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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The installation meeting of this old lodge took place on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, William-street, Bro. Pownall, late W.M. of the United Military Lodge, being placed in the chair as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. G. Davies, P.M., worked the ceremony, which was witnessed by a number of the brethren of the neighbouring lodges, in rare style. The following officers were invested:—Bros. G. W. Reed, S.W.; J. Moore, J.W.; H. C. Syer, Sec.; J. Henderson, P.M., Treas.; J. Hutton, S.D.; N. Brown, J.D.; J. J. Reilly, I.G.; and B. Norman, Tyler. After the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Carnelly, the retiring W.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Lockety's Hotel, the New Falcon, at Gravesend, where a superb banquet awaited them. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the rest of the evening was enjoyed in harmony, Bro. W. Sallenger having charge of a quadrille party, who, with the assistance of Mrs. Sallenger, sang a charming and varied selection of the most popular music of the day. We wish this distinguished lodge, whose century is nearly if not quite accomplished, every success and prosperity.

LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—An emergency meeting of the old mother lodge of this province was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., under the presidency of Bro. J. Malcolm McAllister, W.M., P.P.G.S.D., supported by Bros. Clement Stretton, P.M., P.P.G.W.; A. Palmer, P.M., P.P.G.P.; G. Statham, S.W.; Clement Edwin Stretton, J.W., P.P.G.P.; Samuel Cleaver, Sec., Prov. G. Steward; C. Gurden, Treas.; G. Manton, J. Road-knight, T. Coltman, W. M. Randall, and others. The members may congratulate themselves on the success of the lodge during the present year, a success that will doubtless be marked by the same results with which it is always attended where the true principles of Freemasonry are studied and reduced to practice. The sister lodges on this as on former occasions were strongly represented, and evidenced by their numbers a determination to maintain that intercourse of sociality and brotherly love which is admitted to be the foundation, and keystone, the glory, and cement of this ancient and honourable institution, and a distinguishing characteristic of Leicester Masons. The visitors present included Bros. W. T. Rowlett, W.M. 523; E. Mason, W.M. 1391; T. Worthington, W.M. 50; J. T. Thorp, P.M.; F. J. Baines, P.M.; Dr. Clifton, P.M.; R. A. Barber, P.M.; J. S. Clarke, P.M.; J. Harran, P.M.; Dr. Meadows, J.D.; E. Watson, Steward 1391; J. Young, J.D.; Rev. C. H. Wood, and McDonald, 1560; J. Ewing and T. R. Pickering, Stewards 523. Bro. William Mollard Randall, a townsman, and a distinguished officer in the American navy, was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, and Mr. Henry Hardy Peach was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The ceremonies were ably performed by the W.M., and Bro. Rowlett, W.M. 523, kindly presided at the organ. After the lodge was closed the usual loyal toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Harran responded for "The Visitors," and, although bordering upon eighty years of age, his venerable and stalwart form was a conspicuous figure in the lodge. Regular and precise in saluting during the ceremonies, memory revived to him many past scenes since he was initiated in 1825. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs, and the brethren separated after an evening spent with the utmost good feeling, cemented by mutual endeavours to promote each other's happiness.

LIVERPOOL.—Everton Lodge (No. 823).—The annual summer celebration of the members of this lodge took place on Wednesday and Thursday, the 19th and 20th inst. The lodge was called for installation purposes at 5 o'clock on Wednesday evening at the Masonic Hall, when and where the chair was taken by Bro. Shaw, the W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. Cottrell, P.M.; J. Holland, P.M.; W. Boulton, P.M.; J. R. Goepel, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Wilson, S.W. (the W.M. elect); J. Houlding, J.W.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treas.; H. Ashmore, Sec.; J. Goodman, S.D.; J. S. Cuthbert, J.D.; P. W. Oglesby, I.G.; T. Webster, S.S.; G. King, J. Boyle, J. Marsh, J. Brooks, W. Atherton, S.; Campbell, W. Gaskell, J. Maugham, G. Lunt, W. Kent, T. H. Carefull, R. W.

Gow, J. Holden, J. Cavenah, J. W. Worrall, J. Cave-Browne-Cave, T. Cunningham, W. Davies, T. Ashmore, P.M.; R. A. Webster, C. P. Raymond, J. R. Broadbent, C. Smallwood, R. Leason, E. Morgan, J. Bishop, J. Bunter, J. Smith, L. Bagnall, T. Churton, G. Graham, R. Evans, W. Lowe, E. Thompson, J. E. Hollis, J. Beesley, and J. Hunter. The list of visitors included Bros. T. Chesworth, W.M. 1576; J. Marshall, S.W. 1547; R. H. Evans, W.M. 292; J. J. Rose, P.M. 249; J. Davison, P.M. 724; J. W. Burgess, S.W. 1325; C. Leedham, P.M. 220; J. Jacobs, 724; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; W. T. May, P.M. 673; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; J. T. Callow, W.M. 1505; J. Wood, Treas. 1094 ("Freemason"); H. Jackson, P.M. 1393; P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; J. Pemberton, P.G.S.; W. Vaughan, W.M. 724; and the Rev. G. H. Vernon, P.P.G.C. Bro. T. Shaw, the retiring W.M., concluded his year of office by placing Bro. W. Wilson in the chair of W.M. in a most impressive and efficient manner. A special vote of thanks was subsequently ordered to be recorded on the minutes, recognising the able manner in which Bro. T. Shaw had performed the installation ceremony. The following officers were invested for the current year:—Bros. T. Shaw, I.P.M.; J. Houlding, S.W.; H. Ashmore, J.W.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treas.; J. S. Cuthbert, Sec.; P. W. Oglesby, S.D.; T. Webster, J.D.; J. J. Boyle, I.G.; T. H. Carefull, S.S.; J. Beesley, J.S.; J. Hunter, A.S.; J. Holland, P.M., D.C.; A. J. Fishlock (by proxy), Organist; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. A jewel was presented to Bro. Shaw, I.P.M. A handsome banner was given to the lodge by the W.M. (Bro. W. Wilson), the gift being presented in the W.M.'s name by Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. On the motion of Bro. P.M. Cottrell, seconded by Bro. P.M. Holland, it was unanimously resolved that the thanks of the lodge to Bro. W. Wilson should be recorded on the minutes. It was also resolved that a sum not exceeding fifteen guineas, which will probably be supplemented by the private subscriptions of the brethren, be voted from the funds of the lodge to purchase some suitable testimonial for presentation to Bro. W. J. Lunt, P.M. as a recognition of the efficient manner in which he has fulfilled the duties of Treasurer for several years. At the conclusion of business the brethren sat down to a supper, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. On Thursday morning about 300 ladies and brethren proceeded by train from Lime-street to the neighbourhood of the Overton Hills, Frodsham, where a most enjoyable pic-nic was held. The arrangements were of the most satisfactory kind, and every officer connected with the lodge—from the W.M. to the youngest Steward—exerted himself to contribute to the general enjoyment. The creature comforts were abundant; the means of recreation varied and ample; and the weather was everything which could be desired. After one of the most enjoyable pic-nics, the party returned to Liverpool shortly after ten o'clock.

THE ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 857).—The usual meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, July 18th, at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell. There were present Bros. Crouch, W.M.; Adams, S.W.; Goolen, J.W.; Wynn Williams, M.D., S.D.; Green, J.D.; Newton, I.G.; Hamson, P.M., Treas.; Frances, P.M., P.G.S.D. Surrey, Sec.; Shük, Bragg, and King, P.M.'s; Raven, Mellick, Hamilton, Russell, Loyd, Levington, Harris. Visitors: Bros. Sands, P.M. 1401, Japan; W. Martine, Pride of Berum. The business of the evening was to initiate Mr. J. S. Raven into Freemasonry, to pass Bros. Raven and Loyd, and to raise Bros. Harris, Russell and Fryer. The ceremonies were admirably performed by the W.M. and his officers, this being the first time for some years when all the ceremonies had been attempted in this lodge by the W.M. Bro. Crouch's performance of the duties elicited much praise from the brethren and visitors, and not only shows the good fruit of the lodge of instruction formed in connection with St. Mark's Lodge, but reflects great credit upon its Preceptor, Bro. Francis. The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, where the musical talent of the brethren contributed to the enjoyment of the evening.

DERBY.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, on Wednesday evening, June 5th, at 7.30 p.m. The brethren present were Bros. S. Pipes, W.M.; T. Iliffe, P.M.; W. Heathcote, S.W.; T. Gadsby, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, Treas.; G. Pipes, Sec.; M. H. Bobart, as S.D.; J. H. Biggs, as J.D.; W. B. Hextall, I.G.; T. Slinn, Tyler, Butterfield, Pakemaid, Rippon, Hepworth, Manton, Steale, Whales. Visitors: Bros. Cabor, 731; Berry, P.M. 325, Salford, Manchester. The lodge was opened in the First Degree. The ballot was taken for Bro. Percy Wallis, St. Oswald Lodge, 850, as a joining member, who was duly elected. Bros. Johnson and Lane were passed to the Second or Fellow Craft Degree by the W.M. The working tools were presented to Bros. Johnson and Lane by Bro. J. Iliffe, P.M. The lodge was afterwards resumed in the First Degree. After other little business had been brought forward, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned to the first Wednesday in August. Many of the brethren afterwards partook of supper, after which the evening was enlivened with songs and toasts, which were thoroughly enjoyed by those who remained. The Tyler's toast being given shortly after eleven, the evening was brought to a close.

LIVERPOOL.—Temple Lodge (No. 1004).—The annual summer pic-nic in connection with this lodge took place on Thursday, the 20th inst., when about forty ladies and brethren started from Lime-street Station, Liverpool, for Lymm, where a most pleasant day was spent. The party started by special saloon carriage about ten o'clock, and arrived at Lymm shortly after eleven o'clock, where accommodation of the most complete kind was found at the hotel immediately adjoining the station.

Amongst those who were present, and contributed greatly to the success of the out-of-door festival, were Bros. W. Healing, W.M.; Dr. E. M. Sheldon, P.M.; D. W. Winstanley, P.M.; A. Jarvis, S.W.; T. W. Winstanley, J.W.; J. Wood, Treas. ("Freemason"); A. Birch, S.D.; and others. The expenses of the pic-nic were defrayed by those present, without encroaching at all on the lodge funds, and the W.M. generously provided the implements for the various numerous games, and any money won at any of these games was placed in the charity box of the lodge. A very sumptuous dinner and substantial tea were served, and the greatest pleasure was realised during the long pleasant summer run into the country. The W.M., after dinner, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Dr. Sheldon proposed "The Health of Bro. W. Healing, W.M." and Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lowe responded to the toast of "The Ladies." After a most delightful day the party returned to Liverpool about ten o'clock.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—This prosperous and flourishing lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, July 15th, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.P.A.G.D. Middlesex, and P.G.S.D. Middlesex, designate, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed, and signed by the W.M. The ballots were declared to be unanimous in favour of the admission of Bro. B. Sharp, P.M. of several lodges, as a joining member, and Mr. David Smith as a candidate for initiation into Freemasonry. Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.G. P. Middlesex, P.M., the veteran Secretary, took the chair, and in an able manner installed Bro. Edwin Gilbert, W.M., who appointed as his officers Bros. H. A. Dubois, I.P.M.; C. W. Fox, S.W.; R. W. Williams, J.W.; S. Wickens, P.M., Treas. (re-invested for fifth time); F. Walters, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec. (re-invested for seventh time); John Hammond, P.M., S.D.; J. B. Shackleton, J.D.; W. Mitchell, Org.; J. W. Baldwin, P.M., I.G.; J. C. Woodrow, P.M. and Sec.; G. Shott, D.C.; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; J. Symes, C.S.; B. Meyer, Steward; and T. W. Stone, Steward; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middlesex, Tyler. The W.M., Bro. E. Gilbert, proved his proficiency by the admirable style he initiated Mr. David Smith into the Order. A vote of thanks was given (and recorded on the minutes) to Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, for doing the ceremony of installation. Some candidates were proposed for initiation, and other business done. The lodge was closed and adjourned until August. Banquet and dessert followed. During the evening the handsome P.M.'s jewel, value seven guineas, voted from the lodge funds, was presented to Bro. H. A. Dubois, who in a suitable speech acknowledged the gift. Some good songs and excellent recitations were given during the evening. The dinner and dessert was served under a tent, which added to the comfort of all concerned. There were present, in addition to those already named, Bros. W. Hammond, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M.; B. Sharp, P.M.; Jesse Smith, H. Gloster, and many others. The visitors were Bros. M. Levy, 188; J. Wyr, S.W. 1314; G. Regan, 55; H. Hopwood, P.M. 141; J. B. Langley, W.M. 1423; S. Hill, P.M. 141; T. W. Ockenden D.C. 1512; C. Pawley, jun., 33; W. Alder, 901; J. W. Gill, 170; and others.

HAMPTON COURT.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—An emergency meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Wednesday, 19th July, at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. Baxter Langley, W.M., the lodge was opened by Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec. Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, P.M., took the chair. Soon after the W.M., Bro. John Baxter Langley, arrived (he having missed a train, which caused his being late), who at once occupied the Solomonic chair, and presided over the lodge for the remainder of the meeting. He in his usual able manner, initiated first Mr. Wm. Swindlehurst, then Mr. Frederick Frampton Beard, doing the ceremony completely twice over, thereby fulfilling the wishes of the R.W.P.G.M., Col. Burdett, who objects in his province in any lodge to have more than one candidate for initiation admitted at once. This completing the business for which the emergency was called, the lodge was closed. There were present also Bros. Benj. Wright, Assist. Sec.; E. W. Devereux, S.D.; H. Faija, C.E., acting as J.D.; A. F. Loos, I.G.; W. Hammond, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M.; Dr. Gillespie, E. Beckwith, and others. The large list of visitors (for an off meeting) were Bros. B. Sharp, P.M. 84; E. Hopwood, P.M. 141, &c.; E. Gilbert, W.M. 1326; J. B. Shackleton, J.D. 1326; T. Butt, 907; and others. It was announced in the lodge that Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, on the recommendation of the Lebanon Lodge, 1326, had been nominated as P.G.S.D. Middlesex, and F. Walters, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec., on the recommendation of Acacia Lodge, 1309, had been nominated P.G.J.D. Middlesex. Both brothers were warmly congratulated on their good fortune, and the appointments gave great satisfaction, as both brethren are well-known hard workers in the Order. A cold collation followed labour. The members left early to return to the metropolis.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—An emergency meeting of this flourishing provincial lodge was convened on the 8th at the Lion Hotel. Among those present were Bros. E. Hopwood, W.M.; S. Hill, P.M. and S.W.; Bond, W.M. (Dobie), acting J.W.; W. Hammond, P.M., P.J.G.D. of Middlesex, I.P.M. and acting Secretary; Walls, acting S.D.; Ockenden, D.C., acting J.D.; Jessett, I.G. The visitors were Bros. Walters, P.M., P.P.G.P. of Middlesex, &c.; Carter, P.M. and Treas. (141); B. Sharp, P.M. The W.M., with the assistance of his officers, initiated Dr. Charles Hamor Hill, the son of the esteemed and veteran Mason, Bro. S. Hill, P.M., &c., S.W., into the mysteries of the Craft. Bro. C. V. J. De Fernex and E. Andrews were passed as F.C's., and Bros. W. Knowles,

J. Read, and J. Smythe raised to the degree of M.M. A proposition "That lodge gauntlets be provided for the Master, Wardens, and I.P.M., and added to the furniture of the lodge," having been discussed, was ultimately unanimously passed. Bro. T. Ockenden, whose services as Steward to the lodge at the last festival of the R.M.B.I. had been highly appreciated, was unanimously appointed to act in a similar capacity at the festival in 1877 for the Girls' School. Some minor business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellently well served collation. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave "The Queen and Craft." In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Hammond, I.P.M., congratulated Bro. Hopwood upon the assiduity and zeal he had displayed in the discharge of the onerous and multifarious duties appertaining to his position. This toast having been duly honoured, the W.M. replied. "The Health of the Visitors" was briefly proposed by the W.M., who alluded to the presence amongst them that evening of Bro. Walters, P.P.G.P., the indefatigable Secretary of many Middlesex lodges, and also to Bro. Carter, the Treasurer of his mother lodge, the "Faith," and a P.M. of nearly thirty years' standing. This toast having been received with excellent fire was duly acknowledged. Bro. Hill, P.M., the S.W., with the permission of the W.M., then said that although he was aware that Masonic usage would not allow of an initiate being toasted at an emergency meeting, yet he wished to state on behalf of his son, who held that interesting position in the Hemming Lodge that evening, but whose professional duties had prevented him from staying to the collation, that he was exceedingly impressed with the ceremony of his introduction into Freemasonry. He had intended to ask the W.M. for permission to have initiated his son himself, but at the last moment he did not feel physically up to it, and in conclusion he hoped that his boy, who had already distinguished himself highly in his honourable profession, would also very soon earn for himself an equally good name in the Masonic world. Between the toasts and replies Bros. Ockenden, De Fernex, Hill, W. Hammond, Read, Walls, and Knowles entertained the brethren. The Tyler's toast at eleven o'clock terminated the proceedings.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The installation meeting of this lodge, the last of a cluster of five that has been celebrated within the last fortnight, took place on Friday, the 14th inst., at Bro. Plaisted's fine hall on Anglesea Hill, when Bro. W. Weston, late S.W. of the lodge, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, a position that he has earned by earnest and good work done both in and out of the lodge since its consecration twelve months ago. Bro. Croisdale, P.M. 706, was the installing officer, and worthily sustained the reputation of the district by his splendid working. Among the visitors present were Bros. C. Coupland, P.G.W. for Kent, and P.M. 913; A. Penfold, P.M. 913; T. Ward, P.M. 700; J. A. Bates, P.M. 1424; J. Mc Dougall, P.M. 913; E. Denton, P.P.G.D. Kent, and P.M. 13, 706, 913, and Sec. 706 and 913; R. Croisdale, P.M. 706 and 1536; Captain C. Phillips, P.M. 13, 706, and 1536; T. W. Vincent, W.M. 913; T. Hastings, W.M. 829; T. Butt, W.M. 700; G. D. Roc, W.M. 1424; H. Butler, S.W. 913; W. Gamble, S.W. 706; A. Waters, S.W. 700; J. Fowler, S.W. 1424; J. Walker, Treas. 1424; S. Cranc, S.D. 1424; A. Woodley, J.W. 700; J. Hutton, J.D. 13; C. Cooke, 13, and Organist 700 and 913; J. Wilkins, J.D. 700; T. H. Hayes, S.D. 913; J. Warren, S.D. 700; H. Pryce, 913; W. McCoy, D.C. 700; D. Capon, 913; C. Morris, 1331; J. Richards, 1326; and C. Jolly, 913. Bro. Weston having been placed in the chair of K.S., and duly saluted, proceeded to invest his officers as follows: G. Spinks, S.W.; J. Picken, J.W.; T. Cooper, Sec.; W. Murphy, Treas.; H. Shaw, S.D.; J. McCaffery, J.D.; Lieut. J. Ritchie, I.G.; D. Deeves, D.C.; W. H. Wright and Weldy, Stewards; H. Hardy, Org.; and J. Lackland, Tyler. After the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. Croisdale presented Bro. Pownall with the jewel of his office in the name of the lodge, for which the worthy recipient returned thanks. A handsome testimonial was then presented to Bro. Cooper, the indefatigable and courteous Secretary of the lodge, for the great good done by him for its success during the last twelve months, which was as feelingly received as it was heartily given. A vote of thanks was then passed to Bro. Cooke for his services as Organist during that time, and then it was proposed by Bro. Wright, and seconded by the I.P.M., "that a vote of thanks be tendered to Bro. C. Jolly, for the accurate and excellent reports of their lodge meetings, that have appeared in the 'Freemason' since and including the consecration of the lodge, twelve months ago up to the present date, and that the same be inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge." The votes were carried unanimously, and with much applause. Bro. Cooke replied at once, and Bro. Jolly subsequently, both expressing the pleasure it had afforded them to attend the meeting of the lodge, and see the wonderful progress it had made since it first saw the "light," Bro. Jolly specially advocating the claims of the "Freemason" as the organ of the Craft. The banquet was served in the hall by Bro. Plaisted, and this we must honestly say was a great improvement upon the too frequent system of going from home, as is practised in this district, to partake of it at some road or river side hotel, and was a great and unequivocal success, the menu being both choice and liberal, and was served a la Russe under the skilful direction of Bro. W. Moulder, who was especially engaged for this service. The wines were acknowledged to be of the finest brands, and perfect satisfaction was the result of Bro. Plaisted's efforts, on which we heartily congratulate him. The toasts were the usual loyal and Masonic ones of "The Queen and the Craft," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master

of England, &c., &c.," Bro. Buckland singing a verse of the National Anthem and Brinley Richards's hymn after either toast. That of "Lord Holmersdale, P.G.M. for Kent," was warmly responded to, and Bro. Coupland received an ovation on his name being coupled with that of Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Pro. G. Officers, he having just received the purple at the last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held on the 12th inst., at Deal. He, in reply, said he felt proud of the position to which he had been promoted among the Pro. G. Officers of Kent, not so much personally, as because it was a honour to the district, and more particularly to the Pattison Lodge; it was a position that he trusted he should always support the dignity of, as well as carry out its great and important duties, by being a medium between them and the Pro. G. Lodge, so that their interests should receive that attention necessary for their perfect support and representation. He then told them of the pleasure he had experienced at Deal at the meeting of Pro. G. Lodge, and said that after they had done duty they went to church, and heard Bro. Hill, their esteemed Pro. G. Chaplain, preach a splendid sermon, in which he was pleased to allude to the service he had lately conducted over the memorial stone erected by this district, to their late Bro. Grayden. He should have been pleased to see some of the members of the United Military Lodge present, in whose welfare he could assure them Pro. G. Lodge took great interest, trusting to see them well represented next year. He concluded by thanking them for their toast. Bro. Pownall then proceeded to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and in so doing asked them to carry back their thoughts to twelve months ago, when the lodge was consecrated under the most happy and favourable auspices, and there they would find that the one who had been almost, he might say, the prime promoter of it, now occupied the proud position of its W.M. that day. He (their W.M.) had done his duty honourably and well as a Warden of the lodge, and he felt sure that as W.M. nothing would ever move him from doing his best for the honour and welfare of the lodge. He felt that there was one hearty and spontaneous desire on their part for his prosperity and happiness, and he called upon them to drink his health and success as W.M. of the United Military Lodge. Bro. Weston, in reply, tendered them his sincere thanks. It was a proud position to fulfil, and he was fully aware of the responsibilities entailed upon it; but he should endeavour, with their assistance, so to promote the welfare and harmony of the lodge that at the end of his year of office he should, like his esteemed predecessor, leave the position knowing that what he had done had been for the honour and credit of the lodge. In reply to a very flattering toast from the chair of "The Visitors," Bro. Butt, W.M., replied for the Nelson Lodge, Bro. Vincent, W.M., for the Pattison Lodge, Bro. Croisdale, P.M., for the Florence Nightingale, and Bro. Bates, P.M., for the Brownrigg Lodge. The toast of "The Past Masters" was replied to by Bro. Pownall, that of "The Officers" by Bro. Spinks, and that of "The Press" by Bro. C. Jolly. Bro. Plaisted received a high eulogy at the hands of the W.M. for his splendid catering at the banquet, as well as for his universal kindness and courtesy to the brethren upon all occasions; and last, though not least, thanks were accorded to the musical brethren, Bros. G. Smith, R.A.B., C. Buckland, R.A.B., H. Harding, R.A.B., and Taylor, R.A.B., for their magnificent rendering of a choice selection of music during the evening, and so closed the last installation meeting of one of the many flourishing lodges in the Woolwich and Plumstead district for the year 1876, in peace and harmony with all men.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The first installation meeting of this lodge since the consecration was held at the Abercorn Hotel on Tuesday, the 4th inst., and the great success of this meeting, combined with the steady progress of the lodge since its commencement, must have been highly gratifying to the Founders, as also to its present members. The respected W.M., Bro. R. Helsdon, acquitted himself in his usual efficient manner, ably assisted by his officers, the only absentee being the worthy brother Joshua Nunn, J.W., through indisposition, and Bro. Patterson, I.G., unavoidably. The members present were Bros. Vincent, Best, Eversden, H. T. Swatton, Roy, E. G. Swatton, Felton, C. Long, Peach, and Lloyd. The visitors were numerous and distinguished, at the head of whom we beheld for the first time with great satisfaction the Prov. G. Master of the province, Bro. Col. Burdett, also Bro. Elsam, P.M. 889, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; and J. Gorrod, 889; Bros. Smith, Thompson, J. Long, and Ascott, P.M. Westbourne, 733; Woodstock, P.M. Belgrave, 740; Briggs, P.M. Salisbury, 435; Mellard and Lee, Watford, 404; Dr. Scelfern, and Judd, Mount Moriah, 34; W. G. Wills, Dublin, 25. The lodge business being heavy, the brethren assembled partook of refreshment, and commenced business without delay at 2.10. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Bro. T. Peach was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. E. G. Swatton was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., with the full traditional history. The ballot proving then in favour of Messrs. Fradelle, Clark, and Meek, in the unavoidable absence of the former, the two latter, with, also, Mr. W. R. Marshall, who was elected last meeting, were duly enlightened, and Bro. P.M. Veal, Hon. Sec., P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, presented Bro. J. W. Garrod, S.W., for the benefit of installation, the W.M. adding this ceremony to his previous heavy labours. The new W.M. then appointed his officers, viz., Bros. Vincent, S.W.; Tidcombe, J.W.; Rogers, Treas.; C. Veal Hon. Sec.; Winter, Org.; Patterson, S.D.; Ebbs, J.D.; Eversden, I.G.; Middleton, Tyler. The first Past Master's jewel, amidst much applause, was then presented to the I.P.M., great praise being given for the beauty of design and execution. Bro. Helsdon also further took office as M.C. for the coming year. Bro. J. Nunn, on his retirement from J.W., which he took to assist in forming the new lodge, was unanimously elected an honorary member, and

the brethren also recommended that the I.P.M. be proposed to the Provincial Grand Master, when a vacancy for provincial honours should occur, for his kind consideration, and we are happy to hear such is likely to be bestowed at the forthcoming festival for Middlesex. The brethren adjourned at 6.30 to the new banquet room, where an elegant repast was served in a similar recherche manner as last year's consecration, and which evidently gave entire satisfaction. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were all happily given and heartily responded to, that of "The Prov. G.M." bringing, in reply from himself the most hearty congratulations upon the success of the young lodge, even exceeding his expectations, as he specially observed amongst the members not only quantity, but the required quality to make it thrive as a good working lodge. He strongly approved of the strictness of admission rendered so imperative by the bye-laws, and saw in the future every prospect of success, with credit to his Province of Middlesex. The musical contributions of Bros. Winter, Faulkner, and Garrod were highly appreciated, and the evening concluded with every appearance of prosperity for the coming year. A letter of regret was received from the P.G. Sec., Bro. R. Wentworth Little, who was through illness compelled to be absent. The beauty of the country hereabouts, its lovely floral productions, and the magnificent weather, combined with the journey from London by the Watford coach (of which many brethren availed themselves), and which on that day, thanks to F. G. Hopson, Esq., was supplemented by a second coach, driven by Captain Ramsey, all contributed to make the day one that will long be remembered. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, the 1st August, when three new members are announced for initiation.

INSTRUCTION.

LEWIS LODGE (No. 1185).—A lodge of instruction, called the Lewis Lodge of Instruction, under the sanction of the Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, has been formed at Wood Green, and the first meeting was held on Wednesday evening, the 5th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, when bye-laws were submitted to the meeting and approved, and the following brethren elected officers for the ensuing year, namely:—Bros. Vesper, P.M., Preceptor; Alfred Durant, W.M. 1185, Treas.; and T. H. Turner, J.W. 1185, Sec. Bro. George Newman kindly presented the lodge with the first books. The lodge will be held at the above hotel every Wednesday evening, at seven o'clock, and it is hoped that the brethren residing in the neighbourhood will lend assistance by their presence.

Royal Arch.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Chapter (No. 1326).—On Saturday last, at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, the election and installation meeting of this well-established chapter was held. Comp. F. Walters, P.G. 1st A.S., Middlesex, P.Z., S.E., opened the chapter, assisted by other Principals. After election, Comp. W. Smeed, P.G. J. Middlesex, P.Z. (who was elected an honorary member), installed W. Hammond, Z.; H. A. Dubois, H.; the J. E. Hopwood, was absent; S. Wickens, P.Z., Treas.; F. Walters, P.Z., S.E. (re-invested third time); E. Gilbert, S.N.; J. Hammond, P.S.; Rev. P. M. Holden, 1st A.S.; W. Mitchell, 2nd A.S.; J. B. Shackleton, D.C.; H. Potter, P.Z., W.S.; J. Gilbert, Janitor. A ten guinea P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. S. Wickens, I.P.Z., for his services. Comp. Moss, (father of the chapter) had a ten-guinea silver goblet presented him. A ten guinea testimonial was given to Comp. F. Walters, P.Z., S.E., for services rendered as a Founder, and Scribe E. Comp. B. Sharp, P.Z. 84, was elected a member, also some candidates proposed for exaltation, and a companion for joining. The chapter closed and adjourned to Thursday, August 10th. Banquet and dessert followed. Some good songs and recitations were given. The regular toasts were given and received.

Ancient and Primitive Masonry.

MANCHESTER.—Sovereign Sanctuary.—A meeting of the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry, 33rd and last degree, in and for Great Britain and Ireland, was duly held at Manchester on the 1st inst. The places of the three Principal Officers were filled by Illustrious Bros. John Yarker, G.M.G.; Charles Scott, J.P., G.A.G.; Beeby Bowman Labrey, G.K.G. of G.B. Apologies were announced from three brethren who were absent and unable to attend, either from the great distance or prior engagements. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, as well as the proceedings since—firstly, as to the Order of Mizraim; that a fee of ten shillings should be charged to cover cost of certificate and manual, and a joining fee of 31s. 6d. to members of foreign jurisdictions for the same; secondly, as to the publication of the statutes, constitutions, and history. Satisfactory evidence of the progress of the Rite was adduced under M. Ill. Bro. Alex. B. Mott, M.D., of New York, and V. Ill. Bro. Geo. Canning Longley, of Maitland, Canada, as also in this country. The decoration of the Grand Star of Sirius (conferred every five years) was awarded to Right Ill. Bro. S. P. Leather, of Burnley, Treasurer General, for the zeal and ability he had shown in the propagation of the Rite, the next year's award of the Alidee to be made by the Grand Chancery, as also to any deserving cases for the bronze order of merit. The past dignitary officers were confirmed in the rank they now hold, but Ill. Bro. B. B. Labrey was appointed Deputy to the Grand Chancellor General. It was directed that two parts—Section v. (Areopagus) and Section vii. (Council) of the Ritual—should be placed in the printer's hands, as the funds of the Sovereign Sanctuary would allow. A ritual of the 50° was submitted, and highly eulogised as the most

beautiful ceremony in any known system of Masonry. The proceedings were closed with enthusiastic wishes for the progress of the Rite.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. Mungo (No. 27).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall on Thursday, the 20th inst., the W.M., Bro. D. Butler, presiding, supported, in the unavoidable absence of his Wardens, by Bros. A. Bain, P.M. 103, P.G.B.B., acting S.W.; W. Ferguson, P.M. 543 ("Freemason"), acting J.W. The meeting was well attended, and among those present were Bros. McEwan, jun., Dory, S.S.; Taylor, Archt.; Albin, Dir. of Music; Booth, and Sharpe. Visitors: Bros. J. Louttit, W.M. Athole, No. 413; Thomson, 413; T. Brownlie, 413; W. Brownlie, 413; W. Christie, Lodge Acacia, No. 61, Hamilton, Canada; J. Beaton, 103; Coutts, 354; Alexander, 275; W. Perritt, 441; J. A. Campbell, 581; and others. Two gentlemen were initiated by Bro. Ferguson, P.M. 543. Their names are Messrs. A. Mason Adam and R. Maitland. The lodge was called to refreshment, when Bro. Butler, W.M., proposed the following toasts, viz., "The Queen and Craft," "The Three Grand Lodges," "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow"—Bro. Bain, P.G.B.B., ably replied on behalf of "The P.G.L.," "The Newly-laid Stones"—Bro. Maitland replied. "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed in Bro. Bain's usual style, and replied to by Bro. Louttit, W.M. 413. The W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. McDonald," a veteran member of the lodge, which was heartily responded to. Bro. McDonald replied, and thanked the W.M. and the members of the lodge for their kindly notice, and said he was glad to be present in St. Mungo Lodge once more, and concluded, with the sanction of the W.M., in proposing "The Health of Bro. Ferguson, P.M. 543," and complimented him on the manner he performed the First Degree. During the evening Bro. Coutts gave some selections of music on the harmonium, which were highly applauded, and Bros. McDonald, Sharpe, Perritt, and Adam ably contributed to the evening's enjoyment by singing some excellent songs. Bro. Ferguson, P.M. 543, was unanimously elected an honorary member of St. Mungo Lodge, No. 27. Bro. Ferguson returned thanks for the honour conferred.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Clyde (No. 408).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, on Friday, the 21st inst., at 7 p.m. Bro. W. Harper, W.M., being absent on account of important business, the chair was occupied by Bro. John McInnes, S.M., supported by the other office-bearers. Visitors: Bros. G. McDonald, W.M. Thistle and Rose, 73; J. Louttit, W.M. Athole, 413; J. M. Oliver, S.W. Commercial, 360; and W. Ferguson, P.M. St. John's, 543. The lodge having been opened in due form, Messrs. Robert Irvine and Thomas Chivas were initiated into the E.A. Degree by Bro. McDonald, W.M. 73. Mr. J. Baillie was also initiated by Bro. Oliver, S.W. 360. Four brethren were then passed by Bro. Louttit, W.M. 413; and afterwards three brethren were raised by Bros. Oliver and Louttit.

FREEMASONRY IN MOURNING.

On the evening of Thursday, the 29th of June, a solemn and impressive ceremonial took place in the Lodge St. John, Falkirk, No. 16. The beautiful little Gothic hall was filled to the full, and as the brethren appeared in deep mourning costume, with their brightest badges and grandest jewellery craped for the occasion, there was an air of unusual solemnity took possession of the assembled brotherhood. They had met to do honour to the memory of Bro. Alex. Shields, Past Master of the Lodge; and if aught can be inferred from the numbers who were present, including representative deputations from a distance, or from the high choral and responsive service, or from the manifold repetition of the Grand Honours, not to speak of the Grand Oration pronounced in honour of the departed, he must have been a man and a brother of surpassing excellence, the range of whose influence, while it irradiated the Masonic circle that had been doing honour to his memory, must have stretched out far beyond it, and encircled a wider humanity by far than even Masonry, with its far-reaching sympathies, can embrace.

Bro. Beeby, R.W.M., conducted the proceedings with masterly effect. Bro. Falconer, by the voice of the lodge, was called upon, as Chaplain, to pronounce the oration in memory of the departed; and Bro. Maxwell Müller, Grand Director of Music for the Grand Lodge of Scotland, presided at the harmonium, and by the sweetness, the grace, and the grandeur of his performances, lent a grave and solemn enthusiasm to the brethren all. After the lodge was opened amid solemn, and indeed awful, silence, he made "The Dead March in Saul" thrill through the brethren; and after the raising of the lodge and the sublime prayer of the Chaplain, he threw his soul into a "Sacred Voluntary," which itself seemed like an oration—which in its cadences fell and rose, between the gloom of the grave and the glory of the goal—till it was lost in the mysterious splendours of the unseen. In the whole ceremonial, however, nothing was more imposing than the spirit of prayerfulness and of praise which presided over the mystic scene. You could have almost heard the proverbial pin fall throughout the whole proceedings; but strangest of all, the manly voices of the brethren, whether in psalmody or in recitative response, left upon the mind the impression of awful silence and solitariness—the solitariness and the silence of the grave. And yet neither was the psalmody nor the responsive service more grave

than befitted the occasion. Indeed, the ceremonial could hardly be haloed with sweeter hopefulness. For though in one part of the service of song there was sung—

"Frail man, how like the meteor's blaze—
How evanescent are thy days!"

Yet in another part of the same sacred service the song was changed from the grave to the glorious, and the brethren sang

"Waft him, angels, through the skies,
Far above yon azure plain."

So may we report of the service with responses. At the opening of the lodge it is—"Naked we came into the world," &c.; but at its close it is transformed into the nobler voice—"Glory to God on High, on earth peace and good will toward men."

In the midst of this august ceremonial Bro. Falconer, who appeared robed, clothed, and jewelled for the occasion, was called upon by Bro. Beeby, R.W.M., to pronounce a death oration over the departed brother and Master, when he, as Chaplain, rose and spoke somewhat as follows:—Right Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, and brethren all,—It has ere now fallen to my lot, as one of Her Majesty's Chaplains for her forces in Scotland, to pronounce a funeral oration over a departed hero. A case so sad, so solemnizing, I keep within view at this most impressive moment. It was that of a brother of the mystic tie. He had gone to the Crimea to fight the battles of his country, but, wounded and enfeebled, he was sent home to die. Well, I recollect one dark day, when seated by his death-bed in the hospital, I asked him how his blood could ever surge into the tumultuous swellings of fierce and bloody war? when the dying soldier, swinging himself round upon his arm, replied—"By God, sir, when your brother's brains bespatter your breast you will understand how quenchless is the thirst for blood." Well do I recollect that when pronouncing his funeral oration there was not a dry eye as I quoted his dying words:—"It is not in an hospital the soldier would like to die; no, sir, but it is upon the battlefield, with his back upon the cold ground and his face to the bright blue sky." Right Worshipful Master, it is not a brother's brains that bespatter our breasts to-night; no, but it is the radiant glow of a brother's life that gilds our bosoms with more than the effulgence of a warrior's breastplate to defend us from the fierce and fiery darts of the Evil One, alone opposed to our Order, as the scions of the cedar, the sons of the temple, and the servants of the temple's god. Like Him whom we delight to honour, our voice is not for war. We choose the trowel, not the sword; the compass, not the arrow; while we pass on to glory, not through the battlements that bristle with the mortal weapons of the foe above the embrasures, scarce less wide than the cannon's mouth with its diagan's breath; but we march on to our triumphant aims through the pillared monuments of the Jachin of Beauty and the Boaz of Strength, over-arched by the span of a presiding Providence, until we reach, after we have trodden the tessellated pavement of truth, that inner shrine where the awful Shekinah enfolds, as with the wings of the dove, the spirit of the departed brother. Right Worshipful Master,—Kings and potentates have delighted to do honour to our most ancient and Royal Order. And proud am I to call to remembrance at this hour the honour done to our august and loyal brotherhood, when the heir apparent to the proudest throne on earth was preparing for his brave journey to Britannia's realms in the rising sun, His Royal Highness did not forget to deposit in his princely wardrobe the clothing of a Master of our Order, from the star that adorns the breast to the gauntlet that shields the hand, and the lambskin that preserves, unsullied, the loins. Nor should I even forget at this moment the auspicious occasion in my field of labour in which this lodge took so conspicuous a part; and most pleasing is it to record that the nobleman who at that august ceremonial presided as representative of the Grand Lodge in Scotland—I mean Bro. Lord Balfour, of Burleigh—extended his noble hand, sinewed by the strength and quickened by the blood of a Royal ancestry, to grip the grim and begrimed hand of the miner, whom, as a Mason, he hailed as a brother. Yes; it is this humanity that makes Masonry truly great. Recognising all that promotes the honour, the harmony, and the faith of our ancient and Royal Order, she delights to promulgate her creed, that there is nothing human that is not divine. Our departed brother, with a rich and rare combination of all the gems that go to form the jewellery of our guild, so viewed humanity; and his sacred memory commands our homage in that he recognised the divinity that stirs within the breast of the meanest, the most fallen of the sons of men. With a spirit steeped in the empyrean of our Order, he traced and quarried out, and chiselled, and deposited in our mystic temple material, raw indeed and incapable, to less discerning eye. He was a Mason; out and out a Mason; every inch of him, from the crown of the head to the sole of the foot. Proud of his ritual, which I recollect he once characterised as more sublime and comprehensive than that of any Church on earth; proud of its symbolism, which he regarded as more affluent in its mystic meaning than aught that has passed under review of man since the inaugural day when King Solomon, our Royal and inspired founder, erected on Mount Moriah the temple of our divinity, he imported into the conduct of this lodge a gravity and a dignity, a repose and a devotion, which so becomes an Order whose past is almost hid behind the veil of prehistoric time, but whose present is ever flushed with the glow of perennial vigour. Keenly did his clear eye and clearer intelligence discern the mission Masonry is destined to fulfill. Pass in thought over the realms of Christendom; command nation after nation to marshal themselves beneath your piercing eye, and your sad deliverance must be, that the seamless garment of the Prince of Peace is torn into fragments, and the veil of His temple rent in twain from top to bottom. Is it so with

Masonry? No; and a thousand times no. It is not. All the wide world over it is One—One only—and an undivided and indivisible One. And it is One and indivisible because it possesses a loyalty, a subordination, and a fraternity elsewhere forgotten or ignored. Our departed brother made it his supreme duty to convey from his guild to the world this comprehensive, this all-embracing spirit; and he was simply a good Mason because he had a heart broad enough to embrace, like the Great Master Builder, all castes and classes, ranks and denominations amongst mankind. Right Worshipful Master, it is sometimes our privilege, as it is our undoubted province, to lay the foundation stone of architectural structures, destined to beautify the scenery or enrich the civilisation of our land. Oh! how may I call the present such a hallowed occasion? To-night we lay a foundation stone that shall support for ever this lodge. Aye! Bro. Alexander Shields lies now before you as a foundation stone. Descending, in solemn music, he has been deposited in his place of honour and repose. The jewellery of the Order has been applied; nothing has been found wanting; and it only remains that over that foundation stone we shall erect a temple to his everlasting honour. "So mote it be." You who have seen, as all of you have seen, a brother elevated to the Sublime and lofty Degree of a Master Mason, must have discerned in the act a recognition of the awe-inspiring doctrine of a resurrection to come; and it is your creed that the brother who has been true has passed from this vestibule to the inner shrine, upborne on seraphic wings; that he reposes in everlasting peace, enshrouded by the glory that illumines the Holy of Holies; that he has whispered into the Eternal Ear the awful word of a Master Mason, and received in return the sound of that name which no true Mason dares to breathe on earth. We part with our departed brother, then, in the blessed hope of a resurrection to come. So farewell, beloved brother, fare-thee-well! Farewell, Right Worshipful Master, fare-thee-well! No more shall thy clear eye bejewel this august assembly. No more shall thy clearer intelligence direct its councils. No more shall, clearest of all, thy life, which embodied the strength of our faith, the glow of our love, and the halo of our hope, be apparent to the eye. My brother beloved, fare-thee-well! Thou shalt still live in our hearts, whilst the hand of the Master Mason shall build thee a monument to perpetuate thy memory from age to age. We shall meet again in the lodge which on the great day of account shall be opened, never, never more to be closed. Till then, beloved brother, and Right Worshipful Master, fare-thee-well!

After this death eulogium there was that sort of emotion one sometimes, though not often, perceives at the close of an eloquent and impressive discourse; but one might have as well expected demonstrations of feeling in the house of God as looked for plaudits on so solemnising an occasion.

After exhausting the funeral programme, the R.W.M. addressed the brethren, briefly, though cordially and most fraternally, acknowledging the kindness of the deputations present; the offices of the Chaplain and the Grand Director of Music; and at the same time thanking the lodge for the solemn and most becoming tone which they had imparted to their grateful meeting.

After prayer from the Chaplain, the lodge was duly closed, every member satisfied that Masonry was loftier, sublimer, and holier than he had ever dreamt of or conceived.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

AN ANCIENT JEWEL.

The following is the description of an ancient jewel kindly forwarded to us for inspection by Bro. R. H. Armit:—

On one side there are three arches, a man setting the keystone of the centre one, with a crowbar on the centre one. Within the centre arch are a volume of the sacred book open, with square and compasses on it, and the five pointed star; in front are two pedestals, with the square and compasses on one and the square on the other; to the right of the arches are the sun and plumb line, and to the left the moon and level; to the right of the pedestals are grouped a maul, square, hammer, and chisel, and on the left a pair of compasses, chisel, and block of stone with the letter G on it. The groundwork of the whole is a tessellated pavement. Motto round the bottom: "Sit Lux et lux fuit." On the other side is a temple; two men are on the roof, another is going up a ladder placed against the wall, and the fourth is guiding a stone with a rope which is being raised to the roof; on a raised piece of ground to the right is a carpenter's bench, a man with an apron on standing in front of it holding a square in his hand, whilst another is pointing to the roof of the temple with a stick; under them are grouped a maul, a trowel, a pickaxe, and a crowbar. Motto round bottom: "Amor honor justitia."

The jewel was presented to my father, the late John Lees Armit, of Dublin, while in Naples in 1832, by Prince Syracuse, the King of Naples' brother—at least, that is the history received from my mother. It was considered ancient.—R.H.A.

SWITZERLAND.

We learn from the "Monde Maçonnique" that the Grand Lodge Alpina and the Supreme Council of the 33° for Switzerland have made a concordat, by which all the symbolical lodges pass under the jurisdiction of the former and all the High Grade bodies under the jurisdiction of the latter.

Obituary.

BRO. R. J. STANSFELD.

On the 23rd of April passed away in the most sudden manner, from disease of the heart, a true and worthy brother and a gallant soldier, Bro. Robert Johnston Stansfeld, of Firby Hall, near York, late captain 38th and 12th Regiments, a magistrate for the West Riding of the county of York, and a subscribing member of the Lodge of Probity, No. 61, Halifax. The deceased was made, passed, and raised in the Dalhousie Lodge, Mussoorie, Bengal, No. 639, and was a consistent subscribing member of Probity, No. 61, to his death. He was much beloved and respected, and died to the great regret of all who knew him, by the members of his lodge, and by the brothers in arms with whom he had served in the army. His remains were carried to their last earthly resting place by old servants of the family, and Sir George Larpent, Bart., Col. Lowry, C.B., and Bros. Capt. Owen and Capt. Bowen attended in full uniform as pall-bearers. The gallant deceased had seen most distinguished services in the Crimea, and in India during the mutiny, and was at Lucknow. His services are thus recorded in Hart's "Army List": "Capt. Stansfeld served with the 38th Regt. in the Crimean campaign from 1st June, 1855, including the siege and fall of Sebastopol, and attack and occupation of the cemetery on 18th June (medal with clasp, and Turkish medal). Also in the Indian Mutiny campaign from Nov., 1857, including the capture of Meerut, siege and capture of Lucknow, and affairs of Bareilly and Nugger (medal with clasp)." Votes of condolence to his bereaved widow were sent by his lodge and by the bench of magistrates with which he was connected. The deceased was a member of one of the oldest families in the kingdom—the Stansfelds came over with the Conqueror, Wyons Maryons being the first of the family. It has several distinguished members, of whom one is the Rt. Hon. James Stansfeld, M.P., late one of the Lords of the Treasury. Capt. Stansfeld was elder son of Col. Stansfeld, of Field House, near Halifax, and married Agnes, younger daughter of Joseph Harrison, Esq., of Galligraives Hall, and Sainlesbury, Lancashire, D.L. and J.P. for that county.

[This would have appeared much earlier but for the ill of the writer.—Ed.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Thomas W. White presided. There were also present Bros. George Kenning, F. C. Baker, Wm. Stephens, Thomas Massa, Wm. F. C. Moutrie, H. Massey ("Freemason"), John Boyd, Thos. Kingston, F. Binckes, Major Finney, and R. W. Little (Secretary).

Three candidates were placed on the list for election. One case was deferred for reading.

Bro. Little, the Secretary, read a letter from Bro. H. Muggerridge in which he stated his willingness to remain collector to the Institution till 31 Dec. next.

Bro. Little said it would be very inconvenient if Bro. Muggerridge's resignation occurred in October, and another collector should be appointed for the remainder of the year, and he wished Bro. Muggerridge to remain in office till the latter date.

The committee thereupon agreed that Bro. Muggerridge should continue in office till 31st Dec.

The appointment of a committee to consider the office of Collector was deferred till next meeting of the General Committee.

An additional vacancy in the Institution was declared, and authority was given to the chairman to sign certain cheques.

Bro. F. Binckes, before the committee broke up, said that although it was not the usual practice of this committee he thought it might go out of its way to record its feelings of regret at the loss of Bro. Richard Spencer by death, which occurred on the 21st inst. It was done in the case of Bro. Udall, that being considered an exceptional case. Bro. Spencer's he also thought an exceptional case. He had been so closely connected not only with all the institutions, whose meetings he regularly attended, but also with the working of Masonry, that it really took him out of the ordinary category of cases. He was, moreover, 76 years of age, and he had worked up to the very latest period of his life. He thought a record of the regret of the brethren at the announcement of the sad event which had happened would not be inconsistent with the feelings of the brethren. He would therefore move "That this committee having heard of the death of Bro. Richard Spencer, one of its members, desires to record its sense of extreme regret at the announcement, and request the Secretary to write to the widow of Bro. Spencer expressing their condolence with her, and informing her of the resolution of the committee."

Bro. George Kenning concurred most heartily in the motion, and begged to second it.

The committee then adjourned.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Leigh, Prov. Grand Master for Warwickshire and Lord Lieutenant of the county, distributed the prizes at Leamington College on Wednesday, when there was a large and fashionable audience.

THE SHRIEVALTY.—Bro. Alderman and Sheriff elect Hadley has appointed the Rev. Dr. Morley Punsion to be his chaplain during his year of office. As already stated, Mr. F. W. Lewis Farrar will be his under sheriff.

This evening "Our Boys" will have reached its 50th consecutive representation at Bros. James and Thorne's pretty theatre, the Vaudeville.

THE LONDON MASONIC CLUB.

On Wednesday evening this new club for Freemasons, which is situated at 101, Queen Victoria-street, City, was opened by an "inaugural banquet." The premises had been opened for the use of members, and for all the purposes of a club, a week before, and were even then in thorough working order. The club, as will have been seen from our advertising columns, has been established for the purpose of bringing together the brethren of the metropolis, and of the provinces, and as a means of communication between them when the brethren of the provinces come to London on business. More particularly has it been established to give the latter a home, wherein they may be especially welcome, and may have every comfort at such a time. All the members who have been at present admitted have been admitted without having to pay an entrance fee, and these members now amount to about 1000 in number. It is not the intention of the committee of management, at all events for some time, to place an entrance fee upon joining members if it can possibly be avoided, hence they rely upon the support of the Masonic brethren in general to assist them in carrying on the club on this principle, and they rely with confidence on the cordial co-operation of the brethren in their endeavours so to act. It has not been without some slight pressure in the opposite direction that they have persevered in the course so laid down, but as they desire that all members of the Craft should participate in the advantages of a central club they have persisted in their design of acting on what they consider strictly Masonic principles. The building consists of a spacious hall and a large coffee-room on the ground floor for members and their friends. In the basement there is an excellent billiard room, fitted up with two of Burroughes and Watts' tables. To this room are attached lavatories and other conveniences. The cellarge department is all arranged in perfect order. On the first floor are a large reading room and a banqueting room. On the second floor are Masonic rooms to be devoted entirely to Masonry, and with these are connected clothing rooms and lavatories entirely shut off from the other portion of the building. On the third floor are other large dining and clothing rooms. The kitchen department is at the top of the house, and has been admirably arranged under the supervision and direction of that well-known caterer Bro. George States, who has been for so many years engaged as an hotel manager. The engineering and hot-water apparatus have been entrusted to Messrs. Thorne's, of Upper Thames-street, and the execution of the work has left nothing to be desired. The club buildings have been erected from the designs and under the superintendence of Messrs. Driver and Haywood, architects to the club. Since the club has been established several lodges have removed to it, and among others is the Puritan, a German lodge of some 70 members, who enjoy at their new premises facilities not hitherto obtained by continental Masons in London. The whole of the members of this lodge have joined the club, where they will have the advantage of entertaining their foreign brethren when they sojourn in London.

Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, presided at the inauguration banquet, and amongst the other brethren who were present were Bros. J. B. Monckton, Captain Philips, Hyde Pullen, Boor, Hyde Clarke, Langton, Klenck, F. Binckes, Dr. Stirling, R. W. Little, Percival, James Terry, Driver, Burton, Cooke, W. A. Colls, Thomas, E. R. Steel, Lane, F. Flint, J. E. Middleton, B. Fountain, Thomas Bishop, C. H. Mevill, Aylmer, Rev. W. Bloxsome, Charrington, Colonel Dragg, Leipert, J. P. White, Levin, Samuel White, H. D. Stead, A. K. Stead, James Matthews, J. Waldron, Gec. Perren, T. G. Smith, Fountain Meen, Saxon Hooper, Hatton Wells, Chr. Hawkesley, Henry Upstone, Loewenstark, E. Collins, Roberts, E. Fox, Langton Jones, J. Langton Jones, jun., M. Jacobs, Connot, G. Payne, W. H. Trego, T. F. Smith, W. Watson, Hollington, Stapleton, Morell, C. B. Cooke, Walter Spencer, and H. Massey ("Freemason").

The banquet, which was admirably put on the table by Bro. George States, the manager, contained every delicacy of the season. It was all prepared in the house, and was a proof of the perfection of the club appliances. When the banquet was concluded grace was sung by Bros. George Perren, George Fox, E. Collins, H. Upstone, W. Wells, J. Matthews, and Fountain Meen, and the toasts, which were very few in number, were then proposed.

Lord Skelmersdale, in proposing "The Queen," said that although Her Majesty was not a Freemason in fact, she was one at heart, because she carried out to the fullest extent the Masonic principle of charity. He thought that if Englishmen looked back at the whole period during which Her Majesty had been on the throne they could not but be proud that they had such a Sovereign, and they must feel that the longer she reigned over us the happier we should be as a nation and people.

In proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," his lordship said that so much had been observed of late about the success of H.R.H.'s visit to the East, and his happy return, that it was unnecessary to add any remarks to those already made. Although he had not been out in Masonry much this year Masons hoped to see him a great deal among them the next season taking part in Masonic proceedings.

The toast of "The Pro. Grand Master" &c., followed, Lord Skelmersdale drawing to the attention of the brethren the fact that Lord Carnarvon worked very hard in Masonry, of which circumstance he (Lord Skelmersdale) became fully aware during the absence of the Prince of Wales, when the strain upon the Pro Grand Master was very great.

Bro. Hyde Pullen responded.

Bro. Boor proposed "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale," to which, when it had been most heartily received,

Lord Skelmersdale replied. His Masonic duties were sometimes very heavy, and consequently rather difficult to perform, and if he had had two bodies there would have been plenty of work for both while the Prince of Wales was away in India. He then proposed "Success to the London Masonic Club." At the time he became a member of this club he thought the establishment of such a place was a capital idea, though he had some doubts as to its being ever carried out. He was, however, happy to find that it had been, and he thought that great thanks were due to the managers, directors, and committee for the admirable way in which they had done their work. He had the honour and pleasure of going over the club from cellar to garret that afternoon, and having had some experience of building, he congratulated the architect most cordially on the way in which he had carried out his plans. It had been his (Lord Skelmersdale's) wish and desire for many years that Masonry should not be carried on at taverns, and in his own Province of Lancashire he had tried to inculcate that idea, and by degrees he hoped it would be fully carried out. Lodges should be held at private rooms and halls, and not in taverns. Nothing would more conduce to this desirable end than the establishment of clubs like the London Masonic Club. There was ample accommodation for 20 or 30 lodges without interfering with each other. There was one suggestion which had been carried out with great success in his own province in the Masonic Hall of Liverpool—every lodge that met there had its own private cellar; and this, though apparently a small thing, had been the means of bringing to the hall a number of lodges. The reason was that Masons preferred to have their own good wine to that which they ran the risk of having at taverns. Still, Masonry did not consist of eating and drinking, though he fancied there was too much of this carried on in Masonry; and if it was cut down somewhat there would be more money to give to the charities of the Order. After some more remarks of this tendency his lordship concluded by formally proposing the toast, and called upon Bro. A. K. Stead to reply.

Bro. Stead having replied, and thanked his lordship for inaugurating the business of the club by his presence that evening, said that the great support which the club had already received led the committee to indulge in the firm conviction that the whole affair would be most successful.

Bro. Langton announced that he had letters of regret for absence from the Earl of Limerick, Sir F. Perkins, Sir F. Truscott, Bro. Hervey, Bro. S. D. Waddy, G.C., the late Lord Mayor Stone, ex-Sheriff Hutton, Alderman Notage, Alderman Hadley, and Daria Sewell.

Lord Skelmersdale then proposed "The City of London," the grandest corporation in the world.

Bro. J. B. Monckton responded, and drew attention to the circumstance that a very large proportion of members of the corporation of the City of London were Freemasons. The late Lord Mayor was one; the next Lord Mayor that in all probability would be chosen (Sir Thos. White) was one; and, looking at the list of expectant Lord Mayors, there was every chance of the chief magistrate of the City of London for some years being a member of the fraternity.

Some other toasts were afterwards proposed, and the company separated at an early hour, having witnessed a most successful inauguration of the new club.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

SCIENCE AND ART EXAMINATIONS—MAY, 1876.

1. Theoretical Mechanics:

R. Bryant, 2nd class; H. G. Shaw, 2nd class.

2. Inorganic Chemistry:

R. Bryant, 1st class; G. Shaw, 2nd class.

3. Mathematics:

R. Bryant, passed 4th stage; R. Bryant, 1st class, 2nd stage; W. Beaumont, 1st class, 1st stage; G. Shaw, 1st class, 1st stage; C. D. Green, 1st class, 1st stage; W. R. Parker, 2nd class, 1st stage; A. J. Walkington, 2nd class, 1st stage; W. H. Packwood, 2nd class, 1st stage; F. E. Ladd, 2nd class, 1st stage; F. Loud, 2nd class, 1st stage; C. Lane, passed 1st stage; W. Sparkes, passed 1st stage; E. E. Oates, passed 1st stage.

4. Physical Geography:

W. R. Parker, passed advanced stage. H. G. Shaw, 1st class, 1st stage. W. Beaumont; W. H. White; F. C. Godsmark; C. D. Green; G. E. Croydon; W. Sparkes; and F. Loud, 2nd class, 1st stage. C. Lane; E. F. Harding; A. J. Walkington; E. Pawley; W. A. Haskins; W. H. Packwood; E. E. Oates; and F. E. Ladd, passed 1st stage.

OUR BRETHREN, THE ROYAL HAND-BELL RINGERS, Poland Street, (Bro. Duncan S. Miller, Conductor), had the honour of attending the garden party at Chiswick, given on Tuesday by their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales. Their Majesties The King and Queen of the Hellenes, T.R.H. The Prince and Princess Christian, H.R.H. The Princess Louise, and The Marquis of Lorne, H.R.H. The Duke of Cambridge, T.R.H. The Duke and Duchess of Teck, His Excellency Sir Salar Jung, His Grace The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Right Hon. Benjamin Disraeli, and many other distinguished personages were present. The manipulation of the bells evoked much interest. This is the sixth occasion on which this band of Campanologists have been honoured by Royal patronage and command.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The warrant is granted for the West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., P.M. 177, &c., W.M. designate; T. W. Adams, 765, S.W. designate; G. S. Elliott, 74, J.W. designate; F. Walters, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. 73, Secretary pro tem. The lodge will be held at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, City.

Bro. Colonel Peters, P.G.S.D., P.M., will be P.G.S.W.; H. G. Buss, P.M., P.G.T., P.G.J.W.; H. A. Dubois, P.M., P.P.A.D.C., P.G.S.D.; and F. Walters, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., P.G.J.D. of Middlesex, at the ensuing Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex. The selection of such well known and popular brethren as those four named will be sure to give great satisfaction in the province.

There are a number of Masonic lodges now at work in Valparaiso, Chili—two of them working under the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, one under the Grand Lodge of England, and one under that of Scotland. All meet in the same building, and the most fraternal relations exist between them.

The Grand Lodge of Mississippi is about to found an asylum for the widows and orphans of Freemasons, as well as an industrial school.

The last number of the "Monde Maçonique" contains several interesting papers, especially from a French point of view. We in England must be content with the simple and more humdrum work of charity and beneficence. Social and political questions are beyond our cognizance and scope.

At the last Annual Commemoration of the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales, the Right Worshipful the District Grand Master was pleased to appoint and invest as Deputy District Grand Master of New South Wales, Very Worshipful Bro. Ernest O. Smith, Past Senior Grand Deacon of England.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held this (Saturday), afternoon at the Greyhound, Hampton Court, at half-past two. A full report will appear in our next.

At the last meeting of the Liverpool Town Council, Bro. Dr. J. S. Taylor, P.M. 823, was appointed Assistant Medical Officer for the borough, at a salary of £800. At the same meeting Bro. Councillor E. Samuelson was unanimously elected an Alderman in the room of Bro. Taylor, who resigned to accept the abovenamed office.

It is stated that the Duke of Marlborough is to succeed His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, (M.W.G.M.), as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

There was a large gathering of people on Tuesday last in Highclere Park, the beautiful seat of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., on the occasion of a united festival of the local branches of the National Deposit Friendly Society, of which Lord Carnarvon is president.

Brazil contains two rival Grand Lodges, both of which declare the other to be clandestine.

The first Master Mason's Lodge in America, is said to be "The Hoop, Water-street," Philadelphia, chartered in 1730 by Provincial Grand Master Bro. Daniel Cox, and No. 79 on the English Grand Lodge Register.

EXTRAORDINARY ROBBERY.—On Sunday, 4th ult., during the absence of Bro. Robert Ramsay and his family from his home (Orillia, Canada), the premises were entered by some person or persons unknown, and a number of Masonic works and valuable Masonic letters and manuscripts carried off. Bro. Ramsay has offered a liberal reward, but no clue has been found to the perpetrators of this extraordinary theft. What renders the circumstances more peculiar is that works of an ordinary character were not molested, fortunately, however, the robbers did not enter an adjoining room in which there were four hundred volumes of Grand Lodge Proceedings and other books relating to the Mystic Art.

There are ninety-six English and twenty Scotch lodges now at work in British India.

The Grand Jurisdiction of Virginia contains 9301 Master Masons, and has in its treasury 4605 dols.

The first Masonic Magazine was published in June, 1793, and was known as "The Freemasons' Magazine, or General and Complete Library."

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Richard Spencer, the well-known Masonic publisher, the intelligence of which melancholy event reached us at the moment of going to press.

Bro. James Lick, the Californian millionaire is announced, is about to erect a Masonic monument, at a cost of 20,000 dols., in Lebanon County, Pa., in memory of certain of his Masonic ancestors.

There are 1804 Royal Arch Masons in the State of Vermont, and the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter will be held at Burlington, September 29th.

By a singular coincidence the anti-Masons have secured space at the Centennial Exhibition, and placed an array of their publications directly opposite to the display of the Masonic Publishing Company of New York.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, North Island of New Zealand.—The clothing and jewels for the above new District Grand Lodge are now on view at the Masonic Show Rooms, Little Britain.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY.—This year's Hospital Saturday collection has been fixed for the 2nd of September.

THE LONDON TAVERN.—This well-known building is in course of demolition, prior to the erection of a bank upon the site.

PALESTINE.—Colonel Gawler, Tower of London, has received a letter, dated June 27, 1876, from the heads of the Jewish community in the district of Haifa, in the Holy Land, stating that they are sending a deputy to England "to stir up the princes and nobles of the land, that they may hasten to help us in the establishment of a system for the cultivation of the soil," as was projected some two years ago, and asking his good offices. Colonel Gawler invites suggestions.

Private letters from Philadelphia state that the intense heat has paralysed business and greatly interfered with the Centennial Exhibition. Seventeen deaths from sunstroke were recorded in one day.

STRAND THEATRE.—Bro. Edward Terry announces his farewell benefit and last appearance at this theatre this (Saturday) morning, when an attractive performance will be given.

GRAND CENTENNIAL REUNION OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS IN PHILADELPHIA.

We take this from the "New York Herald":
The reunion of Knights Templar, under the auspices of the R. E. Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of American independence, of which this city has been the scene for two days past, culminated in the most imposing demonstration ever made by the Order in this country.

Last year it was determined by the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, in view of the important position Philadelphia was about to assume as the scene of the Centennial Exhibition, to celebrate the annual reunion with the most elaborate ceremonies. It was resolved to have the most imposing turn-out of the Order ever before had here, and to invite not only the commanderies of the country, but those of foreign nations as well. The idea was no sooner broached than the Grand Commandery, assisted by the subordinate commanderies of the State, began the work of arranging for the display. The Philadelphia commanderies went into the work with especial enthusiasm. The street display has fully proved the success of their endeavour, although the number of visiting Knights present, large as it was, would have been still larger had not the selfishness and greed of the railroad companies in refusing to make the anticipated and promised reductions to Centennial visitors kept away many of those from far distant sections.

For the past three days the city has been flooded with Sir Knights from other parts, and thousands of people who have accompanied the subordinate commanderies to witness the witness the ceremonies incident to the reunion. Philadelphia, with her centennial record, of which she is very proud, with her Centennial Exhibition, and with her centennial flag waving from every public institution and private residence, is eminently fitted for these Masonic events, and extending, as she does in her accustomed good grace, the hospitalities of the city to the visiting Templars, the festivities of the day will not soon be forgotten.

Since last evening the street of Philadelphia have been crowded as they never were before with moving throngs of knights in military uniform, ladies and gentlemen in civilian attire, and all the motley personage of a city crowd. Bands of music by the dozen, accompanying the visiting commanderies, paraded the street, making the air joyful with stirring strains, occasionally pausing to compliment by a serenade some head-quarters of their Order or some notable knight. Brilliant with flags and decorations, bright with calcium lights, vocal with martial music, the streets of this staid city scarcely ever presented such a sight as they have witnessed last night and to-day, for the spectacle of to-day, without the calcium lights and illuminations, was a still more impressive military pageant.

As early as eight o'clock the various commanderies began to assemble and assume the places assigned them, preparatory to joining in the line. The Grand Commander of Pennsylvania, S. E. Sir Charles H. Kingston, with his mounted escort from Philadelphia Commandery, No. 2, of thirty-two men; the Grand and Past Officers of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, accredited representatives of commanderies, preceptories, &c.; Grand Officers of Grand Commanderies not otherwise represented, and members of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania assembled on Broad-street, below Chestnut, where a force of policemen kept the streets clear of the crowds, thus preventing accidents and interference. The Grand Commanderies of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, with their escort, Sutton Commandery, of New Bedford, Mass., took a position on Spruce-street, east of Broad, while the Grand Commandery of New York and subordinates occupied the same street west of Broad. Along Broad-street, on east and west sides, where the various subordinate commanderies. The Grand Commanderies of Connecticut, Ohio, Kentucky and Maine were on the east side of Broad, south of Spruce; Grand Commanderies of Indiana, Texas and Tennessee, west side of the street; Grand Commandery of New Jersey, north side of Pine, east of Broad; Grand Commanderies of Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Kaasas, south side of Pine, west of Broad; Grand Commanderies of Maryland and Washington, D.C., east side of Broad, south of Pine, with Wilmington, Del., on the west side. The carriages with knights in full templar uniform, who were unable to march, occupied Broad-street, south of Lombard.

From eight o'clock till nine there was a stream of Knights passing to and fro to take their positions, and as they passed those already assembled on the street, they were saluted, while the crowd vainly endeavoured to secure places as near the curb as possible, past which stal-

wart minions of the law forbade them trespassing. Then housetops, windows, verandahs and awning posts were resorted to, which soon became so crowded with men and boys that they were often in danger of falling. As the various commanderies marched and countermarched they were greeted with enthusiastic applause and waving of handkerchiefs by those who had been fortunate enough to secure elevated positions. The appearance of the Marine band, of Washington, was the signal for an outburst of applause. As they marched down the street, their gala uniforms and instruments shining resplendent in the rays of the morning sun, and followed by Washington Commandery, the scene presented was a grand one. Grafulla's Band was also greeted with applause. The Northwestern Commandery, of Meadville, had with them a band which attracted considerable attention from the beauty of their uniform. McClurgis Band had on their new uniform, and presented a fine appearance.

A grand reception and promenade concert was given at the American Academy of Music and Horticultural Hall at eight o'clock. The two buildings were connected by a bridge. At eight o'clock an address of welcome was delivered by the Most Eminent Grand Master of the United States, Hon. James Herron Hopkins, at the close of which the promenade commenced.

At half-past nine the signal to start was given, and the procession moved in the order arranged.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the Agenda of business for the Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter, on Wednesday, the 2nd prox.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes. To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England:—

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 19th April to the 18th July, 1876, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance Grand Chapter	£627	17	0
" " Unappropriated Account	149	12	11
" Subsequent Receipts	456	16	9
	£1234	6	8
By Purchase of £500 Consols at 95½ and			
Commission	£478	2	6
" Disbursements during the Quarter	178	14	4
" Balance	399	1	11
" " Unappropriated Account	178	7	11
	£1234	6	8

which balances are in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival, & Co., bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Companions John Chalmers, as Z.; Edward John Jones, as H.; Richard M. Blaker, as J., and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Jumna Lodge, No. 1394, Delhi, to be called the "Chalmers Chapter," and to meet at Delhi, Punjab, in the East Indies.

2nd. From Companions Edward Twizill, as Z.; George Awburn Allan, as H.; Addison Potter, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Tyne Lodge, No. 991, Willington Quay, to be called the "Tyne Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, in the county of Northumberland.

3rd. From Companions Robt. Hamilton, as Z.; Samuel Rawson, as H.; Hugh David Sandeman, as J.; and fifteen others for a chapter to be attached to the Friends-in-Council Lodge, No. 1383, London, to be called the "Friends-in-Council Chapter," and to meet at No. 33, Golden Square, London.

4th. From Companions Anthony Stewart, as Z.; Charles Alfred Gorham, as H.; Henry Studholme Browning, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Charity, No. 563, Umballa, to be called the "Umballa Chapter," and to meet at Umballa, Punjab, in the East Indies.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received a petition from the Fortescue Chapter, No. 847, Honiton, stating that the Charter having been unfortunately lost, and that although diligent search has been made there appears to be no chance of its recovery, they pray Grand Chapter to grant them a Charter of Confirmation. The Rev. John Huyshe, Grand Superintendent of Devon, supports the prayer of the petition, which the Committee recommend Grand Chapter to grant.

The Committee are sorry to have to report that on the simple ipse dixit of a brother that he had been 12 months a Master Mason, the Old Globe Chapter, No. 200, Scarborough, exalted him, contrary to Article 67, page 22, of the Royal Arch Regulations, which requires that satisfactory proof of a brother having been 12 calendar months at least a Master Mason shall be given. The Committee believe that the chapter did not wilfully err, but in order to mark their displeasure of the carelessness displayed have inflicted a fine of one guinea on the chapter, have directed the Grand Scribe E. to admonish it to be more careful in future, and not to issue the certificate without the companion has been re-obligated at its next meeting.

(Signed) BENJAMIN HEAD,

In the chair,

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
July 19th, 1876.

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BRO. DUMBLEIDGE'S impression of the seal dug up in a village three miles from Diss, Norfolk, is undoubtedly Masonic, whatever age it may be. A fac simile of it will appear in the September number of the "*Masonic Magazine*."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

- BEAUMONT.—On the 23rd inst., at Hill House, near Swansea, the wife of Lieut.-Col. Godfrey Wentworth Beaumont, late of the Scots Fusilier Guards, of a daughter.
BROWN.—On the 23rd inst., at Charlewood-road, Putney, the wife of H. Brown, of a daughter.
EVANS.—On the 20th inst., at Hertford, the wife of E. R. Evans, of a son.
FISHER.—On the 18th inst., at Conway, North Wales, the wife of T. C. Fisher, Esq., prematurely, of a son, still-born.
ARNOLD.—On the 18th inst., at Wimbledon, Mrs. C. T. Arnold, of a daughter.
BUTLER.—On the 25th inst., at the Boundary, Wormley, Herts, the wife of W. H. Butler, of a son.
CLARK.—On the 17th inst., at Compton House, 46 and 47, Frith-street, Soho, the wife of Adolphus Clark, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

- CAMPBELL—SKIDMORE.—On the 20th inst., at Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, John Campbell, of Strachur, Argyleshire, to Ellen, only daughter of E. Skidmore, of The Pines, Rickmansworth, Herts.
MASON—HOLME.—On the 20th inst., at St. James's, Clapham, John Davis, only son of H. Mason, of Brixton and Aldersgate-street, E.C., to Mary Louisa, daughter of the late A. Holme, Esq. No cards.
SUTHERLAND—HART.—On the 24th inst., at St. George's Church, Hanover-square, Eric Sutherland, of Morayshire, N.B., to Jane Hart, of Berkeley-square, London, and Newcastle-court, Radnorshire, South Wales.
CHRISTOPHER—SPARKS.—On the 22nd inst., at St. Andrew's, Watford, Thomas Christopher, jun., of Rough Down, Boxmoor, to Edith Eleanor, daughter of J. Sparks, Esq.

DEATHS.

- SPENCER.—On the 21st inst., Bro. Richard Spencer, aged 76.
JONES.—On the 21st inst., Bro. Capt. Jones, of Liverpool.
STANSFELD.—On April 23rd, at Firby Hall, York, Bro. R. J. Stansfeld.
MATHER.—On May 3rd, in Adelaide, South Australia, Mr. J. Mather, youngest son of the late Mr. J. Mather, statuary, of London.
MURE.—On the 20th inst., at Gloucester-place, Portman-square, James Mure, Esq., in the 80th year of his age.
PULLEY.—On the 22nd inst., at Porchester Terrace, Hyde Park, Mary, wife of J. Pulley, Esq., of Lower Eaton, Hereford.
STEWART.—On the 21st inst., at Norfolk-terrace, Bayswater, Archibald Stewart, Esq., accountant, aged 50.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1876.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

We stated in our last impression that we sincerely rejoiced at the "healing result" which West Yorkshire in its last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting had arrived at, and we cannot deny ourselves the pleasure of reiterating the same expression of feeling and opinion to-day. For some time past, for the last twelve months, or thereabouts, owing to the publication of certain pamphlets which had better now be forgotten, a good deal of excitement has been occasioned, and a great amount of personality has been evoked, in that active portion of our little Masonic world. We have from time to time pointed out that the agitation thus aroused in West Yorkshire was alike factitious and unwise, but we all of us know that it is easier to raise a storm than to lay it. We may add, a good deal easier. An old and sound authority told us many years ago, though we often forget it, that the "beginning of strife is as the letting out of water," and as we ourselves often note in human life to-day, and in passing events, there are no limits, humanly speaking, to which angry feelings and aroused sensibilities may not lead us all, when once the "steam is up," and we are engaged in personal warfare or vituperative controversies. The "cacoethes scribendi" comes over us, and we rush into print with alacrity, we carry on the contest with acerbity, and we end often in developing, Freemasons though we call ourselves, both a wonderful amount of "Billingsgate," and a striking acquaintance, with choice expletives, and choicer epithets. The controversy which began about twelve months ago seemed to be moving on in the same vicious circle. A little question of internal administration of the Boys' School became magnified into a great grievance by the heated outpourings of carping criticism and indignant individuality, until the good old Province of West Yorkshire appeared literally carried away by the idea, permeated by the suspicion, that there were gross wrong doings to reform, and some unheard of expenditure to reduce in the Boys' School. Pamphlet had followed pamphlet in quick succession, (among them the famous suppressed one), until the position reached by West Yorkshire was mournful and alarming, derogatory alike to its position and its prestige. At the Quarterly Court in April of the Boys' School nearly every province in England voted with the Executive, and £12,500 have been since sent to the annual festival in proof of the general sympathy of the Craft, unaffected by these attacks, and undeterred by this agitation. The motion, then, of the Prov. J. G. Warden of West Yorkshire, Bro. Booth, was alike unwise and uncalled for, in that it served only to fan the flame of agitation, and to perpetuate a state of things which, while injurious to the Boys' School, and opposed to Masonic teaching, was a great cause of grief to a large number of West Yorkshire Masons, and unworthy of so staunch a supporter of the charities as West Yorkshire has proved itself to be. We cannot but feel that Bro. Gill's words, the Prov. S.G. Warden of West Yorkshire, endorsed as they were by the eloquent language of our esteemed and respected Bro. Bentley Shaw, well pointed out the great inadvisability of any further continuance in so hazardous and un-Masonic a cause. Bro. Booth, yielding to the evidently all but unanimous feeling of Prov. Grand Lodge, judiciously withdrew his motion, and we will now hope and trust that we have heard the last of this painful subject. We have from the first spoken out boldly, simply, decidedly, and, we will add, consistently. We have done so because we have the deepest personal feelings of regard and attachment for our good brethren in West Yorkshire. We know from long and pleasant experience their real worth, their manly honesty, their true Masonic sympathies, and their warm Masonic hearts. Even their zeal, if not tempered with as much discretion as we deemed requisite in this recent discussion, we know well, as none can better know—is sound and earnest at the bottom, and with their usual warmth

of impulsiveness and yet sincerity, they were actuated by a belief (a mistaken one), that there was really some reform to make, some wrong to redress, in all they said and in all they did. We do not wish to retrace, and we will not go over the beaten track of the controversy now, nor even allude any more to unwise words, and injudicious pamphlets; but we will echo the words of Bro. Gill, and say, let by-gones be bye-gones—on both sides let us, as brother Freemasons, shake hands, and forget that any differences have divided us, or that any severances have severed us for any time, in any manner, in any degree. There is no province in England which has a nobler past, a more prosperous present, or a more promising future before it than the Province of West Yorkshire. It led years ago the provincial movement in favour of the metropolitan charities, and earned for itself the admiration of the Craft and the gratitude of our London brethren. It has ever been marked by unity and order, by peace and loyalty, by high Masonic principles, and true Masonic work. It would indeed be a sad culmination of glorious efforts and Masonic labour for years, as Bro. Bentley Shaw so well put it, if anything now should tend to pull down the goodly building erected by W. Yorkshire with so much care, so much cost, and so many sacrifices in the greatest of all causes, Masonic charity. And, above all, it would indeed be most lamentable if such a province should continue to be torn in two by internal differences, by contending camps, or lowered by unworthy personalities, or agitated by angry pamphlets, if this antagonistic feeling to the Boys' School should be fostered, or extended, or tolerated, or encouraged any more. In the words of its amiable and distinguished chief, Sir H. Edwards, let all good men and Masons work together in love and harmony for the great and good cause of our Masonic charities, and, as Bro. Gill well expressed himself, if any grievances exist, if any supposed mismanagement prevails, let the life governor or life governors complaining come before the proper tribunal, and calmly and temperately, and carefully and manfully, make the complaint and avow the suspicion. From what we know of the London brethren, and above all of the Executive of the Boys' School, we can say beforehand that they are always ready to hear any such bona-fide complaints, and will readily award to all legitimate complainants the attention they crave and the hearing they require. But then our good brethren must indulge in no spirit of unworthy and groundless fault-finding, and they must avoid the evil and unmasonic habit of anything like anonymous libels or perverse denunciations. And, above all, there must be an end of personalities, of angry and vehement and ex parte arraignment of the executive, of direct or indirect imputations on the motives and the acts of others. No good cause was ever really served by personality, nothing is gained by statements "ad invidiam," except momentarily, if even then, while nothing is so injurious, even to the best of causes in the long run, on account of the inevitable reaction to false statements and unfounded allegations. And, in addition to this, as a general rule, nothing is so hurtful to the temper or the "morale" of us all, or so destructive of friendly feeling, harmony, goodwill, as personalities. And if this be true of all our human contests, how much more is it of that Masonic strife, which, despite our profession of higher views and "nobler aims," is apt to degenerate into the very lowest form of angry ebullitions, of unfair, unworthy, and unmasonic personalities? In all contests like these we are bound to allow for honest convictions, if mistaken ones, but we are also bound by every feeling of Masonic honour, and every principle of Masonic duty, to reprobate openly and decidedly, in the interest of our great and goodly Order, any departure from the unchanging principles of Freemasonry, and any relaxation of those genial and kindly sentiments which bind us so closely as a fraternity, and mark our profession, and distinguish our principles, as before men and the world. May the "entente cordiale" now happily restored by the removal of an unwise agitation long endure between West Yorkshire and the Boys' School—nay, may it increase

yearly, and yield still more striking and enduring fruits of Masonic sympathy and goodwill. Having spoken as we felt it to be our bounden duty to do, honestly, manfully, fearlessly, we congratulate our very distinguished Bro. the P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bros. B. Shaw, Gill, Joseph Batley, Wordsworth, and others in West Yorkshire on this happy cessation of an internecine strife, as well as for this pleasant victory in the best of all causes, the interest of our orphan boys, and the noble principles of Freemasonry, conciliation, peace, harmony, kindness, forbearance, and brotherly love.

THE LODGE PHILADELPHES ET LA CONCORDE REUNIS.

Our esteemed Bro. Caubet, in the "Monde Maçonnique" for July, answers a query in respect of this lodge which had previously appeared in our columns. The question was, was this lodge a "regularly warranted lodge," and under what jurisdiction? Bro. Caubet states, "Nous ne pouvons repondre, que tres imparfaitement a ces questions." The gist of his further statement is that the lodge is not warranted by the Grand Orient (as it could not be), and that he does not know whether or no it has an English warrant. We shall be glad if any brother can enlighten us on the subject, as we have a strong conviction that some time back official reference was made to a surreptitious lodge of somewhat the same name in London. We shall be, however, gladly undeceived on the point, and if we have made the slightest error in confounding two essentially distinct bodies, we shall at once be ready to make Masonically an "amende honorable" in the "Freemason." The fact is a very simple one indeed, and, as the French say, some one can "constater" it at once one way or the other. Our only interest in the matter is the interest in Freemasonry, and the interest of our brethren, as we have always set our faces against irregular Masonry everywhere. We have thought it well to address a letter to our esteemed Grand Secretary on the subject, the answer to which we hope to print next week.

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.]

FREEMASONRY EXPROBRATED.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
 Allow me to express my warmest thanks in your columns for the communications of commendation and gratitude I have received from members of the Craft, both in the Province of Lincoln and elsewhere, for vindicating the fraternity from contumely and exprobration cast upon them recently at Brigg.
 It appears that you have been particularly requested by some wily correspondent to republish certain anonymous letters published in the "Hull Times," which hitherto I have disregarded, as I consider a writer who is ashamed of his name has no claim on my attention. I have, however, been informed that one of the writers is a clergyman of extreme views, and who has as much love for the Craft as his Holiness the Pope. But,
 "Non tolli auxilio, nec defensoribus istis tempus eget."
 My letters have not as yet been answered by the party concerned. A P.M. of Brigg Lodge informs me that "he has read with pleasure my unanswerable letter, which deserves the thanks of the whole province, as it was well known that justice would be done to the Craft if the matter were placed in my hands."
 My exertions have evoked a satisfactory letter from a high dignitary of the church, who regrets the sad and indefensible occurrence, now not likely to be repeated, and who would have paid "his personal respects to the ancient and honourable fraternity, lately assembled at Brigg, had he been invited to be present."
 The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable. True charity rejoiceth in the truth. Semi-apologists would do well to remember the apostolic injunction, "Let your love be without dissimulation, abhor that which is evil, and cleave to that which is good."
 In conclusion, allow me to add that the privilege of Freemasons to attend the services of the Church of England is something more than an act of grace; it would have been an act of gratitude on the part of the incumbent of Brigg for receiving a peal of bells mainly through the leading Freemason of the town; but more than that, it would have been an act of generosity to ally any reputable society to the services of the Church of England, especially when that society professed the highest principles of pure morality and enlarged charity.
 As I have before stated, the Church of England is a national church, not the parochial enclosure of a new sect whom our ancestors knew not half a century ago, who

call themselves more Catholic, but less charitable. That party may be well assured that no insinuations of theirs, not even persecution, will ever cower or deter me from vindicating the honour and purity of the principles of Freemasonry, and the comprehensive and Protestant character of the Church of England.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,
 DANIEL ACE, D.D.,
 P.P.G.C. of Lincolnshire, and
 W.M. of Lodge 1232.

[This correspondence must now cease. As Freemasons we know nothing of the intestine divisions of the Church of England. We think the Vicar of Brigg wrong.—Ed.]

GRAND ORIENT OF EGYPT.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
 Those who are interested in the prosperity of the Grand Orient of Egypt, as I am, will be glad to know that several Grand Lodges in the United States have been considering its position of late, and have been thoroughly examining into its origin, character, and proceedings, with a view to grant recognition if the analysis prove favourable. Already, we are rejoiced to know, the Grand Lodges of California, Idaho, and Georgia have extended the Masonic right hand of fellowship to the Grand Orient of Egypt, and I expect soon to hear of others doing likewise. Our brethren in the United States "do nothing by halves," and firmly refused such recognition until the matter had been fully investigated. Indeed, the Grand Lodge of Georgia resolved to "withhold any fraternal communication until fully satisfied of its legal existence," but having before them the report of the Grand Lodge of California, in which it was stated, and proof submitted, that the "Grand Orient of Egypt was established, so far as we can judge, upon a firm basis, and not only with the permission, but under the protection and active co-operation of the present ruler of that country," and therefore entitled to be acknowledged "as a just and legally constituted Masonic power," the members soon came to the determination to gracefully accept the claims of Egypt to be admitted into the circle of legitimate Grand Lodges.

Bro. J. Emmett Blackshear, Grand Secretary, was appointed representative of the Grand Orient of Egypt, near the Grand East of Georgia, and the indefatigable Bro. F. F. Oddi, Grand Secretary of Egypt, representative on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. We sympathise with the desire of the Masonic authorities in Egypt to be placed on the same footing as many other Grand Lodges in Europe and America, and whilst the M.W. Grand Master Zola, of that jurisdiction (ably supported by the Grand Secretary), is most anxious to be acknowledged by all Grand Lodges worthy of the name, we cannot but admire his manly and independent conduct since his election, nor can we find words to put on record our appreciation of the sterling Masonic principles actuating him and the members of the Grand Orient, when on finding that their support of the Rite of Memphis was viewed with disfavour by the regular Grand Lodges, they resolved at once to call in all such warrants, and to sever for ever their connection with that useless and objectionable system of 96°. The degrees now worked in Egypt under the wing of the Grand Orient are wholly and solely Craft Masonry. Those of the "hautes grades" are entirely under the Supreme Grand Council 33° of Egypt, which, though harmoniously working with the Grand Orient, just as in this country, are quite as separate and distinct as in England, Ireland, Scotland, and the United States.

This concession to the customs of British and American Freemasons will, we feel sure, be rightly esteemed both here and "across the big pond," and believing that it will be the aim of the Grand Orient of Egypt to deserve the respect and friendly co-operation of all regular Grand Lodges, we most heartily wish them the success they intend to deserve.

Its organization having been partially commenced in 1864, and only of late thoroughly completed, it was but natural that a few mistakes should be made, especially as several Grand Bodies applied to Egypt for recognition which appeared entitled thereto. Now, however, it rests to a great measure with the regular foreign Grand Lodges what Egypt does in the way of countenancing Masonry abroad, as the more these bodies exchange representatives, and forward their proceedings, the better will the Grand Orient be enabled to avoid the illegitimate, and support only regular Freemasonry throughout the world.

At all events its Craft Constitution now is thoroughly Masonic, and in accord with Great Britain and Ireland, the oldest upholders of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masonry.

Yours fraternally,
 WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.
 Truro, Cornwall, 22nd July, 1876.

THE MASONIC MAGAZINE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
 I think your proposition of "keeping two or three pages in the Masonic Magazine, in future, purely for Masonic Archæology," an excellent idea, and hope it will receive hearty support at the hands of the brethren. "As example is better than precept," I have much pleasure in offering as a contribution an exact copy of an Extraordinary Warrant in the possession of the Britannia Lodge, No. 139, Sheffield (constituted in 1765, and numbered 189 under the "Moderns" in 1813), which, I venture to think, is worthy of finding a place therein.
 Grand Lodge to delegate to a subordinate or Provincial Grand Lodge the power to grant warrants, from lodges, &c., also the power, to such Provincial Grand Lodge, to elect (annually) its own officers or successors is, to say the least, unique.
 It is extremely desirable that copies of such, or similar documents, should be published.

Primarily, because the originals run great risks from fire, or of being otherwise destroyed, or lost.

Secondly, by the incalculable advantages of such being brought prominently before all Masonic students, and,

Thirdly, it is by the unearthing and publication of such treasures that our history may be written.

I am, fraternally yours,
 S. B. ELLIS.

[We refer our readers to the "Masonic Magazine" for August.]

INFORMATION WANTED.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I should be very thankful to any Prov. Grand Officer (of England) if he would afford me the following information regarding the interior economy of a Prov. Grand Secretary's office:—

1. What books are required to be kept up, both regarding revenue and record?
2. Should not a provincial register be kept, shewing name of every subscribing member in the province, together with his lodge, age, residence, date of First, Second, and Third Degrees, if taken in the province, or date of joining, with name of mother lodge if affiliated only in the province; also shewing dates of deaths, exclusions, and resignations?
3. Should not an alphabetical index to the above-mentioned register be kept to accelerate reference?
4. Should not a list of the actual Masters and Wardens and P.M.'s who have a right to sit and vote in Provincial Grand Lodge be compiled by the Secretary immediately before every meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, and be handed to the Provincial Grand Stewards?
5. Is it usual for a salaried Provincial Grand Secretary to have a vote on the Provincial Board of General Purposes?

I trust the answers may be as explicit as possible, and in accordance with what is the custom in the best regulated provinces of England, as the information is sought from a far off district, and much delay would occur in having to ask for explanations.

Yours fraternally,
 LECTOR.

SWEDENBORGIAN RITE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you oblige me by stating that I have just received from Bro. W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, 33° A. and A., Most Worshipful Sov. G.M.; Thomas Douglas Harrington, 33° A. and A., Grand Senior Warden; Geo. Canning Longley, 33° A. and P., Grand Junior Warden, a warrant for a lodge and temple of the Swedenborgian Rite, styled EMANUEL LODGE AND TEMPLE, No 3, to confer the degrees of Enlightened, Sublime, and Perfect Phreemason upon lawful Master Masons. The lodge and temple consist at present of only four members, but if any of your readers would like to enter the Rite they can do so by sending their names and the fee of £1 to Bro. S. P. Leather, Burnley, Lancashire, the J.W. of said body. We pay the Supreme Grand Lodge and Temple of the Dominion of Canada £5 5s. for our warrant and ritual.

Truly and fraternally yours,
 JOHN YARKER.

7, Tynwald Terrace, Chorlton Road, Manchester.
 July 24th, 1876.

THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Pray accept my sincere thanks for allowing me to question Bro. Simpson as to the real drift of his amendment to Bro. Havers' proposal, to which questioning, however, I have been able to get no satisfactory reply.

So far as I can summarise Bro. Simpson's statements, the matter stands thus:

1. For Grand Lodge to attend St. Paul's Cathedral, quâ a church, and to take part in a service there, quâ a service church, would not be a denominational proceeding. But to help to complete the design for St. Paul's of Sir Christopher Wren, quâ the Masonic work of one of our most distinguished Grand Masters, would be denominational.
2. To give a sum of money to help an exploring party in Palestine is not beyond the "reasonable limitation beyond the beaten track" upon which Grand Lodge may venture to tread (being, I presume, a charitable work connected with the Order), nor would it have been outside the powers of Grand Lodge to vote money to an indefinite "something in India."

But it is quite beyond this "reasonable limitation" to devote the funds of our English Grand Lodge to a work which would benefit our country, and be a lasting tribute to the loyalty of our Order towards her.

Upon this I need make no further remark—it remaining with the brethren at large to say whether this is their notion of Masonic consistency—than to congratulate Grand Lodge upon possessing a member ready and willing to fix this "reasonable limitation," which Grand Lodge has been either unable or unwilling to define in the Book of Constitutions.

As the purpose with which I started is accomplished I shall not again trouble you upon this matter, but shall leave Bro. Simpson's lucid explanation of the purport and motives of his amendment to the consideration of the next Quarterly Communication.

Allow me, however, to pause to say one word in reply to Bro. Langley's denial of Bro. Havers' statement that certain brethren went to Grand Lodge with a "foregone conclusion." It is simply and strictly true. I was in the earlier part of the evening (like another of your correspondents) at the bottom of Grand Lodge, and heard Bro.

Havers' proposal commented upon long before it was brought forward, and I heard, to my astonishment, so much then said in disparagement of the proposal that it was quite clear that many brethren had come so prejudiced as to give vent to their disapprobation before Bro. Havers had well begun. "In the sense of prejudging him the brethren did decide without hearing him."

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,
W. T.

THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me the use of your columns, to reply to my numerous subscribers and friends to state that I am making strenuous efforts to have the Installation Engraving completed and in their hands by Christmas next. The engraver is steadily and perseveringly proceeding with the work, and I can assure all my friends that not an hour is being lost in carrying out this most arduous work to a successful completion. I shall have nearly 1000 portraits in the engraving, the largest muster by nearly double that has ever yet appeared in a single work.

I am, dear Sir and brother, fraternally yours,
EDWD. J. HARRY.

Reviews.

JOAN OF ARC—A Poem not awarded the Vice-Chancellor's Prize. Kerby and Endean, 190, Oxford-street.

Whether or no the statement in the preface be historically accurate, and that we have in this poem one among the "Rejected Addresses" at Dublin University, we do not feel quite sure. As Sir Walter Scott so well puts it, some of these little figurative and poetical prefaces have served to introduce to the notice of readers many works which otherwise might have remained in obscurity and neglect. But if the statement be correct, then we confess that we should like to see the poem to which the prize was really awarded. Joan of Arc is a sterling poem, and full of after promise for the writer. There are passages in it of great beauty and much poetic power, and we feel strongly that it only needs to be read to be appreciated by many of our brethren and sisters. Unfortunately the space in the "Freemason" for Reviews is very limited, but we refer our readers to the "Masonic Magazine" for September, where a fuller review of this little work will appear, and when its poetical merit will be more perfectly analyzed and described.

HIGH PRESSURE BUSINESS LIFE.—Published by Henry Smith, M.D., 8, Burton Crescent. First Thousand.

We like this little book very much. It is simple and straightforward, practical and sound. We entirely approve of the advice it tenders and the habits it enforces, the axioms it inculcates, and the warnings it propounds, as we feel how needful they are to all classes, especially that large class to which the book appears to be specifically addressed. We predicate for it much public patronage and approval.

WE PART ON THE SQUARE; Freemason's Song by SAMUEL SMITH. Music by WILLIE F. LANCELOT.—Simpson and Co., 23, Argyll-street, Regent-street.

This is a sprightly and effective little Masonic song, which, we think, is likely to become popular amongst us. We recommend it to the notice of many of our worthy musical brethren, whose endeavours to please their audiences are most praiseworthy and persevering. Certainly, music still has "charms to soothe the Masonic breast."

A CAUTION—THE SPURIOUS GRAND LODGE.

The following letter appears in the "Canadian Craftsman":—

The thorough want of reason and knowledge of Masonic law displayed by the founders of the spurious organization of the body termed the Grand Lodge of Ontario has been so fully explained in your columns that a word of warning or advice regarding the same seems almost superfluous; still, owing to the silent manner in which we work, the profane and ignorant may at any time confound the lodges working under the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario with those under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada. We should therefore use every exertion to caution those desirous of entering our mysteries to guard against becoming members of an organization that cannot and does not confer upon them a single Masonic privilege, excepting, of course, that of visiting those lodges that at present lead a half life and dead existence under the authority of their spurious body.

(1.) No regular Grand Lodge will ever recognize this body, ergo no so-called Mason hailing from its subordinates can ever enter any Masonic lodge in the world.

(2.) As it is not a regular Grand Lodge, no Grand Chapter will allow its subordinate chapters to recognize its members as Masons, and consequently they will be unable to advance in the mystic art; and, as a necessary sequence, these misguided men and their deceived followers find themselves excluded from those higher mysteries which form so grand a feature in the history and labyrinthine network of our institution.

I urge, then, the strictest caution upon younger members, and particularly upon the profane, in becoming associated or allied with a body that receives fees but grants no benefits—that pretends to confer Masonic degrees which cannot be and are not recognized by a single Grand Lodge in the world—that was founded on envy and spite—exists in a false ambition, and will die in disgrace and dishonour.

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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

The 21st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Canada, was held at the new By-Ward Market Hall in the city of Ottawa, on Wednesday, the 12th June, at the hour of high twelve.

The following notices of motion were given at the last Annual Communication:—

By V.W. Bro. F. E. Menet.—That Article 7, "of Fees," in the Book of Constitution, be amended by striking out all after the words "jurisdiction of a lodge," and inserting therefor the words "Two Dollars;" also that Article 1, "of Constituting a New Lodge," the words following:—"and in case of there being more than two lodges in the nearest jurisdiction, it shall require the recommendation of no less than one-half of the said lodges."

By Bro. W. Bro. Wm. Forbes.—That the expenses of District Deputy Grand Masters be paid by this Grand Lodge, by allowing a certain amount for each lodge.

By R.W. Bro. L. Woods.—That the clause of the Constitution relating to "Constituting a new Lodge" be amended by inserting after the words "nearest lodge," the following:—"Except in cases of an application from a village, town, or city, when the consent of all the local lodges having concurrent jurisdiction shall first be obtained."

By R.W. Bro. Rev. V. Clementi.—That Article 17, "of the Grand Lodge" be amended by striking out the words "at which the place of holding the next communication shall be decided" and inserting in place thereof the words "in the City of Toronto."

By R.W. Bro. R. P. Stephens.—That Article 10, "of the Grand Lodge" be amended by inserting the following clause between the words "before Grand Lodge" and "and no alteration," namely:—"or unless notice of motion of such amendment be given in writing to the Grand Secretary, at least one month before the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and such notice be inserted in the summons for such Annual Communication," also that Article 1 "of proposing members" be amended by inserting next after the words "the next stated lodge meeting" the words "and in all cases held not less than four weeks from the date of the application."

By W. Bro. Wm. Norris.—That Article 1, "of the Grand Lodge" be amended by striking out the word "Canada," and inserting in place thereof the word "Ontario," and that all verbal alterations in the Book of Constitution consequent upon the adoption of this resolution be made immediately thereafter.

By W. Bro. Joseph Hurst.—That Article 2, of "Honorary Members," be amended by adding thereto the words following: "but if an honorary member does not attend a meeting of the lodge for a space of three years, or give satisfactory reasons for his absence, he may be suspended from honorary membership by a two-thirds vote of the lodge," also, That Article 8, "of the Grand Lodge," be amended by striking out all after the words "any communication of the Grand Lodge," and inserting in place thereof the words "and Past Master of the lodge duly returned may represent the lodge, Immediate P.M. to take precedence."

By W. Bro. J. M. Banghart, or W. Bro. Wm. Hayden.—That the Book of Constitution be so amended as to provide that all routine business in private lodges be done in the Third Degree, instead of the first as at present.

By R. W. Bro. J. G. Burns.—That the Toronto district be divided into two districts, the counties of York and Peel to constitute the Toronto district, and the counties of Simcoe and Grey to constitute a new District, to be named the Georgian district.

By R. W. Bro. J. B. Trayer.—That the Toronto and Ontario districts be reconstructed, so as to make three or more out of the two districts, or otherwise to divide either or both of them.

The Board of General Purposes met at the Masonic Hall, Rideau Street, on Monday the 10th inst., at noon.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana held its ninth annual gathering on the 23rd and the two following days of May. The Treasurer's statement shows a balance of 15,400 dols.

A curious case came up in the form of a grievance. It seems that five years ago a lodge borrowed from the widow of a Mason 4000 dols., giving her a mortgage on the property of the lodge. The widow had received the money from the benefit society on the death of her husband. The mortgage proved worthless. Five members owned the lodge, on which there was a prior mortgage, but the lodge yielded them a rental of 1800 dols. As the lodge declined either to pay or secure the widow the matter was referred to the Grand Master for the purpose of ascertaining the true facts. Bros. F. S. Devo and John M. Bramwell were elected respectively Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

The fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska took place at Omaha, on 26th April. The chief officers elected are R. C. Sir Chas. F. Catlin, Grand Commander; N. E. Sir James N. Moore, Deputy Grand Commander; E. Sir William R. Bowen, Grand Recorder.

The eighty-sixth annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was held on May 15. Nearly two hundred members were present. On the subject of coloured Masonry, the Grand Master says:

"The Grand Lodge or the subordinate lodges of Ohio may make as many Masons out of the negro race as it pleases, and we must and will recognise those so made as Freemasons—but we deny its power to give any Masonic vitality to any other grand body; it cannot delegate its jurisdiction, nor exercise it jointly with another, but must exercise it itself and for itself. We may be permitted to hope that wise counsel may govern its action."

Among the officers elected are M. W. G. Nicholas San-Slyck. R. W. G. S. Edwin Baker.

The ninety-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New York met on the 2nd June. 755 representatives of subordinate lodges were present. The receipts for the year foot up 100,849.25 dols., but the treasury is empty. We make the following extract from the Grand Master's address:—

"Our foreign relations remain about in the same condition as last year. The Grand Orient of France has made no sign during the year, and evidently considers the friendship and correspondence of the American Grand Lodges as a matter of no consequence. This is to be regretted; but, until there is a willingness on the part of that body to recognise the right of this and other Grand Lodges to exclusive jurisdiction within their own territories there can be no change, and we shall regretfully, but none the less firmly, be obliged to treat as strangers, those whom we would gladly welcome to our Masonic homes.

"The course of the German Grand Lodges is scarcely, if at all, more satisfactory. Claiming for themselves the very right for which we contend, and proclaiming that no lodge can be formed on German territory without their consent, they have thus far shown no willingness to concede the same right to us, or withdraw the lodges located in this and other States. They propose to compromise the matter by a series of treaties, looking, however, only to their own benefit, since they propose to have us recognise the establishment in the country of subordinate lodges owing them allegiance, but saying nothing of a reciprocal privilege on our part, even were it possible that we could profit by such a concession, or our policy allow us to proceed in that direction.

"One further step has been taken by them through their Grand Lodge League, which is the declaration that the organization of coloured persons in this country, now trespassing on the various American Grand Lodge jurisdictions, is regular, and hence that their invasion of the territory of this and other Grand Lodges in the United States meets the approval of our brethren in Germany, although at latest advices they had not gone so far as to offer direct recognition and interchange of representatives. This, however, is a matter of time, and it is far from certain that the League now in session will not take this concluding step, and thus by indiscretion place its constituents in open denial of our right to govern our own affairs without foreign intervention and dictation. There can be but one ending to all this, which I refrain from indicating at the present time, in the hope that wiser councils may yet prevail, and that harmony and peace may be secured to our brotherhood wherever dispersed.

"Another question has been presented, not for immediate action, but for calm consideration, by the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

"At the annual communication of that body last October, a special committee reported favourably on a proposition to admit a number of confessedly clandestine organizations and to divide the jurisdiction of the State with such irregular bodies. The point of the whole matter is, that this is simply a proposition on the part of the committee of the Grand Lodge of Ohio to abandon the American law of sole jurisdiction, claimed by Grand Lodges on this continent, and, if adopted, to open the whole of our territory to the incursions of such organizations as may choose to invade it, and thus by destroying our authority at the same time to put an end to the peaceful and harmonious progress we have so long enjoyed.

"No action appears to be required at this time, because the Grand Lodge of Ohio has not definitely passed upon the report of its committee, and it is to be hoped that when it does it will remain in full accord with the other American Grand Lodges and with the best interests of Masonry on this continent.

Meanwhile, I repeat, it should receive your careful attention, so that, if action should be taken in Ohio adverse to the general well being, your duty may be plain and your action prompt."

[We take this from the "Craftsman."]

THE SOUTHERN SUPREME COUNCIL.

The Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States commenced its biennial session, at the city of Washington, on Monday, May 29th. The regular period for the assembling of this body was the 1st of May, but, as it had been originally organized at Charlestown, South Carolina, on May 31st, 1801, it was deemed advisable that the session should commence on the last Monday of the month, so that the members might have an opportunity of celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment, not only of the Supreme Council, but of the Scottish Rite.

On Wednesday evening, May 31, the members of the Supreme Council, active and honorary, with a large number of Scottish Rite Masons, had a social gathering in the Hall of the Scottish Rite. Speeches were made, songs sung, and the seventy-fifth anniversary was appropriately observed.

The attendance of members during the session was comparatively large, and some important business was transacted.

On the first day Bro. Albert Pike, Sovereign Grand Commander, read his allocution, in which he gave an exhaustive view of the condition of the Rite throughout the world, and the relations of the Southern Supreme Council with other Councils.

This allocution was referred to appropriate committees for the consideration of the various subjects which it embraced.

Some very important questions of jurisdiction were decided during the session. Among these, and of most interest to the Scottish Rite Masons of this country, was that of territorial jurisdiction between the two Supreme Councils of the United States.

When the Northern Supreme Council was established in 1813, the New England States, with those of New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, and subsequently Delaware, with all the territory North of the Ohio and East of the Mississippi, were allotted to the Northern Council. Recently, the Northern Council has asked for a reconsideration of this allotment, and a new division, by which the line of separation may be extended to the Pacific coast. The subject was referred by the Southern Council to the Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was adopted, declaring that the concordat ratified in 1827 was conclusive and final, and the question could not be reopened for modification, except upon the motion of the States of the Southern Jurisdiction which were West of the Mississippi.

The most important measures adopted by the Supreme Council were those in reference to the Congress of Lausanne. That body having adopted regulations that were antagonistic to the constitution of 1786, they have not been accepted by the Supreme Councils of Scotland, Ireland, Greece, and the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, between whom a defensive alliance is about to be formed. The following resolutions, submitted by the Committee on Correspondence, were unanimously adopted by the Supreme Council:

Resolved, That we hail as an auspicious omen for Freemasonry the early and emphatic rejection of the heresy sought to be engrafted upon and made a part of the proceedings of the Lausanne Congress of the Supreme Council of France.

Resolved, That the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States endorse, and by this action affirm, the articles of alliance submitted by our Sovereign Grand Commander, and the Sovereign Grand Commander and the Illustrious Secretary General are authorized and requested to officially sign and seal the articles of alliance, when properly engrossed.

The "heresy" to which reference is made in the first of these resolutions, is the declaration by the Congress of Lausanne, that Freemasonry recognizes, under the title of Grand Architect of the Universe, "a creative principle," thus substituting for the old-fashioned declaration of a personal God as the belief of Freemasonry, a mere metaphysical idea admitting of any sort of interpretation. The Supreme Councils above-named have refused to sanction any such dogma, as utterly opposed to all the religious teachings of the Order.

There was another bone of contention introduced by the Congress, at the instigation of the Supreme Council of France. Some years ago, that Supreme Council established one or more subordinate lodges at Honolulu, in the Sandwich Islands. Subsequently the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction established three subordinate bodies in the same place. To this the Supreme Council of France objects, as an invasion of its territorial jurisdiction. The Congress of Lausanne has sustained the objection, and, without having given the Southern Supreme Council an opportunity to defend its acts, it has affirmed that the organization of a subordinate body by any Supreme Council, in an unoccupied territory, gives to that Supreme Council entire jurisdiction over the territory, and precludes the establishment of other subordinate bodies in it by any other Council.

This doctrine is utterly repugnant to the well established law of territorial jurisdiction, that all territory is to be considered as unoccupied and common until a Supreme Body is established in it by the subordinates there existing. It is a law always recognized and practically enforced in the United States, and, therefore, the Southern Supreme Council has rejected and repudiated the declaration of the Congress.

It is thus seen that the Congress of Lausanne has not been as successful as it had been hoped that it would be, and it may be considered settled that its authority, thus repudiated by four Supreme Councils, will not be effectual in establishing a concord between all the Supreme Councils in the world.

The special committee to whom was referred the subject of the advances made by the Supreme Council of England and Wales and the dependencies of the British crown, through one or more of its officers, to our late lamented Ill. Bro. E. H. Shaw, during his sojourn in England and last illness, and to his widow and family subsequent to his decease, which amount in the aggregate to £80 sterling, beg leave respectfully to report:

"That on behalf of this Supreme Council they tender its sincere thanks to the Supreme Council of England and Wales and the dependencies of the British Crown for the assistance rendered to our late deceased Ill. Bro. Shaw and his family while they were resident and in great need in the jurisdiction of that Supreme Council.

"It will ever be a source of pleasing recollection that through the instrumentality of that council, and the undeviating kindness and fraternal affection of its members, so much was accomplished during the protracted and painful illness of our deceased brother to smooth his pathway to the tomb.

"The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite teaches no lessons more noble and sublime than those which inculcate toleration to humanity and its weaknesses, and charity to those who, amid the changes and fluctuations of life, are bereft of their means and accumulations.

"The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer General of this Supreme Council be instructed at the earliest opportunity to remit to the Treasurer General of the Supreme Council of England and Wales and the dependencies of the British crown the sum of £80 sterling, and to express the high appreciation of this Supreme Council for the many kindnesses exhibited toward our late Ill. Bro. E. H. Shaw and his family.

"THOS. H. CASWELL, 33,
"A. E. FRANKLAND, 33."

The other business of the Supreme Council was principally of a private and local nature. It adjourned on Friday afternoon, June 2nd. At night a Sorrow Lodge was held, in public, when Bro. Pike delivered the general eulogy of the dead who had departed since the last session of the Supreme Council.

FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The consecration of a Royal Arch Chapter in Cradock took place on Tuesday, June 6th, and passed off most successfully. The weather was unusually fine. About 11 a.m. a number of lady friends and relations of the Masons were admitted to witness the ceremony, and from them we learn that it was a most interesting and impressive one. The following is a list of the officers:—Comps. J. E. Green, M.E.Z.; W. B. Chalmers, H.; A. E. Austen, J.; A. Campbell, Scribe E.; S. T. White, Scribe N.; T. R. Smallman, Treas.; G. F. Austen, Prin. Soj.; G. Bekker, Second Soj.; A. Saunders, Third Soj.; and J. Urie, Janitor.

M.E. Comp. T. P. O. Mathew, P.Z. of St. Paul's R.A. Chapter, No. 131, Adelaide, was the Installing Principal.

After the ceremony, the Masons marched in procession to St. Peter's Church, where service was conducted by the Rev. M. Norton, the offertory being devoted to repairs to the Parsonage. After service the Masons returned in procession to the lodge.

In the evening a party was given by the Masons to their friends in the Court-room, and it was unanimously agreed that it was certainly one of the pleasantest ever given in Cradock, notwithstanding the absence of decorations, for which, it appears, there was no time. The attendance was very large and the supper most excellent; it is not to be wondered at, therefore, that the guests could not tear themselves away till after four. The Masons deserve great credit, not only for the manner in which the arrangements connected with the consecration were carried out, but for the success attending the party in the evening, and deserve some return for it.

A WORD IN SEASON.

(From the "New York Dispatch.")

The present year is likely to bring to our lodge doors more visiting brethren than usual, on account of the many strangers attracted hither by the national festivities and the great Exposition as a part thereof. Naturally, Philadelphia will be the objective point in the first instance, but sooner or later the great majority will favour the metropolis with their presence, and our lodges and other organizations with a visit. It is well that we should know what our duty is in the premises, and be prepared to welcome or refuse the stranger as the case may be. It should be recollected that with us the right to visit is never absolute, our rule being that one not a member of the body which he proposes to visit can only be admitted to that privilege by unanimous consent of the actual members present, or, in other words, when a member objects for any or for no reason beyond the mere objection, it is the duty of the presiding officer to refuse admission on the general principle that no visitor can be admitted whose presence will tend to embarrass the lodge work or disturb its harmony. But suppose no objection to be made—and it is but fair to say that few instances of the exercise of the right occur—the question then is as to the regularity and good standing of the brother proposing to visit, and this we may remark in passing is a question our lodges are less qualified to pass upon than they generally suppose themselves to be. In evidence we present the following article from the pen of R. W. Bro. Frank Gouley in the "Voice of Masonry":—

Having had so many inquiries propounded to us relative to the exact standing of English Masons sojourning in this country, and their claims upon our lodges for relief, as well as to the evidence or certificate to be presented with their petitions for affiliation in American lodges, we concluded to have the whole matter settled by explanation from the home office in London, in pursuance of which we submitted a list of questions embodying the material points, and from the courteous and able Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. John Hervey, we received a reply under date of May 22nd, from which we condense the following facts:—

1st. The Grand Lodge certificate given an English made Mason at the time of his making is evidence that he received the degrees therein specified, but not evidence that he is now a member, or in good standing. Such evidence must be obtained by subsequent inquiry.

2nd. English Masons, in affiliating with one or more lodges in England, must present the same documentary evidence of good standing, &c., as is required by American lodges generally.

3rd. An English Mason at initiation becomes ipso facto a member of the lodge, unless otherwise specified at the time.

4th. All applicants for relief must present satisfactory evidence of membership and good standing.

5th. All English Masons, being members of a lodge, are charged lodge dues, whether at home or abroad.

6th. It is the law and the custom for every visitor to present his certificate before being examined for admission, hence no American should try to visit an English Lodge without a certificate or diploma, nor should American lodges examine a visitor from outside the United States or Canada without his Grand Lodge certificate of membership, in order to avoid impositions. In Missouri the requirement is of many years' standing.

7th. English lodges, as a rule, do not issue dimits, but membership is severed by a formal resignation, which is entered upon the record, and certificates of that fact may be subsequently obtained.

8th. An English Mason may be a member of as many lodges as he pleases at the same time, but pays his dues in all of them, and dereliction in one is dereliction in all.

In carefully reading the English Book of Constitutions in connection with the explanations given by the Grand Secretary, we find that our American lodges, as a rule, have been very loose both in the examination of and donations of relief to foreign visitors and sojourners. It is a common thing for a foreign Mason to say that he has lost his lodge certificate, whereas it is a very easy thing for him to write and get a duplicate, if he is still in good standing, and it is almost impossible to find an English Mason, although living here for years, to be able to present a receipt of payment of his lodge dues, or any other documentary evidence of present membership. He will sojourn here for several years, and when in need will present nothing but his original certificate of receiving the degrees, which is no evidence whatever that he is not now an expelled or suspended Mason. Even if he claims to have resigned his membership, he rarely presents a certificate of that fact, which, if presented, may show that he has been ever since a non-affiliate, not having paid a cent into any lodge or charity fund.

If an English Mason applies for membership here, his present status should be written home for before a ballot is had—unless he has the evidence with him—and if he is found correct, then his Grand Lodge certificate will be equivalent to a dimit to file with his petition, as he may be a member both here as well as in his mother lodge, and his election and payment of dues here does not release him from his dues at home, nor vice versa. In writing to Bro. Hervey for this information, we stated that we needed it not only for our local State jurisdiction alone, but for publication for the benefit of all our States, and would, therefore, suggest to other Masonic journals the propriety of copying this report for the use of lodges generally.

We are evidently doing our sister English lodges great injustice, in too many instances, by harbouring and aiding sojourners who have no legal Masonic standing at home, and of which fact we remain ignorant by our failure to compel the visitor to produce a proper certificate, and the applicant for relief proper evidence of good Masonic standing and worthiness. We refer more particularly to those who have lived in this country one or more years, and not to those making merely a temporary visit to the States, and whose certificates are generally of a recent date.

From Bro. Hervey's letter we learn that Scotland and Ireland have the same system of membership and certificates, although not so strict a system of lodge dues, except that Ireland is rapidly adopting it.

We think it is time that American lodges should be more circumspect in their intercourse with visitors, both those from home and abroad.

The remarks of Bro. Gouley in the foregoing are timely, and awaken, or at least should awaken attention to the fact that we have been altogether too liberal in our acceptance of strangers among us, and somewhat too careless in admitting as correct evidence that when tried by the rules will be found altogether incompetent. Thus Bro. Hervey tells us that the certificate of the Grand Lodge of England is evidence that the party named in it has regularly received the degrees of Masonry, but it is not evidence that the possessor is in good and regular standing if any considerable length of time has elapsed between the date of the certificate and that at which the intending visitor presents himself for examination, and hence when, as is the case in a majority of instances, the certificate is anywhere from two or twenty years old when presented, it will at once be seen that we are not warranted in giving it any special weight in the decision of the question of the present good standing of the person who presents it. Still another matter will be found of great importance in this connection, and that is to be found in the fact that Masons hailing from foreign countries rarely have a certificate of recent date nor yet any document tending to show that they have maintained their standing during the intervening years. The Grand Lodge having "retrenched" the Boards of Relief out of existence, or at least so emasculated their treasuries as to make them organizations in name rather than in fact, a large portion of their work must of necessity fall back upon the lodges, as they will discover when winter sets in. We advise that in such cases no certificate more than one year old be allowed as evidence of good standing, and additionally that care be taken to ascertain whether it issues from a Grand Body with which we are in regular communication. Among those which are not of this class we may name the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, the Grand Orients of France, Italy, Spain, Hungary, Egypt, and most of the South American jurisdictions. As things look now it is probable that the number of such Masonic powers will be more likely to increase than diminish, and, therefore, being on our guard, we may save money for the relief of true brethren and their widows and orphans by refusing it to those who have no legitimate call upon our benevolence.

For their own sakes, as well as for the benefit of the household of the faithful, we urge the brethren to look into this matter, and be prepared to act understandingly when the time for action arrives.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Prevention of Weakness.—Whenever cited instances produce impure blood, lessen 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.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, August 4, 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 29.
Prov. G. Lodge Middx., Greyhound, Hampton-ct., at 2.30.

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

MONDAY, JULY 31.
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, AUGUST 1.
Colonial Board, at 3.
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, 1, Camomile-st., Bishopsgate.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Constitutional, Wheatsheaf 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, AUGUST 2.
Grand Chapter, at 7.
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, London Wall.
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3.
Lodge 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, 111, Cheapside.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Marquis of Ripon, Albion Tav., Albany-rd., Dalston.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4.
Lodge 1489, Marquis of Ripon, 90, Balls Pond-rd.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Lyceum Tav., 354, Strand.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hot., Buckhurst-hill.
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
Royal Standard, Finsbury Park Tav., Holloway.
Ranelagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.
For the Week ending Saturday August 5, 1876.

MONDAY, JULY 31.
Lodge 148, Lights, M. Rooms, Warrington.
" 613, Unity, Palatine Buildings, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1.
Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hot., Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge, 161, Walton, St. L. Schools, Kirkdale.
Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2.
Lodge 86, Loyalty, M.H., Prescot.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Wakefield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hot, Chorley.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Harmonic L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3.
Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot. Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's A., Whtle-le-Wds.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 4.
Lodge 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.
For the Week ending Saturday, August 5, 1876.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, JULY 31.
Lodge 103, Union & Crown, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
" 292, St. John, Bishop-st., Rothesay.
Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James-st., S.S., Glasgow.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1.
Lodge 3 1/2, St. John, 213, Buchanan-st. Glasgow.
" 68, Doric, 44, Church-st., Port Glasgow.
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
" 173, St. John, M.H., Largs.
" 177, St. James's, M.H., Coatbridge.
" 406, St. John, M.H., Motherwell.
" 433, St. Thomas, Eglinton Hot., Dalmellington.
" 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.
" 442, Neptune, M.H., Ardrossan.
" 497, St. John's, Brewery Lesser Hall, Catrine.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2.
Lodge 0, Mother Kilwinning, M.H., Kilwinning.
" 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 162, Kent-rd., Glasgow.
" 21, Old St. John, M.H., Lanark.
" 86, Navigation, Arms Hot., Troon.
" 117, St. Mary, Douglas-st., Partick.
" 126, St. Andrew, George Hot., Kilmarnock.
" 128, St. John, M.H., Shettleston.
" 166, St. John, M.H., Airdrie.
" 198, Royal Arch, King's Arms Hot., Maybole.
" 202, St. Clement's, Com. Hot., Kilmarnock.
" 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hot., Hamilton.
" 331, St. Peter's, Portland Arms, Galston.
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
" 571, Dramatic, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow, 3 p.m.
Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate, Glasgow.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3.
Lodge 11, St. John's, King's Arms Hot., Maybole.
" 22, St. John, George Hot., Kilmarnock.
" 149, St. Andrew, Masons' Arms., Irvine.
" 157, St. John, M.H., Beith.
" 105, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.
" 290, Blair, White Hart Hot., Dalry.
" 320, St. John, M.H., Salcoats and Ardrossan.
" 370, Renfrew, M.H., High-st., Paisley.
" 465, St. Andrew, M.H., Garngad-rd.
" 547, Stewart, M.H., Kilsyth.
Chap. 114, Baron of Renfrew, M.H., Renfrew.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4.
Lodge 7, Hamilton Kilwinning, M.H., Hamilton.
" 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
" 135, St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.
" 175, St. John, M.H., Greenock.
" 217, Kilwinning, Port Glasgow.
" 242, Houston, Cross Keys Hot., Johnstone.
" 275, Shamrock & Thistle, 22, Struthers-st., Glsgw.
" 335, Argyle, Drill Hall, Dunoon.
" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 408, Clyde, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 459, Kelburne, Cumbrae Hot., Millport.
" 512, Thorntree, School House, Thornliebank.
" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hot., Lanark.
Chap. 112, Paisley, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.
For the Week ending Saturday, August 5, 1876.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1.
Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-st.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 3.
Lodge 97, St. James's, St. James's Hall, Writers' Court.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 4.
Lodge 291, Celtic, of E. and L., Ship Hot., E. Register-st.

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