochsberg were efficient M.C.'s., and, acting with great spirit, did much to enhance the popularity of the ball. Financially speaking, the ball was as great a success as it was enjoyable, a handsome balance of £15 having been handed over to the Treasurer of the Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund.

We are asked to state that Her Majesty the Queen has graciously sent an annual subscription of one hundred guineas to the Seamen's Hospital, late Dreadnought, Greenwich. The Mercer's Company have given a donation of fifty guineas, and Mr. Henry Green, of Blackwall and Brighton, has expressed his desire to help the good cause by assisting the committee to raise the £5,000 for which they have just appealed through the Lord Mayor, and has offered to contribute £100 provided nine others will give the same.

MEIROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.  
For the Week ending Friday, April 14, 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, APRIL 8.

- Quarterly Gen. Court, Girls' School, at 12.
- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle. Leadenhall-st.
- " 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
- " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
- " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
- " 1423, Era, King's Arms Hot., Hampton-court.
- " 1446, Mount Edgcumbe, Swan Tav., Battersea.

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, APRIL 10.

- Quarterly Gen. Court Boys' School, at 12.—See advt.
- Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
- " 90, St. John's Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 136, Good Report, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
- " 193, Confideree, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 222, St. Andrew's, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
- " 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
- " 1506, White Horse of Kent, 33, Golden-sq.

Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 ,, 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.  
 Red Cross Con., 2, Plantagenet, Regent M.H., W.  
**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, APRIL 11.**  
 Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 ,, 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 ,, 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 ,, 228, United Strength, St. John's Gate.  
 ,, 235, Nine Muses, Longs Hot., Bond-st., W.  
 ,, 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
 ,, 854, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.  
 ,, 917, Cosmopolitan, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.  
 ,, 1538, St. Martins-le-Grand, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road  
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
 Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
 Prosperity, 1, Camomile-st., Bishopsgate.  
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
 Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
 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, APRIL 12.**  
 Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.  
 Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.  
 ,, 11, Enoch, F.M.H.  
 ,, 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwh.  
 ,, 15, Kent, F.M.H.  
 ,, 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.  
 ,, 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 ,, 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 ,, 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Limehouse.  
 ,, 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.  
 ,, 1017, Montefiore, F.M.H.  
 ,, 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.  
 ,, 1305, St. Marylebone, British Stores, New-st., N.W.  
 ,, 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tav., Wapping.  
 ,, 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Ho., Twickenham.  
 Rose Croix Chapter, Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq.  
**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
 Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
 Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
 New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
 Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
 Confidence, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
 Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
 United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
 Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's.  
 Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 13.**  
 Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Terminus Hot. Cannon-st.  
 ,, 23, Globe, F.M.H.  
 ,, 91, Regularity, F.M.H.  
 ,, 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 ,, 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 ,, 534, Polish National, F.M.H.  
 ,, 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 ,, 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 ,, 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.  
 ,, 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Dock.  
 ,, 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qtrs. 1st Surrey Rifles.  
 ,, 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.  
 ,, 1588, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.  
 Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.  
 ,, 140, St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
 Preceptory 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple, London.  
**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, APRIL 14.**  
 (Being Good-Friday, it is probable the meetings will not be held.)  
 Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 ,, 1520, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hot., New Wndswth.  
 Chap. 33, Britannic, F.M. Tav.  
 Rose Croix Chap., Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq.  
**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
 Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal-hill, Greenwich.  
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Belgrave, Lyceum Tav., 354, Strand.  
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.

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

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

For the Week ending Saturday April 15, 1876.  
**MONDAY, APRIL 10.**  
 Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.  
 ,, 1021, Hartington, H.M., C.H.B., B.-in-Furness.  
 ,, 1350, Femor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.  
 ,, 1391, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
 ,, 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.  
 Mark Lodge, 165, Bedford H., Bedford-rd., Rock Ferry.  
 Red Cross Con. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 11.**  
 Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hot., Wigan.  
 ,, 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.  
 ,, 1230, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.  
 ,, 1325, Stanley, M.H., Kirkdale.  
 ,, 1384, Equity, Commercial Hot., Widnes.  
 Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Argyle-st., Birkenhead.  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12.**  
 Lodge 281, Fortitude, the Athenæum, Lancaster.  
 ,, 1052, Callender, P.H., Rusholme.  
 ,, 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.  
 ,, 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
 ,, 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 80, N. Hill-st.  
 ,, 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.  
 ,, 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 86, Lebanon, M.H., Prescott.  
 ,, 673, St. John's M.H., Liverpool.  
 ,, 1345, Victoria Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 13.**  
 Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
 ,, 333, Royal Preston, Vic., Garrison Hot., Fulwood.  
 ,, 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.  
 ,, 786, Crosth, United Service, M.H., Liverpool.  
 ,, 1035, Prince of Wales, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
 ,, 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.  
 ,, 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
 Marine's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 14.**  
 Lodge 1550, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.

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

For the Week ending Saturday, April 15, 1876.  
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.  
**MONDAY, APRIL 10.**  
 Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
 ,, 204, St. Paul, George Inn, Ayr.  
 ,, 205, Gartland St. Winnoch, Eagle, Lochwinnoch.  
 ,, 219, Star, 12, Trongate, Glasgow.  
 ,, 307, Union and Crown, M.H., Barrhead.  
 ,, 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.  
 ,, 384, Athole, Kirkinilloch, Washington Hot.  
 ,, 403, St. George, Oddfellows' Hall, Helensburgh.  
 ,, 541, Marie Stuart, M.H., Crosshill.  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 11.**  
 Lodge 177, St. James, Old Monkland, M.H., Coatbridge.  
 ,, 230, St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hot., New Cumnock.  
 ,, 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
 ,, 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st., Kingston.  
 ,, 426, Prince of Wales, M.H., Renfrew.  
 ,, 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-st., Calton, Glasgow.  
 ,, 543, St. John, M.H., Dalmuir.  
 Chap. 69, St. Andrew's, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12.**  
 Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
 ,, 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
 Chap. 113, Partick, M.H., Partick.  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 13.**  
 Lodge 88, New Monkland, T.H., Airdrie.  
 ,, 109, St. Marnock, T.H., Kilmarnock.  
 ,, 179, St. Mungo, London Hot., Mauchline.  
 ,, 203, St. John's, Olive H., Airdrie.  
 ,, 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart H., Dalry.  
 ,, 570, Kenmuir, M.H., Springburn.  
 Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 14.**  
 Lodge 18, Dumbarton, Mission Hall, Dumbarton.  
 ,, 170, St. John, Black Bull Inn, Renton.  
 ,, 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hot., Kilbirnie.  
 ,, 427, St. Clair, M.H., Garngad-rd., Glasgow.  
 Chap. 144, St. Rollox, M.H., Garngad-rd., Glasgow.  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 15.**  
 Lodge 524, St. Andrew, M.H., Kilbride.  
 ,, 544, St. Andrew, M.H., Coatbridge.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.**

For the Week ending Saturday, April 15, 1876.  
**MONDAY, APRIL 10.**  
 Lodge 145, St. Stephen, Writers' Court, Edinburgh.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11.**  
 Lodge 1, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo-place.  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12.**  
 Lodge 2, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel.  
 Chap. 1, Edinburgh, F.M.H., George-st.  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 13.**  
 Lodge 8, Journeyman, M.H., High-st.  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 14.**  
 Lodge 83, St. Andrew, F.M.H., George-st.

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Widow of the late William Blackburn, formerly of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, in which he was initiated in 1844; joined the Lodge of Confidence, No. 193, in 1848, and served the office of Master in 1850; joined the Globe Lodge, No. 23, in 1848, and served the office of Master in 1851; joined the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742, in 1858, and acted as Secretary thereof for eight years; joined the Dobbie Lodge Surrey, No. 889, in 1863, and was appointed Provincial Grand S.B. for Surrey in 1866. He was exalted in the Robert Burns Chapter, No. 25, in 1846, was elected Treasurer of the said chapter, and served the office of First Principal in 1854; joined the Prudence Chapter, No. 12, in 1858, and served the office of Scribe E. from that time to 1873; and joined the Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 435, in 1863, of which he was Scribe E., and retained that office till he was elected an Annuitant and Inmate of the Royal Masonic Institution in 1873. Your Petitioner is allowed to remain in the apartments occupied by her late husband for a brief period according to the laws, her only means of support being the half of the annuity formerly enjoyed by him.

The case is strongly recommended by  
 Pro. G. F. Newmarch, Dep. G.M. for Gloucestershire, and V.P. of the Institution, Cirencester.  
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 By whom Proxies will be thankfully received, also by the applicant, Eliza Blackburn, 7, Royal Masonic Institution, East Croydon, 1