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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—**The summer festival of this lodge was held at the Pier Hotel, Rosherville, on Thursday, the 6th inst., and was numerously attended by the members of the lodge and their friends. At the banquet the chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. John Pringle, and the two vice-chairs by Bros. Capt. G. J. Kain, P.M. and Treas., and William Worrell, P.M. and Secretary. The dinner was excellently served under the superintendence of the Bros. Roberts, the worthy proprietors of the hotel. Grace having been said, the first two toasts, viz., "The Queen" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were proposed by the W.M., and were most cordially and loyally received. The next toast was proposed by Bro. W. Worrell, P.M. and Sec., viz., "Success to the William Preston Lodge," coupling with it the name of the W.M. Bro. Worrell, in the course of his speech, gave an outline of the history and events of the lodge, and with great emphasis congratulated the members upon its present prosperity. The next toast being that of "The Visitors," was most ably proposed by Bro. Capt. Kain, P.M., and was eloquently responded to by a most worthy brother (whose name escaped us) on behalf of the Freemasons, and a gentleman, a member of the Irish Bar, with great vigour and amid much cheering, returned thanks for "The non-Freemasons." The last and most popular toast was that of "The Ladies," which was proposed by Bro. J. R. Williams, and responded to by Bro. Robert Lyon, and amongst all the members of the lodge no two more respected brethren could have been found to have championed so worthy a toast. Dessert having ended, the brethren and ladies then adjourned to the ball-room, where the dancing was kept up with great vigour, and was interspersed with some excellent music. Amongst the ladies present was Miss Marie Duval, of the Royal Academy of Music, whose charming singing was greeted with immense applause. Miss Williams, Mrs. Reissmann, Mr. Conder, Mr. Reynolds, and other friends largely contributed to the musical arrangements. Ten o'clock having arrived, was the signal to prepare for the last train, and thus ended one of the most enjoyable days ever spent in connection with the William Preston Lodge. Besides the brethren already mentioned there were present Bros. Dr. Cutmore, Dr. Atwood, P. C. Steinmann, H. Reissmann, B. Abbott, P.M.; R. Sutcliffe, A. Le Grand, R. Leaman, W. Johnston, G. Smithers, A. Ransby, H. F. Partridge, and others.

**OLDHAM.—Friendship Lodge (No. 277).—**The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. H. Thomas. Two candidates for initiation into the mysteries of our Order were balloted for and approved. The ceremony of initiating Mr. Wm. Lees, of Hollinwood, was ably performed by P.M. Bro. H. L. Hollingworth, and that of initiating Mr. John Buckley, of Oldham, by the W.M. The last named ceremony was performed with musical accompaniment, Bro. Dr. Sparkes' beautiful music being used. The vocalists were Bros. Dumville and Lister, of Manchester. Mark Stafford, Hyde; and several members of the lodge, viz.: Bros. Clifton, Page, Midgeley, Braddeck, Bailey, and others, the result being highly satisfactory. The lodge voted an annual subscription of £10 towards the funds of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Dr. Prestwich for his handsome present of music to the lodge. After the supper which followed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with several beautiful glees, which were rendered by the musical brethren named above in a most effective manner.

**LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—**The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster. The W.M., Bro. T. Atkinson, occupied the chair of K.S. The lodge was opened with solemn prayer in the First Degree, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. There was only routine business to transact, and this having been gone through, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

**STOCKPORT.—Lodge of Unanimity (No. 287).—**This lodge held its St. John's festival at the Dog and Partridge Inn, Stockport, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when Bro. William Shepherd was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. John Clarke Cheetham, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire, in the most beautiful and impressive manner and

the same brother afterwards invested the following officers—viz., Bros. John Turner, S.W.; Thomas Newton, J.W.; Charles Booth, S.D.; John Leigh, J.D.; H. F. Smith, Sec.; James Hulme, I.G.; Chas. J. Rix, jun., Organist; Blakehurst and James Hitchin, Steward. Several provincial officers, members of this lodge, were present—viz., Bros. George Turner, P.P.G.P.; Charles Marsland, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; William Greatorex, P.M., P.P.G.P. Cheshire; and the Installing Master also had the kind support of Bro. Beresford, P.M., P.P.G. J.D. Cheshire. Amongst the other visiting brethren present we noticed Bros. John Bledon, P.M. Affability Lodge, No. 317; John Stock, P.M. Lodge of Concord, No. 323; Josiah Hill, W.M. 323; W. Pritchard, J.W. 323; J. Williamson, Lodge of Peace, 322; and E. Lord, S.W. Egerton Lodge, No. 1030. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, admirably served by Bro. Ross, the host, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to.

**SOUTH MOLTON.—Loyal Lodge of Industry (No. 421).—**A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. F. Day, W.M.; Huxtable, S.W.; Hitchcock, J.W.; J. Kingdon, S.D.; Paige, J.D.; A. Kingdon, Treas.; Mountjoy, Sec.; J. T. Shapland, J. Galliford, Wm. Oram, Wm. Cole, Wm. Manning, E. Furse, and Thos. Saunders, P.M.'s; together with a large number of other members of the lodge. Mr. H. Mountjoy was initiated, and Bro. Chant passed. It was announced by the W.M. that a Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at South Molton in the month of August next, the last held in this town being now some forty years since.

**SIDCUP.—Sidney Lodge (No. 829).—**The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Black Horse, when Bro. P.M. T. Smith, P.P.G.P., installed Bro. T. Hastings, W.M., whose first duty was to present his I.P.M., Bro. G. B. Gates, with a handsome gold jewel, which was feelingly acknowledged by the retiring officer. At the banquet the I.P.M. presented a silver goblet, emblazoned with Masonic emblems, and the names of the subscribers engraved thereon, to their esteemed late Treasurer, Bro. G. M. E. Snow, P.P.G. S.W., on his retirement from office, which was duly filled and received in appropriate terms. The officers appointed for the ensuing year are Bros. Hetheridge, S.W.; P. Gore, J.W.; W. T. Birts, Treas.; J. Henderson, Sec.; Dr. Spurrell, S.D.; W. Moulder, J.D.; J. Pudney, I.G.; J. T. Ward, D.C.; T. Smith, W.S.; S. Potts, Tyler.

**PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—**The installation meeting of this, one of the largest and most influential of the lodges in the Province of Kent, took place on Thursday, 6th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Bro. A. Penfold performing the ceremony, and inducting his successor, Bro. W. T. Vincent, into the chair. Bro. J. Franklin was passed to the Second Degree, and then the I.P.M., Bro. J. McDougall, presented Bro. Vincent to the Installing Officer, the Board of Past Masters numbering some two-and-twenty. Bro. Vincent invested his officers as follows:—H. Butter, S.W.; T. W. Hayes, J.W.; E. Denton, P.M., Sec.; A. Jessup, Treas.; W. B. Lloyd, S.D.; J. Chapman, J.D.; R. J. Cook, I.G.; H. Mason, D.C.; J. Randal, W.S.; B. Lester, Tyler; and C. Cooke, Organist. A vote of thanks and a splendid Past Master's jewel were then presented to Bro. Penfold, and never has that decoration been more nobly and worthily won than by our good brother, who returned thanks eloquently and well for the enthusiasm and spontaneity with which the crowded lodge hailed him as the new W.M. attached the jewel to his breast. The brethren then had a beautiful ride through some of the most picturesque parts of Kent to Dartford, where at Bro. Bray's a superb banquet awaited them. The following were among the visitors present:—Bros. the Rev. W. A. Hill, P.G. Chaplain of Kent; W. Mann, P.M. 187; J. Ives, W.M. 1472; S. Goddard, P.M. 700; F. G. Pownall, W.M. 1536, and W.M. elect 13; G. Davies, P.M. 13; W. Graham, P.M. 700; C. Andrews, P.M. 77, 299, 615, &c.; F. J. Dawson, P.M. 700; G. D. Crawford, 700; Sydney Clark, P.M. 706; J. Rowland, P.M. 700; J. W. Tapp, W.M. 706; J. J. Dawson, W.M. 299; W. Weston, W.M. elect 1536; W. Gamble, S.W. 706; S. Waters, S.W. 700; — Wills, S.W. 299; F. G. Sales, J.W. 706; McCaffery, D.C. 1536 and 700; J. Donnelly, J.D. 706 and 1536; H. Shaw, J.D. 1536; G. Mitchell, 700; E. D. Williams, 1056; A. J. Mitchell, 700; A. Ruddoch, 1201; W. A. Watkins, 1536; C. S. Boardman, 299; T. Hastings, W.M. elect 829; S. W. Gibson, 341; H. Ough, 1150; C. Cooke, Org. 700 and 913; J. Fletcher, 615; A. Woodley, J.W. 700; J. Dovey, 861; E. W. Robins, 77 and 483; G. Spinks, S.W. 1536; G. Causton, 829; F. J. Tame, 700; J. Reilly, 13; G. Churchly, 615; J. Boydon, 615, and others. The following P.M.'s of the lodge were present:—Bros. Knight, P.P.D.C. Kent; C. Coupland, Prov.G. J. Warden Kent; W. Tongue, P.P.J.W. Kent; T. Smith, P.P.G.P. Kent; E. Denton, P.P.G.J.D. Kent; C. Ellis, Henderson, McDougall, S. Paine, and others. The first toast was that of "The Queen and the Craft," followed by that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England;" "The Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers;" "Lord Holmesdale, the P.G.M. for Kent; Bro. Eastes, D.G.M., and the rest of the Past Grand Officers," the last being coupled with the name of our esteemed Bro. Hill, P.G. Chaplain, whose name, the W.M. said, would always be affectionately remembered among them for his kindness in connection with their deceased Bro. Graydon's monument. Bro. Hill replied. Bro. Penfold proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said he had great pleasure in proposing the toast, for Bro. Vincent has shown himself worthy to fill the position, and it was one that

required filling in every sense to carry out the wishes of the members of the lodge. Well, Bro. Vincent had that day shown them that he could tread out of the beaten path if necessary, and the splendid ride and banquet given by him showed that he had not only the interest of the lodge at heart, but nerve and ability to carry out its success to a successful issue. He felt certain their W.M. would worthily sustain the reputation of the lodge, and do all in his power for its interest and well being. He therefore called upon them to drink his health heartily. Bro. Vincent, in reply, said he felt that he had a great task set before him for the next twelve months in following so perfect a Master, but he trusted that by imitating the example before him, and by a careful study to discharge his trust for the good of the lodge and the Craft in general, to gain at the end of his year their genuine satisfaction. "The Past Masters of and belonging to the Lodge" were duly honoured, and Bro. Ellis replied. In reply to the toast of "The Visitors," Bros. Pownall, Sales, and others expressed their thanks for the great treat afforded them both in the lodge and at the banquet, and cordially wished every prosperity both to the lodge and its Master. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was responded to by Bros. Butler and Hayes.

**REDCAR.—Marwood Lodge (No. 1244).—**The annual festival of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when there was a good attendance of the brethren of that and other lodges in the neighbourhood. The lodge was opened in due form shortly after three p.m., when the Installing Master, Bro. Marwood, of Bushby Hall, Northallerton, after whom the lodge has been named having taken the chair, in the most solemn and impressive manner installed Bro. James Wade Bennett as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The new officers were then appointed: viz., Bros. R. B. Atkinson, S.W.; J. L. Potts, J.W.; J. Hogg, Sec.; J. Dyson, S.D.; W. Anderson, J.D.; J. Dobbs, I.G. The other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Coatham Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided. The chair was occupied by the new W.M., Bro. J. W. Bennett; the vice-chair being filled by Bro. R. B. Atkinson, and Bro. J. G. Thompson acting as Director of Ceremonies. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Marwood, who commented upon the unprecedented fact that within four years he had installed both father and son in that lodge. The next toast was that of "The Late Master, Bro. Waller," which was proposed by Dr. Bennett; and the W.M. then presented to Bro. Waller, I.P.M., in the name of the officers of the lodge, a costly and beautiful jewel in gold, bearing the inscription:—"Marwood Lodge, No. 1244. Presented by the officers to Bro. Waller, I.P.M., 4th July, 1876." The jewel is in the form of a square, with the usual pendant suspended by a sky blue ribbon with three gold clasps, the whole being most richly chased and elaborately finished. The toast and presentation having been suitably responded to, other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was passed, enlivened by the musical brethren present, and the brethren separated hoping to meet again at the Provincial Lodge which is to be held at Redcar on the 2nd August, under the presidency of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M.

**LIVERPOOL.—De Grey and Ripon Lodge (No. 1356).—**After one of the most prosperous years of its existence, the brethren of this lodge celebrated their annual summer festival on Wednesday and Thursday, the 12th and 13th inst. The lodge was called for half-past four o'clock on Wednesday afternoon at 80, North Hill-street, for the special purpose of installing a successor to Bro. J. Bell in the chair of K.S., than whom no more efficient and hard-working Master has ever occupied that proud position. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Bell, W.M., shortly after the stated time. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been duly read and confirmed, one candidate was initiated by Bro. Bell, W.M. At the close of this ceremony Bro. Bell right worthily brought his year's labours in the chair to a close by installing Bro. T. Horne as his successor in the chair of W.M. The W.M. then invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. Bell, I.P.M.; T. Nickson, S.W.; J. W. Williams, J.W.; J. Ireland, Treas. (re-elected); A. Woolrich, Sec.; Jos. Jones, S.D.; C. Arden, J.D.; J. Keet, I.G.; E. George, S.S.; W. Evans, J.S.; J. H. Hunter, Org.; and P.M. Larsen, Tyler. It was unanimously agreed to vote the sum of five guineas from the funds of the lodge so as to constitute Bro. B. B. Marson, P.M., a Life Governor of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, in recognition of the many valuable services he had rendered to the lodge. The brethren sat down to an excellent supper under the presidency of the W.M., who proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Bell, I.P.M., gave "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Horne, W.M., responded. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of Bro. Bell, I.P.M.," upon whom he passed a high eulogium for the manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair during the year and the ceremony of installation that afternoon. Bro. Bell replied in suitable terms, adding that it had been a source of great satisfaction to be able to instal his successor. He looked upon this as part of his duty, and he felt amply repaid by the approbation of the brethren. On the following (Thursday) morning about 200 brethren and ladies left the Central Station, Liverpool, at a quarter past 9 o'clock, for the purpose of proceeding to Hassop en route to Chatsworth House, the seat of the Duke of Devonshire. After a pleasant railway journey through some of the most magnificent scenery of Derbyshire, the large party arrived at Hassop, where a number of waggons, drawn by 36 splendid grey horses, supplied by Mr. Thompson, of Sheffield, took the picnics on to Baslow, where they partook of a sumptuous banquet. After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and re-

sponded to with great enthusiasm. A pleasant part of the proceedings was the proposition of "The Health of Bro. Joseph Bell, I.P.M.," and the W.M., in giving the toast, took occasion to present him with an exceedingly handsome Past Master's jewel. The company then proceeded to Chatsworth House, and afterwards returned to Baslow, where a substantial tea was provided. The wagonettes and "greys" were again brought into requisition, and conveyed the company through Edinsor, across the new park, and through Beeley to Rowsley Station, whence the special train had proceeded. After one of the jolliest "outs" ever held in connection with the lodge, the party left at 8 p.m., and arrived at Liverpool shortly after ten o'clock.

**HAMPTON COURT.**—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—An emergency meeting of this well-established lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, July 8th. Bro. J. Baxter Langley, W.M., opened the lodge. He, in an impressive manner, initiated Lieut. Walter Cole, the celebrated ventriloquist. By the kindness of the W.M., the veteran Secretary, Bro. F. Walters, F.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. 73, &c., was allowed to pass his friend, Bro. J. B. Riley. The J.W., Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M. 73, and W.M. 1540, having expressed his wish to do the raisings, the W.M., with his usual courtesy, allowed him to do so. Bros. E. L. Henman, G.S. Wingate, and Dr. J. W. Gillespie (late of the 42nd Highlanders), were raised by Bro. T. J. Sabine, after which the W.M. resumed the chair. All business being ended, the lodge was closed. It was arranged to hold an emergency meeting on Wednesday, 19th inst., to suit the convenience of some gentlemen already balloted for, who wished to be initiated. There were present besides those named Bros. Col. F. Burdett, R.W.P.G.M. Middlesex, P.M.; J. W. Bal'win, P.M.; S. Wolff, J.D.; J. Moon, Rumbelow, J. Faulkner, and several others. Visitor: Bro. Ockenden, D.C. 1512. Refreshment followed labour.

**SANDGATE.**—Sandgate Lodge (No. 1436).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Sandgate, on the 10th inst., for the purpose of initiating Mr. J. J. B. Caudell into the mysteries of the Craft, and for installing the W.M. elect, Bro. R. H. Pledge, J.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. Present: Bros. Fynmore, W.M.; Gosby, I.P.M.; Pledge, J.W.; A. Keeler, S.D.; Dickson, I.G.; Butcher, Field, Tyler: Bull, Hamilton, Simmonds, and A. Keeler. Visitors: Bros. H. Stock, P.M. 558; Kent, P.M. 558, P.G.O. Kent; Klefberg, 1604. The lodge was opened in due form at three o'clock, and after Mr. Caudell had been initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the W.M. elect, Bro. R. H. Pledge, was presented for the benefit of installation at the hands of I.P.M. Gosby, Bro. P.M. Stock acting as S.W., and Bro. P.M. Kennett, as J.W. After the usual obligations had been made, all below the rank of Installed Masters retired, when Bro. Pledge was inducted in the chair of King Solomon in the usual manner. The Master Masons were then admitted, when Bro. R. H. Pledge was for the first time in the East declared W.M. of Lodge 1436 for the ensuing year, and saluted in accordance with ancient custom. The lodge was then resumed to the Second and First Degree, and the F.C.'s and E.A.'s were respectively admitted, when the W.M. was for the second and third time declared and saluted. The following brethren were then invested as officers: Bros. F. H. Field, S.W.; A. Keeler, J.W.; Gosby, P.M., Sec.; Jenner, P.M., Treas.; Dickson, S.D.; Simmonds, J.D.; Hamilton, I.G.; Butcher, Tyler. After the customary addresses had been given, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer about 5.30 p.m. The brethren then adjourned to the Royal Kent Hotel (Bro. A. Keeler's) where a very recherche banquet awaited them. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then given and dilated on at some length, after which a vote of thanks was returned to Bro. P. M. Gosby for the able manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Master. "The Health of the W.M., I.P.M., Officers, Visitors, and Host" having been given and severally responded to, the Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close about ten p.m.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—Lodge of Israel (No. 1474).—This lodge held its usual monthly meeting on the 10th inst. The W.M., Bro. S. Lyon, was supported by Bros. M. Davis, I.P.M.; J. Pursall, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Silverstone, S.W.; B. Lazarus, J.W.; J. Myers, W.M. of the Lodge of Emulation, Treas.; D. Lavenstein, Sec.; W. Harris, S.D.; Paul Roberts, J.D.; H. Wood, I.G. The Secretary having read the minutes of the last meeting, they were confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. H. Myers, Hurwitz and Mendlesohn, and was found satisfactory. Bro. D. Abrahams was raised by the W.M. Bro. Powell, Cohen, and Gumpleson were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Messrs. H. Myers, H. Hurwitz, and Mr. J. Mendlesohn were initiated. This lodge, although only two years and four months established, has over sixty-six members, and possesses a benevolent fund. Three guineas were voted to assist a poor American Mason. The W.M. read a letter he had received from the P.G.M., Lord Leigh, thanking him and the brethren for their liberal support at the Festival of the Boys' School, over which he had the pleasure of presiding. The brethren retired to their banqueting room, the W.M. presided, and gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and song, excellent music and singing brought the evening to a very successful issue.

**EPWORTH.**—Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482) held their installation meeting on the 6th inst. Bro. G. J. Bell was the W.M. elect. The ceremony of installation was very ably performed by Bro. F. D. Walker, of St. George's Lodge, 242, Doncaster. At the close of this ceremony Bro. Bell appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Alfred Parkin (who was the founder of the lodge, and has filled the chair for two years by the unanimous wish of the brethren), I.P.M.;

John Campbell, S.W. and Treas.; Alfred Taylor, J.W. and Sec.; Jas. Benson, S.D.; H. Campbell, J.D.; M. Belton, I.G.; and Geo. Naylor, Tyler. The banquet was afterwards held at the Red Lion Hotel, and was of the most recherche character. The newly-installed W.M. ably presided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a most harmonious and pleasant evening was spent.

**TEDDINGTON.**—The Felix Lodge (No. 1494).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Saturday, 15th inst., at the Clarence Hotel, Bro. F. B. Archer, W.M. in the chair; F. Summer Knyvett, Grand Steward, I.P.M.; Edward B. Grabham, P.M., Prov. Grand Steward Middlesex, Sec.; R. Berridge, P.M., Grand Steward, S.W.; W. G. Moore, P.M., J.W.; T. G. Archer, S.D.; E. A. Woolley, J.D.; Belward, I.G. pro tem. Visitors: the R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, Lieut.-Col. Francis Burdett, P.S.G.W.; the Hon. W. Warren Vernon, Grand Junior Warden; H. Thorn, P.M. 165; and others. The work before the lodge was the balloting for Mr. H. E. Taylor, who was afterwards initiated into the Order, the passing of Bros. Sealy, Weston, and Cooper, and raising of Bros. Hanson and Williams, the whole of the work being done in a very perfect and impressive manner. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, presided over by the W.M. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal toasts were given and responded to. Bro. the Hon. W. Warren Vernon, Grand Junior Warden, replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and in the course of his remarks congratulated the lodge upon having a brother to preside over them who was in every way worthy of their highest esteem, a brother whom he had known and respected for some years, and who had entered on his year of office with such brilliant prospects of success. "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex" was then given, and responded to by the brethren in a very hearty manner. Bro. Col. Burdett, in replying to the toast, spoke of the excellent working he had witnessed, and gave the brethren some exceedingly practical suggestions as to the future comfort and well-being of the lodge. Bro. Grabham, Prov. Grand Steward Middlesex, responded to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers," and took the opportunity of acknowledging the favourable recognition which the labours of Bro. Knyvett, I.P.M., and himself had received at the hands of the Provincial Grand Master. "The Health of the W.M." was then proposed by Bro. Knyvett in eulogistic terms, and received by the brethren with much enthusiasm. Bro. Archer, in responding, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to preside over a lodge which had already taken so high a position in the province. During his year of office he would do all in his power to make the Felix Lodge worthy of the position to which it had attained, and looked for the support of the brethren; he willingly gave them his best services. "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Taylor," was then given and responded to. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," to which Bro. Knyvett replied. Bro. Berridge, P.M. Grand Steward, S.W., responded for "The Officers," who were complimented by the W.M. for their thoroughly good working. The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close, and after the enjoyment of a pleasant evening, rendered more so by the excellent singing of Bros. Sealy and Hunter, the brethren returned to town.

**BARNSELY.**—Lodge Friendly (No. 1513).—The brethren of this young and thriving lodge were engaged in a somewhat pleasing and peculiar duty on Thursday, the 6th inst., being called upon to assist their highly honoured Past Master, Bro. Richard Carter, P.M. Nos. 61 and 1513, P.P.G.W. of W. Yorks (Mayor of Barnsley), in laying the corner-stone of St. Paul's Church, Monk Bretton, near Barnsley, agreeably with a faculty granted for that purpose by the W.P.G.M. to the W.M. and brethren of the above lodge. The date fixed upon for the ceremony was that on which the regular lodge meeting should be held, the time for opening lodge having been altered to 1 p.m., when a goodly number of brethren were in attendance. The lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the brethren were conveyed in open carriages to the residence of Bro. Jackson, at Monk Bretton, and were received by him with the most fraternal and generous hospitality. Here they were marshalled by Bro. Bustard, D.C., and proceeded to the site in the usual order. When the head of the procession had arrived at the entrance of the ground the brethren divided to the right and left. W. Bro. Carter, followed by the W.M. of Lodge Friendly, Bro. Wm. Smith, the officers, and brethren in reverse order, took their respective positions on the ground. Bro. Carter having taken his seat, the vessels of corn, wine, and oil were deposited on a pedestal placed for their reception. The Rev. A. Lambert, Vicar of Monk Bretton, requested Bro. Carter to lay the stone, and presented to him on behalf of the building committee a trowel for that purpose. The inscription upon the trowel, read by Bro. Shepherd, Sec., was as follows:—"July 6th, 1876. Presented to the Worshipful Richard Carter, Esq., Mayor of Barnsley, P.P.G.W. of West Yorks, and P.M. Nos. 61 and 1513, on his laying the corner-stone of Saint Paul's Church, Monk Bretton." Bro. Bustard, D.C., here raised the upper stone and adjusted the lower one, during which the 100th Psalm was sung. Bro. the Rev. H. J. Day, Chaplain, then read a short lesson, from the V. of S.L., Gen. 28, v. 16 to 22, after which he said: "Brethren,—Let us invoke the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. on the work we have thus begun in His name. O Lord God, whom the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain, and who yet vouchsafest to have a house here upon earth, wherein Thy name may be constantly invoked; look down, we beseech Thee, with benign countenance on us Thy humble servants; vouchsafest to bless, make sure and establish this stone now to be placed in Thy name. Be Thou, O Lord, the beginning, the in-

crease, and the ending of the work which we have thus undertaken to Thy praise and honour; through Him who is the chief corner stone, and the true foundation, and who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. So mote it be." Bro. Watson then placed in a cavity in the stone a bottle containing the inscription removed from the old church, specimens of the current coin of the realm, and a document with the following inscription:—"St. Paul's Church, Monk Bretton. The corner stone of this church was re-laid on the 6th of July, 1876, with full Masonic ceremonial, by Richard Carter, Esq., P.P.G.W., and P.M., Mayor of Barnsley; Alfred Lambert, M.A., Vicar, in his 71st year and 34th of incumbency. Building committee: Alfred Lambert, Vicar; Thomas Marsden and George Henry Jackson, Churchwardens. William Dodgson, Arthur R. Kell, and Benjamin Smith. Architect: Luigi Solaini, Liverpool. Builders: Messrs. Chadwick and Co., Rotherham. The late fabric was so damaged by a storm of wind in December, 1873, as to render it necessary to re-build the whole, from its foundations. The corner-stone itself bore the inscription:—"St. Paul's Church. This memorial stone was laid July 6th, 1876, with Masonic honours, by Richard Carter, P.P.G.W., and P.M., Mayor of Barnsley. Building committee: Alfred Lambert, Vicar; T. Marsden, W. Dodgson, G. H. Jackson, A. R. Kell, B. Smith. Luigi and Hari Solaini, architects." Bro. Carter then advanced to the front of the raised platform and said: W.M., P.M.'s, and brethren of the Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Lambert and your clerical friends, ladies and gentlemen, my neighbours in this place and district,—We are assembled to-day to engage in a ceremony which I am sure you all feel to be one of considerable importance. It is usual in connection with an enterprise of any magnitude in all classes of society to recognise in some formal manner the commencement of that enterprise. But there is something which makes it more especially becoming and appropriate in the occasion which has brought us together to-day. We are here to lay a corner stone, and so far to inaugurate a work which is for all time to redound to the honour and glory of the M.H. the A. and S.R. of the U. I accepted the duty with my brethren of engaging in this ceremony, at the request of our dear friend the venerable vicar of this parish, and we feel that in such acceptance the duty is more appropriately performed than if it had become the work of any other body. I shall not for many reasons detain you by attempting to prove the assertion which I have just made—it is more especially addressed to a fraternity whose history may be traced back to the earliest period of the history of the human race—a fraternity to whom duties of this kind have been in all ages of mankind willingly and especially confided. We accepted this work, important in the highest sense of the term, with a becoming degree of propriety which I hope we all know how to appreciate. And while we acknowledge our own personal humility and dependence, we come at the same time as Freemasons. Although we may have these opportunities of inculcating principles which in a certain manner we are forbidden from divulging to the outer world, there is nevertheless that which does commend itself to the highest of all classes, and I am proud to think that Freemasonry never flourished in this country or any other in a more distinguished manner than it does among Englishmen at the present time. I shall, without detaining this numerous assembly, place myself in the hands of the Director of Ceremonies and ask him now to proceed in the further work to be done. Thanking you, Mr. Lambert, and the building committee for the kindness and courtesy with which you have permitted us to be present on this occasion, and congratulating you on your numerous assemblage of friends and parishioners, and availing myself of this opportunity of saying that as to the work in which we are engaged, may you live to see it completed, that it may be a source of happiness, enjoyment, and comfort for many years to come. Worshipful Bro. Carter then adjusted the lower stone, after which the upper stone was slowly lowered with three distinct stops, during which the anthem, "O Lord of Hosts," was sung. Worshipful Bro. Carter then proved the just position and form of the stone by the plumb rule, level, and square, which were successively delivered to him by the Junior Warden, Senior Warden, and Worshipful Master of Lodge Friendly. Being satisfied in these particulars he gave the stone three knocks with the mallet, which was delivered to him, laying the stone in the name of the most High, the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost, the Creator of the Universe. The cornucopia, containing the corn, and the ewers, with the wine and the oil, were next handed to Bro. Carter, who strewed the corn and poured the wine over the stone, saying: In these emblems, we recognise the symbols of plenty. Nay, the bounteous giver of all good, the author of all temporal and spiritual blessing, please to bless this place of worship for all future time with abundance and plenty, of all gifts that can render material and spiritual happiness. The Chaplain then offered up the following prayer, saying: "Brethren,—Let us now supplicate Almighty God, of His infinite mercy, to bless, sanctify, and consecrate the house which is to be built in this place. O Almighty and everliving God, who in every place of Thy dominion art wholly present, wholly operating, and who yet dost hallow the places dedicated to Thy name, pour forth Thy grace upon the house of prayer here to be built, that it may be raised up a temple to Thy honour, and remain for ever inviolable. And as Thou art the founder of this house, be Thou also its protector. Here let no malice of the enemy prevail, no perverse desires divide those whom one fold contains, and one shepherd guides. Here let brotherly love, relief, and truth flourish, and through the powerful aid of Thy blessed Spirit mayest Thou always be worshipped in this place in faith and charity, in purity and true devotion; and grant that all who shall here seek Thee may ever find the light of Thy countenance, and be filled with abundance of

Thy Heavenly grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord." The National Anthem was then sung, and during the singing a collection was made in aid of the building fund, resulting in the receipt of a considerable sum. The clergy, the Freemasons, the building committee, and over one hundred friends, afterwards lunched together in the National School-room, the vicar presiding. "The Queen" having been duly honoured, the Mayor of Barnsley proposed "A Welcome Back to England of our Grand Master," and he added to the toast "The Rest of the Royal Family." He passed a high eulogy on His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for his genial warmth and the many other qualities with which he graced the high position in Freemasonry, and said he believed the Order had never been more highly honoured than when His Royal Highness was installed. Alderman C. Newman gave "Prosperity to St. Paul's, Monk Bretton, and the Vicar of the Parish." He said he hoped the new church would continue very much longer than the last one, and that the worthy vicar, whose reception there showed that he was respected, would be cheered by much kindly help. He trusted that for a long time the inhabitants would heartily and harmoniously worship, guided by the loving care of so faithful a clergyman. The Vicar, who was heartily received, commented upon the odd fact that though a church had been built in the parish since he came, another was needed. He was afraid that his tenancy of the living could not last much longer, but he hoped to be spared to see the top stone put on, and a true-hearted congregation within the walls of the new church. He had ever met with kind sympathy from his parishioners, and was sorry that many of them were prevented from attending the old church, as it was impossible to hear in it. The new church, however, would be a very great improvement, and certainly the tower and spire would possess great interest. Having observed that this effort was one more evidence that the Church of England was the church of the people, the rev. gentleman concluded with a few humorous hints as to gifts of church fittings, organ, windows, bells, &c. "The Mayor of Barnsley," was proposed by the Rev. J. A. Metcalfe, and that gentleman having responded, gave "The Architect and Builders," which was acknowledged by Mr. Abson, who proposed "The Ancient and Modern Freemasons," which was responded to by several Masonic officials. "The Visitors" and "The Ladies" concluded the list. The following is a description of the new church, for which we are indebted to the kindness of the architect. The church, which is being built from the designs and under the superintendence of Messrs Luigi and H. Solaini, architects, Liverpool, will consist of nave, 59.6 by 21.0; side aisles, 59.6 by 9.0; chancel, 27.3 by 11.6, with semi-octagonal apse-vestry and organ chamber, each opening into chancel and aisle by archways, to be filled in with ornamental wood screens; tower and porch. The clerestory walls, which are to be of only sufficient height to admit small windows, will be built on five moulded red brick arches each side, supported by circular stone shafts, with moulded caps. The nave ceiling, 35 feet in height, is to be constructed in the form of half a twelve-sided polygon, boarded and divided into bays by semi-circular arched ribs, cusped and moulded and springing from stone corbels, each bay to be sub-divided into square panels by mouldings. It is intended for the boarding in panels to be of a lighter colour than the ribs, mouldings, and cornices, which will have a novel and pleasing effect. The tower, through which is the principal entrance, will occupy a central position in front of the west gable, and inclusive of spire and finial will have a total elevation of 118 feet. Owing to the favourable locality of the site the tower and spire will be visible from a considerable distance, and form an imposing feature in the surrounding landscape. The masonry throughout is to be of local sandstone. The building will partake somewhat of the "Early Decorated" in style and will contain upwards of 400 sittings. The contractors are Messrs. G. Chadwick and Co., of Rotherham.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Liverpool Lodge (No. 1547).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-st., Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when Bro. Councillor J. A. Forrest was installed as the W.M. by Bro. S. Haynes, P.M. The visitors included Bros. Dr. Taylor, P.M. 823; C. R. Copeman, 786; and R. Bennett, W.M. 1299. The officers invested were Bros. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.P.G.C., I.P.M.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., D.C.; J. Marshall, S.W.; J. H. Parker, J.W.; W. C. Browne-Cave, Sec.; R. Warrier, Treas.; J. Duncan, jun., S.D.; W. Ladyman, J.D.; J. C. McGuire, I.G.; C. J. Caddock, S.S.; E. Walker, J.S.; W. Croft, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation proceedings the W.M., on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, I.P.M., with a handsome silver salver, as a mark of the high esteem in which he is held, and as a recognition of his services to the Liverpool and the Order generally. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given during the evening.

**MORECAMBE.**—Morecambe Lodge (1561).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Room, Morecambe-street, on the 7th inst. Bro. Capt. Garnett, W.M., presided, and Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. Eng., occupied the chair of I.P.M. The lodge having been opened with solemn prayer in the First Degree, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bros. John L. Bradshaw, P.M. 1051, and F. G. Dale, S.W. 1353, were unanimously admitted as joining members. The lodge having been opened in the Second and also in the Third Degrees, Bro. Hutton was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the working of the first portion being efficiently performed by the W.M., and that in the latter by the I.P.M., who also presented the working tools. Bro. Gregson was passed to the degree of F.C., and Mr. Thomas Wilkinson was initiated. It being considered expedient that the members

should have a more commodious lodge room, a committee consisting of the W.M., I.P.M., Wardens, and Secretary, was appointed for the purpose of arranging for the erection of a Masonic Hall. This they have happily succeeded in accomplishing; so that in a short time we may hope to see this growing and prosperous lodge located in its own premises. The usual proclamations were made, and hearty good wishes having been tendered by the visiting brethren (of whom there were several), the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, with the formalities of the Craft.

**STAINES.**—Musgrave Lodge (No. 1597).—This young lodge held its first meeting since its consecration at the Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines, on Saturday, the 15th inst. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Levick (who is at present in Africa) the chair was occupied by the S.W., Bro. F. Keily, P.M., Prov. G. Steward, supported by Bros. Wilson, P.M.; C. Arkell; H. Phythian, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; E. Cobbett, R. Sindall, J. G. Dunn, E. Fairlie, and many other brethren. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were duly confirmed, after which a ballot was taken for Mr. H. F. Bing as a candidate for initiation, and the result being favourable, he was regularly admitted into Freemasonry, the ceremony being excellently rendered by the acting W.M. After further Masonic business, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren sat down to a substantial repast under the presidency of Bro. F. Keily, who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with due honours.

### Ark Masonry.

**SHEFFIELD.**—Wentworth Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, attached to the Britannia Lodge of Mark Master Masons (No. 53).—The first annual meeting was held on Wednesday, June 21st, 1876, when that ark, under the command of V.W. Bro. Henry Matthews, G.J.O. for England, &c., and with her full complement of officers and crew, weighed anchor at 6 bells. When fairly under weigh, all hands were called aft, the watches were set, and all were told off to their various duties. The Commander then gave the course to be steered, and ordered a sharp look out to be kept for any craft in distress, or any shipwrecked crew. Scarcely had these ordinary duties been completed when signals of distress were observed on the port bow. Orders were immediately given to alter the course, and bear down upon the strange craft. She was soon overhauled and brought alongside, and two poor castaways were taken on board. They were carefully examined, and proving to be Mark Master Masons, were regularly elevated, and placed upon the articles as Royal Ark Mariners according to ancient custom. All hands were then mustered, and V.G. Certificates were presented to four able-bodied Mariners. Bro. H. Matthews having been re-elected W.C.N., was saluted with a salvo of 4 on his re-appointment. He then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. H. J. Garnett, as S.W., or J.; G. E. Bennett, as J.W., or S.; S. B. Ellis, Treas. (re-elected), and Scribe; A. Scargill, S.D.; J. B. Wostinholm, J.D.; W. White, D. of C.; J. Clark, A.D. of C.; W. Truelove, Org.; J. E. Reaney, Steward; Dr. Griffiths, Guardian; G. Wilkinson, Warder (elected). The Ark then proceeded on her passage home, and having arrived safely in harbour, and let go her anchor all hands obtained permission to leave, and take a cruise on shore. Once off duty they proceeded to partake of refreshment, which consisted exclusively of fish; the worthy Skipper presided. Grog was served and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then characteristically given and honoured. The nature, variety and peculiarity of the supper formed an agreeable surprise. In this branch of the Service the carrying of "deck-loads" has been prevented by the peculiar shape of the Craft, and such prohibition is also symbolized by its members, for shortly after ten o'clock saw all these worthy mariners homeward bound. A most enjoyable evening was spent. We must congratulate the lodge on its flourishing condition, for although this particular Ark was but built and launched twelve months ago, it has been fortunate in affording refuge to no less than thirteen castaways, who have received in that haven of rest such a hearty and fraternal welcome as to constitute such reception a memorable event in the salt-junk-and-lime-juice existence of everyday life.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

**LANCASTER.**—Red Cross Conclave (No. 12).—The regular meeting of this conclave was held at the Masonic Room, Athenæum, on Monday, the 10th inst. The M.P.S., Sir Knt. Bagnall, presided, being supported by Sir Knt. Dean, V.E.; Illustrious Sir Knt. Dr. Moore, and other officers. After the formal business had been transacted, Bro. J. J. Crookell, of the Lodge of Fortitude, 281, was duly installed as a Knight of the Order, and entrusted with all its privileges. The conclave was afterwards closed in due form.

**SHEFFIELD.**—White Rose of York Conclave (No. 120).—The first annual festival of this young and really prosperous conclave was held on Friday, June 16th, 1876. It was indeed a "happy thought" when Bro. the Rev. A. W. Hamilton, M.A., Mus. Bac, P.P.G.C. for West Yorkshire, W.M. Britannia Lodge, No. 139, Sheffield, invited the conclave to hold its meeting at his house, Rowtor Hall, Stanton-in-Peak, near Bakewell, Derbyshire (he having recently left Sheffield on his appointment as Vicar of Stanton) and taking into consideration the fact that the old Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, has been pulled down, and (as we reported in our issue of the 24th ult.) a spacious building is now in course of erection, the lodges, &c., in the meantime having to meet in small rooms adjoining, it is easily understood how such an invitation was

hailed with delight. These facts on being represented at head quarters, by means of a formal application, the Grand Imperial Council were pleased to issue a special dispensation authorising and empowering the Sir Knights to hold their meeting of June 16th, 1876, away from Sheffield, as desired, which dispensation proved a real boon, for the day was one of unalloyed pleasure, and has forged another strong link of attachment of the Red Cross Order to the hearts of the Sheffield Masons. When we chronicled (July 3rd, 1875) the consecration of the White Rose of York Conclave, we were deeply impressed with a sense of the Red Cross having achieved a great success, that the inauguration of the White Rose of York Conclave of this historical Order in the very historical county of York, was a day ever to be remembered, and it is now with stronger feelings of duty and pleasure we record what we are inclined to believe to be one of the greatest successes a Red Cross Conclave has ever attained; indeed, we would call, and urge, upon older and other conclaves to look to their laurels. *En passant* Constantine (the founder of the Red Cross Order) is said to have been born at, or near, York. Also that St. Helena, his mother, (the founder of the Order of K.H.S.) was a native of Yorkshire. The conclave being styled the "White Rose of York" was a happy selection, and equally *apropos* is that of the Sanctuary of K.H.S., &c., which is called "St. Helena." Old local traditions are always interesting, and we congratulate the Orders on their having renewed their association with these, and the grand old name of York. But *revenons à nos moutons*. Armed with the dispensation, arrangements were soon completed as follows:—Thursday, June 15th, the conclave was opened at 5 p.m., at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, Ill. Sir Knt. W. H. Brittain, Int. Gen. for West Yorkshire, on the throne. A college of Viceroy was then opened, when Em. Sir Knt. W. Roddewig, V.E., M.P.S.-elect, having retired, a Senate of Sovereigns was opened, Em. Sir Knt. Roddewig was admitted, and presented by Em. Sir Knt. S. B. Ellis, P.S., to Ill. Sir Knt. Brittain for enthronement, which was duly performed. Em. Sir Knt. Roddewig having been placed on the throne of Constantine, was saluted according to ancient custom. The senate was then closed, and the college resumed, when Sir Knt. the Rev. E. Boteler Chalmer, M.A., P.P.G.C. for W. Yks., P.M. 139, S.G. V.E. elect, was admitted and duly consecrated, and saluted as the Viceroy Eusebius of the conclave. The college was then closed and the conclave resumed, when the M.P.S. declared it adjourned until the following day. The desirability of holding the senate and college on the evening previous to the conclave was because only those Sir Knights who had attained the rank of M.P.S. or V.E. respectively could be present at such meetings. On Friday, June 16th, the Sir Knights assembled at 9 a.m. at Mr. Haigh's establishment, Glossop-road, where four landaus and pairs were provided to convey the party, which—consisting of 23—at once started on their day's excursion, the route taken being via Baslow, where a capital luncheon had been provided, and after justice had been done thereto, the journey was resumed, via Chatsworth Park and Rowsley, just obtaining a glimpse of Haddon Hall. Having arrived at Rowtor Hall a hearty welcome awaited the Sir Knights at the hands of Bro. Hamilton. After a little rest and necessary ablutions the business of the day was proceeded with. The conclave being resumed (adjourned from preceding day), the special dispensation from the Grand Imperial Council, authorizing the conclave to meet on that day, away from Sheffield, was read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, the formal business having been disposed of, Bros. the Rev. A. W. Hamilton, M.A., Mus. Bac., Vicar of Stanton, P.P.G.C. for W. Yks., W.M. 139; the Rev. R. C. Roy, M.A., Vicar of Youlgreave, P.P.G.C. for Worcestershire, 88; J. Spencer, 139; F. Trickett, 139; Dr. Wade, 306; and J. E. Darling, 1239, were then admitted, and duly installed and proclaimed Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, &c. Ill. Sir Knt. Brittain then read a letter he had received from the Most Ill. G. Sov., Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart., M.P., &c., &c., which he said gave him unfeigned pleasure to read, as he was sure it would give the Sir Knights to listen to. The following is a copy:—"17, Great James-street, Bedford Row, London, 13th June, 1876, To the Ill. Sir Knt. W. H. Brittain, 31, Intendant General for West Yorkshire, Dear Sir Knight, In compliance with your recommendation, and having regard to the services rendered to the Order in West Yorkshire by E. Sir Knt. Samuel B. Ellis (P. Sov.), Treasurer of the White Rose of York Conclave, No. 120, Sheffield, I have decided to confer upon that eminent Sir Knight the rank of an Intendant General, unattached, and to direct that his commission as such be issued as speedily as possible. I take this opportunity of congratulating you personally upon the success of your efforts to promote the welfare of the Order in your Division, and I trust you will ever have the hearty co-operation and assistance of the Knights under your rule. I remain, dear Sir Knight, Yours in faith and fraternity. (Signed) Frederick M. Williams, Grand Sovereign and Grand Commander of St. John." Em. Sir Knt. Roddewig was then inducted as M.P.S., and Em. Sir Knt. the Rev. E. Boteler Chalmer, as V.E., the officers for the ensuing year having been appointed and invested, letters of apology regretting inability to be present were read from M. Em. Sir Knt. Col. Francis Burdett, Grand Viceroy. V. I. Sir Knt. R. Wentworth Little, Grand Treasurer, &c., and several other Sir Knights, also from two brethren, candidates for the degree, who were prevented by illness from attending. Sir Knt. Moss, S.G., in a few appropriate remarks called upon the M.P.S. to present a silver snuff box, with a suitable address engraved thereon, to Ill. Sir Knt. W. H. Brittain, Int. Gen., P.S., &c., &c. This, Em. Sir Knt. Roddewig neatly performed in a few well-chosen remarks, setting forth that the box had been subscribed for, and was presented, by the members of the conclave as a small token of the fraternal regard they entertained towards Ill



Sir Knt. Brittain, also as a souvenir of their thanks to him as the first M.P.S. and Founder of the White Rose of York Conclave, and of his happy and prosperous reign. Ill. Sir Knt. Brittain in reply, stated that the presentation was an unexpected and agreeable surprise to him, his services in the introduction of the Red Cross Order into Yorkshire had afforded him much pleasure in performing, but that the practical shape in which the Sir Knights had been pleased to thank him was a new pleasure to him indeed, it would serve to him as a memento of some of the happiest hours he had ever spent in his life. He begged to tender to the M.P.S. and all the other members of the conclave his most sincere thanks. Grand Imperial Council certificates were presented to several Sir Knights. The conclave was closed. The St. Helena Sanctuary of K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John the Evangelist was opened, when eight candidates were admitted and installed knights of these ineffable grades. Em. Sir Knt. Roddewig, M.P.S., took his seat as M.E.C. Patriarchal Council Certificates were presented to a number of Sir Knights. The sanctuary was closed. Close to Rowtor Hall are some rocks, known as Rowtor Rocks, they are most romantically situated, the ascent, somewhat precipitous, is by means of a narrow winding path. It is stated (and on reliable authority), that amongst these rocks the Ancient Druids met to celebrate their rites and mysteries, there are evidences of man's handiwork, one huge stone having three seats, with arms thereto, carved in it. In this ancient mystic temple, encircled with beautiful trees in full leaf, with the verdant turf for carpet, and the blue canopy overhead, making a charming and marvellous *coup d'oeil*, the Sir Knights formed themselves into a picturesque group of which a photograph was taken. Returning to Rowtor Hall, another group was formed and photographed. Dinner was announced, when the twenty-five prompt responses to the muster roll evinced a striking and gratifying example, not only of military discipline and *esprit de corps*, but also a very unmistakable testimony to the appetizing influence of the bracing Derbyshire air. All was propitious a handsome repast was provided, and to which ample justice was done, the worthy host had a surprise for his visitors, for he had engaged the village brass band, which discoursed harpmony during the dinner. "The Queen," "The Worthy Host," "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire," "The M.I.G. Sov. Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart, M.P., &c.," "The M.E.G. Viceroy, Colonel Francis Burdett," "The V.I. G. Treas. Sir Kt. G. Wentworth Little," and "The Officers and Past Officers of Grand Council and Senate," and other appropriate toasts were then eloquently given. Sir Kt. J. Binney, H.P., was entrusted with that of "The Healths of the Intendants General"—Ill. Sir Kt. W. H. Brittain, Past Sov., &c.; and Ill. Sir Kt. S. B. Ellis, Past Sov., Treas., &c.; Sir Kt. Binney stated how proud the Conclave was in having two of its members in such high positions, and he testified how Ill. Sir Knights Brittain and Ellis had worked as one for the prosperity of the conclave, and on its behalf he congratulated the latter on his recent appointment. This met with a hearty reception. Ill. Sir Knt. Ellis, in responding, thanked Sir Knight Binney, for his kind congratulations on his recent appointment as Int. Gen. Unat., and he thanked the other Sir Knights for their warm concurrence in those remarks. What he had done for the Conclave he hoped to continue to do, there was yet a lot of work to be done, and they might claim his best efforts, he little expected so high and distinguished an appointment as he had just received at the hands of the M.I.G. Sov. Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart., but he should always endeavour to prove worthy of it. In conclusion he felt he must again thank his fraters for their hearty congratulations, which were to him certainly second only to the appointment itself. Ill. Sir Kt. Brittain also returned thanks for the kind remarks of Sir Kt. Binney, and their cordial reception at the hands of the Sir Knights, his work had been a labour of love to him, and whilst the conclave continued to be animated with such unanimity he felt confident in its permanent success, in promoting which he hoped to aid for many years to come. Em. Sir Knt. the Rev. E. Boteler Chalmer, V.E., then proposed "The Health of the M.P.S." saying that in Em. Sir Kt. Roddewig, the Conclave had secured one to rule over them who was second to none in zeal for Masonry, and one who was esteemed by all who knew him, the Conclave might fairly congratulate itself on its good fortune. This health was drunk most heartily, and Em. Sir Kt. Roddewig replied in suitable terms. Other toasts followed quickly, viz., "The Past Sovereigns, Ill. Sir Kts. Brittain and Ellis," "the V.E. Em. Sir Kt. the Rev. E. Boteler Chalmer," "the Officers," "The newly-Installed Companions in Arms," for which the whole of the six replied. Carriages were announced, of which the Sir Knights at once took possession, the signal to start was given, when the band struck up "God Save the Queen." The return journey was made via Chatsworth Park, and, by special permission, close to the House, having arrived at Baslow, coffee, &c., was served; the journey was resumed and the party arrived back in Sheffield about 11 p.m., after having spent a most enjoyable day; for such was the unanimous verdict. Thus the first anniversary of the White Rose of York Conclave came to an end. The placing of a plant in new ground is attended with more difficulties than the careless looker-on imagines; granted that the plant is from good stock, and that the ground has been carefully selected—it must be watched with lyncean eyes, for it must also be protected against storms and frosts, and even from too much sun. All this has been bestowed on the "White Rose of York;" since the day it was planted it has been sheltered from the storm of idle and curious assailants, from the frosts and nipping airs of the hypercritical, nor has it been permitted to bask unreservedly in the sunshine of indiscriminate popularity. That its roots have struck deep into the hearts of the Yorkshire

brethren we are convinced—may its branches extend far and wide, but may it never "waste its sweetness on the desert air." The success of the first annual festival of this conclave was no less than that of its consecration, the fine weather, the glorious drive through beautiful scenery, the agreeable surprises in the presentation to Ill. Sir Knt. Brittain, and the distinguished appointment of Ill. Sir Knt. Ellis, the photographic group, the Druidical rocks, and last, though not least, the fraternal reception, the exchange of knightly greeting, and the princely hospitality received whilst under the aegis of Sir Knt. the Rev. A. W. Hamilton, made up such an eventful epoch as to suggest to us that with the Yorkshire brethren a "Red Cross Day" and a "Red Letter Day" must have become established synonyma.

### Scotland.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Scotia (No. 178).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Star Masonic Hall, 12, Trongate, on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., Bro. J. Millar, P.M., in the chair; Higgins, D.M.; Logan, S.M.; Hepburn, S.W.; Mercer, J.W.; King, Treas.; Killin, Sec.; McDonald, S.D.; Hart, J.D.; Matheson, P.M., Chaplain; with a large attendance of members. Visitors: G. McDonald, W.M. 73; J. Morgan, W.M. 219; J. Booth, W.M. 87; G. Muir, L.D.M. 103; Ferguson, P.M. ("Freemason"); and others. On the minutes of last meeting being read and confirmed, Bro. W. Hart was elected W.M. for the remainder of the ensuing year in room of the late Bro. Singleton, deceased. A gentleman was then initiated into the First Degree by Bro. R. Allan, Sec. 581, on behalf of the Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73. After disposing of other minor business the lodge was closed.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Star (No. 219).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 12, Trongate, on Monday evening, the 10th inst., Bro. J. Morgan, W.M., in the chair; J. Martin, D.M.; J. Horn, S.W.; T. Graham, J.W. 360, acting J.W.; P. Smart, Treas.; Francis Dow, Sec.; J. Brown, S.D.; J. Lawrence, B.B.; J. Park, S.S.; and W. J. Elliot, I.G. The meeting, as usual, was well attended, and among the visitors were Bros. John Fraser, P.M. 87; R. Jack, W.M. 128; D. Reid, I.P.M. 465; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; J. Duthie, Z. 67; Ferguson, P.M. ("Freemason"); J. Fyfe, No. 0; Jas. Love, 87; R. Butcher, 87; W. Hart, 178; F. Easton, 354; W. Campbell, 360; W. Gardner, 360; and J. Campbell, 128. On the minutes being read and confirmed, applications were read from Messrs. H. Stewart, J. Hunter, Christie, and W. Henderson for admission into the Order, and the same being favourably balloted for, they received the E.A. Degree at the hands of Bro. Morgan, W.M. Bro. John Boyd was afterwards passed to the F.C. Degree by Bro. Ferguson, P.M. 543. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge St. Andrew (No. 465).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Garngad-road, on Thursday evening, the 6th inst., the W.M., Bro. D. Gilchrist, in the chair, supported by Bros. David Reid, I.P.M.; J. McLeish, S.M.; G. B. Davidson, S.W.; W. Chalmers, J.W.; W. Campbell, Sec., and the other office-bearers, and a good attendance of brethren. On the lodge being opened, the Secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which were approved of. Mr. W. Arbuckle was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., and Bro. J. Paton was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by Bro. McLeish, S.M. The lodge was then closed.

**THORNIEBANK.**—Lodge Thorniebank (No. 512).—A large and influential meeting of this young but prosperous lodge was held in their lodge room at Thorniebank on Tuesday evening, the 11th inst. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Robert Scobie, ably supported by Bros. L. McKellar, D.M.; Robt. Fletcher, S.W.; Robt. McEwan, J.W.; W. Jardine, Treas.; Edward Schindler, Sec.; F. Waters, J.D.; R. Bentley, I.G.; and J. Clugston, Tyler. The meetings of this lodge are generally well attended, and on Tuesday a number of brethren were present from Glasgow. The lodge was opened in due form on the E.A. Degree, and the minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bros. Robt. Nisbet, D. McArthur, Jas. Hunter, George Kennedy, Robt. Law, Chas. Brown, and John Andrew were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. W. Ferguson, P.M. St. John's, Dalmeir, No. 543 ("Freemason"). The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, when Bros. Greig, Shand, and Nisbet presented the lodge with suitable emblems for the Third Degree, which were used in the working of that degree for the first time. The R.W.M., Bro. Scobie, accepted the presentation on behalf of the lodge, and awarded a hearty vote of thanks to those brethren, the same to be recorded in the minutes of the lodge. The lodge was then closed, and afterwards put under the care of the J.W., Bro. McEwan. Bro. Scobie, W.M., in the chair. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and drank with the accustomed honours. "The Newly-raised M.M." was replied to by Bro. Nisbet in a very neat speech. "The Visiting Brethren," was replied to by Bro. Ferguson, P.M. 543. A number of other toasts followed. During the evening Bros. Greig, Smith, Shand, Burns, and Crow sang some excellent songs. Bro. Neilson sang "Our own Thorniebank," composed by himself, which elicited great applause. After spending a most enjoyable evening the lodge was called back to labour and closed, the Glasgow brethren returning by the last conveyance at 11 p.m.

We regret to state that the only son of Bro. J. M. Clabon, President of the Board of Benevolence, was killed in a railway accident on Saturday last at Gravesend.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

On Wednesday the quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire Freemasons was held in the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield, under the banner of the Lodge of Harmony, 275. The officers of that lodge opened the preliminary lodge in the various degrees, after which Provincial Grand Lodge entered, and was presided over by Lt.-Col. Sir H. Edwards, Bart., Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire, and assisted by the Prov. Grand Officers. About 200 brethren from the province attended.

In acknowledging the reception by the brethren, Bro. Lt.-Col. Sir H. Edwards said he felt gratified that the brethren of West Yorkshire, and those of the Harmony Lodge (275) had accorded him so kind and enthusiastic a reception. After eulogizing the Lodge of Harmony for their amiability, affability, and generosity, and instancing their large contributions to the various Masonic charities, referred to the recent anniversary for the Girls' School, over which he had the distinguished honour to preside, in the absence of our noble brother the Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who was unavoidably prevented attending. During the course of his remarks he referred to the safe return of the Prince of Wales to this country, and trusted that some fitting Masonic memorial might be established of his return, which would be an honour through all time to the Freemasons of this country. The Prov. Grand Master urged W.M.'s to possess and post themselves thoroughly in the Book of Constitutions and Prov. Grand Lodge bye-laws.

Referring to the presence of Bro. Bentley Shaw, P.P.D. G.M., the Prov. Grand Master said he had never realised the work, the ability, and the kindness of Bro. Bentley Shaw, till he (Col. Edwards) had been installed in his chair, and he trusted, as the whole lodge trusted, he would be long spared to assist the lodge with his knowledge and judgement. In concluding he trusted that peace, concord, harmony, and good fellowship would long distinguish them as Masons as good men.

Bro. Bentley Shaw having been cordially honoured in ancient style, thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart for their reception, and hoped they would long work cordially together.

The roll of lodges, and other routine business having been gone through,

The Provincial Grand Master rose, and said it gave great pleasure to propose the next motion on the agenda paper, which was as follows:—

"The Right Worshipful Prov. G. Master moved "That this Provincial Grand Lodge desire to record its humble and hearty thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for the safe return to his native land of our beloved Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., from his recent tour in our own Indian Empire." He said we were all of one opinion that it was one of the greatest blessings to this country that H.R. Highness the Prince of Wales had been permitted to return to his native land in health and strength, after long travelling and voyaging in foreign climes. He was glad to say that his recent suffering had passed away, and that the malady was not in any way increased by his recent journey. He hoped that in course of time, when it pleased God to remove our gracious and beloved sovereign (and he hoped the time was long distant, (hear, hear,) our beloved Grand Master would reign over this country with the same urbanity that his royal mother did. (Applause.)

Bro. Bentley Shaw seconded the resolution in the course of some very pleasing remarks. His visit to India, he said, had in it results of an immense amount of good to us as Englishmen, and to the Indian Empire. This was a glorious country, of which every Englishman ought to be proud, and they ought also to be proud of the illustrious Prince who is to reign over us. (Applause.)

Bro. Tew, D.P.G.M., supported the motion, which was carried unanimously and enthusiastically.

Bro. J. Booth, Prov. Grand Junior Warden, then proceeded to make a statement with respect to the last Quarterly Court of the Masonic Boys' School, at Woodgreen, when

Bro. Wordsworth submitted that the proceeding was irregular.

Bro. Joseph Bately, of Huddersfield, also raised an objection to Bro. Booth proceeding on the ground of no notice of resolution having been given, and in support of his objection, quoted the 42nd bye-law of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Prov. Grand Master, unwilling to take the responsibility upon himself, appealed to the Registrar, as the legal authority.

Bro. Booth said he had transmitted to the Prov. Grand Secretary a communication in the language of the agenda paper, but not the precise language of the motion he intended to submit. He claimed the right to explain the peculiar grounds he had taken. He appealed first to the practice of the Prov. G. Lodge; and secondly because when notice was given it was expected to have from the Charity Committee their report. That report had not been forthcoming, and he had consequently been placed at a disadvantage in submitting his resolution. Bro. Booth urged Prov. Grand Lodge to suspend the standing orders, in order to move his resolution; but if out of order he would give notice that at the next meeting he would move a resolution on the subject.

Bro. Bentley Shaw urged that the continuance of this motion would tend to destroy the good feeling of this Prov. Grand Lodge, and after referring to rulings of Prov. Grand Lodge in times past, said the setting aside of the bye-laws in this case would tend to stultify the action of the Prov. Grand Master, and set a bad precedent for future meetings.

After other speakers, Bro. W. H. Gill, Mayor of Wake-

field, Prov. Grand Senior Warden, said he had listened with much pain to the bickerings at these meetings on this Boys' School subject. He had been to London in compliance with Prov. Grand Lodge, and was willing to go a dozen times if good could come, but his belief was that such would not be the case. The legal way, if any brother had any complaint, was to attend the quarterly court. From our contributions we have shown our interest in this school, but by our action we are losing our force and influence. Bro. Gill appealed to Bro. Booth to withdraw the resolution he had given notice of, and let what has passed be passed. If any wrong exists in the internal arrangements of the school, let complaint be made in regular order, in all the friendliness of Masonic feeling, and so put an end to all this crimination and recrimination. (Applause.)

Bro. Bentley Shaw endorsed everything said by Bro. Gill. West Yorkshire had long been known for its harmony, good feeling, and generosity, and he appealed that the province should not pull the good fabric of our charities, which has flourished long and well, down about our ears, to be a lasting discredit upon us.

The Prov. Grand Master also appealed to Bro. Booth to withdraw his motion, and so secure the co-operation of good workers, both of which he feared would be sacrificed by persevering in it.

Bro. Booth, who disclaimed all personal feeling in the matter, after the appeals which had been made, and with the approval of Prov. Grand Lodge, withdrew his motion. (Applause.)

After an amicable termination to a disagreeable subject, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

An excellent banquet was afterwards served in the dining-hall of the lodge, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, the proceedings being presided over by Sir H. Edwards, Bart.

#### FESTIVAL OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

The annual festival in aid of the Benevolent Fund attached to the Grand Lodge of the Mark Degree of Freemasons of England, was held on Wednesday evening at the Alexandra Palace. The President of the day was Bro. Lieut.-General Brownrigg, Grand Senior Warden of the year. The banquet on these occasions is always graced by the presence of ladies, and the practice of admitting the sisterhood has been found so successful that it meets with the unqualified approval of all the brethren who join this very agreeable annual meeting. The company is never a large one, but it is probably the more enjoyable on the account as everybody knows everybody else, and meets on the same footing as a private family gathering. This has been the case ever since the first establishment of the fund in 1859, when the banquet was given at Hampton Court, but where the space afforded to the party was not sufficient for the comfortable enjoyment of the recreation. The successive gatherings have been held at various other localities, and last year Bro. Binckes, Grand Secretary, and Past Grand Junior Warden, selected the Alexandra Palace, and the accommodation afforded was so ample, the facilities of the journey to and from it so great, and the surroundings of the Palace so agreeable that a repetition of the selection was ventured upon this year. The commodious banqueting room chosen for the occasion was elegantly laid out by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, and the dinner table was arranged in horse shoe form. There was an attractive display of flowers and fruit on the table, whereas the places were occupied by ladies and brethren alternately. The two extremities were occupied by Bro. Binckes, as Senior Warden, and Bro. Berridge as Junior Warden. The company comprised R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., Chairman; V.W. Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.J.W.; H. C. Levander, G. Reg.; Frederic Davison, G. Treas.; Fredk. Binckes, G. Sec.; W. Bros. S. Rosenthal, P.G.D.C.; Hy. Massey, P.G. Steward ("Freemason"); H. W. Binckes, P.M., Asst. G. Sec.; Bros. Jno. Waldram, Thistle, No. 8; Robt. Berridge, P.M. Macdonald, 1c4, Prov. G.S.W. Middx.; W. Robt. Marsh, Temple, 173; D. M. Dewar, P.M. Old Kent Lodge; S. C. Dibdin, P.G.O.; Frank Ellmore, Hy. Nicholson, George Buckland, Countess Bismarck, Mrs. C. F. Matier, Mrs. Binckes, Mrs. Davison, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Berridge, Mrs. Waldram, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Rosenthal, Miss Binckes, Miss F. A. Binckes, Madame Thaddeus Wells, and Madame Poole.

At the conclusion of the feast the toasts were proposed, at an early hour, however, as the chairman had to leave in order to secure a train on the South Western, which is difficult to arrive at from the northern side of London.

After proposing the toast of "The Queen," the Chairman gave "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," and remarked that Prince Leopold was the W.M. elect of a Mark lodge. In proposing "The Provincial Grand Masters and Officers," the Chairman said he was somewhat outraged in doing so because he was really drinking his own health. However, as it was customary that this toast should be proposed, and he was happy to say that there was an excellent and worthy brother present who would take upon himself the responsibility of returning thanks for it. The claims of the Grand Officers (always excepting himself) upon the attention and notice of the Order was well known, and it was their zeal as Masons which obtained for them the recognition of the Grand Master. He then went on to observe that he himself was the oldest Mark Mason in the room.

Bro. F. Davison, G.T., replied, and said he was happy to inform the brethren that Mark Masonry was progressing to the Grand Officers' hearts' content, and that it was due to Mark Masonry that ladies were now admitted to festival banquets. This was the first degree which invited ladies, and the new practice had been very successful. The Benevolent Fund had also been successful, which was in

part due no doubt to the presence of the ladies. It had progressed steadily, and had been able to distribute considerable sums among poor brethren. He trusted that it would progress in the same proportion as it had done hitherto.

Bro. Binckes, P.G.J.W., proposed "The Health of the Chairman," and said that that brother was obliged to leave early, and the toasts were necessarily somewhat short and hurried. All the brethren felt very much complimented and highly honoured by his consenting to preside that evening. There was great difficulty in obtaining Chairmen for any festivals; more particularly was it so in Mark Masonry, because the number of Mark Masons was limited: nevertheless, Gen. Brownrigg consented when he was asked. There was not perhaps what might be called a great amount of eclat or prestige in the proceedings at these festivals; but they were most pleasant reunions, and every one was animated by the feeling that they were engaged in the great good work of Masonic charity. That would always commend itself to bodies of Masons, whether large or small, and it was on this account Gen. Brownrigg felt a large amount of pleasure and satisfaction in presiding over this assemblage. Bro. Binckes then referred to the subject of the presence of ladies at the festive board, a subject which had engaged the attention of several boards of Stewards. The example set by Mark Grand Lodge had been imitated in a much larger body with which he was connected, and it might now be said to have received the imprimatur of the authorities, and no doubt it would be largely followed.

The Chairman, in reply, said: Ladies—and I must especially address myself to you—I am inured by long custom to receiving the kind acknowledgments of my brethren; but it is the first time in my life on which those compliments and courtesies have been coupled with your kind and gracious presence; and I cannot tell you how very, very deeply I feel it, and how inadequate I am to return thanks for the honour you have done me. I do hope that the inauguration of this system of asking ladies to assist in our Masonic banquets may be widely spread. It may do good; it cannot possibly do harm; and what more can we want? I beg to return you my grateful thanks for the honour you have done me in drinking my health. My excellent brother Binckes has said infinitely more than I deserve, but still I feel it a great compliment and I feel much honoured in being asked to preside over this gathering. It is the least I can do after the unexpected honour the Grand Master, Lord Limerick, has done me in appointing me to the high office I have the pleasure of holding in Grand Lodge. I will now ask you to drink the toast of the evening, "Success to the Benevolent Fund." I am sorry to say my experience has been so very small; but thanks to our Bro. Binckes I have some information about the fund. I find it was established in 1867 by vote of Grand Lodge with a certain small nucleus to begin with. There are no compulsory payments towards it by capitation grants; it is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. The object of it is to provide a fund for the relief of Mark Master Masons; and if we can form a fund, however small, for the relief of urgent cases I think it is our bounden duty to do so, and I am glad in my feeble way to assist it. I find that the claims on the fund are not numerous; but the investigation of those claims is conducted with great discrimination, which will prevent any unworthy objects from receiving assistance. I now ask you to drink "Prosperity and Success to the Benevolent Fund," and I couple with it the name of Bro. Berridge, Macdonald Lodge, No. 104.

Bro. Binckes read the following list of subscriptions:—

Bro. T. Y. Strachan, Prov. Northumberland and Durham	£	s.	d.
Henry Baker, Dover and Cinque Ports Lodge, 152	5	5	0
C. W. Duke, East Sussex Lodge, No. 166	6	0	0
Robert Berridge, Macdonald Lodge No. 104	17	14	0
T. S. Mortlock, Temple Lodge, No. 173	10	17	0
J. F. Norris, Prov. Bristol	15	0	0
Rev. P. H. E. Brette, St. Marks No. 1	7	6	0
E. B. Webb, Carnarvon, No. 7	15	15	0
Richard Newhouse, Prov. Cheshire and North Wales	11	11	0
F. Binckes, Aldershot Lodge, No. 54	13	13	0
Henry Matthews, Britannia Lodge, No. 53	5	5	0
T. S. Morris, Britannia Lodge, No. 53	5	5	0
J. R. Wright, Britannia Lodge, No. 53	5	5	0
	£	126	6

Bro. Berridge, 104, replied, and said that though it involved a great deal of hard work to collect the money, the Stewards did it with pleasure, and hoped that next year even greater success might attend their efforts.

The Chairman proposed "The Ladies." It was the last toast on his list, and he would have been sorry, indeed, if he had been obliged to leave before proposing it. Great advantage had been derived from having ladies at these banquets, and when the brethren thought what they would be without the ladies, they would appreciate the warm feeling with which he asked them to drink the toast. From the hour of a man's birth to the hour of his death, the presence of female hands and female hearts was felt. He (the chairman) had been in a profession which had caused him to knock about the world a good deal, and he had been in a position to see circumstances when no female nurses were to be had. In such circumstances nothing could be kinder, nothing could be more charming than the good feeling which was exhibited by one soldier to another in the military hospital and field hospitals. He had seen many touching scenes of this description, where a great rough-fisted soldier helped a sick man. But, however, tender, they were clumsy and awkward compared with women, whose tenderness in a sick room could not be equalled.

The toast having been honoured, and Bro. Dibdin having replied, the Chairman bade the company good night, and left, having previously deputed Bro. C. F. Matier to occupy his place.

"The Stewards' Health" was then proposed, and Bro. Dewar responded, informing the brethren that he had been a Mark Mason 33 years.

Bro. Binckes announced that the Benevolent Fund now reached £600, which was invested, and another £100 would be added to it after this festival. He hoped the brethren and ladies might long be spared to take part in these happy meetings.

A vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. S. Rosenthal: together with "His Health," proposed in a speech by Bro. Matier.

Bro. Rosenthal responded.

"The Masonic Press" was proposed, Bro. Matier calling on Bro. Massey ("Freemason") to reply.

Shortly afterwards the company separated.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Madame Thaddeus Wells, assisted by Madame Poole, Bros. Frank Elmore and George Buckland. Solo Flute: Bro. Henry Nicholson; Pianoforte: Madame Wells and Bro. George Buckland.

#### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Joshua Nunn, James Brette, and E. P. Albert occupied the three chairs. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, Jas. Smith, C. A. Cottebrune, J. Coutts, W. Ough, John Hervey, H. G. Buss, A. A. Pendlebury, H. Garrod, W. T. Howe, Pownall, W.M. 13; Shackell, P.M. 193; T. Knight, 862; West, W.M. 890; W. Hammond, W.M. 1310; J. Bingemann, W.M. 1599; J. A. Whitmarsh, 1015; W. J. Murlis, 1489; J. A. Smith, 1178; John Green, 27; J. A. Hudson, W.M. 879; J. J. Michael, W.M. 1567; A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; and H. Massey ("Freemason").

It was announced that the only son of Bro. J. M. Clabon, President of the Board, was killed in a railway accident at Gravesend on Saturday night. A letter of condolence was then ordered to be written by Grand Secretary to Bro. Clabon.

The Board then proceeded with the cases before them, and granted £290, composed of three of £40, one of £30, three of £20, two of £15, and five of £10 each.

The Board then adjourned.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. THE REV. FRANK W. C. SIMMONS.

The "Nelson Daily Times" announces the sudden death of Bro. the Rev. Frank W. Churchill Simmons, the Head Master of the Nelson College, who was found dead in his bed at Foxhill. For some weeks past this gentleman had been suffering acutely from rheumatic fever. Last week, however, he felt better, and on Saturday left Nelson for Foxhill in company with Mrs. Simmons. On Sunday evening Bro. Simmons appeared well and in good spirits. He retired to rest early, but was unable to sleep, and in consequence took a dose of chloral, which proving inefficacious, at a later hour he took a second dose of the drug, with, it is supposed, fatal effect. Bro. the Rev. Frank W. Churchill Simmons was educated at Rugby and Lincoln College, Oxford, where he graduated in 1852. He was appointed Head Master of the Dunedin High School in 1865, in succession to the Rev. Mr. Campbell, who was drowned in Dunedin harbor just after his arrival in the colony. Bro. the Rev. Simmons continued to discharge the duties of the office to which he was appointed with conspicuous ability, and speedily won for himself a scholastic reputation, and for the school over which he presided the first position in the colony. Then came the episode of his humorous letter to his old friend the late Bishop of Brechin, who having in a rash moment put the epistle into print, caused a commotion among the "unco guid" in Dunedin, who straightway, with all the ferocity of narrow minds, fell upon the writer, and by imputing evil where none existed, succeeded in making Bro. Simmons's position a very uncomfortable one. So successful were his detractors, that he was glad at the end of 1867 to embrace the chance of changing his place of residence by accepting the head mastership of Nelson College. Of his work here it is impossible in a short obituary notice to speak in adequate terms. It may be all summed up in this, that Nelson College is in the first rank of the educational establishments of the colony, and this is chiefly due to the remarkable power possessed by the deceased gentleman to impart the knowledge, of which he possessed an extraordinary store. So much for his public career. Those who knew him privately—as friends knew each other—can tell how thorough and true a gentleman he was. Never prone to resent, and ever ready to forgive an affront; quick to apologise if even inadvertently he had, as he thought, hurt anyone's feelings; liberal with his purse in any charitable direction; full of true sympathy with real distress of every kind; genial and hospitable, with weaknesses like the rest of us, such was the late Bro. Simmons. Deceased was a member of the Southern Star Lodge, 734, E.C., Nelson, and a companion of the Trafalgar Royal Arch Chapter of Nelson, 157, S.C., and his companions and brethren sincerely and deeply mourn for him as a worthy brother called by the Great Master from labour to rest.

##### BRO. E. RANSFORD.

The death of Bro. E. Ransford, the well-known vocalist and music publisher, took place at his residence, 59, Welbeck-street, on Tuesday. He had suffered a long and severe illness. He was 71 years of age.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

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Description of a Masonic jewel kindly sent for inspection by Bro. Lieut. R. H. Armit, R.N., in our next; a letter from S. B. Ellis will also appear.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

## BIRTHS.

TRAPPES.—On the 14th inst., at Stanley House, Clitheroe, the wife of T. B. Trappes, Esq., of a son.  
LUNGLEY.—On the 13th ult., at Calcutta, the wife of R. Lungley, Esq., of a son.  
THOMSON.—On the 10th inst., at Lea Park, Grangemouth, N.B., the wife of J. D. Thomson, Esq., of a son.  
COX.—On the 9th inst., at Brighton, the wife of A. H. Cox, J.P., of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

WAKEFIELD—HODGE.—On the 13th inst., at St. Michael's, Highgate, William Stephen, son of R. Wakefield, of East Moulsey Lodge, to Olivia Emily, daughter of J. Hodge, of Highgate.  
NEWTON—COLSON.—On the 4th inst., Bro. Henry E., eldest son of Bro. W. E. Newton, of Chancery-lane, to Eliza S., fourth daughter of the late Mr. J. W. Colson.  
BROMLEY—COWPER-BROWN.—On the 12th inst., at St. Barnabas, Kensington, Arthur Charles Burgoyne, son of the late Sir R. Bromley, K.C.B., to Juliette, daughter of the late T. Cowper-Brown, Esq., of the Inner Temple.

## DEATHS.

DENWIDDIE.—On June 27th, at Philadelphia, Bro. Chas. A. Denwiddie.  
RANSFORD.—On July 11th, at 59, Welbeck-street, Bro. E. Ransford, aged 71.  
WALPOLE.—On the 12th inst., at The Grove, West Molssey, Lieut.-General Sir Robert Walpole, K.C.B., aged 67.  
SWINHOE.—On the 14th inst., at Cheltenham, Henry Swinhoe, Esq., late of Calcutta.  
RAIKES.—On the 17th inst., at 63, Belsize Park, Hampstead, Robert Raikes, Esq., J.P., D.L., late of Welton, Yorkshire, aged 74.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1876.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

This distinguished province held its quarterly meeting at Huddersfield on Wednesday, the 19th inst., under the banner of the good Lodge of Harmony of that town. It came to a "most healing" termination of a very unhappy controversy, and we shall allude to it a little more fully next week, in the interests of peace and

conciliation. We are among those who have never doubted for one moment the practical good sense and true Masonic spirit of our West Yorkshire brethren.

## OUR NEXT MERRY MEETING.

When the Duke of Buckingham used to dismiss his boisterous "symposium" in former days, it was, we are told, with some such formula as this, "To our next merry meeting, unless any of us are hanged in the interim." Such a "dismissio" might suit that eccentric nobleman, but by no means accords with the gravity or respectability of Freemasons. Just now Freemasons are already closing in London their active lodge life for a short recess, for the "long vacation," and practically the Masonic spring and summer season, in the metropolis at any rate, is over. Lodges are meeting and closing, and brethren are assembling, and positively for the last time as a lodge for some months to come, and some of us are separating now, perhaps not to meet till November, when the good Secretary summons the faithful children of "Alma Mater" to rally under her old banner once again. It is this which always lends, it seems to us, such a "touching" sentiment, alike to the meetings and the separations of Freemasonry. Those of us who have gathered together the longest round some old Masonic centre of light, and life, and truth, and trust, know well how uncertain are the conditions of earthly existence, how many the mutations of lodge membership. Many here to-day, in full health and strength, are missing to-morrow; our roll-call is gradually lessening, and pleasant faces and kind voices are hushed in the mist of years, and wanting in the full strong tide of life, though present ever to the kindly memory, and never forgotten by the true Masonic heart. But we began in a lighter strain, and we will recur to it, though it is impossible, we think, when touching upon such a subject, not to speak seriously. Nor is it good or true to put from us those more moving associations, which always accompany Masonic membership here. What a metamorphosis has come over the active life of the good Lodge 1800, affecting the Lodge of Friendship. Its members are many and genial, its officers are painstaking and well posted up. You nowhere see a better system or meet a heartier reception. Its work and its welcome, its charity, and its cuisine, its "morale," and its menu, are all equally irreproachable. It mixes the "utile" with the "dulce," labour with refreshment, sound teaching and cheery gathering with all alike of artistic skill, and of Masonic sympathy. Indeed, we know no better representative of a good working, charitable, social, friendly, fraternal lodge, than the one we have just named, but just now, practically "non est." At its last meeting the worthy W.M. informed an admiring circle that the lodge would close for the recess, and this announcement was repeated at the Summer St. John's, later on in the day, in his usual cheery and effective way. No more for a time for us the summons of the most zealous of Secretaries, or the toast of the most smiling of Tylers. Its members are wending their way, some here, some there, preparing to wing their flight from the heat, and glare, and close streets of the "little village," to the country and the sea side, to the yacht and the German Bad, for a trip to Norway, or some shady limes in some happy rural home, as soon, that is, as business permits them to get away, immediately they can, as they say, "decently do so." And when we all meet again what changes may have taken place. Who can say? Bro. Jones, who sings so well his favourite strain, Bro. Potter, always ready with his well known "few humble words," Bro. Jones, who is always sentimental, and Bro. Jobson, who is always transcendental; Judkins, who has a grievance, and Stipkins, who has been "improperly passed over," will still, no doubt, be to the fore, to enlighten or to bore, to fidget or to edify, the courteous W.M. and their patient brethren. But shall we all meet again to tell of what we have seen and done in the interim? The chances are against it. We may probably see that stately W.M. of ours, and that bold array of intrepid P.M.'s, the Secretary at his

desk, the Treasurer with his book, Wardens and Deacons, and Master of Ceremonies, to say nothing of Stewards, and Inner Guard, and Organist. And let us hope we shall. It would be sad if the inexorable fates had cut in twain that thread of cheerful life which binds so many a true hearted frater to his old lodge. We should miss much if that were so, the kind smile, and the warm hand, the zealous will, and the sobered mind; we should look in vain for the grey hairs of Past Master White, and the halcyon locks of Bro. Jinkinson; we should sadly note old Bro. Higgin's vacant chair, and speak in bated breath of poor dear Bro. Backhouse. But so it is, and say what we will, we are ever in a circle as it were, and we feel as we write to-day, how true it ever is, that we little know here what a day may bring forth. We have tried to write cheerfully, but we have failed, and for the best of all reasons, that we are not so young as we were, and that each birthday only whispers to us the warning lesson of Freemasonry, "Gnothi seauton." Weakness and decay, and change and severance are the lot of us all, men and Masons, and none of us can be insensible to those changes and choppings of the world which often leave us like sea weed on the shore of time, which thereceding waves have cast up in all their life and vigour. We wish, however, to-day, to all our scattering and scattered brethren, health and happiness, comfort and enjoyment, wherever they may be sojourning for a season. Some who have their domestic angels to bless them and look after them, will have, as we know, their pleasure doubled and their happiness increased by all those "agremens" which woman's kind heart and gentle presence always ensure to ungrateful man. And our bachelor brethren, let us hope that they will see the "evil of their ways," and find some dear confiding creature in their pleasant outing to "bless or bore them" during the after hours of their sub-lunary career. May November see them in the good old lodge again, radiant and rejoicing, full of health and appetite, a good digestion and cheerful spirits, the married brethren prouder than ever of the wives of their bosom, the youthful Benedicts "hugging their chains" duly and properly, and all ready for work, and not unfriendly to refreshment.

## THE DEMANDS ON OUR CHARITIES.

It must be quite clear to the most careless readers of our Masonic intelligence that our great charities are increasing in their demands on the zeal and liberality of our Order, and will continue to do so. Take the Boys' School for instance. It has 58 candidates for the October election, and only 11 vacancies. It is quite evident to us that unless something is done to lessen this "dead weight" of unsuccessful applicants at the next April election we shall be perfectly overpowered, and many, far too many, will be left out in the cold. We therefore would press upon the General Committee and Bro. Binckes the advisability of at once determining to raise the number of admissions to 200. Such an announcement would be received with enthusiasm by the Craft as a fitting response to its recent goodly efforts on behalf of this most important and valuable institution. Bro. Binckes states that £12,500 represents the return of the festival of 1876, and that before the close of the year he has the promise of other amounts. Never, then, was there a better opportunity for, or a more reasonable and seasonable act than the permanent increase of the Boys' School to 200. And in saying this we do not shut our eyes to the probable further necessary increase of the School. Indeed, we feel persuaded that before long the School will have to be raised to 300 to represent the growing demands of our increasing and prosperous fraternity. And do not let us carp at the fact, or grudge the increased expenditure. Freemasonry is never so much in its own element as when its members can point in honest exultation and becoming pride to its noble works of charity and beneficence, of educational labours, of humanitarian zeal. Still, as of old, its one unfailing motto is, its best answer to gainsayer and libeller, "Si quæris, circumspecte."



## CRICKET.

Though some of us are old, and lame, and gouty and gray-headed now, we have not altogether forgotten the days of our youth. The fine weather which prevailed last week drew together that wonderful assembly at "Lord's Cricket Ground," to witness the annual contest between Eton and Harrow. In our Masonic Order we have not only many old "Public School boys," but also a large number of "athletes," who rejoice to take part in that thoroughly English and manly game. Even under the broiling sun of Friday and Saturday the two elevens shewed no lack of that bodily activity and that zealous endurance which are such distinguishing characteristics of our English youth. And so should it be. It will be a very bad day for us all when our youth throw off that love of active habits, outdoor pursuits, that intense appreciation of the skilful, the trying, and the hazardous which serves so much to strengthen and develop the finer traits of the English character. How many a pleasant English lad fresh from Eton, or Harrow, or Winchester, and other of our great scholastic centres, has led up the dangerous breach, or nobly headed the "forlorn hope." Many a good college oar (ask the Bishop of Lichfield) has developed into the earnest missionary, and the benefactor of humanity and civilization. From anything like the mere idle "dilettante," the indifferent "swell," the uninterested "flaneur" about town, the selfish and heartless sybarite, let us hope and trust that a good Providence will long preserve our young men. With some faults, they are after all, very difficult to beat; and in all that requires calm courage or gallant endeavour, the impulse of a hero, or the ready resource of the intelligent and devoted, we still will proudly back them against all comers. We say this in no spirit of boasting, but we believe what we say. Once put on their "mettle," once thrown on their own resources, once compelled to give up the idleness of the "faineant," and the Epicureanism of "swelldom," the affectation of fashion, they still are, and prove themselves to be, "chips of the old block," of that good sound breed which has given to our country its prestige, and to England its high name among the nations of the world. Now we are among those who regret much that Winchester, Harrow, and Eton cannot meet for a week's cricket in the metropolis, and form an agreeable gathering for past and present schoolboys, as well as the cricketing world. The withdrawal of Winchester has told badly on its cricketing powers and fame, and nothing can well be more painful to all old Wykehamists, some who recall other days of victory, and famous batsmen and famous bowlers. Indeed, we never could well see why Winchester boys were not likely to behave themselves as well as other boys, or why they of all others were to be placed under such a "ban." Surely it might be pleaded "defendit numerus?" surely, if the consent of parents could be obtained, the authorities have practically really but little to do with the matter. We are aware that Winchester boys do not always come from the most affluent classes, but that is a matter surely for the College Cricket Club, and many old Wykehamists would gladly, for the love of the old "Domus Dei," contribute to the needful expenses, and many a Wykehamist in London would offer a "Dulcedomum" for the week to those who would maintain the reputation of their famous school. We heartily sympathize with all "cricketers," and wish them all a good innings and admiring circle of friendly critics, male and female.

## PEACE OR WAR.

Since we last wrote the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has made a most important statement as to "non-interference" on the part of England. He has also stated that Sir Henry Elliot does not altogether credit that fearful detail of horrors which has been given in both of our contemporaries, the "Times" and the "Daily News." That war, and especially a civil war, entails "horrors" we know; that cruelties and terrible trials are its inevitable accompaniments we also are fully aware. But let us hope

for the sake of humanity, in the interests and progress of a common civilization, that these fearful outrages on Bulgarian women especially are the "mirage," so to say, of some excited correspondent. Lord Derby fears that it is hopeless to try to arrest the "dogs of war" in their uncontrollable fury, but promises non-interference in and localization of, the struggle. Is there no solution possible which would put a close at once to this internecine strife and restore security to the homestead and safety to an innocent population—offer peace, instead of bloodshed, rapine, and brutality to these suffering lands?

## 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 LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Pray let me assure "W.T." that by my little innocent "provincial" jest I did not mean for a moment to "sneer" at the provincial element of the Craft. I plead guilty to a poor joke, but not to a bad spirit.

I must still adhere to my view, that to meet in a building or to vote money to that building may, and does in this case, involve questions not of mere expediency, but of principle.

I am also still of opinion that the records of Grand Lodge "happily testify that we have at times gone out of the beaten track" in making our grants. But this, like every other digression, must have a reasonable limitation, and this I humbly but fairly consider, Bro. Havers passed.

To withdraw my motion and yet to press my amendment I hold to be perfectly consistent. The former was a definite proposal, and one which, from its peculiar nature, should have been unanimously carried; the latter was indefinite, and was quite of a kind to be decided by a majority. The little flourish of religious zeal and indignation at the close of "W.T.'s" letter is rather too vague to be replied to, particularly as I hope we may be able to prove we make no "empty" boast of doing that which "costs us nothing."

I am afraid all the ingenious special pleading of the "Prov. Grand Officer" will not convince many of us that the "national" character of the Church of England so entirely extrudes the idea of its being a "particular religious body" as to justify a grant by the Grand Lodge of England for the reconstruction and adornment of two of its churches.

Our being good subjects and patriots is quite another thing, and these, I hope, we may be without unnecessarily raising a cry, neither frivolous nor vexatious, and justly calculated to raise a prejudice against the "particular religious body" so often alluded to, and to deviate from those broad and distinct lines of Freemasonry, which are at once one of its characteristic features and its only pathway of safety amongst our many "unhappy divisions."

I am, dear Sir and brother, yours fraternally,

R. J. SIMPSON.

P.S.—As to your remark in the leading article of last week, that I seem to "stand alone," I would say with Hamlet, "I mind not seems." I am content to know I have whole lodges with me. It is, however, very natural on every ground that your correspondence should mainly come from members of the minority in the late division in Grand Lodge.

[A note of caution is needed. Our good brother is going a little beyond our Masonic limits in bringing in the Church of England at all. As Freemasons we have nothing to do with her "unhappy divisions," and know nothing about them. Bro. Havers' argument rested more upon the fact of these Churches being connected with Freemasonry than with churches, or even churches of the Church of England.—Ed.]

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The vindication of myself is a matter of so little importance, that I would not ask you again to inscribe my name upon your pages in reference to the controversy with Bro. Havers, did I not consider that the principles involved in the discussion are far more important than my own feelings. Meantime I can calmly let imputations of "ignorance," "absurdity," and the like pass by, for I have learned enough to know how little can be known, and in this sense am painfully conscious of my own ignorance.

You strongly condemn the denominational character of the discussion on Bro. Havers's motion. I can quite appreciate your condemnation of it, for it was the weak point of the motion itself, and it was mainly objectionable on that ground. It is, however, remarkable that orthodox denominationalists consider that they may enunciate anything without violating any one's liberties or hurting any one's feelings, whereas the heterodox denominationalist is "ignorant," "indecent," and monstrous if he ventures to question anything. The pride of infallibility is not confined to one sect.

With regard to the letter of Bro. Havers, let me point out that he had given notice of his motion, and carefully considered his arguments before he came into Grand Lodge, and, therefore, he came there certainly with a "foregone conclusion." The brethren listened to his arguments very fairly, and he had advanced a long way in

his speech before cries of "No, no," were raised to dispel his "foregone conclusion." In the sense of prejudging him the brethren did not decide without hearing him.

I conclude by advising Bro. Havers, as he advises me, "to avoid every topic of religious discussion" in connection with Masonry. His motion raised a denominational issue, and he, himself, in his speech stated and anticipated the denominational objection; let him understand that the assertion of his orthodoxy may be the violation of a brother's heterodoxy, and that my religious liberty is as precious to me as his to himself.

I accepted Masonry as a peculiar system of morality veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols; if it is to be made the vehicle of a creed it must cease to be acceptable as a universal brotherhood.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

J. BAXTER LANGLEY.

## "ANOTHER PAMPHLET."

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice in this week's "Freemason" another pamphlet from the pen of Bro. Tew, and, without entering into any of the disputes that have so long prevailed between our brother and the executive of the Boys' School, I feel constrained, although reluctantly, to introduce myself into the controversy, as my name has been mentioned by him without any justification. I am classed by him amongst a clique who at present manage our institutions, and I must say with a very offensive reference, all such insinuations being entirely outside the truth—I do not say wilfully, but if Bro. Tew has trusted to others to supply him with the particulars I refer to, so may he have founded his whole complaints upon similar untrustworthy information, and which should have made him hesitate before subscribing his name to a document affecting the honour of some of his brethren without first satisfying himself as to the facts. In the first place, it was not in 1869, or at any other time, that I was nominated to serve on the House Committee of the Boys' School. I have the pleasure of being a life governor of that excellent charity, and beyond which my ambition does not at present lead me, as I should personally object to serve on the committee of both institutions. Again, Bro. Tew infers that at a similar if not earlier period I was also nominated to serve on the House Committee of the Girls' School. The first time I was nominated to the latter institution was in 1874, and, being unsuccessful, was again put in nomination in 1875, and elected. With regard to the inference that there are some domiciled foreigners on our committee, this must apply to me only, as mine is the only foreign name amongst those quoted by Bro. Tew in his pamphlet; but I may inform our Bro. Tew that, although bearing a French name, my ancestors, so far as can be traced for many generations, are true English in blood, and for myself, having been brought up in the Blue Coat School (a public charitable institution), I claim to possess some practical knowledge of the working of "English charitable institutions."

I am, dear Sir, fraternally yours,

H. A. DUBOIS,

July 17.

P.M. 1326, P.M. 1423, &c., &c.

## A MASONIC CLUB.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have noticed in the daily papers lately advertisements relative to a "Masonic Club," about to be opened in Queen Victoria-street with a banquet at the latter end of this month. I do not see the advertisement or any other allusion to the club in your columns, at which I am somewhat surprised.

Is all right and on the square, and would you recommend it?

Yours fraternally,

A.P.M. AND H.K.T.

[We cannot explain the fact, except on the principle that Freemasons like to advertise anywhere but in the "Freemason."—Ed.]

## THE VICAR OF BRIGG AND THE FREEMASONS.

By particular request we copy the following from the "Hull and Lincolnshire Times," June 24th, 1876:—

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR,—The Rev. Mr. Wylie, of Brigg, thought fit to prevent the Freemasons of Lincolnshire assembling for Divine worship in the Anglican Church in that town. He considered that, whether right or wrong in their peculiar views, it was undesirable for frail, erring men, as all necessarily must be, to seek the help and guidance of that Great Being whose special servant Mr. Wylie professes to be. Dr. Ace, a beneficed clergyman of the church, has clearly and forcibly expressed his opinion on the subject. Will you kindly allow me, as a layman, to express my regret at the course taken by Mr. Wylie? Knowing something of Mr. Wylie, I am certain he acted conscientiously, and to the best of his ability. The misfortune was that he foolishly came to a hasty decision, studiously avoided any discussion on the subject, and then mistook obstinacy for firmness. As a churchman, I deeply deplore his unfortunate mistake. It is errors like this and the Owston Ferry case that are doing the Established Church of this country so much harm in the minds of all classes. "The story of my life from year to year" brings me into close homely contact with rich and poor, and it is with the deepest concern that I see the ill effects that arise from these attempts to dogmatise over everybody else on the part of well-meaning but weak-minded members of the priesthood. It is much to be regretted that the power of the beneficed clergyman is so absolute, and that there is no prompt practical appeal to a higher authority.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

AN ANGLICAN CHURCHMAN BY  
BIRTH AND CHOICE.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—Dr. Ace has published a letter in the "Hull Times," accusing the Vicar of Brigg of assuming "power to exclude, or rather excommunicate, both priests and people from the Church of England, and set up a capricious clerical test as a condition of public worship." This is a serious charge to bring against a clergyman, especially when brought by another clergyman, "and a Doctor of Divinity of both English universities," "I would therefore record my protest against this audacious aggression on the rights of conscience and the principles of civil and religious liberty" on the part of Dr. Ace; for your readers should know that the Vicar of Brigg simply exercised the discretion vested in every incumbent as to who should officiate, and what service should be performed in the church entrusted to his care, and in this discretion, and according to his conscience, he declined to allow the Chaplain of a secret society to officiate on Whit Tuesday. But Mr. Wylie and his curate officiated at 11 o'clock on that day, when the Freemasons were assembling. The church was not closed against anybody, and some of the Freemasons were present at the service. I presume it is no great breach of civil and religious liberty if some persons disapprove of Freemasonry, and if a clergyman does so, or even is not a Freemason, he may very well decline to lend his church to be used for some service, or for the delivery of some address, or the entrance of some procession which he might possibly disapprove of, as it would be by your

HUMBLE SERVANT.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—The letter in your last issue, headed as above, should not be read by the uninitiated as expressing the sentiments of a Freemason who desires to carry out the objects of the fraternity, which are truly stated to be "charitable feeling and Christian virtue;" but rather of one who evidences his zeal and attachment to the Order by contention, strife, and bitterness, instead of in virtue and brotherly love. The contemplation of all the vast and wonderful works of the Great Architect of the Universe shows us that their mutual dependence upon each other is necessary to establish the perfection of the whole; and thus we derive the lesson, which it is the duty of all Freemasons to practise, namely, to breathe the purest spirit of love and harmony. Our Order has always excited the ridicule of some, and offended the religious opinions of others, and whatever may be the vicar's objection to Freemasons using the house of their God, let us not forget that we can only attain the summit of our profession by the means of charity in its most ample sense; and to be a Freemason is to be in charity with all men.

I am, yours obediently,

P.M. 1882.

Brigg, 22nd June, 1876.

[We do not think any good can be accomplished by a protracted correspondence on this subject, and in thus closing it would merely add that since clergymen and ministers invariably extol the practice of Odd Fellows, Foresters, and other friendly societies commencing their festivities by attending Divine service, it would have been but a graceful action on the part of the Vicar of Brigg had he acceded to the request of the much more influential body of Masons who attended the late Provincial Grand Lodge.—ED.]

We quite agree with our contemporary.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 1612.

This new lodge for the Province of Middlesex was consecrated last Saturday, at the Institute, Ealing. The assemblage of the brethren to witness the ceremony was both large and important, numbering as they did some of the principal members of the neighbouring lodges. Among those were Bros. B. Sidney Wilmot, William Hilton, J. Greer, A. Muskett Yetts, W. F. Savage, W. Savage, C. B. Payne, J. B. Lancaster, F. Lawrence, W. Kershaw, C. J. Taylor, C. F. Fogarty, Gardiner, W.M. 780; Walter Goss, E. H. Taylor, J. Large, R. E. Harris, P. Cocher, W. W. Morgan, and H. Massey ("Freemason").

The ceremony of consecration was performed by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., and P.A.G.D.C., as S.W.; Bro. James Weaver, P. Prov. G. Organist Middlesex, as J.W.; Bro. the Rev. O. G. P. Perrott, as Chaplain; Bro. H. G. Buss, as D.C.; and Bro. W. J. Murlis, as I.G. Bro. Hervey having opened the lodge, delivered a powerful address to the brethren, in which he pointed out the growing necessity there was for caution in the introduction of new members to the Craft, and advised the brethren of the West Middlesex Lodge to observe that caution in their dealings with the propositions for initiation. He afterwards reiterated the observations he made as to the use of the black ball when he consecrated the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, which were duly reported in the "Freemason" of the 6th of May last.

The Rev. O. G. D. Perrott delivered the oration.

Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

Having already assisted at one consecration to-day, that of a neighbouring church, and melting, like several I see around me, under the present more than tropical heat, I feel that this is not an occasion for making a long speech, and I shall therefore not weary you by indulging in those usual commonplaces, not unfrequently perhaps insincere, about inability, &c., but proceed direct to the task assigned me, viz., an oration, if I may venture to call such the few remarks I have to make respecting the nature and principles of Freemasonry. In an age like the present, when every institution, whatever its antiquity and usefulness,

has suffered more or less from the inroads of the sceptical and levelling tendencies of the day, it is not to be wondered at that our Craft has been from time to time assailed, ridiculed, and even anathematized, and if this is more especially true of its present history it is not less true of the past, and notwithstanding all that has been said against it, I make bold to say that never has the Craft stood on a firmer basis than at present, rearing its head aloft at the grandest ceremony ever witnessed in the Albert Hall, and having for its chief H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The uninitiated may well wonder what this system can be which exhibits such vitality, and has survived the many attacks that have been made against it. And, Worshipful Sir and brethren, without committing myself, of pledging you to an acceptance of those traditions which would point to Adam as the first Freemason, and would identify as brethren of the Craft the sons of Lamech, who are said to have engraved our secrets on certain stone pillars which should outlive the Deluge, it seems pretty certain that Freemasonry can boast not only of considerable antiquity, extending back perhaps into the sphere of immemorial tradition, but also of many persons of illustrious rank, and of men of genius and talent, whose works survive as monuments of their greatness, and who have held the proud position of Grand Masters of our Order. I need mention only the names of Sir Christopher Wren, whose magnificent structure is at once the pride and ornament of our metropolis, of Inigo Jones, and of Cardinal Wolsey, who, amid all his ambitious projects, is said never to have neglected his duties as Grand Master. And what is it, brethren, which has given such stability to our Order? Is it not from the fact of its being based on the grand principles of "brotherly love, relief, and truth?" Yes, we may point with pride to our charities, which testify to the benevolence of past and present members of our Order, no less a sum than £32,000 having been raised this year; and here I would remark, quoting words which fell from the lips of our late revered Grand Master, that these charities ought not to be dependent on the generosity of the same few, who always give liberally, but that every brother should give his quota, remembering the old adage "Many a mickle makes a muckle." I need not plead with Freemasons about the duty of giving, for it is a practical expression of our belief in brotherly love, and besides giving, to quote the words of another distinguished brother, it becomes our duty to take an interest in the working of our charities, and I feel sure that by occasionally visiting them, and watching and aiding in their management, great good would result to the charities. Let those who cannot make themselves at once life subscribers or life governors sink the pride they may feel in seeing their names recorded in print, and give according to their means towards endowing the different chairs in the lodge; in this way, as is done in some of the provinces, greater power in the management of the charities is acquired by the lodge, and the success of one's candidates at elections is assured. Another principle on which our Craft is based is truth; we are required to rule our every action by that volume of unerring truth which lies open in every lodge, and which reveals to us the Word of God. I fear that much of the ridicule to which we are exposed is owing to the licence and excess which some few brethren indulge in, and which the laws of the land do not tolerate even in places of public resort. It was only the other day, when mentioning to a friend our ceremony of to-day, he observed "It is all moonshine, you are no better than Antediluvian Buffaloes; it is all knife and fork business with you Masons—only a question of eating and drinking." Now, it can hardly be questioned that this is the prevalent opinion amongst the uninitiated, and however true it may be with respect to some few amongst us, I venture to say that the great majority of our brethren do act up to the principles they profess, that though they may, just as any other mortals, have their differences, still they do forget and forgive with that brotherly love which they profess, and reflect in the general tenour of their lives the grand principles of the Craft; and, brethren, may it please the Great Architect of the Universe to grant that all the members of this lodge may be bright members of the Order, and may become living stones in that Grand Lodge above, where all secrets shall be revealed.

The ceremony of consecration was afterwards completed, the assistance of Bros. Wrighton, Delevanti, Lawler, Carter, and Baxter being given for the musical portions.

When the ceremony was completed, Bro. A. Beasley, of the managerial department of the Great Western Railway, and P.M. of No. 780, was installed W.M., and the following brethren were invested with their collars of office:—Bros. Brown, I.P.M.; T. Kingston, S.W.; H. Kasner, J.W.; Brown, P.M., Treas.; J. Chambers Roe, Sec.; Bird, S.D.; Greenc, J.D.; Compton, I.G.; the Rev. O. G. D. Perrott, Chaplain; F. Delevanti, Organist; Leonard, M.C.; and Harrison, Tyler.

The charges were delivered by Bro. T. Fenn, and propositions were given in for initiation and joining.

The W.M., in proposing a vote of thanks to the consecrating officers, said he had no doubt that those distinguished brethren were honorary members of a good many lodges, but they would none the less value honorary membership of the West Middlesex Lodge on that account. All the brethren knew how much they were indebted to the Grand Secretary for coming there that day, and personally he (the W.M.) felt he could not thank him sufficiently for attending on such a hot day such a long distance from London. They were also exceedingly indebted to the Rev. O. G. D. Perrott for attending and delivering the oration. He therefore proposed, along with the thanks of the brethren, honorary membership of the lodge to the consecrating brethren, Bros. Hervey, Fenn, Weaver, Perrott, and Buss.

Bro. Brown, I.P.M., seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

Bro. Hervey acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and the other consecrating brethren, who, he said, appreciated the compliment as highly as he himself did. They all felt that the little service they had rendered was acceptable to the members of the lodge, which they trusted and felt would be a credit to the Order. They hoped to see it persevere in a path of usefulness. In respectability it could not increase; but while it increased in usefulness so long would it secure esteem, and so long would the consecrating officers feel proud to think that part of the lodge's usefulness was owing to themselves.

After this the bye-laws were passed, and a suggestion was made that a photograph should be taken of the brethren who had participated in the consecration. This suggestion was not, however, adopted, the W.M. stating that the brethren, who were certainly ornamental, had not yet gone through a year of office to shew they were useful, and until that end had been arrived at it might not be much encouragement to other brethren if they did see the portraits. He, however, thought that if a Master did go through his year of office well the suspension of his likeness in the lodge-room would have a beneficial effect on his successors.

Bro. Hervey said that he thought it would be a good rule to adopt that the brethren who were photographed should themselves pay for the work of art.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Brown's Railway Hotel, where an elegant banquet was provided. After this had been disposed of, the toasts were given, and those of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M." were first duly honoured.

Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.D., responded to the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the D.G.M., and Grand Officers," and in doing so said he had been a member of that body for about a dozen years, and he could safely say that he believed the Grand Officers were willing and desirous on all occasions to perform any duty or service which might devolve upon them in the Craft. They were always desirous to advance the interests of Masonry, and it was on that account that they had been brought to the notice of the Grand Master and honoured with the purple. It was a great pleasure to see brethren so honoured, and he must draw to their particular attention the observations which had been made in lodge by Grand Secretary that afternoon, which would give them a good idea of what their duties as Freemasons were. He believed with the Grand Secretary that it was the selection of its members which lay at the foundation of a young lodge's prosperity.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of Bro. Hervey, Consecrating Officer." He informed the brethren of the great assistance which he had received from Bro. Hervey in the establishment of this lodge, and of the kind advice he had given him whenever he went to consult him on the subject. His knowledge of the Book of Constitutions had been brought to bear on the advice he had given, and this had been of great service in directing the brethren. So that it was not only for coming on that very hot day to consecrate the lodge that the brethren had to thank Bro. Hervey, but for that useful and important advice which he had furnished beforehand.

Bro. Hervey, replying, said that on the occasion of consecrating a lodge, consecrating officers not unfrequently unbosomed themselves, and sometimes made themselves agreeable and sometimes disagreeable by what they said, agreeable by saying flattering things, and disagreeable by telling unpleasant truths. He was afraid he might be considered as doing the latter that evening. Still it was not for him to say only smooth things. He must tell them those things which he thought profitable for them. Lodges were being consecrated now to a large number, and the ceremonies were being very ably done. He was pleased that the ceremony that evening had given satisfaction to the brethren; but it was not to him that praise alone was to be given, as the ceremony would have been poor but for the assistance he received from Bros. Fenn, Weaver, Perrott, and Buss. (Hear hear.) Enough of himself and of those who had acted with him. He now came to a more pleasant theme "The Health of the W.M., and Success and Prosperity to the West Middlesex Lodge." Under the present W.M. he had no doubt that at no distant date the lodge would attain to great eminence. He knew it would be well handled and well conducted. As he had ventured to advise them to take care that good men only were initiated, men well known and well vouched for, he could not suppose for one moment that his advice would not be acted upon, and consequently that the lodge would not prosper.

The W.M. in the course of his response to the toast, which was most cordially received, said that all the brethren knew that what he had done for the lodge had been done with the most hearty good will, and with a sincere desire to benefit not only the Craft in general but this lodge "very much in particular." He remembered having been told two or three years ago that it was in contemplation to establish a lodge in Ealing. He said on that occasion that he should be very glad indeed to join it, well knowing that it would be composed in most part of his personal friends. The movement did not, however, arrive at maturity, but was revived by a meeting being held which he was asked to attend. He did so, not knowing what the intention of the brethren was, and he was much surprised when he was asked whether he would accept the office of W.M. His answer was "Certainly not, if any other brother could be found willing to take it, but if not he would." He was taken at his word, and from that moment to this he had felt it a great compliment, and the brethren must allow him to express his obligations to them. The arrangement, control, and management of everything in connection with the lodge had been in his hands. He said this, however, with a qualification, because the lodge would not have been so completely equipped with everything had it not been for the able assistance he had received from Bro. Roe, the Secretary, and he was quite happy in his mind to think that during his year of office



he should have such a Secretary as no lodge ever had before. He would not disguise from the brethren that a great deal of trouble had to be gone through in arranging all the preliminaries for the lodge; in fact, if he had known what an amount of trouble was involved in it he might perhaps have declined altogether when he was asked to take the chair. Bro. Hervey had lightened his labours by giving him all the assistance in his power. All the trouble he had taken was now compensated for; it had culminated in the successful establishment of the lodge, and if he had health and strength during his year of office the bright promise of that day would be in no way dimmed by the actions and performances of the future. It would be his study to set a lead to his successors, and an example and standard from which they would not do well to vary. The W.M. then proposed "The Royal Alfred Lodge, 780, the recommending lodge," with which he coupled the names of Bro. Gardiner, W.M., and Bro. W. Hilton, I.P.M. Both these brethren responded, and expressed the pleasure they experienced in finding a P.M. of their lodge occupying the distinguished position of first W.M. of the West Middlesex Lodge, especially one who had proved his efficiency for the post of W.M. in the former. "The Health of the Chaplain, and the other Assistant Consecrating Officers," was the next toast, and the W.M. took the opportunity of thanking them individually for the readiness with which they lent their aid in the performance of the ceremonies. Bro. the Rev. O. G. D. Perrott, who was the first to reply, said that what the brethren had been pleased to dignify with the title of an oration was merely a short address on the principles of Freemasonry, which he had felt much pleasure in delivering. In that address he had ventured to refer to the charities, and to recommend that those brethren who could not or did not feel disposed to give their five or ten guineas to constitute themselves life-governors of the different institutions should assist in endowing one or other of the chairs of the lodge. He should be very happy to assist in such an object, and he would propose to begin with the Girls' School. Bros. Buss and Weaver also responded. Bros. Brown and Roe replied to "The Treasurer and Secretary," and the other customary toasts having been given and acknowledged, "The Masonic Press" was submitted to the brethren by the W.M., and replied to by Bros. H. Massey ("Freemason") and W. W. Morgan. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which had been interspersed with some excellent ballads and other choice morceaux by the musical brethren named above.

#### CONSECRATION OF ST. THOMAS LODGE, 576, AT GIBRALTAR.

On Friday, 23rd ult., the important ceremony of consecrating St. Thomas Lodge, No. 576, took place, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, by P.M. Thomas J. Haynes, assisted by Bros. Richard B. Hepper, W.M. Lodge Friendship, 278, acting W.S.W.; A. Gimenez, W.M. Lodge St. John, 115, acting W.J.W.; Past Masters J. R. Morgan, F. Ashton, and J. H. Haynes, P.M.'s Beal, Francheri, and Holliday; Bros. J. W. Evjenth, J. Cunningham, G. Bassadone, B. White, B. G. Haynes, J. Conroy, S. Buckle, E. Bado, E. Valarino, and T. Trenerry, and about 40 more visiting brethren. After the solemn ceremony of consecration was performed the St. Thomas Lodge was declared open, and Bro. Crewell D. Haynes was presented by Bro. P.M. Morgan and duly installed as the first W.M. of the lodge, the ceremony being performed by Bro. T. Haynes in a very impressive manner, after which the following brethren were installed as the first officers of the lodge:—Bros. T. J. Haynes, D.M.; J. J. R. Morgan, S.W.; N. Clavoresso, W.S.W.; F. Ashton, W.J.W.; J. J. R. Morgan, Treas.; J. H. Haynes, Sec.; J. Rennie, S.D.; T. Haynes, I.G.; G. Llamas, Tyler.

P.M. Beal, in the name of St. John's Lodge, No. 325, I.C.; W.M. A. Gimenez, on behalf of St. John's Lodge, No. 115, E.C.; J. Cunningham, S.W., on behalf of Inhabitants Lodge, 153, E.C.; and W.M. R. B. Hepper, on behalf of Friendship Lodge, No. 278, E.C., wished prosperity and success to St. Thomas Lodge in the names of their respective lodges.

After the names of candidates and joining members had been submitted, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the installation banquet, when the following toasts were proposed and responded to:—"The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Masters, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Duke of Abercorn, and Sir M. S. Stewart, Bart." "The Visitors" was next given, and heartily responded to.

Bro. Morgan proposed the health of a very aged Master, although not present, being in Cadiz, "Bro. Haynes, the respected Father of the Bros. Haynes present," and requested all the brethren to assist him in giving this toast, which was done enthusiastically with Masonic honours.

Bro. B. G. Haynes, in the name of his father, and in a few appropriate words, returned thanks.

The W.M. mentioned that the St. Thomas Lodge came to fill a void long wanted in Gibraltar; that being a colony where so many Scotchmen resided it had long been their wish to have a lodge under the Scotch Constitution, as there are already lodges under the English and Irish Constitutions, and that there was plenty of room for the St. Thomas Lodge, and hoped that the whole of the lodge would work fraternally together.

"The Health of the Venerable P.M. Beal" was then given, and responded to by all present with the greatest enthusiasm.

The Tyler's toast being given brought to conclusion a most happy and long to be remembered meeting.

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#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORD.

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The P.G.M. then concluded by saying that there was something of the sort in the province of Oxfordshire in which he was initiated, and that certain lodges in London, whose members had connexions at the university, helped to support it, and a copy of the Calendar was sent to each contributing lodge. The desirability of publishing it would be considered by a committee if they decided to appoint one, and if it appeared right to the lodge to authorize it, he (the P.G.M.) thought that prepared under proper supervision it might be of great use on some occasions.

It was thereupon agreed to appoint the following brethren to form a committee to consider the desirability of publishing a Masonic Calendar for the province, and to report, viz., W. Bro. H. C. Finch, P.G. Reg.; W. Wilson, P.P.G.J.W.; J. S. Carter, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Terry, P.G.D.C.; E. A. Simson, P.M. 403; F. H. Wilson Iles, P.G. Sec.; J. C. Cussans, 443; B. Taylor; and it was further agreed on the proposition of Bro. Terry that the publication of the calendar may take place prior to the next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge upon receiving the sanction of the Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master.

Bro. Carter proposed, and Bro. Lambert seconded, the election of Bro. A. F. Copland to be the Prov. G. Treasurer, which was carried unanimously.

The officers for the ensuing year were then appointed, and invested as follows:—

Sedgwick, P.M. 104	.....	D. Prov.G.M.
Grocott, 869	.....	Prov. G.S.W.
Gilbert, 1327	.....	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. Burchell Herne and Rev. C. Mayo	.....	Prov.G. Chaplains.
A. J. Copland, 404	.....	Prov. G. Treas.
H. C. Finch, 404	.....	Prov. G. Reg.
H. Wilson Iles, P.M. 404	.....	Prov. G. Sec.
H. Campkin, 403	.....	Prov. G.S.D.
F. R. Webster, 1479	.....	Prov. G.J.D.
W. H. Fellows, 404	.....	Prov. G.S.W.
James Terry	.....	Prov. G.D.C.
Cutbush, 1385	.....	Prov. G.A.D.C.
E. G. Pottle, 869	.....	Prov. G.S.B.
W. W. Pritchett, 1327	.....	Prov. G. Org.
T. Reilly,	.....	Prov. G. Purst.
J. E. Dawson, 404	.....	Prov. G.A.P.
Chapman, 869; A. Malcolm, 1327; J. D. Massey, 1580; Venables, Green, 404; P. W. Taylor	.....	Prov. P.G. Stwds.
T. Thomas, 404, and T. Wright, 403	.....	Prov. G. Tylers.

The P.G. Sec. informed the brethren while the Tylers were in the room that this was the twenty-fifth anniversary of Bro. Taylors's being-re-appointed Tyler of this Provincial Grand Lodge.

The P.G. Sec. read a letter from Bro. Wilson, P.P.G.J.W. expressing his regret at his inability to attend P. Grand Lodge, and thanking the lodge for the jewel voted to him last year and for the letter of regards that accompanied it. He further reported that a new lodge, the Cranbourne, 1580, had been duly constituted and consecrated by the Grand Secretary on behalf of the M.W. the Grand Master, on the 29th March, 1876.

Prov. G. Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer.

After the closing of the lodge the brethren assembled in the great hall, where a banquet worthy of the place and the occasion awaited them. The banqueting arrangements had been placed in the hands of Bro. T. H. Prestage of 571, Hackney-rd., who fulfilled the trust admirably, although labouring under considerable difficulties; for he not only had to get the dinner cooked where possibly a dinner had not been cooked for a century, but he had to get a cooking stove built before he could do it. The whole, however, was successfully performed and an elegant and enjoyable banquet was the result.

On the removal of the cloth the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and received and responded to with true Masonic cordiality.

"The Toast of 'The Queen and the Craft,' and that of 'The M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales,' were followed by the National Anthem, and 'God Bless the Prince of Wales.' We may here say that the musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. G. T. Carter, P.M. 382, were excellent indeed. We do not know that we ever heard the grace 'For this and all Thy mercies given,' which was sung at the conclusion of the banquet, so well rendered. The singers were Bros. James Lord, Montem Smith, Seymour Smith and Chaplin Henry, who were accompanied on the pianoforte by the P.G. Organist.

In proposing "The Health of the Pro G.M., Deputy G.M. and the Rest of the Officers, past and present," the P.G.M. spoke in high terms of praise of Lord Carnarvon, both as a public man and a Mason, and also of Lord Skelmersdale, for the admirable manner in which he had justified the Prince of Wales's appointment of him, and coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain.

Bro. Simpson, in thanking the P.G.M. and brethren for the compliment paid to the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and past and present officers of Grand Lodge, said that so long as the true principles of Freemasonry were held by the great body of Masons they might expect to see at their head men of high position and, what was far more important, men of personal worth. He felt grateful to the Right Worshipful P.G.M. for giving him the privilege of being present on this occasion and at the working of the Prov. G. Lodge, and concluded by remarking that though they might all on some occasions express opinions in which others did not concur, he trusted that they would be charitably credited with honesty of intention and for having the great fundamental principle of Freemasonry at heart, as well as the earnest desire to promote the good of the Craft.

The P.G.S.W.: It is with great pleasure that I propose the toast of "The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master." It is quite impossible for me to find words sufficient to express the appreciation in which he is held throughout the province, and I must therefore content myself with proposing his very good health.

The Prov. Grand Master, who on rising, was greeted with tremendous cheers, said, Bro. S.G.W. and Brethren, I have to thank you for the very kind manner in which you have proposed and received the toast of my health. I think that the reception you have given me is undeserved, because during the short time I have as yet presided over the Craft here, I have hardly had time to get such a knowledge of the Craft in the Province as I should have. I have to thank the Gresham and King Harold lodges for the magnificent reception they have given us to-day in this grand old hall. I can only say that I seldom remember to have seen a more suitable or impressive place for your meetings, for which I understand you are indebted to our Worshipful Provincial Grand Chaplain. I think the brethren of these two lodges must be most proud of the Provincial Grand Lodge on this account, that during the short time that I have been with you we have added another lodge to our number; and if we can do this every year or every two years we shall soon become one of the most important provinces on this side the kingdom. I feel sure that as long as there is such a cordial feeling throughout this province it will always be a pleasure and a pride to me to be at the head of such a flourishing division of the Craft. As time is short I will add no more on this head but will proceed to propose "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, past and present." A Prov. Grand Master cannot do everything and must look to his officers and those in authority under him for assistance and support in carrying out his work. I am supported by such an excellent and efficient body of Masons, and of none can I speak more highly than Bro. Sedgwick. The inconvenience of communication between this and the part where he resides has compelled him to leave already, so that he will not be able to respond to this toast, however, I will name the Provincial Grand Secretary instead. I never can forget my debt of gratitude to Bro. Iles for the assistance he has at all times so readily afforded me, though I am aware his work in Freemasonry is ever a labour of love. I hope, brethren, that you will give this toast such a reception as it deserves.

Bro. Iles having responded, the P.G.M. proposed "The Success of the Masonic Charities" coupling it with the name of Bro. Terry, and remarking on the success which attended Bro. Terry as the representative of one of them.

Bro. Terry, in his reply, attributed his success to his wearing the collar of a P.G. officer; he was understood to say that when he wore the pale blue no one believed in Bro. Terry; but Bro. Terry, one of the Provincial Grand Officers of that province was a person of increased importance, and therefore he had to thank Prov. Grand Lodge for a great measure of his success. He then proceeded to review shortly the useful course taken by the Masonic institutions, in whose behalf he thanked the Prov. Grand Lodge for the toast and for the contribution they had sent up year after year to the funds of each.

"The Health of the Visitors" and "Success to the Lodges of the Province" were also proposed and responded to very cordially, and after an extremely pleasant evening the brethren separated at an early hour.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTER-SHIRE. ADDRESS TO THE M.W.G.M.

To His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, K.G., K.V., &c., &c., &c., Most Worshipful G. Master of the Freemasons of England:

May it please your Royal Highness,—

We, the brethren of the Province of Worcester, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled at Dudley, in the said province, this Tuesday, the 20th day of June, A.L. 5876, A.D. 1876, respectfully desire to tender our congratulations on your Royal Highness's happy and safe return to your native land from your Royal Highness's visit to and sojourn in India, which visit we sincerely hope and believe will, under the blessing of Divine Providence, tend to cement the loyalty of our fellow subjects in that important part of the British Empire to Her Most Gracious Majesty's beneficent rule, and confirm them in their affection towards our mother country.

In offering these, our loyal congratulations, we would at the same time wish to render to the Most High our humble and heartfelt thanks for His merciful preservation of your Royal Highness under all the fatigues and dangers incident to such a journey, and we pray most fervently that He will grant to your Royal Highness, and to Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, long life, and to Her Most Gracious Majesty a continued, long, and happy reign.

Signed, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire,

W. BRISTOW, P.G. Sec.  
A. H. ROYDS, P.G.M.  
WM. MASEFIELD, D.P.G.M.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Prevention of Weakness.—Whenever circumstances produce impure blood, less on the force or in any way disarrange the balance of circulation, stagnation takes place in the lungs, and consumption, or any other formidable symptoms, discover themselves. Let Holloway's remedies be tried on the first feelings of debility or the first annoyance of a dry, hacking cough. After the chest, both before and behind, has been formed with warm brine and the skin has been dried with a towel, the ointment should be rubbed twice a day upon the chest and between the shoulders, and the Pills should be taken in alternative doses to purify the blood and cleanse the system without weakening it or rousing or aggravating the nervous irritation.—ADVT.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The local papers, from which we gleaned the account of the last meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall, unwittingly ascribed the excellence of the arrangements to the wrong parties, and as we believe in "honour to whom honour is due," it affords us pleasure to set the matter right by reproducing the following from the "Falmouth Packet":—

**FREEMASONRY IN FALMOUTH.**—The first regular lodge of Love and Honour after the assembling of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, on June 22nd, was held on Monday last, when votes of thanks were unanimously passed to those who had kindly assisted the brethren in making the meeting one of the most successful ever held in this province. The decoration of the Town Hall as a lodge on that occasion was entrusted to Bro. T. Polglase, who, assisted by Bro. Francis, carried out the work admirably, and many of our readers, although not Masons, must have admired its beautiful appearance, whilst our Masonic friends felt pride at old reminiscences—being surrounded by portraits of many old Past Masters, also the quaint and Masonically decorated chairs and pedestals—made from mahogany presented by Bro. Macnamara, in 1753, to Love and Honour Lodge, the oldest lodge in the province, dating and continuously working from June 12th, 1751. The amount of £6 3s. 4d., being two-fifths of the collection at church, was duly forwarded to the Secretaries of Falmouth Public Dispensary.

## TO THE LIFE GOVERNORS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS IN THE PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

"Audi Alteram Partem."

Brethren,—

I have been living in the vain hope that the strife and uncharitableness which a short time ago was stirred up in our province would have subsided, but I am sorry to see a notice on the agenda for our next Prov. Grand Lodge re-opening and renewing that ill-feeling.

It appears most strange to me that in that once happy and proud province there is not one resident brother who will take up the subject and endeavour to bring about an end to this unpleasantness.

I received Prov. G.L. summons on the 12th inst., and yesterday morning a brother voluntarily kindly sent me copy of a pamphlet, printed by Bro. Tew, ready to be sent to any lodge within the province who considers it worth while to pass upon him a vote of thanks for the prominent part he has recently taken. The receipt of these has aroused in me a desire to say something on the subject, having outside the province taken some little interest in the movements of West Yorkshire. If time permitted I could say much and give you a considerable amount of information on the un-Masonic proceedings of our D.P.G.M. He complains of the short notice Bro. (Mr.) Binckes gave him of the Quarterly Court on the 10th April. I do not know it was the duty of Bro. Binckes to give him this notice at all, but I may tell you that our D.P.G.M. knew of Bro. Woodford's notice on the 3rd April, when he was at Hull. The notice of the motion was only given to the committee in London on the 1st, so that Bro. Tew had as much time to organize his forces as any man in England, and all was done that possibly could to arouse the province by a strong appeal in Prov. G. Lodge at Wakefield on the 5th by the S.W. and J.W. What say you for the candour of your D.P.G.M. in wishing it to be inferred that he did not know of Bro. Woodford's motion until four days before the meeting of the Court? It was advertised in the daily papers in the usual way. Bro. Tew knows (or ought to know) the four fixed days on which Quarterly Court is held—shame on him wishing to make it appear he knew nothing about it until four days before. In the same paragraph he talks about a packed meeting. How ridiculous to talk about a packed meeting in the heart of London at mid-day! That large meeting assembled to shew their indignation of the un-Masonic conduct of our D.P.G.M., some of which I will expose to you before our next P.G. Lodge in October. Talking about a packed meeting comes with the most wretched grace from him! He and two of his satellites "stumping" the country, got together a meeting at Hull on the 3rd April, and when told that I had been invited to attend, wrote by return of post to Hull objecting to my being present. Why, forsooth? "Because 'John Sutcliffe of Grimsby is opposed to our movement.'" What do you think of that from our D.P.G.M.? But I was there notwithstanding his attempt to have a packed meeting, and in my next will tell you how he and his satellites conducted themselves. I will tell you some things which I think will arouse that old spirit of Freemasonry and fair play, which I feel certain still exists in W.Y. Defer your decision on the proposal of the "ex parte" statement of Bro. Booth on the 12th, until you hear some further communication in answer to the report of our Investigation Committee.

At the close of the pamphlet before me he refers to the formation of the House Committee. Does Bro. Tew want to get on that committee? If so, he knows (or ought to know) how to proceed to get elected, and until he or some of his party have been refused admission, I say it is most un-Masonic and ungentlemanly to attack the private characters of that body. It has been said of many agitators that they rail against some supposed grievance, but never take any real action and have no desire to remove it. Is this the case with Bro. Tew? His grievance would be gone if he (or any of his friends) get on the committee. See also his inconsistency, praising the Girls, censuring the Boys' House Committee, although several of the same brethren are on both.

In writing this I hope it has some effect in arousing the dormant spirit of W.Y. I know there are many good men in the province who disapprove altogether the late pro-

ceedings. How is it therefore, they quietly sit to be led by the D.P.G.M. and his clique? I have heard it said that one high in rank, none more beloved in all the province, "blushes" for it, and I have before me a note from another brother who stands high, also who would grace the D.P.G.M.'s chair, and would rule in peace, love, and harmony, and not in constant strife, envy, and hatred, and who writing to a friend since the last Boys' School Festival, says: "I am quite delighted at the very marked success of the festival, and the damper, I may say the severe rebuke, it has given to our D.P.G.M., who has done his best to set the province by the ears. Surely it will read him a lesson."

Surely—surely there are many, many more, holding the same good honest opinions. Why don't they speak out and do away with the strife and ill-feeling engendering in our once proud and happy province.

Yours fraternally,

Great Grimsby July 14.

JOHN SUTCLIFFE.

[We have thought it right to publish this circular, but after the result of the meeting the P.G.L. of West Yorkshire, on Wednesday last, at Huddersfield, as Bro. Prov. S. G. Warden Gill says, all that has "passed should be passed." All should be forgotten and forgiven.]

## FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

A new lodge was opened on Monday, the 15th May, in Tauranga, at the lodge-room, the Strand, under the authority of Bro. G. P. Pierce, P.G.M., acting under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The lodge was duly constituted and consecrated by Bro. Thomas Jenkins, P.M., of the Ara Lodge, Auckland, and P.G.D.C. of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Auckland, acting as P.O. under warrant from the Provincial Grand Master, assisted by Bros. Capt. Forster, as S.W.; Joseph Vercoe, as J.W.; the Rev. W. E. Mulgan, as Chaplain; and A. Asher, as D.C. The interesting opening ceremony was carried out by these brethren in a highly satisfactory and efficient manner, after which Bro. Henry C. Hoyte was duly installed Worshipful Master of the lodge, Bros. T. D. Wrigley, S.W.; Capt. Turner, J.W.; Joseph Vercoe, Treas.; the Rev. W. E. Mulgan, Chaplain; D. Asher, Sec.; R. C. Jordan, S.D.; W. M. Commons, J.D.; W. Watson, I.G.; Stewart, Tyler. Lodge business was then proceeded with, and a number of gentlemen proposed as candidates. After the lodge closed the brethren adjourned for refreshment to the Masonic Hotel.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

The Welsh National Eisteddfod concluded on Friday, 14th inst., at Llanrwst, Lord Aveland and Bro. Sir Watkin Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. N. Wales and Shropshire, acting as presidents. The latter, in his inaugural address, strongly commended the gathering as an antidote to the prevalence of drunkenness. Lady Llanover's prize for Welsh pedal harp playing, and the championship of Wales, was carried off by Mr. Hugh Hughes, Bethesda, a quarrymen's choir from the same place reaping the chief honours for choral competitions.

The old windows round the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral are being gradually removed, and new ones of a much improved style substituted for them.

The Licensed Victuallers' Asylum Grand Fête day at the Alexandra Palace will take place on Monday, the 24th inst.

The Queen has ordered £100 to be transmitted at once to the Admiral commanding at Portsmouth, for the immediate relief of the widows and families of the sufferers by the explosion on board the Thunderer.

His Majesty the King of the Hellenes received a deputation of four gentlemen representing the Greek community in London, who presented an address. The deputation was composed of Messrs. Eustratis Ralli, Xenophon Ralli, Michel Rodocanachi, and Parragi Selavo.

**METROPOLITAN POLICE.**—Colonel Henderson, Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis, has sanctioned a subscription among the officers of his force for ex-Police-Constable Goodchild, who had to resign in consequence of the part which he took in the recent agitation among the Metropolitan Police for a rearrangement of the hours of duty and other advantages, which have since been conceded by the authorities.

A marriage is arranged between Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh and Lady Katharine Gordon, sister of the Earl of Aberdeen.

We are delighted to learn that Bro. James Madison Porter, Deputy Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania, has arrived in London, much improved in health.

**SUNSTROKE.**—We are glad to hear that there is no truth in the story which has been circulated to the effect that Mr. Evelyn Perrott, of Serjeants'-inn, Chancery Lane, died from the effects of sunstroke on Monday morning. He is, we learn, in perfect health.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.**—Sir James Paget, Bart., F.R.S., D.C.L., has been appointed the representative of this college in the General Medical Council, in the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Richard Quain, F.R.S.

Mr. Alexandra Russell, editor and proprietor of the "Scotsman" newspaper, died at Edinburgh on Tuesday.

A new Jewish synagogue is about to be erected at Notting-hill, London, at a cost of £18,000, to accommodate 500 persons.

**THE GUILDHALL LIBRARY.**—The experiment of opening the Guildhall Library in the evening appears to be successful, especially considering what time of year it has been begun in. The average number of readers is 100 in the evening, and the boon appears to be greatly appreciated.

**DEATH OF THE QUEEN'S PROCTOR.**—We regret to announce that Mr. Francis Hart Dyke, Her Majesty's Procurator-General, was thrown from his horse on Saturday, at Egham, and died on Monday from the injuries sustained. The deceased gentleman for over a quarter of a century filled the office of Queen's Proctor. He was at Westminster, attending to his official duties, the latter part of last week. Dr. Pollock was summoned to attend him on his meeting with the accident.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 28, 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 22.

Audit Com. Boys' School, at 3.  
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
" 1541, Alexandra Palace, A.P., Muswell Hill.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

## MONDAY, JULY 24.

## 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 25.

Audit Com. Girls' School, at 4.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Canberwell 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.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 26.

Lodge 753, Prince Fred. Wm., Queen's-tr., St. John's Wd.  
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.  
" 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound, Hampton Court.  
" 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.  
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
Chap. 753, Prince Fred. Wm., Queen's-tr., St. John's Wd.

## 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 27.

Gen. Com. Girl's School, at 4.  
Lodge 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Sisters' Tav., Haggerston.

## 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.  
Ebony, 12, Ponsbury-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 28.

Lodge 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew.  
Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
Preceptory 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Inn, Richmond.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Lyceum Tav., 354, Strand.