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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**GRANITE LODGE (No. 1328).**—To paint a scene is one thing, but to fit it for the due performance of the actors, is another business altogether. It would not do to make your actors speak their speeches from the spire of St. Paul's to the groundlings beneath, nor would it do to hire a balloon for a sea voyage. And so likewise, if you are going to air your pent-up lungs you would not select as a promenade the pristine purlieus of Paddington. No, your nose would instinctively turn in the direction of the balmy breezes of Brighton, and your inner man would plaintively appeal to you to "give him air." We have heard of ingenious men who weigh the earth, and watch the stars, and can tell to an ounce what old mother earth weighs, and judge to a nicety the sublunary influence of stars; but no one, we venture to wager, has ever yet calculated the amount of physic and pills swallowed by the living multitude of towns in order to keep body and soul together; indeed, it is doubtful whether such details could ever be forthcoming. People gasp for breath often enough in London; the atmosphere is sometimes as thick as a Dutch cheese, and quite as nasty. You may plunge your proboscis in the best "Rimmell," but the pleasure is too transient; it is soon gone, and the perfume scattered to the four (though one is often quite enough) winds of Heaven. What wonder, then, if the merry men of the Granite seek in the bosom of old mother earth at Virginia Water that consolation which they cannot find at home? Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, the pioneer of pleasure, with the faithful band of brothers, gave abundant proof of the possession of judgment when they selected this charming spot for a summer banquet. How soothing to the active mind of man is the rippling of the waters; to hear the translucent stream playing and dashing about under a sun of 110° is a sensation which makes a lasting impression. How delightful to sit in the cool shade of the flowery dell, basking not in, but out of the sunshine. For this is what you can do at the "Wheat-sheaf," Virginia Water; and what the members of the Granite did on Wednesday, the 20th ult. It is one of the brightest jewels that old England can boast of. Let it be stated that on that auspicious day they all assembled at the Waterloo Station of the London and South-Western Railway, where a train of saloon carriages was in waiting to convey them to this verdant spot, this ideal Lake of Como, which after a short time they reached in safety, at least they were about one mile distant from the Wheat-sheaf. At the Virginia Water Station they were not destined to land without a greeting, for no sooner had they reached terra firma proper than Bro. Crossland put in an appearance and conducted them over the "Holloway Sanatorium" for mental diseases built in the Tudor style, and which was presented to the nation by the eminent pill and ointment manufacturer, it having cost him £170,000, and on which an additional £70,000 will be expended ere it is thoroughly completed. The brethren very much enjoyed the inspection, which occupied about an hour. To keep to the business of the day (for you cannot perform the parts of the programme without business), after they had investigated all the details of the building the brethren speedily found their way to the Wheat-sheaf, where in the full bounty of nature they revelled for some time until the signal came that drags were in readiness to convey them to Windsor Castle. Eager for the fray, the brethren speedily mounted their vehicles, and in a twinkling were fast on the road making towards the Long Walk, which some very fine animals enabled them to reach in little or no time, and here all was loveliness. You could not shed a ray of your eye without its being filled with the exquisite forms of nature. To see the tall trees growing in such luxuriance on either side of you, then to behold in the far distance that gorgeous old castle, were sights that would vie with anything continental. Her Majesty being within the castle, the brethren had to remain without, and they accordingly "hung their banners on the outer wall," that is to say, they rested, and were thankful. Time, the ancient enemy, soon made giant strides, and bade them return to the Wheat-sheaf, "which they did." Here awaited them the feast of reason. A most excellent banquet was prepared and served up in a marquee tent, erected in the gardens. The menu designed from the (it would not be right to say gastronomic head) let us say the culinary imagination of Bro. Thomas, was replete with the choicest of dainties. It would be cruelty to the hungry to describe the several dishes, let it suffice that they gave abundant satisfaction, and added a large laurel to the renown of the Wheat-sheaf. After the cloth was drawn Bro. John Oliver, P.M. (who occupied the chair in the absence of Bro. Muggéridgè, W.M.,

from indisposition) gave the usual Masonic toasts, which were jovially responded to, after which Bro. Thomas proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was briefly acknowledged. Then Bro. Oliver asked them to drink to Bro. Thomas for the able way in which he had conducted the management of the banquet, which they did in a hearty manner. The speeches were very few and very short, and Bro. Oliver may henceforth claim for his motto, "Brevity is the soul of wit." To have long speeches after a good dinner is like taking pills after sugar. It often happens that the tongue abuses the privilege of speech; on this occasion the merry men of the Granite were free from such a charge; and, as a consequence, the whole party were able to reach London by the eleven o'clock train. The members present were Bros. John Oliver, P.M., in the chair; Jas. L. Thomas, P.M. and Secretary; G. De Maid, P.M.; John Bosworth, P.M.; Dr. J. W. Oswald, P.M.; Fredk. West, S.W.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M.; James Crossland, Richd. Coad, G. Chapman, J. B. Lee, P. F. Giles, Benj. Turner, J.D.; D. W. Pearse, P.M.; Wm. Holliday, Frank Kirk, A. J. Taylor, W. Wood, E. Matheson, Thos. W. Aldwinckle, J. H. Outhwaite, Frank Harger, E. G. Wyatt, J. Oswald Gardner, W.S. The visitors were Bros. Wm. Dyott Burnaby, W.M. 142; Major Shadwell Clarke, 33; Rev. P. M. Holden, S.W. City of Westminster; Martin, J. E. Poole, Jos. Randall, Dr. Palmer, Sir M. W. Williams, Aug. Woodcock, Col. Grant, Rev. C. Grant, W. S. Plimsoll, H. Webb, Clayton Palmer, jun., Jno. May, E. Crickmay, Thompson, ("Freemason"), and Messrs. F. Pollett, and Tom Hitchins.

**SURREY MASONIC HALL LODGE (No. 1539).**—The first anniversary and installation meeting of this successful lodge was held on Thursday, July 6, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road. Bro. Mark Samuel Larlham, W.M., presided, and the officers present were Bros. Ramsey, S.W., and W.M. elect; Green, J.W.; Ritherdon, S.D. Ross, I.G.; Oliver, Sec.; and Harvey, D.C. The following visitors were present—C. A. Cottebrune, P.G. Pars; J. Wright, Commemoration Lodge; H. Thompson, 1426, and P.M. 177 and 1158 ("Freemason"); J. Dann, P.M. 72; Morgan, Gladsmuir, 1385; Clarke, 1385; W. Harris, 766; A. C. Shelley, 1328; J. H. Vockins, P.M. 1329; J. L. Thomas, 142, and others. Lodge having been opened and advanced to the Third Degree, Bro. Cannon was very impressively raised by the W. Master to the degree of a M.M. The lodge was then lowered to the Second Degree, and Bros. Walden and Timms were passed to the degree of F.C. The next business was to install Bro. Ramsey, the W.M. elect, into the chair, and that duty was most ably performed by Bro. Larlham, the retiring Master, a Board of Installed Masters having been formed for that purpose. On the re-admission of the excluded brethren below the chair the new W. Master was saluted in the customary manner in the different degrees, and he then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Green, S.W.; Ritherdon, J.W.; Larlham, Treasurer; Murray, Secretary; Ross, S.D.; Harvey, J.D.; Allen, I.G.; Larlham, D.C.; and A. Martin, D.C. Bro. Larlham, P.M., proposed that a jewel should be presented to Bro. Oliver, the late Secretary, which was put and unanimously carried. Bro. Oliver thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him, and he must say that not the slightest notice had been given him of any intention to do so. The report of the audit committee was presented, which showed that the funds of the lodge were in a satisfactory state, and after some other business had been transacted the lodge was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was most bountifully served. On the withdrawal of the cloth the W.M. said it devolved upon him to propose the first toast, which was "The Queen and the Craft," and as her reign had been a peaceful one they had much reason to be thankful for it. Drank with cordiality, followed by the National Anthem. The W. Master, in giving "The Health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," said that he had passed through a voyage of discovery unparalleled in the history of this or any other country, and they ought to congratulate him on his return home in health and strength, and he shewed that he was as good a man at the end as he was at the beginning. (Cheers.) The W. Master next gave "The Pro. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," coupling with the toasts the name of Bro. Cottebrune, P.G. Pars. The toast was cordially responded to. Bro. Cottebrune, returned thanks. Bro. Larlham, P.M., said that the brethren must be aware of the toast he had to propose when they saw that for a brief period he was entrusted with the W.M.'s gavel. That was the first time he had the opportunity of proposing the health of the W.M. He (Bro. Larlham) felt proud to be installed as the Master of the lodge, and having known Bro. Ramsey for some time, he felt sure that he would carry out the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of the brethren. He asked the brethren to rise and drink "The Health of Bro. Ramsey, their W.M." The W. Master said as their fire was sharp, so sharp must be his response, and he could assure them that he would endeavour to discharge his duties as a Mason in general and to that lodge in particular. He said it then devolved upon him to perform an exceptional and very pleasing office, and in doing so he should be the mouth-piece of the brethren. Bro. Larlham had been a most able and painstaking Master of the lodge, and he (the W.M.) knew that he left no stone unturned to make all his officers equal to his own merits. He had pleasure to be his Senior Warden, and he was now Master of the lodge. In Bro. Larlham they always found a ready instructor, and when he was called upon to rule the lodge he felt that he was the right man in the right place. He perfectly well knew his duties, and he carried them out both as a man and a Mason. If he was to talk until tomorrow he could not say more of him, or of the manner in

which he performed his duties, and it afforded him (the W. Master) the greatest pleasure in placing on Bro. Larlham's breast a memento of the good will of the lodge. (He placed the jewel on his breast which bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. M. S. Larlham as a mark of esteem for his eminent services as W. Master. 1876.") Bro. Larlham, I.P.M., said he thanked the W. Master very sincerely for the kind words he had been pleased to express to him for what he had done, as he had only done his duty, and thanked all the brethren present for placing him in such a proud position. He thanked them sincerely for voting him such a handsome and valuable jewel, and he could assure them that in the future as well as in the past he would endeavour to carry out his duties, and would never cease to maintain the interest of the lodge. The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," for which Bro. Clarke responded. "The Officers" was next given, and was responded to by Bro. Green, S.W. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was one not on their list, and it was "The Press," and with this he coupled the names of Bro. Thompson, Bro. Seale, and Bro. Shelley. Bro. H. Thompson ("Freemason"), in returning thanks, referred to the large sums of money received for the Masonic Institutions during the year, and the very encouraging results which had been derived from the education given in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, several of them taking honours at the recent Cambridge examination. Bro. Seale also returned thanks. The Tyler's toast was then given, and a very happy and harmonious meeting was brought to a close.

**LIVERPOOL.—Mariners' Lodge (No. 249).**—The members of the Mariners', perhaps the most numerous and one of the most influential in the Province of West Lancashire, assembled in great force at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 9th inst., for the purpose of the installation of the W.M. for the coming year. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. H. P. Price, W.M.; and he was supported by Bros. J. Hayes, P.M.; W. Crane, P.M.; J. J. Rose, P.M.; W. Jones, P.M.; H. Pearson, P.M.; the Rev. P. Pennington, P.M.; J. Lloyd, S.W.; the Rev. P. Hains, J.W.; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.G. Reg., P.M., Treas.; R. Collings, Sec.; J. C. Robinson, S.D.; W. Garlick, I.G.; F. Barnett, S.; W. P. Jennings, S.; J. Whalley, S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; J. Croxton, J. Crebbin, R. J. Filder, H. W. Parry, W. Corbett, J. M. Ellison, C. J. Jones, W. H. Vernon, J. Wilson, W. Mooney, T. Roberts, J. Wood, Treas. 1094 ("Freemason"); T. Williams, W. Wilson, J. O. Jones, J. Stevens, W. Procter, T. Grayson, W. Williams, J. Nicholas, J. Cook, A. Anderson, H. Hall, A. Barnard, J. Chambers, C. White, R. Weale, C. Warner, F. Cooper, E. Ramson, J. Williams, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.P.G.C.; G. Morgan, P.M. 1035; Major Turner, P.M. 823; A. J. Henochsberg, W.M. 1502; C. Leedham, P.M. 220; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; J. Pemberton, P.G.S.; H. Scott, P.M. 86; J. Sheaf, P.G.O.; W. Doyle, P.G.J.D.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Schönstadt, S.D. 1572, and others. The chair of Installing Master was taken by Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.G. Reg., who impressively and efficiently placed Bro. John Lloyd in the chair of W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Lloyd, W.M., after being saluted in the usual manner with great cordiality, appointed the following brethren as his efficient staff of officers:—Bros. H. P. Price, I.P.M.; the Rev. Philip Hains, S.W.; J. C. Robinson, J.W.; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.G. Reg., Treas. (re-elected); R. Collings, Sec. (re-appointed); J. Hayes, P.M., D.C.; W. Garlick, S.D.; W. P. Jennings, J.D.; F. Barnett, I.G.; W. Corbett and J. Whalley, Stewards; W. G. Veale, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, Bro. J. Lloyd, W.M., inaugurated his year's labour by initiating Mr. George Cox Beecham in a style which promises well for his year of office. The brethren were then called off to banquet, which was provided by Bro. W. Vines, P.M. 220, in the large dining room of the hall. The menu embraced all the delicacies of the season, and the wines were both varied and excellent. Bro. J. Lloyd, W.M., who presided, gave the toasts of "The Queen," and "Bro. H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," which were very cordially responded to. Bro. Dr. Smith gave "The Earl of Carnarvon," and "Lord Skelmersdale," the latter being responded to by Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., who said it was now little more than twenty years since he had his Second Degree in the Mariners' Lodge, and it was never in a better position than at present. He was quite sure that Bro. Lloyd would emulate the example of those who had gone before him, and maintain the excellent reputation of the lodge in the Province of West Lancashire. Bro. J. Hayes, P.M., gave "Bro. the Hon. F. Stanley, M.P., D. Prov. G.M., and P.G. Officers, Past and Present," which was responded to by Bro. Dr. Smith, P.G. Reg. Bro. H. P. Price, I.P.M., then gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and in doing so said the way in which he had commenced his year of office was very gratifying to the lodge. The position of the lodge was everything which could be desired—there was not a discordant voice in it, and its prosperity was very great. The toast was received with immense enthusiasm and Masonic honours. Bro. J. Lloyd, W.M., in response, said: I thank you very much indeed for the great honour which you have been pleased to confer upon me this day by placing me in the chair of the Mariners' Lodge. I assure you, brethren, I will endeavour to maintain the dignity of that chair during the coming year, and that I will assiduously strive to perform the duties which devolve upon me to your entire satisfaction. Brethren, I thank you very much for the manner in which my health has been proposed and responded to. "The P.M.'s of the Lodge," given by the W.M., was acknowledged by Bro. H. P. Price, I.P.M. The W.M. then proposed "The Installing

Master," which was received with great cordiality. Bro. Dr. Smith, in response, said it had afforded him a great amount of pleasure—more than he had ever felt before—to perform the installation ceremony that day. The gathering on that occasion spoke as to the prosperous condition of the Mariners' Lodge. He believed he was right in saying that that lodge contributed more than any other to the old Masonic Hall, and the Mariners' stood second on the list in the contributions for the new building, having given from its funds and by its private members no less than £450. This had slightly inconvenienced the funds, but he felt sure that in all works of charity they would occupy their proper position. Indeed, he was sure that that lodge would stand second to none in that or any other province in respect to its charity, and this was a fact of which they might justly be proud. They looked after the poor and distressed, and that was one of the principles which afforded them greater pleasure than any other in connection with Masonry. From the year so well inaugurated that day, and the quality of the brethren appointed to the different offices, they had every reason to expect that, to use a little vulgarism, they would go on "swimmingly." Several other toasts followed, and the lodge was closed at a seasonable hour. The vocal harmony contributed by Bros. White, Child, T. Foulkes, and Hobart was much above the average, and Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., once more delighted every one by his brilliant pianoforte rendering of "The Bells of Aberdovey."

**LIVERPOOL.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).—The annual installation meeting and picnic of the members of this lodge were held on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 4th and 5th inst. The installation of the W.M. took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday evening, when there was a large gathering of members and visitors. Bro. J. K. Digges, W.M., was in his place at the opening, and amongst others present were Bros. M. Corless, P.M.; T. Clark, P.M.; E. Kyle, P.M.; H. Nelson, P.M.; J. Thornton, P.M.; W. T. May, P.M.; J. F. Callow, P.M.; T. Roberts, S.W.; H. Burrows, J.W.; R. Pearson, P.M., Treas.; S. Johnson, P.M., P.G.A.D.C., Sec.; D. Jackson, S.D.; W. Brackenbury, J.D.; J. Hocken, P.M., D.C.; L. Herman, I.G.; J. Seddon, S.; R. Hulme, Org.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; D. Paterson, S. Lambert, I. Nichols, H. Squire, R. Whitehead, J. Sampson, F. Falshaw, T. Drysdale, T. Little, A. Trimble, J. Harford, M. N. Merrate, T. Alvarez, and others. The list of visitors included Bros. R. P. France, W.M. 594; H. Ashmore, I.P.M. 1325; W. Doyle, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264; E. O. C. Rothwell, P.M. 1356; B. B. Marson, P.M. 1356; Joseph Bell, W.M. of 1356 and 1609; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.G. Reg.; I. Levy, 667; E. Myers, W.M. 1182; J. A. Edginton, P.M. 1182; J. E. Jackson, W.M. 667; E. Masker, S.D. 1182; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; and others. After the lodge had been duly opened the chair was taken by Bro. T. Clark, P.M., who proceeded to install Bro. Thomas Roberts as the W.M. for the ensuing year, the manner in which the important ceremony was performed eliciting a hearty vote of thanks, which was ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge. The officers invested were as follows:—Bros. J. K. Digges, I.P.M.; H. Burrows, S.W.; D. Jackson, J.W.; T. Clark, P.M., Treas.; W. T. May, P.M., Sec.; W. Brackenbury, S.D.; L. Herman, J.D.; J. Thornton, P.M., M.C.; J. Seddon, I.G.; T. Falshaw, S.S.; T. Smith, J.S.; R. Whitehead, Organist; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony Messrs. Hughes, Cantly, Caine, Garrick, O. Jones, and J. Maiden were initiated into the Order by the new W.M. in a most effective manner. Before the lodge was closed it was resolved to vote ten guineas from the funds of the lodge for the purpose of creating Bro. Pearson, P.M. (who had acted as Treasurer for ten years), a life governor of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and also to purchase an appropriate jewel. The brethren then adjourned to supper, and during the after proceedings a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. J. K. Digges, I.P.M., in recognition of his valuable services in the chair. On Wednesday morning about 200 brethren and ladies started from Lime-street Station to Overton Hills for picnic purposes, where a most enjoyable day was spent. The morning looked threatening, but fortunately the weather brightened and became everything which could be desired as the day advanced. Almost every variety of amusement was provided for the large company, and the catering of Mr. Rigby gave, as usual, universal satisfaction. After spending one of the pleasantest "outs" ever held in connection with St. John's Lodge, the party returned to Liverpool at a seasonable hour.

**WOOLWICH.**—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—On Thursday, the 29th June, Bro. T. Butt, the W.M. elect of the above lodge, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. T. Ward. The place of meeting was the Freemasons' Hall in William-st., and when, after Bro. Ward had initiated two candidates, Messrs. Rance and Claydon, and Bros. Past Masters Graham and Bowles had taken the Wardens' chairs, he proceeded with the ceremony, the coup d'oeil presented by the lodge was most striking and effective. Among the visitors were Bros. C. Coupland, P.G.S. Kent, and P.M. of No. 706 and 913; W. Tongue, P.P.G.W. Kent, and P.M. 913; T. Smith, P.P.G.P. Kent, and P.M. 829, 913, &c.; A. Penfold, W.M. 913; F. G. Pownall, W.M. 1336, and W.M. elect 13; J. M'Dougall, P.M. 13; G. Davies, P.M. 13; J. J. Cantle, W.M. 1441; A. Le Feau, W.M. 30; T. C. Day, W.M. 1076; J. Ives, W.M. 1472; T. Vincent, S.W. and W.M. elect 913; W. Weston, S.W. and W.M. elect 1536; T. Hastings, S.W. and W.M. elect 829; W. Steele, S.W. 1472; W. Gamble, S.W. 706; J. Dorton, S.W. 1076; G. Spinks, J.W. 1536; T. D. Hayes, S.D. 913; J. Silver, J.W. 1472; A. Jessup,

Treas. 913; F. Brien, S.D. 1076; R. Stone, 615; G. Wood, 615; B. Goodale, 1327; Huntly, 87; E. Varing, 180; G. A. Pillin, 91; B. Howlett, 1472; W. A. R. Harris, 871; J. Plume, D.C. 1472; Thorne, 913; W. A. Watkins, 1536; R. Pinney, 177; C. Jolly, 913; and others. The following Past Masters of the lodge were Present: Bros. W. Ritchie, C. Hobson, F. Dawson, Treas.; J. Henderson, Sec.; as well as those in the Wardens' chairs. A board of sixteen Past Masters having been formed, Bro. Butt was placed in the chair of K.S., and duly saluted. He then proceeded to install his officers as follows:—Bros. S. Waters, S.W.; A. C. Woody, J.W.; F. J. Dawson, Treas.; J. Henderson, Sec.; J. Warren, S.D.; J. Wilkins, J.D.; E. B. Hobson, I.G.; W. McCoy, D.C.; B. Norman, Tyler; and C. Cooke, Organist. A jewel was presented to Bro. Ward for his great and successful efforts for the benefit of the lodge during his year of office, as well as a most cordial vote of thanks for the excellent way in which he had officiated as Installing Master that day, for which Bro. Ward feelingly and eloquently returned thanks. A most gratifying incident then occurred in the presentation to Bro. P.M. Dawson of a Treasurer's jewel, and we must say Bro. Dawson thoroughly deserved every word of the warm eulogy passed upon him by the W.M., and the hearty reception he met with from the brethren when he was called up to receive the gift. Bro. Dawson having briefly returned thanks, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren and visitors sped away by train to Gravesend, where, at Bro. Lockey's famous hostelry, the New Falcon, a splendid banquet awaited them, which having been fully discussed, and the door properly tyled, Bro. Butt, the W.M., proceeded with the toasts, loyal and Masonic, usual upon such occasions, and which, we need hardly say, were most loyally responded to. Bro. Ward, I.P.M., then took the gavel by consent of the W.M., and proceeded in handsome terms to propose "The Health of the W. Master," in so doing he said they were all well aware how nobly Bro. Butt had for many years worked through the minor offices of the lodge; they all knew the excellence of his private character and life, and they had heard and seen the manner in which the visitors to the lodge had eulogised his unvaried geniality and good work, both in and out of the lodge. This would at least show them that the Nelson Lodge had not made a mistake in electing him to the high position he now filled. Bro. Butt had spared no pains to make himself worthy of the prestige of the lodge, and he (the speaker) felt sure that in his hands the interests of the lodge and the comfort and welfare of the brethren would meet with that attention and zeal that had always been characteristic of those who had, however humbly, filled the proud position of W.M. After a few pleasant remarks about Bro. Butt's "perch" on Shooter's Hill, and a word of advice to the subordinate officers to look well to their duty, Bro. Ward concluded an able address by assuring them that he, the W.M., was one with whom it was a pleasure to be acquainted, and one whom they might look up to both as a Master and a Mason. Bro. Butt, in reply, apologised as a "bashful man," who felt as if oil had been poured down his back. However, he would endeavour to do his duty in such a manner as would not cause them to regret their choice, and give them some return by increasing tenfold, if possible, the prosperity of the lodge for the honour they had done him. In replying for "The Visitors," Bro. Vincent, W.M. elect of the Pattison Lodge, with whose name the toast was especially coupled, after expressing his inadequacy for the task of responding, said he might safely congratulate the W.M. on having his name enrolled among a long list of W.M.'s who had made the name of the Nelson Lodge famous among those of the district for its work and hospitality. He, like the W.M., had his troubles to come, and trusted they might both do their duty in such a manner as would redound to the credit of Freemasonry both in and out of the district. He trusted to have, as he, the W.M. had, the best wishes of every one for the continued prosperity and happiness of both lodges. Bro. Coupland briefly thanked the W.M. and the lodge for the ten guineas they had kindly placed to his list as Steward of the Boys' School Fund. Bros. Hayes, Wood, Huntly, Pownall and Gamble as well returned thanks. "The Past Masters" were enthusiastically toasted, and after Bro. Waters had returned thanks for "The Officers," "God save the Queen" finished the business of the day. We take this opportunity, our earliest, to tender our thanks to Bro. Ward for many acts of courtesy and kindness to us during his year of office, to Bro. Butt for his cordial invitations for the future, and to all the officers and brethren of the Nelson Lodge for their assistance in making the "Freemason" a sine qua non among the literary food requisite for them, both at home and in the lodges, as well as in the instruction.

**EASTBOURNE.**—Tyrian Lodge (No. 1110).—On Monday, 26th ult., the anniversary of the Tyrian Lodge, 1110, of Freemasons, took place at the Gildredge Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Tomkinson. The minutes of the previous lodge having been confirmed, and other business transacted, the W.M. then briefly addressed the members, thanking them and the P.M.'s, especially, for the kind assistance which they had rendered him during his year of office, and concluded by vacating the chair, and introducing the W.M. elect (Bro. Thomas Morris). The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, the Installing Master being Bro. E. W. Adamson, P.M., who was assisted by the I.P.M., Bro. Tomkinson, Bro. Matthews, P.M., the latter giving the charges in a most impressive manner. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Worshipful Master appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Head, S.W.; A. Taylor J.W.; Chas. Crisp, S.D.; Geo. Perry, J.D.; C. Warwick Tomes, I.G.; C. Tomes, P.M., Treasurer; Headland, P.M., Secretary; E. W. Adamson, P.M.,

D.C.; Hood and H. Sutton, Stewards; Goldring, Tyler. The authority of the newly-installed Master having been recognised according to ancient custom, the Masonic lodge was duly closed. At the conclusion of the repast the toast list was opened, the usual loyal toasts being given by the W.M. "The Health of the R.W. the D.P.G.M. of England, and the Officers, Past and Present," was acknowledged by Bro. Wood, a past officer of the Grand Lodge, in an eloquent and appropriate speech. Bro. Adamson followed with the toast of "The R.W. the P.G.M. of Sussex, Lord Pelham," in giving which he expressed the regret felt by the brethren at his lordship's continued ill-health, and his inability to perform the duties of his high office. It was a fact, of which they however might well be proud, that the V.W. the D.P.G.M., Bro. Furner—upon whom now devolved Bro. Lord Pelham's duties—had selected for his deputy, one of the officers of that (the Tyrian) Lodge, Bro. Cunningham. The toast of "The V.W. the D.P.G.M. and the Officers Past and Present," was then given from the chair, and replied to by Bro. Dr. Cunningham. "The Visitors" was given by Bro. C. Tomes in a humorous speech, in the course of which the speaker noticed that they had visiting brethren representing lodges in the metropolis of England, the metropolis of the United States of America, Canterbury, Woolwich, Battle, Lewes, Frome, Brighton, and Gloucestershire. (Applause.) Each visitor acknowledged the compliment paid him in a fitting speech. The speech of Bro. C. B. Potter, from St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 4, U.S. America, was especially well received, and afforded abundant proof of his being a thorough Mason, although raised in the new world. After expressing the pleasure he felt in being present on the occasion, he observed that as far as he had been taught to understand Freemasonry, its leading doctrines and fundamental principles were the same all over the world, although he found there was some slight difference in the manner of communicating and instructing between England and America, but this did not alter the fact that in whatever country or clime the brethren were bound together by the same bonds of brotherly love and good fellowship. As regards Freemasonry in America, he stated that it had a splendid history, and at the present day could boast of a success and prosperity, which, if equaled, was certainly not excelled in any other country on the face of the globe. According to his views there was nothing derogatory to the character or dignity of any man, be he Bishop, President or Prince, to place himself on a level with the Craft. On the contrary, it exalted and dignified him. In his opinion no institution was ever raised on better principles nor upon a more solid foundation, nor were ever more excellent rules and maxims laid down for the guidance of man universally than those inculcated in our different lectures. Of two things he felt proud, and boasted wherever he went, first, that he was an "Englishman," second, that he was a "Free and Accepted Mason." He concluded by assuring the brethren of his heartiest good wishes for the prosperity of Tyrian Lodge, and giving them, one and all, a hearty invitation to visit his own lodge in America. (Applause.) "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Morris," was next submitted by I.P.M. Bro. Tomkinson, who said the lodge had made an admirable choice in Bro. Morris, than whom no Mason was better fitted to preside over a lodge. His kind, hearty, and genial manner, would make him a popular Master, and secure the cordial assistance of all the members of the lodge, by whom he was held in the highest possible esteem. (Applause.) The W.M. replied in a few well chosen terms, expressive of his willingness to do the duties required of him to the best of his ability, and at all times to assist in promoting the welfare of the lodge. Before resuming his seat Bro. Morris, in proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," presented to Bro. Tomkinson, I.P.M., amidst applause, a handsome Past-Master's jewel, voted by the lodge in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the Tyrian Lodge, during the year of office which had just terminated. Bro. Tomkinson, in a feeling speech acknowledged the gift, and expressed his gratitude for the manner in which the toast had been offered and received. After the toast of "The Officers," and one or two minor toasts having been duly honoured, the brethren dispersed. Some excellent vocalisation was contributed during the post-prandial proceedings, by Bros. G. Warwick Tomes, A. Taylor, G. Adamson, and other brethren.

**SHERBORNE.**—Lodge of Benevolence (No. 1168).—The members of this lodge assembled at a Court of Emergency held at high noon, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Town Hall, for the purpose of installing Bro. George F. Stokes, as W.M. for the year ensuing. The ceremony was admirably and impressively performed by the Immediate Past Master, Bro. T. D. Davis. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. T. D. Davis, I.P.M.; J. Trevor Davies, S.W.; G. H. Masters, J.W.; W. S. Gillard, P.M., Treas.; A. Bradford, Sec.; P. S. H. Colmer, S.D.; G. S. Smith, J.D.; the Rev. R. H. W. Digby, Chaplain; C. J. Regan, Org.; R. G. Long, P.M., D.C.; J. W. Sherwood, I.G.; E. Pragnell and H. Searle, Stewards; J. Himbury, Tyler. Amongst the members and brethren present were the following:—Bros. the Rev. G. Thompson, Master of the lodge two years in succession, P.P.G.C.; John Chaffin, P.P.J.D. Somerset; William Milborne, P.P.J.D. Somerset; J. Ryal, P.P.S.D. Somerset; T. Sharland, A. E. Price, G. Summers, L. H. Rnegg, P.M.; W. H. Sawtell, N. E. Davies, J. Himbury, and L. Elgar. The lodge having been duly closed according to ancient ceremonies, the above brethren and visitors from labour proceeded for refreshment to the Digby Hotel, where a splendid banquet awaited them; it comprised all the delicacies of the season and was placed on the table in a manner which well sustained the repute Mr. and Mrs. Binnie Clarke have

gained for this noted hostelry, the head quarters of the B.V.H. The dessert was of a recherche character, and the wines of a first class vintage. Ample justice having been done to all the good things, and the cloth having been cleared, the W.M. presided in his usual courteous and urbane manner, and gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in a manner which, while it did justice to the themes he dilated upon, did not bore his hearers. The proceedings were diversified by some excellent singing, accompanied by Bro. A. R. Price (Yeovil), and the Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable afternoon to a close. The lodge has been established about nine years, and we are glad to say is in a flourishing condition, and we doubt not, from the well known interest the present W.M. takes in it, that it will continue to prosper.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Hamer Lodge (No. 1303).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 27th ult. The brethren assembled in the lodge-room, Clarence Hotel, at two o'clock p.m., and the chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. H. Jackson. After the usual routine business the W.M., Bro. H. Jackson, at once proceeded to the business of the day, which was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. J. McCarthy, S.W., who was duly presented by Bro. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., and Bro. Armstrong, Prov. G. Treas. Bro. McCarthy appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Sammons, S.W.; T. Large, J.W.; C. Tyrer, Treas.; R. Leason, Sec.; J. Price, S.D.; Dr. B. Price, J.D.; W. Erwin, I.G.; R. H. Evans, P.M., M.C.; C. Pilling, Steward; M. Williamson, Tyler. Bro. McCarthy then proceeded to initiate Mr. Gallagher. Nearly one hundred brethren then adjourned to the Masonic Hall, and sat down to a recherche banquet, under the presidency of Bro. McCarthy, supported by Bros. the Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G. Chaplain; the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, H. Jackson, R. H. Evans, P.M.; Robt. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; and T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas. The W.M. gave "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and expressed his opinion that none rejoiced more at the safe return of His Royal Highness from India than the brethren over whom he presided as M.W.G.M., and expressed a hope that the Craft would have an opportunity before long of showing in his presence their devotion to their Grand Master and their joy at "his safe return." The W.M. next gave "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., and the Officers of Grand Lodge." Bro. H. Jackson, in giving "Lord Skelmersdale, W.D.G.M., and Prov. G.M. West Lancashire, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, said: "Worshipful Sir and brethren,—I am sure that you require very few words from me to induce you to drink this toast with all the enthusiasm you can muster, Lord Skelmersdale is deservedly popular in this province, and has by his urbane and courteous demeanour, and by his evident kindness of disposition, won the hearts of all who have had an opportunity of coming in contact with him, and his devotion to Masonry is such, I should imagine, that there are very few of the brethren present who have not had an opportunity of seeing his lordship in either lodge, chapter, or other Masonic gatherings, and I am sure that all whom I am now addressing will join with me in wishing him long life and happiness. We are also very glad to see with us to-day so many members of Prov. Grand Lodge, and I am sure I express the sentiments of every member of the Hamer Lodge, when I say that I believe that the Prov. G. Officers of this province thoroughly deserve all the respect and regard that we can show them. I couple this toast with the names of Bros. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; Armstrong, Prov. G. Treas.; and Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G. Chap. Bro. Robt. Wylie, in responding, said that the members of Prov. G. Lodge were always happy to lend their countenances and support to the lodges in the province, and that in the present instance, as far as he was concerned, he was very glad to have had another opportunity of visiting the Hamer Lodge, and seeing the excellent working which characterised it, especially the installation ceremony, which had been performed by Bro. Jackson in a manner that could hardly be surpassed, and which was creditable not only to himself, but to the lodge with which he was connected. Bro. R. H. Evans gave "The West Lancashire Charitable Institutions." He (Bro. R. H. Evans) then proceeded to claim the support of the brethren to the West Lancashire Educational Institute, and to the Hamer Fund, for the assistance of aged Freemasons. Bro. T. Armstrong, Prov. G. Treas., responded. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. H. Jackson, I.P.M., who said: "Brethren, I rise to propose what I think you will all admit to be the toast of the evening, 'The Health of the Newly-installed W.M., Bro. J. McCarthy. I am sure, brethren, it is unnecessary for me to praise him, as his abilities and good qualities are well known to you all, and I am satisfied that it is seldom that a W.M. is placed in the chair of K.S. who more thoroughly possesses the confidence and esteem of his brethren. Bro. McCarthy has been closely connected with the Hamer Lodge from its commencement, and whether in a subordinate or prominent office, he has always endeavoured, and not only endeavoured, but has succeeded in discharging any duty that he had to fulfil in a manner that could hardly be excelled. I am satisfied that the interests of the Hamer Lodge are safe in his hands, and that the reputation which the Hamer Lodge has obtained for excellent working will be maintained. The good ship Hamer starts to-day on another twelve months' voyage, and I am sure that the captain here at my right may confidently anticipate a pleasant and successful one. The first and second mates, Bros. Sammons and Large, will, I am sure, do all in their power to assist him, and I am satisfied that the cordial feeling which exists between officers and crew will make this fourth voyage equal if not superior to any that have gone before." Bro. McCarthy, in responding, said:

Brethren, I thank you first of all most heartily for the great honour you have done me in unanimously electing me to the proud position of W.M. of this lodge, and I thank you most heartily for the very cordial reception you have given to this toast. I can assure you, brethren, that it will be my earnest desire to carry out the duties of the office to your entire satisfaction. I find it impossible for me to express my deep sense of the honour you have conferred upon me in placing me in this proud position. I cannot find words to express myself as I could wish, but if you could read my heart you would find thereon, engraved in letters of gold, the one word gratitude. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. H. Jackson, I.P.M." In conclusion, he said—Bro. Jackson, on behalf of the Hamer Lodge, I have the pleasure of presenting you with this jewel as a token of the high regard in which you are held by this lodge. I have also the pleasure of presenting you, on behalf of some of the members of the lodge who have desired still further to evince their appreciation of your good qualities, both as a man and as a Mason, with this watch, as a slight token of their regard for you personally. I hope you may be long spared to wear them. Bro. Jackson who was greeted with great cheering, which prevented him speaking for some minutes, said: W.M. and brethren—Never until to-night did I feel so utterly incompetent to shape my thoughts into words, or to express myself towards you as I could wish; but I can assure you it is the depth of my gratitude that chains my tongue, and the fulness of my heart that impedes my utterance. I feel quite unworthy of the magnificent gifts with which you have presented me, but I can assure you that I shall prize them as my most valued possessions, and shall prize them even more for their associations than for their intrinsic value. I have endeavoured to discharge my duties to the best of my ability, and to promote the interests of this lodge in every way in my power, yet I feel that your recognition of my efforts is beyond what I deserve. For your cordial reception of the toast of my health, and the very enthusiastic way you have received it, and for your many kindnesses to me on all accounts, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. The W.M. then proposed "The P.M.'s," responded to by Bros. R. H. Evans and W. S. May. Other toasts followed, songs being contributed by Bros. Hague, Richardson, Heywood, Magee, Armstrong, Evans, Robert, Merrilees, and others. Bro. Asher gave two recitations, Bro. Jackson gave "The Charge of the Light Brigade," and Bro. Walker recited a piece from Longfellow.

**WOODSTOCK.**—The Marlborough Lodge (No. 1399).—The fourth annual meeting was held on the 27th ult. The agenda comprised (in addition to the installation of the W.M.) the passing of two brethren and the raising of one candidate to the Third Degree. The following is a list of brethren present:—V. W. Bros. John Galpin, W.M. of the Bertie Lodge, P.P.G.S.W.; T. W. Goldsbrough, P.P.G.S.W. North Wales and Salop; W. Bros. T. B. Brown, P.P.G. Sup. of W. North Wales, Prov. G.S.D. Oxon; Alderman Eagleston, P.P.G.S.B.; Bro. Heller, Richards, Calcutt, Acock, Robbins, and Codd, of Alfred Lodge, No. 340; Coles, Chipping Norton Lodge; H. Williams, Prov. G. Purst.; H. H. Parry, Prov. G. Std. B.; Falkener, Tibbetts, Salter, Brooks, Butler, Haines, Brushour, Halliwell, Meadley, Westland, Crane, Reynolds, J.W.; Long, S.D.; Seeley, J.D., P.P.G. Pt.; Prescott, I.G.; Crane, Palmer, Boon, Lowells, and Bayliss. In the absence of the I.P.M., Bro. Goldsbrough opened the lodge, and passed Bros. Brooks and Butler to the Second Degree. Bro. T. B. Brown, Senior P.M., then took the duties of the chair, and raised Bro. Salter to the degree of a M.M., after which he installed W. Bro. H. Williams Master elect. The ceremonies were performed in a faultless and impressive manner, and called forth from the brethren a marked testimony of their high appreciation of the Masonic talent of Bro. Brown. The W.M. appointed the following officers:—Bros. Reynolds, S.W.; Long, J.W.; Seeley, S.D.; Prescott, J.D.; Crane, I.G.; Palmer, Org.; Boon and Lowells, Dir. of Cer.; Bayliss, re-elected Tyler. Letters from the R.W. Bros. Reginald Bird, D.P.G.M., and R. J. Spiers, P.D.P. G.M., also from Bros. Hobbs, P.P.G. Sec., and Potts, W.M. of the Cherwell Lodge, were read, expressing their regret at being unable to attend. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed to the W.M. on behalf of the several lodges represented by the visiting brethren. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a well served banquet provided by Bro. Haines, the W.M. presiding. The customary toasts were given and honoured with due loyalty and warm Masonic feeling. "The Health of the R.W. Bro. Reginald Bird, the Dep. Prov. G. Master," was proposed by the W.M., with that of "The Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge," and coupled with the names of Bro. John Galpin, W.M. of the Bertie Lodge, P.P. G.S.W., and Bro. H. H. Parry, Prov. Grand Steward. Bro. Galpin, in reply, said: "Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren, I am somewhat sorry it has fallen to my lot to be the first speaker to this toast, as it is difficult to make discordant sounds at all accord with the beautiful harmony we have all listened to with so much pleasure from the singers, and it places me at a considerable disadvantage. It is some time since I had the honour to attend this lodge. Many of the brethren think I was initiated in this lodge, but such is not the case; I associated myself with it as I do with all the young lodges in the province. I can assure you it is with much pleasure and delight that I have observed the progress made in Freemasonry by some of the young blood I was instrumental in introducing into the lodge, and especially the brother who occupies the distinguished position of Worshipful Master on the present occasion, and I cannot help expressing the contrast between the time when I looked on him as the trembling initiate, and now that he occupies the chair of

W.M. of the lodge which gave him birth into Freemasonry, and the pleasure is enhanced by my seeing also the next office in rank to the W.M., and whom I was chiefly instrumental in introducing into the lodge, in the second position in the lodge, it speaks somewhat in his favour. Still dwelling on contrasts as affected by the facts and positions of others, as a member of this lodge I was only a Master Mason. My Masonic greatness has much increased, having been invested with the Mastership of my lodge, and this has brought me before you at so early a period of the evening. The more I see of the Craft the better I like Freemasonry, and the greater progress I make the greater is my fondness for it. I can assure my brethren it will amply repay them to acquire those positions, and when they have gone through them, as I have done, they will be as well satisfied as I have been. Ending my subject of contrasts, with respect to my old friend, Bro. Goldsbrough, on my right, there is no change; he is always the same, ever ready to assist us with his great Masonic knowledge and goodness. All I can say is "Long may he live, and may we all live to meet him for many years to come." Bro. T. B. Brown, Prov. G.S.D. "proposed The Health of the W.M." and said—Bro. Galpin has expressed how great is the pleasure he feels that the brother whom he was the means of bringing into the Lodge had aspired to and reached the office of Master, I need not say how great a pleasure it is to me to reflect that I initiated him in this lodge not more than three years ago. To become the Master of a lodge in so short a time is a comparatively rare circumstance, and can only occur in the case of young lodges. It is usually many years before a new member of a lodge gets to the chair of W.M. I do not think any brother will regret having elected Bro. Williams as the Master of this Lodge he will do honour to himself and to the lodge." The W.M.; "I thank Bro. Brown very much for the way in which he has proposed to you my health, and you, brethren, for the warmth of your reception of the toast. I will do all I can for the welfare of Freemasonry, and for this lodge in particular, and I trust that at the expiration of my year of office you will not have any cause to find fault with me. I have to thank my brother Brown for the excellent and impressive manner in which he has performed the ceremony of my installation, which must have been a great treat to you all; and as he was the means of introducing me to the light of Freemasonry I trust that he will give me the benefit of his able support during my year of office, and enable me to carry out the duties of the lodge to your satisfaction. He is one of the founders, and is the father of the lodge, and without him we could not carry on. I hope to have his assistance during my year of office. I again return you my sincere thanks. Bro. Goldsbrough: I need no word of eulogy to commend to you the toast I have to propose. It is "The Health of the Founder and Father of the Lodge, Bro. Brown, G. Senior Deacon of this Province." It has been my privilege to know Bro. Brown for many years past, and to have installed him as my successor in the chair of a lodge (of which he was one of the most energetic of its founders) in the widely spread Province of North Wales and Shropshire, where the R.W. Provincial Grand Master appointed him Grand Superintendent of Works. As many of you are aware, I had also the pleasure of installing Bro. Brown as the first Master of this lodge, and he has well earned the high distinction conferred upon him by His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, the Right Worshipful Grand Master of this province. Long may he live to enjoy the honour, and continue to render his valuable services to his brethren in this province. Bro. Brown, P.G.S.D., acknowledged the compliment paid him by Bro. Goldsbrough, and responded to by the brethren, and said that so far as the lodge was concerned, he was anxious to keep up what he considered the proper working, and if he succeeded in that, he should be satisfied, and that he was always pleased to assist the brethren in the work of any of the offices of the lodges in the province when he was called upon to do so. The W.M.:—In no lodge are visitors more welcome than they are in the "Marlborough," and we are always pleased to see them with us, and to show them what we can do. To-day we are honoured with the presence of Bros. Codd, Weller, Acock, Cotes, and Robbins, and I am happy to say that three of those brethren, seeing what we are doing in the Marlborough Lodge, have expressed their desire to become joining members of it, and I am quite sure we shall only be too pleased to have them with us. I shall couple with this toast the name of Bro. Codd. Bro. Codd said—I could wish that the Worshipful Master had chosen some one else to respond to the toast, but I can assure him that we all feel grateful for the kindness and hospitality we have experienced at the Marlborough Lodge, and we have all been greatly pleased at the way in which the ceremonies have been performed this evening, everything so thoroughly well conducted. The Worshipful Master may well feel proud to show such perfect order and good working as we have witnessed to-day. The W.M. Proposed "The Health of Bro. Goldsbrough," and said,—This is a toast which ought to have been brought before you earlier in the evening. Bro. Goldsbrough is a distinguished member of this lodge, and we hope to have the pleasure of seeing him here for many years to come. We have to thank him to-day, especially, for the excellent and impressive manner in which he conducted the duties of the Second Degree. Bro. Goldsbrough having replied, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," and said he had been fortunate in being able to select brethren whom he was sure would attend regularly, and coupled with the toast Bro. Reynolds, the Senior Warden, and Bro. Long, the Junior Warden. Bro. Reynolds: I beg to thank the Worshipful Master for his kindness in proposing the health of the officers, and to assure him that I will endeavour to carry him through his year of office, and will assist him in every way in my power in the duties of the lodge.



It is not quite four years since Bro. Dr. Goldsbrough initiated me in this lodge, and I have now the honour to occupy the chair of Senior Warden. Bro. Long, J.W., said he had been a member of the lodge for four years, but had been a member of the Craft for twenty-seven years, and he had only taken office that he might do his duty to the Craft. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. We cannot close this notice without acknowledging the services of Bros. Halliwell, Meadley, Westland, and Crane, whose delightful harmony greatly contributed to the pleasure of the evening.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**UNITED PILGRIMS' LODGE (No. 507).**—The brethren of this flourishing lodge met on Friday evening, the 30th June, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell-new-road, when the Fifteen Sections were worked: Bros. T. Poore, Asst. Preceptor, W.M.; Mark S. Larham, Preceptor, S.W.; James Stevens, J.W.; Francis Sec.; J. W. Watts, S.D.; Sevain, J.D.; Cass, I.G.; and Geider, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Forster, Shilton, Thurston, Ashford, Harvey, Wallis, Cox, Taylor, Noke, McMurray, Cackett, Bean, Clark, Drysdale, Ward, Barry, Webb, Sims, and Bye; and visiting Bros. Wiltshire, 720; Dann, 72; Hampton, 192; Rasell, 488 (New York); and Colley, 401. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The Fifteen Sections were then worked in the following order, viz.:—

First Lecture ...	First Section	Bro. Thurston.
"	Second "	" Stevens.
"	Third "	" Ashford.
"	Fourth "	" Watts.
"	Fifth "	" Poore.
"	Sixth "	" Harvey.
"	Seventh "	" Geider.
Second Lecture...	First Section	Bro. Wallis.
"	Second "	" Coe.
"	Third "	" Cass.
"	Fourth "	" Francis.
"	Fifth "	" Taylor.
Third Lecture ...	First Section	Bro. Larham.
"	Second "	" Noke.
"	Third "	" Watts.

The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, and on the usual enquiries being made a vote of thanks was carried with acclamation to Bro. Poore for the very able manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M. This was replied to by Bro. Poore, who expressed a high eulogy on Bro. Larham as Preceptor of the lodge, and also on the brethren who had so admirably assisted him to work the sections. A vote of thanks was then recorded to the brethren who had assisted in working the sections, which was replied to by Bro. Watts. Bro. Larham was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was then closed and adjourned. It is gratifying to find that so many brethren are supporting this Lodge of Instruction, as it is evidence of the strong feeling entertained at the present day in favour of those lodges which are held at halls devoted to Masonic purposes in preference to taverns.

### Mark Masonry.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight met at Freemason's Hall, Southampton, on Thursday, the 6th inst., under the presidency of the Most W. and Rev. Bro. G. R. Portal, the Provincial Grand Mark Master.

There were present the V.W. Bro. W. Hickman, D.P.G.M.M.; Bros. Thos. Best, 63, P.P.S.G.W.; M. E. Frost, 17, P.P.S.G.W.; R. L. Loveland, 63, P.G.J.W.; Col. Hooper, 63, P.P.J.G.W.; E. Sheppard, 54, P.P.J.G.W.; H. R. Trigg, 62, P.P.G.M.O.; H. Cawte, 2, P.G.S.O.; A. Cudlipp, 17, P.P.G.J.O.; T. Gules, 140, P.G.M.O.; T. W. Faulkner, 140, P.P.G.J.O.; W. C. Redward, 2, P.G. Treas.; J. E. Le Feuvre, 37, P.G. Sec.; G. F. Lancaster, 2, P.G. Insp. Wks.; J. C. Stroud, 63, P.G. St.Br. S. S. Pearce, 63, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Harrison, 62, P.G.J.D.; J. Lillywhite, 2; R. H. C. Ubsdell, 17, P.G.A.D.C.; Michael Emanuel, 63, Past G.S.; P. Warren, 63, P.G.S.; R. Osborne, 17, P.G.O.; Rev. E. Y. Nepean, 63; Rev. F. W. Thoyts, 37; J. D. Legg, 63; B. Watson, 63; H. T. Bath, 63; Geo. Rake, 17; A. G. Rider, 63; W. Payne, 2; K. G. Westley, 63; J. Maltley, 17; G. A. Green, 2; C. A. Dyer, 63; J. Winship, 63; G. A. Tilling, 63; J. L. Symon, 63; E. W. Wyatt, 140, P.G.I.G.; H. R. Fox, 140; W. H. Holmes, 140; J. H. Smith, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Watson, 17; J. H. Biggs, 63; H. Horton, 63; G. R. Johnson, 17; E. M. Wells, 7; J. R. Weston, P.M. 63; M. Aley, 63.

The minutes of the last P.G.M. Lodge having been confirmed, the Treasurer read a statement of the accounts, which were adopted unanimously. Bro. Hooper then proposed the re-election of Bro. W. C. Redward as Treasurer, which, being seconded by Bro. Frost, was carried unanimously.

The M.W. the P.G.M. Master having been in office three years, it now became the duty of the P.G. Master to recommend some brother to the Grand M. Lodge to fill the chair of P.G.M. Master. The V.W. Bro. Hickman, D.P.G.M.M., in a few appropriate remarks proposed, and Bro. Frost, P.S.G.W., seconded, the re-nomination of the present excellent P.G.M. Master, Bro. G. M. Portal, whose anxiety to promote the interests of the Order could not be surpassed. It need scarcely be said that the proposition was carried by acclamation.

The Prov. G.M. Lodge then proceeded to elect a brother to serve the office of Grand Steward for the ensuing year, and Bro. S. S. Pearce, P.P.S.G.D., W.M. 63, was, on the motion of Bro. Hickman, seconded by Bro. H.

Cawte, P.G.S.O., unanimously elected to that office. Bros. R. H. C. Ubsdell, P.G.A.D.C., and R. Osborne, P.G.O., were then elected Auditors.

The D.P.G.M.M. proposed, and Bro. J. U. Hillman P.P.G.M.O., seconded, a vote of condolence to the widow of Bro. S. Forbes, P.P.S.G.W., who had, during the past year, been suddenly cut off, after an illness of but a few days, from a career of much usefulness in Masonry, and this was heartily responded to.

The P.G.M. Sec., Bro. Le Feuvre, W.M. 37, read a report, showing the progress of Mark Masonry in the province, which was satisfactory, as showing that the number of advancements into the Order in the province had been maintained during the past year as compared with the two preceding ones. An especial cause for congratulation was noted in the revival of the Aldershot Military Lodge, 54, which after some years of suspended animation had resumed work under the able rule of Bro. F. Binckes, the Grand Secretary of the Order, who, having been elected W.M. of that lodge, had a few weeks since been installed into the chair by the Deputy P.G.M. Master, Bro. Hickman, assisted by Bro. Le Feuvre, the P.G.M. Secretary.

The P.G.M. Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—V.W. Bro. W. Hickman, 63, D.G.P.M.M.; Bros. J. Lamb, 37, P.G.S.W.; G. G. Rake, 17, P.G.J.W.; J. R. Weston, 63, P.M.O.; F. Court, 2, P.G.S.O.; E. M. Wells, 17, P.G.J.O.; the Rev. E. Y. Nepean, 63, and the Rev. F. W. Thoyts, 37, P.G. Chaplains; W. C. Redward, 2, P.G. Treasurer; J. Lillywhite, 21, P.G. Reg. Marks; J. E. Le Feuvre, 37, P.G. Secretary; C. A. Dyer, 63, P.S.G.D.; W. H. Holmes, 140, P.J.G.D.; G. F. Lancaster, 2, P.G. Insp. Works; E. W. Rebbek, 125, P.G.D.C.; J. L. Symon, 63, P.G.A.D.C.; G. Cross, 63, P.G.S.B.; G. R. Johnson, 17, P.G.St.B.; R. Osborne, 2, P.G.O.; G. Tilling, 63, P.G.I.G.; G. A. Green, 2, H. R. Fox, 140, and W. Payne, 2, P.G. Stewards; Watson, 17, P.G. Tyler. At the close of the business the brethren sat down to a banquet.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

**LANDPORT.**—Naval and Military Conclave (No. 35).—The ordinary meeting of this conclave was held at Smith's Hotel, on Tuesday, 27th ult. The Int. Gen. of Hants, Sir Knt. Chs. Knott, M.D., was supported and assisted by his Deputy, Sir Knt. J. Clark, and the following officers and members:—C. Groom, Vy. Eus.; J. Harrison, S.G.; B. Simister, J.G.; George A. Green, H.P.; J. Clav, P.S., Treas.; A. R. Robinson, P.S. Rec.; W. Tuck, S.B.; R. J. Rastwick, as P.; Cor. G. Adames, as Herald; J. Collins, and others. The conclave was opened in due form at 7.30, and minutes of conclave held May 23rd adopted. The ballot proving unanimously in favour of the proposed candidates, Bros. J. W. D. Pillow, J. F. Bacigalupo, and G. Rose Johnson, they were separately obligated and installed by the Int. Gen. The Historical Oration was exceedingly well delivered by the acting H.P. Sir Knts. Collins and Adames having signed, were presented with their Grand Conclave certificates. Various propositions for the welfare of the conclave having been disposed of, and two brethren duly proposed and seconded for installation, the conclave was solemnly closed at 9.45.

### Scotland.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge St. John (No. 33).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their own hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday evening, the 4th inst., Bro. D. M. Nelson, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. T. Fletcher, P.M., acting S.W.; P. Brownlie, J.W.; W. Bell, I.P.M.; J. McMillan, P.M.; J. D. Young, D.M.; T. B. Bell, S.M.; John Dick, Sec.; A. Cameron, S.D.; A. Carrick, Dir. of Music; and A. Peddie, I.G. Visitors: John Monro, W.M. Lodge Commercial, 360; J. Davidson, P.M. 360; D. Reid, I.P.M. 465; W. Ferguson, P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); and others. On the lodge being opened the Secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which were adopted. Bro. G. Baillie, of Lodge Clyde, No. 408, was elected a joining member and obligated by the W.M. Bros. Paterson, Wingate, A. Malcolm, and Isaac De Casseres were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by Bro. T. B. Bell, S.M., and thereafter the above named brethren on account of having to leave the country in a few days were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. Monro, W.M. 360. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the commodious side hall, where refreshments were served, Bro. Nelson, W.M., in the chair. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. "The Health of the newly-raised Brethren" was replied to by Bros. Wingate and De Casseres. "The W.M.," proposed by Bro. Fletcher, P.M., who replied. A number of other toasts followed. The brethren then separated, after spending an hour in harmony.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Union (No. 332).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on Monday evening, the 3rd inst., Bro. D. McKirdy, W.M., in the chair; J. B. Macnair, I.P.M.; J. McInnes, S.W.; J. McInnes, S.M. 408, acting J.W.; John Laird, Treas.; J. H. Gill, Sec.; and others, and a very large attendance of members and visitors. Bro. G. Dickson was passed to the F.C. Degree, and Bros. Jardine (of Lodge Royal Arch, Pollockshaws, No. 153) and Dickson were then raised to the sublime degree of M.M., both ceremonies being ably gone through by Bro. McKirdy, W.M.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Caledonian Railway (No. 354).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on Wednes-

day evening, the 5th inst., Bro. A. B. Ferguson, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. John Harley, S.W.; Colin McKenzie, J.W.; D. Leitch, S.D.; and James Harley, J.D.; the meeting was particularly well attended by members and visiting brethren. Among the latter we noticed Bros. Julius Brodè, P.M. 360, and I.P.M. 541; W. Phillips, W.M. 556; W. J. E. Dobson, W.M. 571; Jasper Martin, D.M. 219; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; J. Brownlie, J.W. 34; T. Graham, J.W. 360; D. Reid, I.P.M. 465, and P.G.I.G.; W. Ferguson ("Freemason"); Michael F. Noel, Hiram Lodge No. 1, Connecticut U.S. of America; J. De Casseres, 34; N. Thomson, 581; W. Mabon, 581; and others. The lodge having been opened the W.M. proposed that Bro. W. Ferguson, P.M. 543, and Bro. H. Hardy, of Lodge Thistle, 87, be affiliated honorary members of the lodge for valuable services rendered by them, the same having met the unanimous consent of the brethren, they were then obligated by the W.M., and severally replied in suitable terms for the honour conferred. Bros. W. Chalmers, Peebles, J. McMillan, and A. Cruikshank were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by Bro. Phillips, W.M. 556, in a very careful manner. The business being over the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Lodges of Glasgow," which were heartily drunk with all the accustomed honours. The S.W., Bro. Harley, proposed a special toast, to "The Health of their American Brother (Bro. Noel) which was enthusiastically responded to. Bro. Noel replied in a very feeling manner for the kind and welcome reception he received from the Scottish brethren, this being his first visit to a Scotch lodge. The J.W., Bro. McKenzie, proposed "The Visitors." Bro. De Casseres, 34, replied at some length. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in capital style by Bro. Noel. Bro. Ferguson replied in suitable terms. The evenings' enjoyment was much enlivened by Bro. Hardy singing some excellent songs, and also gave some fine selections of music on the harmonium. After the last toast the brethren separated.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Commercial (No. 360).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall 30, Hope-street, on Friday evening, the 7th inst. Bro. J. Monro, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. J. Brodè, P.M.; D. Lamb, D.M.; W. Findlay, S.M.; J. M. Oliver, S.W.; T. Graham, J.W.; G. Scott, Treas.; J. Smith, Sec.; W. Keiller, J.D.; R. Brodie, Dir. of Music; and J. Minnoch, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. W. J. E. Dobson, W.M. 571; D. Peacock, S.W. 581; J. Henry, J.W. 581; T. Harrison, 34; M. Barclay, 321; J. Allan, 399; John Smith, 94 (E.C.), and 1257 (E.C.); W. Ferguson, P.M. ("Freemason"); and a very full attendance of members. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and approved of. Mr. John McKechnie was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by Bro. D. Lamb, D.M. A brother was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by Bro. J. M. Oliver, S.W. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and a brother was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, Bro. Brodè, P.M., administering the obligation, and the W.M., Bro. Monro, performing the remainder of the ceremony in a most accurate and impressive manner. The lodge was then resumed on the E. A. Degree and closed.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Dramatic (No. 571).—A very largely attended meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at 3 p.m., in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, the W.M., Bro. W. J. E. Dobson, in the chair; H. W. Jackman, S.W., and W. Sivewright, J.W., with Bros. W. Barbour, Treas.; G. Weir, acting Sec.; R. S. Smyth, S.D.; Law Mitchell, J.D.; and J. Robertson, I.G. The W.M. was supported on the dais by Bros. Robt. Jack, W.M. St. John's, No. 128; J. Annand, Z. 144; and J. Findlay, S.M. 333. The lodge was opened in usual form, and the minutes of last regular meeting read and confirmed. The bye-laws, as drawn up by the committee appointed for that purpose, were then read clause after clause, and passed for the first time. Bro. Adam Gibb was then raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. W. Ferguson, P.M. 543 ("Freemason"). The lodge was then closed.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORD.

The meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertford, the Right Worshipful Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., presiding, was held at Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park, on Saturday, the 8th inst., when a large number of brethren of the Gresham and King Harold Lodges (which jointly received Prov. Grand Lodge on this occasion) and from other lodges in the provinces, besides many visitors from other parts were assembled. We have before referred to that interesting relic of past ages—Cheshunt Great House—which by the kindness of Bro. the Rev. C. Mav is the home of the two lodges above-mentioned, so that we need not again describe it. On the occasion of our first visit the Gresham had only just become domiciled there, and we must confess that they, and we presume the sister lodge also—have done much to improve it as a comfortable habitation.

On the present occasion the Lodge business was transacted in a large upper apartment of the building, the lower room or banquetting hall being reserved for its more legitimate uses.

Among the brethren present we observed the following: No. 869—Bros. Gompertz, Copstick, Wylie, Penrice, Hughes, Cheese, Rignall, Etherington, Eugène Renard, E. Power, &c. No. 1327—Bros. Sheldon, Tydeman, Roper, Crockett, T. Reilly, Wyatt, Malcolm, Lacy, Gilbert Cox, F. Robinson, J. Knight, W. Bradstock, &c. No. 1580—Bros. J. D. Massey, J. L. Mathews, J. Hillier, C. K. Killick,

Bauser H. Cox, &c. No. 504—Bros. E. Baxter, J. Winter, H. Lambert, W. Hendry, &c. No. 404—Bros. W. F. Green, Dawson, E. J. Foord; also Bro. Legg, 851; Bros. Boodes, 506; J. Taylor, 409; J. C. Cussans, 443; Pattison, 1385; H. C. Hearn, 403; S. Smith, 742; C. Henry, 201; E. C. Massey, 1267 ("Freemason"), and last though not least, our esteemed P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. W. Simpson.

The Prov. G. Sec. Bro. F. H. Wilson has having read the minutes of the last P. Grand Lodge, the Report of the Finance Board, upon the accounts, which had been printed and circulated, was ordered to be taken as read.

The P.G.S. having reported that the jewel of the P.G.P. was still missing, and that all endeavours to trace it had proved ineffectual.

Bro. Terry, P.G.D.C., proposed and the P.G.J.W. seconded a motion that a new jewel be provided which was carried.

The P.G. Secretary reported that the Bishops Stortford Lodge, of the removal of which Prov. G. Lodge had had notice, had intimated that the removal of the lodge had been duly reported to Grand Lodge.

Bro. Lowthier, P.G.S.W., P.M. 1385 and 1479—Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, in accordance with the notice that I gave at the last meeting I have now to propose that the sum of twenty guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. I am sure I need not add any remarks of my own to this proposition because you all know so well how useful that Institution is.

The motion was seconded by the P.G.J.W.

Bro. Lambert: Right Worshipful P.G.M., if nine be the only voice against it, I shall object to the proposed vote. Have the brethren considered the vast amount of funded property the Institution possesses? I understand they want to increase the size of the buildings and increase the number of girls received, and when they have got them they will not be able to spend their income. The speaker concluded by proposing that the money should not be voted, which was seconded by Bro. Ponsonwait.

Bro. Wylie supported the original motion as he thought that endeavours should be continued to extend the benefits of the Institutions.

Another Brother suggested that the donation should not be made till it was required. They knew that the Institution did not require it.

Bro. Iles, P.G. Secretary: I wish to ask a question, which perhaps Bro. Terry can answer. Is it not intended very much to enlarge the Institution?

Bro. Terry, P.P.D.C.: The project is to expend a very large sum of money, and to take another ninety-four children. At the next election in October there are some forty applicants, and they will only be able to take in eight or nine.

Bro. Lambert inquired whether it would take £42,000 to provide for the reception of ninety-four children.

Bro. Terry: I understand that is the contract price for the arrangements for building and furnishing.

The P.G.M. then put the motion, which was carried.

Bro. Carter moved, and P.G.S.W. seconded that the sum of twenty guineas be added to Bro. Campkin's list, which was agreed to.

Bro. Carter: I rise with very great pleasure to propose a vote of £10 to the Gresham and King Harold Lodges, towards the expenses of receiving Provincial Grand Lodge, but I think that they should have afforded a little light refreshment before the assembling of Provincial Grand Lodge, as many brethren have come from thirty to forty miles to attend.

The motion was seconded by P.G. Secretary and carried unanimously.

Bro. Gompertz: Now that the motion is disposed of, I beg to explain that the lodges referred to had laboured under considerable disadvantages. They had only been in possession of this place a few months, and had had a great deal to do in cleaning and decorating, and making it as comfortable as possible. They had been at considerable expense of labour, time and money, the old hall was some hundreds of years old, and required a good deal of work to make it presentable. They had, as he had said, had a great deal to do, and he trusted that P.G. Lodge would, with true Masonic Charity, bear with them and forgive the oversight to which Bro. Carter had referred.

Bro. Lambert: The next proposition has been entrusted to me by Bro. Wilson, P.P.G.J.W. It is, that this Provincial Grand Lodge do consider the desirability of publishing a Masonic Calendar for the province. The speaker went on to say that people must have some amusement in the country, and he did not know anything more agreeable for Masons than visiting at each others' lodges; and for this purpose it was very desirable that they should have fuller information than they now possessed of the dates and places of meeting of all the lodges in the province. There were also places of interest in the province that it would be very delightful to have further information about. For instance, there was this magnificent house in which they were assembled, which belonged to almost the E. period, and would probably take us back as far as Henry II., and forward again to James II., about which would be very interesting if they had special information, and if such could be embodied in the calendar of the province, he thought the brethren would agree with him that it would be highly desirable.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Young.

Bro. Taylor: No doubt many brethren will say that this is a good notion, while others will argue that we should avoid putting too much in print with regard to Masonry. Publicity is necessary as regards the charities, because we want to know the times of the various meetings and so forth, and I think this Calendar will do good in that respect. As members of the Craft we believe and hope that all men are willing and able to do what they can for themselves, but as these calendars after a time will be very widely dispersed, I think that unscrupulous men will use

them, and ride about the province taking each individual lodge in succession, canvassing them for their own purposes. The Calendar would no doubt be useful, but I fear that difficulties will arise in years to come when it may be used in a manner we do not now contemplate. I think it is a matter that requires consideration before we adopt it.

Bro. Carter: I shall propose that a committee be formed during the forthcoming year to consider the desirability of publishing a Masonic Calendar for the province.

The Prov. Grand Master: Before I put this question I should like to say a few words myself, because it is a question I have considered, but I am bound to say that I wish the brethren to do exactly as they please, without their chairman making a speech much on one side or the other. But at the same I will say this, I cannot see the great objection to a Calendar that is under proper control as to the matter that is published in it. I think the province is getting so large now, and lodges are so scattered, that Masons in one part have but little opportunity of knowing what is doing in other parts of the province. A Calendar, which would contain all the detailed information is therefore very desirable. We are told that we can obtain this from the official Calendar of the Grand Lodge. This is not quite correct; it is right as regards London lodges, but not as to provincial lodges. For instance, if we look at No. 869, we find that it meets on the first Wednesday or first Thursday, but not the months in which the meetings are held. Then as regards the publication of the names, it would be, I think, a great convenience to see at a glance who the officers and leading brethren of a lodge are, although of course one is supposed to know it; and it will become more difficult as lodges increase in number. We can of course find any information out of the books, but by having it in a Calendar we have it in a condensed form. When a matter is brought before me I can refer to my Calendar and see who the officers are without applying to the Secretary to send me a list. I cannot see that the question of improper applications for charity applies. I do not think it would be necessary to publish all the names of brethren in the province, and it seems to me that an unprincipled person seeking to make an improper use of the Calendar would find that it would entail more trouble than he would care to undertake. I do not see why the information should not be confined to the ordinary list of officers of the lodges, but I would point out in the case of any names no addresses are printed, and therefore I apprehend that the Masonic beggar would be unable to make out a programme. If he came to Waltham Cross he would find when he got there that a great many of those brethren lived in London; therefore, I think the risk is infinitesimal, and the question is the expense. Bro. Carter has published in a very public spirited manner, a calendar, but of course the question would be whether a sufficient number of brethren would support it to make it worth his while, if the brethren approve of the principle of this Calendar in the province.

[The conclusion of this report will be given next week.]

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Benjamin Head in the chair, Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, Levy, J. Newton, Stephens, John G. Stevens, J. A. Farnfield, Charles Lacey, Hyde Pullen, L. Stean, Thos. W. White, Larc. H. Massey ("Freemason").

James Terry (Secretary) was also present. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes the Secretary announced the deaths of two annuitants.

The Warden's report was also read, and in it was contained the information that Dr. Strong had presented the institution with 200 bedding out plants, which his gardener had planted. A vote of thanks was then unanimously passed to Dr. Strong for the gift.

The Financial Committee's report was as follows:—

MALE FUND.	
Balance last quarter .....	£3825 7 2
Subsequent receipts.....	1839 3 8
	5664 10 10
Disbursements.....	£1425 11 11
Purchase of Annuities.....	1880 0 0
	3305 11 11
	2358 18 11
WIDOWS.	
Balance last quarter .....	£1341 17 11
Receipts .....	1608 18 0
	2946 15 11
Disbursements.....	£1053 7 10
Purchase of Annuities.....	940 0 0
	1993 7 10
	953 8 1
Balance on Sustentation Fund.....	6 18 7
	£3319 5 7

Bro. Terry stated that out of the £9174 subscribed at last festival, all had been collected except £216. He also informed the Committee that he had received a letter from one of the old ladies whom the Committee had taken on to the fund without election, thanking them for what they had done. He further read a letter of thanks from Miss Norris for being elected Matron of the Asylum.

In answer to a question Bro. Terry said that the Cripplegate Lodge, which he consecrated three weeks ago, subscribed on the right of consecration £50 to the Benevolent Institution.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Masonic and General Tidings.

St. John's Gate has changed hands, and belongs again to the very Order of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem who formerly possessed it. Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, M.P., has purchased the building. One of the upper rooms is in course of restoration for the purpose of serving as a chapel.

Bro. Alderman Hadley has met with a slight accident, which has rendered him lame, but not so as to prevent his attendance to his official duties.—"City Press."

The sum received at the Mansion House on behalf of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund amounts to about £26,500.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have signified their intention of visiting the Crystal Palace on Wednesday next, when they will be accompanied by the King and Queen of Greece. It being the first visit of the Prince to the Crystal Palace since his return from India, the occasion promises to be one of special interest.

Apartments are being prepared at Fiershill Barracks, Edinburgh, for Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who will arrive there with his regiment on the 29th inst.

The members of the Navy Club gave their annual dinner to Bro. the Right Hon. George Ward Hunt the First Lord of the Admiralty, on Wednesday evening at Willis's Rooms.

The consecration of the West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, will take place this (Saturday) afternoon, at 3.30, at the Ealing Institute, Ealing. The ceremony will be worked by the Grand Secretary. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The ceremony of consecration and installation will be worked on Wednesday next, at 7 o'clock, by Bro. Terry, at the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, held at the Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters Road, Holloway. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor. The brethren to assemble in full Masonic costume.

Bro. S. Pollitzer, P.M., 1077, P.Z. 188, 538, has been honoured by his Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Austria with the "golden cross of merit with the crown" for his great services rendered at the International Exhibition.

The appointment of Lord Suffield as Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., as announced in the "Freemason" of May 6th has been officially confirmed. The installation will take place in October.

An evening costume recital, comprising dramatic, vocal, and instrumental selections, will take place on Monday next at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, for the benefit of Bro. Edgar Anderson.

The City of London Flower Show, originally fixed to take place on Tuesday, 11th inst., was postponed until Thursday, 13th inst., to meet the wishes of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Teck.

Bro. Sir E. Lechmere was introduced to the House of Parliament on Monday last, and after the usual oaths, took his seat as member for West Worcestershire.

The Chapter of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England have voted the silver medal to Constant Van Hoydonck, the steward, and the bronze medal to the youth, Henry Trousselott, with velleum certificates, for their intrepid conduct on board the Lennie. The medals have been sent for the recipients to the Netherlands and Belgian Ministers.

The Rev. Dr. I. Strauss, Jewish minister of Bradford, has been appointed Chaplain of the Lodge of Harmony (600), Bradford. The greater number of the members of the lodge (including the Master) are Christians, and the appointment is therefore all the more gratifying. We can only regret there are still a few countries where the ruling principles of Freemasonry are disregarded by Masons, and Jews excluded by reason only of their faith. We question whether the time has not arrived for English Jewish Masons (an enormous number) to take a more spirited action in this matter. The act of the late Mr. Faudell in the Grand Lodge of England about a quarter of a century ago in raising an objection to the admission of the Crown Prince of Prussia (the present Emperor) on the ground of the exclusion of Jews from German lodges, is still remembered, and its significance should not be lost upon young and active Jewish Masons of the present day.—"Jewish Chronicle."

A report of the proceedings at the Summer Festival of the William Preston Lodge will appear in our next.

The fête of the National Temperance League at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday was very successful. The total number of visitors was 33,980. Towards the close of the day a banquet was held in the Grand Saloon, when about 400 persons took their seats, and listened to an able address from Mr. Richardson, M.D., F.R.S.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

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Bro. Baxter Langley's letter next week. It only reached us Thursday morning.

The following stand over:—Pattison Lodge, 913; St. John's Lodge, 273, Leicester; William Preston Lodge, 796; Hartington Lodge, 1085;

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"High Pressure Business Life," by Henry Smith, M.D.; "The Masonic Eclectic," G. H. Ramey, Editor and Publisher, U.S.; "The Voice of Masonry"; "The Keystone"; "The New York Dispatch"; "Masonic Journal," Greenborough, U.S.; "The Home Chronicler," E. W. Allen, 11, Ave Maria Line; "Domesday Book," G. G. P. Harris, Head and Meek; part 1; "Masonic Herald."

## ERRATUM.

BOYS' FESTIVAL.—Bro. J. H. Ebsworth writes, "In last week's issue, opposite 1178, Bro. Stock, you print £10 10s. This is certainly a glaring error, the lodge having given £15 15s. I should imagine that the amount would be nearer sixty guineas than ten."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

## BIRTHS.

BRERETON.—On the 3rd inst., at Fort-st., Bro. George, Madras, the wife of Capt. J. Brereton, of a daughter.  
ELLIOT.—On the 3rd inst., at Holy Trinity Vicarage, Bournemouth, the wife of the Rev. P. F. Elliot, of a son.  
EVANS.—On May 15th, at Alderley-Natal, South Africa, the wife of Mr. M. J. Evans, of a daughter.  
GROVES.—On the 2nd inst., at Marylebone-road, the wife of B. A. Groves, of a daughter.  
WEST.—On the 6th inst., at Catford Bridge, Kent, the wife of A. T. West, of a daughter.  
WHALE.—On the 5th inst., at Windsor, the wife of R. S. Whale, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

CAMPBELL.—CLAVERING.—On the 5th inst., at Winton, Henry Alexandra Campbell, Esq., R.A., to Ivy Valerie, daughter of Sir H. A. Clavering, Bart.  
WHITE.—DICKSON.—On the 6th inst., at Kinlough Church, the Rev. J. W. Dickson, uncle to the bride, William Henry White, Esq., of Cloon, county Leitrim, son of the late George White, Esq., J.P., D.L., of Shrubs, county Leitrim, to Audley Harriette Dickson, fifth daughter of John Reynolds Dickson, Esq., J.P., Woodville and Tullaghan House, county Leitrim.  
WOOD.—THOMAS.—On the 5th inst., at St. Paul's, Holgate, York, Lionel Richard, son of R. Wood, Esq., of Bayswater, to Mary Jane, daughter of the late H. W. Thomas, Esq.

## DEATHS.

CHESHIRE.—On the 5th inst., at Southend, Daniel Davies Cheshire, of Alma-road, Dalston, aged 36.  
MERCER.—On the 3rd inst., at Gainsborough, Fletcher Mercer, aged 73.  
OLDFIELD.—On the 5th inst., at Bourne, Lincolnshire, Sarah Anne, wife of Lieut.-Col. C. J. Oldfield, in her 30th year.  
WARE.—On the 5th inst., at Berger-road, Homerton, William Ware, in his 57th year.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1876.

## THE PROGRESS OF THE CONTROVERSY.

The readers of the "*Freemason*" will be aware that an animated controversy is going on in its weekly columns with reference to the last meeting of Grand Lodge and the vote it came to on the proposition of our distinguished Bro. P.G. Warden, John Havers. So far, the contest seems rather one-sided, to speak the truth, both as to argument and opinion, as with the exception of Bro. Baxter Langley, a somewhat dangerous ally, our good brother P.G.C., R. J. Simpson seems to stand alone, whatever he may have done in Grand Lodge. Indeed, we have reason to believe that a widespread feeling of regret exists in the Craft in respect of the hasty decision of Grand Lodge. The argument of Bro. Havers is, we believe, as we have always said, unanswerable, logically and Masonically, and we feel bound to reiterate our honest conviction, that no more hollow, unreal, mistaken cry ever was heard than the denominational one by which many were induced to give a vote "in haste," which, we believe, they have already repented of "at leisure." When we look at the whole question as now before us many considerations must arise before the mind of the thinking Mason. The result, so far, is a "deadlock;" as even supposing that a committee be appointed in September nothing can be done until the Grand Lodge meeting in January, and by that time all immediate interest in the proposal itself as a present act of grateful recognition must have died away. Those who so voted for the postponement of Bro. Havers's motion forget the old adage, ever true, "*Bis dat qui dat cito.*" Another point clearly before us is this, that any proposed appropriation to the Charities will be met by a strenuous and earnest opposition on the part of a very large number of brethren who detest selfishness and dislike unreality. The only possible proposal would be the creation of one or more scholarships, and even that proposal is attended with serious difficulties, as it is, Grand Lodge funds we are proposing to deal, with not the voluntary offerings of brethren of the Craft. After the response made to the appeals of our Charities in this year of Light and Grace, 1876, by our generous brotherhood, it would be worse than idle, indeed, it would be too absurd to ask Grand Lodge to make a specific grant to any of our great institutions. We are among those who have the gravest doubts as to the constitutional propriety of Bro. R. J. Simpson's amendment. We apprehend that really and truly no motion and no distinct amendment involving special action can come before Grand Lodge which has not been previously submitted to the Board of Masters. The Book of Constitutions, page 20, distinctly states that "any member of the Grand Lodge intending to make motion therein, or to submit any matter to its consideration, shall at a such general committee state in writing the nature of his intended motion or business that the same may be read. No motion or other matter shall be brought into discussion in the Grand Lodge unless it shall have been previously communicated to this general committee." And the Book of Constitutions gives the following simple yet good reason for this wholesome enactment in the same section, at the same page. "It being essential to the interests of the Craft that all matters of business to be brought under the consideration of the Grand Lodge should be previously known to the Grand Officers and Masters of lodges, that through them all the representatives of lodges may be apprised of such business, and be prepared to decide thereon without being taken by surprise." Brother P.G.C. Simpson gave notice constitutionally to the Board of Masters of a specific motion which he withdrew in Grand Lodge, but the amendment which he proposed was entirely distinct alike in meaning and scope, and ought, we feel certain, to have been submitted to the Board of Masters, in order to make it a valid motion. We are well aware that the

law of amendment is a very wide one in public bodies and in general meetings, but as a Grand Lodge we are governed by certain regulations, which are to us as the laws of the Medes and Persians, and properly so, for the welfare and safety of us all alike. Bro. Simpson had clearly a right to meet Bro. Havers's motion with a direct negative, but having withdrawn his own original motion submitted to the Board of Masters, he was bound, in our humble opinion, also to submit his amendment, which became practically a new motion, to the Board of Masters. Our brethren will see, we think, the important question involved in the subject under discussion, and so strongly do we feel on the point, that had we been present in Grand Lodge we should certainly have raised the question on this point of order. But another doubt comes in. Must not Bro. R. J. Simpson's amendment, if it is constitutional per se, be confirmed? We think so for the following reasons:—Though not verbally a "motion for a grant of money," see page 27, sec. 8, Book of Constitutions, it is essentially and practically so, as being preparatory to such a motion, and therefore requires confirmation. Remembering, for instance, the practice of the House of Lords, how jealously the privileges of the House of Commons are guarded, in respect of a money vote, or any resolution approaching to implying a money vote, we feel that such a motion as that of Bro. Simpson's, which is but the first step to a vote of money by Grand Lodge, requires confirmation. Had Bro. Havers's motion been carried, it must have been confirmed, and we apprehend that Bro. Simpson's motion requires confirmation also, because it is by implication a motion practically to bring about a "grant of money." Whether or no, the constitutionality of the amendment per se can be substantiated, must be left to the proper authorities, and next meeting of Grand Lodge, and we only express our humble but careful opinion on the subject "*quantum valet.*" A suggestion has been made in our columns, that the £2000 should be raised by subscriptions amongst our brotherhood. We heartily approve of such a proposal, and shall be happy to further it in any way in our power, which may appear desirable to its zealous promoters. If any of our readers wish to express their opinion on the matter, we shall be willing, within due bounds, to give them space in our columns, though just now, and for some months to come, the "*Freemason*" will be kept down to its normal issue of 16 pages.

## PEACE OR WAR.

Let us hope that the good Angel of Peace may yet interfere and arrest the progress of a civil war in the East, and the ruin and destruction of a harmless population. Some of the accounts of the atrocities in Bulgaria, committed by the Bashi Bazouks and Redifs, are too awful to credit, and we hope a prompt denial will be given to them, especially the sale of Bulgarian girls, the torture of Bulgarian men, and the dishonour of Bulgarian women. If these accounts be in any manner verified the fact must take away all sympathy on the part of Englishmen and Freemasons for any Government, Turkish or other, which permits such detestable horrors. In the meanwhile we may console ourselves with the reflection that so far the telegraphic news on both sides is equally unreliable, consisting apparently for the most part of defeats which have never taken place and of battles which have never been fought.

## NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

Some complaints having been made of the length of our "*lodge reports, &c.*," as until our Masonic Lodge life begins again the "*Supplement*" from time to time will be discontinued, we think it well to say that during the summer months, as we deem not unseasonable or unreasonable, we shall use our editorial privilege very freely of condensing and abbreviating the sometimes too elaborate effusions of our many kind contributors and valued correspondents. Publisher and Editor beg alike, warmly to thank many sincere and zealous friends for favours past and present, and earnest, they hope, of many similar favours yet to come.



(Communique).

## ANOTHER PAMPHLET.

"The cry is still they come."—Shakespeare.

As another pamphlet is circulating in the good Province of West Yorkshire, and so far, not like its memorable predecessor, "suppressed," I have thought it right to take upon myself the responsibility of treating it as a public, and certainly a most personal document, and publishing it in the columns of the "Freemason" for the information of all whom it may concern. My first impression was to write a letter to Bro. Kenning on the subject with "extracts," but had I done so, I felt persuaded that I should have at once been met by the asseveration that I had only given "garbled extracts." I have, therefore, thought it better to publish the pamphlet in "extenso," so that all may peruse its "ipsissima verba," harmless as they really are in themselves, recalling the old line at once, "willing to wound, but yet afraid to strike." I think, too, that those of my brethren who read this "last pamphlet," as well as those who are assailed by it, will probably laugh at it as heartily as I have done, though, with myself, they will feel great pity for the brother Freemason, who could pen, much less print and circulate, so un-Masonic a pamphlet. How far such a "production" is within or without our own Masonic laws, is a matter for serious consideration, but for obvious reasons, public and personal, I feel sure that it is for the best, that the entire Craft should have the opportunity of appreciating such a remarkable specimen of classic English and brotherly good taste. When the suppressed pamphlet appeared, (clearly libellous and actionable), it ought also to have been printed for the animadversion and condemnation of the entire Craft, but that was not done on purely Masonic grounds, and the higher feelings of Masonic consideration. But the repetition of this odious system of pamphleteering attacks, in my opinion leaves no alternative to those who like myself, despise libellous and slanderous attacks, whether those of the surreptitious or the open defamer. I do not think it well to allude to any of the personal attacks on myself, as they are beneath notice, and I can well afford to leave them to the fraternal consideration of numerous friends and brethren up and down the country, at home and abroad, who will give me credit, I know for, habitual courtesy and gentlemanly behaviour, and Masonic good feeling on all occasions. Indeed, my motto all through my life generally and Masonically has been, "Honour all men." Neither do I think it befitting in me to allude to the insult offered to the Quarterly Court in calling it a "packed meeting," or by implication to our distinguished Bro. J. Clabon, who so well presided over that numerous assembly of brethren from all parts of England. Let it be remembered that only some half-dozen, or thereabout, hands were held up, positively against the overwhelming majority of nearly 200 who voted for the needful motion of confidence generally in the executive. Neither do I dwell upon the attack on Bro. Col. Ridgway, well able gallantly to defend himself. He was not the only brother who had to complain of unseemly interruption. Neither do I comment on the attack on the House Committees, both of the Boys' and the Girls' School, nor the modest proposal, having just before praised the economical government of the Girls' School, to change its House Committee, as well as the Boys'. In all truth, the best answer to all these foolish statements and suggestions is to be found, in the determination of all other provinces in England to support the Executive authorities of the School, and to condemn that hateful personal feeling which has been introduced into this unseemly controversy. But I must ask attention to three passages in the pamphlet. When Bro. Tew compares the Investigation Committee as he calls it, with the Charity Committee of the Province over which I had the honour to preside in 1869, he makes use of an illustration almost too puerile to notice. The one was the Constitutional Committee of the Province, acting in aid of the Boys' School, under the special approval of the P.G.M., and raising money towards that very expenditure openly which has now been condemned as extravagant. The other is a

committee, in my opinion, unconstitutionally appointed originally, and illegal, according to the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge itself. But let that pass. Indeed, I for one look upon the Report as nothing but a censure cast upon the Charity Committee, and the Provincial Grand Lodge in 1869, which unanimously voted £500 towards the very building expenses which are now called in question. The statement at page 2, that Bro. Tew's "previous pamphlets" were "replies," in part, to Bro. Henry Watson's lucid and peaceful pamphlet in 1873 (the first pamphlet in this trumpery business having been published in 1875), is one of the most astounding that I have ever read in my whole life. The naive admission also, at page 2, that "without the private pamphlets acting as a preliminary to prepare the way, the Investigation Committee could not have so soon come to their conclusion," must be felt to be extremely flattering by the "Investigation Committee," and I recommend such a passage to the notice especially of Bro. Gill, who knows as well as any one the legal value of "ex parte" informations. With this little preface I leave the "last Pamphlet" to tell its own tale, in its "unadorned eloquence" and literal truthfulness. It is, indeed, a sad commentary alike on Masonic professions and Masonic brotherhood!

July 10th, 1876.

A.F.A.W.

I cannot omit one little amusing instance of the "animus" of the writer. In the first issue of the pamphlet, which is the copy here printed from, the D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, had stated that I was "late of the Fidelity Lodge." I never had the honour of belonging to the Fidelity Lodge in my life, being a member of the Philanthropic, 304, a fact which must and ought to have been known to the D.P.G.M. of a province, who has all the lodge returns before him, and, indeed, was well known to him. In another issue of the pamphlet these words are marked through with ink, without any acknowledgment of a private letter on the subject, or any expression of regret at so very peculiar a mistake.

THE GRANGE, CARLETON,

PONTFRAC, 30th May, 1876.

To the Secretary of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304, Leeds.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I beg you will convey to the W.M. and brethren of your lodge my gratitude for their resolution received this day, which is the more peculiarly welcome on account of the circumstances attending the Rev. F. A. Woodford's resolution of the 10th of April before the Quarterly Court, in Freemasons' Hall.

I rejoice to think the lodges of West Yorkshire are beginning to understand the gravity of that resolution, and that the reception the representatives of the West Yorkshire Investigation Committee, and the other West Yorkshire brethren, met with at the hands of that reverend gentleman, and the members of the Quarterly Court, was of the rudest and most ungracious description. But it is for the lodges of West Yorkshire to say whether they will quietly sit down under the stigma cast upon the province by that resolution, or whether, and in what manner, they will stand by the report of their own investigation into the R.M.I. for Boys at Wood Green.

I, for my part, have done my duty, without fear or favour, in analysing the official reports for the information of the Craft; and feel that I never can again advocate the claims of the Masonic Boys' School upon the brethren of West Yorkshire unless a great reformation is accomplished in the financial, educational, and internal arrangements of that Charity.

My convictions I shall not abate, but I give this testimony that in all I have written or said, I have been influenced by the most ardent desire to promote the reformations, and the ultimate welfare of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for which I feel sure that those who know me best will give me credit.

I assure the brethren of your lodge that I have anxiously investigated every statement and account presented in the published authorised official reports of the school for the last six years, and in the pamphlets I have issued thereon. The various statements contained in them have never yet been disproved, and I am convinced that those brethren who have the leisure and the will to study the past history of the Boys' School, and investigate the accounts set forth in the official reports, will not fail to arrive at the conclusion of the Investigation Committee, that the management of the Boys' School, on moral, educational, and financial grounds, calls for a thorough remodelling.

I defend the circulation of the pamphlets and Investigation Report for the reason that it would have been utterly hopeless to appeal to those, who through the indifference of Life Governors and other subscribers, have so long been responsible for the past and present state of affairs at the School. Those pamphlets were replies to those of Bro. Henry Watson, S.W., No. 1386, published 1873; to the letter of the Boys' School Secretary, 19th

June, 1875, his Festival Circular, 7th July, 1875, and to the pamphlet of June, 1875, already openly characterized as weak, offensive, and evasive.

I found out a year ago that had any one ventured to question such venerable senators as the Executive of the House Committee on their management, or want of management, of the institution, he would have been voted out of order and laughed at for his enquiry, for the object of the House Committee seems to be to stifle all legitimate enquiry.

The Investigation Report was a report founded on all the statements in the Official Reports, while, without the private pamphlets acting as a preliminary to prepare the way, the Investigation Committee could not have so soon come to their conclusions; and although Mr. Woodford made a great point of what he professed to consider the unconstitutional and unprecedented appointment of the West Yorkshire Committee, you cannot have failed to notice that almost in the same breath he appealed to the labours of a previous committee of the same province, in which he himself took a prominent part. With the resolutions come to by that committee I do not in any way quarrel, they may have been perfectly justified; but our report covers the ground subsequent to that occupied by Mr. Woodford. His investigations terminate with 1869, when we take up the examination, with, however, a diametrically opposite result, showing a subsequent extravagance almost unparalleled in the history of such institutions.

A greater insult and slight were never cast upon a generous province than was done by the resolution of the Rev. A. F. Woodford, on the 10th April. Thirty brethren or more from the most influential lodges in this province hastily went up to London on the invitation of this resolution, a copy of which had been received from Mr. Binckes by the D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire only four days before the meeting in Freemasons' Hall, one of those days being a Sunday. Was it not unfair thus to give West Yorkshire no time to organise supporters to face the Quarterly Court, which was on that occasion a packed committee on purpose to out-vote West Yorkshire, and which was determined not to hear one word the representatives of your Investigation Committee had to say?—Bro. Moss, the clerk of the Sheffield School Board, the member of the Investigation Committee, well qualified to speak on any educational question, being rudely and violently refused a hearing, and West Yorkshire being consequently degraded in the eyes of the Craft.

Our province has now £10,049 15s. invested in these Boys' Schools, and is in the possession of 2145 votes. Nearly one-seventh of the whole £75,145 18s. 3d. paid by the voluntary subscriptions of the Craft for the schools and the maintenance of boys, as per the Official Reports, has been contributed by West Yorkshire, leaving to all the other provinces of Grand Lodge six-sevenths divisible amongst them. Was then the conduct of the Quarterly Court to Bro. Moss, candid or just to the representatives of such a generous province? Was the Rev. A. F. Woodford, the former chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee, justified in forcing his resolution upon a packed meeting? From his sacred calling, and being P. Prov. C. of West Yorkshire, he ought to have been the first to advocate that West Yorkshire brethren should have been listened to with respect; and had this been the case, the important information in possession of West Yorkshire would have been brought before the court, and probably the vote upon his resolution suspended. But the London Executive were afraid of truth, and West Yorkshire was treated with the grossest disrespect. The brethren have, however, a great, a noble, and a just cause in hand, the reformation of the management of these schools, and West Yorkshire will, I doubt not, take up the matter and work out the solution in its own earnest and ready manner.

Contrast the reception which the Governors gave to the West Yorkshire brethren with that accorded to Bro. Ridgway, who, when a mild "No" was occasionally interposed in the course of his oration, as an indication that he was outstepping the bounds of truth, and as a warning that a full contradiction was forthcoming, with a lion-like roar asserted his determination not to be "put down by clamour," and then refer to the list of subscriptions and donations to the Boys' School, and ascertain how much he and his province do for the institution in which he professes so loud an interest. Compare for instance the £37 16s. contributed by Devonshire, with its 41 lodges and 14 chapters, in the year 1874 (the last published account), in 15 donations, with the £662 11s. contributed during the same time by West Yorkshire, with its 59 lodges and 19 chapters, in 68 donations, and then say which province has shown its practical interest in the institution—which has most stones in the building.

Bro. Ridgway was the chairman of the sham Investigation Committee which sat in Freemasons' Hall last November, and the mention of his name will remind you of the document to which he then put his name, and which was intended to have the effect of endorsing the acts of the Boys' School Committee. Why was not Bro. Winn's sensible suggestion to have a professional accountant adopted?

The antecedent facts were: Under the head of "Gratuities (with grants and outfits for) boys on leaving the institution," a sum amounting to £124 5s. is not accounted for, and cannot be found in any of the authorised published Official Reports of the Boys' School, and no subsequent act of the committee can now place it there, although they may perhaps give some explanation of its absence. The money is not accounted for in the manner in which it should have been accounted for; of that there can be no doubt in the mind of any one who will examine the reports, and the Select Committee must at once have discovered that fact. In this strait what did they do? They went to some pigeon-hole in the Secretarial Office, and obtain edcerttain receipts which they carefully packeted, and

labelled as A, B, or C, these being the receipts whose existence was ignored in the Official Reports, but which should have modified the statements therein published. With these receipts in hand, the Committee announce that the £124 5s. is duly "accounted for;" a matter none of us ever disputed, our stand-point being that it was not accounted for in the Official Reports, which were therefore fallacious and misleading. The wish that all might seem right begat doubtless the happy finding of that November Committee which was to silence all further enquiries.

Let me now instance a comparison in reference to cost or capital expenditure. Bro. R. W. Little, the Secretary of the Girls' School, has informed me that when the present alterations at St. John's Hill are completed, over 200 girls will be domiciled at that Masonic institution. The total capital outlay, including these alterations, will be between £29,000 or £30,000; but Wood Green, with beds for 181 boys (and only 177 said to be in the school) has cost £56,926 9s. 6d. For the cost of Girls' School, maintenance of fabric, and the clothing and education of these 200 girls or more, Mr. Little asks from the Craft as annual expenditure, only £8479; whilst in 1874 the same costs for 177 boys in Wood Green amounted to £10,075, according to the Investigation Report, and on the 10th of April, the Quarterly Court, without the Governors and subscribers being allowed to express an opinion, "authorised the payment of £2000 purchase money for the freehold of Kent House, with land required as a sanatorium."

This being so, let us enquire what this property is, and why it should be purchased at so large an expenditure of charitable funds. The house was itself till some nine or ten months ago in the possession of a case maker in Gray's Inn-road, who held the remainder of the lease, some 17 years out of 88. The property was offered for sale some 18 months previously to being taken as a sanatorium, and the only land belonging to it is a small strip of garden ground. Its rooms are small, and no doubt another two or three hundred pounds will have to be spent to adapt them for the purposes of dormitories, &c. It is about 50 yards away from the institution, on the opposite side of the roadway, has the appearance of being damp, and has been considered, by a brother competent to value, not to be worth more than £800 or £1000. If it is necessary to build an infirmary, with dormitories for fever patients and general ailments, could not one have been erected at considerably less cost than Kent House and site on a portion of the orchard at the back of the farm buildings belonging to the school? I point to this Kent House matter as an instance of how the voluntary subscriptions of the brethren are to be appropriated.

Your West Yorkshire Charity report, 25th March, 1876, says, "The institution has only £2000 funded property, and is greatly in need of subscriptions and donations." Let me add to this statement that the £2000 was invested by the London Executive, 6th November, 1875, at the time the West Yorkshire Committee was sitting at Leeds enquiring into how £2257 10s. for West Yorkshire presentations in 1870 and 1872 have been expended, and may fairly be considered as the mere capitalization of those West Yorkshire presentations.

The last Official Report says, "Important changes have taken place in the Instruction Department." These changes of Masters must be detrimental to the educational efficiency of the school. There were two new Masters in 1874, eleven in 1875; and, again, there are six new Masters, April, 1876, who it is said decline to comply with the terms for service sought to be "imposed" upon them.

Take the examinations of Christmas 1875. The Cambridge lists show that of 18 boys sent up for examination only 14 passed. Both the seniors failed. Of 174 boys "in" the school, seven of the boys out of the 14 who passed last Christmas, were boys who passed the same examination in December 1874. So that only seven new boys succeeded at Christmas 1875. Yet these educational failures have cost on an average the sum of £54 10s. 3d. each boy. On the other hand, the boys from the London Orphan Asylum at Watford, who were submitted to a similar intellectual trial, as candidates at the Oxford Local Examination, all passed, one boy as a Senior, with the title of Associate in Arts; five boys being Juniors, with a certificate.

But there are even greater allegations against the management of this most costly institution. Two boys have recently died at the school, one being a West Yorkshire boy. What were the circumstances attending the deaths of these boys? Other boys, it would appear, are likewise not treated with that motherly care in this institution which the Governors and subscribers to the schools, as the guardians of the orphan Boys, have a right to expect. I hope for the "honour" of the Craft that there will be spirit enough to enquire both how the boys when poorly are treated, and what has been the position of the Assistant Masters at Wood Green.

Lastly, look at the composition of the House Committee. You will find Messrs. Browse, Chancellor, Dubois, Head, and Paas were certainly nominated in 1869, if not considerably before this date. You will also find that Bros. Henry Browse, Henry Dubois, Benjamin Head, William Paas, and Raynham Stewart are on the list of members of the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. These Charities are managed by a clique. Are not some of them domiciled foreigners? How can foreigners understand about the management of English charitable institutions? The gentlemen of 1869 might very well retire in favour of other brethren. A large mixture of Yorkshire independence and energy might influence the rest of the Committee to inquire into the matters complained of in the West Yorkshire Investigation Report, and lead to a thorough remodelling of the schools.

On the other side is a copy of the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford's resolution, late of Fidelity Lodge, No. 289.

Again thanking your lodge for the resolution of confidence, I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
THOMAS WILLIAM TEW.

[Copy of Circular.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Quarterly General Court, Freemasons' Hall, Monday, April 10, 1876. Twelve o'clock at noon.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At the Court to be held as above, the following notice of motion will be submitted:—

By V.W. Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chaplain, and P. Prov. G.W. West Yorkshire—That, having in view recent imputations cast on the administration of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, this Court deems it to be its duty to express its unabated confidence in the House and Audit Committees and executive.

Your attendance at half-past twelve, if not inconvenient to you, will be esteemed a favour by, dear Sir and Brother,  
Yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. BINCKES.

### Original Correspondence.

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

THE M.W.G.M. AND GRAND LODGE E.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother.—

I have perused with a very considerable amount of interest the correspondence and the articles that have from time to time appeared in your journal upon the matter that was brought before Grand Lodge at the last Quarterly Communication to commemorate Masonically H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.'s safe return from India, and I must confess that I as a Mason am exceedingly surprised that the subject in question, which should have been decided unanimously, has led to the public ventilation of many very unseemly party and sectarian opinions. The "unenlightened" are led to believe that we are a "band of brothers," but what must they now think when they read in the columns of the press that there is not only a divided opinion upon the proposed Grand Lodge Commemoration, but that religious and almost anti-religious observations and denominational personalities are freely indulged in by those who have all voluntarily enlisted in that noble cause, whose glorious "semper eadem" should be "loyalty, unity, and charity." There is no doubt that our M.W.G.M. is deeply touched by the reception he has received from all classes of the community upon his safe arrival home, after undergoing great fatigue and no little danger whilst performing that which was—whatever may be said to the contrary—a national necessity, but I most respectfully beg to express an opinion that it cannot but be distasteful to H.R.H. to know that many of the Masonic brotherhood have thought fit to make the proposed Craft memorial of his return not only a vexed question, but that they have also taken advantage of the opportunity to plunge into a sea of polemical discussion. Although I quite agree with many of your readers that a certain portion of one of your correspondent's letters had better have been left unwritten, yet the fact must not be lost sight of that notwithstanding Freemasonry owns no particular sect, among its numerous members are many men of high social and moral culture whose ideas upon certain topics are exceedingly broad and outre. My object in troubling you with this letter is to respectfully suggest to those prominent members of the Grand Lodge and others interested that in dealing with this question they will endeavour to bring such a scheme forward as will meet with the unqualified approval of the entire Craft, and thereby happily prevent a repetition of those heated and unfraternal arguments and oratorical displays—"pro and con"—which were indulged in at the last Quarterly Communication, otherwise the outer world will have good occasion to believe that our loyalty, unity, and charity exists but in our imagination. In "days of yore," when the Craft was in rather a precarious position, Masonic intelligence was very meagre and but rarely sought after, but as the cause has prospered most wonderfully within the last—comparatively—few years, and as every religious, political, and professional community has its public organ devoted to the promulgation of its ideas and doings, it was only right that Freemasons should have—what they have fortunately now got—a representative press. Public attention being for obvious reasons greatly drawn to the Craft, and as the publication "in extenso" of its proceedings is at the present time general, it should always be borne in mind that discussions and correspondence upon any Masonic mooted question should be conducted with a perfect freedom from denominational and other objectionable personalities, otherwise the very groundwork of our great Masonic profession, "brotherly love," will be regarded by the uninitiated as possessing merely a theoretical instead of a practical foundation.

In concluding this letter I think that one of our Rev. Bro. Simpson's suggestions, that a wing should be added to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to Masonically commemorate the Prince of Wales's Indian visit and safe return, would meet with cosmopolitan approval.

The Boys' and Girls' Schools are, of course, objects of great interest to us, but their occupants are young, and, as a body, strong and healthy, and when discharged from those institutions are fit to enter, both morally and physically, for the "race of life;" but the benevolent objects of the other establishment are "in the sere and yellow leaf," and require every attention to render their declining years enjoyable.

It may, and very justly, be urged that there are more applications for admission into the schools than can be accommodated; but the majority of these applicants have the blessings of health and strength on their side, which

the numerous petitioners for a participation of the benefits of the Benevolent Institution have not.

In common with many other members of the Craft, I sincerely hope that if anything is done to perpetuate our M.W.G.M.'s brilliant and successful tour to and from the sunny land of India, that the cause of those who when in the heyday of youth and prosperity courted and received "Masonic light," doubtless, little thinking that the time would arrive when penury and its attendant evils would necessarily compel them in the "sunset of life," to solicit its philanthropy, namely, the "poor and distressed Masons" will not be forgotten,

Yours truly and fraternally,  
T.C.W. 141, 1381, 1503, 1512, &c.

### OF PROPOSING (JOINING) MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The courtesy of my assumed corrector, "W. S. L.," demands from me some recognition of his letter in your last impression but one, as well as a brief explanation of the position taken up in the epistle which called it forth.

*Prima facie*, and unaided by any other light drawn from the Book of Constitutions than that which is derived from the clause he quotes (Rule 1, page 83), "W. S. L.'s" construction would appear to be unimpeachable; nevertheless, I think my view is the correct one after all, at all events, I have reason to know that the authorities at Grand Lodge hold that a brother cannot even be proposed as a joining member in open lodge, much less admitted or elected, unless the lodge be not only *open* but *regular* i.e., a regular meeting of the lodge according to its by-laws.

A gloss on the words "open lodge" would read, "Open lodge in this sense has always been construed as 'regular' lodge meeting." Why? Well, it is after all only by inference, deduction, and construction with another part of the Constitutions that we get at the reason.

At page 64, by Rule 9, it is enacted that "the business to be transacted at . . . (a) lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, recorded on the minutes, and no other business shall be entered upon."

The authoritative jurists of the Craft rule that a proposition, when it can be legally made, is business, and no business (as we have seen) can be entered upon at a lodge of emergency that is not expressed in the summons.

As this explication to my mind did not dispose of every difficulty, I ventured to enquire further of one well skilled in the application of the law of the Craft, and thoroughly acquainted with the reading at head-quarters, what would be the effect, supposing that the summons for a lodge of emergency brought an intended proposition within the business expressed, and complied with the law by specifying after or among the other business for which the lodge of emergency was called "To propose for election at the next regular meeting of the lodge brother so and so, of such a lodge, &c.?" Nay, I contend, I can go farther than that. It is conceivable that a lodge of emergency could be called for the sole purpose of receiving the proposition of a brother as a joining member. Assume a case, A., a member of "Blue Apron" Lodge has a pressing desire to become also a member of Red Apron Lodge. Now, Red Apron Lodge adjourns from March to October. "No matter," says A. "plenty of time." In October my friend B. will propose me at the regular lodge meeting, and in November, at the next regular lodge meeting, I shall no doubt be duly elected." But behold, during the summer, events occur, which render it unavoidable, that between the October and the November meetings B. shall leave the country for, say eight or nine months. The reasons why B. might wish to expedite his admission to Red Apron Lodge will occur to most brethren; reasons sufficiently potent in his mind, we will assume, to induce him to offer personally to incur the entire expense of a lodge of emergency to be called in September for the sole purpose of proposing him in open lodge, that being the express and only business specified in the summons, in order that he may be duly admitted in regular open lodge meeting in October. Would that be legal? It seems difficult to say from the Book of Constitutions that it would not. I cannot find where the law in such an instance would have been left uncompleted with. I did not put the case to my friend with the detail I have used here, but supposed such a proceeding generally as an illustrative test. His reply was that according to invariable and traditional construction a proposition of a joining member is not business that can be legally entered upon at a lodge of emergency. This seems to me to amount to a reliance upon the saving qualification expressed but unwritten, "when it can be legally made," which I cited some lines above, and to my mind partakes of that form of ratiocination which logicians describe as arguing in a circle, or as a lady might put it, "It isn't legal because it isn't." My esteemed and able friend, however, from whom I got the ruling, is of course not responsible for a construction that involves reading the second line of the rule as if the word "regular" were interpolated between the words "open" and "lodge," and the corollary, which, however, didn't strike me during the conversation, but, which I shall, by-and-bye, proceed to show is inevitable, that the word "meeting" must be implied as following the word "lodge."

My friend added that at all events such a case as I had assumed had never yet arisen, and I am inclined to think it is not at all likely to arise at any very early date, so that, to use a common saying, "We may take up that load when we come to it." Such an exceptional circumstance as the necessity to give notice in a circular convening a lodge of emergency of an intention at that meeting to propose a joining member to be balloted for (as he only could be balloted for) at the next regular lodge meeting is not so imminent that we need wait until it



arises for an exposition of the general law in its practical application to cases constantly recurring.

Should such a course be taken, however, I am far from saying (and I am sure "W.S.L." will agree with me) that its legality would be absolutely unarguable, notwithstanding the eminent authority that has according to common report, put a gloss upon the constitution which seems to go beyond the foundation afforded by the text.

But I have promised to show that, to support what I may call head-quarters' reading, the text not only requires the interpolation of the word "regular," but the addition of the word "meeting." I proceed to do so.

In one sense it might be maintained perhaps that even an emergency meeting was a regular meeting. It is certainly a regular lodge, for our traditional law teaches us that it cannot be duly held without a certain strictly defined formality being observed, compliance with which we are taught alone renders the lodge regular, but the correctness of the contention of the authoritative expositors involves that a proposition for joining can only be made in open lodge at a regular lodge meeting, which is an implied extension of the term lodge, for a lodge is made regular by the presence of that which must absolutely be materially and actually in the room at the time. Now this presence obviously cannot convert an emergency meeting into a regular lodge meeting, however essential it may be to render any lodge, ordinary or emergent, regular. A regular lodge includes both regular and emergency meetings. A regular lodge meeting (with one exception, to which I will presently refer) must thus be ruled to be restricted to a meeting held on a day specified in the text of the warrant or charter of incorporation.

The exception is a consecration, which is commonly held on a day not specified in the charter, and would therefore, *prima facie*, seem to be a meeting coming within the category of emergency, however it is well known (I take it as conceded on all sides) that propositions both for members joining and initiating candidates are legally receivable at a consecration meeting; but here the distinction is said to be that at a consecration the presence of the M.W. the G.M., either in person or by duly constituted deputy, renders the meeting regular. Still, I own myself not quite satisfied on such a point as this, purely started as an illustration *ex hypothesi*, would such an attendance on another occasion than a consecration, convert what had been convened as an emergency meeting into a regular meeting, so as to legalize the receipt of propositions?

I hope I shall not be considered as writing dogmatically. I only profess to give the results of the information I have taken some pains to acquire. I would not for a moment pretend to speak *ex cathedra*. The *lex scripta* and *lex non scripta*, alike bristle with difficulties; and I am sure I for one most sincerely feel that all our thanks are due to W.S.L. for re-directing attention to this most interesting part of Masonic jurisprudence. It is, I think, much to be regretted that our Book of Constitutions is not examined and revised, so as to bring it more into accord with the present circumstances of the Craft, and in directness and simplicity more immediately available for the guidance of all its members. Good easy men, comparatively few in numbers, and less exposed, therefore, to complication of interests and clashing of objects, might, in the old times, have found no inconvenience in living under laws interpreted by inference, deduction, suggestion, and construction of one section by another divided from it by a score or two of pages; but, in the present day, when our brotherhood is numbered by hundreds of thousands—when men of high education, of tact, shrewdness, and business ability, are constantly under the necessity of referring for direction to its *lex scripta*, it is in the last degree desirable that the source of their knowledge should appear in grammatical, exact, and unambiguous phraseology, and, if necessary and convenient for men personally able to construe language, how much more desirable is such clearness for our less highly-gifted brethren, who look to direct authority as a protection from bitter, profitless, and tedious textual disputes?

A law that is hazy and equivocal, that can only be interpreted by conjectures as to its meaning, by cross references, tradition often inaccurately handed down, suggestion, inference, deduction, and, worst of all, the weak argument in justification of ambiguity *ab inconvenienti*, is a law that, failing any enforceable sanction and depending for its exposition on varying individual opinion, ceases to be useful as a rule of conduct, and as often mischievously misleads as properly directs.

The point under discussion is not the only one that gives rise to varying interpretations of our code, as any member of the two boards will bear me witness. It seems very plausible to say "Oh, our laws were never intended to be scanned by microscopic eyes—brethren, men of honour, men of the world, would know well enough what it means; we don't want any legal technicalities, no pettyfogging hair splitting," but the more honourable men are the more likely are they not to come to a conclusion without good reasons well thought out, and the less likely they are to abandon a construction so conscientiously arrived at; and, where phraseology is capable of two constructions, it must be looked for that, however honourable men may be, they will sometimes differ as to which is correct. It is a cheap and easy indulgence to sneer at a lawyer's anxiety for clearness of definition and simplicity and accuracy of expression, and perhaps professionally that anxiety is not unnaturally kept within sufficient control, for if the man who makes his own will is the lawyer's best friend, by analogy, the statute which is a compound of the tinkering of non-professional men thinking of one subject and learned gentlemen desiderating another, should stand very high in the affections of the lawyer, who has attained the proverbial third stage in the legal career—a period when, to put it euphuistically, an augmentation of professional income is an object not wholly indifferent to the practitioner.

But to rule and govern the Craft by "it has always been understood," or "it is implied," or "we construe it thus or thus," is a system which it can be no one's interest to maintain. It reminds me of the old theory of the administration of equity. Two hundred years ago equity was derisively said to be as the size of the Chancellor's foot. Some Chancellor shall have a wide foot, some a narrow, some a long foot, some a short, some a high instep, some a flat sole. According to the size and shape of my lord's shoe so shall the Chancery suitor get his relief dealt unto him."

It is, however, no use discussing an evil without suggesting a remedy. Let Grand Lodge elect a committee from among the highly educated men who adorn it as members, and instruct this body to make a thorough and careful revision of the whole code, suggesting corrections or even alterations where necessary, and not shrinking from expanding by explanations or definitions. When finished let the proof-sheets of the suggested new edition of the Book of Constitutions be sent to every lodge under the English constitution, inviting suggestions and commentaries. These received, let them be considered by the committee, and their conclusions, in the shape of a report embodying the re-edited work, be laid before Grand Lodge to be dealt with according to its wisdom. Such an enterprise would take years to complete, but they would be years well employed. It would cost money, but it would be money well spent, and the boon to the Craft at large would be invaluable.

However, *revenons à nos moutons*, I think that with the kind assistance of "W. S. L." we have at last got a true and plain reading of the exact law on the point we have had under discussion, which may be thus summarised:—  
A brother as a joining member must be *viva voce* proposed at one regular open lodge meeting and balloted for at the next regular lodge meeting.

To this rule there is no exception.  
A candidate for initiation must be *viva voce* proposed at one regular lodge meeting, or at an emergency meeting, if the intention to propose him has been announced in the circular convening the emergency meeting, and balloted for at the next regular lodge meeting, or at an emergency meeting, if the intention to ballot for him has with all necessary particulars, been expressed in the circular convening such regular or emergency meeting.

To this rule there is the exception that under circumstances of emergency, of the stringency of which the W.M. is the sole judge, and certain well-known conditions being complied with, the nomination may be by writing out of lodge, instead of *viva voce* in open lodge, and initiation, on a successful ballot, may take place at the next regular or emergency meeting of the lodge.

Yours fraternally,

S.P., P.M., &c., &c.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the supporters of this Institution was held last Saturday in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G. Deacon, presided over the meeting, which was composed of, among others, Bros. H. Hacker, C. F. Matier, Raynham W. Stewart, Pierce Egan, F. B. Davage, F. Adlard, R. Kenyon, Griffiths Smith, A. H. Fotherhall, H. A. Dubois, C. A. Cotterburne, Hyde Pullen, Capt. Phillips, H. Moore, L. Ruf, G. Bolton, J. Roper, J. F. Peacock, G. M. E. Snow, S. G. Foxall, D. Bear, E. Harris, H. M. Smith, Dr. Hogg, R. W. Wheeler, W. Roebuck, T. Meggy, H. Massey, ("Freemason"), W. Hedges, and R. W. Little, Secretary.

After the reading of the minutes of the meetings of the committees, the particulars of which have appeared in the "Freemason,"

Bro. G. M. E. Snow rose to move "That commission be allowed to the collector upon such sums only as he collects and gives receipts for, and not upon donations or subscriptions paid to the Secretary." He said that at a late Quarterly Court, having a large cheque to hand in to the Institution, he asked the Chairman of the meeting whether if he paid it there and then to the Secretary the collector would receive his commission on it, and he was told that he would. This appeared to him a great abuse, as well as an incentive to laziness, for instead of going out to collect subscriptions he might sit at home. Every man was worthy of his hire; but he should be paid for what he did, and not for what he did not. Other institutions of a similar character to the Masonic Girls' School had no such thing connected with them. In the Merchant Seamen's Orphan Asylum, which only admitted children of merchant seamen, there was no commission paid to the Secretary except on subscriptions which he was solely instrumental in obtaining, and then it was only a small per centage, till it reached the sum of five shillings, and however large the subscription might be, the commission never exceeded the total sum of five shillings. At the Masonic Boys' School no commission was allowed to the collector if the subscription was paid at the office. Why, after a Steward had taken the trouble to go round to his friends and obtain donations for the Institution, which he paid in at the Secretary's office, should commission be paid to the collector when he did not even know who sent the money? It was wrong in principle, and he therefore brought forward his motion. If any brother suggested that a committee be appointed to enquire into the subject of the collector's duties and remuneration, he would be pleased to support that if it was brought forward as a motion, and withdraw his own.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart said he should be happy to second the motion of Bro. Snow, but he might say that as Bro. Muggerridge, the collector, had resigned, as they had just heard from the minutes, he thought a committee should

be appointed to consider the question of the collector's duties and pay, and whether it was necessary to have a collector at all. If Bro. Snow withdrew his original motion he, Bro. Stewart, would move in accordance with this view.

Bro. Thomas W. White referred to the printed rules of the Institution, which provided that on the occurrence of a vacancy the General Committee might cause enquiries to be made into the office.

The Chairman said he was unable to come to a conclusion that day on the subject, and he would suggest that there should be a general enquiry first.

Bro. Snow would say that when he gave notice of his motion he did not know that Bro. Muggerridge was going to resign. He should be happy to withdraw his motion.

Bro. Snow's motion was then withdrawn.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart moved "That considering the satisfactory condition of the funds of this school, ten of the unsuccessful candidates at the last election highest on the poll be admitted without further election at the same time as those already elected, and that arrangements be made for their reception in the infirmary until the alterations now in progress at the school be completed." In bringing the motion forward, he said he felt that the managers of the institution were bound to perform an act of justice to the subscribers, and spend the money subscribed towards supporting more of the children of Freemasons in the Girls' School than they did at present. It was not their duty to accumulate the subscriptions. The Girls' School had now £39,000 invested. It was not doing their duty to allow this sum to realise three per cent.; it ought to be spent on the children. It had been said that £10,000 was about to be spent in alterations and enlargements at the school, and that this would reduce the invested sum to £29,000. But let them at once take in more girls, and not wait for the completion of the alterations. He was only going to ask them to take in ten more girls. There were now 152 girls in the school. He wanted them to make it 162; and he was quite certain that by so doing they would be conferring a benefit on the Craft, the institution, the widows who were left with the children, and on the children themselves by fitting them for the performance of the duties of life. The thing so commended itself to the reason and feelings of the brethren, and to their favourable consideration, that he would not waste time by saying more upon the subject.

Bro. Robert Kenyon seconded the motion. He thought it recommended itself to the good heart of every Governor of this institution, and he was quite sure it recommended itself to their intelligence.

Bro. Thomas W. White, a member of the House Committee, and its chairman for the month, thought it was a great pity that Bro. Stewart had not given the House Committee some inkling of his intention to bring this motion forward, that they might have been able to discuss it at their last meeting. They were now building at considerable expense large additional buildings. The contract was signed, and the building was to be completed by the 1st of May. There was the usual strike clause in the contract, so that if a strike occurred the work might be delayed a few months longer. There would be a junction with one of the dormitories which held 19 children, and when the wall of that dormitory was broken through the 19 children would be removed into the infirmary. Already there were five children there, and this would increase the number to 24. It would hold 49, half in the infectious and half in the non-infectious ward. The two were cut off from each other; and as it would not be desirable to place the children in the infectious ward, 24 would fill the non-infectious. He did not therefore see how they could make room for another ten, and he hoped the brethren would pause before passing this resolution.

Bro. Pierce Egan could not see that this was a question for the House Committee at all, but for the Governors. There were great appliances at the institution which ought to be utilised. He had been a Mason thirty years, and had watched with great interest the progress of the schools. The Boys' School owing to the great enterprise of Bro. Binckes, and thanks to the brethren who supported him, they were able to increase the number of boys in the school to 181, and every year the subscriptions which came in were something startling. He remembered the time when it was considered a most gratifying result of a festival if they give £3500. The Boys' School festival of this year had just produced £12,500; and the three institutions altogether had received £32,000 this year. With such a fact before them he thought the brethren need have no fear of the future, which would probably give them the power to have 200 children in the school. These were only small difficulties about not having room. There was always a way across a stream, even if there was not a bridge; but this difficulty about not having room was only a puddle which might be stepped over. His feelings were very strong against a large sum such as the Girls' School had, being shut up.

Bro. Meggy hoped that the admission of the proposed ten girls would not lessen the number of those who were to be elected in October.

The Chairman: No!

Bro. C. F. Matier thought the admission of the extra number of girls would be satisfactory to the brethren throughout the country.

The Chairman said that he found instead of the Institution having £39,000, it had £42,000. The resolution need not be negatived on the ground of want of funds. The only question was the accommodation in the infirmary. He gathered that there was room for forty-nine girls there. He thought that the ten might be accommodated somehow, a partition being put between the infectious wards and the non-infectious. There was one thing he regretted. He thought it a pity that Bro. Stewart did not first go to the House Committee before bringing on his motion, and lay the matter before them. However, this was no reason

for negating the resolution, the discussion on which appeared to have been all one way.

The motion was put, and carried with but few dissentients.

The Chairman hoped the House Committee would not take any offence at Bro. Stewart's action in coming to the Quarterly Court without consulting them. He (the Chairman) did not know the names of the House Committee; but he knew the high character of the Masons who usually served on that committee, and he was quite sure that they would set themselves to work to carry out the resolution.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart asked that the Secretary might be instructed to write to the friends of the ten children to be admitted and inform them of the fact.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall, on Monday at noon. Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D., presided. Bro. John Symonds, F. Adlard, H. Massey ("Freemason"), R. B. Webster, S. Rosenthal, E. Taylor, Richard Spencer, and F. Binckes (Secretary) also attended. Beyond the reading and confirmation of the minutes of last Quarterly Court and the subsequent meetings of the various committees there was nothing else to do. Bro. Binckes announced that although the subscriptions at the late festival were about £12,500 he expected to receive further amounts on behalf of the institution before the close of the year. Fifty-eight candidates were announced for the next election, and vacancies for eleven candidates were declared.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was unanimously accorded, and Bro. Clabon in acknowledging it said that there was nothing but pleasure in presiding over a meeting of Freemasons.

#### Obituary.

BRO. A. J. CODNER.

Our obituary column recently contained the announcement of the death of Bro. A. J. Codner, of Bulstrode-street, Cavendish-square. He was an enthusiastic Mason, possessed a fund of shrewd native intelligence, and if a little demonstrative in his tone and manner at times, was large-hearted and kind. His Masonic charitable impulses were only limited by the length of his purse. He did not, however, confine his gifts to the Craft, as many who have partaken of his generosity could well testify. He died at the comparatively early age of 46, but lived long enough to make his name worthy of remembrance for the good he intended and the good he wrought. He was one of the chief promoters of the Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305, held at the Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood, and with Bro. S. Foxall (now a Grand Officer) and others helped to make it one of the most flourishing lodges in the west of London.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 21, 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, JULY 15.

- Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.  
 " 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Lion-square, Hampton.  
 " 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
 Chap. 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton-ct.  
 " 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, JULY 17.

- Lodge 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.  
 LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.  
 Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
 Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
 Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden To.  
 Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
 Sydney, White Hart Ho., Church-rd., Upper Norwood.

TUESDAY, JULY 18.

- Board of General Purposes, at 3.  
 Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.  
 " 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.  
 " 857, St. Mark's, Half Moon Tav., Herne Hill.  
 Chap. 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
 Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
 Prosperity, 1, Camomile-st., Bishopsgate.

St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
 Constitutional, Wheatshaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.  
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19.

- Gen. Com. Grand Chap., at 3.  
 Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.  
 " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.  
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.  
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.  
 Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.  
 Grand Mark Lodge Festival (See Advt.).

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
 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.  
 Islington, Crown and Cushion, Lion Wall.  
 Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.

THURSDAY, JULY 20.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton.  
 " 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Approach-rd.  
 " 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hot., Blackheath.  
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.  
 Mark Lodge, 7, Camarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton-ct.

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., Milbank.  
 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., Albany-rd., Dalston.  
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.

FRIDAY, JULY 21.

- House Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
 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, White Hart, King's-rd., 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 July, 22, 1876.

MONDAY, JULY 17.

- Lodge 721, Independence, M.R., Eastgate-row, Chester.  
 " 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.  
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JULY 18.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Brw.-in-Furness.  
 " 1276, Warren, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
 " 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1570, Prince Arthur, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot.  
 Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19.

- Lodge 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Kirkdale.  
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
 Chap. 580, Unity, Wheatshaf, Ormskirk.  
 De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, North Hill-st., Liverpool.  
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JULY 20.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 343, Concord, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.  
 " 425, Cestrian, M.R., Eastgate-row, Chester.  
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., West Derby.  
 Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Liverpool Red Cross Conclave, M.H., Liverpool.  
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JULY 21.

- Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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

For the Week ending Saturday, July 22, 1876.  
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, JULY 17.

- Lodge 581, Plantation, Craigiehall-st., Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19.

- Lodge 117, St. Mary, Douglas-st., Partick.  
 " 571, Dramatic, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow, 3 p.m.  
 Chap. 150, Shettleston, M.H., Shettleston.

THURSDAY, JULY 20.

- Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

FRIDAY, JULY 21.

- Lodge 31, St. Mary's Coltness, Com. Hot., Wishaw.  
 " 321, St. Andrew, R.A., Public Hall, Alexandria.  
 " 471, St. John, Stane Inn, Shotts.  
 " 496, St. Munn, Ardnadam, Kilmun.

SATURDAY, JULY 22.

- Lodge 573, Livingston St. Andrew, McNaughton's Hall.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 22, 1876.

MONDAY, JULY 17.

- Lodge 44, St. Luke, F.M.H. George-st.

TUESDAY, JULY 18.

- Lodge 36, St. David, Ship Hot., East Register-st.

- " 405, Rifle, F.M.H., 98, George-st.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19.

- Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hot., Nicholson-st.

THURSDAY, JULY 20.

- Lodge 48, St. Andrew, F.M.H., 98, George-st.

- " 226, Portobello, Town Hall, Portobello.

FRIDAY, JULY 21.

- Chap. 33, St. Andrew, F.M.H., 98, George-st.

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