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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.
 Craft Masonry.

ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE (No. 1541).

—A meeting of this new and flourishing lodge was held on Saturday in the handsome suite of private rooms of the Palace from which the lodge takes its name. The first W.M., Bro. J. C. Parkinson, J.P., P.G.D., and Dcp. Grand Master of Middlesex, was unfortunately not able to be present, and the chair was taken by Bro. Kelly King, P.M., and Past Grand Steward, who is the S.W. of the lodge, officiated as S.W.; Bro. Palmer, P.M.; the J.W. occupied the chair in the South, and in the course of the heavy work of the day, Bro. Haigh, P.M. and Past Grand Steward; Bro. J. R. Stacey, the Secretary of the lodge, and Bro. John Rowlands, Bro. Daniel and other brethren, worked duties appertaining to the I.P.M., Deacons, and assistant Past Masters, Bro. Daniels being I.G. On the lodge being opened a letter was read from the W.M., expressing his regret at his inability to attend on the installation day, owing to that important event falling upon the occasion when the Needle Makers' Company, of which he is the Master, holds its annual meeting. The ballot was taken for a joining member in the person of Bro. C. B. Jones, P.M. of 583, and he was unanimously elected, and two gentlemen, Mr. Robert Blackman and Mr. G. A. Daniel, were also elected by ballot as candidates. Bro. Kelly King then initiated the candidates in due form, and with great care on the part of all who assisted in the work. In order to give the acting W.M. the opportunity of making arrangements for the comfort of the brethren at a later period Bro. Stacey took the chair, and passed Bros. Harris, Calvert, Gush, and Delvalle to the Second Degree, the ritual being rendered with the excellent effect for which our brother is celebrated. Bro. Kelly King again took the chair, and the lodge being raised, Bros. Arnold and Todd, who had previously shown their proficiency in the former degrees, were made Masters. The ceremony was excellently worked by Bro. Kelly King, and the brethren were all highly pleased with the pains taken, and effective manner in which the beautiful language was delivered. The ability and experience of the officers, too, added greatly to the effect. The lodge was then closed, and the preparation for the dinner gave the brethren an hour's breathing time about the palace and grounds. An excellent repast was spread before the brethren, well served by the caterers of the Palace, Bros. Bertram & Roberts, to which all did ample justice. The W.M., in giving the loyal toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said, amid the plaudits of the brethren that the title "Queen of England" was the highest in the world, and by that title the Sovereign of these realms was endeared to the hearts of her subjects. In proposing the toast of "The M.W., the Grand Master," after the other had been honoured, the W.M. said His Royal Highness, when he returned from his Eastern tour would be received with enthusiasm by all classes, but by none with more fervour than by his brother Masons. There was no more loyal body in the world than the Freemasons, and it was expected that an opportunity would be given to the Craft in England to give their Grand Master a special welcome back. It had been suggested that the welcome should be given in the Alexandra Palace, and the Alexandra Palace Lodge would be ready to do a special duty on that occasion, should it arise. (Cheers.) The toast was warmly honoured, as were the toasts of the Pro. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Past and Present. Bro. Rooke, P.M., and P.G.S., who was asked to respond for Grand Lodge, said he feared that the W.M. was colour blind, for scarlet was not purple; but though of no higher rank than a Past Grand Steward he would say that the officers of Grand Lodge and all who had had the honour of holding office in Grand Lodge were always gratified by the manner in which this toast was received. Bro. P.M. Haigh, P.G.S., then proposed the toast of "The W.M. of the day," and expressed his pleasure that the acting W.M. had shown himself so ready to discharge the duties of the chair in the absence of the Master. The toast having been honoured, the W.M., in response, said it had afforded him real gratification to see the progress the lodge had made, though at the same time he deeply regretted that Bro. Parkinson had been unable to be amongst them. He thanked the brethren for the assistance they had given him on all occasions when acting as the deputy of the Master, and assured them that no efforts would be wanting on his part to place

the lodge in the high position it was entitled to occupy. After some harmony, the W.M. proposed "The Initiates," of whose attention to the ceremony he spoke very highly, and expressed the hope that they would become worthy members of the brotherhood. Bros. Blackman and Daniel made suitable response, thanking the brethren for the honour conferred by their election into the lodge, and promising to steadily persevere in the ranks into which they had been that day admitted. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," saying that the lodge, though a young one, was old in hospitality and gave every welcome to visiting brethren. Amongst those present were Bros. While, P.M. 228 ("Freemason"); Fletcher, 412; Lambert, 1138; and Skinner. Bro. While, in response, said he was no stranger; for he was, as it were, at the conception of the lodge; he was present at its happy delivery into life, and he was glad to be present on that occasion to mark the vigour of its youth. A successful future might from the first have been augured for the lodge, for it had, as one of its active members, in Bro. Stacey, a High Priest of the Craft, one, too, who unselfishly devoted himself so to teaching in lodges of instruction that his pupils went forth conquering and to conquer positions in old and young lodges wherever the English tongue was spoken. One of the initiated brethren of the lodge, Bro. W. Senior, was on his way to Tasmania to take a high official position with which he had been tempted, and so imbued had he been with the true spirit of Freemasonry that there was little doubt that when he returned to visit his mother lodge he would hold a high position among the brethren in that distant province, and give additional pride to this lodge. It was a matter of congratulation to the lodge that it had so many Past Masters in its working ranks to give the lodge the benefit of their experience and knowledge, and when brethren who had achieved all the honours of the Craft were thus seen coming forward to work in all the offices it betokened that the lodge had all the elements of a successful future. Bros. Lambert, Fletcher, and Skinner also replied, and the W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Officers," and said that one and all had shewn themselves ready to sacrifice any time and money to advance the interests of the lodge—some, indeed, like Bro. Haigh, Dyte, and Stacey, being ready to fill every class of office. Bro. Palmer, in response, said that he had stuck to his office of J.W., and had a bed of roses, while his Bros. Dyte, Stacey, and Haigh had the most arduous duties thrown upon them. Bro. Dyte said his work was dictated by selfish feelings, for having associated himself with those who were determined to make the lodge a success, his endeavours were directed to the end of achieving for it the position it was justified in looking forward to hold. Bro. Stacey also replied, and then, warning having been given that the next train was in readiness, the Tyler's toast was given and the party broke up. The journey south was then commenced, and the faulty railway arrangements were seen to be as rampant as ever. The Great Northern turned out at King's Cross the passengers who had booked from the south, and at the Metropolitan Railway no train for these tickets was vouchsafed without an hour's waiting, unless the passengers re-booked. Thus these railways demand double booking and double fares by a trick for travelling on the same railway to the same stations. If punishment and shame fall to those who rob railway companies of fares, what ought to be the lot of railway companies who seem to lay traps to catch unwary travellers into paying twice? These companies ought certainly to learn to "act on the square," for acts like these not only injure the Palace, but will tend to raise sympathy for those who overlook the duty of paying fares once.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (No. 249).—What may be called the annual festival of this Lodge of Instruction, which has greatly prospered during the past year under the talented Preceptorship of Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, Prov. G. Reg., was celebrated on Thursday evening, the 27th April, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there was a goodly gathering of members and friends. Bro. Dr. Smith, Preceptor, occupied the chair of W.M., and the other offices were filled by Bro. A. Jones, S.W. (J.W. 1502); J. C. Robinson, J.W.; W. Corbett, Sec.; J. Whalley, S.D.; J. R. Cave, J.D.; and C. Leighton, I.G. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Hayes, I.P.M. 249; J. J. Rose, P.M. 249; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., P.P.G.D.C.; H. Price, W.M. 249; J. Lloyd, S.W. 249; H. P. Price, J. N. Pendleton, S. 249; W. H. Vernon, F. Mollett, J. M. Ellison, W. P. Jennings, S. 249; W. G. Veale, F. Cooper, J. B. Mackenzie, J. Whittle, M. Goldstone, R. Jones, W. Mooney, W. Smith, R. Collings, Hon. Sec. 249; and J. Quinn. An excellent dinner was served by Bro. Ball, and after ample justice had been done to the "creature comforts" the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given with great point by the Preceptor, Dr. Smith. "The Health of the Preceptor of the Mariners' Lodge of Instruction" was given by Bro. J. Hayes, I.P.M. 249, who referred to the excellent services which he had rendered in connection with his office. Bro. Dr. Smith, in acknowledging the toast, said it had given him the greatest pleasure during the last three years to preside over that Lodge of Instruction. He had had an able coadjutor in Bro. Hayes, who had given great assistance in the working of the lodge. "The Officers of Instruction" was responded to by Bro. A. Jones, and "The Visitors" by Bros. Quinn and Wylie. Various other toasts were given, and the pleasure of the social gathering was greatly promoted by excellent songs given by Bros. Veale, Wylie, Quinn, Price, Dr. Smith, Skeaf, McKune, &c. The Third Degree will be given by Bro. A. Jones, at the meeting next Thursday, and the present season will close with the installation ceremony, worked by Bro. Hayes a fortnight after.

LIVERPOOL.—Downshire Lodge (No. 594).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall,

Hope-street, Liverpool. The W.M., Bro. T. Dilcock, presided, and amongst his staff of officers and "full privates" present were Bros. H. Hunt, P.M.; R. P. France, S.W.; J. Le Comber, J.W.; R. Ing, P.M., Treas.; J. L. Haughton, Sec.; T. Boswell, J.D.; J. W. Whitfield, I.G. A. Pederson, S.; W. G. Veale, Org.; P. M. Larsen, P.M., Tyler; Wheatham, D. Quayle, F. Duncanson, J. A. Burch, W. H. Booth, H. Collas, T. G. Leather, W. H. Veevers, I. de Frece, Treas. 1502; C. D. Blackburn, A. R. Watt, J. B. MacKenzie, C. Strickland, L. Goodman, S. Prince, J. Long, R. Maddox. The visitors included Bros. H. Williams, P.M. 241; R. Mills, 401; D. Meek, 203; J. McQuitan, 241; and R. Donnelly, 203. After the minutes had been read and confirmed the W.M. initiated two candidates in a highly effective manner into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. The ancient charge was well given by the S.W., and the working tools by the J.W. The lodge was subsequently closed in peace and harmony.

COLCHESTER.—United Lodge (No. 697).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Friday the 21st ult., at the George Hotel. The W.M., Bro. A. R. Clench, having been unanimously re-elected to the office of W.M., the ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. the Rev. J. C. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain of England, and P.M. of Sudbury Lodge. Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from a large number of brethren of the province, including the R.W.P. Grand Master, Bro. R. J. Bagshaw, the R.W. Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Clarke, Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' Masonic Institution, &c. At the close of the installation ceremony the W.M. appointed and installed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. the Rev. E. H. Crate, I.P.M.; T. W. Taylor, S.W.; W. H. Bateman, J.W.; the Rev. T. G. Brettingham, Chaplain; E. Brailey, Treas.; T. Rix, Sec.; George Harvey, S.D.; C. E. Denton, J.D.; C. Winterbon, Org.; J. H. Boulton, D.C.; R. Emson, I.G.; H. Everitt and A. Adams, Stewards; C. Gunner, Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. R. B. Barton, D.C.L., P.P.G.M. of Western India; J. W. Carr, P.G.S. of Essex; Alfred Welch, W.M. 51, Colchester; J. E. Wiseman, P.M. 433; H. York, P.M. 433, Brightlingsea; J. Hills, P.M. 1224 and P.P.G.J.W. Suffolk; George Bray, Colonel 96th Regiment, Royal Kent; W. S. Sprent, P.G.S.B. Essex; A. E. Rogers, S.D. 433; Henry Welham, 1124; W. Rickey, P.M. 701; Welch, W.M. 51; G. G. Pye, W.M. Star in the East, Harwich, S.W. 51, &c. In the evening the brethren sat down to an elegantly served banquet at the George Hotel. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Bolton Barton, Colonel S. Burney (one of the original founders of the lodge nearly twenty years ago), C. J. Martyn, J. W. Carr; and the company numbered between sixty and seventy. The day's proceedings were of a highly successful and satisfactory character, and formed a red-letter day in the annals of the lodge.

INSTRUCTION.

STABILITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 217).—The 50th anniversary of this excellent Lodge of Instruction, which for many years has been under the Preceptorship of Bro. Henry Muggerridge, one of the most highly respected members of the Craft, was held on the 28th ult., at the City Terminus Hotel. As usual on the annually recurring occasions of this festival there was a very large number of brethren present, for whom, however, the hotel found plenty of accommodation. About 200 brethren were present, and among them were Lord De Tabley, Prov. G.M. of Cheshire; E. J. McIntyre, G.C., G. Reg.; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. of China; John Hervey, G. Sec.; E. S. Snell, P.G. Deacon; John Boyd, P.G. Pursuivant; James Terry, P.G. Dir. of Cer., Herts.; John Edmund Middleton, P.G. Steward; Fred Brown, and Bro. J. Horne Payne, H. C. Levander, A. H. Tattershall, A. H. Diaper, George Kenning, W. Lane, Gurton, N. B. Headon, Edward Moody, Charles Hill, G. W. F. Loftus, H. Massey ("Freemason"), Wayner, Botall, Zwinger, W. Webb, Green, 235; Moses, Paley, Hopwood, Williams, 21; Groos, 21; Cheese, 869; Wyche, 715; W. F. Kibble, 715; W. Kibble, 715; W. White, 49; L. R. Mills, 49; Howard, 49; Hunter, 49; Dr. Smith, Fordati, 2; H. Brown, 2; Muir, 217; Westmore, 217; Kidder, 12; Cooper, 12; Coombs, 12; Emanuel, 235; Baulman, 715, and Townsend, 715. At six o'clock, the hour that this lodge always meets, Bro. H. Muggerridge ascended the chair, and opened the lodge, assisted by the following brethren as his officers: Bros. Joseph Clever, S.W.; Thomas Cargill, J.W.; J. Bagot Scriven, S.D.; F. D. R. Copestick, J.D.; Sidney Smith, I.G.; Henry Birdseye, Sec.; and J. Gilchrist, Tyler. After the usual formalities the programme for the evening was entered upon, and the lecture of the First Degree was worked in sections by the following brethren viz:—

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All this work was beautifully performed, and each brother on resuming his seat was loudly applauded by the lodge. At the conclusion of the ritual, names of brethren proposed for joining were taken and read out, and among them Lord De Tabley was one of the earliest. At the conclusion of the business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a very nice supper provided by Bro. Lord over which Bro. E. J. McIntyre, G.C., presided. When the banquet was finished, and the table had been cleared, grace, "Non nobis," was sung by Bros. Lester, Cozens and Distin, and the toasts were then proposed. Bro. McIntyre in giving "The Queen and the Craft" referred to Her

Majesty's late visit to the continent, and to her return to England, to the delight of all her subjects, and no doubt to her own great gratification. (Hear hear.) In giving "The M.W.G.M., and the Pro Grand Master" he said Masonry felt itself highly honoured when His Royal Highness became a Past Grand Master, and more especially when he appeared to shew such very great interest in the advancement of the principles of the Order. Under all circumstances he had been most strenuous in his support of the doctrines and principles of Freemasonry, and in carrying out those principles in every quarter of the globe. He had gone forth to a distant oriental clime, over which he would hereafter reign, and he had not forgotten the Freemasonry he had learned at home. He had shewn that he did not forget us in his absence, and now that he was about to return all good and loyal Freemasons would testify their appreciation of the great service H.R.H. had rendered to the Craft, and would welcome him with exultation to his native land. He (Bro. McIntyre) would couple with this toast the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, who amid all the toils of state and the responsibility he was under to his Sovereign and countrymen found time on every occasion to discharge the duties he owed to Freemasonry. He had done so in the Prince of Wales's absence, and it was with much pleasure that Freemasons heard on Wednesday that he had been re-appointed Pro Grand Master. (Cheers.) In giving "The Health of the D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and Grand Officers," Bro. McIntyre said the brethren had had some little experience of Lord Skelmersdale, and over his own province, a most important one, he presided admirably. He was popular in every other province. His keen discernment had enabled him to single out those young and promising Masons who were ready to do honour to the Craft. He had been careful in bestowing office according to merit; and whenever Masons had his assistance in Grand Lodge of England, it had been observed how well he conducted the business in the absence of the Grand Master and Pro Grand Master. He proved there his diplomatic ability by soothing over all troubles which might arise in Grand Lodge, and by his courtesy and kindness of manner made all things comfortable. They had among them in that room a brother who presided over a province adjoining that of Lord Skelmersdale, a province which he (Bro. McIntyre) was proud to be a member of, as he had been the Master of a lodge in and was still a member of that province. He looked with the greatest pride and satisfaction on the presence of Lord De Tabley, whom he placed in the very front rank among the Provincial Grand Masters in England. Shortly after his lordship was appointed Senior Grand Warden of England, the M.W.G.M., Lord Zetland, appointed him (Bro. McIntyre) Senior Grand Deacon. He was delighted to see the way in which the Provincial brethren supported Lord De Tabley. Not only was Lord De Tabley well known as a supporter of Masonry in his province, but he helped them in Grand Lodge, in Grand Chapter, and in private lodges, and he was also one of the members of a most distinguished lodge in the metropolis, the Lodge of Friendship (No. 6). On this occasion all the members of the Stability Lodge of Instruction were delighted to welcome the Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire, and to know that he was to be enrolled as one of its members. There was also present another brother from a distant clime who had done excellent service to Masonry, Bro. S. Rawson, Past District Grand Master of China. Those who knew what the East was knew of its deteriorating qualities; but Masons were all glad to see Bro. Rawson coming back among them in no way worse for his sojourn, not perhaps in the full vigour of youth, but if at all in age, a very green old age, not green in his mental capacity, but green as to his youthfulness which remained to him. Then, there was the Grand Secretary, to whom Freemasonry in England owed so much—(Cheers)—a brother who was the most hard worked of the Grand Officers of England, and upon whose accuracy, precision, care, and attention the work of the Craft, and the prosperity of the Craft, to a considerable extent depended. It must be a delightful thing for Grand Secretary to know that year after year during the time he had held that office how greatly the number of lodges had increased, that the work in Grand Secretary's office had increased to a marvellous extent, and that it was done with an expedition and correctness that could not be excelled in any establishment. The oldest of the Past Grand Deacons, Bro. Snell, was likewise present. He never was absent from these meetings. His happy face was always to be seen among the brethren, shewing how highly he appreciated the kindness with which he was received. There was also Bro. Boyd, one of the oldest of the P.M.'s, who had been honoured with a position on the dais in Grand Lodge. There were, therefore, five Grand Officers on his (Bro. McIntyre's) right, representing the five points of fellowship which should always distinguish Freemasons. (Cheers.) Lord de Tabley, in reply, said he felt sure it was the object and the anxious desire of every member of Grand Lodge to do his best for the promotion of the good of the Craft at large, whether in the provinces or elsewhere, and to do their utmost to spread the great principles on which the Order was founded. He knew that he spoke the sentiments of all the Grand Officers on his right hand when he said that it gave the greatest gratification to them to be present at the proceedings that evening. The Chairman had been good enough to speak of himself in far too flattering terms. It had been a peculiar gratification to him to be present to see one whom he knew as one of his earliest friends in the Craft presiding, and to see Bro. Muggeridge, to whom his Province of Cheshire owed so much, performing so ably the duties of Master. What he had seen that evening had astonished him. He had been very much pleased with all he had seen, and he trusted this would not be his last visit to the Stability Lodge of Instruction. They had been pleased to place him on the

list for ballot as a member at next meeting, and he hoped by his future attendance to show that he was not ungrateful for the honour paid to him. He thanked them most heartily for the honour conferred upon him. (Cheers.) Bro. McIntyre next proposed "The Stability Lodge of Instruction and Bro. Henry Muggeridge," a toast which he requested might be drunk in bumpers. It was very difficult, he said, upon all occasions to do justice to any brother who took a prominent position, whether in the United Grand Lodge of England, in a Provincial Grand Lodge, in the ordinary lodges of the Craft, or even in so great a lodge as the Stability Lodge of Instruction. It had been his lot to propose this toast upon very many occasions, and upon each occasion that he had had to propose it he had always felt still greater pleasure, because he felt that their excellent friend and preceptor, Bro. Muggeridge, had come among them, if not in the full vigour of health, with the same accuracy of knowledge that he had always possessed. He seemed even to excel himself upon every occasion by the admirable manner in which the pupils whom he brought forward carried out the programme he placed before the lodge. Very many men of slightly more than ordinary intelligence had the gift of acquiring a considerable amount of knowledge; but they also very frequently had that defect that the knowledge when acquired was kept to themselves; they had not the means of imparting it to other people and making the other people to whom they attempted to impart it have the power of acquiring the learning which they themselves possessed. The power of imparting knowledge seemed a golden gift, and certainly if it had fallen on any one it had fallen upon their preceptor, Bro. Muggeridge, who was not only accurate himself in enunciating the ritual of the Craft and seeing that the sections were worked with accuracy and precision, but also he had the power of instilling into the minds of his pupils that determination to have not only verbal accuracy, but that emphasis which was necessary to show that it was understood. Mere words were nothing; but Bro. Muggeridge had the power of imparting the spirit which was intended to be conveyed. It did very great credit to the pupils; but it did still greater credit to the instructor who was able to instil his life and soul as well as his words into the working. They all knew Bro. Muggeridge so well that any words of his (Bro. McIntyre's) would be superfluous if he were to attempt to point out his many excellences. They had all known Bro. Muggeridge for years; they had appreciated him more and more every year that he had continued to be their instructor; and although on that occasion he (Bro. McIntyre) could not congratulate him upon being in that robust health that he had seen him in on other occasions, he could congratulate him on this, that, having been ill he was getting better, and that in a very short time they would see him "himself again." (Hear.) He had very great pleasure in proposing "Health, Long Life, and Prosperity to Bro. Muggeridge, the Preceptor of the Stability Lodge of Instruction," and to assure him that he (Bro. McIntyre), and all those who had had the benefit of his kind instruction, and his still more kind Masonic counsels, were delighted to see him amongst them, and that they hoped that this uniting together which took place once a year might continue for many years to come, that Bro. Muggeridge might be with them, and that they might meet him and each other with the same good feelings and truly Masonic spirit which they felt on the present occasion. (Cheers.) Bro. Muggeridge, who on rising was received with loud applause, said that although he was very much delighted at the very kind manner in which the last toast had been proposed and responded to, the most difficult part he had to perform that evening was to return thanks, and a great many of them would sympathise with him when he said he had returned thanks for this toast for so many years that he really could not think of anything fresh to say upon the subject. They must bear in mind that it was a most limited theme to speak on, as well as a difficult one, because it was really and essentially speaking of himself. He had had the pleasure of attending these meetings, and been a constant attendant of this lodge of instruction for 37 years. (Applause.) It had been under his management since the year 1851; and this would be an excuse for his making a very short and defective speech. He had been particularly pleased that evening at the goodly assemblage both in lodge and at the banquet table. He wished that the numbers had been even larger. He was also exceedingly pleased at the way in which his pupils had worked that evening. (Cheers.) But this was a subject he would leave to the excellent chairman. He would pass this and go to another subject, which in common gratitude he ought to mention. Ingratitude was a great sin, one that ought not to be practised by Masons, and more especially by a Mason like him. The subject was the sister lodge of instruction, which, though he was not going to propose, always shewed him the greatest kindness, and did him the greatest honour, inviting him to their annual meeting in November, and making much of him when he went. They also expressed the kindest wishes on all occasions to the Stability, which they called "the Sister Lodge of Instruction." The Treasurer of that lodge, Bro. Hervey, was present. He was delighted to see the representatives of Grand Lodge of England present in such force, Lord De Tabley, Prov. G.M. of Cheshire, Bro. Rawson (his old friend, who had been a member of the Stability Lodge of Instruction nearly as long as he had himself, when the lodge was held at the Old George and Vulture, in Cornhill), and Bro. Boyd. All the brethren had worked well that evening. The S.W., who would have an opportunity of speaking shortly, had worked well; but there was one brother who had worked the Lodge Board whom he should ask to perform a duty. The health of the President he thought should be proposed by one of themselves, and he should call upon Bro. Scriven to do so. Bro. Scriven—Major Scriven—was introduced to him (Bro. Muggeridge) by an old and esteemed friend, Bro. Algernon Perkins, who used to attend this lodge regularly at Rad-

ley's Hotel. Ever since then he had been acquainted with Bro. J. B. Scriven, and he would like him to propose the health of the W.M. Bro. Muggeridge concluded by again thanking the chairman and brethren for proposing and drinking his health. Bro. J. Bagot Scriven then rose and said: If it is a duty incumbent on every Mason to make progress in the science, it is also a very great pleasure to every Mason to find that those who have amply discharged that duty have also made such progress in their social avocations, their civil and professional employments, as add, I may say, an additional lustre to our fraternity. (Hear, hear.) But distinguished as Bro. McIntyre is, we all know, in the Craft, distinguished as he is, as all England knows, in the profession which he adorns and which adorns him; he is perhaps more distinguished to us as members of this lodge of instruction by the kindness which has prompted him so often to occupy that chair, by the courtesy, the ability, and the eloquence with which he has discharged the duties that belong to him. (Cheers.) Through the kindness of Bro. Muggeridge and the permission of Bro. McIntyre I am proposing this toast; and it is a task of unmixed pleasure and delight to me to propose it, and great pleasure to you, I know, to drink it with me, and I am not saying too much when I say that I also know the manner in which you will receive it will give great pleasure to Bro. McIntyre. I ask you to drink "The Health of Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, and Chairman of this evening." (Great applause.) Bro. McIntyre, in reply, said: Bro. Scriven, Bro. Wardens, and brethren, I cannot allow a moment to elapse before rising to return thanks for the extremely kind way in which Bro. Scriven has been pleased to propose my health and the enthusiastic way in which you have received it. It is true that I am known to most of those assembled here, because this is not the first time I have filled the chair; but on every occasion that I have come among you I have always found the very greatest kindness shown to me by the brethren here, and the very greatest readiness to look over all the imperfections of the occupant of the chair. I am especially delighted that on this occasion a brother who has so distinguished himself in working the Craft this evening has been entrusted with the duty of proposing my health. To have my health proposed by one who has done so well tonight is a great satisfaction. He is one of you proposing the health of an old member of your lodge, and to him for the kind way which he has done so, and to you for the kind way in which you have drunk it, I again say I return you my most sincere and heartfelt thanks. (Hear, hear.) Lord De Tabley proposed "The Working Brethren, Bros. Fellows, C. Arkell, Joseph Clever, Thomas Cargill, J. Bagot Scriven, and Sydney G. Smith," and said: Brethren, I need not say that it is with the greatest pleasure that I accept the honour of the gavel for a few moments, for believe me it is the greatest pleasure to me to have the honour of such a toast as that which now stands on the list before me entrusted to me to propose. I have said with what satisfaction and gratification I have been present here to-day, how much I admired the memory and the ability with which your excellent instructor went through his work; but I must also say that my admiration, and I am sure the admiration of the brethren who heard it, must be equal of those other brethren who worked the sections that had been worked. With the greatest confidence I therefore propose for your acceptance the good health of those brethren who have proved themselves such an ornament to the Stability Lodge of Instruction, such a credit to the Craft, and such a credit to themselves. I trust they may all go on and prosper, and do honour to the Craft in which they have made such progress. (Cheers.) Bro. Clever said, in reply, that the working brethren sincerely thanked Lord De Tabley and the brethren for the honour just done them. It had afforded them very great pleasure to be permitted to take part in the working of the sections, and if they had discharged their duties to the satisfaction of the brethren they were amply repaid for any efforts they had made to qualify themselves for discharging those duties. He had said to qualify themselves. Of course they could not have qualified themselves if it had not been for the great kindness of their esteemed friend and Bro. Muggeridge. He was ever ready, as they were all aware, to afford assistance and instruction to any brother that might require them. The very great amount of pains and attention that he had given them for some time past he (Bro. Clever) for one should ever be grateful to him for. No one knew what it was but those who had gone through it to qualify themselves for the discharge of the duty of working the sections. However small it might be they were entirely dependent upon their Bro. Muggeridge for it; and he (Bro. Clever) had been surprised to find what patience and attention he gave them in imparting instruction. He was sure none of them could express their gratitude sufficiently to him for the pains and attention that he had bestowed upon them. He wished it was in his power to do more justice to this reply than he had. (Hear, hear.) Brother Cargill proposed "The Sister Lodge of Instruction" and said that though there was some slight differences in the verbiage of the rituals of the two the great principles of the Craft emanated from the two lodges. Each lodge at its meetings proposed the health of the sister lodge, and this interchange of courtesies shewed the good feeling which united them with the Craft in general. Wherever Masons went they found the Craft in general benefited by these two great lodges of instruction, and though they worked under either they were equally members of the same Craft. Like members in the outside world whether they receive their instruction from one or other of the universities they were equally educated and equally efficient. (Hear hear.) Bro. John Hervey responded, and was received with loud and long continued applause. He said the J.W. had proposed "Success to the Emulation Lodge" so kindly and so gracefully that he (Bro. Hervey) felt somewhat at a loss to return thanks for such graciousness

of expression. He did not think if he were buried that his friends would be desirous of digging him up to-morrow (referring to the song of "Janitor John" which had just been sung by Bro. Distin); and at any rate he probably would not be so missed as the good janitor of whom their excellent Bro. Distin had just sung so admirably about. (Laughter.) However that might be he could quite assure the brethren of the cordial thanks for the compliment which they had paid the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, a lodge with which he had been associated, not 37 years, as Bro. Muggeridge had been associated with the Stability, but he believed 32 years; but then he was a juvenile as compared with their excellent Preceptor, and therefore five years would not go for nothing. He had been Treasurer of the Emulation for 29 years, and although he could not boast of having paid such strict attention to the duties of the lodge as Bro. Muggeridge had to the Lodge of Stability, yet he hoped he had done some good service to it or they would not have gone on from year to year electing him as their Treasurer, paying him the compliment which they did. He was very glad to be present that night, and he would bear his testimony, as had been so admirably borne already, to the working of the brethren that evening, and to the working of the Preceptor who so ably presided. To this working of course he need not allude, because it was so well-known that it needed no eulogy either from him or anybody else; but they all knew it was difficult to get up from year to year to come forward to work the sections to do honour to the lodge of which they were members, and to shew that precision of working, and that practical working, that had been exhibited on that occasion. He was glad to see that the Craft had been so well supported by the brethren who had worked that evening, and that the Lodge of Stability was in such a state of prosperity, a prosperity which he hoped would increase from year to year, and that whether they were in the East or in the West, in the Lodge of Stability or the Lodge of Emulation, the only competition they would have would be in their good working and showing the grand desire they had of improving in the Craft, improving those who came among them, and doing honour to those who presided over them. (Cheers.) Bro. McIntyre in proposing the toast of "The Masonic Charities" said that this last toast was not the least important in an assembly of Freemasons. They were told that among the great and good gifts that sent to man the greatest gift of all was charity; and it was, at all events, a thing that was impressed upon a Freemason from the time he entered into the Craft, and was instilled into him as he went on. They could never forget to their dying day the way in which the Masonic charities were impressed upon them; they all felt and appreciated them. But let them do more than appreciate them; let them show by their actions towards them that they thought them worthy of the support Freemasons had accorded to them. They fully deserved the support they got. On that occasion they had representatives of one of them there. He was only sorry they had not the representatives of all there. But they had a very distinguished one present in the person of Bro. Terry—(hear, hear)—who, wherever he went, always preached the cause of charity from his heart. Consequently it went straight to the heart. (Hear, hear.) They were all delighted to see him, and in his presence he (Bro. McIntyre) wished prosperity to all the Masonic institutions, hoping he might be long spared to advance the cause of all the charities, and particularly that charity of which he was the Secretary and so able a supporter. (Great applause.) Bro. Terry, in reply, said: Permit me to thank you, W.M., very sincerely indeed for the very kind expressions you have thought fit to make use of in proposing, for the acceptance of this meeting, the subject of the Masonic Institutions—the institutions of which this lodge of instruction has been so very many years a most consistent supporter; and I have to thank the Preceptor and the members of the lodge this evening for those extra donations which they have thought fit on the present occasion to vote in support of those institutions. It is not the first time for very many years we have had the honour of receiving from this lodge of instruction in their friendship and kindness to the institutions; and I am proud to think that this lodge of instruction goes on in the same path of prosperity as it has done in the past. With respect to the kind manner in which the W.M. had thought fit to express himself on the way in which the duties of the Secretarial departments of the different institutions were performed permit me to thank him very heartily and sincerely; and I feel with him that were those institutions not worthy of support they would not receive that cordial co-operation of the Craft that they do at the present day. When I say that during the past four or five years the income of our institutions has nearly doubled I think it is something for our institutions to be proud of; that large as may be the demands on our members, large also has been the reception with which the calls on your charities have been met. When I tell you that the first festival held this year, in February last, the largest ever brought in in aid of the funds of that institution was then brought in, so may I augur for the future that in May and June next a largely-increased sum may be got; that an increased sum may be given in aid of the Girls' School on the 10th of May, of which Institution your worthy Preceptor is a most successful officer; that an increased sum may be subscribed to the Boys' School, which requires so much. When I tell you that out of 43 candidates for the Girls' School you could only at the late election elect eleven, and out of fifty-nine for the Boys' you could only elect ten, it must be abundantly clear that there are large demands and limited means. In the Benevolent Institution we are in an inverse position. We are able to take in 17 men, and 20 women out 32, giving, I think you will admit, a very substantial support to our poor, old, and deserving people. Also I may tell you that on Tuesday of this week we have gone further by endeavouring to assist them as far as we can by adding to the amount of the an-

nities hitherto afforded them an increased sum of £4 per annum to every old man and every old woman. (Hear.) That may perhaps seem an insignificant sum for me to mention; but in the aggregate it amounts to a very large sum. When I tell you it adds to our expenditure every year £1000 we have only to ask, I think, in the future, as we have received in the past, and as we are receiving at present, your very generous, your very cordial, and your very fraternal support. Believe me, brethren, when I tell you if you could only happen to be for the space of one short week in our different offices you would see so much misery and distress brought before you that you would instantly go abroad as far as you could and make known to every brother you meet the claims of our varying and different institutions. You have but to go there and see them working, as they are day by day, and to say to yourselves that we really do possess in the Craft three of the best institutions, and, I venture to say, the most ably managed of any identical institutions throughout the length and breadth of the land. And when I say that, brethren, I believe I am saying something indeed, when we know the good the various institutions which are spread over the land are doing. You know we cannot go abroad; we must confine our appeal for sympathy to a very restricted circle indeed; but I am very proud to think that that very restricted circle does answer any and every call, whenever just cause is shewn to them, in the most ample and liberal manner. Imbued with that idea, Sir, I thank you very cordially for having proposed that toast. I thank this lodge for having for so many years contributed to the funds of all, and I may also say in conclusion I wish long life and happiness to your worthy Preceptor, and may he be spared to preside over this lodge in order by his means and ability that increased funds may be added to the coffers of our various institutions, and by them to go on in the career of usefulness which I think every brother in this room will admit they are endeavouring to do at the present time. (Great applause.) The brethren then separated. The evening was enlivened by some excellent solo and part singing by Bros. F. H. Cozens, Theo. Distin, and Lester.

Royal Arch.

KENDAL.—Kendal Castle Chapter (No. 129).—A quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 27th ult. The M.E.Z., Capt. Henry Rauthemill, was supported by Comps. Captain Gawith, P.Z., H.; John Bowes, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., as J.; Titus Wilson, I.P.Z.; John Talbot, E.; R. J. Nelson, N.; Geo. McKay, P.S.; W. Cranston, Assist. Soj.; R. Godfrey, Assist. Soj.; T. Baron, and others. The chapter was opened by the Principals, when the rest of the companions were admitted, and the minutes confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Edmund Fearnside, which proving in his favour, and he being present was exalted, together with Bro. Robert Winder, who had been elected at a previous meeting. On the invitation of the M.E.Z. the ceremony was performed by E. Comp. Bowes, to whom a warm vote of thanks was afterwards accorded, on the motion of Captain Gawith seconded by the M.E.Z. It was decided to hold the annual festival at Rigg's Hotel, Windermere, on Thursday, June 22nd, when a very pleasant re-union is anticipated. After some routine business and a proposition the chapter was closed with the usual solemnities, and the companions separated, mentally reciting the lines so well-known to Craftsmen:—

"As happy we have met,
And happy we have been,
So happy may we part,
And happy meet again."

Mark Masonry.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland (Time Immemorial) Lodge.—The annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, April 27th, at five p.m., with the following officers:—Bros. J. Dutton, W.M.; Dr. Hopkins, Chap., as I.P.M.; Brown, as S.W.; Carey, J.W.; John Dutton, Treas.; Cater, Sec.; C. Wilkinson, M.O.; Rubie, S.O.; Cater, J.O.; Braham, as S.D.; Murliss, as J.D.; Falkner, as I.G.; Reeves, as Org.; Bigwood, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's balance-sheet passed, Bros. E. L. Hill and Williamson were introduced and advanced to the degree of M.M.M. by the W.M. Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.G.J.W., took the chair, and Bro. R. Carey was presented as W.M. elect. After the usual preliminary proceedings the brethren were dismissed, and Bro. Carey was duly inducted into the chair of Adoniram. On the return of the brethren, and after the proclamation and completion of the ceremony, the following were appointed and invested as officers:—J. Dutton, I.P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, Chaplain; Cater, S.W.; John Dutton, J.W. and Treas.; Rubie, Sec.; C. Wilkinson, M.O.; Braham, S.O.; Baldwin, J.O.; Falkner, Reg.; Radway, S.D.; Murliss, J.D.; Jacob Smith, I.G.; Howes, Steward; Bigwood, Tyler. The Installing Master then gave the addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, the Overseers, and the brethren, in a manner which elicited repeated applause. Votes of thanks were passed to him, to the I.P.M. for his services during the past year, the efficiency of which was most favourably commented on; to Bros. Dr. Hopkins, Birth, and Brooke for presents made to the lodge; to the visitors, among whom were Bros. Col. Ford, Sloane, and Reeves, and specially to the latter for his kind assistance as Organist. These were duly acknowledged. The W.M. addressed the brethren on his installation. The lodge was closed at eight o'clock, and an adjournment was made to the Castle Hotel for the banquet. The proceedings of the evening were in every way satisfactory, and copies of

the new bye-laws having been distributed to the members, there is every reason to hope for good future progress in this interesting branch of Masonry.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The quarterly communication of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow was held in St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow, on Thursday evening, 27th ultimo. In the absence, through indisposition, of Bro. Col. Walter Montgomery Neilson, P.G.M., Bro. J. Baird, P.G.S.M., occupied the chair, supported on the dais by Bros. A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G. Sec.; J. Gillies, P.G. Treas.; G. Sinclair, Treas., and Convener of Benevolent Fund; A. Bain, P.G.B.B.; J. Miller, P.G.J.D.; J. Balfour, P.G. Dir. of Cer.; D. Reid, P.G.I.G.; and J. B. Hardie, P.G. Tyler. Bro. G. McDonald, W.M. Thistle and Rose, No. 73, occupied the P.G.S. Warden's chair, while Bro. J. Booth, W.M. Thistle, No. 87, occupied that of the P.G.J. Warden.

Bro. Baird read a telegram he received that afternoon from the P.G.M., regretting very much his absence that evening from attending P.G.L. on account of his continued illness. The Sec. then read the minutes of last meeting which were approved of. Bro. Sinclair also read minutes of Benevolent Fund, showing that large sums of money had been disbursed during the last quarter towards charity.

New codes of bye-laws were admitted for approval to P.G. Lodge from lodges 102, 275, 362, 419, and 510, and were remitted to P.G. Committee, with powers.

An abstract of last year's statement was handed to each member, and on the motion of Bro. Miller, P.G.J.D., seconded by Bro. J. Scott, W.M. 419, the same was adopted. The P.G. Sec. then intimated he had received abstracts and papers from Grand Lodge and bye-laws of Lodge St. Vincent, No. 553, with powers to P.G. Lodge to call a meeting of St. Vincent Lodge and determine the whole matter.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed.

Amongst those present we noticed the following:—Bros. W. Bell, I.P.M. 34; A. McLeod, S.W. 73; J. F. Mitchell, I.P.M. 102; J. Thomson, S.W. 102; W. Thomas, S.W. 103; R. Jack, W.M. 128; G. McLeod, S.W. 128; J. Campbell, I.P.M. 128; J. Singleton, W.M. 178; J. Morgan, W.M. 219; D. Ronald, W.M. 275; W. Findlay, S.W. 275; J. B. Macnair, I.P.M. 332; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; T. Graham, J.W. 360; A. Rutherford, S.W. 362; J. Simpson, S.W. 419; D. Gilchrist, W.M. 465; Ferguson, P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); R. Aikman, W.M. 570; W. J. E. Dobson, W.M. 571; and others.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE RENFREWSHIRE EAST.

On Saturday evening a meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge Renfrewshire East was held in the hall of Lodge St. Mirrin, No. 129, Moss-street, Paisley, Bro. Col. Campbell, of Blythswood, P.G.M., presiding; Bros. James Gilmour, P.G.S.W.; and J. Paton, P.G.J.W. The P.G.M. was supported by Bros. H. Macdowell, jun., of Garthland, P.G. D.M., and James Caldwell, Craigelea, P.G.S.M.

The P.G.J.W. drew the attention of the lodge to the loss which it had sustained in the death of Bro. J. Stevenson, R.A. Lodge, Rutherglen (116), who, he said, had occupied the offices of Depute Master and Senior Deacon in the P.G. Lodge. He believed that they had lost a brother who was a good Mason, and had spent a great deal of his time in furthering the cause of Masonry. He moved that they engross in their minutes their deep sense of the loss which the P.G. Lodge Renfrewshire East had sustained.

The P.G. Master said that he regretted very much to learn of the death of their esteemed brother, and at the same time to hear of the death of Bro. Robertson, late W.M. of No. 153, R.A., Pollokshaws, who was an able and intelligent office-bearer of the P.G. Lodge.

It was unanimously agreed that a minute expressive of deep regret at the loss the lodge had sustained in the death of these two brethren should be engrossed.

In reply to a question by Bro. G. Glen, W.M. Prince of Wales Lodge, Renfrew, No. 426, the P.G. Master said that arrangements had been made for a visitation of the lodges in the province.

GLASGOW.—St. Mark's Lodge (No. 102).

The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Monday evening, 24th ult., Bro. J. O. Smith, W.M., in the chair; J. Thomson, S.W.; G. Littlejohn, J.W.; J. F. Mitchell, I.P.M.; and A. C. Paterson, Treas.; J. Monteith, Sec.; and a large number of members and visiting brethren, including Bros. J. Booth, W.M. 87; P. Brownlie, J.W. 34; J. Dick, Sec. 34; M. Stark, D.M. 553; Ferguson, P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); and others. The annual visitation of the P.G. Lodge took place this evening. The deputation consisted of Bros. J. Baird, S.P.G.M.; G. Sinclair, Treas., and Convener of Benevolent Fund; A. McTaggart, P.G. Sec.; J. Gillies, P.G. Treas.; A. Bain, P.G.B.B.; J. Balfour, P.G. Dir. of Cer.; J. Allison, P.G.J.; and D. Reid, P.G.I.G. The deputation on being admitted were received with the accustomed honours. Bro. McTaggart, on being requested by the acting P.G.M., reported that the books had been carefully examined, and said they were in excellent order, and that the lodge was in a highly prosperous condition, and congratulated the Master, office-bearers, and members of the lodge on the state of its affairs. Bro. Baird, acting P.G.M., said it must be gratifying to hear such a favourable report, and complimented the members on the prosperous condition of their lodge, and trusted it would long continue. Bro. J. O. Smith thanked the deputation for their kindness in again visiting Lodge St. Mark, 102 and moved a vote of thanks to the members of the P.G.L. which was heartily given. Bro. Baird briefly replied, and the deputation withdrew. Mr. John F. Reid was then initiated into the First Degree, and afterwards four bre

ren were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. J. F. Mitchell, I.P.M., in his usual able and impressive manner.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Union and Crown (No. 103).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Kilwinning Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on Monday evening, 24th ult., Bro. D. Murray, W.M., in the chair, ably supported by the following office-bearers:—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.; P. Cullen, B.B.; A. Gray, J.D.; and J. Gray, I.G., and a large turn out of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. Mr. James Taylor was then admitted and received the Entered Apprentice Degree at the hands of Bro. A. M. Wright, I.P.M. The Provincial Grand Lodge deputation was then announced, they having arrived from St. Mark's Lodge, No. 102, and were admitted with the usual honours. The usual formality of handing the mallet over to the acting P.G.M. and returning the same was gone through, when Bro. McTaggart, P.G. Sec., said the books of the lodge were examined very minutely, and he was glad to say they were in every sense faultless, and that the lodge was working in strict harmony with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Bro. Baird remarked that it ought to be a matter of unbounded satisfaction to every member of the lodge to hear such a favourable report just given by the P.G. Sec., and he (Bro. Baird) was glad to mention that the cash book was the best kept they had inspected this year. Bro. Murray, the W.M., then moved a vote of thanks to the members of the P.G. Lodge, which was heartily responded to. Bro. D. Reid, P.G.I.G., was affiliated an honorary member of the lodge. The deputation then withdrew. The lodge was afterwards called to refreshment, when a short time was spent in harmony.

KILBARCHAN.—Lodge St. Barchan (No. 156).—A meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, Kilbarchan, on the 20th ult., the W.M., Bro. Wm. Lewis, M.D. presiding, and supported by Bros. Buchanan, D.M.; Craig, S.W.; Orr, J.W.; Kirkland, Treas.; Grant, Sec., &c. Among the other brethren present were Bros. Henderson, H. Buchanan, P. Buchanan, P. C. McGregor, &c., of 156; Bro. White, of 117; &c. Bro. D. McArthur was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being gone through in a most impressive manner by the W.M. Afterwards Bro. White, 117, was affiliated as an honorary member of St. Barchan's. Bro. White, in returning thanks, complimented the W.M. and the lodge upon the efficient manner in which the business of the lodge was conducted. The lodge was thereafter closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Athole (No. 413).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday evening, 25th ultimo, Bro. J. Louttit, W.M., in the chair; Bros. D. Leeds, S.W.; A. Holms, J.W.; P. Agnew, Treas.; R. Graham, Sec.; and a large number of members and visiting brethren were present. On the lodge being opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Mr. R. H. Muir was initiated by Bro. W. Bell, I.P.M. 3½, on behalf of Lodge Thistle, 87. Thereafter Bros. D. M. Nelson, W.M. St. John, 3½; W. Bell, I.P.M. 3½; J. Booth, W.M. 87; J. Grant, 197; and W. J. E. Dobson, W.M. Lodge Dramatic, 571, were obligated honorary members of the lodge by the W.M., Bro. Louttit. Bros. D. Ross and Robt. McBryde, of 413, and R. H. Muir and Hugh Clark, of 87, were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by Bro. W. Ferguson, I.P.M. 116. The lodge was then assumed in the Third Degree, when four brethren were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at the hands of Bro. J. Booth, W.M. Lodge Thistle, 87.

DALMUIR.—Lodge St. John (No. 543).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall at Dalmuir on Tuesday evening, 25th ult. The business before the meeting was passing, and presentation to the I.P.M. The lodge was opened at 7.30 p.m. prompt, Bro. Ferguson, I.P.M., in the chair; A. McNaughton, jun., D.M.; J. Barric, S.M.; J. F. Wilson, S.W.; J. Muirhead, J.W.; M. Watson, Treas.; J. Alexander, Sec.; J. Morrison, jun., S.D.; J. Stairs, J.D.; J. Morton, Chap.; J. Morrison, sen., S.S.; R. Hunter, J.S.; A. Smith, I.G.; J. Adair, Tyler; T. T. Johnstone, D. Jamieson, Thomson, Bell, Barton, Malcolm, and others. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. Peters, 3, Marshall, 50; Ser-Major Chamberlain, E.C.; Capt. Gray, 362; Alex. Gow, S.M. 581; D. Peacock, S.W. 581; J. Henry, J.W. 581; W. Taylor, Treas. 581; R. Allan, Sec. 581; Paterson, I.G. 581; Campbell, 581; and others, amounting in all to about sixty brethren. The candidate for passing was unavoidably detained, the lodge was therefore closed and called to refreshment, when Bro. S. Leckie, W.M., arrived and occupied the chair, and after doing justice to a substantial repast, the usual loyal, Masonic, and patriotic toasts were given and responded to, viz., "The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Lodges," "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers." Bro. Chamberlain replied for the Army, Bro. Gray for the Navy, and Bro. Sergeant Thomson for the Volunteers. "The Prov. Grand Lodge of Dumbarton," replied to by Bro. Ferguson. "The Visiting Brethren," proposed in an excellent speech by Bro. Wilson, S.W., replied to by Bros. Peters, Marshall, and Gow. "The Health of Bro. W. Ferguson, I.P.M.," proposed by Bro. James Barrie, S.M., who said: R.W.M., Wardens, and brethren,—A very pleasant part of this evening's programme has been assigned to me, and whilst wishing that it had fallen into abler hands, it is a duty which I have great pleasure in performing. A considerable part, and by no means a disagreeable part, of the experience that falls to us as Freemasons is that we are sometimes called upon to give a practical illustration of those brotherly feelings which we profess to entertain towards each other, and one of these we are about to give

now. Two years and a half ago the Freemasons of this district, with its lately increased population, considered it advisable to endeavour to get a lodge erected in the locality, and for that purpose fourteen of us met one evening in the Ferry Road Hotel, to consider the situation, and devise means for the formation of a lodge. The brother who was called to the chair at that meeting, and who was a zealous promoter of the cause, has since been summoned above, where all good Masons hope to arrive. The result of that meeting and others that followed was that at length a lodge was formed, and has proved not the least active and promising in the province of Dumbarton. The fact that we now number about 100 members shows that we did not miscalculate the grounds for proceeding, and speaks for the progress we have made. The hall in which we are now met, and which many a more pretentious district would envy us, is another proof of our progress within this short time. Bro. Ferguson was one of our little band from the beginning, and for two years filled the chair, and discharged its duties in an efficient manner. During his period of office he was scarcely, if, indeed, he was ever, absent from a single meeting. He has now gone from amongst us, and we feel our loss. We may well and honourably congratulate those representatives of our youngest sister lodge who are here to-night on the gain that has come to them through our loss, but we must say "Tis better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all." Before allowing him to part company with us it is the wish of the members to give him some small token of our appreciation of his services as Master, and the honour of handing over the united gift has been awarded to me. And now allow me, Bro. Ferguson, to adorn your breast with this Past Master's jewel, as a mark of the kindly feelings of your Dalmuir brethren, and allow me, along with it, to convey to you what I am sure you will esteem far more, the assurance that their warm and good wishes will go along with you wherever you go. May you long be spared to wear this jewel, and may you have a large experience of the things of which it is emblematic. We trust that as your eye falls on this little gift, perhaps years hence, it may awake pleasant recollections of evenings spent and spent—not altogether unprofitably—in the lodge from whose members it came. Bro. Ferguson replied at some length, thanking the brethren for drinking his health (which was done with Highland honours), and to you, Bro. Barrie, for the kind sentiments you have expressed towards me for my services as Master of the lodge for two years. I shall always wear this jewel in kindly remembrance that it was presented by the brethren of the Lodge St. John, Dalmuir, 543. "St. John's Lodge, No. 543," was proposed in a telling speech by Bro. Gow. Bro. Leckie, W.M., replied in suitable terms. Other toasts followed, and the evening's entertainment was much enlivened by the excellent singing of Bros. Jamieson, Millar, Alexander, Henry Johnstone, Allan, Smith, Morton, Paterson, Ferguson, Muirhead, Barrie, and others. Bro. Allan gave some splendid selections of music on the harmonium, and after the Tyler's toast, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again," the brethren separated, having spent a night long to be remembered.

CONSECRATION OF THE SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602.)

On Saturday last this new lodge was consecrated at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, and the appropriateness of the title of the lodge to the locality must be generally recognised. For a lodge which has promise of such support the rooms are however at first sight very small; nor does there seem to the casual observer any method or resources by which they can be enlarged. The banquet-room is the better of the two, it being the well-known committee-room of the Agricultural Hall Company. The lodge-room is the Secretary's room down below, and no doubt for an ordinary lodge would afford sufficient accommodation. The names of sixteen gentlemen for initiation and five brethren for joining were read out on the day of consecration, so that after the fourth of the ensuing meetings of the lodge, if all these come up the room must necessarily be crowded, more especially if, as is likely to be the case, other names will be given in at each of those meetings.

The ceremony of consecration was performed in the presence of about 70 brethren by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who had Bros. A. J. D. Fisher, as S.W.; Dr. Woodman, as J.W.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, as Chaplain; C. A. Cottebrune, as D.C.; Henri De Solla, as Organist; Glover, as I.G.; and W. Steedman, as Tyler.

[We were promised a correct copy of the list of the brethren present, but it had not arrived at the time of our going to press.]

After the usual formalities had been observed,

Bro. John Hervey, from the chair, said that on these occasions it was the usual custom of the consecrating officers to make a few observations to the brethren, and those who were sitting round the room, and who probably had been present at former lodges that he had consecrated, knew how strongly he had always expressed himself in consecrating a new lodge about the necessity of being careful as to those to be admitted within the precincts of the lodge. He would not press upon them again the same theme, because he trusted that there it was not necessary; but he would again just say one word upon this point, that if they got a disagreeable member into the lodge who marred the harmony of the lodge they would probably never know the end of it until circumstances over which we had no control—over which nobody had any control—either removed the member or broke up the lodge. Now, it had been a bad custom, which he feared was growing, for

brethren to think that when they were in rotation they ought to be appointed to office, and if they were not appointed to office or probably if they proposed a candidate for initiation in the lodge who might not be congenial to the brethren, and that candidate was refused admission, the brother who proposed him immediately commenced a system of blackballing, a system which was as disgraceful as it was unmasonic. He did not know that he could sufficiently reprehend that course; it ruined a lodge; and why? because one brother thought that he had a right to control the Master in the choice of his officers; thought that he had a right to control the choice of the brethren as to whom they should select to consort with them. He hoped they would see and hear of no such thing in this lodge, and he should be glad if brethren would, as much as they possibly could, express their disapprobation of such a course, and prevent as far as possible its being carried out. If any such course was pursued it must eventually break up the lodge, and he knew large lodges which had been destroyed by a systematic course of blackballing. It was uncharitable as well as ungentlemanly; uncharitable, because it marred all the comfort of the lodge, broke the lodge up into cliques, and tended to foster that dissension which ought never to enter the doors of a Freemasons' Lodge. (Hear hear.) The brother who was the cause of all this might be a great supporter of the charities; but it was not merely the putting of the hands in the pockets and paying five or ten guineas that made charity. Charity, it was said, ought to begin at home, and the charity which began at home would begin by the party practising that virtue of making himself agreeable to those with whom he was acting, and if he be not promoted just as he thought he ought to be, the most charitable feeling was for him to say, "Well, I ought to have that office; but I have no doubt the brother who is appointed to it is more worthy of it than I am; and, therefore, the Master has exercised a discriminating conduct in the course which he has pursued." He ventured upon these few observations, because in his career of Masonry the practice of blackballing came unfortunately much under his view. Of course there were circumstances which justified the blackballing used. If a man of doubtful character had been proposed in a lodge, then, of course, the blackball was the proper course, unless his proposer withdrew him. The blackball was a proper instrument to prevent him entering a lodge; but to pursue it as a means of revenge against the Master or against the lodge was a system, as he said before, as ungentlemanly as it was un-Masonic. He trusted he should never see it in this lodge, and as he had remarked, he hoped if there were any brethren present who were aware of such a course being pursued, or likely to be pursued, that they would do their utmost to prevent its continuance. He would not detain them longer, because he knew they would have an excellent address from his good and reverend friend on his left, which would be far better than the few words he could put together at a moment's notice to put before them. He would therefore at once close what he had to say. He did not want to be either a nuisance to the brethren who were round the room, or to say anything which was unpleasant or out of place. The few words he had said he trusted were in place and that they would have their effect upon the brethren. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with till the time came for the Chaplain's address.

The Rev. B. J. Simpson, P.G.C., then arose and said: Worthy Master, Wardens, and brethren, I congratulate you upon the declaration just made from the chair, and I thank you, especially the two brethren who did me the honour to wait upon me, for giving me the privilege of being present to-day to take some humble part in these happy proceedings. This lodge has already "a local habitation and a name"—"a local habitation" in one of the most ancient parts of this great metropolis; a very worthy "name" as being that of connected with one of those noble benefactors who have been a great blessing to this country. But at the same time it is a new branch of the old tree; it is an offshoot of one of the most venerable and glorious societies which have hitherto existed on this side of the grave, running back into a remote antiquity and founded upon the highest principles of piety and virtue. On that account especially does the consecration of a Freemasons' Lodge become a very solemn as well as a very happy event. Brethren, as I was coming along, I remembered, in addition to the fact that I had not prepared an oration, that our worthy and excellent brother here (Bro. Hervey) on a late occasion was good enough to say that it would be better not to prepare one, but simply to trust to such remarks as it might occur to me as apposite to the occasion on which we assembled. I cannot do better than adopt his advice, and therefore shall venture on a few remarks upon a subject which may possibly interest us all, if not improve us. As I passed through the railway station I saw on the head of a placard these words, "Another Failure on the Stock Exchange;" and as I came up here I saw the sign of an old house of entertainment, "The Angel," and I could not help thinking that those two things, those two signs—one a sign of the times and the other a sign of the material world—might form a very apt subject of thought for us Masons to-day. The word "sign" is not uncommon amongst us, as we know; thrice it has been mentioned to-day; but I think it is a very excellent thing for us at times to consider well the relation which the word "sign" bears to the thing signified; for upon that lies a considerable amount of human happiness or misery. Now, it cannot be denied that those who mark the signs of the times must bear this in view, that this England of ours with all its progress, its material progress, with all its wonderful amount of commercial activity, with all the marvellous discoveries of science, seems not to have advanced in one respect, which, I ventured to say, is superior to them all. It was once, brethren, the boast of this nation

that if there was any one point on which it could boast itself, to use a common phrase, it was that it was a nation that valued reality, thoroughness, straightforwardness, and honesty, that it was not a nation of shams. I very much fear, if we look into the commercial world at the present day, with all our vaunted education, we shall not find greater honesty than was to be found a century ago, whether you take it from the Stock Exchange downwards to the smallest and pettiest tradesman that exists in the city. Thank God there are thousands of glorious exceptions; but I am speaking generally, that it is a sign of the times, and that in the commercial world there is an immense amount of unreality. When I come again to social life, I find the same thing. We live too much out of our homes, which used to be the boast of England too. And I fear that in living much out of our homes, and in moving in what is commonly called society, we do not improve those domestic virtues which I believe make the women as well as the men of England great. Nay, even in that part of our social entertainment commonly called the dinner or the banquet, even there unreality is supplied broadcast for us; and nothing can be more unreal than many of those entertainments typical of the society which gathers around it, of that unreality, that want of substantiality, that old English idea which should pervade even the dinner which we eat. When I come to religion I find the same element about, whether it exists in the form of what is commonly and significantly called "cant" or religious—mere religious—profession, reminding one of the "sounding brass and the tinkling cymbal," which has made religion and hypocrisy almost synonymous in the mouths of business men; or, whether, on the other side I look to that adoration of mere externals which are cropping up and eating out the life and reality of Englishmen and Englishwomen; I say whether I look to one or the other—commercial, social, or religious—I find that sham is taking a very strong hold of English society. And, brethren, when we find this abroad in the world in general, shall we Masons in particular expect to remain immaculate? Certainly not. It is well for us when we have our closed doors to speak honestly to one another; and certainly he would be but a dishonest watchman who should as your Chaplain and not speak his mind off. Brethren, I am sure you will agree with me in feeling that we do not enough practise out of the lodge those noble duties and tenets which we hear within it; and in no place is that more manifest to me sometimes than in the conversation, in the song and in other things which occur after some of our lodge meetings and banquets. Let me speak plainly, I am quite sure of this, that if those noble principles which are impressed so beautifully upon us in our assemblies that we should keep within the bounds of propriety, that we should observe temperance in all things, that we should avoid anything like "indecent and excess," I am quite sure that though, thank God, again, the great majority of our brethren hold to these noble tenets, there are such exceptions as do warrant me in making these observations; I do not think in our assemblies out of the lodge we as men, if true to our obligation, if true to the tenets of our Order, should use with our lips any words, doubtful or not, which we should not be prepared to make use of in the presence of our wives and children. That is the test. It was but a little time ago I was trying to persuade a tradesman with whom I have a certain connection to take an indecent print out of his window, and after he had used all kinds of arguments to convince me that it was a work of art and others of that flimsy, but specious kind which were to be swept away by common sense, I asked him this question: "Are you a husband?" "I am." "Have you a daughter?" "Yes." "Will you take her on your arm and stand opposite that picture for three minutes?" "No, I would not;" and that brought him to think of old Burns' prayer, "Oh, wad some power the giftie gie us to see ourselves as others see us, and so frae many a blunder free us," and he took it away accordingly. I would also venture to remark upon another point within the lodge which has been partially touched upon by our excellent presiding Master. I think that any man who joins Masonry ought to join it for its own sake, and when he does join it come and attend its assemblies whenever his private avocations or public duties freely admit it; that he would not drop in merely in time for the banquet, but would come to the lodge, and then he would there hear those beautiful and instruction ceremonies which will certainly help to make him a better man and Mason. But, moreover, I venture to think also that if he has the laudable ambition to take office, which every man should have, then he certainly ought to make himself master of the working of the lodge, so that he should not when he comes into office not merely convey the beautiful lessons which I speak of, but that he should positively hold them up to ridicule and obloquy. The not doing so is another instance of sham. A man may say, "I have joined a lodge; I am an officer," but then if he really and truly does not act up to the profession he makes, that is sham. Again, if a man proposes another as a member of his lodge, when he does so he is a trustee of that lodge; and if he proposes his own brother, if that brother does not answer to that description given in our questions. "What are fit and proper persons to be made Masons?"—You know the answer—if it is his own brother he ought not to propose him; if he does it is a sham, and a great shame too, if I may make the remark. Brethren, I am quite satisfied in the few desultory observations which I have made that you will agree with me that the best motto for this or any other lodge to have in the old three words "Esse quam videri," to be, rather than to seem. I am quite sure that you will agree with me that the great light of Masonry points out both in its older part, and in its newer part some of the plain simple honest duties which are expected in us as Englishmen and Masons. "What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, to love

mercy and to walk humbly with thy God?" Could there be a more beautiful and terse expression of our Masonic creed? And in the newer part of that glorious old book "pure and undefiled religion" is defined to be "to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world." If, brethren, we try to follow these glorious texts we shall then be able to follow the old book as well as adopt the sentiments of a modern poet in those glorious lines wherein he says:—

Life is real, life is earnest, and the grave is not its goal,
Dust thou art, to dust returnest, was not spoken of the soul.

Let us then be up and doing, with a heart for any fate,
Still pursuing, still achieving, learn to labour and to wait.
The rev. brother sat down amidst loud cheers. The remainder of the ceremony was then proceeded with, and at the installation of W.M. Bro. Elias Somers was installed W.M. The following brethren were afterwards invested:—Bros. E. G. Sim, S.W.; T. J. Coombs, J.W.; J. Weston, Treasurer; J. Osborn, Secretary; A. Rowley, S.D.; F. Ellen, J.D.; J. G. Glover, I.G.; J. D. Taylor, Steward; W. T. Poulton, Steward; H. De Solla, Organist; and W. Steedman, Tyler. The consecrating brethren were elected honorary members of the lodge, viz., Bros. Hervey, Filer, Woodman, Cottebrune, and Simpson. 16 initiates and 5 joining members, were afterwards proposed and the lodge was then closed. A splendid banquet was afterwards provided by Bro. F. Sawyer, of the Crystal Palace, Bro. F. Sawyer, jun., and Bro. W. Abbott, manager, superintending it. The usual list of toasts was proposed and honoured, the replies being made by the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Bro. Hervey, Bro. W. T. Howe and Bro. Gallant for the visitors. Bro. Cubitt and Dr. Woodman for the charities, Bros. Weston and Osborn for Treasurer and Secretary, and Bro. Sim for the officers. The musical arrangements, by Bro. De Solla, were excellent. Late in the evening the brethren separated.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Grand Chapter at its opening was formed as follows:—Lord De Tabley, Z.; Major W. Ramsay, District Grand Supt. Punjab, H.; S. Rawson, J.; J. A. Rucker, P.S.; J. Percy Leith, First A.; Robert Gray, Second A.; J. Hervey, G.S.E.; Colonel Creton, S.N.; Dr. Woodman, S.B.; Joseph Smith, as G.D.C.; F. Pattison, E. G. Snel, James Glaisher, Joshua Nunn, H. J. P. Dumas, Captain Platt, Hugh D.J. Sandeman, N. Bradford, Benj. Head, and the following companions:—A. A. Bagshaw, Z. 1235; Worthington, Z. 370; G. E. Wainwright, J. 370; J. B. Scriven, H. 5; Joseph Clever, J. 13; C. Coupland, Z. 913; T. W. Boord, M.P., P.Z. 7; E. J. Barron, P.Z. 214; F. Driver, J. 742; T. J. Sabine, P.Z. 73; W. Ramsay, C. F. Hogard, Hyde Clarke, Z. 515; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 ("Freemason"); Herbert Dickkitts, P.Z. 145; John Boyd, P.Z. 145, 534; William Stephens, H. 862, Z. 1365; John Constable, F. D. Copestick, F. Adlard, Thomas Fenn, H. Muggeridge, Earl of Donoughmore, and C. B. Payne.

Grand Scribe E. first read the regulations for the Government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of the public business, and then the minutes of last quarterly convocation, and these latter having been put and confirmed,

Lord De Tabley said that the next business which had fallen into his hands as representing the worthy Grand Z. of the Order was to declare the names of the officers whom their most illustrious head had been pleased to appoint to the distinguished honour of holding office in the Grand Chapter. His Lordship then read them as follows:—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, G.Z.; the Earl of Carnarvon, Prov. Grand Z.; Lord Skelmersdale, H.; Lord De Tabley, J.; John Hervey, S.E.; the Earl of Donoughmore, S.N.; the Hon. William Warren Vernon, P.S.; the Rev. Spencer Robert Wigram, 1st A.S.; Lieut.-Col. Thomas Birchall, 2nd A.S.; Samuel Tomkins, Treas.; E. McIntyre, G.C., Registrar; Thomas W. Boord, M.P., F.S.A., Sword Bearer; Edward J. Barron, Standard Bearer; John M. Case, Director of Ceremonies; and Chas. Bryant Payne, Janitor. The companions were then invested, and Colonel Creton, President of the Committee of General Purposes, brought up the report of that committee, and this having been taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes, Colonel Creton proposed seriatim the granting of warrants for five new chapters, to the under mentioned lodges, Nos. 1393, 903, 1071, 1423 and 1185. These having been authorized the election of the Committee of General Purposes was taken, and on propositions being made the following companions were declared duly elected:—James Lewis Thomas, 13; Joseph Smith, 19; John Boyd, 145; H. C. Levander, W. Stephens, 1365; and F. Adlard, 214. The following companions were nominated by the Prince of Wales:—Colonel Creton, Benj. Head and Robert Gray. This concluded the business of Grand Chapter, which was thereupon closed in due form.

A charge of libel brought against Bro. Thomas Jones, the publisher of the "Sewing Machine Chronicle," has been disposed of at the May Session of the Central Criminal Court. The defendant's counsel, Serjeant Balandine and Mr. Straight, entered the plea that the alleged libel contained matters that were true in substance and fact, and that it was for the public benefit that this should be known. The jury acquitted the defendant.

Upwards of 100 brethren were present on Thursday at the consecration of the Merlin Lodge, No. 1578. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Masonic and General Tidings.

By command of the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, telegraphed to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at Madrid expressing the desire of the Freemasons of the province to offer their congratulations to the Grand Master on his arrival within their province from India. H.R.H. has been graciously pleased to accede to their wishes and Provincial Grand Lodge has been summoned to meet at Portsmouth on the 11th ult. for the purpose. The Masons of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight are fortunate in being the first to welcome our Royal Grand Master home.

It has been settled by arbitration that the sum of £310,000 is to be paid to the Liverpool Corporation by the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board for a piece of land which has been acquired by the Board from the Corporation. This is at the rate of £2 17s. 7d. per yard.

THE TULIPS IN THE TEMPLE GARDENS.—The warm weather of the last few days has brought the collection of tulips in the Temple Gardens to great perfection. Mr. Newton, the head gardener, has arranged the beds very tastefully. Among the best specimens we may mention the Cottage Maid, a very pretty variegated flower; the Tournesol (double), the Kaiser Kroon, and the Rex Rubrorum, the latter a very bright crimson flower. The gardens are now open daily to the public.

We are authorised to state that the Prince of Wales proposes to arrive at Portsmouth on Thursday, the 11th of May, and will be met off the Isle of Wight by the Princess of Wales and her children.

The Consecration of the Clive Lodge, No. 1575, will take place on Monday, the 15th ult., at Market Drayton. The proceedings will commence at 2 o'clock, banquet at 4.

The anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday, June 28th, under the chairmanship of Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Leigh, Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire. Masonic clothing will not be worn.

Bro. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., who is now on his way to join his regiment, the 7th Hussars, will be appointed to the staff of the 5th Army Corps, which is to be mobilised in the southern counties next July.

Bro. Sir John Bennett will lecture on "The Dutch and their Doings," at the Greenwich Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge, on Tuesday next.

Bro. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ireland, was present on Friday last in the Exhibition Palace, Dublin, at the annual distribution of prizes of the Masonic Female Orphan School. The gathering numbered over 7000 persons. A full report will appear in our next.

The turnpike at Archway-road, near Highgate, ceased to exist yesterday. The road was constructed in 1813, after a vain attempt had been made to tunnel Highgate-hill, and the cost of its construction amounted to £13,000. The toll was felt most vexatious, and its removal has been long desired.

The sale of Bro. W. Foster White's pictures on Saturday, by Messrs. Christie, Manson, and Woods, at their gallery in King-street, realized £1087. At the same sale a small collection of modern pictures and drawings, formerly belonging to the late Sir Sills John Gibbons, Bart., realized £283. The amount realized by Bro. White's engravings on Monday last was £66 9s.

Her Majesty the Queen will hold a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, May 10th, at three o'clock; and another Drawing Room, also at Buckingham Palace, at three o'clock on Friday, May 12th.

The foundation-stone of a new church at Nuneaton was laid with Masonic ceremony by Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Leigh on Wednesday, 26th ult. A report will appear in our next.

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. Ireland, will open the Belfast Working Mens' Exhibition on the 23rd inst.

Her Imperial Majesty the Empress of Germany landed at Dover on Wednesday, shortly after noon, and at once proceeded by special train to Windsor.

CAPTAIN S. G. HOMFRAY, A.G.D.C. OF ENGLAND, AND D.P.G.M. MON.—We regret that the name of this well-known brother was again omitted in our report of the grand festival which appeared last week.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Carnarvon, M. W. Pro Grand Master, presided at the 87th annual dinner of the Royal Literary Fund, on Wednesday last, on behalf of Lord Derby, who was unable to attend in consequence of the death of the Dowager Countess.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, was present at the funeral of the Dowager Countess of Derby on Tuesday.

Monday last, the twenty-sixth birthday of Bro. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, was celebrated at Windsor with the usual honours. In the morning, and at intervals throughout the day, the bells of St. George's Chapel and St. John's Church rang, salutes of twenty-one guns being fired from the artillery in the Long Walk and the Royal Adelaide frigate and Fort Belvedere, Virginia Water. Prince Arthur was born May 1st, 1850.

WHITTINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 862.—The meetings are now held every Wednesday evening at the Black Bull, Holborn, at 8 o'clock.

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BIRTHS.

ASHBY.—On the 27th ult., at Vine House, Grantham the wife of A. Ashby, of a son.

BAKER.—On the 29th ult., at Abingdon, the wife of S. I. Baker, of a daughter.

BARING.—On the 17th ult., at Constantinople, the wife of W. Baring, Esq., of a daughter.

CUNNINGHAM.—On March 28, at Roorkee, N.W.P., India, the wife of Capt. A. Cunningham, R.E., of a son.

INGLIS.—On the 30th ult., at Edinburgh, the wife of A. B. Inglis, Esq., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

MACKENZIE-BIDDULPH.—On Jan. 12, at Earee, Shoalhaven, New South Wales, by the Rev. W. Grant, M.A., Hugh, youngest son of Kenneth Mackenzie, Esq., Dundonnell, Rosshire, Scotland, to Bella Mary, eldest daughter of T. T. Biddulph, Esq., and granddaughter of the late Rev. Theophilus Biddulph, of Bristol.

HARDY-GLADSTONE.—On the 29th ult., at St. Anne's, Bowden-hill, Reginald, son of Sir J. Hardy, Bart., of Dunstall Hall, Staffordshire, to Lucy Marion, daughter of the late Capt. Gladstone, R.N., M.P.

DEATHS.

AKERS.—On the 27th ult., at Tunbridge Wells, James Ramsay Akers, Esq., in his 63rd year.

DERBY.—On the 26th inst., at 15, Cromwell-road, Emma Caroline, Dowager Countess of Derby, aged 71.

KERR.—On the 30th ult., at Church-street, Galashiels, Bro. Wm. Kerr, aged 73 years.

WYATT.—On the 25th ult., at Holland-grove, Brixton, Augustus, son of the late C. Wyatt, Esq.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1876.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S RETURN.

Our Royal Grand Master has left Madrid, and is now at Lisbon. His reception in both countries has been most enthusiastic. That he cannot have failed to have been delighted alike with Spain and its kindly people—its great memories, and its wondrous interest, is, we apprehend, undoubted. Lisbon and the Tagus and Cintra and its associations will have for him a potent spell. We feel how enjoyable is his trip. He will soon be crossing the Bay of Biscay on his way home. May he have favouring breezes, a calm sea, and may a kindly Providence speed him safely onwards, to that warm welcome and loving family awaiting his glad return.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERSHIP OF NORFOLK.

We understand that H.R.H. the Grand Master has been graciously pleased to offer the Grand Mastership of this province, vacant by the death of the late Hon. F. Walpole, M.P., to Lord Suffolk, and that in due time his lordship will signify his acceptance of it. A brilliant gathering may, therefore, be expected in Norfolk, as we believe the installation ceremony is to be performed by H.R.H. the Grand Master.

THE GRAND FESTIVAL.

Our last Festival was an exceptional one, and in one respect it was "Hamlet" without the Prince. Our Grand Master was still enjoying the brilliant reception of Madrid, Lord Carnarvon had to leave early on account of Mr. Hennesy and Barbadoes, Lord Skelmersdale was kept at home by a very great family affliction, and so on Bro. Col. Burdett descended alike the position and the duties of the G.M. We need hardly say that nothing was lost to the Craft in the hands of that urbane and genial brother, and that the Festival ended as it began, successfully, in peace, love, and harmony, as might well be expected. The ladies, our fair sisters, being greatly pleased with the soft sounds and the cooling liquids, which the foresight and liberality of our worthy Grand Stewards had so judiciously and bountifully provided. Of course the absence of the principal "dramatis personæ" could not fail to be a disappointment to many, though like the Irishman's, it was a disappointment that was "expected," and so the Festival of 1876 will appear to some to be somewhat shorn of its normal or especial brilliancy! But let us look on to 1877, and let us trust, we who still survive, that there will then gather around our M.W. Grand Master a loyal band of faithful brethren, in honour alike of his ever welcome presence, and in unwavering attachment to our good old Craft.

MASONIC ETIQUETTE.

Our contemporary, the "Evening Standard" of April 25th, has the following remarks, in a letter from its correspondent at Gibraltar, with reference to a Masonic ceremony in which our Royal Grand Master took part. He first gives the account of the day's proceedings on the 18th April as follows:—"While the Prince of Wales was thus engaged in the south, great preparations were being made for a similar ceremony at the other end of the town, where the first stone of the new market was to be laid, with all Masonic honours, by the Grand Master of England. A procession of nearly 200 Master Masons, with all their proper insignia, and preceded by a military band, had marched through the town and taken up their position at the angle of the old market where the foundation stone of the new was to be placed. On the Prince's arrival the District Grand Master and other Masons of high degree were first presented to him. His Excellency the Acting Governor then read an address, to which His Royal Highness responded as follows:—"Your Excellency,—I am very glad to

have this opportunity of publicly expressing how much pleased and gratified I am at the kind and cordial welcome given me by the inhabitants of Gibraltar. I am proud to have the honour of laying the first stone of a building which has been approved of and assisted by Her Majesty the Queen, which will, I am sure, prove of the greatest utility to all classes in Gibraltar. It is with feelings of great pleasure I see around me so many members of my fellow Craft. The Prince then proceeded to lay the stone in the manner above described, and then followed a short religious ceremony, conducted by Mr. Richmond, District Grand Chaplain." And then comes the commentary:—"Much surprise has been expressed that a Wesleyan minister should have been invited to officiate, while the Bishop of Gibraltar and many other clergymen of the Church of England were present, particularly as the market will be a Government building. I cannot offer any explanation, unless it may be that he was a Mason and the others not; however, it is a prevailing topic of conversation." Now it is quite clear, first of all, that "our own correspondent" is not a Mason, and, secondly, that he has made a mountain of a molehill. If the subject be a "prevailing topic of conversation" among the good folks at Gib., the old Rock must be greatly changed from what it used to be in very happy hours, alas! now a long long while ago, "Consule Planco." Indeed, our natural feeling would be, what a singular lack of matters to talk about must exist within the walls of "Calpe," if such an allegation be in any way correct. That Bro. D.G.C. Richmond, should, despite his being a Wesleyan minister, officiate at a Masonic ceremony was a simple matter of necessity from the very nature of the case. The ceremony was a Masonic ceremony, and those engaged in it were Freemasons, and as the foundation stone was laid by the D.G. Lodge it was a matter "de rigueur" that its D.G. Chaplain should officiate. Why any surprise should be felt is, we confess, inexplicable to us. Indeed, the correspondent of the "Evening Standard" suggests the reply to his own query when he says "unless it may be that he was a Mason and the others not." This really is the "dignus vindice nodus," and the one real explanation of the apparent difficulty, the happy solution of the enigma of our contemporary's ingenious correspondent. We call attention to the matter, simply because we think it well that all should understand the principles on which we act, and the Masonic etiquette, which is alike needful and becoming on all such occasions. Bro. Richmond, having been appointed D.G.C., was the only proper person to officiate, and whether he was a Roman Catholic priest, or Wesleyan minister, it made no difference, and if all the Bishops of England had been present it could have made none. On such occasions our own officers, our own Chaplains, naturally fill their proper places, and do their proper work, in all Masonic ceremonials, and we should be cowards and something worse if we allowed anything like outside pressure or the opinion of "Mrs. Grundy" to make us deviate one jot or tittle from what the customs of Freemasonry sanctioned and the rules of our own excellent Order enjoined. The question is in itself hardly worth mooted or mentioning, except that it allows us to lay down clearly and calmly the first principles of our Masonic code, alike of etiquette and of usage.

RULE BRITANNIA.

Freemasons are not politicians but they are patriots, simply because they are citizens, and they do not ignore their duties and sympathies as citizens because they become Freemasons. Certainly not. This would indeed be a "reductio ad absurdum." But while as citizens they uphold their privileges and principles, they also bear carefully in mind the teaching and temper of Freemasonry. They do not confound one with the other, they do not forget their citizenship in their Masonry, nor their Masonry in their citizenship. In all that appertains to the greatness and glory of their country they remain as devoted as ever, and they rejoice to say, with entire sincerity, and strong, warm feelings,

'Tis a glorious charter, deny it who can,
That breathes in the words, I'm an Englishman.

In all matters, then, which affect the course of public events, whether for peace or war, the defence of our "Alma Mater," our common country, in the honour and freedom of the British flag, as Freemasons we ever take a deep, and an unchanging, and fervid interest. We are still proud of that fine army of ours, which is ever ready at the call of duty to go anywhere, to do anything for the Queen and old England. We warmly sympathize with our "hearts of oak," and though we do not talk so much just now as we once did of our wooden walls, but rather of our "ironclads," we often echo Campbell's words,

Britannia needs no bulwark,
No towers along the steep.
Her march is o'er the mountain wave,
Her power is on the deep.

Many of our brethren at Portsmouth will have taken part in the launching of the "Inflexible" on Thursday last, and its naming by a fair member of our Royal family, Princess Louise. And while we shall all hope and pray that peace may be long preserved, that the sword may be turned into the ploughshare practically, in all lands and in all hemispheres, yet if the "war dogs" of rapine and ruin, of suffering and sorrow, of wrong and wretchedness should yet be loosed upon mankind, we shall equally believe that quick to strike and ready for the warfare will ever be that noble profession, the navy of Great Britain. That it will do its duty we know. That Jack will always be chivalrous in the hour of strife, and humane in the moment of victory, we are well assured, and so we meet the future with calm composure and reliant hope; and feeling that it is in the highest interest of civilization and progress, and liberty and toleration, and peace and happiness for mankind, that the "meteor flag of England" should float in undimmed greatness over the mighty ocean, we shall trust that in the good Providence of God, it will yet be upheld by our blue jackets as of old, in safety, and dignity, and glory, nothing being able to tarnish its honour, and no stranger being able to haul it down.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We rejoice to observe that, on the motion of our gallant and estimable Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creton, like a good soldier always "to the front," our male annuitants receive £4 additional yearly, making their incomes £40, and the females £32, hitherto £28. We quite approve of the increase, which has been for some time needed, and is both appropriate and seasonable. Bro Terry, the worthy Secretary, states that the increase will impose an additional charge on the income of the Institution of £950 per annum, and that there were now 240 annuitants. Be it so; we feel sure that the change is one equally approved of and appreciated by our entire Craft, and we have no doubt that this proper and beneficial change will at once be endorsed by the still more liberal support of all classes of our brethren.

THE VALUE OF FREEMASONRY.

People may doubt or debate in respect of the history of Freemasonry, but none can question its value, or deny its benefits. Freemasonry has this peculiar characteristic, explain it as you may, that it includes within its ample fold men of very contrasted callings and conditions of life. It has its attractions, apparently, as well for the intellectual as the well-to-do, for the man of science as well as the man of business, for the followers of the learned professions as well as those who make up the great nameless middle-class of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry. Clergymen and physicians, barristers and solicitors, the skilful surgeon and the able "litterateur," all alike are not ashamed to avow themselves brethren of the mystic tie. And to them Freemasonry often holds out a kindly and a helping hand. Prosperity is not necessarily the lot of any. It often leaves many of us, in the great forest of life, when the leaves are sere and the winds are chilling. Too often, day by day, we hear of sad cases of those who once were travelling the high road of affluence and comfort and respectability, men of gaiety and geniality, who now are

alas! too sadly and slowly limping along the cross-country lanes of gloom, and misery, and penury. Misfortunes overtake us all alike, and adversity visits us, some one has said, in turn; no life is necessarily exempt from its drawbacks; no career can be always preserved from its vicissitudes! No, there is one law for us all alike, often of "hard measures," as we think, of deep sorrow, of overwhelming misfortune, of untoward hours in this great noisy, struggling, dusty world of ours. We are led back to these reflections by a case to which our good Bro. Jabez Hogg has called our attention, and which we will allow to tell its own tale. We append his circular, which we commend to the special notice of our readers:—

Greyhound Lane,
Streatham Common, S.W.,
January, 1876.

Sir,—

Your vote and interest are earnestly requested for Dr. Robert Stewart, at the ensuing election of candidates for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Dr. Stewart is a member of the College of Physicians, and was formerly in extensive practice at Streatham and its vicinity, but is now, by great misfortune, obliged to solicit the favour and benevolence of his brother Masons. The doctor has been an Arch Mason for some years, and until 1867 was in flourishing circumstances. The first step to his misfortunes was caused by a partner whom he took into his practice, and whom he trusted too confidently, and who, after having brought Dr. Stewart to a state of bankruptcy, committed suicide. The next step was the death of his beloved wife; then fever struck the doctor, and left him, shattered in health and fortune, dependent upon the kindness of a neighbour for a home, which home may now at any moment be broken up, and your applicant be cast upon the world, unless the kindness of his brother Masons shall find him an asylum in their Institution.

Proxies will be thankfully received by me,
JABEZ HOGG, P.G.D.,
P.M. 1260, &c.

Surely this is a case alike demonstrating the value of Freemasonry, and appealing to us all alike, in our different positions and professions. Medical men always appear to us to have a great claim on the sympathy and goodwill of their fellow creatures. Many are the grave difficulties, many the heavy responsibilities of their laborious lives. That great profession which has ever been foremost in all works of scientific improvement, and in all efforts of intellectual advance, is, as many of us know, ever most ready to aid calamity and mitigate suffering, not only by the potent exercise of the healing art, but by the priceless and ever cheerful endeavours of a warm-hearted personal sympathy. Very few people know how much of unostentatious kindness and liberality are shewn by the great body of the medical profession to suffering patients, to the needy and the friendless, except those who have met them and seen them by the bedside of the poor, or taken counsel with them amid the panic of infection, or the throes of the dying bed. To them humanity and society alike owe a great debt of gratitude, often forgotten, not seldom unexpressed. We are glad, then, in advocating on every ground, personal and general, the claim and case of Bro. Dr. Stewart, and not the least because it is personally urged upon our attention and Masonic goodwill by our esteemed Bro. Jabez Hogg.

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.]

KILWINNING AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I do not know if the following is of much consequence, but if it is worthy of insertion you can use your discretion.

On looking over some volumes of "The Mirror," the forerunner of the penny periodicals, and dated May 8th, 1830, I discovered as under, which is the first intimation to myself, and I daresay it will be to a great many other brethren, of the reason why so many of the Scotch lodges rejoice in the name of Kilwinning:—"Freemasonry in Scotland first made its appearance at Kilwinning, in Ayrshire, where a party of enthusiasts having landed from the continent in the twelfth century spread the knowledge of their mysteries gradually over the rest of the country by colonies termed lodges."

Yours fraternally,

D. P. OWEN, P.M. AND P.Z. 998.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

In answer to "Enquirer," we beg to say, on the best authority:—

1. Yes; frequently by the Board of General Purposes. He must serve for 12 consecutive months.
2. No, he must have served in an English lodge.
3. No. The appointment of all officers, except the Treasurer and Tyler, is in the hands of the W.M., and no one else.
4. No. The brother must be formally appointed as Warden by the W.M., and if present be installed.—[Ed.]

POLITICS.

The following letter appeared in the "Daily News" of May 1st:—

SIR,—During the week I have had sent me, in my capacity of Master of a Masonic Lodge, a circular from the National Union of Conservative and Constitutional Association, at Stephen's Chambers, Bridge-street, Westminster, and an accompanying address to Her Majesty for signature. The address was a twofold object—First it congratulates Her Majesty on the reception met with by her Royal son in her Indian Empire; and secondly, it expresses the satisfaction felt in learning that Her Majesty is about to be advised to assume the style of Empress of India. For the former object I should have no hesitation in presenting the address in my lodge for the signature of my brethren. But with regard to the latter object I am astounded at the impudence of these gentlemen—for I can call it nothing else—in asking me to make my Masonic position a vehicle for promoting their political ends, by procuring signatures to this address. It has always been our boast as Masons we know no sect or party, and however skilfully this matter may be put, it will undoubtedly lead, wherever it is adopted by Masters of lodges, to a violation on one of our foundation principles. I think this attempt at so gross an innovation should be shown up as it deserves, that Masons can see what Messrs. Gorst and Neville would do in order to promote their political views.

Yours truly,

Cardiff, April 28.

A W.M.

The following is the circular referred to:—

National Union of Conservative and Constitutional Associations, St. Stephen's Chambers, Bridge-street, Westminster, S.W., April, 1876.

SIR,—We are desired by the Council of the national Union to send you a copy of an address to Her Majesty which is being extensively signed in all parts of the country, and to request that if you approve of the same you would use your influence to promote its adoption in your neighbourhood. We shall be pleased to send further copies if required, and it is desirable that the address should be returned by the end of this month, when the Council will take the necessary steps for its due presentation.

Yours truly,

J. E. GORST, } Honorary
EDWARD NEVILLE, } Secretaries.

MASONIC PREFIXES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The corrections that have been made in the several letters that have appeared on this subject have sadly militated against the clearness with which it is desirable it should be placed before your readers. "Ad Rem," for example, in your last issue seems to have quite misapprehended the subject. Adopting his plan (a very good one) of connecting the prefixes with the list of officers on pages 18 to 20 of the Book of Constitutions the following would appear to be the proper designations of the various officers, as gathered from Bro. Hughan's researches:—

GRAND LODGE.

- MOST WORSHIPFUL Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive.
- RIGHT WORSHIPFUL Nos. 5 to 10 inclusive.
- VERY WORSHIPFUL Nos. 11 to 20 inclusive.
- WORSHIPFUL..... The remaining officers of Grand Lodge, also the actual Masters and subscribing Past Masters of every private lodge.

PROVINCIAL (OR DISTRICT) GRAND LODGES.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL Only the Provincial (or District) Grand Masters, Past and Present, are entitled to this designation, by virtue of their office outside Grand Lodge.

No other officer of a Provincial (or District) Grand Lodge is entitled to any prefix whatever, save and except such as he claims by virtue of his position in Grand Lodge i.e., either as actual or past officer of Grand Lodge, or as being an actual Master or subscribing Past Master of a private lodge.

Yours fraternally,

Lux.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Mistakes having been made in both of Bro. W. J. Hughan's letters on this subject (which led to a mis-statement in mine of last week), and a portion of my letter having been omitted, I can only suppose they are printer's errors; anyway it leaves us much "as we were before we were." Under these circumstances I must ask leave to trespass on your space, in order that all the prefixes may, if possible, be correctly given at a glance, viz.:—

- MOST WORSHIPFUL Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive.
- RIGHT WORSHIPFUL Nos. 5 to 10 inclusive.
- VERY WORSHIPFUL Nos. 11 to 20 inclusive.
- WORSHIPFUL..... Nos. 21 to 34 inclusive, and the W. Masters, and Past Masters of all private lodges.

By referring to the "Constitutions," pp. 16 to 18, it will be seen that the list from which the above numbers are quoted includes both present and past Grand Officers. And as all Prov. G.M.'s are members of Grand Lodge, it is by their status therein that they acquire the prefix of "Right Worshipful"; or, in other words, with the sole exception of the Master of a private lodge, who is styled "Worshipful," the right of using a prefix is restricted to the appointments made by the M.W.G.M., for as M.M.'s (whose designation is "Brother" only) may be appointed to certain offices in Grand Lodge, or in a Prov. Grand Lodge, it is clear that

Office in Grand Lodge gives a prefix.

Office in a Prov. Grand Lodge does not give a prefix.

Now, will Bro. Hughan kindly say if all the above is correct?

Fraternally yours,

"AD REM."

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My good friend and brother, "Ad Rem," having placed the whole matter in a nutshell, it is only needful now to look at the subject in such a small compass and conclude the correspondence.

Bro. "Ad Rem" says truly,

"Office in Grand Lodge gives a prefix (including Prov. G. Masters), office in Provincial Grand Lodge does not."

In reply to Bro. "Ad Rem's" fraternal request, and for the information of all interested, the following will be found in accordance with the circular of the late M.W. G.M., the Earl of Zetland, respecting Masonic designations. Book of Constitutions, re rank. Pages 16, &c. (edition 1873.)

Nos. 1 to 4, Most Worshipful.

Nos. 5 to 10, Right Worshipful.

Nos. 11 to 20, Very Worshipful.

Nos. 21 to end, Worshipful.

All officers appointed by Provincial Grand Masters are Worshipful brethren, if Masters or Past Masters, but not else.

Bro. R.W.O. asks a question which I have already virtually answered, but I will with pleasure accede to his wishes by referring to the subject at more length.

The authority for the Prov. G. Master to appoint a brother to office not officially a member of the Prov. G. Lodge, owing to being neither a Master, Past Master, nor Warden of a lodge in the province (though a contributing Master Mason therein), is conferred by the Book of Constitutions.

The Grand Master of England has the right by the Constitutions to appoint certain brethren to office, provided they are Master Masons (vide Constitutions, page 37, edit. 1873), and thereby the Prov. Grand Masters have a similar power.

In addition to the foregoing under the laws regulating Provincial Grand Lodges, certain officers are required to be either Masters, Past Masters, or present or past Wardens, viz., Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, Provincial Grand Wardens, and Provincial Grand Deacons respectively. The remainder have simply to be Master Masons. The rule to which Bro. R.W.O. alludes has reference to "Past Rank," which it is not in the power of any Provincial Grand Master or Lodge to confer.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

OFFICERS' JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the lodge to which I belong (constituted 1765 under the old York regime) several of the officers' jewels (silver) are different from those now worn.

The Past Master's is similar in design to the one now worn by the M.W.G.M., except that it has the blazing sun within the extended compasses instead of the irradiated eye. The Deacon's jewel is a winged Mercury bearing the caduceus; the Tyler's, a trowel.

Can any of your readers inform me whether these jewels were identified with the old York system, or are they, as I have reason to think, the recognized officers' jewels now worn under some other constitution.

Yours fraternally,

Lux.

THE SURREY MASONIC HALL CO., LIMITED.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Sir,—

From time to time I have noticed in your paper accounts of festivities at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, in which the directors of the above hall have figured prominently; but I have not noticed any attempt to make the company a commercial success. I have no doubt whatever that lodge meetings, balls, inaugural ceremonies, and other social réunions are very congenial to the tastes of the directors, and that their vanity is highly flattered by the prominent positions they occupied therein; but I should like to have answers to the following queries:—

(1.) What steps are being taken to prove the statement in the prospectus that the S.M.H. would be worthy of the attention of capitalists, as it would be a "remunerative investment?"

(2.) Is the hall completed? If so, has the directorate advertised it, or in any way informed entrepreneurs and caterers for public instruction and amusement that the hall not only existed, but was ready for public use?

(3.) Have any applications to hire the hall been received?

There are many who would be glad to be satisfied that the directors are doing their duty to the shareholders; and it would restore confidence if the above queries were satisfactorily replied to. Our money has been lying idle for the last three years, and it is high time that some return was made for our quasi-"remunerative investment."

I enclose my card, and am yours, &c.,

"A SHAREHOLDER."

SHEFFIELD MASONIC LIBRARY.

We have been requested to publish the following particulars with reference to the above:—

"Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield,

April 29th, 1876.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

We have much pleasure in handing to you, herewith, an account of the formation of a Masonic Library in connection with the three Sheffield Craft Lodges, and it is with deep feelings of satisfaction we call your attention to the distinguished patronage and liberal support which has been already accorded to the scheme. All under whose notice it has been hitherto brought, have heartily responded to the call, and promised to aid in furthering the cause. The Executive Committee, therefore, feel confident that in making this appeal to the members of the Craft in Sheffield and neighbourhood the funds will be considerably augmented—for although the full range of Masonic literature is not generally known to Masons, it is firmly believed that when a comprehensive Masonic library (such as we aim at) is placed within the reach of the brethren in Sheffield and neighbourhood, they will not be slow to avail themselves of the manifold advantages it offers. Should it, however, but serve to stimulate a few to penetrate deeper into the arcana of our mystic lore, and thus attain a knowledge of our society in its past, it cannot fail (whilst affording such members both pleasure and instruction) in leading them to make its present and future more glorious.

Any donation, or subscription, you may be pleased to give will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged by the Treasurer, or either of the Hon. Secs., who will at all times be happy to afford any further information in their power.

Commending the following pages to your careful perusal, and soliciting your hearty co-operation and support, we are, yours fraternally,

S. B. ELLIS, } Hon. Secs.

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"Pye Nest, near Halifax, Feb. 29th, 1876.

"My dear Sir and Brother,—

"I have great pleasure in enclosing my cheque for five guineas towards the intended Masonic Library for the use of our Sheffield brethren and their friends belonging to the Craft, and I need hardly say you have my hearty good wishes for the success of your very laudable project.

"Believe me to remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,
(Signed) "HENRY EDWARDS.

"S. B. Ellis, Esq., S.W. 1239."

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RESUME OF SCHEME.

The objects of the Sheffield Masonic Library are:—Primarily—The collection of Masonic Literature. Secondly

—The Collection of General Literature. Thirdly—The organizing of a series of lectures to be delivered, and discussion papers to be read upon Freemasonry, and upon "The Hidden Mysteries of Nature and Science,"—after which lectures and papers it is desirable that discussions shall take place.

The various duties will be performed by an Executive Committee (see page 7), elected from and under the supervision of the General Committee and its officers (see pages 5 and 6). Lodges, chapters, or brethren giving 10 guineas shall become "Vice-Patrons" (for life); 5 guineas shall become "Vice-Presidents" (for life); 2 guineas shall become "Life Members"; 1 guinea shall become "Subscribers" (for the year in which given).

N.B.—Subscribers of one guinea for 2, 5, or 10 consecutive years, or contributing 2, 5, or 10 guineas within such respective periods, shall become Life Members, Vice-Presidents, or Vice-Patrons accordingly.

Donations, otherwise than in money, are taken at the valuation of the Executive Committee.

Works, &c., to be lent gratuitously to subscribing members of the three Sheffield Craft Lodges, and to members of the General Committee.

N.B.—Thus brethren in the neighbourhood, or from a distance, who qualify themselves by a donation or subscription, may participate in the advantages of the library.

LIST OF BOOKS.

Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England, 1723, 1756, 1767, 1769, 1784, 1807, 1815-19, 1827, 1847, 1863, 1873; Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, 1848, 1873; Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, 1858; Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, 1869; Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, 1861; Constitution of the United Grand Lodge of New York, 1851; Regulations of the Grand Chapter of England, 1823, 1873; Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, 1869; Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Ireland, 1873; Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, 1871; Constitutions of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, &c., 1872; Regulations of the Supreme Grand Council 33° England and Wales, &c., 1874; Regulations of the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of Eng. & Wales, &c., 1874; Statutes of the Convent General, and of the Great Priory (K.T.) of England and Wales, &c., 1873; Statutes of Grand Conclave (K.T.) of England and Wales, 1853; Statutes of the Red Cross of Constantine Order, &c., of England and Wales, 1868; Statutes (and History) of the A. and P. Rite of Great Britain and Ireland, 1875; W. Yks. Prov. Grand Lodge Bye-Laws, W. Yks. Prov. Grand Royal Arch Chapter Bye-Laws, 1860; "Fac simile" of English Constitutions of 1722, "Old Constitutions," by the Rev. J. E. Cox, 1871; "Ahiman Rezon," (Dublin), 1817; "Fac simile" of Illuminated "Address presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M., from the Freemasons of Sheffield, August, 1875"; Dr. Oliver's Institutes of Masonic Jurisprudence, Discrepancies of Freemasonry, Freemasons' Treasury, Pythagorean Triangle, or the Science of Numbers, Antiquities of Freemasonry, Book of the Lodge, Star in the East, Signs and Symbols, Golden Remains of Early Masonic Writers (vol. 2), On the Origin of the Royal Arch Degree, Theocratic Philosophy of Freemasonry; Preston's Illustrations of Freemasonry, 1772, 1801, 1804, 1812, 1821, 1846; Hughan's Masonic Sketches and Reprints, Hughan's List of Lodges at 1814 (at the Union of Antients and Moderns), Hughan's Old Charges of British Freemasons, Halliwell's Early History of Freemasonry in England, Cooke's History and Articles of Freemasonry, Murray Lyon on Freemasonry in Scotland, Origin of Freemasonry in New Jersey, History of Freemasonry (Scotch), 1804; Dr. Loth's Illustrations of Emblems, 1° to 33° inclusive; Callcott's Disquisition of Freemasonry, 1769; Cole's Illustrations of Freemasonry, 1821; Hales' Social Harmony, 1763; Coustos on Freemasonry and the Inquisition, 1746; Masonic Code of Alabama, Bailey's English Dictionary, about 1726; Smith's Use and Abuse of Freemasonry, 1785; Browne's Masonic Master-key, 1802; Bulletin of Supreme Council 33°, S.J., U.S.A., vols. 1 and 2; Freemasons' Quarterly Review, 21 vols., 1834 to 1854; Principles of Freemasonry, 1777; Freemasonry—"A Word to the Wise," 1796; Historical Sketch of the "Society of the Sons of St. George," Report of the Masonic Board of Chicago, 1872; Yarker's Speculative Freemasonry, Moore's "Epicurean," Woodruff's New York Masonic Code, Life of Constantine, by Eusebius, from the Greek; Red Cross Order—Calendars of, 1868 to 1873; Dr. Mackey's Lexicon of Freemasonry, Dr. Mackey's American Quarterly (Masonic) Review, Mackenzie's Royal Masonic Cyclopædia, Kenning's (Woodford's) Cyclopædia of Freemasonry, Fort's Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry, Findel's History of Freemasonry, Memorial vol. of the Masonic Temple of Philadelphia (with photographs, &c.), Hutchinson's Spirit of Freemasonry, 1775; Dallaway's "Architecture," Secret Societies of the Middle Ages, 1837; Heckethorn's "Secret Societies of All Ages and Countries," American Masonic Register, Universal Masonic Record, Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendars, 1871 to 1876; Webb's Masonic Monitor (with Dr. Oliver's autograph), 1805; "Solomon in all his Glory," Ashe's Masonic Manual, 1825; Ashe's Masonic Manual, edited by Rev. J. E. Cox, 1870; Addison's History of the Knights' Templar, 1842; Elements of Freemasonry, 1788; The "Locke" Pamphlet (on Freemasonry), 1753; "Masonic Magazine," vols. 1, 2, 3; "Rosicrucian Magazine," vols. 1 and 2; The "Freemason," from commencement; Bell's History and Bye-Laws of Prov. G. Lodge of the N. and E. Ridings of Yorks, Dendy's Philosophy of Mystery, Kingston Masonic Annual, 1871; Paton's "Origin of Freemasonry; or the 1717 Theory Exploded," Paton's "Freemasonry in relation to Civil Authority," &c.; Three Masonic Sermons by the Rev. W. J. Percy, Reflected Rays of Light upon Freemasonry, Lord Bacon on "Learning," 1640; Freemasons' Pocket

Companion (London), 1764; Freemasons' Pocket Companion (Edinburgh), 1765; History of the Washington Lodge, 1783-1876; Arnold's Philosophical History of Freemasonry and other Secret Societies, An Address to the Duke of Athol on the subject of the Union, 1804; "Life of Pythagoras, with his Symbols and Golden Verses; also the Life of Hierocles, and his Commentaries upon the Verses," 1707; Robinson's "Proofs of a Conspiracy against Religions and Governments in the Secret Meetings of Freemasons, Illuminati, and Reading Societies, Dublin, 1798; numerous Reports of Proceedings of English and Foreign Grand Lodges, Chapters, Charity Committees, &c., &c.; old numbers of English and American Masonic Magazines, Masonic Essays, Manuals, Sermons, Lectures, &c.; Histories and Bye-Laws of Lodges.

IN FRENCH.—Les Franc-Maçons, 1747; Varrentrapp's History, &c., of Freemasonry, 1742; Rebold's Histoire des Tres Grandes Loges, 1864.

IN SPANISH.—Los Comeneros de Castilla, 1842.

IN GERMAN.—Marbach—"Agenda" (on the Craft and Royal Arch Degrees); "Sarsena"—(History and Origin of Freemasonry); "Signet Star," 15 vols.; A Revelation of Freemasonry; "Freymaurerisch Versammlungsreden der Gold und Rosenkreutzer des alten Systems"—Amsterdam, 1779; Klosz's Bibliographie der Freimaurerei und der mit ihr in Verbindung gesetzten geheimen Gesellschaften Systematisch zusammengestellt—Frankfurt-a-M. 1844.

Whilst referring, with some degree of pleasure, to the foregoing list of books already in our possession, the Executive Committee can only regard it as a nucleus, and, as such, a powerful incentive to further exertions.

S. B. ELLIS, { Hon. Secs.
and
A. SCARGILL, { Librarians.

PRESENTATION TO DR. W. P. MILLS, P.M., BY LODGE 376.

A very gratifying presentation was made at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, to Dr. W. P. Mills, who for many years has acted as Treasurer of the Perfect Friendship Lodge. The lodge was well attended, amongst those present being the officers of the lodge:—Bros. J. H. Staddon, W.M.; H. Sidney, S.W.; A. Read, J.W.; H. Luff, Sec.; J. G. Churchyard, S.D.; W. B. Jeffries, J.D.; W. T. Westgate, D.C.; W. Green, I.G.; Past Masters W. J. Jack, N. Tracy, J. A. Pettit, J. B. Fraser, A. Gamman, W. Spalding, W. A. Elliston. The British Union Lodge was represented by Bros. C. F. Long, P.M.; W. Boby, P.M.; A. D. George, P.M.; St. Luke's Lodge by Bros. W. Daking, S.W.; A. C. Barber, P.M.; and others; the Prince of Wales Lodge by Bros. F. Bennett; W. Clarke, J.W.; D. D. Steele, and others. Amongst the members of the Perfect Friendship Lodge were Bros. F. Fisler, L. Callaway, T. Hooper, T. R. Elkington, A. Cannon, W. H. Spicer, S. R. Anness, R. Anness, W. R. Davis, H. G. Bishop, H. D. Harrison; and others. The presentation consisted of an illuminated address, beautifully executed by Miss Tracy, together with a drawing-room clock and pair of ornaments, all enclosed under glass shades. The clock, an eight-day one, and the ornaments are made of ormolu and enamel, and have medallions very richly painted, representing hunting scenes. The articles, which are valued at 40 guineas, were supplied by J. B. (Messrs. R. D. and J. B. Fraser), and were much admired by the brethren.

The address was as follows:—"To W. P. Mills, M.D., P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Suffolk. Dear Sir and Brether,—We, the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Past Masters, and brethren of the Perfect Friendship Lodge of Freemasons, No 376, beg your acceptance of the accompanying time-piece, and ornaments, as a slight token of the high estimation of the many valuable services rendered our lodge, especially as Treasurer during a period of 26 years. Wishing you long life and happiness, We subscribe ourselves, Yours fraternally."

(Here follow the signatures of the W.M. and present officers and Past Masters and brethren of the lodge.)

Upon a gilt plate within the shade of the clock was the following inscription:—"Presented by the brethren of Lodge Perfect Friendship, No. 376, to W. P. Mills, M.D., P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Suffolk, as a mark of esteem and in recognition of his services as Treasurer for twenty-six years." After the passing of two brethren and the initiation of Mr. W. Roe, the presentation was made by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Staddon, who in a most felicitous speech expressed the obligations the brethren were under to their worthy Treasurer for acting in that capacity for the long period of twenty-six years, and asked his acceptance of the scroll, ornaments, and timepiece. Bro. Mills suitably responded, and stated his inability to sufficiently express his thanks to the brethren for their handsome and unexpected presentation. The lodge having been closed in due and ancient form, the brethren retired to the banqueting room, and about fifty sat down to supper.

INFANT ORPHAN ASYLUM WANSTEAD.—The anniversary meeting of this excellent charity will be held at Wanstead, on the 29th June. Bro. the Earl of Shrewsbury will preside on this occasion.

HAVE THE REMEDY WITHIN YOUR REACH.—Nothing has yet equalled the efficacy of Holloway's Balsamic Pills in checking disease in and restoring vigour to the human body. They root out all impurities from the blood, and regulate and invigorate every organ. Immense care is taken to secure the genuine preparation to the public, that no disappointment may be caused to invalids seeking health by Holloway's medicines. Their composition, and careful packing, prevent the impairment of their virtues by time, sea voyage, or climate. They never gripe, or cause inconvenience. In disturbances of the system, disorders of the digestive apparatus and derangements of the bowels, these Pills exercise an almost magical power, which conquers disease safely, quickly, conveniently and cheaply.—ADVT.

FREEMASONRY AND ROMAN CATHOLICISM.

The funeral of Permanent Sergeant Nagle, of the Second West York Yeomanry, took place at Stoney Road Cemetery, Halifax, in the presence of a very large concourse of people. Deceased died at the Halifax Infirmary, after a protracted illness caused by a cancer in the tongue. The funeral cortege assembled at the infirmary, and was composed of nearly all the members of the H Squadron of the Second West York Yeomanry, and a large number of artillery and rifle volunteers. Several of the militia staff and pensioners were also present, and the band of the regiment with which the deceased was connected played the Dead March in "Saul." At the cemetery the Rev. Father Geary performed the funeral ceremony, and at the close of the service in the chapel announced that deceased had been a Freemason, but in order to die in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church he had, previous to his death, renounced his connection with Freemasonry. The usual firing over the grave took place, after which the crowds dispersed.

BRO. HUBERT AND THE CHAINE D'UNION.

We have been requested to publish the following:—
Paris, le 17 Avril, 1876.
M. Hubert, rédacteur en chef de la "Chaîne d'Union, Journal de la Franc-maçonnerie Universelle," me prie de faire savoir à ses amis et abonnés que, par suite d'un accident qui lui est arrivé, le 13 Avril, en montant en omnibus, il s'est fracturé une jambe et se trouve provisoirement empêché de publier son journal. Il compte sur la sympathie de ses abonnés pour accepter ce retard forcé, et leur promet qu'aussitôt qu'il pourra se lever, il complètera les numéros restés en arrière et reprendra sa publicité régulière.

M. Hubert invite ses correspondants à continuer de lui adresser leurs documents et notes, rue de la Vielle-Estrapade, 9, afin, qu'ils puissent être transmis à l'imprimerie, composés de suite et coordonnés dès que la santé du rédacteur le lui permettra.
Les amis de M. Hubert, que voudraient lui rendre visite, pourront le voir à partir de 10 heures du matin jusqu'à 5 heures et demie du soir inclusivement, en s'adressant à la Maison de santé du faubourg Saint-Denis (Hospice Dubois), escalier A, au 2E, côte des hommes, chambre No. 14, où il est actuellement alité.

Pour M. HUBERT, empêché,
A. PARENT, imprimeur de la "Chaîne d'Union."

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 12, 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, MAY 6.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1194, Villiers, Grotto Hot., Twickenham.
" 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, S.E.
Precep. 127, Bard of Avon, Hampton Court.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, MAY 8.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
" 136, Good Report, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
" 193, Confidence, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 1118, University, F.M.H.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
Rose Croix Chap., Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

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, MAY 9.

Lodge 46, Old Union, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
" 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 541, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
Supreme Grand Council, 33, 33, Golden-sq.

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, Wheatshaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.

Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10.

Anniversary Festival R.M.I. for Girls, F.M.Tav.—See Advt. Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Inn, Hampton Court.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1017, Montefiore, F.M.H.
" 1228, Beacontree, Private Room, Leytonstone.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tav., Wapping.
" 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
Supreme Grand Council, 30^o and 33^o, 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.
Moant Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-street, St James's.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.

THURSDAY, MAY 11.

Lodge 19, R. Athelstan, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
" 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Dock.
" 1216, Macdonald Hd.-qtrs. 1st Surrey Rifles.
" 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav.
" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
K.T. Precep. 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hot.
" 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple, London.
Prov. Grand Lodge, R.S.Y.C.S. at 3 o'clock, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Arglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
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, MAY 12.

Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hot., S.W.
Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-st., W.
K.T. Precep. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Terminus Hot.

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.
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 13, 1876.

MONDAY, MAY 8.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.
" 613, Unity, Palatine Buildings, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
" 1021, Hartington, H.M., C.H.B., B.-in-Furness.
" 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
Mark Lodge, 165, Bedford H., Bedford-rd., Rock Ferry.

TUESDAY, MAY 9.

Lodge 179, Antiquity, Royal Hot., Wigan.
" 241, Merchants, M.H. Liverpool.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Kirkdale.
" 1384, Equity, Commercial Hot., Widnes.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10.
 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.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MAY 11.
 Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 333, Royal Preston, Vic., Garrison Hot., Fulwood.
 " 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.
 " 786, Croxteth, United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.
 Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
 Mariners' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MAY 12.
 Lodge 1280, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
 MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.
 For the Week ending Saturday, May 13, 1876.
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, MAY 8.
 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, Kirkintilloch, Washington Hot.
 " 403, St. George, Oddfellows' Hall, Helensburgh.
 " 541, Marie Stuart, M.H., Crosshill.
 " 579, St. Bryde, M.H., Uddingston.

TUESDAY, MAY 9.
 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, MAY 10.
 Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
 " 179, St. Mungo, London Hot., Mauchline.
 " 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.
 Chap. 113, Partick, M.H., Partick.

THURSDAY, MAY 11.
 Lodge 88, New Monkland, T.H., Airdrie.
 " 109, St. Marnock, T.H., Kilmarnock.
 " 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, MAY 12.
 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.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.
 For the Week ending Saturday, May 13, 1876.

MONDAY, MAY 8.
 Lodge 145, St. Stephen, Writers' Court, Edinburgh.
 TUESDAY, MAY 9.
 Lodge 1, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo-place.
 WEDNESDAY, MAY 10.
 Lodge 2, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel.
 Chap. 1, Edinburgh, F.M.H., George-st.
 THURSDAY, MAY 11.
 Lodge 8, Journeyman, M.H., High-st.
 FRIDAY, MAY 12.
 Chap. 56, Canongate, M.H., John-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 1864; 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
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