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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE NEW CONCORD (No. 813).—The annual festival of this prosperous Masonic Lodge was held at the Alexandra Palace on Wednesday, the 26th ult., under the presidency of Bro. J. R. Gallant, W.M., supported by Bro. Cusworth, S.W.; Stead, S.D.; George, J.D.; W. Gabb, D.C.; Shipway, I.G.; W. H. Main, P.M. and Sec.; and Sinclair, Tyler. The following Past Masters were also present: Bro. Emmens, J. J. Wilson, Bartlett, Atkins, H. J. Gabb; and amongst the visitors were Bro. Dixon, Crawford, Price, Tranter, Smith, Parker, Thomas, Smeed, and others, the entire company numbering about a hundred, including a fair proportion of ladies. The banquet was served in Messrs. Bertram and Roberts' best style, and the musical arrangements were admirably carried out by Bro. Walesby and Hubbard. Amongst the toasts, which were warmly honoured, were those of "The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., Earl Skelmersdale, M.W.D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Emmens, P.G.P., who, in his reply, spoke of his great pleasure at seeing so numerous and splendid a company attending the lodge of which he was the founder. "The Masonic Charities" was briefly replied to by Bro. Sinclair, the Steward at the late festival for the Boys' School, who took up with him in aid of that charity from the members of the lodge, the large amount of £200. "The Health of the W.M., and Prosperity to the New Concord Lodge," was most enthusiastically drunk. "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Price, and "The Past Masters" by Bro. J. J. Wilson and Main. "The Ladies" were gallantly represented by Bro. Shipway. A special toast was accorded to Bro. W. H. Main, Hon. Sec., for the trouble and care which he had displayed in carrying out the details of this most successful gathering. The company then retired to the ball-room, where dancing was kept up till the hour for closing.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Josiah J. Cattle, supported by the following officers, viz., Bro. C. F. Poupard, S.W.; L. Cornelissen, J.W.; Goodman, S.D.; D. H. Ashford, J.D.; C. S. Jolly, P.M. 87, Sec.; T. F. Knight Smith, Organist; R. Forster, I.G.; and G. T. Fox, Tyler. The lodge having been opened, the summons calling the meeting was read. Bro. Edwin Phillips and Wright were raised to the Third Degree. The lodge having been resumed to the Second Degree, the presiding officer proceeded to pass Bro. Mordle to the degree of a F.C. The lodge was afterwards resumed to the First Degree, and the ballot taken for the admission into the Order of Messrs. F. M. Coldwells and J. E. Arnold. These gentlemen, who had been proposed by Bro. C. Parkin and seconded by Bro. J. Chambers, were regularly initiated into the brotherhood. This being the first meeting of the lodge since the installation of Bro. J. J. Cattle it must be admitted that he worked the ceremonies in such a manner as to deserve the favourable opinion entertained of his ability. Bro. G. Mattock, the I.P.M., being present, the W.M. addressed him upon the mournful circumstance which prevented his attendance at the installation meeting, and stated that a jewel had been voted to him by the lodge. The presiding officer, after a few other remarks, presented the jewel to Bro. Mattock, who acknowledged the gift in a few well chosen words. All Masonic work being ended, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-hall for refreshment. After the cloth had been withdrawn the usual Masonic toasts were given. The W.M. proposed in suitable language "The Health of the Initiates." The toast was responded to in an excellent address by Bro. Coldwells. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was well received. The W.M., speaking of the duties of the officers, praised each brother for the zealous and efficient manner in which he worked, as well as those who were aspiring to office and already rendering service to the lodge. Bro. T. F. Knight Smith and several other brethren greatly enlivened the proceedings by some excellent songs, Bro. Smith presiding at the piano-forte with his usual ability and taste. At last the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close, and the brethren separated soon after eleven o'clock to wend their way to their respective domestic lodges. Past Masters John Noke and Charles Smith were present at the gathering.

GATESHEAD.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).

—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Gateshead-on-Tyne, on Monday, 24th July, 1876. Present: Bros. E. D. Davis, P.M., acting as W.M.; J. E. Robson, as I.P.M.; D. Sinclair, S.W.; J. G. Waddington, J.W.; M. Corbitt, Sec.; J. Cook, as S.D.; G. S. Sims, as J.D.; John Wood, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; E. Liddell, J.S.; J. Curry, Tyler; several visitors, and a large number of other brethren. Bro. Wm. Alexander, of Wilson Lodge, 86, Toronto, under Grand Lodge of Canada, was elected a joining member. Bro. Swan and Fairclough received the Third Degree. A committee, consisting of Bros. John E. Robson, P.M.; E. D. Davis, P.M.; David Sinclair, S.W.; and Michael Corbitt, Sec., appointed, in addition to the Trustees, Bro. A. Clapman, P.M.; R. J. Banning, P.M.; and J. H. Thompson, P.M., to make all necessary arrangements for the purchase of the Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead, and complete the same as the committee may consider desirable.

GARSTON.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 220).

—The members of this ancient lodge met for installation purposes on Wednesday afternoon, the 26th ult., at the Garston Hotel, Garston. Bro. J. Hughes, W.M., presided at the opening, and the officers and brethren present were Bro. J. W. Baker, P.M.; C. Leedham, P.M.; W. Jones, P.M.; T. B. Tellett, S.W.; S. Tickle, J.W.; W. Vines, P.M., Treas.; C. Humphries, Sec.; J. Tewksbury, S.D.; G. Price, J.D.; J. V. Worthington, P.M., D.C.; A. Sharples, S.; J. Robinson, Tyler; J. Carter, H. Hatch, J. W. Pickering, T. F. Hill, J. Crowther, J. Coates, J. Cave, W. Throughton, P. Robertson, S. Gill, W. H. Lovelady, T. Wainwright, G. Bradshaw, H. Paine, J. H. Clark, J. R. Ivey, and S. Chambers. The visitors included Bro. W. Hughes, P.M. 1013, and B. Firth, 605. The chair of Installing Master was subsequently occupied by Bro. J. W. Baker, P.M., who impressively placed Bro. C. Humphries, P.M. 1013, in the position of W.M. for the ensuing year. The following brethren were subsequently invested as officers:—Bros. J. Hughes, I.P.M.; T. B. Tellett, S.W.; S. Tickle, J.W.; W. Vines, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); G. Price, Sec.; J. Tewksbury, S.D.; T. F. Hill, J.D.; H. Hatch, I.G.; J. V. Worthington, P.M., D.C.; A. Sharples, S.S.; T. Wainwright, J.S.; and J. Robinson, Tyler. The newly-chaired W.M. at the close of the ceremony passed four brethren to the Second Degree in a masterly manner. The W.M. then said he had a very agreeable and pleasant duty to perform, and that was to present Bro. John Hughes, I.P.M., with a very handsome Past Master's jewel as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the members of the lodge, and in recognition of the value of his services during the past year, especially with reference to the financial position of the lodge. Bro. J. Hughes briefly acknowledged the gift, and the lodge was then closed. The brethren subsequently banqueted under the presidency of the W.M. The annual pic-nic in connection with the lodge was fixed to take place on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., the place of pleasure being the pretty village of Knutsford, in Cheshire.

DEPTFORD.—Royal Oak Lodge (No. 871).

—The regular meeting, was held on Thursday, 27th July, at the White Swan Hotel, 217, High-street, Deptford, Bro. Frederick Walters, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. H. J. Tuson, W.M., who was out of town), opened the lodge. There were present during the evening Bro. W. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; G. Andrews, P.M., D.C.; W. Myatt, P.M., S.W.; S. A. Lewin, P.M.; J. J. Pakes, S.W.; J. Baxter Langley, W.M. 1423, J.W.; G. T. Linn, S.D.; R. Harman, J.D.; J. G. Vohmann, I.G.; C. Wood, W. Sievey, G. Jones, W. Simmons, F. H. Burr, J. Rennie, L. Lemon, W. A. R. Harris, G. Porter, C. F. Buhler, W. Elgood, W. C. Lochhead, J. Wollett, R. Mason, G. A. Leighton, A. Macers, H. Fellows, G. Eve, J. G. Thomas, W. Cogle, E. James, R. West, and others. The visitors were Bro. C. R. Bennett, W.M. 1382; Govan Macdonald, W.M. 1158; J. Lightfoot, P.M. 147; David Smith, 1326; G. Gyde, 700; E. W. Fisher, 700; T. W. Adams, 765; G. Frost, 913; and others whose names we were unable to ascertain. Bro. F. Walters, on behalf of the lodge, solicited Bro. G. Andrews to do the work. He kindly agreed to do so. The ballots were unanimous in favour of the admission of Messrs. Gustav Wildermuth, and John Büchele, as candidates for initiation into Freemasonry. The minutes of previous lodge meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. In an impressive manner, Bro. G. Andrews, P.M., raised Bro. G. Eve, W. Simmons, and G. A. Leighton to the Degree of a Master Mason. Three gentlemen were proposed for initiation. A notice of motion was carried, which completed the business of the meeting. The lodge was closed and adjourned to Thursday, August 17th. Cold collation followed, Bro. W. Andrews, the Senior P.M., presiding in an admirable manner at the festive board. The toasts were given and responded to. Songs and recitations passed away an agreeable evening.

LIVERPOOL.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).

—The annual pic-nic in connection with this prosperous lodge took place on Wednesday, the 26th ult., but the old fashioned saying that "the best laid schemes of mice and men gang oft a-ga'e" was once more verified, so far as the weather was concerned. The rain commenced to fall at early morning, and continued to fall without intermission until long after the return of the pic-nickers to Liverpool. Remembering the pleasant "out" last year, the committee of arrangement again chose Hollingworth Lake, near Rochdale, as the scene of the day's pic-nic. The party started from Tithebarn Station in the morning, and in due time arrived at Hollingworth Lake, amid a continuous down-pour of rain. The excursionists made the most

of the unpleasant "situation," and every effort was made to make the time pass as pleasantly as possible. Ample provision in the way of "creature comforts" was made, and a round of enjoyments—skating, dancing, music, &c.—had to be improvised, which was done with much success. Every one seemed determined to do the best and make the most of the day under the circumstances, and although every one returned to Liverpool nearly drenched there was nothing but the greatest good nature predominant.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).

—The second regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall. Bro. J. Bell, W.M., was at his post, supported by Bros. B. B. Marson, P.M.; W. J. Chapman, S.W.; L. Courtenay, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; H. J. Loveday, Sec.; W. Sandbrook, J.D.; J. Atkinson, I.G.; J. Pyer and A. Collinson, Stewards; W. H. Ball, Tyler; Dr. Whittle, Dr. Pierce, H. P. Squire, J. Keet, F. Wilkinson, E. Cotton, W. Hildyard, J. Cavell, R. Williams, I. De Frece, W. Coates, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bro. G. Loredan, 389; S. Jones, P.M. 477; J. Levy, 667; G. R. Chapman, 68; W. F. Blamphin, 667; E. George, 1356; E. Purkess, P.M. 267; J. H. Ryley, 188; H. Nelson, P.M. 1505; R. E. Mitton, 1356; W. Vetter, 815; J. Elmore, 431; J. Orford, 1356. Messrs. A. Garner, R. Brough, and G. Martin were initiated by the W.M., and Bros. F. Wilkinson, E. Cotton, and G. Meers were passed to the Second Degree. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, several very enjoyable hours being spent.

INSTRUCTION.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).

—On Wednesday evening, the 19th ult., the ceremonies of consecration and installation were rehearsed by Bro. Terry. The lodge, which is open all the year round, met at its usual trysting place, the Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters Road, Holloway, and about sixty brethren, many of whom had never been present at a consecration, assembled. Bro. Terry opened the lodge at seven o'clock, having Bro. R. V. Davies, the W.M. of the mother lodge, 1218, as S.W.; Bro. J. W. Wright, W.M. of the Royal Standard, 1298, J.W.; Bro. P. Dickinson, as D.C.; Bro. W. C. Beaven, as S.D.; Bro. J. F. O. C. Wood, as J.D.; Bro. C. Hawksley, as P.M.; Bro. Pigot, as Treasurer; and Bro. H. B. D. Dunn, as Hon. Sec. Amongst other brethren present were Bro. Biver, W. Rest, P. Pazzi, J. Eldridge, A. N. De Metz, Lane, Powell, Simson, Ely Legge, W. D. Dickson, C. Mitchell, H. Beck, Robinson, Searle, J. Walker, Fred. Brown, S.W. 1607 and 174; C. H. Webb, J.W. 1607; Robson, 1360; H. T. Bath, P.M. 319; Powell, 188; Chant, Simson, S. Owen, S. Wood, J. Pangbourne, W. Morgan, Morgan, jun., S. Buderus, F. Rothschild, S. J. Byng, and W. C. Bevan. Bro. Terry having opened the lodge in the different degrees, proceeded to give the ceremony of consecration, assisted by the officers, and Bro. Burr, as Organist, with Bro. G. Nunn leading the singing. The whole ceremony was beautifully rendered, including an oration describing what Freemasonry is, what lodges are, and the duties of all who join the Order. Hymns were then sung. The ceremony of consecration being completed, Bro. Terry proceeded with the installation, for which purpose Bro. Joseph Pigot, (the W.M. of the Prince Frederick, William Lodge, 753) was presented to him by Bro. P. Dickinson, D.C., as candidate for the chair. On the completion of the formal installation Bro. Pigot appointed the following brethren as his officers, and invested them in a most efficient way:—Bros. Davies, S.W.; Wright, J.W.; Bevan, Treas.; H. B. D. Dunn, Sec.; Chant, S.D.; Rothschild, J.D.; Goode, I.G.; Saul, Tyler. Bro. Terry afterwards gave the charges, and the undementioned joining members were proposed: Bro. C. H. Webb, S.W. 1607; Ely Legge, 1607; C. Hawksley, 1196; Morgan, 1585; W. D. Dickson, 29; C. Mitchell, 1201; Hy. Beck, 1201; Robinson, Powell, and Lane. It was proposed by Bro. Dickinson, and seconded by Bro. Davies, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Terry for his kindness in working the ceremonies, also, that he be elected an honorary member of the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Terry, in acknowledging the honour paid to him, thanked the brethren, and said it gave him great pleasure to work the ceremonies, and that he was amply repaid for his exertions by the satisfaction expressed, and by the attention which the brethren had given to him, and he trusted that the lodge might continue to prosper, and exhorted the brethren to support it as well as they had hitherto. The lodge was then closed.

Scotland.

RUTHERGLEN.—Lodge St. John Operative (No. 347).

—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their elegant new hall in Cathcart-st., on Friday evening, the 28th ult., Bro. D. Smart, W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. J. Cunningham, I.P.M.; Wm. Young, S.D., acting S.W.; Thos. Alston, J.W.; A. Warnock, P.M., Secretary; A. Robertson, J.D.; A. Pearson, Chap.; Hugh Hall, S.B.; P. M. Ross, I.G.; and J. Cairns, Tyler; and a well attended meeting of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular and one emergency meeting read and confirmed. It was then unanimously agreed to have the annual trip of the lodge on Saturday, 19th of August, to the grounds of Col. A. C. Campbell, P.G.M. Renfrewshire, East, by omnibus conveyance. Mr. Robert Wilson was afterwards initiated by Bro. D. Smart, W.M.

KILBARCHAN.—Lodge St. Barchan (No. 156).

—A meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge-room on Friday evening, 21st ult. The chair was occu-

ped by the W.M., Bro. W. Lewis, M.D., supported by Bros. A. Buchanan, D.M.; R. Craig, S.W.; Cairney, acting J.W.; J. Hill, acting S.D.; J. Stevenson, J.D.; A. Grant, Sec.; and others. Mr. W. Conway, was initiated by the W.M. Three brethren were passed, the ceremony being gone through by the W.M.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The following report of the Provincial Grand Masters' address at the last quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire has been forwarded to us for publication:—

The Provincial Grand Master addressed the lodge as follows,—Brethren, members, and officers of this Prov. G. Lodge of Harmony, permit me to express my sincere acknowledgments for the cordial reception you have awarded to me, and also for the salutation you have bestowed upon the office I have the honour to occupy in West Yorkshire. We have assembled for our Midsummer meeting, under the banner of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 275 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. We cordially thank Major Freeman, the W.M., his officers, and brethren, for their acceptable invitation and proverbial hospitality. This magnificent lodge, which numbers upwards of 90 members, has for many years held a high position in the Craft, and has had, and I may say now has, among its ranks many brethren who have pre-eminently distinguished themselves in Freemasonry. Since the renewal of your lodge warrant in A.L. 5839, you have been remarkable as a body of Craftsmen, for the harmony which has at all times existed amongst you, and by the munificent support you have on all occasions given, and given so cheerfully, to our charitable institutions. The provincial record of subscriptions and donations in the Red Book states that this lodge commands a total of 338 votes, representing money contributions, exclusive of losses by death, to the amount of £1002. As an example for this Province, nothing could be more praiseworthy than the efforts made by the Harmony brethren at the Girls' School election last October, who, by their exertions, enabled the charity committee to carry the election of Lucy Maria Taylor, who was not a specially selected nominee of West Yorkshire. This effort on your part, brethren, was "a golden deed," and worthy of mention, again and again; you have also further shown your interest for the prosperity of our charities by your support of Lord Skelmersdale and myself, at the Annuity Fund, and Girls' School festivals, in Freemasons' Hall, the combined exertions of the brethren on these occasions resulting in a subscription list of nearly £18,000; the West Yorkshire quota being £1294, whilst last year these two items were £997 13s. 3d. Permit me to refer to the Girls' School Festival, on the 10th May, in which I, as your P.G. Master, was more directly interested. The executive of this anniversary was in hopes to have been enabled to announce that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught would preside, but shortly before the day fixed for the festival, a strong doubt having been expressed that H.R.H. would not be in England, Bro. Little, almost at the last hour, honoured West Yorkshire by inviting me to accept the presidency for that day. I trust the cause of this institution did not suffer under the circumstances of the unavoidable absence of our Royal brother, the Duke of Connaught, for we know with what tact and ability he would have fulfilled the duties of the chair. On the Monday before the festival I had the gratification, accompanied by Lady Edwards and my son, of distributing the prizes to the pupils in the school at St. John's Hill. I can assure you that it was a most enjoyable day to us, and we hope that it may not be the last occasion upon which we may have an opportunity of seeing the admirable progress made by the girls of that institution, which is so worthy of your continued confidence and support. I must briefly allude to the return of our Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, from the East to his native land. He has been greeted by the Craft, and by millions of his countrymen, with enthusiasm. As Freemasons, we, of this province, hail his return to England with loyalty and affection. The Grand Lodge has resolved worthily to commemorate the visit of the Prince of Wales to India, and his safe return home, and has determined that a special committee be appointed to consider the best mode in which this feeling of thankfulness at the safe return from India of our Grand Master, "can be perpetuated in some charitable and practical form, and to report thereon to the next quarterly meeting." A committee therefore has been appointed to inquire as to the most appropriate manner in which such a visit shall be commemorated, the only limit to its enquiries being that the memorial shall assume some charitable and practicable form. Our assembly to-day is gladdened by the presence of our late Deputy, Bro. Bentley Shaw, J.P. D.L. I seize the opportunity of his welcome visit amongst us to express my admiration of his lofty virtues and high Masonic qualifications; and words of mine are inadequate to give a faithful description of the feelings of respect with which we look back upon his 11½ years of service as D.P. G.M. of this Province. Before that memorable 21 of April at Halifax, when I accepted at the hands of our Royal Grand Master this chair, so long occupied by the Marquis of Ripon, I had long known our distinguished brother to be a most faithful, valuable member of the Craft; but I confess I failed to fully realise the estimation in which he is everywhere held until I came to fulfil the responsible duties attached to my office. Many of us still remember the animated debates in which our late Bro. Freeman and others took part, and we acknowledge the ability and judicious discrimination of our late Deputy in so guiding those deliberations, which terminated in the present revision of our bye-laws and regulations being adopted, and confirmed by this P.G. Lodge, held at Huddersfield on the 15th of May, 1867. A previous edition of our bye-laws received the signature and sanction of th

Earl of Zetland, 20th September, 1848. This edition is obsolete, and the Huddersfield edition, my Deputy informs me, is now out of print, and that at some of the lodges he has visited these bye-laws are wanting in the catalogue of constitutions and laws which ought always to be found on the pedestal before each W.M. in open lodge. I have often thought it should be a bye-law of this province that each W. Master should have a copy of the Book of Constitutions, Prov. Grand Lodge bye-laws, and the bye-laws of his lodge presented to him on his installation by the Installing Master, to read and to study. It would only cost each lodge a few shillings each year, and would promote discipline and harmony. In 1848 only 32 lodges appear in the schedule of the obsolete copy; in 1867, 46 lodges in the revised edition; whilst 61 lodges require enumerating in a future edition. Under these circumstances, I, and my Deputy, have determined to have the Huddersfield edition reprinted. It is gratifying to me to notice the continued prosperity of the Craft in this large province, and to notice that Bro. M. Martin de Butolme, P. P.G.M., P.G.H., on the 23rd May, laid the corner stone of a new Masonic hall at Sheffield, under auspicious circumstances. On the 20th, the Lodges Hope and Pentalfa occupied their new buildings at Bradford. On the 5th June, my Deputy inaugurated in appropriate premises the Wharfedale Lodge, at Otley. We hope soon to be informed of another new Masonic Hall at Batley, and on the 8th June my Deputy was present at the inauguration of the Leeds Masonic Club. The club will, we hope, be conducive of much benefit to the Craft in Leeds, and I earnestly ask the brethren of the province to consider the remarks I made at Sheffield on Oct. 20 of last year in reference to the union of clubs with London. In the touching farewell address to our late Deputy to the Craft at Halifax, last year, he said that "peace and concord prevailed throughout the lodges, with but one slight exception, where he trusted the misunderstanding which had arisen (in one lodge) would be speedily and easily adjusted. Brethren, when I addressed you at Wakefield, I referred to this exception, and I stated that my Deputy had not been able to then find a solution to the ruling of the late Deputy being upheld. He now informs me that, with the assistance of our Prov. Grand Registrar, a harmonious settlement has been brought about, and that I can now inform Bro. Bentley Shaw that his decision will be respected. I, and my Deputy, earnestly desire, that in all the lodges there should be peace, concord, and harmony. We especially commend the word "harmony" to your consideration. It is a truly Masonic word, and worthy of all acceptance, that as Masons we should in agreement, in views, in sentiments, in manners, in interests, labour together for peace and friendship, and mutual harmony.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

The annual communication was held at Freemasons' Hall, Sydney, on Monday, the 24th day of April, 1876. There were present V.W. Bro. Ernest O. Smith, District Deputy Grand Master, in the chair; R.W. Bro. A. W. Ritchie, P.D.G. Master Madras; W. Bros. Thomas S. Bullard, P.J.D.G.W., as S.D.G. Warden; William G. Cassidy, P.J.D.G.W., as J.D.G. Warden; Wm. Henry Simpson, District Grand Treas.; O. Spencer Evans, District Grand Registrar; A. Gardner, P.B.G. Purposes; R. Leworthy, District Grand Sec.; W. Webster, P.J.D.G.D., as S.D.G. Deacon; George Merrett, P.S.D. G.W., as J.D.G. Deacon; W. Thomas, A.G.D. Ceremonies; John S. Gordon, D.G.S., as D.G. Purst.; S. A. DeLissa, District Grand Tyler; and District Grand Stewards, Past District Grand Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of Lodges, and other brethren.

The District Grand Lodge was opened by the District Deputy Grand Master in form at 8 p.m.

The minutes of the 17th January were read and confirmed.

Bro. Dr. Charles Leslie DeVine was announced as representative from the Grand Orient of Peru.

The District Deputy Grand Master said that before Bro. DeVine was admitted he had to state that documents had been received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient of Peru, dated Lima, 15th April, 1875, signed by the Grand Master, and under the seal of the Grand Orient of Peru, nominating and appointing Bro. DeVine as the representative of that body to the Masonic bodies of England and the dependencies of the British Crown; the documents written in Spanish have been translated into English, and would now be read by the District Grand Secretary. Documents read as follows:—

No. 417.

We, Doctor Blas Jose Alzamora, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33rd Degree.—Ser. G.M. of the Ancient and Most Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the Orient of Peru,

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME.

Greeting. Greeting. Greeting.

For as much as the Grand Orient of Free and Accepted Masons of Peru has resolved to cultivate a correspondence more intimate than that which has existed hitherto with the grand bodies of Freemasonry, and considering that they may and ought to cement more closely the bonds of fraternal love, increase the prosperity of the Masonic family, and protect the unity, integrity, and purity of the Order by strengthening its usefulness and honour by the nomination and mutual exchange of representatives on the part of each of the bodies above mentioned.

Wherefore know ye that, having full confidence in our Most Worshipful Bro. Dr. Charles Leslie DeVine, Sovereign Prince of the Rosy Cross, 18th Degree, have we deemed expedient to constitute and nominate, and by these presents do constitute and nominate the aforesaid Brother,

Dr. Charles Leslie DeVine, 18th Degree, represen-

tative of the Grand Orient of Peru, to the Masonic Powers of England and the Dependencies of the British Crown, for the purposes indicated.

In the testimony whereof we have caused the seal of the Grand Orient to be attached hereto, and have signed these presents in the City of Lima, the capital of the Peruvian Republic, on the 5th day of the Masonic month, Nisam, A.D.U.V.L., the year of the True Light, 5635, which corresponds to the 11th April, 1875, E.V.

BLAS JOSE ALZAMORA,

33°, Most Serene Grand Master.

ARTHUR M. WHOLEY, 33°

Grand Sec. of the Grand Orient.

Worshipful Bro. DeVine was then admitted, and the Deputy District Grand Master received him as the representative of the Grand Orient of Peru.

Bro. C. H. May, P.M. Lodge 1169, read Auditor's report, with balance sheets of District Grand Lodge and Benevolent Funds for the past year. He then moved, seconded by Bro. Frederick Harper, P.M., Balmain Lodge, 868, that the same be received, adopted, printed, and circulated, which was put and carried.

Bro. Bullard, P.J.D.G.W., proposed, seconded by Bro. Webster, P.J.D.G. Deacon, that Bro. Simpson be re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. Put and carried. Bro. Simpson thanked District Grand Lodge for the confidence reposed in him.

The District Grand Secretary read a letter dated the 24th April, from the Right Worshipful the District Grand Master stating his inability to be present at District Grand Lodge that evening, and requesting the District Deputy Grand Master to preside, and to invest with their collars the brethren he had appointed for the ensuing year to be District Grand Lodge office-bearers, he also thanked the retiring officers for the assistance they had rendered him in carrying out the duties of District Grand Lodge. The District Deputy Grand Master, in pursuance of the authority thus delegated to him, in the name and on behalf of the District Grand Master proceeded to invest the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year, namely:—Bros. E. O. Smith, P.M. 556, D.D.G. Master; O. S. Evans, 868, S.D.G. Warden; A. Gardner, 655, J.D.G. Warden; Rev. Wazer Begg, L.L.D., M.D., 390, Chaplain; W. H. Simpson, P.M. 390, D.G. Treasurer; T. S. Bullard, 556, D.G. Registrar; W. Thomas, 554, P.B.G. Purposes; R. Leworthy, 817, D.G. Secretary; W. D. Banks, 656, S.D. G. Deacon; J. Marshall, 390, J.D.G. Deacon; W. J. Robinson, 1169, D.G. Supt. Works; J. S. Gordon, 556, D.G.D. Ceremonies; J. E. Graham, 656, A.D.G.D. Ceremonies; F. Monckton, W.M. 637, D.G. Sword Bearer; T. W. Craven, 655, D.G. Organist; H. J. Wager, 390, D.G. Pursuivant; S. A. De Lissa, P.M. 655, D.G. Tyler.

The District Grand Stewards are W. Bros. J. J. Davy, W.M. 556; H. J. Lovett, 817; H. Perdriau, 868; E. Kirchner, 1169; E. Cohen, 1552; — Stratford, 1568.

Bros. Rowe and Walton were appointed Scrutineers for the election of six P.M.'s to serve on the Board of General Purposes; a ballot was then taken when the Scrutineers retired; on their return the result of the ballot was declared to be as follows:—P.M. Webster, Lodge 1169; P.M. Bullard, Lodge 556; P.M. Cassidy, Lodge 817; P.M. Banks, Lodge 656; P.M. Hopson, Lodge 655; P.M. F. Harper, Lodge 868.

Bros. Merrett and Webster were appointed Scrutineers; a ballot was taken for the election of six Past Masters to serve on the Board of the Committee of Benevolence, the Scrutineers declaring the result of the ballot to be as follows:—Bros. Webster, P.M. Lodge 1169; Cassidy, P.M. Lodge 817; Banks, P.M. Lodge 656; Taylor, P.M. Lodge 390; Hopson, P.M. Lodge 655; T. S. Bullard, P.M. Lodge 556.

It was proposed by the D.G. Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Robinson, that Bro. Webster, P.S.D.G. Deacon, be elected Auditor for the ensuing year; proposed by Bro. Taylor, seconded by Bro. Perdriau that Bro. F. Harper, P.M. Lodge 868, be elected Auditor for the ensuing year. Put and carried.

In the absence of the President, the District Grand Secretary brought up the report of the Committee of Benevolence shewing the amount voted in relief of applicants since last communication to be £17, and that the amount granted during the past year was £156. Bro. Simpson proposed, seconded by Bro. Cassidy, that the report be received, adopted, printed, and circulated. Put and carried.

Bro. Simpson, Treasurer, brought up the report of the Committee of the Orphan Society, with the balance sheet, which was read and ordered to be printed and circulated.

A letter was read, dated 4th April, from the Secretary of the Furnishing Committee, asking for an increase in the salary of the Tyler from £4 to the original amount £8 per annum.

Bro. Simpson proposed, seconded by Bro. Taylor, that the salary of the District Grand Secretary be £120 for the ensuing year, and said that the duties of the office continued to be most efficiently performed by Bro. Leworthy.

The District Deputy Grand Master also said that the duties of the office had been performed most satisfactorily.

Bro. Monckton, D.G. Sword Bearer, moved as an amendment that the salary of the District Grand Secretary be £150 for the ensuing year; he thought that amount was quite little enough, as the duties of the office had been increased and faithfully carried out by the D.G. Secretary, and now the District Grand Lodge was in so flourishing a condition it could well afford that amount as salary. Bro. E. Cohen seconded the amendment.

Bro. Simpson, in reply, said he thought that the present salary was sufficient for the work done, and reminded D.G. Sword Bearer that the Secretary received besides his salary remuneration from the Freemasons' Hall Company, and further, that he was only required to give up two hours

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daily to the business of his office. The amendment was put and lost, the original motion was put and carried.

Bro. Bullard, District Grand Registrar, moved, seconded by Bro. Craven, District Grand Org., that the salary of the District Grand Tyler be £8 for the ensuing year.

Bro. Taylor said he thought the present salary of £4 quite sufficient, it was at the rate of £1 for each meeting.

Bro. Bullard, in reply, said the salary at first paid the Tyler by all the lodges, including D.G. Lodge, was £100 per annum, he now had only £96. The salary formerly paid by D.G. Lodge was £8, and was reduced in consequence of the state of its funds. The Tyler had a great number of emergency meetings to attend to for which he was not paid anything extra, D.G. Lodge could now afford to pay the original salary to the Tyler, and he hoped it would do so.

Bro. Taylor said he should not oppose the motion. The motion was then put and carried.

Bro. Simpson, pursuant to notice, moved, "That the sum of £500 be taken from the cash balance and invested at interest for the District Grand Lodge." Bro. Cassidy seconded the motion. Put and carried.

Bro. Simpson further moved, seconded by Bro. Cassidy, "That the District Grand Master and District Grand Treasurer be requested to invest the amount in such a way as they deemed most advantageous for the District Grand Lodge." Put and carried.

The District Deputy Grand Master said that this time twelve months ago he had the honour to preside here and to invest the D.G.L. Officers in the name and on behalf of the District Grand Master. He trusted that the brethren who had that evening accepted office and been invested would attend punctually to their duties; as the meetings of the District Grand Lodge were only held four times a year, he could not consider their attendance on those occasions would be a very great tax on their time. He had to congratulate District Grand Lodge on the prosperous state of their funds. During the past year a very important event had taken place in the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as their Grand Master. Masonry throughout the world has been making rapid advancement of late, for since His Royal Highness's acceptance of office vast numbers had joined the Craft, no doubt owing to the Prince having proved its worthiness by becoming its head, an event that is sure to tell most favourably on Freemasonry. He trusted while we hailed with much gladness the great increase to our numbers we should strictly guard the honour of our Order by being careful not to admit amongst us any who are likely to prove unworthy members of our Craft. He pointed out that two portraits of H.R.H. the Grand Master had been obtained from London, one of which was placed in the lodge-room, and the other in the banquet-room.

The District Grand Master had granted Warrants of Dispensation for two new lodges, one to be named the St. Leonard's Samaritan Lodge, to be held at St. Leonard's, North Shore, and the other the Inverell Lodge, to be held at Inverell.

Bro. Bullard said before District Grand Lodge closed he had an observation to make. He had been informed that the fee charged by the lodges for initiation was too small in comparison with those charged in England, and especially since the accession to office of our Royal Grand Master. He was told that £10 10s. was the fee charged for initiation in some lodges in England. He considered if that was the case that in this colony the fee should be increased. He thought the matter worth consideration.

The business being ended District Grand Lodge was closed in form.

FACTS AND SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THE ANCIENTS AND MODERNS.

By Bro. JACOB NORTON.

A statement appeared in a New York paper about three months ago, that Albion Lodge at Quebec was chartered in 1721. After some enquiry of the author of the article, who assured me that he had seen the charter, &c., I was at first inclined to credit it as a fact, but subsequent reflection, however, induced me to doubt. I could not understand how an English lodge could have found its way into Quebec at a time when the enmity between the English and French colonists in North America was such as to make it doubtful whether an English resident at Quebec would have been tolerated. Further investigation showed that the said Albion Lodge was chartered by the Ancients, hence it could not be older than 1750 or later. Moreover, Quebec was not conquered by the English before September, 1759, and the said lodge, which was originally named "Royal Artillery Lodge," was probably introduced into Quebec by a military regiment, as its name implies. These and several other reasons induced me to send a communication to the "Canadian Masonic News." The MS. was mailed on the 15th of April last, the day I sailed for Europe. For reasons which need not be explained, the article was sent from Montreal to the "Keystone," at Philadelphia, where it was printed on the 29th of April. For once at least, Bro. McCalla and myself agreed in opinion. Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Truro, England, also sided with us, and the only chance of upsetting our united belief depends on the publication of the charter, and I hope the Quebec brethren will ere long comply with our united request, and send a verbatim copy of the Albion Lodge charter to some Masonic journal for publication. Should the charter not be forthcoming we shall certainly take it for granted that we were not mistaken in our belief.

The investigation of that question, however, brought to my notice several other subjects, which I proceed to give: 1st. On carefully re-examining the list of lodges of the United Grand Lodge in 1814, in Bro. Hughan's "Masonic Memorial," I found that besides the Royal Artillery, No. 9, on the list of the Ancients, 1813, and No. 17 on that of

the United Grand Lodge, in 1814, that two other Quebec lodges were respectively numbered by the Ancients, viz., 56 and 240, while not a solitary Quebec lodge can be found on the Grand Lodge of England list before the Union in 1813. This itself seems to indicate that the Ancients monopolized Quebec, and gives strength to our opinion that the Royal Artillery was also chartered by them.

2nd. I can also find that the late Charles W. Moore claimed that the so-called St. John's Grand Lodge of Boston chartered a lodge at Quebec "before 1764" (see Mass. Cons. 1857). Bro. Moore gave neither name nor date for the alleged Quebec lodge, except the somewhat dubious "before 1764." I am very much inclined to place that Massachusetts Quebec lodge side by side with the charters said to have been sent from Boston to Philadelphia, Charleston, S.C., Halifax, N.S., to the West Indies, &c. But yet it may be true, and if so, I hope the Quebec brethren will enlighten us upon the subject.

3rd. During my late visit to London, my esteemed friend, Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary of England, informed me that the policy of the Ancients and Moderns in numbering their lodges differed in this. After certain intervals the Grand Lodge of England used to erase all its defunct lodges, and the numbers were re-conferred, according to the seniority, on the other lodges. That the Grand Lodge of England did re-number part of its lodges several times previous to 1814 can be proved; first, from the African Lodge, Boston, which was originally numbered 459, and was afterwards changed to 370; and second, the first Boston, now St. John's Lodge, known in England as Royal Exchange Lodge, was numbered at its first registry, about 1735 or 6, No. 126; in 1740 its number was changed to 110, and later still it was re-numbered 65, and at the time when it was stricken off, in 1814, it was No. 42. But I have no evidence that the Ancients had ever re-numbered their lodges en masse, and what is more curious still, on the demise of any of its old lodges its number was sold to the highest bidder, or in other words, the lodge that offered the highest sum took the number of the defunct lodge, and was entitled to precedence of the older lodges, and that at the Union in 1814 the United Grand Lodge took the numbers of the lodges of the Ancients, as they then existed, without any regard to seniority of their respective dates of charters, and placed No. 1 of each organization next to each other, changing the number of one of them to No. 2, &c.

Another fact about the lodges of the Ancients and Moderns at the time of the Union in 1814 must be noticed, viz., that on Bro. Hughan's list, as well as on all the lists of lodges published in the English calendars since the Union, the lodges of pre-union Moderns have the respective years of their constitutions annexed, while the lodges of the Ancients are minus of the year when constituted. The reason of this omission I must leave to Bro. Hughan to unriddle. But anyhow, while we are certain that No. 1 on the list of the Moderns is older than its No. 2; with the lodges of the Ancients, it is actually impossible to know which is the oldest, as No. 1 may have become defunct, and No. 200 may have bought its number, and may in reality be fifty years the junior of No. 2. Now, the Quebec Lodge Albion, or Royal Artillery, was in 1814 No. 9 on the Ancients' list, but who knows whether the date of its charter may not be 1770, and that either for money or for some other consideration the No. 9 of a defunct lodge might not have been conferred upon it? The fact is, the only way we can learn the date of a charter of the Ancients is from the charter itself, or from a will authenticated copy thereof.

4th. On analyzing Bro. Hughan's list of lodges in 1814 I found that the total number of lodges of the United Grand Lodge of England was 647, out of which 250 were contributed by the Ancients, and 397 were constituted by the Moderns. Out of the 250 lodges of the Ancients, eight lodges were chartered by militia regiments in various parts of England, and about thirty were regular military lodges, while among the lodges originated by the Moderns I found but two militia lodges respectively dated 1794 and 1810, but not a solitary military lodge could I find there. It is evident, therefore, that all the military lodges of "English Registry" we read of in our colonial times, were chartered by the Ancients; for in the first place if the Grand Lodge of England had chartered military lodges before the Union, it would not have been without any in 1814, and secondly, no provision whatever about military lodges was made in any Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England published previous to the union with the ancients. But the first Book of Constitutions published by the United Grand Lodge of England contains regulations for military lodges.

Of the 250 lodges of the Ancients who united with the Grand Lodge in 1813, 127 of these lodges were still subordinate to the Grand Lodge of England in 1874 (when Bro. Hughan's memorial was published), and out of the thirty military lodges chartered by the Ancients but one of these is living, viz., St. John's, Gibraltar, 2nd Royal Battalion of Artillery. Its number on the Ancient's list at the union in 1813 was 148. On the United Grand Lodge's list, in 1814, it was No. 181. In 1832 it was numbered 132, and in 1863 it was made 115. And of the 397 lodges contributed in 1813 or 14 by the Moderns I counted but 205 still acting under the English jurisdiction. Most of the old lodges of both wings have doubtless dissolved since the Union, but still we know that a few of them have seceded and are now working under the jurisdictions of Nova Scotia and Quebec.

And now for another fact about the Ancients that worked in Boston before the Revolution. In 1870, Bro. Gardner, the G.M. of Massachusetts, called my attention to the following paragraphs in an American reprint of "Calcott's Disquisition." After giving the nights of the meetings of the lodges working under the English Provincial Grand Lodge, and of the Scotch Provincial G.M., Joseph Warren, it then goes on to say:—

"Under the jurisdiction of the Right Worshipful, &c., John, Duke and Marquis of Athol, &c.

"Ancient York, No. 169, the first and Third Tuesday in every month, at Mr. Alexander's Battery—March." This is the only evidence that the Ancients had a lodge in Boston. Of course, we imagined that it was a civilians' lodge. Recently, however, I found the following in "The Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York," page 13.

"Minutes of Lodge 169, Ancient York Masons, held at their lodge-room on Tuesday evening, the 23rd of Jan., 1781."

I am firmly persuaded that the No. 169 of Boston was the identical Lodge No. 169 of New York; it was doubtless a military Lodge, and it left Boston with the British troops in 1736. Its lodge nights were on Tuesdays in both places. And as No. 169 is not given in "Hughan's Memorial" on the list of the Ancients, and as the minutes of that lodge remain in New York, the charter and lodge must have remained at New York after the war was over. I may be wrong, but such is my opinion.—"Jewish Record."

DOWN WITH MASONRY.

A large number of Christians, or philanthropists, or Christians and philanthropists, have been in session in Chicago for several days. The object of their gathering is to put down Masonry—not brick and stone masonry, but that dreadful oath-bound association whose members once killed Morgan. That is to say, killed him till after election.

The world watches the proceedings of this body with intense interest, fully believing that in the suppression of Masonry it has a mission, a great work to perform. The association numbers somewhere from 50 to 100 members. Masonry has anywhere from five millions to fifty millions of members. This will oblige every member of the anti-Masonic society to do some heavy work. Each of these has to dispose of from five hundred thousand to one million Masons. It's big odds; but there is no doubt they have the will, the desire, the inclination to succeed. All they lack now is the ability.

There is no doubt of the fact that Gen. Blanchard, in his crusade against the Masons, is doing God service—or at least he thinks he is. Masonry is a dubious article, anyhow. Able-bodied men who appear on the streets aproned like pastry cooks or butchers occupy an equivocal position. What right have they to wear white aprons? What right have they to wear aprons at all? Are not these aprons worn so that deeds of blood can be committed without messing their clothes with gore? What terrible signification is there in all these stalwart, mysterious men going about with this unfathomable attachment? In truth, any man who will make a spectacle by marching up one street and down another, in broad daylight, with a little white apron strung around him, ought to be suppressed either by Blanchard or the police.

Again, what is meant by other Masons going about in uniform, and wearing pewter swords? What dire project is entertained by these men with plumed hats, gauntlets, and glittering sabres? It may be plunder. It may be rape. It may be something worse than either of these. Whose watch or throat is safe when gloomy-looking bands of men in funeral black, and armed to the teeth with a falchion of glittering pewter, are allowed with impunity to drill in secret places, and to march through the streets at any hour of the day or night? Where is Hickey? Where are the police? Call out the 1st Regiment, and let us have this menace removed at the point of the bayonet!

Blanchard is right every time. Every few days a dripping body is fished from the river. What proof is there that, in every case, the body is not the victim of Masonic hate and vengeance? Who has been able to satisfactorily prove that Masonry did not set fire to Chicago? And see here, Mr. Blanchard, can't you guess who abducted Charlie Ross? Do you twig? Masonry, my boy, dark, secret, silent, implacable Masonry? And did it never occur to you, Mr. Blanchard, to think of Masonry, when you have revolved that sphinx of problems, that hitherto unanswerable question which has been so long calling vainly for answer, from out the gloomy crypts of the past, Who struck Billy Patterson? For all the mysterious crimes that have escaped detection; for the explanation of bloated corpses far out on the sea, rocking idly on the swell, and coming, no one knows whence, and drifting no one knows whither; for gashed throats yawning horribly as grey morning first discovers them in the out-ways of life; for all these let Masonry answer—if it can! Will it? If not, Mr. Blanchard, then abolish its members, and may Hiram Abiff have mercy on their souls.

The Masonic business has gone on long enough, for thousands of years Masonry has existed, and during all that time tempests have swept the earth; volcanoes have inundated us with igneous wrath; wars have prevailed; grasshoppers, the murrain, the itch, measles, drunkenness, divorce, murder, suicide, shipwrecks, and termagant women have abounded and have cursed the earth, like fierce hounds, rending, tearing, afflicting humanity. Who can fail to see the connection between Masonry and all these specified evils? No one. It is as clear as it is that hunger causes nakedness, or that water creates thirst. Down with the acacia! Let it be dug up all throughout the world, and be thrown over the fence. It is a weed which takes up place which might better be occupied by the shamrock, or some other vegetable of a thrifty growth.—"Chicago Times," June 23.

The foundation stone of the new School of Art to be erected on Green Hill, Derby, was laid on Tuesday by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts in the presence of a distinguished company.

GRAND CHAPTER.

The quarterly convocation of Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall. The chapter was formed as follows:—E. Comp. Samuel Rawson, as M.E.Z.; E. C. Frederick Pattison, as H.; and E. C. Platt, J. There were also present Comps. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, as S.E.; Benj. Head, as S.N.; Hon. W. Warren Vernon, as P. Soj.; Gray and Saunders, Assist. Sojs.; E. J. Barron, Standard Bearer; also Comps. Buss, Snell, Parkinson, Joseph Smith, Hyde Pullen, Hogard, John Boyd, H. E. Francis, W. Hammond, W. Stephens, Pendlebury, Adlard, and others. After the reading of the minutes of the last quarterly convocation, the report of the General Purposes Committee was taken, including a report vouching the correctness of the accounts since 19th April, 1876, and reports as to the reception of petitions for four new chapters, viz., a chapter to be attached to the Jumna Lodge, 1394, to be called the Chalmers Chapter, to meet at Delhi, Punjab; a chapter to be attached to the Tyne Lodge, 991, Willington Quay, Northumberland; a chapter to be attached to the Friends in Council Lodge, 1383, to be called the Friends in Council Chapter, to meet at 33, Golden-square, London; a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Charity, 563, Umballa, to be called the Umballa Chapter, to meet at Umballa, Punjab, all of which, being found regular, were recommended by the Committee of General Purposes, and granted by Grand Chapter.

A petition from the Fortescue Chapter, 847, Honiton, for a charter of confirmation, in consequence of the loss of the original, which was supported by Comp. the Rev. John Huyshe, Grand Superintendent of Devon, was also granted.

The committee also reported an irregularity which had occurred in the Old Globe Chapter, 200, Scarborough, where, on his simple assertion that he had been twelve months a Master Mason, a brother had been improperly exalted. The committee did not consider that it was a wilful error, and under the circumstances the Grand Chapter merely inflicted a fine of one guinea, with an admonition, and directed that the companion should be re-obligated at the next meeting.

Grand Chapter was then closed in the usual form.

A MASONIC INCIDENT.

At the feast given by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in December last, Rev. Bro. Young, the Grand Chaplain, related the following incident, and made the following excellent comments thereon:

The other evening, on a certain occasion, I alluded to the influence of Masonry during the rebellion. Since then I heard a story from one who was in the war, which beautifully illustrated the influence of Masonry in the direction of love and fraternity. In one of the battles of Virginia General Woodworth—I think that is the name—of Vermont, fell, and his body was within the enemy's lines. His friends wished to obtain it, and a Federal officer, who was a Mason, said to the sentinel, who was also a Mason, "You go down to the shore of the stream, and if you see a man on the other side, make some signal to him of a Masonic character." He went down to the shore, and by and by he saw a person on the opposite side. He gave the signal, but no answer was returned. The next morning when he went down he repeated the practice with the same result; no answer was given. Finally the officer himself went down and made some signals, and he soon found them answered on the other side. In course of the day communication was had, the body was given into the hands of its friends, and carried home to Vermont for interment. The rebel officer said that the sentinel on the other side did not know what those signals meant.

Now, it's just that, brethren. The world laughs at our signs, and calls them nonsense. But their object is to touch the secret springs through which we are brought into close and intimate connection with others, and are enabled, as in the case illustrated, to close a bloody chasm, and bring enemies into the relation of friends.

And so in the secret character of our organization. Why, all grand forces of nature are secret. God himself is a great secret, a great mystery; the eye does not look upon Him, the ear does not hear Him, the hand cannot reach Him, and yet we believe in His boundless love, and wisdom, and power, and we worship that Great Unseen and Invisible One. Life is secret and invisible. The surgeon, the dissector, can cut the body and lay open its parts; but he cannot lay his knife upon the secret life and expose it to the eye. The air is invisible. We only feel it on our cheeks; we hear its music in the forests. Electricity is invisible. Gravitation is invisible. All the secret powers and forces that move the world and hold systems together are unseen and secret, eluding the eye and hand. So it is in this grand institution of ours, which I believe we can not too much praise and too much love, brethren, and too much honour in our own manly characters, in our own upright lives, and in our loving disposition. It is that very characteristic of Masonry which gave it the power that is, to-day, in a hundred thousand ways that we don't see, moving the world onward, and lifting it up nearer to the skies, and preaching that love and brotherly kindness which shall make the earth we live on like the heaven we aspire to.

KNOWLEDGE AND SYMPATHY.—Good spirits may be readily restored to the late fortunate owner by a few doses of Holloway's revivifying medicine. Instant action alone is wanted to prevent the development of more disagreeable and dangerous symptoms. Every one has frequently experienced sudden personal changes from gaiety to gloom. The weather oftentimes receives the blame, when a faulty digestion alone is the cause of the depression. Holloway's Pills can be honestly recommended for regulating a disordered stomach and improving digestion. They entirely remove all sense of fullness and oppression after eating. They clear the furred tongue, and act as a wholesome stimulant to the liver, and as a gentle aperient to the bowels. They healthfully rouse both body and mind.—ADVERT.

Obituary.

BRO. RICHARD DANSON, P.M. 1064.

A large section of the Masonic fraternity in and around Liverpool will learn with regret that Bro. Richard Danson, P.M. 1094, died at Heaton Moor, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., after a long illness. The deceased was best known professionally in Liverpool as the architect of the New Masonic Hall in Hope-street, and he was greatly esteemed by a large number of the brotherhood. Bro. Danson was only 41 years of age.

BRO. CAPTAIN JONES.

Died at Liverpool, on the 21st inst., suddenly, Bro. Captain Jones, formerly one of the Deacons of the Merchants' Lodge, who was very highly esteemed in Masonic circles by many brethren, and whose loss is greatly felt by many who knew him.

BRO. JOHN CHILDS, P.M. 1201.

On Thursday, the 27th ult., the remains of Bro. Past Master John Childs were conveyed to their last resting place in Lewisham Cemetery, and, although little notice could be given, there were many present to show their high regard for one who did the highest honour to Freemasonry by his most consistent and exemplary life, and whose untiring zeal for the cause of temperance and the general good of his fellows raised him in the highest esteem. It was, as far as the Craft is concerned, a private funeral.

By request, Bro. P.M. Wm. Darley, of Adams Lodge, 158, Sheerness, delivered the following oration at the grave after the usual service of the Church of England had been impressively performed by the vicar:—

Brethren and Friends,—

Not many days since I witnessed with pleasure a youth and aged sire shake hands together in the street—both seemed cheerful and happy then. The youth was taken ill, and so was the sire at the same time—the youth, most amiable and dutiful, a promising scholar, and on whom I looked with the greatest hope and comfort for the future, was my own dear boy of 17, whom it was my sorrow on Friday last to follow to the grave after but a week's illness, and his body rests within a very short distance of us. The sire was my dear friend and Brother Childs, whose body lays before us—both have left the clearest testimony that they died happy and have gone to a better world; they each mingle their voices with those before the throne of God. I have reasons to love the memory of Bro. Childs as an honourable, straightforward Mason, and an ornament to society as a lover of Masonry, who religiously carried out his obligation—ever ready to do good and to speak a word for those who were worthy. I honour him because amidst persecution he supported me in my efforts to free our excellent society from the great national curse. At his grave I venerate him as a true friend and brother, of whose acquaintance I was proud, as a man of superior intelligence and scientific attainments, and whose memory I shall ever revere as a godly man. Eternal peace to his ashes; and may the highest honours deck his brow and enshrine his spirit in the realms of light and life in the presence of the Most Holy. At his grave I devoutly pray the Most High God, and ask you present, and all lovers of genuine Masonry, to join me, that in His great goodness and wisdom He will shed His benign light upon His Royal Highness the Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and all possessing an honourable influence, inducing them to discontinue the drinking customs, and thus help to maintain pure and unsullied the noblest institution upon which the sun has ever shone, which has bound and is destined to bind together in sweetest harmony and love men of all nations, creeds, and politics. May the happiest consolations fill the breast of his widow and survivors, and the choicest blessings rest upon his children and children's children for ever. Brethren, I ask you to look with me into the open grave into which our brother has descended; let the spectacle remind us of our inevitable destiny, and guide our reflection into that most useful of all human studies, the knowledge of ourselves. May the Most Holy prepare us by His grace for that change when the great leveller of all shall come that we may join our brother in the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns supreme for ever. Live, my brethren, for this; show that there is in Masonry something more than a mere name, that you love one another "practically," and thus honour God and your profession. Pour the balm of consolation into the wounds of the sorrowing, help one another in all your lawful callings, do good in every way you can, and may God bless you and yours with every happiness here and hereafter. In closing allow me to pay a tribute to Masonry, a synonym of "Pure Religion," apart from Creed. Creeds are but dogmas or obstinate wills for faith created by local circumstances. Masonry, rising on angel wings above the clash of creeds and the strife of politics, reaching beyond the narrow limits of particular institutions, civil or religious, redolent with the perfumes of heaven, is now flying through the earth on a mission to dissipate prejudices, to teach man to love God and one another, regardless of creed, country, or caste, it has stood for thousands of years and braved the greatest persecution, it has promoted peace and goodwill among men, and raised the happiness of heaven, to which the monarch and the peasant unitedly do homage; whilst its heavenly charms draw together as brethren those who would be in perpetual animosity. Nations fall! Monarchs die! but Masonry, Heaven-born brotherly love, shall flourish and fructify in undying summer, and survive the wreck of matter and the crash of worlds. Finally, may it increase in its influence among all nations. May love and harmony prevail, and the God of the widow and fatherless bless the hand that helps its chariot-wheels along, or that removes impediments out of its way.

The whole were much affected, and the vicar showed respect by remaining. Afterwards the rites of Good Templars were carried out, and the whole sang "For ever with the Lord."

BRO. REV. FRANK W. C. SIMMONS.

The funeral of the late Bro. Rev. Frank W. Churchill Simmons took place at Nelson, New Zealand, on the 18th May, and was attended by a large number of the friends of the deceased gentleman. The mournful cortege left the College at half-past two for the Stoke Cemetery. Immediately after the hearse were coaches containing the nearest and dearest relatives and friends of the departed, and behind these came the collegiate scholars, followed by a great many young men who had left the institution, but bore in grateful and respectful remembrance the valued services of a kind and able master. After these came a carriage with the College Governors and the masters of the various public schools, then came two carriages occupied by well-known members of the Masonic fraternity (without the regalia of the Order), and the sad procession closed with a long string of vehicles of every kind. The service in the church was read by the Bishop of Nelson, assisted by the Rev. J. Kempthorne, after which his lordship read the service at the grave in a very impressive manner. At the conclusion of the service, according to the time-honoured custom of Freemasonry, the brethren present drew near the open grave and deposited sprigs of acacia upon the coffin, thus paying a last tribute of respect to the memory of the well-loved and deservedly esteemed Bro. Frank W. Churchill Simmons.

Mulum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

SMOLLETT A FREEMASON.

In an interesting article entitled "Smollett and Chelsea," by T. H. Gibson, M.A., in the "London Magazine" it is stated—"From one of his last letters, addressed to a friend in Chelsea, it would appear that Smollett was a Freemason; and that, as of course we might quickly infer from his works, he was very fond of a little genial society, not even excluding that tavernous society to which literary men in all ages seem to have been occasionally prone. Smollett, in fact, makes pointed references to the 'set' or convivial company meetings at some favoured and favouring tavern in the locality, and desires to know how the fellows are getting on, and that he may be remembered to them." What is known of this gifted novelist as a Mason? When and where was he initiated? What lodges did he visit? And will any one forward to the "Freemason" a copy of the letter alluded to in the above extract? I strongly suspect that Sterne too was a Freemason. If the true history of the Craft could only be fully come at, it would prove to be a much more glorious one than the rubbish manufactured for us by the "won't go home till morning" class of scribblers, who seem to have forgot that truth is a Masonic virtue.

GEORGE MARRHAM TWEDDELL.

MASONS' MARKS ON THE RUINS OF ANCIENT ROME.—It is only within the last year or two that we have been able to trace out the exact line of the walls of ancient Rome, as built by the kings, and this has been owing to the building of the new city, and the excavations made for that purpose by the British and American Archaeological Society's Exploration Fund. The marks found upon stone buildings of all dates in various parts of the world are those of the Masons, or builders, who were from the earliest times banded together in guilds, none being admitted without serving a specified time; these, again, according to their ability, were divided into different classes, consisting of Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, Master Masons, Mark men, and Architects, as distinct from the labourers, or men who prepared the rough stone, mixed the mortar, or carried the materials. These bands, guilds, or lodges were presided over by the most competent, forming a brotherhood, and as such existing down to the seventeenth century. Many of these lodges had charters and privileges granted to them by various kings and emperors; and because their art was taught only to the freeborn they came to be called Freemasons, which name is retained to the present day by the Masonic lodges, though they are not operative, but speculative Masons. Charlemagne and Hugh Capet granted such charters; also Pope Nicholas III. in 1278; in 1445 John de Medicis, Duke of Florence, became Grand Master of Freemasons; and Pope Leo X. was Grand Master of the Order, also Clement VIII. In our own country, St. Alban got a charter from the king and council for their protection; in 926 King Athelstan likewise granted a charter, and became Grand Master at York. Edward III. revised their constitution in 1358; in the reign of Henry VI. the House of Commons brought in an act to prohibit their meetings, which passed, and was revoked in 1450, when the king and many lords, gentlemen of his Court were made Masons. But to return to the marks. These were made by certain men of the old guild, called Mark men, whose duty it was to mark the stones with certain signs. Thus, in the Masonic lodges of the present day, called Mark lodges, each member of the lodge has a distinctive and peculiar symbol, which no other member of that lodge can take. Although on different parts of the early fortifications in Rome we find Masons' marks often repeated on stones close together, yet taking the existing remains which are at a distance from each other, we do not find the same marks repeated, with only one exception, a mark on the agger in the tower of Servius Tullius, B.C. 580, corresponds with a mark on the Palatine, B.C. 753, and a curious trident mark here is also often found on the wall of Pompeii, near the Porta Romana. Many of the marks are used by the Freemasons of to-day.—"Builder."

WISE PRECAUTIONS.

It is always wise to look ahead, to exercise a judicious caution in regard to determining any of the important relations and movements of life. By such care and forethought many unpleasant complications may be avoided, as well as the frequent embarrassments of condition to which the rash and heedless are always exposed. This careful consideration and judicious scrutiny are especially recommended to persons disposed to seek connection with the Masonic institution. The becoming a Mason ought not to be wholly a leap in the dark. The step is far too important to be taken under the promptings of any sudden whim or impulse, and without any intelligent appreciation of the nature of the society with which affiliation is sought, the kind of company that will be found there, and the general duties that will be imposed. Because of such rash and ill-considered action, disappointment sometimes attends the initiate. We call to mind several instances that illustrate the fact. Under the impulse of personal friendship for a distinguished member of the Craft, an acquaintance of ours inconsiderately sought admission into Masonry. A most estimable citizen, he was constitutionally without a particle of relish for symbolism and scenic display,—his was a prosaic nature to which forms, and ceremonies, and figurative teachings were an abhorrence. Need we say this man was not overmuch pleased with Masonry? He ought never to have entered our doors; and, probably, he would not, if he had only enquired a little more carefully as to the character of the institution.

We call to mind another very excellent person who has never been at home in his Masonic relations, chiefly because of his own strong individualism, over-sensitiveness, and reticence. This man caught glimpses of Masonry in its philosophical aspects, but he did not sufficiently consider that it makes fellowship one of its watchwords, and calls at times for personal unbending in that free intercourse and cheerful companionship for which it gives the opportunity, and provides the occasion. The expectations of our brother were not fully realized; he can enjoy only a section of Masonry, and he would have saved himself from disappointment by exercising a little more care at the outset.

One other case comes to mind. A young man of noble thought and aims, acting impulsively, knocked at the portals of a certain lodge for admission, having sought no information as to who composed its membership. The ceremony of initiation being completed, he found himself surrounded by certain brethren not at all to his liking, with whom he was obliged to associate and fraternize! He felt that he had made a mistake, that he was not in the right place, and that he had acted too hastily. Nominally he is still a Mason, but he is not of us or with us in any true sense.

Better exercise a little more careful thought at the beginning; let the candidate inform himself as to the character and claims of Masonry, look at the list of members belonging to the lodge he proposes to enter, and then if he decides to go forward he will not be likely to be disappointed. All this is in accordance with the old time teachings of Masonry. More than a hundred years ago this was the rule laid down: "In the first place, when you intend to be made a Freemason, go with your friend to the lodge, and desire him to show you the warrant of dispensation by which the lodge is held, &c. When they produce this authority or warrant, then call for the bye-laws, and having seriously perused them, consider whether your natural disposition will incline you to be conformable to them. Next call for the roll, or list of members, where you may find the names of some of your most intimate and esteemed friends, or perhaps the names of such other acquaintances as you would not choose to associate with."—*Freemasons' Repository.*

IS IT CHINESE MASONRY?

The *Truckee* (Cal.) "*Republic*" says: The funeral of Yee Gee Peow took place yesterday. Full five hundred people, whites and Chinese, witnessed the ceremonies. Just exactly who Yee Gee Peow was, cannot be told. That he was a celebrated member of the Chinese Secret Society is certain. That he held a rank in this society something akin to Grand Lecturer is also known. Further, is mystery. Several times during the past few years he has been in *Truckee*. The society of which he was so brilliant a luminary terms itself Masonic. The members claim that they are Freemasons. Deceased instituted the first Chinese lodge in *Truckee*, and has always presided at their meetings since. Possessing no lodge, these enthusiastic Celestials usually met on the tops of the highest hills, and stationed guards to protect themselves from surprise during their mystic rites. Candidates were regularly proposed, balloted for, and, if elected, were regularly initiated. The sessions were always lengthy, usually lasting from nine o'clock p.m. to four or five o'clock a.m. At one time last summer upwards of three hundred Chinamen in this vicinity belonged to this mysterious Order.

HOLLAND.

A Reuter's telegram, dated the Hague, July 27, says that "Prince Alexander of the Netherlands was yesterday initiated into Freemasonry by Prince Frederick, Grand Master of the Order. To-day Prince Frederick celebrated the 60th anniversary of his investiture as Masonic Grand Master for the Netherlands. The Imperial Crown Prince of Germany and deputations from foreign and Dutch lodges were present at the commemorative festival. Prince Frederick was presented by the brethren with a gold hammer set with brilliants."

UNITED STATES.

OVATION IN HONOUR OF THE NEW GRAND MASTER OF NEW YORK.—The special communication of Pacific Lodge, No. 233, was held on Thursday, in the Consistorial Chamber of the Masonic Temple, in honour of the Grand Officers of the Masonic Fraternity of the State of New York, and especially in honour of the unanimous election of R. W. Jas. W. Husted, 33°, to the office of Grand Master, Bro. Husted having been initiated in Pacific Lodge in the year 1856. The lodge was visited by the M.W. Elwood E. Thorne, G.M.; R.W. Jas. W. Husted, Grand Master elect; W. Bro. Joseph J. Couch, Deputy Grand Master elect; M.W. John W. Simons, 33°; R.W. Henry C. Banks, 33°, P.D.D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. Richey, D.D.G.M.; R.W. James E. Morrison, D.D.G.M.; R.W. Charles Hyde, D.D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. Barker, D.D.G.M.; R.W. William T. Woodruff, 32°; W. Bros. Chauncey Depew, Allen, Postly, Davis, Conover, Burger, Anthon, Brown, Valentine, Dederick, Cummings, Harrison, and many others. The Grand Officers were received with the Grand Honours due to their exalted station, and were each introduced to the brethren by R.W. Bro. Isaac Teichmann, Master, in some very appropriate remarks. The lodge was addressed by R.W. Bros. Thorne, Simons, Couch, and Husted, Bro. Husted speaking at some length, gave reminiscences of his first initiation into the beautiful rites of Freemasonry, in Pacific Lodge, twenty years since, and how few of the old familiar faces were to be seen present, many, no doubt, having passed to the Grand Lodge above. His remarks were exceedingly happy, and were greatly enjoyed by the brethren. After the close of the lodge, an entertainment was given in the banquet room by the Pacific Masonic Association, at which toasts were given, and speeches made by the visiting brethren present. The remarks of Bro. Husted and Bro. Chauncey Depew were greatly applauded.

MASONIC VETERANS.—The fifth annual meeting and banquet of this association took place in New York during the Grand Lodge week, and was largely attended by an enthusiastic gathering of old fellows, of whom it may be said, Masonically at least, that their eyes are not dimmed nor their natural strength abated. On the contrary, with terms of service ranging from twenty-five to fifty years and more, they are still to the fore, and readier at roll-call to answer "Here!" than many young men who have yet to learn that Bark is a good dog but Holdfast is a better. After the transaction of the usual business, the following officers were unanimously elected:—President, R.W. James M. Austin; Vice-President, R.W. Charles D. Brown; Treasurer, R.W. Robert Macoy; Secretary, W. Adolphe Andreas; Corresponding Secretary, M. W. John W. Simons. At the conclusion of labour, the K. and F. Degree was conferred, fifty veterans sitting down and doing ample justice to an elegant spread. The average age of the party was found to be fifty-four years, which would not be much changed if the entire membership were present, and yet during the past year not a single death has occurred among them. The old boys have our most sincere wishes for many happy returns.

Masonic and General Tidings.

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

The consecration of the Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627, will take place at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday next, the 11th inst., at four p.m. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be worked by V.W. Bro. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B., P.D.P.G.M. Bros. W. T. Raymond is the W.M.; C. E. Soppet, S.W.; and W. I. G. Leith, J.W. designate.

EBORACUM LODGE (No. 1611).—The consecration of this lodge will take place on Monday at the lodge-room, 3, Micklegate, York, at half-past one o'clock.

A massive gold chain and badge of office, which is now being manufactured, is to be presented to the mayor and corporation of Warrington by Lady Greenhall, wife of the member for the borough, as an assurance of how much their past kindness has been appreciated by Bro. Sir Gilbert and herself. The offer has been accepted with thanks.

The Prov. G. Lodge of Durham will be held at South Shields, in the Free Library Buildings, under the banner of St. Hilda's Lodge, No. 240, on Tuesday, 24th October, 1876.

Petitions are in progress for a new lodge in Newcastle-on-Tyne, to be named the Hotspur; also for one at Bedlington, both in the Province of Northumberland.

His Excellency Sir Salar Jung, G.C.S.I., has sent, with kind expressions of the merits of the society to general support, a donation of twenty guineas to the Newspaper Press Fund.

A remarkable case of longevity is reported in Virchow's "*Archives*," by Dr. Ornstein, of Athens. The man, George Stravarides, died in Smyrna, at the age of 132 years. Although this Methuselah had always lived an irregular life, and had consumed an average of more than a hundred drachms of brandy daily, he retained full possession of all his senses, as also a complete set of teeth, up to the moment of his death. He also continued to the last to attend to the duties of his avocation—a baker. This man was born in 1743, in the reign of Mahomed I., and lived during the reigns of the nine Sultans.—"*British Medical Journal*."

The Dean of Westminster having left London for some weeks, all applications relating to Westminster Abbey are to be sent to the Canon in residence.

At a meeting of the general committee of the Wrexham Eisteddfod, on Monday, a letter was read from Sir W. W. Wynn, M.P., R.W.P.G.M. North Wales, enclosing one he had received from H.R.H. Prince Leopold, R.W.P.G.M. Oxford, in reply to an invitation from Sir Watkin Wynn to visit Wynnstay. His Royal Highness expressed the pleasure it would have afforded him to visit Wales, and to be present at the national gathering, but he was engaged to accompany Her Majesty the Queen to Scotland, and, much to his regret, could not accept the invitation.

The brethren of Hebburn intend to petition the Prov. G.M. of Durham to grant a Charter for holding a lodge at Hebburn, and to name it the St. Cuthbert's Lodge.

The animals presented by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the Dublin Zoological Gardens are now on exhibition. They are attracting much attention.

The Prince of Wales has signified to M. Drouyn de Lhuys, President of the Jardin d'Acclimatation, his willingness to become a Vice-President of the society, and has presented to it several animals forming part of his Indian collection.

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn (M.W.G.M. Ireland), arrived in Cork on Tuesday last by special train, in order to attend the annual show of the Royal Agricultural Society, which commences on Wednesday. His Excellency was presented with an address of welcome by the Mayor and Corporation, to which he replied in suitable terms. He drove immediately to the Cork and Bandon Railway terminus, and from thence proceeded by rail to Castle Bernard, the seat of Lord Bandon, whose guest he will be during his sojourn in the south.

We understand that the Queen has approved of the appointment of Mr. John Bishop, barrister-at-law, as stipendiary justice of the peace at Merthyr Tydvil, in the room of Albert de Rutzen, Esq., appointed one of the magistrates of the police courts of the metropolis.

General Bro. Albert Pike, of Washington, has just been presented with a magnificent jewel, as a Sovereign Commander of the A. and A. Rite, Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, on May 31st ult., being the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Supreme Council. It consists of a gold double-headed eagle, gemmed with two hundred and sixty diamonds, surrounding a large amethyst. The jewel cost 900 dol., and was presented by General Bro. Toombs, of Georgia. Of course it was happily presented and most happily received.

The Antonina Palace at Malta has been taken from November next for the residence of the Duchess of Edinburgh, who will thus be not so far from her husband, at sea in the "Sultan."

The Hereditary Grand Duke of Oldenburg has been thrown from his horse, and seriously injured.

General von der Tann has delivered to the Emperor William at Gastein an autograph letter from the King of Bavaria inviting His Majesty to be present at the approaching Wagner Festival at Bayreuth.

The King and Queen of Denmark, accompanied by the King and Queen of the Hellenes, Princess Thyra, and Prince Waldemar, left Copenhagen for St. Petersburg at noon on Wednesday.

Henry Rodney Morris, eldest son of Bishop Morris, of Oregon, in the nineteenth year of his age, lost his life on the 30th of June, in a heroic but vain attempt to rescue two other men from death in a cesspool.

On Wednesday Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold were present at an entertainment given at East Cowes in aid of the families of the men who were killed by the explosion on board the "Thunderer."

On Thursday week the Earl of Derby introduced to Her Majesty Cid El Hadj Mohammed Ebzebdy, Ambassador from Morocco; Cid Deces El Zaidy and Cid Ben Nasser Ghannam, his secretaries; and the other members of the mission. Musurus Pasha also presented his credentials as Ambassador from the Sultan Murad.

On Saturday last Sir Salar Jung took leave of Her Majesty.

On Sunday last the Prince and Princess of Wales went over from Goodwood on a visit to Osborne. Their children had arrived at the Cottage on the previous Tuesday. The Queen and the Princess Beatrice attended Divine service at Osborne, where the Rev. George Connor officiated.

The Duke of Cambridge has issued a general order, in which he expresses his entire satisfaction at the result of his inspection of the Second and Fifth Army Corps, which have been brought together this year under the new system of mobilisation.

On Saturday afternoon a statue to Colonel Akroyd, late member for Halifax, and the founder of the magnificent church of All Saints', was unveiled in that town amid much rejoicing.

The Queen has granted Lord Edmund Howard, brother and heir presumptive to the Duke of Norfolk, permission to take the name and arms of Talbot, in compliance with a proviso in the will of Bertram, Earl of Shrewsbury.

On Monday Sir Salar Jung left London for Folkestone, en route for Boulogne.

The death, at the age of fifty, is announced of Mr. Mortimer Collins, the author of a considerable number of novels and much other fugitive literature.

Mr. Elijah Dixon, a well-known political agitator in the early part of the present century, died on Wednesday, aged eighty-six. Mr. Dixon, who was present at Peterloo, had of late been the head of a firm of lucifer match makers in Manchester.

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Stevens, H., India (Stamps)	0	17	4
Taylor, J. A., Gibraltar (P.O.O.)	0	12	0
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BIRTHS.

BEAMAN.—On the 30th ult., at Great Dunmow, the wife of H. H. Beaman, of a son.

BROOKE.—On the 28th ult., at Eccleston-square, Lady Brooke, of Colebrooke, of a daughter.

HOLLOWAY.—On the 27th ult., at Clchonger, Hereford, the wife of the Rev. E. J. Holloway, of a son.

HOPKINSON.—On the 30th ult., at Avening Court, Gloucestershire, the wife of C. C. Hopkinson, Esq., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

COX—BURGHALL.—On the 26th ult., at St. John's the Divine, North Brixton, by the Rev. J. T. Athawes, M.A., Robert Talbot Cox, second son of the late Captain Robert Cox, of Weymouth, to Annie, only daughter of Thomas Burghall, Esq., of Brixton.

FORSNALL—HARDYMAN.—On the 27th ult., in the Cathedral, Armagh, Edward Vaughan Forsnall, Esq., M.A., Christ's College, Cambridge, to Annie, widow of J. H. Hardyman, Esq., W.S.

DEATHS.

ABERNETHY.—On the 26th ult., at York-terrace, Regent's Park, Mary, daughter of the late J. Abernethy, Esq., F.R.S.

BAKER.—On the 23rd ult., at Chiddingfold, Henry Baker, Esq., aged 59.

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THE VICAR OF BRIGG.

Some correspondence on the refusal of the Vicar of Brigg to allow the Freemasons to assemble for public service in his church has already appeared in our columns. We do not, however, see much good in prolonging it, for many reasons. All such controversies, as a rule, leave the matter where it was at the commencement, and bring us no nearer to an agreement. And too often such polemical disputes are after all only the expression of "individualism," the "internal consciousness," the luxury of self-assertion and self-laudation, and are of no practical or possible benefit to ourselves, to Freemasonry, or to mankind. That the Vicar of Brigg was both shortsighted and intolerant in his unwise determination we shall all agree. Beyond that we do not see that Freemasonry is much affected in any way. Our good Order stands on too firm a basis, happily, to heed or care for the assertions of a Vicar of Brigg, or a Vicar of Bray, and we can afford to laugh, (though we regret the fact itself in the great cause of kindly toleration,) at all such petty manifestations of dislike or perversity, opposition or persecution. We have reason to believe that the clergy generally in Lincolnshire disapprove of such unseemly intolerance. We know several very excellent clergymen in that good county and diocese, Freemasons, and most charitable, friendly, rightminded citizens as well as clerics. We have every warrant for saying that this is an exceptional case, and that the clergy of the Diocese of Lincoln would not generally endorse the act of the Vicar of Brigg. One high dignitary has been good enough to say that he considers our Order "worthy of respect." The Lincolnshire brethren will, we feel sure, accept this as a complete "set off" against any petty discourtesy and childish opposition on the part of the "Vicar of Brigg." We fancy that the whole affair was more a little matter of personality than anything else. But the clergy should never be personal, and should remember that if their professions are worth anything they should be above all the petty feelings and degrading littlenesses of earth. We would recommend the Vicar of Brigg to read Bro. Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, and study carefully the character of the "pour Personne," of whom it is well said,

And though he holy were and vertuous,
He was to sinful men not dispitous;
Ne of his speech dangerous ne digne,
But in his teching discrete and benigne.
To drawn folk to heven with fairenesse,
By good ensample was his besinesse.
Ne waited after no pompe ne reverence,
He maked him no spiced conscience;
But Cristes lore, and his apostles twelve,
He taught, but first he folwed it himselve.

Let us hope that on another occasion the Vicar of Brigg will just bethink himself, whether on personal or other grounds, he has any right to offer a deliberate affront to our peaceable, loyal, and religious brotherhood.

THE LODGE LES PHILADELPHES ET
A CONCORDE REUN IS.

We deeply regret, for many reasons, the official announcement with respect to this so called lodge, in another column. It is now quite clear that it is working without any legal warrant, and no English Freemason can properly or legally attend its meetings. It has no legal authority to meet, much less to make Masons, and it is, in fact, nothing, as far as we are concerned, but a surreptitious meeting of a secret society, not in any sense of the word Masonic. As we said before, we are sorry for it, as we regret to find it to be our duty to point out this fact clearly to the whole of our Anglo-Saxon brotherhood. It has been stated that this society is also quasi-political, but of this, so far, no evidence actually has come before us, though, if a circular, signed by Bro. Vallet and others, if we remember rightly, in any way ema-

nates from this lodge, no doubt a great deal may be said about a foolish Propaganda, and a resuscitated Fourrierism. At any rate, one thing is clear, until the lodge has a legal warrant it is, as far as we are concerned, an absolutely illegal meeting, and how far it brings itself under the provisions of the "Secret Societies Act" we must leave to wiser heads than ours to say. It is, however, most important clearly to lay down this fact, namely the grave illegality of spurious bodies of Freemasons, establishing themselves without any Masonic warrant, in countries where there is a proper Masonic authority, and as any such proceeding cannot be too severely reprobated in the interests of Masonic unity, order, and right government, so our brethren cannot be too often warned against attending lodges which have no Masonic status, or taking part in proceedings which, if brought before the Board of General Purposes, will draw down censure, and in all probability eventual suspension upon themselves. We say this in no spirit of unkindness to the members of the "Philadelphes," &c., but because it is our bounden duty to point out to our readers what is the absolute truth and legal bearing as regards all such acts and proceedings.

ADVENIANT UTINAM SIC MIHI
SÆPE DIES.

London is looking sensibly thinner, and sundry pretty faces, and well known equipages are "wanting" day by day within the "mystic circle" and the crowded drive at Hyde Park. All London is on the move, and our girls are deserting us in flights of gray and green, and pink and blue, wearing sailors' hats, and striking female "birettas" with heron feathers. Well, we miss them, and shall miss them sadly. Our young men are all downcast and dispirited, and consuming large quantities of "Absinthe" and B and S. It is the hot weather. No more for them the sunny smile, or the merry chaff, the bet, the dance, the promise, and the vow. Alice, and Kate, and Ethel, and Lotty are now far away, or rapidly leaving day by day; the season is all but over for 1876. And what memories cling to it! Pleasant parties and delightful gatherings, the chat in chairs, and rapid flirtations, "Undine" dresses, and wonderful bonnets, the canter in the Row, the meeting at Lillie Bridge, the dinner at Greenwich, that ball—oh yes? that ball, when Angelina promised to her adored Robert Timothy that despite pater and mater, and maiden aunt, and swell of a brother, she should be his. Alas! it's all over. Poor Robert Timothy has learnt that with the best intentions in the world her friends have been too strong for her, especially as he had nothing to offer but his heart, his moustaches, his debts, and his dancing, and that Angelina is going to marry actually in November that big Baronet, whose seat is near to theirs in the country, and whom she quizzed so unmercifully the whole season in town. And what remains? We fancy that Robert Timothy takes it very coolly, and has already made up a little party for salmon fishing in the Fiords. Happy insouciance of youth! We should have felt it more, we venture to think, but then we are old fashioned, and retrograde, and all our reminiscences belong to antiquated foggery. We are not the thing, we cannot go the pace, we are not in the swim, and we have not got the "straight tip." But yet some memories do remain to us all, even to our young men. If they do not think, they can surely remember, even though in this hot weather, "liquoring up" takes away too often the power of reflection, the possibility of reminiscence, and even the ability of thought. How many of them, we make bold to say, will hereafter call up before them happy moments, and charming faces past and gone, will remember with a sigh the jests, the smiles, the illusions of old days, will say, unless they have become soiled and selfish, arrogant and heartless, "oh the days that we went gipsying a long time ago," and re-echo old Ovid's touching words, "Adveniant utinam sic mihi sæpe dies." How little, after all, is the world in London changed from what it was twenty, thirty, or forty years ago. The stalwart and the gay are old and careworn now,

the lithe fairies of those pleasant times are stout and cheery dames, many of them grandmothers to-day, and though times have changed, and persons have altered, London is the same. The park is the same. Yes! just as it was, essentially when—well, never mind, when we were young and slim, and our tailor did not sigh with horror at the measure of our waist, or cast upbraiding looks on the tell tale tape, and upon ourselves. Alas, the fair illusions of life for us are over, and like Horace Walpole our days of 'sentiment' are gone. But still we can feel much, and admire more. We detest the "nil admirari" School. These fair girls of ours, whose presence, like the gay flowers, has added such brilliancy and perfume to the park, are still to us most important members of society. On them, we say, mainly depends the future of our social safety, and the reality of our personal and general happiness. They are often severely taken to task, and angrily arraigned, we think, unjustly to-day. They are still practically the same, unchanged and unspoiled. They have the same warm hearts, the same beaming smiles, the same tender sympathies, the same loving hopes as ever. They are still generous and true, and honest hearted and confiding, and brave and good, and if the "vortex of society" has drawn them within its "maelstrom" they are coming to the surface, rather the better for the struggle, and none the worse certainly for their "dip." We are not surprised at the melancholy appearance of our young men; it would be strange if it were not so, as if they do not know it, we can tell them that the girls are a great deal too good for most of them. Many, no doubt, of the "better sort" are feeling all we say, and will admit all that we propound. They know what a blank society becomes without the tender influence of women everywhere, how dreary work is, how dreadful bachelorhood, and they are wisely meditating to lose no more time, but to come to the "pint" on this matter of "domestic policy," as Mr. Samivel Weller judiciously observed, and to secure that angel in pink, blue, white, mauve, or cerise, who has filled for some time their sleeping visions, and monopolized their waking thoughts. May they succeed, and may they be happy, as they will assuredly gain for themselves the truest of companions, and the best of friends, the most loving of helpmates, and the most devoted of wives.

LES PHILADELPHES ET LA CONCORDE REUNIS.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.,
27th July, 1876.

SIR,—

In answer to your note of yesterday's date, I beg to inform you that the Lodge "Les Philadelphes et la Concorde Reunis," said to meet regularly in London, is not a Lodge under the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England, nor has any application been made here for a warrant to establish such a lodge.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,

H. G. BUSS.

pp. JOHN HERVEY, G.S.

The Editor of the "Freemason."

FRANCE.

We are glad to find that Bro. Hubert, the editor of the *Chaine d'Union* is recovered from his serious accident. The *Chaine d'Union* for July contains much that is interesting and well worth perusal.

Bro. Hubert mentions the "Masonneek Weekblad" published at Deventer, Holland, by Bro. Th. Bello, as a Masonic paper of intellectual powers and Masonic excellence.

By the "Monde Maçonnique" for July, we learn that the Grand Orient is now raising a subscription for the inundations in Alsace and Switzerland. We regret, however, to see that the "Rite Ecossois" is apparently seeking to introduce the "Maçonnerie d'Adoption" in France. This, in our opinion, is a great mistake. There can be little doubt that in the last century French Freemasonry was severely injured by the prevalence of this useless and meaningless excrescence on Freemasonry. The Grand Orient has declared that Bro. Mancede Amaro Lopes, member of the Lodge "Union et Secret," of Bahia, has well deserved of Freemasonry. He had liberated sixty slaves on his entrance into Freemasonry.

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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.]

DUTIES OF A PROV. G. SECRETARY.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to "Lector" who seeks information regarding the interior economy of a Provincial Grand Secretary's office, I beg to offer the results of my long experience.

1. The books necessary to be kept are those of account and those of record, two of each. The books of account are a cash book and a ledger, the former to contain, of course, receipts and payments (by the P.G. Treasurer), the latter book to contain a debtor and creditor account with each lodge in the province. The forms of these books scarcely need description.

2. The books of record should be a receipt book and a register. Printed forms of receipts, bound up together, and consecutively numbered with their counterfoils, enable the auditors to test the receipt side of the cash book, the payment side being, of course, tested by the vouchers arranged in order of date. The register need only contain copies of the returns from each lodge in the province. Such returns should comprise the name of each member, and should state the amount of his dues. On the first appearance of a name the address should be stated, also the date of initiation, passing, raising or joining. On the disappearance of a name a cause should be sought by the P.G. Secretary, who should record in the register, "resigned, died, or excluded," as the case may be, with the date of such event. The returns should also state the office held by each member. It is unnecessary to insert in the register the "age," that is a matter for Grand Lodge, which, however, I have found to be content with the word "full;" no one requires to be gravely informed that a brother is 40, 50, or 60, as the case may be, nor is it necessary in the case of joining to mention the name of the mother lodge.

3. The register does not require an index, which would be troublesome to make, and would seldom or never be of any practical use—at least, this is my experience.

4. Previous to each meeting it is very advisable to prepare for the Grand Stewards a list of those entitled to sit and vote, and which list should be checked off as each brother passes into lodge.

5. Not having been a salaried P.G. Secretary, and never having heard the point raised, I am unable to answer the question whether it is usual for such to vote on the Provincial Board of General Purposes.

G. J. K., P.M.
and a P. Prov. G. Sec.

THE LADY FREEMASON.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you, or any of your readers, kindly furnish me with any information respecting Elizabeth St. Ledger, daughter of Lord Doneraile, the only lady who ever was admitted as a Freemason?

I know there is a portrait of her extant, with a Masonic apron on. A copy of this portrait hangs in the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin.

With many apologies for intruding upon your space, I am, Sir, yours obediently,

E. OWENS BLACKBURNE.

[Many communications have from time to time appeared respecting this estimable lady, and an account of her, with a portrait, appears in the "Masonic Magazine" for January, 1876. Much of her history is somewhat obscure, and we want a good one.—ED.]

HIGH PRESSURE BUSINESS LIFE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the "Freemason" of 29th July I observe a notice of a work called "High Pressure Business Life," by Henry Smith, M.D., 8, Burton-crescent.

In "Revelations of Quacks and Quackery," by Detector, which is a reprint of letters published in the "Medical Circular" by F. B. Courtenay, M.R.C.S., Smith, of 8, Burton-crescent, is distinctly included in a list of those who, under fictitious diplomas, carry out their system of fraud principally by means of books and pamphlets, containing indeed much good matter, more completely to ensnare the educated classes, but whose intention is to induce the reader to consult the author on some real or fancied malady.

If I am needlessly trespassing on your time, and classing a worthy member of the medical profession amongst a most nefarious class of swindlers, I shall much regret it, but I wish, in the interests of truth, to put you on your guard against introducing to the public through so influential a channel as that of the "Freemason," a work which, under the guise of philanthropy, has for its object the ensnaring of the credulous in the net of the swindler.

I enclose my card as a guarantee of good faith, and am, Sir, fraternally yours,

LEWIS.

[We know nothing of the writer or the work further than as a literary production. As such it is, in our opinion calculated to be useful and do good.—ED.]

Reviews.

FACSIMILE OF DOMESDAY BOOK. With Translation. By P. G. HARRISON, Esq. Meek, 15, Wine-office-court, Fleet-street, E.C.

We have received the first number of this important reproduction of the Domesday Book, in facsimile. It is

most ably edited, and admirably printed, and deserves, we venture to think, the support alike of all collectors of books, as well as of all those who value the great national literary and historical memorials of our country. As the publisher truly observes, "Domesday" was compiled about the year 1080, in the fifteenth year of the reign of William the Conqueror, and is a very interesting historical record of the survey of the whole of 'the land of the King's geld,' in other words, it is a schedule of those lands. The desirability to all who take any interest in the land which they inhabit of being able to consult and become acquainted with one of the most valuable documents ever prepared, has emboldened us to reproduce 'Domesday Book' in a form that can be perfectly understood by all. The work will be issued in parts at 2s. 6d. each, and for those who prefer it, it is proposed also to supply it in volumes, handsomely bound in half calf lettered and gilt edges at £4 4s. per volume." Of course, such a work as this is and must be expensive, but as we hope the movement for lodge libraries will spread, we think, that there is now a good opportunity for many lodges to subscribe for the work. We hope the day is not far distant when every lodge, or every town, will have a good Masonic Library, alike for reference and reading at home, and we wish this literary venture of Mr. Meek all success, and much patronage. A facsimile of "Domesday" and fuller review of it than our crowded pages will allow, will appear in the September Masonic Magazine.

OLD BIBLES; or, an Account of the Various Versions of the English Bible. By J. R. Dore.—Basil M. Pickering, 196, Piccadilly, London.

Bro. Dore, a well-known brother in the good town of Huddersfield, has put forth a very interesting little book on this still more interesting subject. For, strange as it may seem to say so, a great deal of ignorance prevails as regards our glorious inheritance, the English Bible. All that many of us know is that it is, but of its history and the various phases through which it has gone, the obstacles it has had to contend with, and the prejudices to surmount, a large class knows next to nothing. Some of our readers might stare a little if asked to give an account of Wickliffe's or Tyndale's translation, of Coverdale's or Matthew's Bible (proprie Rogers's), of the Great Bible, of Cranmer's Bible, of Taverner's Bible, of the Bishop Bible and others. More of us might hesitate when asked to point out the difference between the authorised version of 1611 and the Bishop's Bible of 1568. And though collectors know well about the "Breeches Bible," even its true history is not always rightly understood or realized. Indeed, the archæology of the Bible is a most interesting one by itself, and deserves careful and patient study. Bro. Dore has done good service in putting together in simple but lucid phraseology, and a popular form, the history of our English versions, and we cannot too highly commend the work, or call the attention of our brethren to it. Many would be glad to have a concise and readable "introduction" to the history of our English Bible, and when they learn that it is the work of a very zealous brother of our Order we feel sure that they will offer to it alike a hearty support and a ready patronage. We have read it through with great pleasure and profit ourselves, and we trust that many of our readers will do the same.

MASONIC MUSIC.

Three "morceaux" come before us with fair claims for notice and commendation:

No. 1 is "Grand Masonic March," dedicated to Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. for North Wales and Shropshire, and by Bro. T. B. Boucher, P.G.O. (C. Jefferys, 67, Berners-street), which we think is destined to be popular, and used on many Masonic occasions, when the stirring march is alike desirable and indispensable.

No. 2 is the "Welcome Home Polka," by W. Smallwood (B. Williams, 19, Paternoster-row), and which, if we remember rightly, was previously noticed in our columns. At any rate, we can give to it to-day friendly words of approval and commendation.

No. 3 is "Welcome to our Prince," Marche Triomphale, for the pianoforte. By Alfred R. Caul.—B. Williams, 19, Paternoster-row.—We are glad to note such meritorious additions to our Masonic musical repertoire, and we have no doubt but that this "Marche Triomphale" will be welcomed and patronized by our good musical brethren up and down the country. We wish we could go into its actual musical merits, and those of the other two "morceaux" alluded to above, but we are like the gentleman recorded for Mr. Mansfield's inimitable "Log of the Water Lily," whose knowledge of music was limited to "two airs, one of which is 'God Save the Queen,' and the other isn't."

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Chaine D'Union," "Ladies Treasury," "Le Moniteur des Adjudications," "History of Masonry," by Bro. G. F. Fort, Trubner and Co.

We shall publish next week an address translated from the French from the *Chaine D'Union* for July, 1876, delivered at Martinique in January this year; and also the New Papal Encyclical.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held on Saturday, the 29th ult., at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court. The meeting was summoned for half-past two o'clock, by which time a large number of brethren had assembled, but a great deal of time was cut to waste by the sitting of the Audit Committee, and it was nearly if not quite four o'clock before all was in readiness for the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. At about the

hour named the brethren present were marshalled in due order by the P.G.D.C., and entered the lodge room, the R.W. Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett, P.S.G.W. England (Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland), Provincial Grand Master, occupying the throne, supported by Bros. Sir George Elliot, Dep. P.G.M.; R. Wentworth Little, P.G.S.W.; Buss, Treasurer; H. Phythian, P.G. Secretary; Sabine, P.G.S.B.; J. M. Stedwell, P.P.G.J.W.; A. A. Richards, P.P.G.J.W.; Charles Horsley, P.G. Reg.; G. Cardwell, P.G. Reg.; W. F. Saxton, P.P.S.G.D.; George Kenning, P.P.G.J.D.; John Singell, P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas Cutitt, P.P.G.S.D.; W. H. Green, P.G.D.C.; J. C. Parkinson, P.D.P.G.M.; H. A. Dubois, P.G.S.D.; H. Massey, ("Freemason"); T. Hastings Miller, P.G. Organist; E. H. Thiellay, Assistant P.G. Purst.; F. Keily, 1293 P.G. Stwd.; while among the visitors we noticed Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Greece; T. T. Pyle, T. W. Adams, W.M. 765; Greenwood, P.G.S.D.; J. Maidwell, I.G. 27; J. Green, W.M. 27; J. Terry, F. Binckes, P.G.S.; Nunn, P.G.S.B.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; J. Docker, 1567; W. Taylor, 1503; H. Court, Sec. 1503; A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; E. Simpson Baikie, P.M. 708; Huggins, P.M. 1238; J. W. Berrie, S.W. 1293; J. W. Baldwin, P.M. 1423; Ingles, W.M. 708; F. Downs Kennedy, P.M. 788 and 1508; W. G. Kentish, 1293; W. Dunham, J.W. 1567; H. Potter, P.M. 11; H. T. Muggeridge, P.M. 192 and 715; Helsdon, P.M. 1549; E. Kimber, P.M. 1415; D. M. Dewar, P.M. 1415; Langley, W.M. 1423; Coulton, P.M. 382; J. Painter, J.W. 1579; Reg. W. Williams, J.W. 1326; F. W. Levander, S.W. 1415; Galton, P.G.S. 382; Vincent, S.W. 1549; Cottebrune, P.G.P.; J. Chidcott, 1512; J. W. Garrod, W.M. 1549; Tidcombe, J.W. 1549; Knyvett, P.M. 1494; Reynolds, 708; Clarkson, P.M. 865; E. Hopwood, W.M. 1512; B. Sharp, P.M. 1326; E. Gilbert, W.M. 1326; J. Hurst, J.W. 1512; D. W. Pearse, W.M. 1293; E. B. Bright, J.W. 778; and others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened by the P.G.M. with solemn prayer the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held 26th July, 1875, were read and verified, and the reports of the Audit and Charity Committees were read and confirmed. The balance at credit of the Benevolent Fund was £174 6s. 1d. The roll of the lodges in the province was called over by the Secretary, when it was found that one only (1194) was unrepresented. The roll of the Provincial Grand Officers was also called over, and it appeared that some were unavoidably absent through illness.

The following report of the progress and present position of the Province of Middlesex, which had been circulated with the summonses, was taken as read:

"It has been deemed desirable, by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, that a brief review of the progress of Freemasonry in Middlesex, since its formation as a Masonic province, should be submitted to this Provincial Grand Lodge. On the 1st December, 1869, the late Earl of Zetland, then M.W. Grand Master, was pleased to appoint Bro. Lt.-Colonel Francis Burdett, P.S.G.W. of England, and Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, to the high and dignified post of Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, and further to direct that the province should be constituted as early a date as possible. It may be well to recall the fact that Col. Burdett's nomination was the result of the unanimous votes of the delegates of every lodge in the province, at a meeting specially convened, and that their recommendation was subsequently graciously approved by the (then) Grand Master. It 1869 there were but eight lodges in Middlesex outside the radius of ten miles from Freemasons' Hall, viz., 382 at Uxbridge, 708 at Hampton Court, 788 at Twickenham, 865 at Hounslow, 946 at Strawberry Hill, 1194 at Isleworth, 1237 at Enfield, and 1238 at Southall. The inaugural meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Teddington on the 22nd January, 1870, on which day the Burdett Lodge, 1293, was also consecrated, Colonel Burdett being the first Master. In the course of the same year three new lodges were added to the Provincial roll, viz., Acacia, 1309, at Potter's Bar (since removed to Southall); Harrow, 1310, at Harrow; and Lebanon, 1326, at Hampton. In 1871 the number of lodges received no addition; but in 1872 two new lodges, the Campbell, 1415, and Era, 1423, both at Hampton Court, were established, and the Bard of Avon, Lodge 778, was transferred from Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire, to a locale in Middlesex. In 1873, the Thames Valley Lodge, No. 1460, received a warrant for Halliford, Shepperton; and in 1874, no less than three new lodges were formed, viz., the Felix, 1494, at Teddington; the Francis Burdett, 1503, at Hampton Hill; and the Hemming, 1512, at Hampton. And the accessions to our strength closes with the Abercorn Lodge, 1549, which was consecrated at Great Stanmore only a few months ago. The number of lodges has thus increased in five years and a half from 8 to 20, and the membership from between 200 and 300 to nearly 1000. But the most gratifying result to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master is the fact that, with comparatively few exceptions, this extraordinary increase in numbers has been attained by the introduction of members who are prepared to fulfil their responsibilities as Freemasons. If it were not so, such a rapid extension in mere numerical strength would become a subject for deprecation and reproof, rather than for congratulation and rejoicing. There are, nevertheless, one or two lodges in which a greater discrimination in the acceptance of candidates and joining members should be exercised and enforced, and the Provincial Grand Master will hold the Masters of any such lodges strictly responsible, in future, that the laws of the Craft are obeyed in their entirety, with reference to the status and character of all persons proposed for admission, either as joining members or initiates. It is, however, very satisfactory to know that the lodges generally are well and ably worked, that harmony and

goodwill prevail amongst the brethren, Masonic complaints being almost unknown in the province, and, above all, that a steady and liberal support is being extended to the Masonic Charities. Five years ago hardly a lodge had a vote in its corporate capacity, now, more than half of the existing lodges are Life Governors of the several Masonic Institutions.

At the last three festivals the province was thus represented:—In January, 1875, at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, by five Stewards, producing lists amounting to £186; at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in May, by fourteen Stewards, with £582; and at the July Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, by ten Stewards, with a total of £400, making in the aggregate the handsome sum of £1168 as the united donations of the Freemasons associated with the province, irrespective of large amounts contributed by some of its members, who subscribed through various metropolitan lodges, to which they also belong. The Provincial Grand Master especially desires to thank those Stewards, and the brethren who have thus materially assisted them in maintaining so well the prestige of the province, and he is confident that, as years roll on, the good example which they have set will be followed by their successors in the various lodges. By a steady adherence to the principles of the Craft, and the laws laid down in the Constitutions of the Order, the happiness and prosperity of the brethren will be permanently cemented, and from the experience of the past, which has been so fruitful in true Masonic feeling and good fellowship, the Provincial Grand Master expresses his heartfelt conviction that the Province of Middlesex will ever be conspicuous for the practice of those exalted virtues which at once characterise and adorn our Masonic profession.

The P.G. Sec. read a supplemental report, showing that since the above had been compiled three new lodges had been consecrated in the province, viz., the Elliot, the St. James's, and the Musgrave, which, it was believed, would prove an important addition to the Masonic influence of the province. The supplemental report stated that no complaints had been brought under the notice of the P.G.M. during the past year, and referred to the loss the province had sustained in the death of Bro. Codner, P.P.G. Reg. The R.W. P.G.M. having stated that the next business was to elect a P.G. Treas. for the ensuing year, P.G.S.W. Bro. Little, suggested that it would be convenient to take the motion, notice of which had been placed on the paper by Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.Prov. A.G.D.C., which, being assented to, Bro. Dubois moved—That No. 12 of the Provincial Bye-laws be altered by striking out the words "in April," and explained that in strict accordance with the bye-laws, as they stood at present, the Treasurer could only be elected in April, so that, as they held their meetings now in July, they would contravene their present bye-laws if they elected a Treasurer on this occasion without first altering the bye-law he referred to. The alteration he proposed would have the effect of enabling them to elect a Treasurer in any month of the year.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Little, P.G.S.W., who said, I think myself that this is a very important matter, as we should be almost transgressing our Bye-laws if we proceeded with the election without first expunging the words referred to. I shall, therefore, support Bro. Dubois' motion. The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

P. Grand Master: I think we may now proceed with the election of the Prov. G. Treas. It is a matter in which I myself feel greatly interested, because I feel greatly indebted to him for what he has done in the past, and what I am sure he would do in the future, and therefore I propose that Bro. Buss be re-elected Treasurer for the coming year. I am sure we cannot have a better man to—

Bro. Little: Permit me, R.W. Prov. G.M., to remind you that you proposed to confer a higher office on Bro. Buss, the holding of which would render him ineligible for the post of Prov. G. Treas.

P.G. Master: True, Bro. Little, I had overlooked that fact.

Bro. Dubois: I beg to propose that Bro. Frederick Keily, 1293, Grand Steward, be elected Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, than whom I feel sure we could not choose a more worthy brother. The motion having been seconded, it was put by the P.G.M., and carried unanimously.

The Prov. G. Master then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—

- Sir Geo. Elliot Deputy Prov. G.M.
- Graham Prov. G.S.W.
- H. G. Buss (whose appointment was received by the brethren with loud and long continued applause.....) Prov. G.J.W.
- Rev. P. M. Holden Prov. G. Chaplain
- Rev. — Reynolds Prov. Asst. G.C.
- Fredk. Keily Prov. G. Treas.
- D. W. Pearse..... Prov. G. Reg.
- R. Wentworth Little Prov. G. Sec.

In making this appointment the P.G.M. said that it was through the exertions of Bro. Little that the province now stood in the position it holds. The lodges were not perhaps quite so numerous as those in some northern provinces, but the influence of the province was certainly as great as any. Referring to Bro. Little's recent severe illness, he remarked that they were all extremely glad to see him again among them, and he trusted that he would soon be restored to vigorous health.

- H. A. Dubois..... Prov. G.S.D.
- Fredk. Walters Prov. G.J.D.
- Prov. G.M. Bro. Wigginton is appointed Prov. G. Supt. of Works, but he is not well enough to be here to-day.
- Bro. Capt. G. A. Smith also, who has been appointed Prov. G.D.C., is also absent from illness; but I trust that I shall have an early opportunity of investing them.
- Kennedy..... Prov. Asst. G.D.C.
- Thiellay..... Prov. G. Swd. B.

- Capt. Regd. Williams Prov. G. Org.
- Eldson Prov. G. Purst.
- J. W. Baldwin Prov. Asst. G.P.
- J. Gilbert (re-appointed) Prov. G. Tyler.
- Capt. Cockle, Dr. Ramsay, Letchworth, Mason, Huggins, and Knivett Prov. G. Stewards

P.G.M.: The next duty that devolves upon me is a very pleasing one. We all look forward to become governors of the different charities, and I have great pleasure in proposing that the following sums be granted to the three Masonic charities:—Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £10 10s.; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £10 10s.; Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Masons, £10. We have most of us watched these institutions with a very jealous eye, and I think every one is satisfied with the way in which they are carried on. I think we should support these charities in every possible way. The donation will be taken out of the funds of the province, so that none of us will feel it individually.

The motion was seconded by the P.G.S.W., and carried unanimously.

Bro. Little: I think I need hardly say that I feel assured that the proposition I am about to make will be heartily endorsed by every member of this Provincial Grand Lodge. You have all had before you the report of the progress of the province under the rule of the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Col. Burdett. I therefore propose "That a committee be formed for the purpose of commemorating in an appropriate manner the completion by the R.W. Bro. Col. Burdett of seven years in his office as Provincial Grand Master, and of testifying to the great advantage which the province has received from his rule." Perhaps it will be more convenient to take that first before proceeding with the next resolution.

The proposition, having been seconded by Bro. Sabine, was put by the P.G.S.W., and carried unanimously.

Bro. Little: I have now to follow up that motion by proposing "That the committee be composed of all Present and Past P.G. Officers, the W.M.'s, Wardens, P.M.'s, and Secretaries of lodges in the province, with power to add to their number. I think it advisable that the matter should be taken in hand by as many as we can get to assist, and if we could put every one in the province on the committee I think we should only be carrying out their wishes. That is my reason for adding the words "with power to add to their number."

Bro. Horsley: I beg to second that motion. I think that the manner in which our excellent Past P.G.S.W. and present Secretary has worded his motion will enable all of us to express our admiration of the manner in which our R.W. Provincial Grand Master has exercised his functions in a manner worthy of ourselves and of this Provincial Grand Lodge.

The motion was put by the P.G.S.W., and carried nem con, and Bro. Little undertook to call a preliminary meeting, at which the brethren could appoint their officers and settle their mode of procedure.

P.G. Secretary then read letters from Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Donoughmore, the Hon. W. Warren Vernon and others, regretting their inability to accept the invitations that had been sent them.

P.G. Secretary then handed to the P.G.M. a petition that had been prepared for a lodge to be called the Unity Lodge, to be held at West Drayton, as to which the R.W. P.G.M. said that it was very worthily recommended, and that he should have much pleasure in giving it his support in Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form and with solemn thanksgiving.

A large number of the brethren present in the lodge subsequently reassembled at the banquet table, when the R.W. P.G.M. again presided.

On the removal of the cloth the Chairman proceeded to propose the customary loyal and Masonic toasts. "The Health of the Queen" having been duly honoured and a couple of verses of the National Anthem having been admirably sung, Madame Thaddeus Wells being the soloist, assisted by Bro. Lester, Bro. F. H. Cozens, Bro. Chaplin Henry, and Bro. T. Hastings Miller, P. Prov. G. Organist (who had the direction of the musical arrangements), the R.W.P.G.M. proposed "The Health of the Prince and Princess of Wales," saying, as to the former, that he was not only the commander in chief among Freemasons, but also a Field Marshal in the army of England, and he was confident that his authority was not more warmly supported by the army or the navy than it was by the loving hearts of all our Freemasons. He need not say that he was very happy to comprise in the toast "The Health of the Princess of Wales." He was sure that any commands she might give would be warmly responded to by the whole of the community, but more especially by the body of Freemasons.

In proposing "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," the R.W. the P.G.M. said that they all knew that the Earl of Carnarvon was a brother who had exerted himself in every way possible for the institution of Freemasonry, but at the same time they knew that he had very little time to spare on account of the important office which he held in the State. There was no doubt in the world that they had one of the best men they possibly could have for Deputy Grand Master. They all knew the Earl of Skelmersdale pretty well as one of the best of Masons and one of the most charitable of men. There were several Grand Officers present, and they were sensible of the honour they conferred by their presence, and he would couple with this toast the name of Bro. Parkinson to respond for the Grand Officers.

Bro. Parkinson—Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master: On behalf of the Grand Officers I beg to return you my sincere thanks for the kindly expressions you have employed with regard to them on this occasion. Speaking of Lord Carnarvon, it is a matter of considerable pride that

we have such a Pro Grand Master, who is ready at all times to give us his time when he is able. It is by no means an unfrequent circumstance for him, though immersed in official toil as he is, to leave his office and mingle among us. The Earl of Carnarvon has the happy quality of attracting and keeping the affections of the brethren. When he was a young man fresh from college, one of his earliest training places was the Grand Lodge of England, where he was chosen the leader of what was at that time an active and vigorous Opposition. Lord Skelmersdale is a most excellent Deputy Grand Master. He possesses that winning grace that endears him to his brethren perhaps in a higher degree than any other we have ever met, which fits him for a leader of men. On the part of the Grand Officers, I thank you for the favour with which this toast has been received. For my part I feel slightly diffident in responding to this toast, because I know that there are many brethren here fully competent to respond as Grand Officers. Passing to the immediate functions which we are assembled to celebrate to-day, I am (taking up the gavel) going to propose to you "The Health of our Provincial Grand Master." It is not very long ago that I had the privilege of serving under him for the good of the province. I know how ready he is to give his mind and ability to promote the good of his fellow creatures. Those who are students of genealogy, and who strive to trace the history of their country in the great families of England, are well aware that the Burdets, from a very early date in English history, have been intimately associated with the rise and progress of our country, now as a confidential counsellor of the sovereign, now as a counsellor of the people, but always for the honour and glory of England. Now our brother is not an unworthy successor to those great and good men. If we look at him in his country residence we find him on the board of guardians, and chairman of the vestry, and that he is always ready to devote himself to the public good. That being Col. Burdett's habit of mind where could he find better exercise for it than the Craft. And I will now say what a very pleasant feeling it is to be aware of having an influence in such a wide reaching circle. Brethren, with all the honours I propose "The Health of Col. Burdett, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex."

Prov. G. Master: Brethren, and especially Bro. Parkinson, I feel that I am perfectly incompetent to return thanks for the toast that has just been drunk. I have always been anxious for the good of this province, but I did not think that my health would be accepted in the enthusiastic manner in which it has been received this evening, which shows that I am well supported, but I feel that I have hardly done as much as I ought to have done. I have done all I could for the interest of the province, and I will certainly, in the future, do as much as I can. I assure you it gives me great pleasure to hold my office, because of the sympathy of the brethren of the province over which I have the honour to preside. The R.W.P.G.M. went on to eulogise the officers by whom he had been assisted, especially his present staff, and concluded by proposing "The Health of the Deputy G.M., Bro. Elliott," who, in reply, was understood to say that among the many duties which he had in common with all his hearers, the principles and objects of Freemasonry had for many years occupied his thoughts much and he thought that the success of the province must develop itself in the charity and good feeling which was promoted by such celebrations as they had assisted at that afternoon; but what was presented to his mind was the power and dignity of Freemasonry as exhibited in its charity and religion, which appeared to stand outside the controversial religion of the world, and he thought that if ever a time should come of attacks upon the liberty and religion of the people, the religion of the Order would prove a support to the religion of the people in a degree which they were not at present able to estimate. He attached great importance to the charity force of Freemasonry; it was a great thing to say that they could confer £30,000 or £40,000 a year on the institutions. Whether he attended meetings in the north or south there seemed always to be a sort of homogeneity about Freemasonry which will always be able to take care of itself, and he believed there was a backbone in Freemasonry which would always have a force of gravity about it which would always maintain itself.

During the evening some very good vocal music was contributed by Madame Thaddeus Wells and the musical brethren above mentioned, Sir H. R. Bishop's glee upon Shakespeare's words, "Come over the Brook, Bessie, to me," being especially worthy of remark.

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

The annual summer festival took place at Bro. Teale's, Rye House, on Thursday, July 20th, when, owing to the delightful weather, a very large attendance of the brethren evinced the popularity of Bro. Treadwell, the W.M., and the officers of the lodge. The Great Eastern Railway behaved very liberally, charging excursion rates, and having excellent carriages on the trains. Over 100 sat down to the banquet, without any crowding or confusion; indeed, all the arrangements made by the Stewards and the valued Secretary, Bro. Wiling, insured comfort and attention. The Stewards were Bros. G. Everett, I.P.M.; Wiling, S.W.; Palmer, J.W.; J. Smith, P.G.P. Treas.; Williams, Sec.; Buscall, S.D.; G. Clarke, J.D.; White, I.G.; Spink, D.C.; M'Lean, S.; and Bros. Ralph, Kent, Willis, Jones, and Scard, the latter of whom also acted as M.C. The banquet was well served, and a well-chosen band played during dinner time. After grace the W.M. said, the day being so fine, and many ladies wishing to enjoy a dance, speeches not being the most attractive of the day's performances, he should propose as few as possible. After the loyal toasts had been given Bro. Foul-

ger, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." The W. Master expressed his thanks to Bro. Foulger, and said he felt happy to see so many rally round him. He proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s," and was sorry to see only two—Bros. Elgar and Elmes—of so many present. He (the W.M.) had received a letter of apology from Bro. Everett, I.P.M., stating that the heavy bereavement in his family prevented him attending. He knew all the brethren sincerely sympathised with Bro. Everett, and knew perfectly well he was always most anxious to be present with them and help them. Bro. Elmes replied. "The Ladies," "The Visitors," "The Officers and Stewards" were also proposed, and duly responded to.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, August 11, 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, AUGUST 5.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, Lewisham-rd.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 7.

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 8.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, 1, Camomile-st., Bishopsgate.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Constitutional, Wheatheaf 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 9.

Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 1228, Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
" 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.

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 10.

Lodge 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.
K.T. Precep. 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11.

Lodge 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hot., New Wndswth.

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 12, 1876.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Church-st., Preston.
" 1045, Stamford, T.H., Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hot., Wigan.
" 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.
" 1384, Equity, Commercial Hot., Widnes.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, the Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1052, Callender, P.H., Rusholme.
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 80, N. Hill-st.
" 1403, West Lancashire, Com. Hot., Ormskirk.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1588, Prince Leopold Lodge, Angel Hot., Stretford.
Chap. 86, Lebanon, M.H., Prescot.
" 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10.

Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Vic., Garrison Hot., Fulwood.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 12, 1876.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7.

Lodge 20, St. John, M.H., Leshmahagou.
" 124, Kilwinning, Union Tav., Ayr.
" 129, St. Mirren, 5, Moss-st., Paisley.
" 138, Operative, Blue Bell Hot., Ayr.
" 237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.
" 332, Union, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 581, Plantation, Craigiehall-st., Glasgow.
Chap. 53, Dumbarton, Elephant Hot., Dumbarton.
" 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8.

Lodge 230, St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hot., Old Cumnock.
" 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st., S.S., Glasgow.
" 426, Prince of Wales, M.H., Renfrew.
" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-st., Glasgow.
" 543, St. John, M.H., Dalmuir.
" 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose-st., S.S., Glasgow.
" 579, St. Bryde, M.H., Uddingstone.

Chap. 17, Greenock, M.H., Cathcart-st.
" 69, St. Andrew, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 12, Trongate, Glasgow.
" 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 510, Maryhill, M.H., Main-st.

Chap. 113, Partick, M.H., Douglas-st., Partick.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10.

Lodge 88, New Monkland Montrose, T.H., Airdrie.
" 109, St. Marnock, Crown Hot., Kilmarnock.
" 334, St. John's, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.
" 557, Blantyre Kilwinning, C.H., Blantyre.
" 570, Kenmuir, M.H., Springburn.

Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11.

Lodge 18, Kilwinning, Church-st., Dumbarton.
" 147, Cadder Argyle, M.H., Chryston.
" 170, St. John, M.H., Renton.
" 427, St. Clair, M.H., Cambusnethan.
Chap. 144, St. Rollox, 69, Garnad-rd., Glasgow.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 12, 1876.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7.

Grand Lodge of Scotland, F.M.H., Edinburgh, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8.

Lodge 1, L. of Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo-pl.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9.

Lodge 2, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel.
Chap. 1, Edinburgh, F.M.H., 98, George-st.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10.

Lodge 8, Journeyman, Blackfriars-st.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 11.

Chap. 56, Canongate Kilwinning, M.H., John-st.

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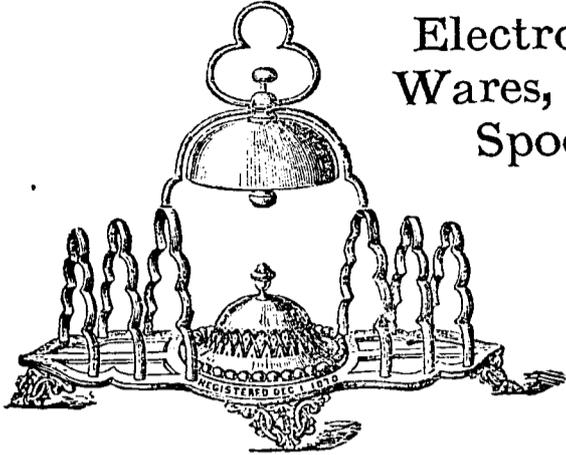
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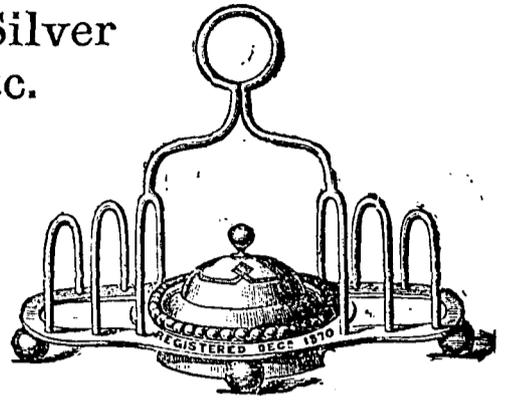
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