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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1158).**—On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., a very strong gathering of members and visitors took place at the "Montpellier" Tavern, Walworth, it being the night of nights, namely the installation meeting of this transpontine lodge. The proceedings commenced at an early hour in the afternoon. The officers present were Bros. Wise, W.M.; Macdonald, S.W., W.M. elect; Walters, J.W.; Allen, S.D.; Harris, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; J. Wright, I.P.M. (W.M. Royal Commemoration); A. Wright, P.M., Treas.; Pulsford, P.M., Sec.; Newsham, Asst. Sec.; Hobdell, Asst. Org.; Towers, P.M.; Clark, P.M.; H. Potter, P.M., and Dr. Goldsboro', P.P.G.S.W. of North Wales and Shropshire, &c. (hon. member); Steed, Tyler. Among the numerous visitors we noticed Bros. Ough, P.G.P., and Hogg, P.G.S. of England; Platt, P.M. 23; Dann, P.M. 72; Dilley, P.M. 147; King, P.M. 172; Keeble, P.M. 275; Neville, P.M. 765; Collander, P.M. 998, W.M. designate 1582; Mander, P.M. 1201; Burrell, P.M. 1446; Scard, W.M. 140; Woodman, W.M. 1559; Walls, S.D. 1381; Morphew, S.D. 1585; Elliott (Mount Lebanon). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bro. Deffrus to the F.C. Degree with that care and ease which has characterised his working throughout his arduous year of office. The ceremony of inducting Bro. G. Macdonald to the chair of K.S. was then commenced, Bro. Wise being Installing Officer; and Bros. Clark, P.M.; Dann, P.M.; and Pulsford, P.M., respectively officiated as S.W., J.W., and D.C. It is always gratifying to be in a position to chronicle the maiden effort of any I.P.M., why may endeavour to carry out successfully the difficult task of installing his successor, but when it is performed well—as was the case on this occasion—it becomes a positive pleasure. Bro. Wise's working was simply perfect, and the best proof that can be afforded that his exertions were approved by his crowded auditory was the ovation he received at the conclusion of the ceremonial. The officers were then inducted as follows:—Bros. Walters, S.W.; Allen, J.W.; Smith, S.D.; Harris, J.D.; A. Stewart, I.G.; A. Wright, P.M., Treas.; Pulsford, P.M., Sec.; Newsham, Asst. Sec.; Fortune, D.C.; Holland, W.S.; Burr, Org.; Hobdell, A.O.; Steed, Tyler. The pleasing duty of presenting Bro. Wise with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was then performed by the W.M., who complimented the I.P.M. for the very admirable manner in which he had presided during his year of office, and that he personally considered him a pattern Master, both in lodge and at the banquet table. In conclusion the speaker said that by Bro. Wise's careful attention to the lodge funds he had relinquished office with the largest sum ever left in the Treasurer's hands by any former I.P.M. of the Southern Star (loud applause), and he hoped that the G.A.O.T.U. would enable him to live many years to wear the jewel which he had so worthily won. Bro. Wise in reply thanked the lodge for the jewel and the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had graded its presentation. He went on to tell them that he had served all the offices of the Lodge from I.G., and that by constant application and attention at lodges of instruction he had endeavoured to master the Masonic ritual, although he confessed he had to contend with a constitutional dulness. In concluding his remarks he exhorted those brethren who had a desire to reach the chair of K.S. to frequently attend lodges where good instruction could be obtained, and stated "en passant" that under the auspices and title of the Southern Star a lodge would be opened at the Crown Hotel, Blackfriars, on the 15th instant, when the ceremonies of consecration and installation would be rehearsed by Bro. Terry, P.D.G.C. of Herts, &c., their W.M. being Hon. Secretary, Bro. Pulsford Preceptor, and himself Treasurer to the said intended lodge. A committee consisting of the officers and seven lay members, viz., Bros. Dowssett, Hefter, Hobdell, Birham, Beavis, Fane, and Wilkie having been appointed to carry out the arrangements of the summer festival, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave "The Queen and Craft" (National Anthem—Bro. Walls.) In proposing "The Health of H.R.H., the M.W.G.M.," the W.M. briefly touched upon the incidents of the Prince's Indian tour and his happy welcome home, and in conclusion he spoke of the great attention and interest H.R.H. had displayed both in this country and abroad in everything relating to Freemasonry,

and he, the W.M., considered that the Prince was undoubtedly one of the best Grand Masters that the ancient Craft had ever had. "God Bless the Prince of Wales" having been sung by Bro. Farrell, the W.M. proposed "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present," coupled with the names of Bros. Ough, P.G.P., and Hogg, P.G.S., who responded. In consequence of four gentlemen, viz., Messrs. Block, Pontin, Simms and Scar, having been initiated at a recent L. of E., the W.M. brought their names forward, and they were toasted as "The Initiates," and subsequently they each returned thanks. In giving "The Visitors" the W.M. remarked upon the number of distinguished brethren that had that day honoured the installation meeting of the lodge by their attendance. He was personally exceedingly pleased with the presence among others of Bros. Dilley, King, and Mander, whose abilities as Masonic Preceptors were well and deservedly known. In conclusion he hoped that their visit had been in every way satisfactory to them. This toast having been duly honoured, Bros. Dilley, King, Goldsboro' and Mander made very able replies, the latter brother's speech in particular being full of point and humour. Bro. Wise, I.P.M., then rose and gave "The W.M." In the course of his remarks he said that after the many kind expressions that had fallen from the lips of the various visitors in praise of the genial qualities and abilities of Bro. Macdonald, and which encomiums could be fully endorsed by every member present, it was quite unnecessary for him to dilate upon the subject, but in concluding, he felt sure that the W.M. would give every satisfaction during his year of office in the discharge of the great duties of the position he had undertaken. In reply, Bro. Macdonald said that he was quite overpowered by the many words of praise that had that evening been passed upon him by the visitors, and taken up by the I.P.M., who had so ably proposed his health. He then touched upon his connection with the lodge, which had been established some nine or ten years, and stated that he had received his first lessons in Masonic working from Bro. Dilley, and since then by Bro. Pulsford, their worthy Secretary, and hoped that the instruction thus kindly given had not fallen on barren soil, but of that the members of the lodge could be the only judges. He concluded by telling them that he would do the best to enhance the prosperity of the Southern Star, which lodge had in so short a time made such gigantic strides in the world Masonic, and begged them to believe that that was the happiest moment he had ever experienced. Between the toasts, Bros. Hogg, Ross, Walls, Walters, and others poetical and vocally amused the brethren. The remaining toasts were "The Masonic Charities," "The Past Masters," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's. The proceedings, which were throughout eminently successful, terminated at an advanced hour, and the brethren separated until the fourth Tuesday in September.

**GRANITE LODGE (No. 1328).**—In the accession of members to this lodge there seems to be an especial fatality. The followers who flocked to the standard of King John were never more enthusiastic or more loyal to his cause than were those to the Craft who on Saturday, the 13th ult., were added to the grand category of innocent martyrs to the fascinations of the Masonic art. When the ancient Druids of Stonehenge were in the pride and glory of their fame never could the devotees of their peculiar "ism" have sought the shrine of their sacred lapidarian pile imbued with nobler sentiments or endowed with feelings of deeper appreciation of their primitive pastimes than were those who on that particular day enshrined their names in the blessed cause of Freemasonry. History has certainly been repeating itself in the Granite Lodge with something approaching to amazement. At almost every lodge the brief chronicle the times has to record the addition of a whole batch of strangers ready and desirous to embrace the mysteries of the Craft. The ranks are being constantly filled, and volunteers are repeatedly enlisting. But who can wonder at these events under the able generalship of the P.W.M. (Bro. Oliver), and his subalterns, the celebrated "Juniors," the performance of whose offices forms no indifferent part of the whole of the strategical movements of the mighty army of Freemasons. With sincere regret he said the announcement was made that the W.M. (Bro. Muggeridge) was unable to assume his post on this occasion from continued indisposition, and it therefore fell to the lot of Bro. Oliver to raise to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bros. J. H. Outwaite, C. J. Jones, J. B. Lee, G. H. Chapman, Egerton J. Pain; to pass Bro. A. J. Hewitt, and initiate Bro. Edward Francis Clarke. Bro. David Duke was also initiated, and Bro. R. B. Austin likewise. A donation to the Royal Masonic Girls' School was voted, to be placed on the list of Bro. W. H. Muggeridge, W.M., who will represent the lodge as Steward at the next festival. The lodge then formed itself into a forum for the discussion of general matters. Bro. Lewis Thomas rose to speak of the prosperous condition of the lodge, while Bro. Hackett's morceau told of the unmistakably abundance of his Chancellorship of the Exchequer and the redundancy of the precious metal. As a consequence of this pleasing intelligence nothing less than a summer banquet could be thought of—especially when it was considered that all the Masonic charities had been freely patronised, and considering also the long interval between that and next meeting. Many innocent remarks followed the suggested event, in order to make the occasion in all respects worthy of the Granite Lodge. Strange to relate—or we do not mind for once divulging a cabinet secret—the ladies were positively brought into question—a subject every one will allow admitting of a wide field of pretty discourse and lavishing "sweet nothings," as the fair sex call compliments, on the charms and the beauty of "the pinks of fashion and the darlings of the day," as

the song would remark. And some brother, more remarkable for the softness of his heart than the hardness of his head (as Bro. Middlemass would say), positively had the cool effrontery to propose that the rank and file of the Granite's army of pleasure seekers should be swollen on the great occasion by the presence of the ladies. Need we say, as the song says, "that a storm arose," the bosom of the deep was never more agitated; and after the surging waves of opposition had done their destructive work the proposition was fated, like the baseless fabric of a vision, to leave not a wreck behind, for in the full tide of masculine prejudice the feminine boat was completely tossed to the winds and the resolution negatived. While this discussion was going on Bro. Cole, at No. 2, Westminster Chambers, had prepared a very pleasant supper for their delectation; after partaking of which Bro. Oliver, in the chair, proposed "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," and coupled with it that of all the Royal Family, which were heartily responded to. Following these toasts, "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and Lord Skelmersdale," were given next, and responded to with true Masonic enthusiasm. "The Health of Bro. Cottebrune" was given next, and the W.M. remarked that he was so valuable to the lodge that they should regret very sincerely to lose his services. Bro. Batson proposed "The Health of the Master," who, he said, had always fulfilled the office of the chair with kindness, and the addition of cordiality. Bro. Oliver, W.M., in thanking them, remarked that it always gave him pleasure to be amongst the members of the Granite Lodge. He then proposed "The Health of the Initiates," and coupled with it the name of Bro. Duke, who briefly responded. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Visitors," coupling with it the names of Bros. Middlemass, Browning, and Turner, each of whom responded, Bro. Middlemass enlivening the proceedings by a very able and humorous speech. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the P.M.'s, Bros. Bateson, Lendy, D. Maid, and J. Lewis Thomas," each of whom acknowledged the toast, and expressed the great pleasure they felt at the magnificent growth of the Granite Lodge. The W.M. next selected the worthy Treasurer, Bro. Hackett, and Bro. Thomas, the Secretary, as the objects of his favour. Bro. Hackett, in returning thanks, observed that it was not a thankful office to keep the cash; but he nevertheless hoped he should long continue to do so if it were only for the pleasure of being called "the Man of Brass." It was his peculiar function to advocate expenditure, and whenever it was a question of charities he was proud to say he always did so with joy. They must be careful, however, not to let charity degenerate into pauperism; and therefore it was with feelings of gratification that he heard there was to be an expenditure on a summer banquet. The funds were ample and could well afford the proposed event. Bro. Thomas remarked that the duties of his office were performed with much pleasure, for it added greatly to the willingness with which he fulfilled his obligations when he knew he was Secretary to a lodge second to none in the metropolis. He assured them that there was no man so well able to take care of the cash as Bro. Hackett. The W.M. then proposed "The speedy restoration to health of the W.W., Bro. Muggeridge," which was cordially responded to. "The Health of the Minor Officers" brought to their feet Bros. Bosworth, Gardner, and Kirk, who each referred to their respective functions as the units which go to making the condition of the Granite Lodge one of unmixed pleasure and satisfaction, and the brethren separated shortly after midnight.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE (No. 1589).**—This lodge held a meeting at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday evening, the 25th ult. Bros. Dwarber, P.M. 55, W.M.; Wellsman, P.M. 858, S.W.; L. Alexander, P.M. 188, J.W. (in the absence of Bro. Dalwood through illness); A. Tisley, Sec.; Turner, J.D.; Woodbridge, I.G.; and the following visitors:—Bros. H. J. Green, W.M. 1538; C. H. Stephenson, W.S.; E. Swanborough, J.D. H. F. Cox, D.C. 1319; J. W. M. Doselle, P.M. and Sec., 55; A. R. Haley, P.M. 862; C. Centun, of Le Travail Lodge, at Verviers, in Belgium; O. Low, 258; W. R. Buckmann, 1287; J. Shuter, P.M. and Sec., 858. Bros. Manners, Low, Clew, Bull, and Thurgood were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

**KENDAL.**—Union Lodge (No. 129).—The regular meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Stramongate, on Thursday, the 25th ult., when Bro. Fred. Chas. Grayson, W.M., presided, assisted by his officers, Bros. Rich. J. Nelson, S.W.; W. Crauston, J.W.; Geo. B. Greenall, Treas.; George J. McKay, Sec.; W. H. Akerrig, S.D.; Thos. Baron, J.D.; Robt. B. Hunter, I.G. There were also present the following members:—Bros. Harry Rauthmell, P.M. and M.E.Z. 129, P.P.G.D. of C. Cumberland and Westmorland, Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; H. F. Scales, Thos. C. Fearenside, O. G. Grayson, W. F. Robson, W. Middleton, Jas. Gooding, J. Hunter, F. W. Watson, W. Harrison, R. Godfrey, Jas. Winder, Edward O. Dwyer, J. Banks. Visitors:—G. Taylor, 1051; J. Wilkinson, 940; A. Balmforth, 779. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Edward O'Dwyer and James Winder, were passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M. in a very able and impressive manner. This being the last meeting for the season, the W.M. (in deference to the wish of several of the younger brethren) decided to meet on the last Thursday of next month, for the purpose of raising the two candidates, to enable them to attend Provincial Grand Lodge in autumn, which is expected to be held at Kirkby Lonsdale, the seat of the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, P.G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland, when a very large gathering of the brethren

from the province and elsewhere is anticipated. Bro. P.M. Rauthmell informed the brethren that any member desirous of attending the Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys could obtain a ticket for dinner (price one guinea) from himself, being Steward for the province, or Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Institution. Heartly good wishes having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was solemnly closed in peace and harmony at 8 p.m.

**JERSEY.**—Lodge La Cesaree (No. 590).—The 25th anniversary meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, May 25th, at the Masonic Temple, for the sole purpose of installing the W.M. elect and investing his officers. Soon after 4.30 the lodge was opened by Bro. A. Grant, W.M., supported by Bros. Geo. J. Renouf, P.M., P.S.G.W., as S.W.; Capt. P. Messervy, J.W.; A. Schmitt, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; J. T. du Jardin, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. Oatley, P.M., P.S.G.W.; John Durell, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Gallichan, I.G., and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Gen. T. C. Kelly, C.B., W.M. 877, P.S.G.D.; E. Martel, W.M. 958, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Kingsnorth, W.M. 245, P.P.J.G.W.; R. Barrow, P.M. 491, P.G. Reg.; P. W. Benham, W.M. 244, P.G. Treas.; J. O. Le Sueur, P.M. 491, P.G. Sec.; W. Metherell, W.M. 1003; P. Blampied, S.W. 245, P.G.D.C.; F. Le Feuvre, J.W. 877, P.G.S.B.; and others. After the confirmation of minutes the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. A. Schmitt took the chair as Installing Master, when Bro. J. T. du Jardin presented Bro. A. Grant as W.M. elect, the customary enumeration of duties was made and acknowledged, the ancient charges were read and assented to, and the obligation of W.M. elect administered. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and all brethren who had not passed the chair withdrew. A board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. A. Grant duly placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The usual processions, salutations, and proclamations were gone through, and after the address, delivered by the I.M., Bro. A. Grant, W.M., briefly remarked that, fully acknowledging the difficulty of the task he had undertaken, he was sensible of the honour conferred upon him for the second time. He accepted the responsibility, and trusted with God's support he should not be wanting in the worthy discharge of it, especially as he had been promised and could confidently rely upon efficient help from the P.M.'s. The following appointments were made, the I.M. in each case officiating and offering appropriate remarks: Bros. J. Pallot, I.P.M.; Capt. P. Messervy, S.W.; E. Carre, J.W.; J. Durell, P.M., Treas.; A. Gallichan, S.D.; J. Le Goupillot, J.D.; J. P. De St. Croix, I.G.; H. du Jardin, Tyler; and A. Schmitt was invested by the W.M. as Sec. The proceedings connected with the installation having been brought to a close, the Secretary presented the annual report of the Audit Committee, containing the actual financial condition of the lodge and a number of recommendations, which, on a proposition duly made and seconded, were received, approved, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. No other business offering, the lodge was closed; the brethren adjourned and sat down to an excellent dinner, the chair being occupied by the W.M., supported on his right by Bros. A. Schmitt, Gen. T. C. Kelly, J. Pallot, P. W. Bonham, and J. Durell, and on his left by Bros. J. T. du Jardin, A. Viel, P. W. Binch, J. O. Le Sueur, E. Martel, R. Barrow, G. J. Renouf, G. F. Baker, W.M. 491, and other members. The usual local and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, including those of W.M., P.M.'s, W.M.'s of sister lodges, Bro. J. Durell proposed "Prosperity to our Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions," expressing in warm and sympathetic terms his views on the powerful importance of those noble institutions, benefitting so many decayed brethren and sisters, and hundreds of our orphans boarded, clothed, and educated. He energetically urged upon the brethren the duty of liberally supporting both the old and the young, alluding particularly to the efforts made and crowned with success in this province by delegating one of its members to represent it as Steward at the festival of the School for Girls in the person of Bro. A. Schmitt, and coupling his name with the toast, which elicited the warmest applause. Bro. A. Schmitt gracefully acknowledged the kind and warm sentiments manifested by the brethren towards our Royal Masonic Institutions, and briefly narrated his own impressions engraved in his mind on the practical utility and benefits of these benevolent institutions by his visiting and inspecting as Steward the School for Girls. He depicted rapidly and vividly not only the charming structure of the building, but expatiated particularly on the judicious arrangements for the health, comfort, and happiness of the children, and could not but express his heartfelt joy and gratification with regard to the adopted system of education: French, German, English, needlework, music, domestic duties, &c. He advocated the noble cause of our Benevolent Institutions, the chief object of our charitable duties towards our neighbour, and worthy of every Mason's support, and in concluding he conveyed in the name and on behalf of the girls his most graceful thanks to the lodges, chapters, and brethren who came forward so liberally, enabling him thereby to creditably accomplish his mission. Bro. A. Schmitt then proposed a special toast, "The Absent Honorary Members of the Lodge, our eminent Bros. Dr. H. Hopkins and Wm. James Hughan (Frero)." He sketched in terse terms the Masonic work and merit of these indefatigable pioneers in the research of historical knowledge and truth, the accomplished Craftsmen of learning and erudition, who, by the fruits of their hard labour, diffuse cheerfully Masonic light amongst the brotherhood in general by making the real object of Freemasonry known, understood, and appreciated. This sentiment was enthusiastically applauded. The speeches were interspersed with excellent vocal music, and the proceedings terminated at half-past nine o'clock.

**JERSEY.**—St. Aubin's Lodge (No. 958).—The anniversary meeting of this very much respected and flourishing lodge took place at the Masonic Temple,

Jersey, on Tuesday, the 16th ult., under very favourable auspices. Of course the point culminant was the installation of W.M. for the ensuing year, although the ceremony of raising was previously performed in a very impressive manner. It is, however, important to state that the lodge was opened at four o'clock p.m. under the able Master-ship of Wor. Bro. E. Martel, P.P.G.D. of C., assisted by Wor. Bro. J. Oatley, as S.W.; Bro. W. H. Chapman, J.W.; Wor. Bro. R. Barrow, P.M. 491, as Deacon; with several other members. Amongst the visitors were Very Wor. Bro. Wm. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M.; W. Bros. A. Schmitt, P.P.G.S.W. (who acted as Steward for the Province at the Festival of the Girls' School this month); J. O. Le Sueur, P.G. Sec.; P. W. Benham, P.G. Treas.; W. Buzzard, P.M. 168, P.G.D. for Warwickshire; with a great number of other visitors. At 5.30, the W.M., being W.M. elect (he having been elected for the second year), vacated the chair for Very Wor. Bro. Wm. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M., who gracefully acted as Installing Master. The W.M. was presented to him to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and never was that duty performed in a more efficient manner. After the W.M. was installed, he proceeded to appoint his officers, and such as were present were duly invested. Previous to the lodge being closed Wor. Bro. A. Schmitt rose and gratified the brethren with an energetic and interesting account of his duties and experience as Steward of the Province at the festival of the Girls' School, which, by the way, caused a great deal of pleasure to all present. In the name of the orphan girls he thanked the brethren for their zeal and energy in supporting so noble and useful an institution, at the same time encouraging the Craft in persevering in that same path which is conducive of so much good, placing our Order at the head of all other philanthropic societies. At 6.30 the lodge was finally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall of the Temple, where the anniversary banquet was prepared by Bro. W. H. Long, P.M. of the lodge. After the cloth was removed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with that warmth and zeal which should at all times characterize Masons—"The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," &c., &c., the Wor. Master eulogizing each toast in turn with tact and ability. The next toast was "The P.G.M. for Jersey, his Deputy, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge of Jersey," and the manner in which it was accepted was a sufficient proof of the allegiance of the province to its head. The toast was responded to by the Very Wor. Bro. Wm. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M. With that spirit of love and courtesy which has endeared him to the Craft, he assured the brethren that the task he had done on that occasion was one that will remain uppermost in his Masonic career, for in installing Wor. Bro. E. Martel he knew well that he was giving additional foundation to the Craft in the province, and it was with the greatest pleasure that he wished him good health and prosperity, and without further comment proposed "The W. Master's Health," which was accepted with great enthusiasm. The W.M. in acknowledging the fraternal good wishes of the brethren, promised his earnest endeavours in promoting the welfare of St. Aubin's Lodge in particular, and the Order in general. The next toast by the W.M. was "The Visitors," responded to by Wor. Bro. W. Buzzard, P.M. 68, and P.P.G.S.D. for Warwickshire, thanking the Jersey brethren for the cordial welcome he had received at their hands, at the same time expressing his pleasure and satisfaction in seeing the rapid strides Masonry was making in the Province of Jersey, remarking it was quite extraordinary to see a small community like this province possess seven lodges, whilst the Province of Bristol had a population of more than double the number, and could only boast of eight lodges. He should go back home with recollections that would always give him great pleasure when he thought of Jersey. The next toast was "The Past Master of St. Aubin's Lodge," by the Worshipful Master, in which were coupled the names of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Wor. Bro. Wm. Hopkins, P.P. G.S.W. for Warwickshire, and Wor. Bro. A. Schmitt, his sincere friend, which was accepted in a truly Masonic and fraternal manner, and responded to by Wor. Bro. J. O'Flaherty, I.P.M., [and in thanking the brethren for their mark of respect towards the Past Masters, said he would only have been too happy to have had the pleasure of Bro. Past Master Dr. Hopkins's company at the festival, although many miles from Jersey, he had always shown the greatest interest for the welfare and prosperity of the lodge, inasmuch as he was the founder, and the St. Aubin's Lodge could not give a better testimony of filial affection than by accepting the toast in the manner they had. In the course of the evening good pieces of vocal and instrumental music were given by several of the brethren, and at 10.30, when the Tyler gave the final duties required at all Masonic gatherings, the brethren separated, delighted with the anniversary festival of St. Aubin's Lodge.

**HAMPTON.**—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—An emergency meeting of this rapidly-increasing lodge was held at the Lion Hotel on Thursday, the 18th ult. There were present a goodly number of brethren. The officers present were Bros. Hopwood, P.M. 141, W.M.; W. Hammond, P.M. Jordan and Lebanon, P.J.G.D. of Middlesex, I.P.M. and acting Sec.; Hill, P.M. Canonbury, &c., S.W.; Hurst, J.W., W.M. elect; Ockenden, D.C., acting S.D.; Walls, acting J.D.; Jessett, I.G.; and Gilbert, Tyler. There was a very full agenda of business. Messrs. C. V. J. De Fernex and E. Andrews were initiated; Bros. W. Knowles, J. Read, and J. Smythe passed; and Bros. W. J. Day, J. Donald, and P. S. Gavaron raised. The three arduous ceremonies were all well carried out by the W.M. It was proposed by the W.M. elect, seconded by the I.P.M., and unanimously carried, "That the sum of five guineas be voted for the purchase of a copy of the Installation Picture of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, to be the property of the lodge, and

placed in the keeping of the W.M. for the time being." Previously to the closing of the lodge, Bro. W. Hammond, I.P.M., took occasion to remind the brethren that he had accepted the post of Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Boys' School, as representing the Lebanon Lodge, of which lodge the Hemming was an offshoot, and hoped that those brethren who had not promised their subscriptions to other Stewards would kindly assist him. The members shortly afterwards partook of a well-served collation. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave "The Queen and Craft," which was duly honoured. Bro. Walls having sung the "National Anthem," the W.M. proposed "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," in which he stated the gratification he felt—which he was sure was also shared not only by every member of the Hemming Lodge but by the Craft universally—at the safe arrival of H.R.H. after one of the most brilliant and arduous Royal progresses on record. They had doubtless all read of the many splendid receptions and entertainments the Prince had received during his tour, but they would all fall short of the grand fête and "Welcome Home" that the citizens of London had organised in honour "The W.M.'s Health" was proposed by the I.P.M., and duly honoured. The W.M., having briefly replied, gave "The Initiates," to which toast Bro. De Fernex made a humorous reply. The W.M. also proposed "The Officers." In his speech he particularly mentioned the great services he had received during his year of office from the I.P.M., the Sec., the Wardens, and the majority of the junior officers. Previously to concluding his remarks the W.M. said that that evening being in all probability the last time he should have an opportunity of presiding at the convivial board, he wished to acknowledge the faithful manner in which the reports of the lodge proceedings by Bro. Walls had been published in the columns of the "Freemason," and he should, therefore, in addition to the officers of the lodge then present, annex that brother's name to the toast. Bros. W. Hammond, I.P.M.; Jephson, (late Treas.); Hill, S.W.; Hurst, J.W., and W.M. elect; Jessett, I.G.; Ockenden, D.C.; and Walls having suitably acknowledged the compliment, the Tyler's toast was called, and the brethren separated. During the proceedings Bros. Hurst, Hill, Read, Walls, and De Fernex vocally amused the brethren. The installation of Bro. J. Hurst, W.M. elect, will take place on the third Thursday in October next.

### Royal Arch.

**THE WILLIAM PRESTON CHAPTER** (No. 766).—The installation meeting of this thriving chapter was held on Thursday, the 25th of May, this night being the commencement of the third year since the foundation of the companionship, under the noted banner lodge. Comp. Captain James Kain, the M.E.Z., was unfortunately absent through illness, and Comp. George Newman, one of the most active Masons of the day, occupied his place, with Comp. Dr. R. Harland Whiteman as H., and Comp. P.Z. Worrall, as J. Comps. H. Garrod, P.Z.; Augustus Braun, Dr. Kempster, W. E. Newton, and Gibson were working officers. The first business after the reading of the minutes was the exaltation of four brothers, namely, Bros. White, P.M. of United Strength, No. 228 ("Freemason"); W. T. Rickwood, of the Lion and Lamb, No. 192; J. R. Williams, and F. G. Barns. Comp. Dr. Kempster, acting as P.S., with Comp. W. E. Newton as assistant, led the brethren most efficiently through the initiatory steps of the beautiful degree, and Comps. Newman and Garrod delivered the charges in a manner which made the deepest impression upon the exaltees. The companions under the Chair Degree were then excluded, and on their return they found Comp. Dr. H. H. Whiteman installed as M.E.Z., Comp. Newman, as H., and Comp. A. Braun, as J. Comp. W. Worrall was invested as Scribe E., Comp. Garrod as Treas., Comp. Dr. Kempster as Scribe N., and Comp. W. E. Newton as P.S. There were also present Comps. Gibson, Gunner, W. E. Newton, Sienmans, Reissmann, Partridge, Klence, Davison, and the visiting companions were J. Taylor, of the Doric, and G. Abbott, of the Lion and Lamb. After Comp. Dr. Kempster had given a notice of motion to raise the exaltation fees, and the annual subscription, as well as several names for exaltation—the names in fact of all the officers, with one exception, of the Earl Spencer Lodge, the exception being the name of one who was ill—the chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where an excellent banquet was spread, the indefatigable Comp. Newman acting as Steward. The usual loyal toasts were given by the M.E.Z. with remarkable point, and then Comp. Worrall proposed the loyal toast of "The Chapter," speaking in warm terms of the M.E.Z. This was warmly drunk, and Comp. Whiteman responded. He then proposed the toast of "The Exaltees," each of whom responded, and spoke of their warm appreciation of the ceremony through which they had passed. In the course of the evening the principal officers responded to the toasts of their healths, and Comp. Dr. Kempster gave his reasons for desiring to raise the fees and subscriptions, saying that he desired to see the chapter in a position to give aid to the Masonic charities. These sentiments were warmly applauded. The companions were greatly delighted with harmony by Comps. Garrod and Gunner.

**WHITTINGTON CHAPTER** (No. 862).—The last convocation of the session was held on Friday, 26th ult. In the absence of the M.E.Z. (Comp. Jones), the chapter was opened by W. Stephens, H., acting as Z.; Comp. Coote, P.Z., H.; and Comp. Weaver, P.Z., J. The minutes of the last convocation were confirmed, when two candidates, Bro. Penn, 511, and Bro. Parker, of 1489, were both exalted to this Supreme Degree, and the addresses of the Principals were rendered in a conspicuously correct

manner. This being the annual election, Comp. W. Stephens was unanimously elected Z.; Kingston, H.; Tinsley, J.; R. W. Little, Treas.; J. Weaver, Scribe E.; Ney, J.; and W. J. Murliss P. Soj. A P.Z. jewel was Moore, N.; and the retiring M.E.Z., and the chapter closed. A splendid banquet was served by Bro. Clemow, and the usual toasts given, that of "H.R.H. the Grand Z." being most heartily received, and grateful thanks given for his safe return.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Mariners' Chapter (No. 249).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on the 18th ult., there being then a large and influential gathering of companions. The chapter was opened at six o'clock by Comp. H. Pearson, Z., assisted by Comps. W. Doyle, P.Z.; P.P.G.J., as H.; P. B. Gee, J.; Arthur Davies, S.E.; Rev. Phillip Haines, S.N.; Joseph Wood, Treas.; J. E. Jackson, P.S.; and the members present were Comps. W. Jones, P.Z.; J. Croxton, W. P. Jennings, J. H. Gregory, W. Fish, J. Normanton, W. Roberts, J. Ellis, J. Parkes, W. Nelson, P. Robbie, W. Brittain, G. W. Webster, W. C. Webb, A. Cotter, W. Creak, R. Carter, W. Curtis, C. Warrener, H. Firth, J. Archdeacon, D. Lloyd, and J. Griffiths. The visitors included Comps. T. Clark, P.Z., and Z. 673; R. R. Martin, Z. 1094; T. Shaw, J. 823; H. Burrows, P.S. 673; H. Jackson, 292; J. Skelby, 673; and others. The minutes of the previous chapter were read and confirmed. Bro. Robert G. New, who had previously been balloted for, being in attendance, was duly exalted by the M.E.Z., assisted by his Principals. The work was done in a most creditable manner, Comp. J. E. Jackson especially deserving honourable recognition. Comp. Henry Pearson was afterwards installed M.E.Z. for the second year, and Comp. P. B. Gee was inducted H., and Comp. J. E. Jackson as J., the work being done in a masterly manner by Comp. T. Clark. The following were appointed and invested as officers:—Comps. Joseph Wood, Treas. (for the seventh time); A. Davies, S.E.; W. Jones, P.Z., as S.N. (on behalf of Comp. T. Ockleshaw, who was unable to be present on account of having met with a very severe accident); Rev. P. Haines was re-elected Chaplain, and Comp. W. H. Ball, Janitor. After some formal business had been transacted the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a substantial banquet served by Comp. Ball. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given during the evening.

**TORQUAY.**—St. John's Chapter (No. 328).—The annual chapter meeting for the installation of Principals and officers took place at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on Tuesday, May 23rd. Five joining companions were first balloted for and elected, and the exaltation of Bro. W. G. King also was effected, after which the Principals elect, Ex. Comps. Thomas Perry, 2; James Murray, H.; and Wm. Ellis Warren, J., were installed by Ex. P. Z., Rev. Robt. Bowden, P.P.G.C., assisted by Ex. Comps. P. Z. D. Watson, and I.P.Z. C. J. Harland. Comps. Bradbill and J. H. H. were respectively inducted to the offices of S.E. and S.N., the Prin. Soj., Comp. Piggott, being unavoidably absent. After the close of the chapter the Comps. repaired to the Royal Hotel, where a recherche banquet served by Comp. King awaited them, over which an enjoyable evening was spent. Amongst others present were Comps. G. G. Johnstone, Treas.; Benjamin Fullwood, Eycers, Dodge, Morgan, Hussey, King, Chennour, &c. A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to the retiring Ex. Z., C. J. Harland, on behalf of the chapter by Ex. Comp. Rev. R. Bowden in feeling and appropriate language, and acknowledged by the recipient.

**Mark Masonry.**

**LEICESTER.**—Fowke Lodge (No. 19).—The regular meeting took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, 25th May, 1876. Present: R. W. Bro. W. Kelly, P.G.M.M.M.; Bros. Rev. W. Langly, D.P.G.M.M.M.; Clement Stretton, W.M.; G. Toller, jun., I.P.M.; W. Weare, S. S. Partridge, and J. M. McAllister, P.M.'s; W. Sculthorpe, S.W.; G. Odell, Treas.; W. T. Rowlett, M.O.; G. Stacham, J.O.; T. A. Wykes, Sec.; F. Young, S.D.; and several others. Visitors: Bros. W. Griffiths, M.O.; J. Barber, I.G.; and W. Smith, all of No. 30. Several candidates whose names were on the summons having been approved on the ballot, the following, who were in attendance, were advanced to the degrees of Mark Man and Mark Master, the ceremony being performed, at the request of the W.M., by the I.P.M.:—Bros. R. Pickering, 523; J. Hitchman, 455; Matts and Watson, 1391; and Rev. C. H. Wood, 1560. After discussion, it was unanimously resolved that the fees for advancement should be slightly raised, and also that the July meeting should not be held. Some other unimportant matters having been disposed of, the lodge was closed in harmony.

**WHITEFIELD.**—Wilke Lodge (No. 142).—The annual meeting was held at the Church Inn on Wednesday, 17th inst. Business: to advance a brother and to install the W.M. elect. Bro. William Barlow, P.M., Sec. and Reg. Mks., advanced Bro. John Robertson to the honourable Degree of M.M.M. The chair was then assumed by Bro. W. O. Walker, P.M., P.G.S.W., as Installing Master, and the W.M. Elect (Bro. Jas. Barlow) was presented by Bro. Nathaniel Horrocks, P.M., and afterwards duly installed. The appointment and investment of the officers next took place, as follows:—Bros. J. Heap, S.W.; J. Davidson, J.W.; Orlando Startup, M.O.; Jos. Bentley, S.O.; William H. Kirkman, J.O.; Richard Chambers, Treas.; William Barlow, Sec. and Reg. of Marks; Thomas Laycock, S.D.; Ralph Brickles, J.D.; and Whitworth, Tyler. There was a good attendance of members. The Grand Lodge of Mark Masters was represented by Bro. W. O. Walker, and the Provincial Grand Lodge by the following brethren—viz., Henry Maden, Nath. Horrocks, J. B. Champion, Wm. Barlow,

and Richard Chambers. Heartly good wishes were expressed by the brethren from various lodges. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to supper, which was of a very substantial character.

**WHITWELL LODGE (No. 151).**—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday evening, 18th inst. At the time appointed the lodge was opened by Bro. Joseph Nicholson, P.M.M. and Treas., the W.M.M., Bro. P. de E. Collins, being unavoidably absent. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The brethren then proceeded to the election of a W.M.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. The ballot was taken in the usual form. Bro. James Gardiner, P.M., Junior Warden, was unanimously elected W.M.M. The Treasurer, Bro. Jos. Nicholson, P.M.M., was re-elected.

**Scotland.**

**PARTICK.**—Lodge St. Mary (No. 117).—The monthly meeting of this highly prosperous lodge was held in their magnificent hall, Douglas-street, Partick, on Wednesday evening, the 17th ult. Bro. W. Wylie, W.M., presiding; Bros. A. Branton, I.P.M.; J. Bain, D.M.; J. S. Donaldson, S.M.; D. Peacock, S.W.; A. Agnew, J.W.; J. M. Wylie, Treas.; A. Lawrence, Sec.; T. Wallace, J.D.; J. Calderwood, S.S.; and others. Visitors: J. Morgan, W.M. 219; R. Jack, W.M. 128; W. Ferguson, P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); C. McKenzie, J.W. 354; J. Martin, D.M. 219; F. Dow, Sec. 219; J. Duthie, 219; M. Stark, 553; and others. On the lodge being opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and approved of, the deputation of the Provincial Grand Lodge was announced, and received with the usual honours. There were present Bros. J. Baird, P.G.S.M.; G. Sinclair, J. Gillies, A. McTaggart, Miller, Ritchie, Bain, Balfour, and D. Reil. Bro. Baird, at the request of the W.M., occupied the chair. Bro. McTaggart read the report, which was a most satisfactory one, and complimented the Master and members on the handsome hall they had recently erected, and were now assembled in. You added 58 to your roll last year, which stands very high in the province, you have given to-night the handsome sum of £12 15s. to the Benevolent Fund, and you disbursed during the last year £16 towards charity. I have only to say in conclusion that your books are very well kept, and the lodge generally is working in strict harmony with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The W.M. on resuming the chair proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Provincial Grand Lodge deputation, which was given with a will. Bro. Baird replied, and they then withdrew. The lodge was then called to refreshment, when the usual loyal toasts were given and drank with enthusiasm. "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow" was replied to by Bro. McKenzie, J.W. 354. "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. Branton, and replied to by Bro. Morgan, W.M. 219. "The W.M.," proposed in an eloquent speech by Bro. Morgan, W.M. 219. Bro. Wylie replied. Other toasts followed, and after the last toast, "Happy to Meet, Sorry to Part, and Happy to Meet Again," had been drunk, the lodge was re-transferred and closed in due form.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Commercial (No. 360).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 30, Hope-street, on Friday evening, 19th ult., Bro. J. Monro, W.M., presiding; J. M. Oliver, S.W.; T. Graham, J.W.; D. Lamb, D.M.; W. Findlay, S.M.; J. Brodie, P.M.; J. Smith, Sec.; R. Reil, S.D.; W. Keiller, J.D.; R. Brodie, D. of M.; and Minnoch, Tyler. The lodge being opened, and minutes of last meeting approved of, the new code of bye-laws was read and passed for the last time and remitted to the P.G. Lodge for approval. Bro. W. Campbell was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by Bro. J. M. Oliver, S.W., and Bros. Schroeder and Walter Buchanan were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. D. Lamb.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Star (No. 219).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their Hall, 12, Trongate, on Monday evening, 22nd ult., Bro. J. Morgan, W.M., in the chair; J. Martin, D.M.; W. Anderson, S.M.; Jas. Horn, S.W.; D. Mearns, J.W.; Ben. Smart, Treas.; E. Dow, Sec.; John Brown, S.D.; Taylor, J.D., Park, S.S.; Elliott, I.G.; and Pearson, Tyler. The meeting was particularly well attended by the members. Visitors present, Bros. J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; J. Booth, W.M. 87; W. J. E. Dobson, W.M. 571; J. Law, I.P.M. 570; J. Houston, D.M. 571; M. Stark, L.D.M. 553; R. Prout, W.M. 4; W. Campbell, Sec. 465; J. Duthie, P.Z. 67; J. M. Innes, S.M. 408; J. Foulds, 30; P.M. St. Mungo, 179; J. Annand, P.Z. 144; W. Ferguson, P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); R. Campbell, St. John, N.B., Canada, 22; J. Wilson, 32; W. Reynolds, 556, and others. On the lodge being opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bros. D. Campbell and James Barclay were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by Bro. Oliver, S.W. 360. The lodge being summed on the E.A. Degree, some business of minor importance was satisfactorily disposed of, when it was unanimously agreed to have the annual excursion on Thursday, 22nd June, by steamer Gunnivere to Corrie, in Buteshire, and a committee appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements. The lodge was then called to refreshment, when the Chairman proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow" was replied to in a very able speech by Bro. Dobson, W.M. 571. "Visitors" replied to by Bros. Foulds, P.M. 179, and Booth, W.M. 87. Bro. Oliver, S.W. 360, in suitable terms, proposed "The W.M.," Bro. Morgan replied. After spending a short time in harmony, the lodge was recalled to labour and closed.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge St. Clair (No. 362).—A meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 25, Robertson-street, on Monday evening, the 22nd ultimo., Bro. W. J. Hogg, W.M., presiding. R. Glass, D.M., A.

Rutherford, S.W.; C. Galletly, J.W.; W. Pascoe, Treas.; G. Fraser, Sec.; W. Galbraith, S.D.; the other office-bearers, and a full attendance of brethren. The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved of. Bro. Alex. Warsaw was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Bro. Hogg, W.M., in his usual able and impressive manner.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Athole (No. 413).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 23rd ult., in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Bro. J. Louttit, W.M., presiding, Bros. Neilson, D.M.; Leeds, S.W.; Holms, J.W.; Agnew, Treas.; and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Ferguson, P.M. 116; Dobson, W.M. 571; Bannerman, D.M. 73; Ferguson, P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); and members from Lodges Nos. 87, 102, 117, 178, 197, 275, 332, 347, and 360. Mr. J. McKay was initiated by the W.M. The Provincial Grand Lodge made their annual visit of inspection to this lodge this evening; the deputation consisted of Bros. J. Baird, P.G.S.M., acting P.G. Master; with Bros. Jas. Gillies, Treas.; A. McTaggart, Sec.; John Miller, J.D.; J. Ritchie, Architect; A. Allison, jeweller; J. Balfour, Dir. of Ceremonies; J. Miller, Dir. of Music; and David Reid, I.G. The deputation having been received in due form, the W.M., Bro. Louttit, vacated the chair for the time being in favour of the acting P.G. Master, who then called upon the P.G.S. to read the report. Premising that he had simply to congratulate the lodge upon its continued prosperity, Bro. McTaggart accordingly read the report, which was in effect that the books of the lodge were found to be in a very satisfactory condition, and that, generally, No. 413 was working in strict accordance with Grand Lodge law. The amount of funds on hand, as at last audit, was £108 2s. 4d.; amount handed over by the lodge to the P.G. Benevolent Fund, £5 15s.; and amount distributed by them in private charity, £2 4s. The number added to the roll of membership during the past working year was 22. In briefly commenting upon the report, Bro. McTaggart referred to the satisfactory facts deduced by the examination of the night, namely, that the funds on hand had advanced from £93, as at last visitation, to the handsome figure above-mentioned; that, which was something remarkable, there had been no emergency meetings during the past year, and that, of the number of entrants stated, only one received the three degrees in one night. Of the books, he might add that the Secretary's was remarkably well kept, and the Treasurer's, as before, a model of excellence. The acting P.G.M., Bro. Baird, said he had no doubt it would afford the members of the lodge much pleasure to hear how they had been prospering, and, after a few words of wholesome advice as to their working, referred to the unfortunate circumstance that, through continued indisposition, their worthy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Montgomerie Neilson, had been unable to take his place in these visitations. Unable to appear amongst the brethren of his province personally, he had forwarded to him (Bro. Baird) a communication to be read to them, and which he would accordingly now read. It was as follows: "Brethren, Having made all my arrangements to devote a considerable time to the visitation of lodges in my province, it is exceedingly disappointing to me to have been laid up with a severe illness, from which I have not yet so far recovered as to be able to leave the house. I feel, therefore, constrained to send you this message. Brethren, although it is desirable that your Provincial Grand Master should be with you as often as possible, still I have great confidence that, notwithstanding my absence, you will do your duty as Freemasons to yourselves and to the Craft; selecting true and tried brethren for your Master and office-bearers, who accept the offices and honours not for the gratification of power or pride, or for any selfish motive, but for the good of the lodge and the upholding of the Craft in all its ancient rites, ceremonies, and privileges. I have had cause sometimes to regret the evident appearance of a selfishness that restricted to the narrow limits of a lodge that open-hearted sympathy and brotherly love which every Freemason ought to extend freely and impartially to all members of the Craft. Brethren, I take this opportunity of impressing upon you the great Masonic truth that the existence of any lodge in a state of honourable prosperity depends upon how Freemasonry generally stands among us, and more particularly in the province to which that lodge belongs. Every good Mason ought to aim at, first, upholding Freemasonry everywhere in honour and dignity before the brethren and the outer world; second, do all in his power to promote its welfare in the province to which he belongs; and third and last, be true and faithful in all his dealings within his own lodge. In this province the state of the individual lodges is very satisfactory; but I deeply regret that there is not a stronger bond of brotherhood throughout the whole province, with a united determination to place Freemasonry in a more prominent and honourable position. I hope in a short time to ask your assistance in this direction, feeling confident that you will give me your willing and earnest co-operation. Meantime, until I am able to meet you, accept my fraternal salutation. (Signed) Montgomerie Neilson, P.G.M. of Glasgow." The acting P.G.M. then asked the W.M. to resume the chair he so worthily occupied. The latter said he was sure they all sympathised deeply with the P.G.M. in his present condition, and he hoped it would not be long before he was strong and able to be with them again. On behalf of Lodge 413, he had to thank the acting P.G.M. and other brethren of the deputation for the favourable report they had given them; and it would be the study of the lodge always to work in harmony with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and with the instructions they received from the Provincial Grand Lodge on their annual visits. The Provincial Grand Lodge deputation thereafter retired. Three brethren were afterwards passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by the W.M. in his usual able manner.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Clydesdale (No. 556).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their own hall, 106, Rose-street (S.S.), on Tuesday evening, 16th ult., Bro. W. Phillips, W.M., presiding; J. McNaught, S.W.; T. Phillips, J.W.; J. McKechnie, Treas.; G. B. Yuill, Sec.; J. Webster, Chaplain; W. Smith, I.G.; and W. Graham, Tyler. There was a full attendance of members and visitors, among whom we noticed Bros. D. Ronald, W.M. 275; McNaught, P.M. 275; J. Horn, Sec. 275; J. Louttit, W.M. 413; P. Brownlie, J.W. 3½; W. Ferguson, P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); and others. On the minutes being read and confirmed Messrs. J. Downie, S. Johnstone, and R. McMillan were initiated by the W.M. The members of the P.G. Lodge on leaving Lodge Thistle, 87, visited this lodge, and were received with the usual formalities. The W.M., handing the mallet to Bro. Sinclair, requested him to occupy the chair. Bro. Sinclair thanked the W.M. and returned the same, and then called upon the Secretary to read the report. Bro. McTaggart said: This is the second visit to this young lodge, and I am glad the account we have to give is very good; your books are in excellent order, with a very small exception as regards the Roll Book. That, I trust, will be remedied soon. You have a balance of £18 10s. after clearing the debt of this comfortable new hall, which cost £138, and in the future you will be sitting rent free. You have given the handsome sum of £9 15s. to-night to the Benevolent Fund, and I am glad to notice you have given a considerable sum during the past year towards charity. You have initiated the large number of 61 last year, and as far as our visitation has gone no lodge in the province has been more careful in conferring the degrees according to the Grand Lodge Constitutions. I have therefore much pleasure in congratulating the Lodge Clydesdale, No. 556, on the efficient manner in which the business has been conducted. Bro. Sinclair then complimented the Master, office-bearers, and members on the prosperous condition of the lodge. Bro. Phillips, after moving a hearty vote of thanks to the deputation of the P.G. Lodge, proposed that Bros. Sinclair, Gillies, and Allison, and also Bro. W. Ferguson, P.M. 543 ("Freemason"), become honorary members of the lodge, which was unanimously agreed to, and they were duly obligated by Bro. McTaggart, P.G. Sec. The lodge was then called to refreshment, when the brethren spent a short time in harmony.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Kenmuir (No. 570).—This lodge held their regular meeting in Balgray Hall, Springburn, on Thursday evening, 11th ult., Bro. R. Aikman, W.M. presiding; J. Wark, S.W.; W. Reid, J.W.; J. Sharp, Treas.; D. Russell, Sec.; the other office-bearers, and a good attendance of members and visitors. Three brethren were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. R. Currie, 73. The Provincial Grand Lodge deputation, consisting of Bros. J. Gillies, P.G. Treas.; A. McTaggart, P.G. Sec.; A. Bain, P.G.B.B.; J. Bellour, P.G.D. of C.; D. Reid, P.G.I.G.; and J. B. Hardie, P.G. Tyler, having arrived about nine p.m., were admitted and received with the usual honours, the W.M. handing the mallet to and requesting Bro. Gillies to preside over the meeting, which was acceded to. Bro. McTaggart, P.G. Sec., read the report, which showed the lodge to be in a very prosperous state, and complimented the Master and members on the efficient manner in which the books, &c., of the lodge were kept. They were young, but he was glad to see that they had initiated nineteen members since August, 1875, the date of constitution of the lodge. Bro. Gillies having briefly addressed the members, returned the mallet to the W.M., at whose request the members of Prov. Grand Lodge, along with Bro. G. M. Donald, W.M. Thistle and Rose, 73, and Bro. W. J. E. Dobson, W.M. Dramatic, 571, were made honorary members of the lodge. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for a short time to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Dramatic (No. 571).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, the 17th ult., at 2.30 p.m., Bro. W. J. E. Dobson, W.M., in the chair; Bros. J. Houston, D.M.; H. W. Jackman, S.W.; W. Sivewright, J.W.; W. Barbour, Treas.; D. Campbell, Sec.; R. S. Smyth, S.D.; L. Mitchell, J.D.; and Robertson, I.G. This was the most numerous attended meeting of the lodge since its constitution. Among the visitors were Bros. G. McDonald, W.M. 73; K. Jack, W.M. 128; J. Morgan, W.M. 219; W. Ferguson, P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); R. Aikman, W.M. 570; J. Bannerman, D.M. 73; C. McKenzie, J.W. 354; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; B. Smart, Treas. 219; P. Brownlie, J.W. 3½; and a large number of others. On the lodge being opened Messrs. J. Cameron and Hendri Ludwig were initiated by the W.M. Bro. Mitchell, J.D., presented the lodge with a very handsome mahogany case for holding the office-bearers' aprons, sashes, jewels and collars, and a hearty vote of thanks was awarded him by the W.M. The Provincial Grand Lodge deputation, consisting of Bros. J. Gillies, P.G. Treas.; A. McTaggart, P.G. Sec.; J. Miller, P.G.J.D.; J. Ritchie, P.G. Archt.; A. Allison, P.G. Jew.; A. Bain, P.G.B.B.; and J. Balfour, P.G.D. of C., were then received, the brethren being upstanding, and after taking their places on the dais the W.M. handed the mallet to and requested Bro. Gillies, P.G. Treas., acting P.G.M., to occupy the chair and preside over the meeting, which he accordingly did, and called upon the P.G. Sec. to read the report as drawn up by the deputation. Bro. McTaggart, after referring to the desirability of having a lodge such as the Dramatic for professional gentlemen in a large city like Glasgow, complimented the W.M. on the efficient position the lodge occupies in the province, and attributed the success the lodge has attained to the energetic Master and his office-bearers. The report I have to read is to the following effect:—"We, the undersigned office-

bearers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, hereby certify that we have visited the Lodge Dramatic, No. 571, on Wednesday, 17th May, 1876, examined the various books and found them in excellent condition, and the lodge generally is working in strict harmony with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland." Bro. Gillies, after confirming the report read, and the remarks made by the P.G. Sec., said he was glad to see such a large meeting, and especially at this hour of the day, and concluded by wishing every success to the Lodge Dramatic. Bro. Dobson, W.M., returned thanks to the deputation for their flattering report and friendly visit, also to the members and visiting brethren for their attendance. The W.M. then proposed, and Bro. Jackman seconded, "That the members of Provincial Grand Lodge, and also Bros. J. Morgan, W.M. 219; W. Ferguson, P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); R. Aikman, W.M. 570; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; and G. W. Wheeler, Chaplain 73, become honorary members of the lodge," and were accordingly obligated by the W.M. The deputation then withdrew. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, when Bro. J. Bromilow, of Lodge 73, was raised by Bro. Wheeler, Chaplain 73.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Plantation (No. 581).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 207, Craigiehall-street, Plantation, on Monday evening, the 15th ult., Bro. Thos. Stobo, W.M., in the chair; D. Peacock, S.W.; J. Henry, J.W. The Master was supported on the dais by Bros. J. Morgan, W.M. Lodge Star, 219; W. Ferguson, D.M.; Alex. Gow, S.M.; W. Taylor, Treas.; R. Allan, Sec. On the lodge being opened and minutes of last meeting read and adopted, and other business of minor importance disposed of, Messrs. J. Guthrie Smith and John Hart, who were regularly proposed and seconded at last meeting, were favourably balloted for and admitted, and received the First Degree at the hands of Bro. Ferguson, D.M. Bros. J. Lindsay, Thos. Walker, and J. Neish were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by Bro. J. Morgan, W.M. 219.

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in the hall, Craigiehall-street, on Friday evening, 19th ult., Bro. Stobo, W.M., presiding; Peacock, S.W.; Henry, J.W.; and all the other office-bearers in their respective places, and a good attendance of members and visitors. Messrs. David Young, superintendent of police, and John Gardner were initiated into the First Degree, and Bros. J. A. Campbell and J. Neish were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, both ceremonies being performed by Bro. W. Ferguson, D.M.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

[The following appeared in our Second Edition last week.]

The General Committee meeting of this Institution was held on Thursday afternoon, 25th ult. Lieut. Col. Craator presided. There were also present Bros. H. Browne, H. A. Dubois, W. Bristow, John Symonds, W. Paas, Joshua Nunn, John A. Rucker, John Gibson, S. P. Norris, Joseph Clever, Benj. Head, A. H. Tattershall, A. Senfold, J. B. Shackleton, E. Harris, George Aingold, Lieut.-Col. Peters, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, Thos. J. Sabine, H. J. Tuson, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, Frank Richardson, Peter De L. Long, Robt. B. Webster, W. Bavin, Thomas Cubitt, Joseph Smith, Frank Holmes Hunt, Thos. Fenn, H. Cowland, A. J. Duff Filer, W. T. Howe, W. Stephens, Thos. Meggy, J. Lord, Frederick Graves, Chas. A. Long, J. Terry, Capt. J. Wordsworth, Charles Jardine, Thomas Massa, J. C. Scard, W. Snelgrove, W. Kemp, John Young, Charles G. Hill, F. Adlard, Levy, A. D. Loewenstark, J. B. Scriven, Leopold Ruf, A. A. Pendlebury, Raynham W. Stewart, W. Noak, Robert Kenyon, J. Boyd, B. H. Swallow, M. S. Larham, Alfred H. Diaper, H. G. Bess, Herbert Dicketts, Thos. W. White, Thos. Bull, Frank Green, W. H. Smith, J. K. Stead, J. M. P. Montagu, W. Hyde Pullen, T. B. Lancaster, Robert Bridge, Henry W. Bothamley, William Dodd, H. Massey ("Freemason"), F. W. Ramsay, Griffiths Smith, T. F. Peacock, F. Binckes, Wm. F. C. Moutrie, E. H. Finney, A. L. Dussek, Henry Venn, Z. D. Berry, W. Myatt, John Geo. Marsh, Pierce Egan, J. Mason, B. Picking, W. Ramsey, Wm. Roebuck, Joseph Hill, J. B. Dellagana, M. D. Loewenstark, J. T. Moss, Thos. Taylor, and W. Hedges (in place of Bro. Little, Secretary, absent through ill health, but who, the brethren will be happy to learn, is much better than he has been).

After the reading of the minutes, upon the recommendation of the House Committee, Bro. Joshua Nunn gave notice of motion for next meeting to increase the salaries of the three assistant governesses. One extra governess taken from among the pupils was appointed.

Three little girls passing satisfactorily were placed on the list for election; one case was withdrawn, and one deferred for better reading.

The election of members of the House and Audit Committees was afterwards proceeded with, for which Bros. Venn, Major Finney, and W. F. C. Moutrie, were scrutineers of votes. At the declaration of the poll the following brethren were found to have been elected:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE.**—Bros. John Boyd, 51; Henry Browne, 48; Henry A. Dubois, 52; Benjamin Head, 64; Peter De Lande Long, 43; Joshua Nunn, 74; Lieut.-Col. James Peters, 58; John A. Rucker, 68; Griffiths Smith, 70; Alfred H. Tattershall, 60; Rev. Joseph M. Vaughan, 45; Thomas W. White, 75.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE.**—Bros. John G. Chancellor, 50; Herbert Dicketts, 54; Thomas Kingston, 37; Henry C. Levander, 67; Hyam M. Levy, 38; John G. Marsh, 41; Joshua Nunn, 67; William Roebuck, 60; Robert B. Webster, 64.

Votes of thanks to the chairman and scrutineers closed the proceedings.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. SIR THOMAS HENRY FERMOR-HESKETH, BART.

On Sunday last, the 28th ult., the death was announced of Bro. Sir Thomas Henry Fermor-Hesketh, eldest son of the late Sir Thomas George Fermor-Hesketh, of Rufford Hall, late R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire. Deceased, who resided at Fermor Lodge, Southport, was in the 30th year of his age. He had been ailing a little for a day or two, but there was no apprehension of immediate danger. However, on Dr. Shaw, of Southport, making his usual rounds in the evening he called at Fermor Lodge, and found Sir Thomas in bed in a dying state. Every possible attention was paid to him, but he expired about an hour and a quarter after the doctor's arrival, the cause of death being effusion on the brain. The deceased took the title and estates on the death of his father, about three years ago, and these are now taken by Captain T. G. Fermor-Hesketh, who for some time has been abroad. There are two sons and two daughters still living, one of the latter being married. Deceased was interred in the family vault at Rufford Church during the week.

On Monday evening the Lady Mayoress gave a grand fancy dress ball at the Mansion-house. The spacious apartments of the official residence were very tastefully decorated, and the saloon was converted into a perfect garden of the choicest plants and flowers. The Lord Mayor, who assumed the character of Charlemagne, and the Lady Mayoress, as the wife of that monarch, received the company in the saloon, and with them were several members of their family, Mrs. Savage representing "Snow"; Mrs. Tindal-Bosanquet, "the Chateau-de-Poil," from the famous picture in the Peel collection; Miss Cotton, the Princess Mary, daughter of Henry VII. The fifteen stewards wore the costume recently suggested by Mr. Du Maurier in Punch—white cloth evening dress suits, relieved by black linen—and looked very well in that novel garb. The reception lasted from 9.30 o'clock until close upon 11, when, preceded by the City Marshal and the Sword and Macebearers and the Stewards, the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress proceeded to the dais in the Egyptian Hall, where dancing at once commenced to the music of the Coldstream Guards, under the direction of Mr. F. Godfrey. The effect of all the various costumes was picturesque in the extreme. Supper was served soon after midnight in the old ball-room, and afterwards dancing was resumed and continued far into the morning. Of the many splendid dresses worn on the occasion none were more noticeable than those copied from the recently missing picture of Gainsborough's "Duchess of Devonshire." The French, German, and Austrian Ambassadors were among the guests, as were also a large number of members of both Houses of Parliament, many officers of the Army and Navy, and a considerable circle of private guests.

A movement is on foot to organise a corps of gentlemen to be called "Knights of the Red Cross." Their mission will be to proceed to the Levant, and if necessary, to act in defence of the Christian population, and more especially of British subjects, who are to a great extent helplessly exposed to the religious fury of the Mussulmans. The knights will be carefully chosen, and will be under command of a tried practical soldier with large experience of Eastern countries, aided by a competent staff of Lieutenants. As the cause is just, holy, merciful, and needful, an appeal is made to Christians of every denomination—Templars and all other knights included—for their aid and sympathy.

Messrs. Peachey's establishment in Bishops-gate-street was brilliantly illuminated on Saturday last in honour of the return of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The device displayed was the Royal Arms surrounded with rays of light, which was much admired.

Royal Academy of Music, Hanover Square.—Dr. Llewelyn Thomas was appointed Hon. Consulting Physician to this institution at the last meeting of the Committee.

In this age of change, when old fashioned ideas of trading are scattered to the winds, not always with satisfactory results, it is well at times to note that change means progress, and a good example is furnished by the London and Westminster Supply Association (Limited), its success ensured by the energy, tact, and sound principles on which the Association is conducted. The stores, situate opposite the Ludgate Hill Railway Station, affording ready access to members from all parts, are replete with every requirement; the various departments arranged on separate extensive floors affording all the convenience of completing purchases under one roof, without experiencing the waste of time and inconvenience entailed by a round of calls on tradesmen, and at a reduction in price. A bulky volume of some 250 pages is forwarded quarterly post free, containing with price list full particulars of the association. With the practical experience in kindred institutions of Mr. Graham Irwin as General Manager, and Mr. Ashton as Secretary, from whom every information can be obtained, it cannot but continue to progress as heretofore; and we advise those who are interested to call at 10, New Bridge-street, and judge for themselves the working of this popular institution.

The consecration of the "Lewis" Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1185, will take place at the King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, on Saturday next. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be worked by Comp. John Hervey, G.S.E. The Officers Designate are Comp. A. Leared, M.E.Z.; George James Row, H.; A. Durrant, J. A full report of the meeting will appear in the "Freemason" of the 17th inst.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND IN BELFAST.

His Grace the Lord Lieutenant, accompanied by Lady Georgiana Hamilton, Lord Claud John Hamilton, and attended by several aides-de-camp, arrived in Belfast on May 22 by special train from Dublin. The Viceregal party having been met at the Terminus of the Great Northern Railway by the Mayor (Mr. Robert Boag, J.P.), Sir Charles Lanyon, J.P., High Sheriff of County Antrim; Lord Templeton, and a number of other gentlemen, were escorted to carriages in waiting and driven to the Town Hall. Throughout the entire route the enthusiasm was very great, the reception accorded to the distinguished visitors being cordial in the extreme. The Council Chamber was specially prepared and adorned for the occasion, and here his Grace was presented with an address on behalf of the Corporation, to which he made an appropriate reply. Subsequently, the Viceregal party were conducted through the extensive premises of Messrs. Richardson, Sons, and Owden, Limited, which they inspected with great interest. They were afterwards driven to the Abbey, the seat of Sir Charles Lanyon, with whom they remained as guests during their stay in the country.

One of the most interesting incidents connected with His Grace's visit to Belfast was his reception by the Freemasons of Antrim and Down in the Music Hall, immediately after the Mayor's luncheon. His Grace, as our readers are aware, is the Grand Master of the Masonic body in Ireland. He has always shown a deep interest in the welfare and advancement of the Order, and it was due to his exalted position as well as to his high personal character that the brethren of this and the adjoining Masonic province should show their respect for him on the occasion of his visit. Accordingly, large numbers assembled in the Music Hall on Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of presenting an address, congratulating His Grace on his acceptance of the office of Grand Master, in succession to the late Duke of Leinster, who so long presided over the counsels of the body, and expressive of that loyalty which has always characterised the Freemasons of this and the sister kingdoms. The doors were thrown open at half-past three, and immediately the lower hall was filled by representatives of nearly all the lodges of the provinces of Antrim and Down. The brethren were attired in the regalia of the Order, some in the beautiful insignia of the Prince Mason Degree, others in that of the Knight Templar, and others again in the red and blue of the Royal Arch and Master Mason Degrees. The appearance of the whole body was most imposing, and seldom, indeed, has such a display been witnessed in the North of Ireland in connection with Masonry. Bro. John G. McGee, one of the oldest and most experienced Masons in Belfast, acted as Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, and, assisted by Bro. Robert McCalmont and Bro. Edward Allworthy, discharged the duties of the office with much acceptance and ability. The brethren were first formed in lodges, and a procession having been formed, the whole body proceeded to the upper hall, where they filed off alternately in lodges to the right and left of the room, leaving ample space in the centre for his Grace and the Grand Officers to proceed to the dais. A choir, composed of brother Masons, and under the direction of Bro. John H. Carroll, who presided with his accustomed ability and skill at the harmonium, occupied the gallery. On the platform a raised dais was erected for the Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Master of Antrim, and his deputy. The arrangements were altogether highly satisfactory, and were carried out with great precision and accuracy.

At about half-past four o'clock, Lady Georgiana Hamilton, attended by several ladies, and escorted by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Belfast, was ushered on to the platform. On her appearance the whole assembly rose, and for several minutes the hall resounded with cheers in honour of her ladyship. His Grace, who was accompanied by Bro. Sir Charles Lanyon, the Provincial Grand Master of Antrim, was received in the lower hall by the holders of platform tickets, the Stewards, and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers. A procession was then formed, and the Grand Master was conducted to the upper room.

On arriving at the door of the upper room the procession filed off to right and left, leaving an avenue for the Grand Master to proceed to the dais, to which he was conducted by the Deputy Grand Master. As his Grace walked up the room, a march was played by Bro. Carroll on the harmonium. On arriving at the platform he was loudly and enthusiastically cheered. He took his seat in the Grand Master's chair, having on his right Bro. Sir Charles Lanyon, and on his left Lady Georgiana Hamilton.

Among those on the platform and in the body of the hall we observed:—The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Belfast, Hon. Edward O'Neil, M.P., Bro. William Johnston, M.P., Sir Richard Wallace, M.P., Bro. James Alexander Henderson, J.P., Bro. Alexander Tate, Provincial Grand Secretary of Antrim; Sir Charles Lanyon, P.D.G.M.; R. McCalmont, P.G. Treas.; T. Valentine, John Lanyon, D. F. Spiller, John G. McGee, P.G.D.C.; Thomas Fisher, P.S. G.W.; John Ireland, P.P.S.G.W.; O'Connell Shaw, John Hanna, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. Hans Woods, Rev. W. C. McCullagh, P.G.C.; Rev. Jonathan Seaver, William Redfern Kelly, C.E.; G. A. Reid, Ward, P.P.S.G.W.; Clendinning, John Wright, E. Allworthy, R. J. Hilton, P.P.G.S.; Hugh Doey, Armstrong, Henry Bottomley, P.J.G.W.; William J. Owen, P.S.G.W.; Morrow, P.G.J.G.; Boyd, P.G.S.B.; N. W. Grimshaw, P.P.G. J.D.; Frederick Kinahan, Emerson, P.P.G.J.; T. J. Welland, P.P.G.C.; Wakefield Dixon, John Woods, P.P.G.I.G.; James Scott, P.P.G.J.W.; Robert, Neill, William Dobbin, James Henry, John Stott, Henry McCashin, John H. Carroll, Louis Mantell, James Neill, Robert Campbell, William Rankin, W. J. Rainey, Denis

Leonard, William Whitla, C. L. Reid, John Davidson, Lewis Ryans, W. A. Parke, J. P. Harris, Charles Stewart, C. H. Atkinson, S. S. Frackellton, P.G.C.; Herbert Lanyon, Girdwood, Edward Orme, C. H. Ward, Andrews, Poole, Robert Irwin, Gibson, E. O'R. Dickey, W. C. Cunningham, Robert Vance, Charles Lielely, B. J. Sandheim, John W. Templeton, Samuel Abernethy, Robert Matthews, Robert Adison, Simpson, W. Tennent Henry, Provincial Grand Senior Deacon, Down; Henry Montgomery, Past Provincial Grand Secretary, Down; Beauchamp N. Johnson, Downpatrick, James Jordan, P.M., do.; J. S. Clarke, P.M., do.; R. J. Harrison, P.M.; Thomas Jennings, P.M.; James Atkinson, do.; Robert McIlwaine, do.; Douglas Lithgow, R. Deeves, T. Nesbitt, and others.

On the Grand Master taking his seat, Bro. Sir Charles Lanyon, addressing the brethren present, said: I will ask you to salute the Right Worshipful the Grand Master of Ireland by three times eleven on the third coming down, taking the fire from me.

A right hearty salute having been given, Bro. Sir Charles Lanyon said: Bro. Tate, Provincial Grand Secretary, will now read the address of the Masons to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Ireland. (Loud applause.)

Bro. Alexander Tate then read the following address:—To His Grace James Duke of Abercorn, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland.

Most Worshipful Sir,—On the auspicious occasion of your Grace's visit to Belfast, we, the Freemasons of the Province of Antrim, beg leave to approach your Grace with the warmest feeling of respect and attachment.

It has been a source of deep gratification to the brethren of this province, as of every other in the country, that your grace should have so readily consented to preside over our ancient Order in Ireland, and that the chair so long adorned by the virtues of our late revered Grand Master should now in succession be so worthily and happily filled.

Mindful of the exalted position occupied by your Grace in the government of the country, we gladly avail ourselves of this opportunity to give expression to the firm principles of loyalty and devotion which we entertain towards our Queen and country, and which have ever honourably distinguished the Masonic fraternity. We hail your Grace's connection with the Craft as a bright omen of its future prosperity, and it is our fervent prayer that your Grace may long be spared in health and happiness to preside over our councils, and that beneath your fostering care the spirit of Masonry may still further advance on her beneficent cause of charity, brotherhood, and good will.

(Signed on behalf of the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim),

DONEGALL, P.G.M.  
CHARLES LANYON, D.P.G.M.  
ALEX. TATE, P.G. Sec.

The Grand Master, in reply, said: Right Worshipful Sir and brethren—I am very glad that my visit should have afforded me the opportunity of receiving your kind address, and I thank you very heartily for it. I can the more cordially appreciate your expressions of loyalty and devotion to our most gracious Sovereign and country, because my long experience as a Mason convinces me of their perfect sincerity. (Applause.) I thank you also for your kind sentiments towards myself. Your gratification at my presiding over the most ancient and honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in Ireland affords me much pleasure (loud applause), and I can assure you that the honour was one which I gladly accepted. I trust I may be long able to preside over our ancient Order in Ireland, and use my best endeavours to further those feelings of charity, brotherhood, and good-will which have always animated our Craft in this kingdom. (Loud applause.)

The choir then sang the Masonic glee "Come Brother Masons," which was rendered in truly excellent style, the assemblage testifying their appreciation of the ability displayed in its execution by hearty applause, in which his Grace himself joined.

Bro. Robert McCalmont then called for three cheers for the Grand Master, which were given in a most enthusiastic manner. Cheers were also given for Sir Charles Lanyon, Lady Georgiana Hamilton, and the other ladies present.

The choir then gave a Masonic version of "God Save the Queen."

The Viceregal party then took their departure amid loud and long-continued cheering, his Grace shaking hands with several of the brethren on his way out. The reception accorded to the Grand Master was altogether of a most enthusiastic character, and seemed to afford much gratification to his Grace, as well as to his beautiful daughter, whose presence lent additional interest and eclat to the proceedings.

Nothing tends so much to render a railway excursion uncomfortable as the preliminary struggle at the booking office. The companies in multiplying agencies for the sale of tickets render it a passenger's own fault if he undergoes the inconvenience. It will be seen from an announcement in another column that tickets for the popular excursions of the Great Western, and also of the Brighton Company, may now be obtained at Bro. Kingston's Universal Railway Office, Fitzroy-square, an arrangement which will be of some value to the populous north-west district of London.

Bro. Dr. Bartolomé, the well-known physician of Sheffield, has been unanimously elected President for the next meeting of the British Medical Association, the largest medical body in the world.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Prince of Wales has, we are informed, presented portraits of himself and the Princess of Wales to the officers of the Serapis.

In a Convocation held at Oxford on Tuesday afternoon, the proposal to confer the degree of D.C.L. by diploma upon Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, of Christ Church, was carried unanimously. The Latin document, embodying the resolution of the University, specified; the "comitas, modestia, et simplicitas" which had won for Prince Leopold in his three years' residence the general regard, and expressed the hope and expectation that his father might live again in him. His Royal Highness will, it is understood, be present at the festivities of the Commemoration, and will arrive at Oxford on Thursday, June 15, to be present at a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxford on the 16th inst. It has been stated that the Prince and Princess of Wales will also honour the Commemoration with their presence.

THE QUEEN'S AIDES-DE-CAMP.—The following general order has been issued by His Royal Highness the Field-Marshal Commanding-in-Chief:—By the Queen's command Field-Marshal His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., and Major His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., are hereby appointed personal aides-de-camp to Her Majesty.

The remains of the late Dowager Countess of Carnarvon were conveyed on Wednesday by the Great Western Railway from the family seat at Pixton, Somersetshire, to Newbury, accompanied by one of her ladyship's sons, the Hon. Alan Herbert, and several old servants from Pixton. As a mark of the respect to the deceased Countess, whose family has long been associated with Newbury, the Mayor and Corporation, attended by the mace-bearers and a large number of the principal inhabitants, formed a procession in the Station-road, and preceded the hearse to the outskirts of the borough. The corpse was conveyed to Burghclere Old Church, where it will be deposited in the family vault.

His Excellency the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, M.W.G.M. Ireland, and the Duchess of Abercorn and Lady Georgiana Hamilton left Dublin on Tuesday evening for their residence, Hampden House, Green-street, Grosvenor-square.

The Dutch journals announce that Prince Frederick of the Netherlands will celebrate in July next the 16th anniversary of his installation as Grand Master of the Freemasons of the Netherlands.

Among those present at the levee held on Monday at St. James's Palace, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on behalf of Her Majesty, were Bro. J. B. Monckton, Town Clerk of London, President of the Board of General Purposes, and Bro. J. Whichcord.

The Southern Star Lodge of Instruction (No. 1158) will be opened at the Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-road, on Thursday, June 15th, 1876, when the ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed.

The St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (No. 144) has been removed to the White Hart Tavern, 49, King's Road, Chelsea. The meetings are held every Friday evening at half-past seven o'clock.

The Domatic Chapter of Instruction, under the able care of such accomplished workers as Comps. Boyd, Bull, Cameron, Cottebrune, Kench, Wheeler, and others, has been most successfully resuscitated, and will henceforth meet at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Piccadilly, every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

NEW CHAPTER IN LIVERPOOL.—The consecration of the Hamer Chapter (No. 1393) will take place at the Lodge Room, Everton Road, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 8th inst. Bro. John Jones, P.M., is the Z. designate; Bro. R. H. Evans, I.P.M., the first H.; and Bro. Henry Jackson, W.M., the first J. From the well-known Masonic enthusiasm of these brethren and others associated with them in the formation of the new chapter there is no doubt the Hamer will prove a decided success and do honour to the memory of the name which it bears.

The death is announced from Rheims of M. Eugène Roederer, the head of the celebrated champagne firm of Louis Roederer.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. HAYDON.—A meeting was held at the Three Bucks Tavern, Old Jewry, under the presidency of Mr. Inspector Bailey, for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Bro. M. Haydon, detective-sergeant, on his leaving the force, in which he has served a great number of years. The testimonial consisted of a timepiece, presented by members of the force, and a purse of £52 10s. from other friends. The timepiece bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. Michael Haydon, detective-sergeant of the City of London Police, on his retirement from the force after a service of 34 years, by his brother officers, as a mark of their esteem and high appreciation of his character. May, 1876."

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey will be held on the 13th inst., at half-past one o'clock punctually, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine service, which will take place in the parish church, Croydon, at 3.30.

Mrs. Lydia Gidney, Norwich, desires to express her heartfelt thanks to the brethren who kindly assisted her at the late election.

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J. J. S.—In London, about £5 5s., the lowest amount. J. S. had better find some Masonic friend to introduce him to a lodge. There is no other way.

W. L. Lindsay Crawford, 579, S.C., and "An Honorary Member," in our next.

The following communications stand over:—  
Metropolitan Lodge, 1597.

Alexandra Palace Lodge, 1541.

St. John Operative Lodge, 347, Rutherglen.

BOOK RECEIVED.—"Effects of Inspiration," by Bro. Logan D. H. Russell. (Review next week.)

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES:—"Weekly Courant," Columbia, Pa.; "Keystone," Philadelphia; "The Craftsman;" the "Whitehall Review."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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## BIRTHS.

BENNETT.—On the 25th ult., at The Chestnuts, South Norwood Park, the wife of Fredk. Bennett, Esq., of a daughter.

BIRD.—On the 21st ult., at Charlewood-road, Putney, the wife of G. A. Bird, of a son.

ST. AUBYN.—On the 24th ult., at Stokefleming Rectory, South Devon, the wife of the Rev. E. St. Aubyn, of a son.

STRICKLAND.—On the 26th ult., at Beckenham, Kent, the wife of W. C. Strickland, Esq., of a son.

THOMPSON.—On the 27th ult., at Wiltshire-road, Brixton, the wife of S. Thompson, jun., of a son.

WEBB.—On the 29th ult., at Maple-road, Penze, Mrs. Webb, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

ANDREWS—SHARPUS.—On the 23rd ult., at All Saint's, Fulham, Walter William Andrews, of Brighton, to Angeline Blanche, daughter of the late T. Sharpus, Esq., of Knightsbridge.

FISKE—NEWBY.—On the 23rd ult., at St. Giles's, Camberwell, Robert, son of F. R. Fiske, of Norwich, to Harriette Emma, daughter of W. Newby, of Peckham-rye.

THURSTON—SEDLAY.—On the 25th ult., at Alverstoke, Hants, John Horatio Thurston, Esq., of Kingston, Thornbury, to Ellen Elizabeth, daughter of the late Major J. S. Sedley, of Alverstoke.

WILLINGTON—LUMLEY.—On the 27th ult., at St. Matthias, West Brompton, by the Rev. Henry Westall, Charles Edward Willington, second son of Dr. Willington, of South Kensington, to Mary Lumley, eldest daughter of the late George Henry Lumley, Esq., of Keit. No cards.

## DEATHS.

FERNOR-HESKETH.—On the 28th ult., Bro. Sir Thomas Henry Fernor-Hesketh, aged 30.

FORDHAM.—On the 21st April, at the residence of his cousin, F. Rowland, Esq., London, Ontario, Canada, Robert Stirtevant W. Fordham, the only son of the late R. J. Fordham, of Leyton, Essex.

SHEDDEN.—On the 24th ult., at Rycote Lodge, Clevedon, Caroline, daughter of the late R. Sheldon, aged 45.

THOMAS.—On the 26th ult., at Chichester-road-villas, N. W., Clara Emily, daughter of R. Thomas, Esq., aged 19.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 1876.

## HOW SHALL WE BEST CELEBRATE OUR GRAND MASTER'S RETURN?

Several opinions may be expressed on this very interesting topic, and we do not claim for anything that we are about to say either the tone of dogmatism or the attribute of infallibility. There are difficulties no doubt attendant on any very large gathering of our Order, whether at the Crystal or the Alexandra Palace, or elsewhere, and of course much would have to depend on the view our Grand Master himself takes of the matter in all its bearings, Masonic and otherwise. But Grand Lodge meets on June 7th, and it is clear that, failing any larger assembly for the purpose of gratulation and loyal welcome to our Grand Master, some notice must be taken of this unusual and striking event in the annals of Freemasonry. Accordingly, two notices are on the agenda paper for June 7th with reference to this subject—the first by our esteemed and distinguished Bro. John Havers, P.G.W., the other by our worthy Bro. P.G.C. R. J. Simpson. By the first notice the Grand Lodge would record its grateful recognition on its own minutes of our beloved Grand Master's return, and in order to commemorate fitly so happy an event would give £1000 to the fund for the restoration of St. Alban's Cathedral and £1000 for the completion of St. Paul's. Bro. Simpson's motion would lead to a service at St. Paul's in grateful remembrance of this glad event, and would also grant £1000 to be devoted to some Indian charitable purpose, to be approved of by the Grand Master. With all deference to our worthy brother, the P.G.C., we incline to think, and to think strongly—and we therefore feel bound honestly to say so—that the motion of P.G.W. John Havers most commends itself to our feelings, alike of Masonic loyalty and to every Masonic sentiment in us, as a speculative and accepted brotherhood to-day. It may, indeed, be argued by some, we think illogically, that as Freemasonry is professedly neutral on all matters of religious distinction or denominational teaching it ought not, even by implication or indirectly, ever seek to identify itself with any one religious body. But the fallacy of such an argument lies in this. We are not proposing to make any such donation to St. Alban's Cathedral, or St. Paul's Cathedral, because they are the churches of a religious body. We are not suggesting by our vote that we in any way identify ourselves with the Church of England, or any other aggregation of religionists, but we vote the money as Freemasons towards a religious work, by whomsoever carried on, and because both these cathedrals specially appeal to us as historical landmarks in the annals and archaeology of our great Order. For be it remembered here why no doubt P.G.W. Havers, with his customary ability and clearness of vision, has thought well to invoke the aid of the Grand Lodge of England to these two great undertakings. This is of course our way of looking at the matter, an hypothesis of our own, and we do not presume to put anything forth as the actual theory of our brother the P.G.W., not even to assume that such will be the able argument he will assuredly, "more suo," adduce in support of the proposition. St. Alban's is in all our legends identified inseparably with the first effort of our operative Order, and all our later Masonic MSS., from the 16th century at any rate, mention St. Alban and the provincial Verulamium. That great and interesting cathedral contains mementoes both of Alban and Amphibalas, and no history of our operative forefathers can be complete without recognition of the early connection of Alban with the operative guilds. And so St. Paul's is equally linked on, through Sir Christopher Wren, and the Masons who revived Freemasonry in 1717 (from which revival the whole of existing Freemasonry everywhere now takes its origin), with our great speculative brotherhood to-day. We cannot conceive a more fitting use of our funds for general purposes, we cannot ourselves realise any very serious opposition to such a wise and reasonable, such

a large-hearted, and, in our humble opinion, such a truly Masonic proposal. Some time ago our distinguished D.G. Master in his own zealous province brought forward a proposal to aid in the restoration of Chester Cathedral, which was happily and heartily carried, and we then ventured to point out how thoroughly Masonic, in our opinion, such a proposal was, and how untenable the objection to it on any supposed grounds of denominational preference. If our good brethren will seriously consider the matter they will see that the ground East Lancashire took, and we took, is a perfectly Masonic and safe one, viz., that we are not making the grant simply to a denominational body, as an act of denominational sympathy, but that we are making it as Freemasons, because our operative fathers built those very cathedrals, and we seek in our generation, and in our measure to aid to renovate and restore them. St. Alban's Cathedral was built, no doubt, by the then operative guild of Freemasons; St. Paul's Cathedral was raised by those who formed part of the revival lodges of 1717, and who have every claim on our respect and remembrance, on our great material prosperity to-day as a flourishing and purely speculative brotherhood. No more fitting recognition, we venture to repeat, can be made of our gratitude and loyalty as an united fraternity than the proposal so seasonably put forward, and we venture to express the hope and the belief that it will meet with unanimous acceptance and approval on the part of Grand Lodge, sure as we are that it will be readily and enthusiastically endorsed by our intelligent and educated Craft. We have every reason to believe, from what we know of the public Masonic career of our esteemed Bro. P.G.W. Havers, that he would have good cause for knowing that his resolution would receive the approval of H.R.H. the Grand Master.

## OUR ROYAL BROTHER KING GEORGE OF HANOVER.

As loyal Freemasons, we shall have noticed that this distinguished member of our own Royal Family, the Duke of Cumberland, and also King George of Hanover, is now in England, on a visit alike to his native country, and the Queen, and the Royal Family. He is, we all know, a member of our Order, a P.G.M. of the Old Grand Lodge of Hanover, and as such merits, as he will receive, a warm and sympathetic greeting from our English brotherhood. We, too, for whom alike the fortunes and movements of our Royal Family have always an abiding interest—we are rejoiced to think how well this pleasant meeting of the Royal Family chimes in with the happy return of the Prince of Wales from India, and we are also pleased to note that amid the gayer lustre of the Court our Royal Family is ever so truly mindful of kindly association and affectionate intercourse. We beg—as we know we represent the feelings of our Order, always loyal, in bright as well as cloudy days—to express a hope that some opportunity may be accorded the Fraternity of expressing its respectful attachment and regard for this distinguished member of our Royal Family, a sincere and earnest member of our ancient Craft.

## THE MYSTERIES OF FREEMASONRY.

We are not a little amused at the evident embarrassment into which the reviewer in our good contemporary, the "*Guardian*," has recently fallen when writing upon the "*Aporreta*" of Freemasonry. He is reviewing the "*Discrepancies of Freemasonry*," &c., a posthumous work of Bro. Dr. Oliver, recently published by Bro. Hogg, and though he writes a longish review, and says a good deal, it is quite clear, to use a common phrase, that he hardly knows what to make of it all. He seems to be startled at the fact that there are any discrepancies in a subject which is clearly one of those things which a "fella" can't be expected to understand. And he soon, therefore, becomes lost in the abysses of confusion worse confounded, of unsolvable doubts, of a hopeless dilemma. It is even inexplicable to him, alike, why any discrepancies should exist

at all, and, above all, what those discrepancies are. So that his review ends where it begins, however skilfully worded, in haze and ignorance, in doubt and difficulty. Nor could it well be otherwise, nor need we affect to wonder at it. Indeed, it would have been even more strange had it been otherwise. For here is the reviewer not "in the swim," to use a young man's term of the day, professing to know all about everything, and to explain everything clearly to wondering clerical readers. But what does he know? What can he explain? It is quite clear that he cannot unfold, even though he be like the Delphic Oracle, what he does not understand, even on his own showing, and Dr. Oliver's own showing, what is surrounded by mystery, and wrapped up in enigma and obscurity! As a very remarkable evidence of how much any one can say about nothing at all, and of a lucid explanation of what he does not understand, we commend the "review" in the "Guardian" of the 24th May, page 696, to which we have alluded, to the careful study of our clerical and non-clerical subscribers. We do not overlook, in saying all this, that Bro. Dr. Oliver's book was intended primarily for Freemasons, not the "profanum vulgus," and that he is professedly expounding the exoteric teaching of the Order, to initiates. Therefore, he takes for granted a certain amount of existing knowledge on the subject in the minds of those who read his words, which ostensibly in the case of the reviewer, did not and could not exist. Hence the reviewer's bewilderment and bewonderment, his hopeless endeavour to unravel the twisted skein of Masonic discrepancies, his mournful confession of hopeless and helpless ignorance. Here is a grave work, issued by a respectable publisher, professing to unfold the "discrepancies of Freemasonry," and all to him is a jargon of an unknown tongue, he finds in the hoped-for solution of cavils and controversies, only assertions in which nothing is asserted, and explanations in which nothing is explained. Now we confess we sympathize with the reviewer, because we are strongly of opinion that after all the fault does not so much lie with him as these professed explanations of Masonic teaching. We have always felt, and feeling so, we have a right honestly to express our opinion, that the latitude of publication assumed by our excellent old brother Dr. Oliver, cannot Masonically be defended, or recommended to-day for imitation. It is quite clear to us that he allowed himself, for one motive or another, to issue, before a curious and reading public, a great deal concerning Freemasonry which ought never to have appeared in print at all. We all of us recognise gladly his great ability as a writer, his assiduous labours as an Archæologist, the love he had for our good old Order, the scholarly turn he gave to all those striking disquisitions which he so carefully elaborated. But having said this, and with great admiration for our old teacher, we must not, as it appears to us, shut our eyes to the clear, if somewhat unpalatable fact, that he inaugurated and initiated a system of Masonic explanation and exposition fraught with danger to the best interests of Freemasonry, and forbidden by its normal constitutions. We mean this. He put before profanes as well as professed the inner teaching and cherished ceremonial of our Order far too unreservedly, in our humble opinion, and explained in print accessible to all, what after all is far better confined, and meant to be confined moreover, to the tyled area of the lodge-room. There can be little doubt that, as always happens, the explanatory system he introduced has had its neophytes and imitators, who have outdone their first preceptor, and have sought to disrobe Freemasonry, so to say, and leave her like some blushing nymph of old before startled and inquisitive gazers. We fear that the process has done no good, but rather harm, to the Craft. There is with some a morbid anxiety, to which it is wrong to pander, there is with others a love of notoriety which is little less than unworthy. And in the meantime our "Alma Mater" silently suffers. What the limits of Masonic publication should be is no doubt a somewhat difficult matter to decide, and it is one on which many conflicting opinions exist. We shall recur to it next week. But in the meanwhile we feel bound to

say this, that while we are most favourable naturally to the diffusion of all proper Masonic light on all matters which can fairly come before the open court of the public, we deprecate the appearance of anything which is intended to be kept "in camera," and above all we fear that the open communication of details of ritual, which, solely intended for the lodge, deters many of our brethren from that support to Masonic literature which otherwise they would be disposed to accord. We have for some time past carefully guarded the pages of the "Freemason" from all purely ritual discussions, and we intend for the future to follow the same course.

#### HYPERCRITICISM.

We did not intend to return to this subject, but the letter of our correspondent, "Plain English," seems to call for a few more fraternal remarks from us. To say the truth, we do not quite comprehend what it is our good complaining brother is really "driving at." He says he did not wish us to write "Anglo-Saxon," but that his words were "plain Saxon English." Then he informs us that "every well informed person knows that the Anglo-Saxon was a transition language, and passed away soon after the Norman Conquest"—this we fancy will be news to Mr. Max Müller; and lastly he tells us that Carlyle's is "plain Saxon English." These then seem to be the main points of his letter, except that he still says "sub sigillo confessionis" is not a common expression, and that as for "clientèle" he admits his "ignorance of the appropriate use of it." What then has it all come to? But simply this. Our good brother like a great many other fellows now-a-days, "Rariantes in gurgite vasto," will try and deal with subjects which they have not carefully studied, or even laboriously thought out. For we live in an age of flippancy of assertion, and shallowness of information, be it ever remembered. We, however, who have both studied and thought out the matter, are not likely to heed even our friendly critic "Plain English," as, with all deference to him, his communications clearly evidence, that whatever may be the strength of his peculiar views, they are literally his own, and opposed to all that philology has achieved, or literary culture would suggest. When a brother gravely recommends Carlyle's verbiage as a model of plain Saxon English, he is either, as the French would say, an Anglo-Saxon "enragé," or he supposes that none of us have ever read Carlyle. Now, we have studied Carlyle; and much as we admire his originality of thought, his honesty of utterance, and his force of words, we must decline to accept either his language or his style as a model for English composition. Old Johnson was probably right when he told us that we must carefully study Addison if we wished to write the English language correctly and gracefully, and we cannot admit that Carlyle's thundering passages have in any way affected the truth of his "dictum" or offered us a better style in the place of that which is alike clear and forcible, apposite and eloquent. Still we will not be hypercritical. We agree with "Plain English," "après tout," that it is not advisable as a general rule to use foreign words when you can supply their English equivalents, but we equally feel convinced that many a heavy sentence of pure English prose is lightened materially by the contrast of some lighter foreign expression, which covers a good deal of ground, and relieves the monotony of our classic vernacular. So here the controversy ends, in all good humour. We shall be on our guard not to hurt our good brother's feelings more than we can help, and that is all we can safely promise.

#### THE CENTENNIAL AT PHILADELPHIA.

We are glad to be permitted to send across the wide Atlantic our hearty good wishes to our American brethren, who are now amid the world's citizens gathering together at Philadelphia. They will see a noble hall, one of the later Exhibitions which mark the depth and sincerity of the Masonic spirit in America, and

they will behold the onward growth of that noble fraternity which persecution has not been able to impede nor cruel slander to destroy. It is very striking for us, even amid our material prosperity, and growing numbers at home, to realize the fact, patent and positive, that considerably over half-a-million of brethren range themselves under the sacred banners of Freemasonry in the United States, and that if this ratio of increase continues, a few years will see that number probably doubled. One of our little insular amiable weaknesses, perhaps defects, is that we do not know much of the actual condition of other countries. We take haphazard statements as indubitable verities, and the flashy assertions of some hurried traveller, too hurried to be reliable, as accurate data. Some wiseacre has said that Freemasonry in the United States, though numerically great, is not intrinsically Masonic in sentiment or work—that it is too much given to outside show, and does not remember the "weightier matters" of its unchanging law of love and active benevolence. We have denied the statement before, by whomsoever made. We deny it again to-day. That Freemasonry has some difficulties to contend with in the United States is true; that some anomalies attend its present position we are not ignorant of; but, as we have before pointed out, these arise from conflicting jurisdiction and separate Grand Lodges—all necessarily in the way of an uniform system of teaching or action. Indeed, some of the reported decisions of individual Grand Masters seem to us at times to savour more of the personal idiosyncrasies of the "Ego" than of any proper authority or Masonic teaching. But giving all this in, and let the objector make the most of it, we fancy that the Freemasons in America may fairly challenge those of other jurisdictions on most points of Masonic principle, practice, and obedience. They adhere very firmly to the *lex scripta* of the Order, and seek to uphold the landmarks of Freemasonry. They are endeavouring to throw around their lodge ceremonial all the attractiveness of a chaste æstheticism, and they are also seeking to raise Masonic halls everywhere, so as to give to the brethren the priceless advantages of privacy and Masonic independence. And not only this, but they are doing a great deal in the cause of Masonic charity, some no doubt more, some less, but all the facts, and they are many, which constantly come before us of the earnest benevolent spirit of American Freemasons towards their suffering brethren, or their "belongings," left in privation or penury, are very "thorough" in themselves and very pleasant to note. It often appears to us that we hardly make allowance enough, even in matters worldly, for the many difficulties attendant on the formation of that very great country, the United States of America. Equally we err often in Masonic matters. They have had harder struggles than we have had to go through in this old sheltered land of ours and they have come out of them nobly, unscathed and undaunted, stronger and more compact than ever. All honour to them! And we to-day, knowing well the warm heart and the true Masonic feeling of our good English Craft, beg in their name to congratulate our brethren now in Philadelphia on this their Centennial, in an honest fraternal spirit, and with many hearty good wishes. Knowing what we do of many eminent Masons there, publicly and personally, as brother Masons and as valued friends, we rejoice to claim them as belonging to the great brotherhood of Freemasonry. We, if we may say so, shake them heartily by the hand to-day, as we express our hope that their Exhibition may be a complete success, and that while all may gain alike pleasure and improvement from this great peace federation of the world, our brethren in the United States will not the least enjoy their visit and be stimulated by the working of Freemasonry in Philadelphia to a deeper attachment even, if possible, to the principles and practice of our excellent Fraternity.

The preliminary works in connection with the Channel Tunnel have just commenced at Langatte, near Calais. Shafts have already been sunk to a depth of forty metres, and the work is being carried on rapidly, the labourers working night and day. A powerful pump has been set up to absorb the water that is met with in rather large quantities.

## 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.]

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE PRINCE OF WALES' SAFE RETURN.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It has been declared as a landmark of the Order that "Freemasonry is a peculiar system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." Masonic writers and others equally well versed in matters appertaining to the society have proclaimed the Order to be neither of a political nor religious tendency, and that it accepts men of every diversity of creed, providing their moral qualifications are of a satisfactory character. Bearing these facts in mind, I would ask whether any critical member of the fraternity can, after reading the paragraph inserted in the last number of your journal, reconcile the statements referred to with the first proposition of our reverend brother? I think not. The demonstration would prove a dangerous precedent, and would seriously affect the foundation of the institution. Why should Masonry be identified with religious proceedings? Is it to gratify vanity, or what? The fact is, Sir, there has been for some time past a persistent desire on the part of many clerical members of the fraternity to associate Masonry with religion. Unless this growing evil is suppressed I fear that the Order in England will become as disreputable as in France. I must here mention that I am not personally acquainted with Brother the Rev. R. J. Simpson, the originator of the movement. He enjoys the reputation of being a powerful orator, and has, according to accounts furnished me, done much good in the parish of which he is rector. With regard to the second proposition in respect to the sum of £1000, it must be admitted that, being for a charitable object, it has a legitimate claim upon the consideration of Grand Lodge. But why should this amount be sent abroad when so many poor and deserving brethren at home are clamouring for assistance? It is proverbial that the English take especial care to enquire into the wants of the "interesting foreigner," whilst those of their countrymen are scarcely noticed. If the demonstration at St. Paul's Cathedral has been suggested to our rev. brother it was ill advised. If otherwise, then let us be charitable and ascribe it to an error of judgment. As Pope says:—

"Tis with our judgments as our watches; none go just alike, yet each believes his own."

Every brother in the Masonic Order is no doubt glad that His Royal Highness has returned in safety to his native land, and sincerely wishes him long life and happiness. The Prince is unquestionably a sensible man, and is, if I mistake not, from what I have observed on one or two occasions, opposed to what is generally experienced by distinguished men—obsequious flattery.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, truly and fraternally yours  
London, 29th May, 1876. C. S.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

It has been suggested to me by a brother, that my proposal to meet in St. Paul's for a thanksgiving service would identify Freemasonry with a particular religious body—I venture to think that this is indeed "straining at a gnat," and to a most unpractical extent.

1. In the Provinces Provincial Lodges constantly attend service in the parish church of the town in which they meet.

2. At weddings, funerals, and other special occasions, Churchmen, Nonconformists, Roman Catholics, and Hebrews often meet without danger or inconsistency.

3. Masonry is professedly a religious institution, and should not allow any trifling or technical difficulty to stand in the way of its asserting its religious character when a great national and Masonic occasion fairly calls for solemn and united action.

4. Such a gathering for such a purpose would surely suggest those ideas of union, brotherly love, and charity which are so much needed in these days, and so consonant with the spirit and principles of our Order.

Lastly, Does not the argument I allude to, if of any weight against my proposal, tell with twofold force against Bro. Havers' proposition—for surely thousands of non-members of the Church of England would and do gladly join their fellows in her Churches on special occasions, who would not dream of giving a donation to her Church building or decoration.

It is not as a clergyman of the Church of England, but as a Mason, I have made the present proposal (with the warm approval of many and distinguished Masons), and I hope we may not lose such an opportunity of proving before the world our loyalty, our charity, and our religion.

Fraternally yours,  
May, 31st, 1876.

R. J. SIMPSON.

## WELCOME TO OUR GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to your valuable suggestions as to a public Masonic welcome to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Freemasonry in England on his return from India, would it not be well that the demonstration, say at the Alexandra or Crystal Palace, or elsewhere, should be of a cosmopolitan character, and include such of the brethren as have at least attained the P.M. Degree—who, although non-subscribing members to a symbolic lodge in this country, are nevertheless de jure Masons at heart in the fullest acceptance of the Order,

I am, fraternally yours,

I. M. L., P.M., &c., &c.

Euston, N.W., May 24th, 1876.

## HYPERCRITICISM.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A recent issue of your journal contains a leader on "Hypercriticism," which is called forth by my letter signed "A Stickler for Plain English." It misrepresents my views on one or two points. I did not recommend the use of "Anglo-Saxon" by English people of the present day. It would have been nonsensical, because every well-informed person knows that the Anglo-Saxon was a transition language, and passed away soon after the Norman Conquest. What I did say was suggested by your expression, "our Anglo-Saxon Brotherhood." And accordingly I was led to mention my views about the propriety of using "plain Saxon English." I am aware that what you say is correct about our English language comprising a mixture of other languages. But I still maintain a long-held opinion that our present use is degenerating. Note our English Bible. With a few trifling exceptions the diction is suited to the age in which we live. Everybody knows that our language undergoes constant change. I observe it every year. The very spelling of simple words, and even of proper names becomes changed. But my notion is that in modern journalism we often find ourselves in a blaze of newly-made English. The other day I read in a leading journal an account of the Prince's arrival in England, wherein it was stated that an address was *illuminated* on vellum (the italics are my own). This substitute for illuminated might be the error of the writer, or perhaps of the printer only. I cannot agree with you that the Latin phrase "sub sigillo confessionis" is ordinarily used by modern writers. I identify it entirely with a certain system of the Roman Catholic Church. I admit my ignorance as to the appropriate use of the word "clientèle;" of course anybody could ascertain its meaning by turning to a French dictionary. I confess I am not a constant reader of Carlyle's works, nor do I always comprehend the views of that mystical writer. But it is plain Saxon English. So also is the language used by an eminent clergyman now deceased, the Rev. Frederic Denison Maurice. In each of these authors I read what is acceptable to

Yours truly and fraternally,

A STICKLER FOR PLAIN ENGLISH.

May 24th, 1876.

## THE FREEMASONS' TAVERN.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice in the agenda paper of Grand Lodge a communication respecting the Freemasons' Tavern. I should like to know what connexion there is between tavern interest and Freemasonry. Are the funds of Grand Lodge dependent on the success of a public tavern? Is it not time that Freemasonry stood alone, independent of any such questionable income?

Yours fraternally, P. M.

MRS. FARNFIELD AND GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I ask through your columns if the relatives of the widow of our late Bro. Farnfield are cognisant of the fact that Bro. H. Green has given notice of motion "That the sum of £100 be voted to Widow Farnfield as an annuity during the pleasure of Grand Lodge?"

Yours fraternally, ENQUIER.

## A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The reading of a letter in the "Freemason" of May 20th, headed "Officers' Jewels," and giving a very minute description of some antique jewels in the possession of a lodge at Sheerness, suggested to me how entertaining to the readers of the "Masonic Magazine" would be the publication of full-sized engravings, with a short history of all such jewel, tokens, and medals pertaining to Masonry.

Apologising for thus troubling you, I remain, yours fraternally,

THOS. FRANCIS, 804.

## LAST MEETING OF GREAT PRIORY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to express my great disappointment in seeing no report (as yet) in your columns of the meeting of the Great Priory of England and Wales which was held in London on the 12th ult. Surely many K.T.'s subscribe to the "Freemason" who would like to see reports of the doings of the Great Officers of our Order in its columns. And surely, also, you are supplied with or are allowed to furnish such reports.

Yours fraternally,

A PAST PROVINCIAL GREAT OFFICER.

May 24th, 1876.

## FRENCH LODGES IN LONDON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the April number of the "Monde Maçonique," at page 586, I find these words:—"Avis aux Maçons Voyageurs. Les tenues regulieres de la loge Française établie à Londres sous le titre les 'Philadelphes et la Concorde Reunis,' ont lieu tous les Mercredis à 9 heures du soir 6, Charles-street, Middlesex Hospital, au Spread Eagle."

I wish, therefore, to ask through your columns, 1st. Is this lodge a regularly warranted lodge? and 2ndly, is it warranted by the Grand Lodge of England, or the Grand Orient of France?

I am, yours fraternally,

AN ENGLISH READER OF THE  
"MONDE MAÇONIQUE."

[Perhaps some French brother can answer this.—Ed.]

## A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

By some curious mistake in your report of the Phoenix Lodge on the 27th ult., you have inserted the name of your reporter, Bro. Massey, as having been installed W.M. of that lodge. Bro. J. D. Massey who now holds that position, is I believe, no relation whatever to your representative, who was not present on that occasion, but as you are aware, your journal was represented, as it has been in many London and provincial lodges for some three years past, by

Yours truly and fraternally,

T. C. WALLS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly answer the following questions in your next issue? 1. Is a present S.W. of a colonial lodge entitled to visit Grand Lodge by virtue of his office? 2. If so, is an introduction necessary from any other member of Grand Lodge, or how is he to obtain admission?

I remain, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

Dover, 30th May, 1876.

COLONIAL.

[He will require a voucher, but if returned to Grand Lodge as S.W. of his lodge he has no doubt a seat in Grand Lodge.—Ed.]

## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted in Grand Lodge, Wednesday, 7th June, 1876:—

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st March for confirmation.

The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 26th April for confirmation.

The M.W. Grand Master will make an announcement with reference to certain alterations and additions which it is the pleasure of His Royal Highness to make in relation to the charity jewel.

Election of members of the board of General Purposes.

Election of members of the Colonial Board.

Election of members for the Committee of management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."

Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

The widow of a brother of St. Bartholomew's Lodge, No. 606, Wednesday ...	£50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Nine Muses, No. 235, London ...	50 0 0
A brother of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 905, London ...	100 0 0
The daughter of a late brother of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 222, London ...	50 0 0
The daughters of a late brother, of Royal Forest Lodge, No. 401, Slaidburn ...	50 0 0
A brother of the Star and Hope Lodge, No. 520, Agra, Bengal ...	50 0 0

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.  
The Board of General Purposes have to report as follows:—

Several questions bearing on the interpretation of the Book of Constitutions have been, during the past quarter, brought under the notice of the board, which, having been duly considered, have been satisfactorily dealt with, no specific report to Grand Lodge upon or in connection with them becoming necessary. Some important matters connected with the buildings of the society have been dealt with by the Premises Committee, and approved by the board.

The question of a re-arrangement of the seating accommodation for the brethren in Grand Lodge has received considerable attention, resulting in the addition of upwards of one hundred seats, which, in the opinion of the board, is the utmost that can be done in the existing area.

The board have been for a long period engaged in correspondence with the lessees of Freemasons' Tavern with reference to the question of rent, and in result recommend to Grand Lodge that if a thoroughly responsible tenant or tenants can be found by the Tavern Company (the present Lessees), who would be willing to take over the lease, Grand Lodge should assent to a reduction of the rent of the tavern from £1500, at which it at present stands, to £1200 per annum, and to such re-adjustment of the term as may appear fair and reasonable, and that the Board of General Purposes be empowered to negotiate and act accordingly.

The President will therefore move to that effect.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

At the meeting on the 16th May, after the ordinary business was concluded, it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the best thanks of the members of the board are eminently merited by the President for the great attention he has paid to the duties of his office, for the admirable manner in which he has discharged them, and the great courtesy and kindness he has on all occasions evinced to his colleagues, and they are therefore fraternally tendered to him.

(Signed) PETER DE LANDE LONG, Vice-President.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of May, shewing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £6172 12s. 8d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

Appeal of Bro. W. C. Rowe, W. Master of the Lodge of Truth, No. 944, Bombay, against the decision of the R.W. District Grand Master of Bombay, censuring the lodge for having passed and raised a brother at one and the same meeting.

The papers relating to this appeal will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

The report of a special general meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 25th day of April, 1876, will be laid before Grand Lodge, and the following proposed alterations in the rules which were then agreed to will, in accordance with the laws of the institution, be submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge.

That Law 4, page 12, be altered by substituting the figures "£40" for £36, and that Law 4, page 13, be also altered by substituting the figures "£32" for £28.

The laws as altered now read thus:—"The amount of the annuity shall be £40 per annum," and "The amount of the annuity shall be £32 per annum."

The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 19th of May, 1876, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

PROPOSED MOTIONS.

By R. W. Bro. John Havers, P.G.W.:

That this Grand Lodge desires to return its humble and hearty thanks to the Almighty Architect of the Universe for the safe return to his native land of their beloved Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and, in memory of that happy event, determine to devote the sum of £2000 in aid of the restoration of the two churches which are most intimately connected with the history of Freemasonry in England.

Resolved therefore—

(1st.) That a sum of £1000 be granted from the Fund for General Purposes towards the restoration of St. Paul's Cathedral, and the like sum of £1000 from the same fund towards the restoration of St. Alban's Abbey.

(2nd.) That a committee, to consist of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, Grand Registrar, President of the Board of General Purposes, and the Grand Superintendent of Works, be and is hereby appointed, and such committee (after conference with the Restoration Committee of the respective churches) shall decide in what manner the gifts can best be made so as to carry out the wishes of Grand Lodge.

By W. Bro. Benjamin Head, P.G.D.:

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates of the asylum at Croydon with coals during the winter months.

By Bro. Henry Greene, P.M. 256:

That the death of the late Bro. William Farnfield, Past Assistant Grand Secretary, having left his widows and two daughters in very restricted circumstances, he having been unable—in consequence of the expenses incidental to the bringing up of his numerous family (two) to make suitable provision for them, that an annuity of £100 per annum be granted to Mrs. Farnfield during the pleasure of Grand Lodge.

By V.W. Bro. the Rev. Robert James Simpson, P.G. Chaplain:

Resolved—

(1.) That this Grand Lodge desires to record its humble and hearty thanks to Almighty God for the preservation and safe return of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Freemasons, and that with a view to testifying to this loyal and devout feeling in a more united, public, and solemn manner, this Grand Lodge resolves (with the approval of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and with the kind permission of the proper authorities) to hold on some convenient day a service of praise and thanksgiving in St. Paul's Cathedral.

(2) That as a thank offering on this occasion this Grand Lodge votes from its fund the sum of £1000, which, together with the offerings made at the service in St. Paul's, shall be devoted to the benefit of such charitable object in India as may be recommended by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

In the event of the above resolutions being passed,

Resolved—

(3) That the following brethren constitute a special Committee to carry out the Resolutions, viz.:

- R.W. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale .....D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Earl of Donoughmore .....G.S.W.
R.W. Bro. Honourable Wm. W. Vernon .....G.I.W.
V.W. Bro. Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C. ....G.R.
R.W. Bro. John Havers .....P.G.W.
V.W. Bro. John B. Monckton .....Pres. B.G.P.
W. Bro. John M. Clabon .....P.G.D.
R.W. Bro. Sir Albert W. W. Woods,
Garter .....P.G.W. and G.D.C.
V.W. Bro. John Hervey .....G. Sec.
V.W. Bro. Rev. Spencer R. Wigram .....G. Chap.
W. Bro. Dr. Erasmus Wilson .....Dept. W.M. No. 2.
W. Bro. Standish Grove Grady .....P.M. No. 14.
W. Bro. General Clerke .....P.M. No. 706.
V.W. Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson .....P.G. Chap.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Protracted suffering of any kind soon wears down the strongest frame, and weakens the most determined spirit, as the dropping of water will in time wear away the hardest granite, so will persistent pain wear away the powers of the strongest mind. Let none, therefore, who are afflicted with chronic, rheumatic, or neuralgic pains, or old painful sores, and ulcerations, which render their life miserable, yield to despair, but give these inestimable twin remedies a steady and fair trial. Many who have done so (having previously tried "almost everything" without relief) have been delighted and amazed at the change for the better, which has been the result of their use. They are invaluable in skin diseases.—ADVT.

Copies of the "Freemason" for May 1st and 8th, 1875, containing a full account of the proceedings at the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Most Worshipful Grand Master and First Grand Principal, are still obtainable at the office, 198, Fleet-street.

The "Masonic Magazine" for the current month, contains an engraving of the first church built in England, A.D. 61.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 9, 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, JUNE 3.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-square.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.

MONDAY, JUNE 5.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate st.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

Chap. 1056, Victoria, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
Red. Cross Con., Premier, Regent M.H., Regent-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 6.

Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1506, White Horse of Kent, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
Chap. 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Grand Lodge M.M.M.'s, 33, Golden-sq.—See Advt.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, 1, Canonile-st., Bishopsgate.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7.

Quarterly Com. Grand Lodge, at 6, for 7 p.m.
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.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qtrs. 1st Surrey Rifles.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 619, Beadon, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
K.T. Precep., 117, New Temple, Inner Temple.
Rose Croix Chap., St. George's, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' 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, JUNE 9.

Lodge 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hot., New Wandswh.
Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 33, Britannic, F.M. Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.

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 June 10, 1876.

MONDAY, JUNE 5.

Lodge 133, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Church-st., Preston.
" 613, Unity, Palatine Buildings, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 1045, Stamford, T.H., Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Everton, L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hot., Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge, Walton, Croylands-st., Kirkdale.
Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, M.H., Prescot.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Wakefield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hot., Chorley.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Harmonic L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8.

Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Vic., Garrison Hot., Fulwood.
" 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.
Mariners' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9.

Lodge 1280, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 10, 1876.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, JUNE 5.

" 124, Kilwinning, Union Tav., Ayr.
" 129, St. Mirren's, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
" 138, Operative, Blue Bell Hot., Ayr.
" 237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.
" 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
Chap. 53, Dumbarton, Elephant Hot.
" 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6.

Lodge 3 1/2, St. John, 213, Buchanan-st. Glasgow.
" 7, Hamilton, Kilwinning M.H.
" 68, Doric, 44, Church-st., Port Glasgow.
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
" 173, St. John, M.H., Largs.
" 117, St. James's, M.H., Coatbridge.
" 233, Hamilton, Spaldings Hot., Hamilton.
" 406, St. John, Dalziel, M.H., Motherwell.
" 433, St. Thomas, Eglington Hall, Dalmellington.
" 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.
" 442, New St., M.H., Ardrossan.
" 497, St. John's, Brewery Hall, Catrine.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7.

Lodge 0, Methel Kilwinning, M.H., Kilwinning.
" 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-st.
" 21, Old St. John, M.H., Lanark.
" 86, Navigation, Commercial Hall, Troon.
" 126, St. Andrew, George Hot.
" 128, St. John, M.H., Shettleston.
" 166, St. John, 29, Graham-st., Airdrie.
" 198, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Maybole.
" 331, St. Peter's, Portland Arms, Galston.
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
" 571, Dramatic, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
Cha. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Troon.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, T.H., Airdrie.
" 109, St. Marnock, T.H., Kilmarnock.
" 203, St. John's, Olive H., Airdrie.
" 334, St. John's, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.
" 557, Blantyre Kilwinning, Craigie Hall, Blantyre.
" 570, Kenmuir, Balgray Hall, Springburn.
Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9.  
Lodge 18, Dumbarton, Mission Hall, Dumbarton.  
" 147, Cadder Argyle, Chryston, M.H.  
" 170, St. John, Black Bull Inn, Renton.  
" 427, St. Clair, M.H., Garnagad-rd., Glasgow.  
Chap. 144, St. Rollox, M.H., Garnagad-rd., Glasgow.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 10, 1876.

MONDAY, JUNE 5.  
Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hot., Penicuik.  
TUESDAY, JUNE 6.  
" 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-st.  
THURSDAY, JUNE 8.  
Lodge 8, Journeyman, M.H., High-st.  
FRIDAY, JUNE 9.  
Chap. 56, Canongate, M.H., John-st.

ROYAL ALBERT ORPHAN ASYLUM,  
Collingwood Court, Bagshot, Surrey.—At the Half-Yearly Election, held on the 30th May, the following children were declared the successful candidates:—

Boys.	
Cocks, George .....	3329
Draycott, Harry .....	2628
Eyre, Herbert .....	2350
Appleton, James .....	2338
Ellis, Norman Sidney .....	2221
Kent, Thomas George .....	2207
Attawell, Henry .....	2185
Goldring, Egbert .....	2164
GIRLS.	
Lathlean, E. Miranda .....	3245
Beland, Eliza .....	3220
Hopper, Annie Maria .....	2963
Eaton, Eliza Emma .....	2726
Beirton, Ellen .....	2654
Shoyer, Elizabeth .....	2354
Gibb, Beatrice Maud .....	1989
Webster, Lilley .....	1777

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