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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—The first meeting of this thriving and old established lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 26th ult. There were present the following officers: Bros. Kennett, J.P.M., acting W.M.; Davis, S.W.; Mallett, J.W.; Daircy, J.D., acting S.D.; Walls, acting J.D.; Bye, I.G.; Rumbald, W.S.; Whitley, D.C.; Past Masters Carter (Treas.), Stuart (Sec.), Hopwood, Taylor, Green, and Themans. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Kennett raised Bro. Smith to the Third Degree most impressively. The W.M., Bro. Waygood, having arrived, and assumed his position, passed Bro. Barrett, and initiated Mr. Henry Stokes into Craft mysteries. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, and Bro. Davis, S.W., was almost unanimously elected to the chair of K.S., and that brother made an excellent reply for the great honour accorded to him. Bro. Carter, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Longstaffe re-appointed Tyler. The members elected to audit the annual accounts were Bros. Whitley, Heapley, Walls, Clark, and F. Browning, and the third Tuesday in October was the night appointed for the purpose. The Committee of the Benevolent Fund was re-appointed, and Bro. Morrison added to their number. Upon the motion of Bro. Taylor, P.M., Bro. Carter, P.M., the Treasurer to the lodge, was unanimously elected an honorary member, as a slight recognition of the great service rendered by him to the brethren. Previously to the lodge being closed, Bro. Kennett, J.P.M., proposed, in a very neat speech, that the customary Past Master's jewel should be voted to their W.M., Bro. Waygood, which motion having been seconded, was unanimously carried. The brethren and visitors, to the number of sixty-three, then adjourned to the banquet, which was well served in the Pillar Room, under the superintendence of Bro. Smith. The visitors were Bros. Clement, I.G. 1310; Bennett, 177; Foster, late 1105; Moss, 1185; Wray, 1257. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the usual royal and Craft toasts, which were duly honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., and briefly responded to by Bro. Waygood. Bro. Stokes, the initiate, having been toasted, made an able reply. "The Visitors," and other toasts, followed in quick succession. In the intervals, Bros. Robinson, Walls, Mallett, and others contributed some harmony, and the Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren adjourned until the last Tuesday in October, when Bro. Davis, W.M. elect, will be duly installed.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 167).—On Tuesday evening the annual meeting of the members of this ancient lodge for the installation of the W.M. was held at the usual quarters, the Holy Bush, Hampstead. The lodge was opened by Bro. T. M. Jackson, W.M., who was supported during the evening by the following brethren:—Bros. H. Hollis, P.M.; Ralph Firbank, P.M.; W. W. Alexander, P.M.; J. Ware, P.M.; T. A. Adams, P.M.; E. Barge, P.M.; John Stange, S.W.; J. F. Rowe, J.W.; H. Cornick, Treas.; J. R. Thompson, Sec.; John Yeomans, S.D.; C. Muller, J.D.; W. Keil, I.G.; F. Adlard, P.M., M.C. There were also seventeen other members of the lodge present, and the following visitors:—Bros. G. J. Turner, J.D. 157; Joseph Piget, W.M. 753; H. Burn, P.M. 731; W. Butterfield, W.M. 1085; J. Lane, P.M. 1085; H. May, I.P.M. 212; Jas. Hopkinson, 432; J. S. Gallilee, J.W. 178; Robert Berridge, W.M. 21; Thos. H. Hovenden, 21; J. F. Wirest, 753; Wm. Paxon, 167; C. Koester, P.M. 435; James Burford, 173; Thomas Claizer, 23; R. Clouser, 23; P. Dickenson, S.W. 1208; J. Forwood, 1288; D. Pitney, 72; and H. Massey ("Freemason"), P.M. 619. There was one raising to be performed, and for this purpose Bro. H. Hollis, P.M., ascended the chair, and in due form imparted the secrets of the Third Degree to Bro. J. G. Humphreys. Bro. Firbank, P.M., afterwards took the post of W.M., and installed Bro. John Eldridge as Master of the lodge. Bro. Eldridge appointed as his officers Bros. J. F. Rowe, S.W.; John Yeomans, J.W.; H. Cornick, Treas.; J. R. Thompson, Sec.; C. Muller, S.D.; W. Keil, J.D.; Davis, I.G.; F. Adlard, D.C.; H. Hollis, P.M., W.S.; and Bro. Steedman, T. When the ceremony was completed, the W.M. commenced his year of work by initiating Mr. Bellamy into the Order, and gave ample proofs of his ability to preside over the lodge in the capacity of Master. The lodge was afterwards closed, and the

brethren adjourned to a banquet which was well supplied by Bro. H. Baker, the proprietor of the Holy Bush. As it was late in the evening when the time came round for the proposing of the various toasts, the speeches in which this was done were made very brief, none of them occupying more than a couple of minutes in delivery. Bro. Robert Berridge, W.M. 21, and Grand Steward, was called upon to reply on behalf of the Grand Officers, Bro. T. A. Adams, P.G.P., having been obliged to leave early on account of his advanced age. Bro. Berridge replying more for the other Grand Officers than for himself, said that the Grand Officers as a body were very useful brethren, and they managed Grand Lodge affairs so thoroughly and so well that he was sure they deserved well of the whole of the Craft. The W.M. in the course of proposing "The Health of the Visitors," said that the St. John's Lodge was always glad to receive them. It was a very old established lodge and there were many old members belonging to it. It had always been a great pleasure to them to see old faces among them, and a great many of those then present he had frequently seen before from his young years in Masonry. Bro. G. J. Turner replying, said: he must express his most unqualified recognition of the lodge's hospitality. He visited a good many London lodges, although he was not a very old man, he was a Mason of twenty years standing, but still in the blue, yet he had never seen greater hospitality exhibited than he had experienced that evening. Bro. Berridge also replied, saying that he could not let that opportunity pass by without expressing his great pleasure with the working of the lodge. It had given all the brethren very much pleasure indeed to see how well not only the W.M., but the P.M.'s and officers had worked the different ceremonies, particularly Bro. Firbank, P.M., in the ceremony of installation. In proposing the toast of "The Initiate," the W.M. reminded the brethren of the careful and ready way in which Bro. Bellamy had answered all the questions put to him. Bro. Bellamy said he had to thank the brethren for accepting him as a brother Mason in that most honourable and ancient lodge. He must also thank Bro. Fry for having proposed him, and he hoped that his Masonic career would not disgrace his proposer. He should try and attend all the meetings of the lodge, so as to learn as much of his duties as would render him an efficient Freemason, and enable him to perform the work which was expected of every brother. Bro. Fairbank, P.M., who was chosen to reply to the toast of "The P.M.'s," addressing the officers of St. John's Lodge, said the W.M. wished him to attempt to express his feelings. He thought that if even the St. John's Lodge had a good and efficient set of officers it had them now. The W.M. had known the lodge many years; he had gone through all the offices, and was thoroughly conversant with the duties of each; he had seen the officers working upward from the lowest point, and from the highest down to the lowest he had satisfied himself that all his officers were able to perform their duties. He was quite sure that his duties during his year would be very much lightened by the efficiency of his officers. The Treasurer and Secretary were the best known officers of the lodge, having filled their respective offices for a long time. The Treasurer certainly knew how to take care of the funds, and the Secretary was very active in getting them in. The S.W., in reply, said that all the officers would do their best in working the lodge efficiently; and the J.W. added that emulation was his motto, and he should endeavour to surpass, if possible, his predecessors in office. The Treasurer, in his reply, advocated success to the charities, and the Secretary acknowledged the compliment which had been paid to him by the observations of Bro. Firbank. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close, and the brethren afterwards returned to town.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The first meeting of the session of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, Cannon-street. Present: Bros. Cohu, W.M.; Arkell, S.W.; Jones, J.W.; Kenning, Treas.; Marsh, Sec.; Legg, S.D.; Fellowes, J.D.; Rickwood, I.G., and about fifty other brethren. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; Bros. Geo. Statham and J. Pinder were raised; Bros. R. J. Sutherland and H. Carter were passed; Messrs. O. Gale Sparrow, James Cook, Richard James Dart, and J. Darnell were initiated. Bro. Chas. Arkell proposed that the lodge be removed from the City Terminus Hotel, which, on being duly seconded and put, was lost by a large majority. Some other routine business having been done the brethren dined together, when the usual toasts were given and acknowledged. The W.M., Bro. Thomas Cohu, most ably presided, both in the lodge and at the banquet.

THE WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 706).—The first meeting of this lodge for the coming season was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 28th ult., when the following brethren were present:—Bros. John Pringle, W.M.; Manfield Newton, S.W.; W. E. Newton, J.W.; Captain Kain, P.M. and Treasurer; W. Worrell, P.M., and Secretary; S. D. Ewins, S.D.; Dr. Cutmore, J.D.; E. Kidman, I.G.; A. Brown, P.M.; B. Abbott, P.M.; G. Newman, P.M.; W. Jerrett Miller, P.M.; also Bros. R. Lyon, B. G. Austin, G. Paull, W. Drake, P. Steinmann, Dr. Atwood, W. F. Smart, J. R. Williams, A. E. Grant, G. Castle, G. Smithers, jun., W. B. Broomhall, W. J. Collins, W. Johnston, R. Seaman, W. W. Brierley, F. Juce, F. G. Barnes, J. F. Honey, H. F. Partridge, R. Gunner, L. G. Reinhardt. Visitors: Bros. E. Paull, 1586; H. Paull, 1586; John A. Mass, 227; R. Harvey Bastow, 3; J. C. Dorosing, late 108; H. Garrod, P.M. 749; L. B. Pillin, J.W. 180; W. Hopekirk, P.M. 179. The business of the evening consisted of the passing of Bros. Brierley and Castle, the raising of Bro. Dr. Atwood. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and the Secretary congratulated the brethren on

the financial position of the lodge. Bro. W. E. Newton, J.W., was elected as the W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Capt. Kain was again most unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Grant, Tyler. All business being then ended the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent dinner, presided over by the W.M., Bro. John Pringle. On the cloth being removed the W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts, but on rising to propose the toast of the Past Masters, he said he did it on this occasion with great feelings of sorrow, as the brethren were all aware they had recently lost their much respected brother, the late lamented Dr. Whiteman, the father of the lodge, and his good qualities were so well known to all the members of the lodge, that he, the W.M., felt he could not speak all that he intended to say, so he would therefore call upon Bro. Capt. Kain to respond to the toast and make a few observations on their recent bereavement. In responding to the usual toast of the P.M.'s, Bro. Capt. Kain as Senior P.M. said: I rise with very solemn feelings on this occasion, to return thanks for my health having been drank as one of the P.M.'s. Some of the visitors who have favoured us with their company for the first time this evening will have discovered that this is a "Banner" Lodge, of which there are but few, and they may observe that as usual the W.M. and each P.M. is sitting under his own banner, they will also see that a banner in the background behind me is draped with black, that, brethren all, is the banner of our lamented brother, Dr. Richard Harland Whiteman, P.M., the so-called father of this lodge, and I may observe that he is only the second P.M. who has died since the consecration of the lodge, now nearly twenty years ago. The motto under his coat of arms is, "Absque Devusse spero," which being herald's latin may be freely translated as meaning "I am called a Whiteman and I hope I am without stain." Brethren, the motto, though covering as you will observe a pun, was most appropriate, his character was stainless. For nearly those twenty years at our meetings has his portly presence and his benign and venerable face been seen under that banner, and who, brethren, ever saw a frown or even a shade over that benevolent countenance and when, which was seldom, there was the slightest ruffle on the surface of this lodge caused by differences of opinion, who does not remember his calm and measured tones and persuasive voice successfully pouring oil on the temporarily troubled waters; and at the banquet how well we remember and how much we shall miss his genial and humorous speeches. For nearly twenty years, as I have said, he has at our meetings sat under that banner, and was only absent when required by his professional duties as a distinguished accoucher, and which absence he would pleasantly term, assisting at an initiation. As I have also said, he was called the father of the lodge, a title of which he was proud. Brethren, that title I have now the honour of claiming at your hands; he is taken, I am left; his mantle has fallen on my shoulders, and I pray for Divine assistance to bear it as worthily as he did; but it cannot be for long. I am his senior in age, and am therefore fast approaching the end of the time allotted for man. The time may not be far distant when my place here will be vacant, when my banner will be draped with black, when my punning motto, "Si je puis"—"if I am able"—will be commented on, and when I hope some P.M. will have a kindly word for my memory. But the fall of a brother in the race of life cannot stop us in our social, domestic, and business avocations; we shed a tear over the fallen and pass onward to our duties in this life till it is our turn to fall. This is fully exemplified in the profession to which I have the honour to belong. When a soldier dies he is borne solemnly to his grave by his comrades with arms reversed, marching with measured steps and slow to the melancholy strains of the "Dead March in Saul." If a cavalry soldier, his charger is led fully mounted as if for war, but with a vacant saddle, the stirrups occupied with the warrior's vacant boots, heels to the front. The awe-inspiring burial service is read, and the heart and the ear throbb with those three solemn sentences,—earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust—each sentence accompanied by the thud of falling earth resounding on the coffin. Who that has witnessed a burial has not been moved at the scene, and may have shed a tear, and felt a rising in the throat? But to the soldier the sharp words of command are given, "Attention!" "Front turn!" "Quick march!" the band strikes up a merry tune, generally "The Lass I left behind me," and so they merrily march back to their duties. So, brethren, must it be with us. We have in spirit followed our lamented brother to his last home; we have in imagination heard the solemn service read over him, and with moistened eyes and beating hearts, have heard those sounding thuds. But like soldiers, we must be up and doing; we must close our ranks, fill up the vacant place, and march onwards to our duties in the battle of life, its victories, and its defeats, its joys and its sorrows, till at length the time comes when one by one we are called by the Great Commander-in-Chief to share with our departed brother the reward prepared for those who like him, have done their duty, and have fought and fallen in the good fight. Brethren, let us in solemn silence drink to his memory.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178).—The installation meeting of this lodge, held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Thursday, October 5th, Bro. J. A. Smith, W.M., opened the lodge punctually at half-past four o'clock. There were present Bros. F. H. Elsworth, P.M., Treas.; G. J. Grace, P.M., W.S.; C. Deakin, P.M.; J. H. Harmsworth, P.M.; Dr. Dixon, P.M.; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; W. Batchelor, S.W.; W. T. Lover, J.W. and W.M. elect; F. Garbett, S.D.; J. Stock, J.D.; J. Wootton, I.G.; and forty others. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. Hooper, 879; Rogers, 463; Leuner, 879; Plummer, 177; Edwards, 619; Beddow, 548; Smith, 1257; P. Magee, 548; Hogaith;

1107; Groom, 73; T. J. Sabine, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, W.M. 1540; T. J. H. Wilkins, P.M. 73; Mott, 1391; Kent, W.M. 1571; Ashton, 1571; Ringwood, 834; J. W. Sutton, 73; Farrer, 1462; J. Stephens, 73; Buck, 1196; Willett, 1571; Bowen, 1571; Hawkes, 65; Nicholson, 101; Rutherford, 188; Percy, 228; Cook, 177; and some others whose names we would not learn. The work, done in an able manner, was initiating Mr. F.T. Bayley into Freemasonry, and installing Bro. W. T. Lover, W.M., who appointed as his officers Bros. W. Batchelor, S.W.; F. Garbett, J.W.; J. A. Smith, I.P.M.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treas. (re-invested for 7th time); Frederick Walters, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M. Sec. (re-invested for 9th time); J. Stock, S.D.; J. Porter, J.D.; T. Simpson, I.G.; J. H. Harmsworth, P.M., D.C.; G. J. Grace, P.M., W.S. (re-invested for 3rd time); W. Y. Laing, P.M., Tyler (re-invested for 9th time). A vote of thanks was given to Bro. J. A. Smith for his doing the ceremony of installation, the same to be entered on the lodge minute book. Afterwards at the banquet table a five-guinea Past Master's jewel was given him, which had been unanimously voted to him from the lodge funds. An important notice of motion was unanimously agreed to. The report of the Audit Committee was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on lodge minute book. Some candidates were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed and adjourned until Thursday, December 7th. Banquet and dessert followed. The usual toasts were given and responded to. An agreeable evening was happily spent.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The opening night after the recess of this lodge was held at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 3rd instant. The lodge was opened at 4.30 in the afternoon by the W.M., Bro. Everett, P.M. Domestic, assisted by Bros. Higgins, S.W.; Reeves, J.W.; Walls, S.D.; Kohler, J.D.; Speedy, I.G.; Marsden, W.S.; Gardner, I.P.M.; Page, P.M., &c., Treas.; Stuart, Sec.; Mann, P.M., &c.; Koch, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. King, passed Bro. Wardley, and initiated Messrs. W. G. Webster and H. J. Fischel into the Craft. The three arduous ceremonies were most excellently carried out by the W.M., and their impressiveness was greatly enhanced by the accompaniments of Bro. Ellis, jun., Org. Previously to the closing of the lodge, the W.M. rose and stated that he took that opportunity of expressing his thanks to those brethren of the lodge who had supported his Stewardship at the last festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He said that, as they were aware, Bro. Page, their esteemed Treasurer, had been appointed by the lodge to act as Steward, but that brother very kindly gave way, and he (the W.M.) was enabled to take up a list of nearly £60, which was, he thought, a very respectable sum considering the age and strength of the lodge. Several propositions having been taken, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. The visitors were Bros. Littell, P.M. 866, late 1381; Palmer, J.W. Domestic; Dr. Jones; Field, 177; Scott, 1558. The cloth having been removed, the W.M. stated that it was not his intention on that occasion to bore them with long speeches, but as they knew there were certain regular toasts to propose, he must crave their indulgence while he gave a short preface to each. The first toast, he said, required but little introduction, because as Englishmen they were proud to live under the benign rule of their Royal lady Victoria, and as Freemasons they were bound to honour their ancient institution on all occasions. He therefore called upon them to drink to "The Queen and the Craft." In proposing "The M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said that at their last meeting H.R.H. was in the distant East, and it must be very gratifying to them to think in the interim that he had returned home safe and in good health, and that many beneficial results, arising from his visit, were already apparent in India. This toast was received with excellent fire. "The Health of the Pro G.M., Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," followed. The W.M., in introducing this toast, said the Craft were to be congratulated upon possessing two noblemen who carried out the duties of their high Masonic station so well as the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale. The latter in particular was a most enthusiastic Mason, and never missed an opportunity of honouring, and aiding by his presence every great Craft gathering. He was sorry that the Kennington Lodge had not a member possessing Grand Lodge honours, but he hoped that that would not be always the case. In conclusion he expressed an opinion that whilst Freemasonry was supported by the prominent members of the English aristocracy it must ever flourish. The I.P.M., in giving the toast of "The W.M.," said that he was glad that the pleasing duty had devolved upon him of proposing the health of their W.M., for the manner in which Bro. Everett had discharged the arduous duties of the chair since his election was a proof that the lodge had elected the right man in the right place. He personally considered it an honour to serve under their W.M., and he (the I.P.M.) would endeavour to assist him in every way during the remainder of his year of office. Previously to this toast being drunk, Bro. Mann, P.M., having obtained the permission of the I.P.M., stated that he wished the brethren to know that their W.M. had very handsomely presented the lodge with a valuable harmonium, which, as they were aware, would greatly heighten the impressiveness of the various ceremonies. He was sorry that the matter had not been mentioned in the lodge, but at the next meeting a vote of thanks would be moved to the W.M. for his liberal and considerate addition to the lodge furniture. The W.M., in his reply, expressed his thanks to the I.P.M. for proposing his health, and the brethren for responding to it so warmly. He assured the brethren that he was proud of holding the position of W.M. in the Kennington Lodge, and he was pleased to

think that his humble efforts to promote its interests were so ably seconded by his officers. With respect to the harmonium which he had presented, he wished to say a few words. The summer festival in connection with the lodge, had out of consideration for the great loss he had sustained by the death of his mother and two sisters been most kindly put off by the brethren, and as it had been his intention to have been personally at some expense in order to have increased the comforts of the brethren on the occasion he thought that the best thing he could do, as the outing did not take place, and also to commemorate his year of office, was to present the brethren with an instrument, that the solemnity of the lodge working might be increased. He then proposed "The Initiates," which toast having been drunk, Bros. Webster and Fischel responded very neatly. They stated that they had long desired to join the Craft, and they expressed their thanks to their proposers for having given them that opportunity, and in conclusion that they were profoundly impressed with the ceremony of their initiation, and that they hoped some day to fill the proud position so ably occupied by the W.M. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. gave as his opinion that the interchange of lodge courtesies was one of the principal supports of the Craft. By visiting different lodges the brethren had opportunities of studying the various workings, and of making new and cementing old friendships. In conclusion, he called upon Bro. Dr. Jones to reply to the toast. That brother, in the course of a very long and eloquent speech, said that he was proud at having his name coupled so prominently with the toast. He was reminded forcibly of the words in Dante's "Inferno," "Abandon hope, all who enter here;" but that inscription could not be used in connection with the Kennington Lodge, for when he entered its portals he found unbounded hospitality, charming geniality, and perfect harmony prevailing. He had visited nearly every city and town in England and many places abroad, and he had always found that a Freemason had a sure passport and an introduction to every society. He desired the newly initiated brethren to bear in mind that they had that day entered an institution which, notwithstanding the denunciations of Pope and Kaiser, had stood for ages, and would stand until time should be no more. When they came to consider the vast hold that Freemasonry had taken throughout the habitable globe and the great benefits it conferred, it was astonishing that men could be found weak enough to sneer at its virtues, its philanthropy, and above all to impugn the divine principles of religion that it eliminated. In conclusion, he wished to assure the brethren that even after forty years' experience of the Craft he was as proud of it as on the day when he first saw the "light." "The Past Masters' Toast" followed, and was responded to by Bros. Gardner, Mann, and Koch. In giving "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. expressed the great obligations he was under to those popular and worthy brethren. Without the hearty and valuable co-operation of those important officers, no W.M., he said, could hope to carry out the duties of his position with satisfaction to himself and to the approval of the brethren. This toast having been duly honoured, Bros. Page, Treasurer, and Stuart, Secretary, responded. In the course of their respective replies they said that the majority of the members were such good paymasters that their duties were rendered comparatively easy, and they were, as old Masons, delighted with the great progress that the Kennington Lodge had made, both as regards numbers and the status of its members. They were also gratified that their respective duties had been so warmly recognised by the W.M. in the proposing and the brethren in receiving the toast. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and was responded to by Bros. Higgins, Reeves, Walls, and Marsden. The Tyler's toast, at eleven, terminated the proceedings.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—Yesterday week the installation meeting of this young lodge was held in the hall of the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Balls Pond-road, when Bro. W. H. Murlis, W.M., opened the lodge. After some formal business had been transacted, Bro. Wm. Stephens, P.M., ascended the chair, and installed Bro. T. E. Jessett as W.M. for the year. The W.M. then invested the following brethren with their collars and jewels of office:—Bros. Walford, S.W.; Dr. Symonds, J.W.; W. Stephens, Treas.; W. H. Murlis, Sec.; John High, S.D.; Hastings Miller, J.D.; Glaskin, I.G.; W. Grist, D.C.; Chas. Smith, W.S.; and Gilchrist, Tyler. The installation was the only ceremonial business before the lodge, all other work having been wisely cleared off at a former meeting, and the brethren thereby spared the necessity of sitting in a warm room for an excessive number of hours. After the installation ceremony was perfected, the W.M. decorated Bro. Murlis with a handsome Past Master's jewel; and subsequently a vote of thanks was passed, and ordered to be recorded on the lodge minutes, to Bro. Stephens for performing the installation. Lodge was closed at an early hour, and the brethren afterwards partook of a choice banquet, supplied by Bro. W. Grist. When this had been done ample justice to, the usual toasts were proposed and honoured, and Bro. E. P. Albert, G.P., was called upon to respond for the G. Officers. This having been done, Bro. Murlis, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and Bro. Jessett, in the course of his reply to the toast, said he should endeavour to fulfil the expectations that the brethren were kind enough to entertain of his work. Before sitting down he proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and, referring to the jewel which had already been presented to Bro. Murlis, said that brother had thoroughly deserved it by the faithful discharge of his various duties while in the chair of the lodge. Bro. Murlis responded, and said that although the brethren had been pleased to consider him as advancing the interests of the lodge, he thought that Bro. Wm. Stephens should have been associated with the toast, that brother having exerted himself very much to bring the lodge to a state of great efficiency. Bro. Binckes's name having been asso-

ciated with "The Visitors," he in the course of his reply referred to the high name which the Marquess of Ripon Lodge had already secured for itself in the Craft, and said he was sure that the name would never be tarnished in any shape or way, but that it would be handed down to those who succeeded to its Mastership, to emulate the good deeds of those who had gone before them. Although he had been called upon to reply as a visitor he took that opportunity of thanking the brethren for what they had done for the Institution with which he was more immediately connected and he did no more particularly because he had been frequently invited to the lodge, but had not previously been able to attend. When proposing "The Masonic Institutions" the W.M. announced that the first year of the lodge's existence, when Bro. W. Stephens was W.M., he acted as one of the Stewards for the lodge, and in the course of that year £300 was subscribed on the lists for the Institutions. This year a similar sum was collected. Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, replied to the toast, and after acknowledging the healthy support which was given by the whole of the Craft to the Institutions of the Order gave, an account of the rapid increase which of late years had been made in the benefits these charities had conferred on the Craft to meet its increasing requirements. The other toasts were afterwards given, and the brethren separated after enjoying a delightful evening, in which music and singing were plentifully introduced.

PUTNEY.—The Royal Commemoration Lodge (No. 1585).—The meeting of the members of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Putney, when the W.M., Bro. Joseph Wright, who was supported by the whole of his officers, had a full compliment of work before him. The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the first regular meeting, held in April, and the emergency held in June, were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and the examination having been undergone by Bros. Mansell, Cook, Harrison and Russell were afterwards raised to the Third Degree in the usual careful manner of the W.M., who also gave the traditional history. Bros. Hatfield, Eykyn and Weston, were passed to the Second Degree, having been found duly qualified. Ballot was taken for Mr. Matthews and Mr. Foghill. The former being a Lewis, he with Messrs. Easton, Pardoe, Mayron and Williams were duly initiated by the W.M. in the ancient mysteries. Whilst the candidates were being prepared, the first and second sections were worked with the kind assistance of Bro. Collings, the D.C. Such a happy idea as this, in so young a lodge, speaks well for those who have the privilege, we may so term it, of belonging to a body of Masons, who thus use the spare moments to such good advantage. The W.M. on rising as usual, had three candidates proposed, there being the same number for admittance will again exceed the compliment allowed, so that this young lodge at present bids fair to become as popular as any going. This having brought the business to a close, the meeting was adjourned to November. At the banquet that followed, the usual toasts were given, and in reply to that of "The Visitors," P.M. Bro. Wise responded, and thanking the W.M. and brethren in his own name and for the other brethren for the kind way they had been received, and the pleasure they had experienced. P.M. H. Smith, the Secretary, in a very humorous speech proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who rose to reply. On the completion of Bro. Cook's song "The Health of the Initiates" was the next toast (the E.A. song being given by a lay brother); they returned thanks in a very brief manner. The other toasts that followed were, "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers" and "The Lay Members," all of which were duly responded to. This pleasant evening, both in and out of the lodge, was brought to a close in the usual manner by Bro. Steed, the Tyler.

THE WANDERER'S LODGE (No. 1604).—This vigorous young lodge met on Tuesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, where the W.M., Bro. Geo. D. Roe, (P.P.G.S. Western Division South Wales), presided. In the absence of the Senior Warden the W.M. was assisted by Bro. Alfred Brookson, S.D., as his principal officer, and Bro. D. Evans, J.W., being obliged by urgent business to retire immediately after the opening of the lodge, another brother had to be deputed to fill his place. The other brethren present were Bros. Halpin, Chaplain; Meredith, Acting I.P.M.; F. J. Wray, J.D.; G. Boulton, I.G.; C. Fuller, Geo. Cox, Stewards, and the following brethren: Geo. Saunders, F. Newman, J. Harper, Keen, J. Wade, J. Brown, W. Duncan, E. Hornblower, H. Bennett, G. Collins, W. Gordon, W. S. Parsons, W. Sheffield, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; J. Huds-peth, B. Barton, A. J. Hardy, G. Morrison, S. Corbett, L. Marchant, John Guy. Amongst the visitors were: Bros. F. C. Pratt, 957; C. Cooke, 913; E. C. Massey, 1297 ("Freemason"); H. Dowdney, 145; G. Schultz, 13; G. Gillem, 192; H. S. Cooper, 228; R. J. Clapham, 398; W. Leeman, P.P.G. Chap. West Yorks, and P.G. Chap. Durham. The lodge having been opened in due form the following candidates were balloted for and approved, Mr. Geo. S. Reilly, Quartermaster Sergeant Royal Engineer Horse Guards, War Office, S.W., proposed by Bro. Young and seconded by Bro. Scott, Secretary, and Mr. George D. Head, late Sergeant-Major Tailor 5th Regiment, Examiner Royal Army Clothing Factory, Pimlico, S.W., proposed by Bro. Young and seconded by Bro. Harper. The ceremony of initiation was performed separately for each of these candidates, after which Bros. W. Sheffield, W. Keen, R. Ball, and J. Wade were passed, and Bro. George Saunders was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. We cannot too highly praise the working of Bro. Roe, which for impressiveness is rarely equalled, and considering that both his principal officers were absent the precision with which the ceremonies were

performed reflects great credit on the assistant officers, particularly on Bro. Brookson and Bro. Wray. After the performance of the ceremonies was concluded, and six or seven initiates and joining members had been proposed by the W.M. and others, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned, and the brethren retired for refreshment, consisting of a good supper, in the adjoining tavern. After the removal of the cloth, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to by the brethren, Bro. Cottebrune, P.G.P., returning thanks for "The Grand Officers." In proposing "The Health of the Initiates," which toast was made to include all candidates since June, the W.M. said that he would wish to impress upon them that Freemasonry was not a thing which can be learned in a day, a month, or a year, but that it was a worthy structure formed in wisdom, constituted in strength, and adorned by beauty, and that its lessons afforded pleasure, recreation, and profit. It was in that light he wished the brethren to regard Freemasonry. Bro. Meredith, as I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," in doing which he referred to the energy and able working of Bro. Roe, and attributed to his exertions, and the interest he took in it, the prosperity of the lodge. In returning thanks, the W.M. disclaimed all right to be considered the cause of the success of the lodge, which he said was due rather to those who had assisted him. He acknowledged himself very proud of this six months' old lodge, and particularly of the attention that was made to the sound of the Master's gavel, and of the interest which the brethren took in the working of the ceremonies. The assistance he thus received rendered his work as Master comparatively easy, and very much a labour of love. After proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. gave the toast of "The Press." They had present among them a representative of the "Freemason," a publication to which the Craft was greatly indebted for the fair and impartial manner in which it recorded proceedings like the present, and for the benefits it conferred on the Craft generally by spreading abroad a knowledge of matters that were interesting to Masons. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Massey. Bro. Massey returned thanks, expressing the pleasure it gave him to be in the position to do so, and to attend these meetings, especially when he had the gratification of sending the "Freemason" a favourable report of the working of the lodge, and added that he had seldom seen the ceremonies worked in a more impressive manner than he had at the Wanderers' Lodge. W.M.: Another toast, brethren, and rather a painful one. One of the founders of this lodge is going to cause the first gap in it. Bro. Guy, I am sorry to say, is going away to Spain. Some of us might be going to Egypt soon, and might see him. All of you know him well, and know his natural characteristics are so exceptional, that I need hardly say a half a dozen words to cause you to drink his health most heartily. I am sure you will be sorry to lose him, and will wish him health, happiness, and prosperity, and a safe return to England. The toast was received with much cordiality, and Bro. Guy returned thanks, after which the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings of a pleasant evening.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The first meeting after the summer vacation was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, Oct. 5th. The lodge was opened at quarter to eight by Bro. Brown, W.M., supported by Bros. Clark, I.P.M.; Capt. Peel Floyd, Cooper, Moutrie, Rubie, P.M.'s of 41; Dr. Hopkins, P.M. 43 and 958; Reeves, P.M. 906; and the following officers:—F. Wilkinson, S.W.; Carey, P.M., as J.W.; Ashley, P.M., Treas.; C. Wilkinson, Sec.; Braham, S.D.; Robinson, as J.D.; Hunt, as I.G.; Radway, Steward; Bigwood, Tyler; and several members. The minutes of the last regular and also of an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. On the proposition of the I.P.M., seconded by the J.W., the Secretary was directed to write to Bro. Davis to express the pleasure with which the members heard of his progress towards convalescence after long and severe illness, and to offer their congratulations and sincere wishes for his complete recovery. Mr. Ycomans, previously balloted for, was admitted properly prepared, and duly initiated by the W.M. Bro. Cooper, P.M., gave the charge with his wonted care and impressiveness, and the symbolism of the working tools was explained by the S.W. Bro. Hunt read the report of the Library Committee, from which it appeared that the books have been arranged in the book-case in the ante-room and catalogued; that the old documents, charter, and minutes from 1733 are deposited in an iron chest in the custody of the Treasurer. The proposed rules for the management of the library were read and agreed to. On the proposition of Bro. Rubie, seconded by Bro. Carey, a vote of thanks was passed to the Library Committee for their efficient services, and they were requested to direct their attention to some valuable documents and pictures, which were mentioned by the W.M. as suffering from damp, and to take measures for preventing further mischief. In the absence of the Director of Ceremonies Bro. Clark brought forward his proposition to change the hour of meeting from 7.30 to 8. A discussion ensued, in which the W.M., Wardens, Treasurer, and Dr. Hopkins took part in opposition to it. When put to the vote, the proposition was negatived, and in consequence of the remarks made in favour of early hours, the W.M. promised during the remainder of his term of office to open punctually at the time named in the summons. A letter from Bro. Tudor Trevor was read, chiefly in reference to the subscriptions of non-resident members, the result of which was notice of motion by Bro. Ashley on the subject. The Worshipful Master represented to the brethren that at a recent provincial meeting the several lodges were specially directed to attend with banners, but, as the Cumberland Lodge does not possess one, he could not comply with the request; he therefore suggested a consideration of the matter with a view to supply the deficiency before

the period of another provincial meeting, considering that it is specially incumbent on No. 41 to set a good example, as being the oldest lodge in the province. The S.W. announced that Bro. Mealyard was present in the lodge for the last time previous to his departure for New Zealand, which led to a cordial expression of good wishes for his success in his new position, and the hope that he might there find many who would hail him as a brother, and afford him practical proof of the beneficial results of connection with the Order, of which he is as yet but a young member. A candidate for joining was proposed by the acting J.W., and seconded by the Secretary. The lodge was closed at 10.15.

WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).—The first meeting of the season was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., the W.M., Bro. W. R. Denne, presided, supported by Bros. Wilson, P.M., Treas., acting S.W.; Hume, J.W.; Carter, I.P.M., P.G.D.D., Sec.; Roberts, S.D.; Schiemann, J.D.; Nicholes, I.G.; Strange, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., D.C.; Dixon, P.P.G.D.C., P.M.; McIlwham, P.M.; Stedwell, P.M.; Mitchiner, Cousins, Andrews, Legg, Evans, Waterson, Scollery, and others. Visitors: Bros. Tolley, P.M. 771, P.P.G.J.D.; Bingham, P.M. 771; Powell, P.M. 771; Willett, 771; Chorley, W.M. 865; Cantrell, W.M. 1501; Whittaker, 73 I.G.; and others. Three gentlemen underwent the ordeal of the ballot, and were all unanimously elected, two, however, Messrs. Pitts and Miller, were not present; the other (Mr. Dick Radclyffe) was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., who also passed Bro. Mitchiner to the Second Degree. Two propositions for joining members having been received, the lodge was closed in due form. There is every appearance of a continuance of the success which has characterised the lodge during the last few years.

HADLEIGH.—Virtue and Silence Lodge (No. 332).—We had the great pleasure of attending the regular meeting of this lodge, held at White Lion, Hadleigh, Suffolk, on Thursday, the 28th ult., and seldom have we seen better working than upon that occasion. Amongst those present were Bros. A. J. Grimwade, W.M.; W. Gardiner, P.P.G.P., P. Acting S.W.; J. King, J.W.; W. Hart, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., S.D.; S. Cooper, J.D.; H. Nolding, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. S. Muriel, P.M.; E. B. Powell, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; F. Grimwade, Sec.; C. J. Grimwade, E. W. Archer, H. W. Hitchcock, Org.; and others. Visitors: Bros. William, W.M. Stour Valley, No. 1224; J. Hills, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. 1224; Emra Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.R., and P.P.G.D. Pixley, P.M. 98. The lodge having been duly opened, Bro. C. J. Grimwade, was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M., the ceremony being performed in an admirable manner by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his Wardens and other officers. Mr. H. Jones was subsequently initiated into Masonry, and we could not but remark on the faultless elocution of the W.M. in conducting both ceremonies. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the supper-room, where a substantial repast was done ample justice to, and mine host of the White Lion catered well for his guests. The cloth being removed, the usual toasts were proposed from the chair and duly responded to. The W.M. coupled "The Past and Present P.G. Officers" with the name of Bro. Hills, who, in returning thanks, remarked on the perfect way in which the ceremonies had been gone through by the W.M., and paid a very high compliment to the working of the Lodge. The W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," coupled the toast with the name of his old friend Bro. Emra Holmes, and alluded to the publication of his new volume of tales and Masonic papers, stating that he hoped a good many of the brethren would get the work, as he intended to have a copy which he would not lend to anyone. A brother might otherwise say, "Oh yes, the tales are very good, but as I have read them I don't want lend a copy. So he gave them fair notice that he should not lend his copy. Bro. Holmes, in responding, thanked the brethren for the cordial way in which they had received him. He could not but bear his testimony to the admirably impressive manner in which the W.M. had conducted the ceremonies that evening, and it gave him real pleasure to see a lodge so well worked as he had done that night. With regard to Bro. Grimwade's allusion to the book he was bringing out, he could only say that he hoped his Masonic brethren generally would help him in an effort to render assistance to a literary brother in distress. He had no pecuniary interest in the work, but he did hope to see it successful for the sake of the friend to whom he had given the copyright. Other toasts, including "The W.M.," proposed by the acting S.W., and modestly responded to by Bro. Grimwade, followed. Bro. Hitchcock, the owner of a beautiful tenor voice, and other brethren, contributed to the harmony of the evening, and a most agreeable meeting was brought to a close by the advent of Bruce's witching hour of eleven.

MILLBROOK.—Lodge Meridian (No. 893).—At a regular meeting of this lodge, holden in the School Rooms, Millbrook, on Monday evening, 2nd inst., a presentation was made to the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, I.P.M. of the lodge, and G.M. of the Province of Cornwall. The ceremony of opening the lodge was duly performed, with Bros. W. Cawse, W.M.; W. H. Clark, P.M., S.W.; T. W. Hutchens, J.W.; W. Henwood, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Bickford, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., S.D.; W. Harris, P.M., J.D.; J. R. Richards, I.G.; and a large number of brethren and visitors, among whom we noticed P.M.'s W. Veale, J. R. Worth, Rev. P. Newham, Filmer, and J. D. J. Moysey. The Earl arrived, and was received with grand honours. Having taken his seat as I.P.M. by the request of the W.M., Past Master J. R. Worth in appropriate and feeling terms presented to his lordship, in the name and on behalf of the Past Masters, officers and members of the lodge, a Past Master's gold jewel, accompanied by an address (beautifully illuminated on vellum by Bro. Trethewey, P.M. 159),

thanking his lordship for the active interest he has taken in the lodge since its formation. In reply, the Earl, after eulogising the workmanship of the jewel, and also the artistic illumination of the address, stated that it fell to his lot to propose "The Prosperity of Lodge Meridian" at the banquet immediately subsequent to the consecration of the lodge, and that he had used his best endeavours to promote and maintain that prosperity. He also expressed his great satisfaction that the lodge, now numbering 75 members, was holding its meetings in a private building, instead of, as formerly, in a house of public resort. After thanking them for the practical proof just given of their esteem and recognition of his services in the past, his lordship promised, as far as his time would permit—and the demands upon it were heavy—he was still at the service of the lodge, either to advise or to assist with his presence, or in a practical and tangible manner should it ever be needed. The inscription on the jewel was, "Presented by the brethren of Lodge Meridian, No. 893, to the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.G.M. of Cornwall, in recognition of the honour conferred on the lodge by his service in the office of Worshipful Master therein for the year 1875-6. His lordship then retired, and the other business of the evening was proceeded with.

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LANCASTER.—Moore Lodge (No. 146).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on the 25th ult., Bro. E. Simpson, R.W.M., occupying the chair of King Solomon. The following brethren were balloted for and advanced:—Bros. John Tilly, William Curtis Edmonds, John Thomas Jackson, and Bro. James Aldous. There were several visiting brethren present, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Binckes, G.S., M.M.M.; G. J. McKay (W.M. designate 196), W. Cranston, and others. The lodge closed with the usual formalities.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PORTSMOUTH.—Naval and Military Conclave (No. 35).—The quarterly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Sept. 26th, 1876. The throne was occupied by the Int. Gen. of Hants, Sir Knt. Dr. C. Knott, assisted and supported by his Deputy, Sir Knt. J. Clark; W. Sharp, M.P.S.; C. Groom, V.E.; Jn. Harrison, Sen. Gen.; B. Simister, Jun. Gen.; J. Clay, P.S., as H.P.; A. R. Robinson, Rec.; J. W. D. Pillow, P.P.Org., Org.; G. Rose Johnson, as Prefect; W. Tuck, S.B.; C. G. Adames, as Herald; W. Crofton, J. Skeens, E. Smith, and J. Collins; with G. Copus, Sentinel. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for the following candidates for installation: Bros. A. Nance, jun., W. H. Sperring, T. R. Crook, and Lieut. S. G. T. Bourke, R.N., W.M. 1428, and being favourable, they were (with the exception of Bro. Crook, who was absent from severe indisposition) duly admitted, installed and proclaimed. The Historical Oration was then delivered by the acting H.P. in his usual impressive manner. This being the evening for election of M.P.S., Viceroy, and Treasurer for coming year, the members unanimously elected the highly respected Viceroy, C. Groom, as their ruler for 1877, the Sen. Gen., Jn. Harrison, Viceroy; and Josiah Clay, P.S. and Treas., was again re-elected by acclamation, he having worthily occupied that position with credit to himself and the great benefit of the conclave from its commencement in December, 1870. There being no further business the conclave was closed in ample and solemn form by the Int. Gen.

The usual meeting of Mount Olivet Commandery St. John the Evangelist, was held the same day, when Sir Knts. B. Simister and G. R. Johnson were duly received into that exalted degree, the Traditional Oration being delivered by Bro. Knt. A. R. Robinson, P. Com. St. John, &c. Bro. Knt. John Clark, the present P.P., and M.E.C., was re-elected to that office for the coming year, and the commandery was sealed and closed in due form.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday afternoon last, at Freemasons' Hall, when there was an average attendance of the brethren. The chair was occupied by Bro. Benjamin Head, who was voted thereto unanimously. The other brethren who attended were Bros. John Symonds, Jesse Turner, A. H. Tattershall, Wm. Mann, Alfred H. Diaper, W. F. C. Moutrie, A. Durrant, John Boyd, H. C. Levander, Hyde Pullen, R. B. Webster, S. B. Ellis, S. Rosenthal, J. G. Chancellor, Richd. Tyrrell, James Winter, H. Massey ("Freemason"), and Frederick Binckes, Secretary.

One petition was received, and one was deferred for additional information. Outfits were granted to two of the ex-pupils of the school.

Three vacancies were declared for the election of next Monday in addition to the 12 already on the list, thus making 15 candidates to be admitted to the school out of an approved list of 57 boys.

The brethren afterwards adjourned.

A supplement of four pages will be issued gratis to our subscribers next week, and will contain, among other interesting matter, a full report of the proceedings at the Masonic demonstration in Glasgow on the 17th inst.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

By command of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, M.W.D.G.M. of England, and R.W. Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, the annual meeting of the Freemasons of the western division of Lancashire was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, for the transaction of the annual business of the province. In consequence of the limited accommodation at the hall in Hope-street, the attendance for the first time was confined to the Prov. Grand Officers (past and present), W.M.'s, P.M.'s, Wardens, and officers of lodges in the division, and even with this limitation the lodge-room was crowded to its utmost extent, and as the brethren appeared in their collars and jewels of office the picture was exceedingly striking. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M., occupied his place on the throne, and he was supported by Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Lindsay, P.G.M. Aberdeenshire, W.; the Hon. F. Stanley, D.P.G.M.; C. Fryer, P.G.S.W.; W. C. Deely, P.G.J.W.; Rev. J. M. Morgan, P.G.C.; T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.G. Reg.; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; J. C. Gillman, P.G. S.D.; J. Lunt, P.G.D.C.; W. Bowden, P.G.S.B.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. Pemberton, P.G.S.; T. A. Collinson, P.G.S.; G. Cornfield, P.G.S.; J. F. Roberts, P.G.S.; P. Macmurdrow, P.G.S.; W. Laidlaw, P.G.S. of W.; W. Doyle, P.P.G.J.D.; Colonel Thos. Birchall, G.S.D., and P.P.G.S.W.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; J. B. Lambert, P.P.G.S.D.; E. Friend, P.P.G.J.D. Cheshire; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D.; J. W. J. Fowler, P.P.G.D.C.; S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Remington, P.P.G.J.W.; W. J. Sly, P.G. Purst.; E. Mocatta, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Sherlock, P.G. Reg.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; Reuben Pearson, P.P.G.R.; J. Bowes, P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmorland; W. Wilson, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Prescott, P.P.G.J.W.; J. W. Turley, P.P.G.J.D.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C.; F. Binckes, Past G.S. (Secretary of the Boys' School, London); J. Terry, P.G.D.C. Herts (Secretary of the Benevolent Institution); J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W. Cheshire; T. Marwood, P.G.J.W.; H. Bulley, Past G.S.B.; T. A. Lowe, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Baxendale, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Wylie, P.P.G.J.W.; B. W. Rawson, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Martin, jun., W.M. 1182; J. Bell, W.M. 1609; R. Brown, P.M. 241 (Hon. Secretary West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution); F. Knight, W.M. 1325; J. W. Burgess, S.W. 1325; J. H. Bradshaw, J.W. 1325; H. Nelson, P.M. 1505; J. T. Callow, W.M. 1505; T. Roberts, W.M. 673; W. T. May, P.M. 673; R. Pearson, P.M. 673; Clark, P.M. 673; H. Burrows, S.W. 673; D. Jackson, J.W. 673; S. Tickle, S.W. 220; D. S. Davies, S.W. 216; W. J. Chapman, S.W. 1609; L. Courtenay, J.W.; T. Horne, W.M. 1356; B. B. Marson, P.M. 1356; Hugh Williams, P.M. 1264; J. Winsor, W.M. 203; J. E. Jackson, W.M. 667; G. Hutchin, W.M. 241; W. L. Lunt, P.M. 823; H. Hunt, P.M. 594; R. Ing, P.M. 594; J. Harding, P.M. 148; J. W. Williams, J.W. 1356; J. Lloyd, W.M. 249; G. Musker, Sec. 1182; H. Ashmore, P.M. 1325; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; C. Leedham, P.M. 220; Rev. T. W. Richardson, S.W. 1380; P. R. Thorn, P.M. 1182; A. J. Henschberg, W.M. 1502; P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; A. C. Wylie, J.D. 5264; J. Hocken, P.M. 673; H. Jackson, P.M. 1393; J. Wood, Treas. 1094 ("Freemason"); R. R. Martin, P.M. 1094; J. Beesley, P.M. 216; J. McKune, P.M. 216; G. Morgan, P.M. 1035; J. Hayes, P.M. 249; T. Evans, P.M. 1356; W. Woods, W.M. 1620; W. Pughe, S.W. 1620; G. Lunt, J.W. 1620; M. Corless, P.M. 673; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; W. Vaughan, W.M. 724; J. S. Dixon, P.M. 1264; J. Lecomber, S.W. 594; Capt. T. Berry, W.M. 155; J. A. Edginton, P.M. 1182; J. Davison, P.M. 724; A. Morrison, J.W. 1570; P. W. Oglesby, S.D. 823; R. P. France, W.M. 594; W. Wilson, W.M. 823; J. L. Houghton, J.W. 594; J. Thornton, P.M. 1182; W. S. Vines, P.M. 220; W. Archer, P.M. 1086; W. Cottrell, P.M. 823; W. Shortis, P.M. 724; Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, Sec. 216; H. Firth, Sec. 667; F. Bell, W. 1398; H. Johns, P.M. 1473; J. Ellis, J.W. 667; T. Buxton, W.M. 1345; J. W. C. Browne Cave, Sec. 1547; J. Parkin, J.W. 1547; C. Heden, Treas. 1325; T. Molyneux, S.D. 897; and others.

The Craft lodge was duly opened by the Masters of the oldest lodges in the province, Nos. 32, 86, 249, and others, and the Prov. Grand Lodge was afterwards received in the usual manner.

The P.G. Secretary read the roll of lodges in the province, when it appeared that every one in the large division was represented, with one exception, this absence being caused by the illness of the W.M. The minutes of the previous annual meeting, held at Preston last October, and a special Provincial Grand Lodge in Liverpool in April, were also read and confirmed unanimously.

The P.G. Treasurer, Bro. T. Armstrong, submitted the financial accounts of the P.G. Lodge, the Fund of Benevolence, and with reference to the money payable to the charitable fund, from which it appeared that the receipts for the year 1875-6 from the Provincial Grand Lodge fees amounted to £679 11s. 5d.; for the Fund of Benevolence, £1616 8s. 11d.; and for the Charity Fund, £199 11s. 6d. The balances were as follow:—Charity Fund, £180 13s. 6d.; P.G. Lodge fees, £297 2s. 7d.; and the Fund of Benevolence, £1484 16s. 7d.; total £1912 12s. 8d. Bro. Armstrong added that there were now only three lodges in arrears, whereas there were ten the previous year.

Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., moved the reappointment of Bro. Armstrong as the Prov. Grand Treasurer, stating that they could not have a better man for the position.

The motion was seconded by Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.

Bro. W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823, said no doubt it was necessary, as far as possible, that the brother elected to this office should secure it by the unanimous vote of the brethren; and although he had not one word to say against Bro. Armstrong (than whom a worthier brother could not be found, and who had fulfilled his duties with the greatest advantage to the Craft), yet it was desirable, especially in a large province like West Lancashire, where honours could not be scattered broadcast, that the honours should be divided at times amongst the brethren. He therefore proposed that Bro. Major George Turner, P.M. 823, should be appointed to the office of P.G. Treasurer, and referred to him in complimentary terms as a Mason, and the high position occupied by the lodge with which he was connected.

Bro. W. Cottrell, P.M. 823, seconded the motion, and as this was the only honour in Provincial Grand Lodge which the brethren had the power of voting he thought they should exercise their privilege and change this officer occasionally.

After some remarks from Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; and Bro. W. Shortis, P.M. 724, the P.G.M. put the matter to the brethren, when 117 voted for Bro. Turner and 76 for Bro. Armstrong. Bro. G. Turner was accordingly declared elected, and as he was absent at Buxton he was invested by proxy with the collar and jewel of the office, Bro. W. J. Lunt being his representative.

The P.G.M. then appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—

The Hon. F. Stanley, M.P. Prov. D.G.M.
W. Horner, 32 Prov. G.S.W.
W. Sharp, 148 Prov. G.J.W.
The Rev. H. Bethell Jones, 1387 Prov. G. Ch. plain.
G. D. Pochin, 1375 Prov. G. Reg.
H. S. Alpass, 155 Prov. G. Sec.
E. B. Harding, 1496 Prov. G.S.D.
W. J. Sly, 1051 Prov. G.J.D.
J. Pemberton, 1264 Prov. G.S. of W.
T. A. Collinson, 1350 Prov. G.D.C.
Joseph Roberts, 1313 Prov. G.A.D.C.
G. Cornfield, 1225 Prov. G.S.B.
J. Skeaf, 216 Prov. G. Org.
P. Macmurdrow, 1399 Prov. G. Purst.
H. W. Johnstone, 113, H. Jackson, 1393, B. B. Marson, 1356 and 1609, W. Vines, 220, J. McKune, 216, and T. W. Sergeant, 203 Prov. G. Stewards.
P. Ball (re-elected) Prov. G. Tyler.
W. H. Ball Prov. G. Ast. Tyler.

The sum of £65 was voted for the relief of various widows and distressed brethren from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., then submitted his annual report as follows:—

Since the last annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge the following lodges have been consecrated:—The Morecambe Lodge, No. 1561; the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1588; the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609; the Marlborough Lodge, No. 1620. The condition of the lodges in the province is generally satisfactory. Several of the lodges have raised the amount of their initiation and joining fees, with the view of preventing unfit persons being proposed for initiation. I am informed that the sedilia in Chester Cathedral, provided by the Masons in West Lancashire, is put up, and that it is very much admired, and also that Masonic emblems are introduced with good effect. Fifty years have just elapsed since the county of Lancaster was divided into two provinces. There were then in the western division 23 lodges with 467 subscribing members; we have now 75 lodges with nearly 5000 members. (Loud applause.) The Egerton Lodge, No. 1030, which formerly met in a house in the eastern division, has removed to Heaton Norris in the western division, and although I have made the usual application for a return of their members, I have not received it. It will be necessary, I think, to take further proceedings in this matter, on which I shall be glad to receive instructions.

Several brethren suggested that a special effort should be made to raise the sum which was still due for the sedilia, and donations of five and ten guineas were given by several brethren.

The P.G.M. instructed the P.G. Sec. to write to the Master of the Egerton Lodge, calling his attention to the omissions which had been made, and requesting an immediate return of the number of members. Failing this, steps would at once be taken to bring the lodge under some punishment for neglect.

Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; Hon. Secretary to the Hamer Benevolent Fund, presented the following third annual report of that charity:—

Your Committee have much pleasure in presenting the Third Annual Report, and heartily thank the lodges and brethren for the increased support given to the fund during the year, and for the desire evinced by so many brethren to promote its best interests.

One petition has been presented during the year, and your committee unanimously recommended that brother to be placed on the fund, but before their recommendation could be confirmed by the Provincial Grand Lodge, as required by the bye-laws, the brother died, and this brought before the committee the desirability of modifying the laws, so as to obviate the necessity of an applicant having to wait perhaps many months before receiving the assistance which he so much needed.

After due consideration the following resolution was passed by your committee, and they hope it will meet with your approval.

"That in the event of there being no Provincial Grand Lodge meeting within two months of the date of any recommendation of the committee, a special meeting of the vice-presidents and life governors shall be called, to consider the recommendation, and, if necessary, empower the Treasurer to pay to the applicant the amount recommended.

The report was adopted, the committee appointed for the ensuing year, and it was resolved to invest the further sum of £270 in Mersey Dock bonds.

Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., moved—

That a sum of not less than 100 guineas be paid from the charity fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The motion was seconded by Bro. R. Wylie, and carried unanimously.

On the motion of Bro. R. Wylie, seconded by Bro. Goepel, the following motion was also agreed to:—

That the sum of 50 guineas be voted out of the charity fund, in the name of the R.W. Prov. G.M., to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

Bro. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., next moved—

That the P.G. Secretary summon a meeting of the committee of the Mott memorial fund during the month of October, in order to obtain a report and close the same, and thus carry out the object for which the fund was formed.

It was incidentally stated that the fund had reached £700, and it was highly desirable it should now be closed.—The motion was seconded by Bro. R. Wylie, and, after some discussion, was agreed to.

Bro. Armstrong, P.P.G. Treasurer, presented the jewel of his former office to the P.G. Lodge, and on the motion of Bro. Broadbridge, seconded by Bro. W. J. Lunt, a cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Armstrong for his valuable three years' services, and it was also agreed that he should be presented with a P.P.G. Treasurer's jewel.

The annual court of governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was then held, and the reports of Bro. R. Brown, P.M. 241, the excellent Honorary Secretary of the institution, were adopted. The annual report for the past year, after expressing satisfaction with the growing prosperity of the charity and the increased usefulness of the institution as shown in the addition of a large number of children on the foundation, further stated—

A reference to the accounts will show that the income for the year, including donations and subscriptions from the brethren and from lodges, proceeds of the annual ball, and fees from the Provincial Grand Lodge, &c., amounts to £636 18s. 6d.; whilst the income from invested funds amounts to £515 12s. 7d.; and, after making all necessary payments, there has been added to the invested funds of the institution, and available for a continuance, and, if necessary, an extension of its usefulness, the sum of £868 16s. 4d., making a total invested fund of £12,683 17s. 8d. It will also be seen on reference to the report that a sum of £430 9s. 11d. has during the year been expended for the education and advancement of children, being an increase of £141 14s. 4d. over the payment in 1874. These results cannot but be gratifying to the officers and brethren of the province; and whilst the prosperous state of the finances evokes expressions of thankfulness and pleasure, the increasing demands on the funds of the institution call for continued exertion on the part of the Masons of West Lancashire, inasmuch as it will be seen that whereas there were in 1874 on the funds 48 children, the number in the present report is 61; and at the date of the issuing of this report there are applications for the election of 23 additional children. Your committee cannot close this report without referring to the noble and generous example shown by the brethren of the Lodge of Harmony, Ormskirk (580), in having, in addition to the former contributions of the lodge, subscribed the handsome sum of £63, thus constituting the principal officers of the lodge and almost every member life-governors of the institution. Your committee also remark with pleasure the fact that most of the newly-constituted lodges in the province have inaugurated the commencement of their labours by placing on record their generosity, showing thus early in their career that they are not unmindful of the great principles of Freemasonry. It is the earnest desire of the committee that their charity and their prosperity may go hand in hand, and that they and all the brethren who have so liberally supported this great institution may here and hereafter reap the reward of good deeds well done.

The committee for the coming year was appointed, thanks were voted to the officers for their services of the past year, and the Provincial Grand Lodge resumed.

Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.P.G. Reg., gave notice that at the next meeting of the P.G. Lodge he would move that in future every primary application to the fund of benevolence be relieved in a sum not exceeding £15, and that every subsequent application be relieved by a sum not exceeding £10; and further, that a sum of £1000 be invested in bonds of the Mersey Dock Board at 4½ per cent., and that the sum accruing therefrom be devoted to the Masonic charities.

The business proceedings were then brought to a close, and the P.G.L. and Craft lodge were closed in due form.

Upwards of 100 brethren subsequently dined at four o'clock at the Adelphi Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, who was supported by a large number of Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers. The banquet, supplied under the direction of Bro. Ludlow, manager of the hotel, gave satisfaction.

The P.G.M., after giving the toast of "The Queen," proposed "The M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family." His lordship said they drank this toast in two senses—first, as the future King; and secondly, as their Grand Master. He now spoke of him in the latter capacity, and he was quite sure they all felt proud of the heir to the Throne ruling over them, and especially when His Royal Highness did so with the full intention of doing the best of his ability, as every one could see. He (Lord Skelmersdale) knew the deep interest the Prince took in Masonry; and although his numerous engagements kept

him from being always present at Grand Lodge, yet he always did so when it was possible. He was afraid the Masonic Order would never claim the Duke of Edinburgh as one of its number (and that was not his fault), but they had two other members of the Royal family who were their brethren; and he thought it was a fact of which they ought to be proud that three out of the four Princes of the Royal House belonged to Freemasonry. (Loud applause.)

Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M., next gave "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., and the other Officers of the Grand Lodge," remarking that in their Pro G.M. they had one of the best working Masons in the country. He knew his work most thoroughly, and could go into a lodge and work it all through its degrees without the smallest difficulty. He had a most wonderful memory, and was well fitted for the work which he was called on to perform. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Colonel Birchall, P.S.D., responded, and said that during the period he had occupied a position in the Grand Lodge he observed that all who had been invested were actuated with a desire to perform the duties with zeal and a due regard to the benefits of the Order. He was quite sure that every Grand Officer who had been appointed felt most deeply the honour which had been conferred upon him, as no greater privilege could be conferred on any Mason than to become a member of the Grand Lodge. Bro. Birchall then referred to the benign influence exercised by Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., over the large and important Province of West Lancashire. For a long time this province had been in the cold shade of forgetfulness in high quarters, but now they had their P.G.M. the Deputy G.M., who had secured Grand Lodge honours almost on the first opportunity for brethren in his division—honours for which the brethren generally felt very grateful. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, M.P., Past G.S.W., also replied, and said it had been his privilege and honour to be associated with the Grand Lodge through the kindness of Lord Zetland. He had always felt proud of being possessed of those functions, not so much from personal feeling, but because they reflected honour upon the province with which he was connected. He had always found that the value and the cardinal principles of the Grand Lodge were recognised in their assemblies, which had invariably shown their loyalty to those principles and those associations which bound them together, and he also found that their lodges looked up with reverence, affection, and respect to the corner stone of the Grand Masonic Lodge. (Applause.) Sir Gilbert thanked the brethren cordially for the manner in which the toast had been received, and said he had had special pleasure in being present that day to see an old and valued friend receive P.G. honours at the hands of Lord Skelmersdale.

Bro. Col. Birchall, G.S.D., next submitted what he called the toast of the evening, viz., "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, M.W.D.G.M., and R.W.P.G.M. West Lancashire." Since the advent of his lordship to the chair of Freemasonry had progressed with redoubled success, and they ought to be proud of their Masonic head.

The toast was received with immense enthusiasm. Lord Skelmersdale: Bro. Birchall and brethren,—I thank you most heartily for the proposal and reception given to this toast. I feel your kindness most deeply, and also the appreciation shown of any little thing I do in this province. There is no encouragement like a knowledge of the fact that those with whom you associate appreciate your works. That appreciation I have found in this province in an eminent degree, and I do hope it will continue. (Loud cheers.) Bro. Birchall has flattered me too much. (Cries of "No, no.") Brethren, will you allow me to say I am the best judge of that—(laughter)—and I do say he has. I have, however, tried to do my best, and will try to do so as we go on. Brethren, as you know, this is a very large province; it is, I believe, the second largest province in the kingdom, containing as it does no fewer than 75 lodges; and with this magnitude of our Masonic borders it is difficult to please every one. With respect to the division of the purple, you will see the difficulty here when I say it takes nine years to go round the lodges, and when this can only be given to one in even the largest lodge the division is all the more difficult. I wish I had four times the number of officers to give away, as there are plenty of good brethren in the province. I say this now, because I saw to-day there was a sort of feeling that the office of P.G. Treasurer had not been given to the lodge for several years. The last time I had the pleasure of addressing you I spoke of the restoration of Chester Cathedral, with its far famed style; but I do hope every member of the lodge will understand I never meant to ask one single individual to help that fund against his conscience, nor for one single second did I ever intend the contributions should be put as a tax upon the lodges. (Hear hear, and applause.) Here was a great work going on in the diocese, and I thought that those of them who were churchmen should show their appreciation of the restoration by helping on that work. I hope there will be no difficulty in completing our share of the work. I see no difficulty, but once for all I must say I never intended to tax you in any way, but to be a purely voluntary gift. I was extremely sorry we were obliged to restrict the attendance at Provincial Grand Lodge to-day to the officers of our lodges, but circumstances would not allow any other arrangement. If we could find a place large enough to seat the whole 5000 Masons in this province I should be delighted to allow every one the privilege of being present; but next year, when we meet, I hope some arrangement will be made by which the majority of the brethren will be able to attend. Brethren, I thank you, and must apologise for leaving you now, as I have a household of guests at home. The P.G.M. left at this stage amid cordial cheering, and his position was then taken by

Bro. Colonel Birchall, G.S.D., who proposed "The Hon. F. Stanley, W.D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Wardens." Bro. Horner, P.G.S.W., and Bro. Sharpe, P.G.J.W., responded to the toast.

Bro. Birchall also gave "The Provincial Grand Masters of the Adjoining Provinces," which was acknowledged by Bro. Bowes, P.G.J.W.

"The Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," given by Col. Birchall, was coupled with the name of Bro. Mocatta, P.P.G.S.B., who said he was not only the oldest member of the P.G. Lodge, but probably also the oldest member of the Craft in the province, having been a Mason since the year 1819, a period of fifty-seven years. (Cheers.) He need not speak to them of the value of Freemasonry, but if they referred to the Masonic journals of 1843 and 1844 they would there find how much benefit Masonry had been to him in connection with his life and property. He felt great pride as an old Mason that the Craft was not deteriorating, but, on the contrary, making great progress; and he was equally proud to find that an old friend and brother had that day been honoured with office by the P.G.M. Bro. Mocatta advised all young men who travelled to join the Order, as it would be of great advantage to them; and he concluded by stating that he was particularly happy in having both a son and a grandson belonging to the Craft, one being a P.M., and the other Chaplain of the lodge to which he belonged.

The P.G. Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. Bethell Jones) also responded, and stated that his ambition had that day been fully gratified. He was only five years old as a Mason, and it was doubtless owing to the fact that he was connected with the Established Church that he occupied the position in which he had been placed that day. He had set his heart upon being P.G.C., but he had said nothing about this determination until he had received the letter from the P.G. Sec., telling him of the choice of the P.G.M.

Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., said that "from time immemorial it has been customary" to put the "Worshipful Masters of the Province" in the hands of the P.G. Sec., and the wisdom of this arrangement would be apparent to every brother, as he (the P.G. Sec.) was supposed to know more about them than any other. With one exception he had received returns from the 75 lodges, but he must complain about the occasional delay in taking notice of his "communications," and when he visited the offending lodges they seemed to be aggrieved at this course of personal visitation about the neglect. (Cries of "No, no," and laughter.) It gave him great pleasure to propose this toast, because he knew the W.M.'s were very carefully selected by the brethren, and they did their duties very conscientiously. He had also great pleasure in referring to the attention paid to the ritual, the admirable working in the lodges, and the exceedingly small amount of disagreement which prevailed.

Bro. Tyler, W.M. 86, acknowledged the toast. Bro. Col. Birchall: The toast of the charities will be proposed by Bro. Binckes, the Secretary to the Boys' School, London, whose seductive eloquence had been able to open the hearts and purses of brethren in every province in England. (Applause.)

Bro. Binckes said he did not know he ever rose with greater pleasure than on that occasion to propose so noble a toast as "The Charities of the Province." He had been for years the official representative of one of the great London charities; Bro. Terry was there as representing the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; and but for ill-health Bro. Little would also have been there as the representative of the Girls' School. These London institutions belonged to the whole Craft (hear hear); every one had an equal claim upon them; it simply happened that these institutions were centred in the metropolitan district, but that fact did not confine their working. Some time ago it was considered that district institutions would interfere with the interests of the great central institution—that there would be a rivalry—but he had lived to see that this fear was without foundation, and he for one most heartily and cordially welcomed the establishment of these relief institutions in the various provinces which were large enough to support them. The fact that there was now an invested capital of upwards of £13,000 in connection with the institution in West Lancashire showed how greatly they had prospered, but he was sure that no one would neglect the great central institutions on account of this.

Bro. Wilson, Hon. Treasurer, responded, and said he hoped the brethren would take care that the successful enthusiasm they had shown in connection with their institution would not give place to coolness, then to indifference, and subsequently to total neglect. He said that the larger claims which were now being made on the fund ought to lead to greater liberality on the part of the brethren.

Bro. Alpass, P.G. Sec., proposed "The Ladies," which was acknowledged by Bros. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., and R. Wilson.

A charming selection of choice music was capitally given during the evening by Madame Bosanneck, Mrs. Skeaf, Bros. D. Saunders, J. Basfield, C. Haswell, A. Child, J. Queen, T. J. Hughes, and H. Ashmore. Bro. J. Skeaf had charge of the musical arrangements, and presided at the piano.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Health's Defences.—None save the strongest can with impunity pass through the sudden transitions from wet to dry, from cold to muggy weather so prevalent during the late autumn and early winter months. Influenza, bronchitis, cough, sore throat, diphtheria, or quinsy will attack those most vulnerable of their health; but they can readily arrest any of these complaints by rubbing Holloway's Ointment twice a day upon the skin adjacent to the affected part, and by assisting its corrective action with appropriate doses of his Pills. This well-known, safe, and easy mode of treatment efficiently protects the invalid both from present and future danger without weakening or even depressing the system in the slightest degree.—ADVT

CONSECRATION OF THE BAYARD CHAPTER ROSE CROIX.

On Monday afternoon this new chapter of the Rose Croix Degree was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square. The ceremony of consecration was performed by Capt. Philips in the unavoidable absence of the Earl of Carnarvon. Capt. Philips, P.M., S.G.C. 33°, was assisted by the other members of the Council, consisting of Genl. Clerk, F.R.S. 33°; Dr. Hamilton, 33°; Major Shadwell Clerke, 33°; Col. Adair, 33°; Hugh D. Sandeman, 33°; Raphael Costa, 33°; S. Rawson, 33°; W. Hyde Pullen, 33°; R. W. H. Giddy, 33°; Col. Hutton, 33°, of Canada; Thos. Jowitt, 32°; John Hervey, 32°; Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., 31°; Chas. Grillion, 31°; Capt. Perkins, 31°; Geo. Lambert, 31°; A. F. Godson, 31°; J. Keene, M.D., 30°; H. R. Cooper Smith, 30°; John Read, 30°; J. L. Thomas, 18°; Geo. Powell, 18°; Donald M. Dewar, 18°; Rev. Ambrose Hall, 18°; T. L. Fox, 18°; John Hodges, 18°; Jas. Stevens, 18°; Rev. H. G. Morse, 18°; Col. Douglas, 18°; and R. De Lacy, 18°.

The brethren having assembled in the hall and formed the Arch of Steel, the Supreme Council, 33°, entered in order, the organ playing the March from Eli.

The procession then passed three times round the hall, and the M.P.S.G. Commander assumed his seat and addressed the chapter.

After the Grand Chaplain had offered prayer, the Grand Marshal addressed the M.P.S.G. Commander, and the M.P.S.G. Commander called on the Grand Marshal to read the warrant. This having been done, the M.P.S.G. Commander gave declaration of constitution, and a short voluntary was performed on the organ.

The Grand Treasurer General passed round the chapter sprinkling corn, the choristers chanting, "May the Almighty giver of all good things shower down upon it His best blessing."

Then the Grand Chancellor passed round the chapter pouring out wine, the choristers chanting, "May the Almighty give us thankful hearts and grant that we may be ever ready to relieve the wants of others."

Afterwards the Grand Secretary General passed round the chapter pouring out oil, while the musical brethren chanted "May He, whose Name is Love, grant that the brethren meeting in this chapter be ever of one heart and one mind, and may they always do unto others as they would it should be done unto them."

The Grand Chaplain then passed round the chapter with the censer of incense. The altar was lighted; there was more music; roses were sprinkled, and the M.P.S.G. Commander, gave consecration and dedication. The stone was opened, and the Anthem, "I have surely built thee an House," was chanted; then the Grand Marshal proclaimed that the chapter had been consecrated, and the proceedings were closed with a flourish of trumpets.

The following candidates were then perfected:—Bros. Sir Thomas Dyer, Bart., J.P., Bayard Lodge, 1615; Robt. Fyers, Bayard Lodge, 1615; Captain W. S. Gilbert, Bayard Lodge, 1615; Captain Arthur Palliser, D.L., J.P., Royal Body Guard, 1383; Richard Joyes Emmerson, P.M. 1206, P. Pro G.J. Warden for Kent; James Walter Waldron, 1383; Henry William Green, 108; John Sandilands Ward, 172; William Leyland Fielden, late of 13th Lt. Dragoons, Bayard Lodge, 1615 and Captain Kilner A. A. Brasier Creagh, J.P., late Military Train, 1067. Afterwards Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Burney, 31°, P.M. 697, P. Prov. S.G.D. Essex, P.P.G. Commander Essex, was installed Most Wise Sovereign by Ill. Bro. Major Shadwell Clerke, M.W.S. 33°, G.A.S.C., and the following brethren were appointed to office:—High Prelate, Rev. C. J. Ridgeway, 18°; 1st General, F. Richardson, 30°; 2nd Genl. The Chevalier Habicht, 30°; G. Marshal, E. Henslowe Bedford, 18°; Raphael, Capt. Leeson, 18°; Herald, Capt. W. S. Gilbert, 18°; Captain of the Guard, Robert Fyers, 18°; Recorder, Capt. W. F. Portlocke Dadson, 32°; Treasurer, Capt. Compton, 30°; Almoner, Sir Thos. Dyer, Bart., 18°; and Dir. Cers., J. Sandilands Ward, 18°.

Votes of thanks were afterwards passed to the Consecrating Officer and the Installing Officer, and to Col. Hutton, 33°, Supreme Council of Canada, for his attendance.

A banquet followed at the Café Royal, Regent-street, and the customary toasts were duly honoured.

A meeting of the Supreme Council was held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden Square, on Wednesday last, when Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, M.W. Pro Grand Master, was advanced to the 33°. Many influential members of the Craft were present. A full report will appear in the Second Edition, which will be published early Saturday morning.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., will install the Rt. Hon. Lord Suffield, as R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Norwich, on the 20th proximo. His Royal Highness will first attend a public meeting on behalf of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. Immediately after the installation the Prince will proceed to Gunton Hall, the seat of Lord Suffield. There will be no banquet. Further particulars will appear in due course.

A meeting of the members of the London Masonic Club was held on the 11th inst. A report of the same will appear in our second edition.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1363, held at the Princess Head, York Road, Battersea, on Tuesday next, at 7 p.m.

Bro. Henry A. Dubois, Prov. S.G.D. Middlesex, Secretary Surrey Masonic Hall Co., has removed his offices from 2, Gresham Buildings, Basinghall-street, to 115, Chancery Lane. ☐

COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC
CALENDAR.

W. Masters and Secretaries are earnestly requested to forward to the publisher, at the Offices, 198, Fleet-street, E.C., particulars of the place, days, and months of meeting of their respective lodges, chapters, and other Masonic bodies, for insertion in the issue of the Calendar for 1877.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

COLONIAL and FOREIGN SUBSCRIBERS are informed that acknowledgments of remittances received are published in the first number of every month.

It is very necessary for our readers to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

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Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 12 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

We do not undertake to return rejected communications. BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED:—"Hand and Heart;" "New York Dispatch;" "Philadelphia Keystone;" "North British Daily Mail;" "Nuova Era Maconica," Palermo;" "The British and Foreign Paper Trades' Review;" "The Craftsman;" "Masonic Herald;" "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio."

The following stand over:—

Harmony Lodge, No. 438; Hartington, No. 1085; Greymouth, No. 1233; Emulation, No. 1505; Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275; Ferner Hesketh, No. 1350; Naphali, No. 266; Shamrock and Thistle and Cathedral Chapters, Glasgow; Fortescue Mark Lodge, No. 9; Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Leicestershire; "the Cart of Freemasonry." (letter)

Bro. Burn's letter received, and will be attended to.

A letter from the editor of the "*Masonic Magazine*" relative to "Long Livers" will appear in our next.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

ARNOTT.—On the 9th inst., at Chichester, the wife of H. Arnott, of a daughter.
BLIND.—On the 5th inst., at Albert-road, N.W., the wife of R. Bind, Esq., of a son.
BOYS.—On the 4th inst., at Deal, the wife of Commander H. H. Boys, R.N., of a daughter.
BROMLEY.—On the 10th inst., at Bath, the wife of J. M. Bromley, Esq., M.A., of a son, stillborn.

MARRIAGES.

COATES—SOWERBY.—On the 5th inst., at Beelsby, Lincolnshire, Thomas, son of T. Coates, of Beelsby, to Mary Elizabeth, daughter of J. Sowerby, jun.
M'LELLAN—TOMKINS.—On the 26th ult., at Woolville, King's County, Nova Scotia, David M'Lellan, Esq., to Jane Harrison, daughter of F. J. Tomkins, Esq., of London.
STRONACH—LYALL.—On the 3rd inst., at Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, John Stronach, Esq., of Dimbula, Ceylon, to E. Grace, daughter of the late J. Lyall, A.M.

DEATHS.

AUSTIN.—On the 10th inst., Elizabeth Ann, wife of J. J. Austin, of Great Percy-street, aged 38.
CAPPER.—On the 8th inst., at Albion-terrace, Southampton, Mabel, daughter of the late M. Capper, Esq., aged 17.
CLARK.—On the 7th inst., at Dundarach, Aberfoyle, Perthshire, Thomas Clark, Esq., A.R.S.A.
CLOSE.—On the 6th inst., at Springfield, Pembroke, Katherine Richmond, infant daughter of D. R. Close, Esq.
TWEDDALE.—On the 10th inst., at Yester House, Haddingtonshire, Bro. the Right Hon. George, Marquis of Tweddale, aged 90.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCT. 14, 1876.

THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE MASONIC
PRESS.

The position of the Masonic Press and the rôle of a Masonic editor are not ever a "bed of roses." There are difficulties attendant on all journalism, on all editorial labours, but the Masonic press is very heavily weighted for the race. Owing, in the first place, to the peculiar teaching and aspects of Freemasonry, the normal difficulties of all journalism are increased a hundred fold. For Freemasonry, be it remembered, assumes a position of absolute neutrality in all matters purely political and religious, that is to say, it passes no opinion on those questions which divide mankind in the two great "zones" which are respectively marked—"religion" and "politics," and hence the serious difficulty of a Masonic editor. It is a most arduous labour, requiring great care and greater skill to avoid in treating on the current subjects of the hour, whether entirely or only quasi-Masonic, impinging on one side or the other, and touching, however gently, those neutral sections of thought, teaching, and discussion. We had flattered ourselves that we had done so. We had hoped that our abstinence from all political or denominational preferences was as clear as it was avowed by us, was as distinct as we believed it to be consistently Masonic on all occasions. It appears, however, that we have been in error all this time, self-satisfied deceivers. A correspondent of thirty years' Masonic standing informs us that our remarks upon "Ultramontanism" have been for some time exceedingly "offensive" to him and to others. We are exceedingly sorry for the announcement, and regret the use of so hard a word, as we had reason to believe that our language was not unacceptable to a very large circle of readers. For we have, in our own opinion, been alike most careful, moderate, discreet, and fair. We have not said even half what we might have said, or a third of what we felt on the facts submitted to us. We have, from the first, endeavoured to point out to our brethren that the habitual violence and unseemly language of the Ultramontane press, and of many high Roman Catholic authorities, were one thing, the rights and feelings of our Roman Catholic brethren, quite another. While we have endeavoured openly, as we always shall, (pace our correspondent), to maintain intact the undoubted rights of Roman Catholic Freemasons, we shall always denounce that bigotry which refused the rites of the Roman Catholic Church to Bro. Armourer-Serjeant Johnson; that brutality which in a distant country disturbed the body of a poor departed Freemason, and used the sacred symbol of the Cross as if to hallow a deed of sinful violence and wrong. From time to time we have to read the outrageous language of the Ultramontane advisers of the Pope, of Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops of the Roman Catholic persuasion, of lesser lights and petty imitators; and what are we to do? Are we to leave them all unnoticed? Are we to pass by them in silence or in contempt? Is it not, on the contrary, our bounden duty to enlighten our readers as to attacks which are daily and hourly made, and which impose often on the weak-minded and the ignorant, and are yet as mendacious as they are unmerited? We think so; and we feel sure that on this point we shall have the warm approval of our much-maligned and insulted Craft, alike as to the propriety of the course we have pursued and the moderation of the language that we have employed. For, be it remembered always, alike to the praise and credit of the "*Freemason*," that it has never condescended to join in any partizan clap-trap or intolerant language against Roman Catholics quâ Roman Catholics. We have, on the contrary, often been discreetly silent when others have been loquaciously open mouthed; we have restrained the barbed arrows of invective when others have been loud in heated denunciations of the Church of Rome as a religious institution

per se. We have always advocated freedom of conscience, and "liberty of prophesying," as well for Roman Catholics as for any one else, and we defy the most captious critic, and the most hasty assailant, to point out a single passage in which we have done despite to the great principle of absolute and Masonic toleration. Certain unwise words and unseemly acts of the Roman Catholic authorities have come before us, and we have dealt with them practically, and treated them conscientiously, and we must beg to tell our worthy correspondent that we shall continue to do the same, whenever in our humble opinion the paramount interests of Freemasonry require such notice, or demand such animadversions in respect of Ultramontane tactics, or ignorant "accusers" of our "brethren." Our correspondent has seized with great adroitness on a little incident in respect of some humble Protestants at Minorca, which we transferred to our pages, and demands, somewhat excitedly, "what has this to do with Freemasonry?" We never said that it had, but we used it as a fair and passing illustration of the rabid temper of Ultramontanism just now, which seems to spare neither friend nor foe, and which seeks, by a violence of language and of action, to recall to the thoughtful the worst days and the gravest horrors of an inquisitorial regime. As advocates of the right of unlimited toleration per se, of the sanctity of the human conscience, of freedom of worship, we are bound, as it appears to us, to protest in our humble pages, from time to time, when as it would seem intolerance runs riot, and bigotry becomes rampant in our very midst. The classing by the Bishop of Minorca of Freemasons and Protestants together, and declaring that "putrid members must not touch sane members," is a gross insult not only against all religion and common sense, but to the whole of the Masonic fraternity, and deserves to be noticed and branded as such before our entire Order. If we are wrong in our view of the situation, we are at any rate in very good company. We can remember a speech addressed to Grand Lodge by our most distinguished Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, in which he denounced the intolerance and persecution of Roman Catholicism as respects Freemasons everywhere, and if his remarks were justified then, ours are a "hundred fold pertinent to the occasion, and befitting now. His eloquent address at that period was supported warmly by several brethren, and though the Grand Lodge, probably most rightly, did not think well to set a precedent of any sort of condemnation of any religious body, yet there was a general concurrence of opinion that such remarks were fully borne out in themselves by the known facts of the case. But it is one thing to admit a fact, another to establish a precedent, especially for our English Grand Lodge, which has always manfully and nobly avowed distinct and absolute toleration. We admit that circumstances change with times, but never in our recollection has the Ultramontane School betrayed so much childish fear or so much unreasoning intolerance of Freemasonry as now. And under such circumstances we repeat, are we to sit still, "dumb dogs," under most violent anathemata, public excommunications, and shameful incriminations? In our opinion, it is neither our duty, nor will it be our resolution, to submit to unparalleled outrages of so-called religious language, and these direct insults of Ultramontanism. Why is it not a few months ago that one of the Spanish Bishops called our G. Master, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, "the arch heretic" (herejote), simply because he was a Freemason, and are we Freemasons to go on "mealy mouthed" and with "bated breath," talk of such things, and simply protest by our moral teaching and action against them, for such a course of action is unworthy of us all? We say certainly not; we have, thank God, liberty of speech, and liberty of the press as Englishmen and Freemasons, and we shall continue to use the one and the other, in the future as in the past, with moderation and calmness, and above all with fairness and truth.

A Second Edition of the "*Freemason*" will be issued on Saturday morning. Copies may be obtained direct from the office by forwarding to the publisher 2s. in stamps.

THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The Emulation Lodge of Improvement commenced its regular season last Friday evening with the ceremony of installation, which was very ably performed in the presence of a large assemblage of the brethren by Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., and formerly Secretary of the lodge. The annual festival of the lodge will be held on the 24th November. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, having entered on his 30th year of office as Treasurer of the lodge, the committee are desirous of making this the occasion of testifying to Bro. Hervey the sincere esteem entertained towards him by those who, during his long period of his office, have profited by the teaching of the lodge, and their high appreciation of his services. The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, has kindly consented to preside at the banquet. Bro. Hervey will take the chair of the lodge, which will be held in the Grand Lodge Hall, and eight sections of the lectures will be worked by Past Grand Officers, who in former years were active working members. A handsome silver inkstand has been expressly designed for the occasion by the eminent architect, Bro. John Gibson, Deputy Master of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, to be presented by the Stewards to Bro. Hervey. Seventy brethren, among whom are forty Grand Officers, have volunteered to act as Stewards.

A short account of the origin of this celebrated lodge may be interesting to our readers. At the union of the lodges in 1813 the working of the ceremonies was found to differ very widely. A resolution was therefore passed at the lodge of reconciliation that the ceremonies of opening and closing, and of the three degrees should be worked in the same manner in all lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. To carry out this resolution the Grand Master requested Bro. Dr. Samuel Hemming to gather together the scattered elements of the work, and to arrange them into a system which might receive the approval of Grand Lodge, and be generally adopted. Bro. Hemming undertook the task, but after a delay of some years, he became imbecile, and was unable to complete it. Bro. Dr. Williams was then nominated by the Grand Master to carry out the work which had been intrusted to Dr. Hemming. Bro. Williams undertook the duty on the understanding that he should not be required to complete the labours of Bro. Hemming, but should be permitted to reconstruct the ritual from the original elements. On the completed system of Bro. Dr. Williams, the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was first worked under the Preceptorship of the famous Peter Gilkes, who was a contemporary of Dr. Williams. He was succeeded by his friend and pupil, the late Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, whose work is rigidly adhered to by the present committee, several of whom had the benefit of his personal instruction. The uncompleted work of Dr. Hemming was followed by Bro. Peter Thomson, and is still taught in several lodges of Instruction. We shall recur to the subject a little later, as the time for this interesting anniversary of the lodge draws near.

FEMALE FREEMASONRY.

A lady correspondent, who terms herself a brother's wife, as our readers will remember, in our last issue, advocates, if we understand her words aright, the admission of her sex generally to Freemasonry. She does not apparently see her way to Androgyne Masonry, that is, the meeting of the two sexes on equal terms in the lodge-room, but she appears to wish to have a sort of feminine initiation. Well, we have read her letter with great care, and, with every wish to please, we think it right, for fear of any mistake on the subject, to say at once that, in our humble opinion, not only will the subject itself not bear ventilation in any way, but that such a proposition, is not only impossible on every Masonic principle, and is absolutely condemned "ab initio" by the very facts and nature of the case. To admit ladies to Freemasonry is in itself, as we contended just now, so hopeless a proposition in our opinion, that we must decline to discuss it in our pages, in the best interests,

we feel sure, of Freemasonry. We can only look upon it as an impracticable proposal, as a chimerical aspiration. We make these remarks in all good feeling and respect to our fair correspondent, whose motives we fully appreciate, but whose suggestions we certainly reject. Such a proposition is at variance with every rule and ancient canon of Freemasonry, and would, we feel assured, be at once rejected by the good sense and deliberate opinion of our entire fraternity. At proper times, indeed, and under safe guarantees, we welcome the presence of the gentler sex amongst us, and we are inclined to encourage their pleasant associations, and kindly smiles, at many of those festive occasions when the brilliancy of the gathering is enhanced and the overflowing gaiety of our brethren is properly restrained by the attractive influences of female companionship. Perhaps, too, we hardly utilize the female element in our open meetings so much as we might fairly and fitly do. But for the present the door of the lodge-room is barred against them, and must continue to be so, and we cannot hold out any hopes that, as Freemasons, we shall either change our deliberate opinion in this respect, or even permit a discussion of so unpractical a subject in our crowded columns. For the ladies themselves, our fair and friendly sisters, we entertain the highest sentiments of sympathy and respect. We are glad to think that their gentle natures approve and their warm hearts appreciate our Masonic system, secret though it be to them, and we are always gratified to know and to find that, despite this male exclusiveness of ours, they can associate themselves in all of true and kindly interest, alike with our mysterious reunions, our public assemblies, and our meritorious charities. To them we shall always offer, as we do to-day, the homage which is their just due, which their virtues and graces emphatically demand from all men, but especially Freemasons. But we can go no further, and say no more; and to their earnest and vicarious request for admission within the guarded door of the lodge-room our only possible reply can be, if with much of sympathetic regret, "Non possumus." With respect to Countess Hádick's reception, that is, as we look at it, a purely exceptional case, and must continue to be so, and is certainly not to be used as a precedent, or proposed for imitation. Ungallant as it may appear at the first blush to say so, and harsh as it may seem to some to close the iron portals of Masonic lodges rigorously against the wives, and sisters, and daughters, and sweethearts of Freemasons, still it must be done, as all precedent teaches and bids, and we must, unmoved by smiles or tears, without fear and without hesitation, nerve ourselves to our duty, as men, as Britons, and as Freemasons. Having said this we will add, that perhaps occasions may be found or "improvised," when ladies may be admitted to meetings in the lodge-room, but not of course during lodge hours, or in the midst of Masonic work. That we hold to be both a grave impropriety, and an utter impossibility. We quite agree with the admirable remarks of "Another Freemason's Wife" in our issue of to-day.

A RECENT MASONIC SERMON.

In our last impression a sermon by our reverend Bro. E. R. Parr, P.G.C., for Cheshire, appeared. In order to avoid any possible misapprehension, we feel bound to remind our readers that though the views therein expressed are not ours, yet, that there is, and always has been, and probably always will be, a very influential school of Christian Masons amongst us, those, for instance, who, like Dr. Oliver, like to find Christian symbolism in Freemasonry. And we have always felt that this symbolism may exist, especially if our theory of guild continuation be correct, as the guild teaching was undoubtedly Christian. We, however, hold, as our readers know, that Freemasonry is universal, as our formularies teach, and therefore Bro. Parr's sermon, though eloquent and ingenious, can only be taken as the expression of the individual opinion of an able brother. Some foreign writers hold Freemasonry to be pure "humanitarianism," others an "eclec-

tic philosophy," others Deism, or Theism, and some, as our good Bro. Parr, a Christian system, apparently a sister to Christianity. Now all these views we conceive to be ultra-Masonic, and cannot be laid down and asserted dogmatically, though we do not wish to dispute the right of Freemasons to hold such views subjectively, so long, that is, as they do not seek to force them upon us objectively as absolute Masonic teaching. All that we can properly say, it seems to us, ex cathedra is, that Freemasonry is a "system of morality based on allegory, and illustrated by symbols," excellent, most excellent, in itself, inasmuch as its morality is the morality of the Word of God, but that it is not a system of religion, and never was intended as a "religio" to any one. We have thought it well to make this last explanation, as we always object to "non-naturalism" in every shape, and we desire to mould and base all our Masonic teaching simply and honestly on the acknowledged and official statements of our great Order. Bro. Parr's sermon is a very able one, and deserves perusal, and will, no doubt, find favour with many.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE FUNDS OF GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with attention the letter of "Moneta" in your last number, and in reply beg to say, that it is not always "lawful for me to do what I will with my own," and Grand Lodge before it can do as it likes with its own must make a law to enable it to do so.

That great judge, Blackstone, is reported to have said that Parliament can do anything, except it be to make a man into a woman, or a woman into a man. I suppose "Moneta" thinks with the learned judge that Grand Lodge can do the same.

The quotations given by "Moneta" do not serve him.

Yours, very fraternally,

AN OLD P.M., ONE, &C.,

FEMALE FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I read with considerable interest the letter from a Freemason's wife in your journal of Friday, although I cannot agree with her opinion respecting women being Masons, and I consider the W.M. of the Hungary Lodge very unwise to initiate one, even if she were a countess, and well versed in Masonic literature. I do not think it a woman's province; her place (as your correspondent admits) is "at home."

I respect Freemasonry in the highest degree, also its secrets, and in my opinion there is not a Mason living who would style women blind, profane, and not to be trusted with a secret—unless to his misfortune he had met with such a one; but God forbid we should all be classed under such a lowering demonstration.

As a rule I think we are held in the highest estimation by the brethren, and they are never happier than when surrounded by us at the festive board, and why a man should feel lighter hearted, and have a better conscience, by divulging the secrets of the Order to his wife I cannot imagine, unless there was shame attached to it instead of being an institution founded on the best and purest principles of religion (this is no secret). I honour it for my husband's sake, he having entered heart and soul into it, and am proud to say it was through my earnest solicitations he joined the mystic Order, and I feel the greatest interest in everything connected with Masonry, and we can, and do converse freely upon the subject although I am not a participator in the secrets; and what true wives with a kind, good husband, would begrudge him attending his Masonic meetings, after the toil and harass of business, because she was not enlightened into its secrets?

I am afraid your correspondent's letter will cause many of the brethren to say (slightly altering the text), "Curiosity," "thy name is woman."

Apologising for trespassing on your valuable space, Believe me, yours faithfully,

ANOTHER FREEMASON'S WIFE.

HERMETIC MASONRY; OR, "LONG LIVERS."

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I feel sure that you will not refuse me a few lines of explanation in regard to the work entitled "Long Livers," to which I see, with much pleasure, that you are giving prominence. This book has been known to a few Masonic students for some years. Bro. Matthew Cooke, about six years ago, furnished me with some extracts from it, which I published in 1872 in my work upon "Speculative Freemasonry" (page 113). This I did with the consent of Bro. Cooke, provided the name of the book was not given. Finding, however, accidentally, that the work formed a part of the library of Bro. F. G. Irwin, of Bristol, I gave further prominence to the same in the pages of a

contemporary, which published my letter on the 24th July, 1875, as you will see by the enclosed printed slip, which I have sent to many brethren both at home and abroad. I scarcely feel sure that I agree with you when you say that it is a description of certain Hermetic grades; I consider the language to refer to the Royal Arch degree in Alchemical jargon, at the same time I feel assured, from much undoubted evidence, that all degrees above the three first originated in the Hermetic knowledge of certain Speculative Freemasons, and if this is also your meaning, I am at one with you. My only object in writing to you is to do full justice to other brethren in their prior knowledge of the existence of this valuable work, and I feel sure that the well-known candour of your able editor will excuse my taking up your space with this explanation. I always find that Bro. Hughan is ready to give credit where it is due, but I find also that there are a many who palm off the discoveries of others as their own.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
JOHN YARKER.

Manchester, Oct. 7th, 1876.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My friend, Commander C. Scott, R.N., J.P. (P. Prov. G.W. of Devon, &c., &c.) has fraternally reminded me of a fact I had lost sight of, and which you evidently also have done in your appreciative notice of the reprint of the introduction to "Long Livers" of 1722, by Eugenius Philalethes, the whole of which is to be found in the current number of the "Masonic Magazine."

The first allusion to this scarce and curious work is to be found in Bro. Yarker's "Speculative Freemasonry," and it appears, Bro. Matthew Cooke had then a copy of the work, which he intended to reprint. Copies of this strange little book of 1722 are to be found in the private libraries of Bro. Carson, of Cincinnati; Bower, of Keokuk; Irwin, of Bristol; and others, and in the Masonic libraries of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia), and Sheffield (Yorkshire), and probably some others.

Its peculiar Masonic value, however, apparently has been quite overlooked from its issue until the present decade of this century.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Truro, 10th Oct., 1876.

ULTRAMONTANE VIOLENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to say a few words in refutation of an attack made upon you by "A.P.M. of 30 Years' Standing" in your last. You have no reader, I believe, more assiduous than myself, and therefore none more conversant with the line of argument you have consistently adopted about this subject at issue, whence I feel sufficiently presumptuous to add a line even to your own editorial note.

You have long observed the intolerant attitude of Ultramontanism towards Freemasonry; you have further observed that this attitude has been professedly based upon charges known to be false; you have therefore set yourself to defend Freemasonry by proving these charges to be groundless, and at the same time by drawing attention to the reckless manner in which such charges are made, not only upon Freemasonry, but upon every other system that Ultramontanism supposes itself opposed to; you have also drawn attention to the numerous acts of persecution (notably those in Minorca) of which Ultramontanism has been guilty, in order to show what would be the character of its dealings, if only its power were equal to its will, with Freemasonry as a system and Freemasons as individuals. But in all this defence of yours not one word has there been of counter attack or even of vengeful reprisal, still less of any disapproval of the Roman Catholic religion, nothing more than a simple refutation of slander, and slander of such a nature that if left unanswered the outside world would have been fully justified in regarding the Ultramontane condemnation of Freemasonry as righteous and urgently called for.

Such being the case, P.M.'s letter declares your refutation to be wrong, and therefore (if he has well considered his subject, and I will not insult him by imagining that he would make such a charge without due forethought), leaves him only a choice of one of these positions: either supposing that Ultramontanism has wrongfully slandered and abused Freemasonry, then he would have it that it is the duty of every Freemason to bear the reproach without any attempt at refuting it, and so leave the outside world suppose us really the "leprosy of heresy" that Ultramontanism pronounces us to be; or, supposing that Ultramontanism has not wrongfully slandered and abused Freemasonry, then he acknowledges at once that Ultramontanism is right, and that we are therefore all that it describes us.

Perhaps our worshipful brother will kindly inform us upon which horn of this dilemma he would find the more comfortable seat; as for me, I prefer, Sir, to second your refutation of all such slanders, and so rest clear, not in our own eyes only, but in those of all the world.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,

A MORE MODERN P.M.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROSE LODGE, No. 1622.

On Saturday last, the 7th inst., the consecration of the Rose Lodge (1622) was celebrated at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, when a large number of the members of the Craft assembled to do honour to the occasion. Our V.W. Bro. John Hervey, P.G.D., G. Sec., was the officer appointed by the Grand Master to perform the ceremony, in which he was assisted by Bro. H. G. Buss, Prov. G.J.W. Middlesex, and Bro. James Terry, Prov. G.D.C. Herts. Among those present were Bros. T. E. Webb, 503; F. Cozens, 907; Vockins, 1429;

R. Challoner, 1178; W. R. Ramsay, 1539; G. S. Edwards, 975; Robt. Vorsy, 1329; Kitson, 548; C. Sims, 1558; W. W. Mason, 1185; Charles Denton, 169; S. P. Harvey, 1539; E. H. Bayley, H. Bartlett, 147; W. H. Lee, 1524; M. S. Larham, 1559; Hodges, 795; Webster, 174; Chaplin Henry, 201; A. R. Cranch, 1216; J. Harris, 657; J. A. Lyon, 162; Godfrey, 1261; J. Claus, 1539; Thompson, 1158; W. C. Canton, 1475; Gammon, 795; D. A. Ashford, 1441; G. T. Carter, Stephens, Dobson, Palmer, Cockett, J. N. Kirby, J. Gornar, Alfred Allworth, J. A. Burgan, A. W. W. Stead, W. W. Pritchett, W. C. Thue, G. P. Coltar, and E. C. Massey ("Freemason").

The brethren having been marshalled in due order by Bro. Buss, who acted as Director of Ceremonies, entered the lodge-room in procession, and Bro. Hervey, the Presiding Officer, took the chair, and appointed his Wardens pro tem., after which the lodge was opened in due form in the three degrees.

Bro. J. Hervey then addressed the lodge as follows:—Brethren, you are all perfectly well aware of the object we have in view in meeting here to-day—namely, to add another link to the chain—another lodge to the long roll of lodges under the English Grand Lodge. I am sure that it is a matter of great gratification to all round this room, as it is to the Craft in general that we find lodges increasing and multiplying; and we hope and believe that the materials of which they are composed are not only increasing in number, but also improving in quality. Brethren, without such improvement I should be sorry to see the members of the Craft multiplying as they are now doing, because we must all desire that with increasing numbers there may also be found an improvement in the standard of education among Masons. I do not mean of position in life, because I do not think it necessary to be in a high position to be either a good man or a good Mason. We all of us ought to have one desire in view—to do our duty in the station that it has pleased God to call us to. If we do that, if we follow the precepts handed down in the Craft, worldly position does not matter, we are worthy of being made Masons; but if a man does not apply to his ordinary domestic life something of the precepts which he hears in his lodge, those precepts are thrown away, and I do not think that that man is altogether a worthy member of the Craft. Brethren, I have so often dilated, when I have had an opportunity of pointing it out, upon the necessity or caution, that I will not on the present occasion again impress upon your minds those ideas that are ever uppermost in mine. I will only say that unless a man is one whom you know as a good man, who carries out the ordinary duties of life worthily, I hold that you ought not to introduce him into your lodge. Any one whom we would not introduce to our own families we should hesitate to introduce into our lodges. If a man is one whom you can with confidence introduce to your family, then he is a proper person to be made a Mason. I have also impressed another thing very much upon the Craft lately, and that is a very objectionable course that is often taken in a lodge by a disappointed member, of blackballing every member who is presented for candidature. I cannot stigmatise such a course sufficiently. A man who will do such an act is covertly staining the character of another, of whom he probably knows nothing, merely to vent his own spleen. Worshipful Master designate, I hope that no such course will be taken in your lodge, and I hope too, that if it is, no step will be left untried to rid the Craft of such an objectionable character. I will not detain you longer, as we have a lengthy ceremony to go through, upon such points as these. As to the nature of a Freemason's lodge Bro. Terry will probably have something to say. I will only add that I came here to-day to consecrate this lodge with great pleasure. I have consecrated a great many in my time, and I can say that I scarcely know of one that I have consecrated that has not prospered, and I trust that the Rose Lodge, No. 1622, will not be an exception to the number.

Bro. Terry, as Chaplain, delivered the opening prayer. At the conclusion of which the acting Secretary, Bro. J. A. Burgan, addressing the Presiding Officer, informed him that certain brethren had petitioned Grand Lodge to grant a warrant for a lodge to be called the Rose Lodge, and that the M.W. Grand Master had been graciously pleased to grant them such warrant, and he requested the presiding officer in accordance with the warrant to form and consecrate the new lodge.

The presiding officer replied, directing that the brethren who had signed the petition should be placed in order on either side of the covered lodge board. This having been accomplished by the Director of Ceremonies, the acting Secretary was called upon to read both the petition and the warrant of constitution, which he did. The presiding officer then inquired of the brethren whether they approved of the officers named in the petition and warrant, which they answered in the affirmative in due Masonic form.

Bro. Terry then as Chaplain delivered an oration on the nature of Freemasonry and upon the formation and functions of Masonic lodges. This masterly composition was delivered in so able a manner by Bro. Terry that those present could not fail to be deeply impressed by it.

At the conclusion of this address the Anthem (133rd Psalm) was sung by the professional brethren present, Bro. G. T. Carter, Bro. Chaplin Henry, and Bro. Symons, under the direction of Bro. F. Cozens, who presided at the harmonium.

The first portion of the dedication prayer was then repeated by the presiding officer, followed by the invocation, after which the scripture lesson appointed for the occasion was read by Bro. Terry, and after the singing of a hymn the lodge board was uncovered, and the presiding officer, assisted by the Wardens pro tem., proceeded to consecrate the lodge with the emblems of plenty, happiness and unity, the choir singing the while

When once of old in Israel,
Our early brethren wrought with toil,

Jehovali's blessing on them fell;
In showers of corn, and wine and oil.

When there a shrine to Him alone
They built, with worship, sin to foil;
On threshold and on corner-stone,
They poured out corn, and wine and oil.

And we have come, fraternal bands,
With joy, and pride, and prosperous spoil;
To honour him by votive hands,
With streams of corn, and wine and oil.

The Presiding Officer then dedicated the lodge, and delivered the second portion of the dedication prayer, and the ceremony concluded with the Vesper hymn, "Guide me, oh thou Great Jehovah."

The Presiding Officer then constituted the lodge, which was afterwards resumed to the Second Degree.

Bro. David Rose, P.M. 73, W.M. designate, was then vouched for and presented by Bro. Buss for installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed he was presented and installed into the chair of K.S., and proclaimed and saluted in due form. The W.M. then invested his two principal officers as designated in the warrant, viz., Bros. James Garnar, J.D. 975, as S.W.; Alfred Allworth, W.M. 1261, as J.W.

It was proposed and seconded that Bro. T. E. Webb be the Treasurer of the lodge, which was carried unanimously, and Bro. Webb was thereupon invested by the W.M., who then proceeded to appoint and invest his assistant officers as follows:—Bros. J. A. Burgan, Secretary; W. C. Thue, S.D.; A. W. Stead, J.D.; W. W. Pritchett, Prov. Grand Org. Herts, I.G.; G. P. Coltar, D.C.; W. Hamlyn, W.S.; and Bro. Church having been elected by a show of hands, was summoned and invested as Tyler of the lodge.

The oration having been delivered by Bro. Terry, the W.M. rose for the first time and made the usual inquiries, and before resuming his seat, proposed the names of three brethren as joining members. The S.W., in response to the inquiry, proposed an initiate, the J.W. proposed four initiates and one joining member, the J.D. proposed one initiate, the S.D. proposed one joining member and two initiates, and the Secretary proposed one initiate, a total of fourteen proposed members.

The W.M.: Brethren, there is a duty that should have taken precedence of this business. I have to propose a vote of thanks to Bro. John Hervey for his kindness in coming forward this evening to consecrate our lodge, and I beg to propose that he become an honorary member of the lodge; also that Bro. Terry and Bro. Buss be made honorary members and participate in the vote of thanks.

The proposition was seconded by the S.W. and carried unanimously.

Bro. Hervey: W.M. and brethren, when I say that if our exertions this evening have been gratifying to you and satisfactory to the brethren, I am sure it will be ample reward for what we have done. The performance of this ceremony is in most cases a labour of love, and I am satisfied that the two brethren who stand up with me would have felt the vote of thanks which you have been good enough to propose that we should receive would have been ample recompense for the service. As, however, you have proposed to make us honorary members, we accept it with thanks. I do not think that we can have all the functions of full members, as suggested by our Bro. J.W., in putting the motion, as it is contrary to the Book of Constitutions, which prescribes that honorary members shall not have the privilege of voting, &c., &c. (J.W.: I was speaking out of the fullness of my heart.) However, sir, I am sure we are gratified if our services have been acceptable to the brethren, and thank you for the compliment you have paid us.

The lodge was then closed in due form, after which the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall where an elegant repast was served à la Russe. Between forty and fifty brethren sat down to dinner.

After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and some very good singing from the musical brethren enlivened the intervals between the speeches.

Bro. J. Hervey having responded for "The Grand Officers" went on to say W. Master, you have said a good deal about me in the lodge-room, and about the brethren who assisted me in the ceremonies, and you cannot say anything more to the purpose at the banquet table. Allow me, therefore, before I sit down to return thanks for the Consecrating Officers, not but the brethren will regret the loss of the speech which they would have heard from you, but they will rejoice at not seeing me get up again to speak. Bro. Hervey proceeded to make some flattering comments on the constitution of the lodge, and the efficiency of its Master, and concluded by proposing "The Health of Bro. Rose," and "Success to the Rose Lodge."

Bro. Rose: Brother officers and brethren, I thank you very sincerely for the very kind manner in which Bro. Hervey has put this toast, and to you for the manner in which you have received it. I should certainly have liked very much to introduce myself the vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers for the simple reason that I had reserved for the banquet table the bulk of my remarks, but we must also consider his comfort, as he has already had a great deal of exertion, and feel bound to consider his wishes as to the curtailment of this stage of the business of the evening. In thanking Bro. Hervey I echo his wishes for the prosperity of the lodge, and trust that I shall never be found wanting in the performance of the important duties of that post which has this day been entrusted to me.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," "The Masonic Charitable Institutions" (to which Bro. Terry responded), and the Tyler's toast were also duly honoured, and brought to a close a highly successful meeting.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CUMBERLAND.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held on the 27th ult., at Maryport, under the auspices of the Whitwell Lodge, 151, of which Bro. J. Gardiner is W.M. Prov. Grand Lodge was opened and presided over by the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, R.W.P.G.M.M.M., assisted by Colonel Whitwell, M.P., W.D.P.G.M.M.M., and Bro. F. Binckes, G.S.M.M.M., London. The usual business of the lodge having been transacted, the P.G.M. appointed his Provincial Officers as follows:—Colonel Whitwell, D.P.G.M.M.M.; J. Nicholson, P.G.S.W.; W. Pratchit, P.G.J.W.; M'Kay, M.O.; Cooke, S.O.; Henry, J.O.; Beeby, C.; Wheatley, P.G.T.; Pe de E. Collin, P.G.R.M. and P.G.S.; J. R. Tickle, P.G.S.D.; J. Barr, P.G.J.D.; W. B. Gibson, P.G.S.B.; Potter, P.G.D.C.; J. Smith, P.G.O.; J. Gardiner, P.G.J.W.; E. Tyson, P.G. I.G. The brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet, prepared by Miss A. Banks.

The lodge having been duly opened, the following brethren were advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M.M., viz.—Bros. J. Gooding, R. B. Hunter, Pickthall, Robson, Watson and Grayson.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with in a most able manner by the Consecrating Officer. A board of Installed M.M.M. was then formed, and Bro. McKay was duly installed, the ritual being given in a very impressive manner. On the re-admission of the brethren the Newly-Installed Master received the usual salutations, which were given under the direction of the Installing Master. The W.M. then proceeded to install his officers as follows:—Bros. Godfrey, S.W.; Cranston, J.W.; J. Gooding, M.O.; W. Hall, S.O., pro Nelson; Hunter, J.O.; J. Pickthall, Treas.; Robson, Reg.; Watson, Sec.; Grayson, S.D.; Stanton, J.D.; pro Lissor; J. Crookell, I.G., pro Thoniber. The Installing Officer having addressed the brethren in a most impressive manner, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Godfrey, that Bros. Binckes, Dr. Moore, and E. Simpson, be made honorary members. The usual proclamations were then made, and the lodge closed according to ancient custom. The brethren then adjourned to the Commercial Hotel, and sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by the newly-installed officers. The usual toasts consequent on such a gathering were given, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this institution was held on Wednesday afternoon in the library, Freemasons Hall, Col. Creaton in the chair. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, Benj. Head, H. G. Warren, Joseph Smith, W. Hale, Thos. W. White, J. Newton, M. Levy, C. A. Cottebrune, James Brett, A. H. Tattersall, R. Wentworth Little, C. F. Hogard, Raynham W. Stewart, H. Massey ("Freemason"), W. Hilton, Dr. Jabez Hogg, and James Terry, Secretary.

The Secretary read the report, and afterwards authority was given to sign cheques which had been recommended by the committee's report. In the report there was a recommendation for an increase of £20 a year in the salary of the clerk in the Secretary's service. The petitions of four males and five females were then received, and the petitioners were placed on the list for next election, after which Col. Creaton gave notice of motion to come on at the next meeting of the Committee that the Secretary's salary be increased £100, to commence from December next.

The Committee then adjourned.

Obituary.

THE RT. HON. GEORGE, MARQUIS OF TWEEDDALE.

It is our painful duty to record the death of Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Marquis of Tweeddale, Past Grand Master of Scotland, which sad event took place on Tuesday last, at his residence, Yester House, Haddingtonshire. The deceased peer, who was in his 90th year, had been ill for some time, and recently he was severely burned by falling into the fire in his dressing room at Oxenford Castle, as noticed in our columns a short time back. He was the eighth marquis in the peerage of Scotland and a representative peer for Scotland, having, as the result of a long military career, attained the distinction of Field-Marshal, Knight of the Thistle, and the Grand Cross of the Bath.

LORD MAYOR'S DAY—Subjoined is the official route of the forthcoming civic pageant on the 9th of November, on the occasion of the Lord Mayor elect, Sir Thomas White, going from the Guildhall to Westminster, to be presented to the Barons of the Exchequer. The cortege will leave the Guildhall about one o'clock, and proceed by way of King Street, Cheapside, St. Martin's le Grand, Aldersgate Street, Jewin Street, Fore Street, London Wall East, Wormwood Street, Houndsditch, Minories, Postern Row, Tower Hill, Great Tower Street, Eastcheap, Cannon Street, St. Paul's Churchyard, Ludgate Hill, Fleet Street, Strand, Charing Cross, and Parliament Street. The return journey will be by the Thames Embankment, Queen Victoria Street, Queen Street, and King Street to Guildhall.

A report of the annual banquet of the Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275, is unavoidably crowded out, but will appear in the issue for the 21st.

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THE VISIT OF THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES TO GLASGOW.

The arrangements at Renfrew for the reception of the Prince and Princess of Wales on the 16th inst., are now taking a somewhat definite shape, and there is every probability that the Royal burgh will for the time present a gayer appearance than on any previous occasion within its ancient history. From the railway station to the new municipal buildings the road will be lined with the 2nd Battalion Renfrewshire Rifle Volunteers. At a point on the route will be erected two platforms at the expense of Colonel and the Hon. Mrs Campbell, for the convenience of the tenantry of the Blythswood estate, and the children attending the Blythswood Sunday school. The address, which is to be presented to the Royal visitors in front of the new municipal buildings, has been drawn out by Professor Robertson, assisted by Mr Herron (town clerk), and Mr W. M. Wilson, writer, and it has been forwarded to the Prince of Wales for his approval. The municipal authorities of Renfrew intend on the occasion to depart from the usual stereotyped rule of presenting the address in either a gold or silver casket. They have been kindly furnished by Lady Anne Speirs, of Elderslie, with a piece of the timber of the "Wallace Oak," which grew at Elderslie, and from this they have arranged to have manufactured a handsome casket, which will bear the armorial crests of the burgh and a suitable inscription. For the purpose of permitting as many of the community as possible to witness the ceremony of presenting this address, a platform to hold about 2000 persons will be erected in front of the Town Hall. On the same evening, a grand invitation ball will be held in the Town Hall, at which it is expected there will be a gay and fashionable assemblage, but it is not anticipated that either of the Royal visitors will attend it. The town will be elaborately illuminated. A select party of distinguished ladies and gentlemen are to have the honour of dining with the Prince and Princess of Wales at Blythswood House in the evening, amongst whom will be the Duke of Buccleuch and Lady Mary Scott, Earl and Countess of Breckinridge, Earl of Dunmore, Lord and Lady Colville of Culross, Lord Carington, Sir Michael and Lady Octavia Shaw Stewart, Lord Provost of Glasgow, and Miss Bain, Mr Sykes, M.P., Mr. Andrew Cockerell, Miss Knollys, lady-in-waiting on the Princess of Wales, Mr. Knollys, Private secretary, and Col. Teesdale, equerry-in-waiting.

THE OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

The official programme of the order of proceedings to be observed by the members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Masters of Lodges, and the brethren generally upon the occasion of the demonstration of Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the laying of the memorial stone of the new Post Office buildings in George Square by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, has just been issued by Bro. John Laurie, Grand Secretary, under order of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart, Bart. It announces that the members of Grand Lodge will assemble in the Albany Academy, 44, West Cumberland Street, at 1.30 p.m. precisely, when and where Grand Lodge will be opened, and thereafter adjourned for the ceremonial of the day. The daughter lodges will muster in Burnbank Grounds, Great Western Road, at half-past twelve o'clock noon, the lodges being enjoined to enter by the north-east gate, where they will be received by the assistant Marshals and conducted to their respective divisions. Any lodges arriving after 1.30 p.m. will have to take the junior position in the procession; and after the leading column has marched off no lodge will be allowed to join in. The Grand Lodge having been adjourned, the members thereof will put themselves under the immediate direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies. The daughter lodges will be under the entire control of the Grand Marshals, and will be arranged according to seniority on the roll. Upon a given signal the procession will move off in the following order, viz.:—Band of music, office-bearers and members of daughter lodges, four abreast, the senior lodge in front, the commissioned officers of Provincial Grand Lodges, according to the seniority of their provinces on the roll; the office-bearers of the Grand Lodge. The route of the procession will be by Woodlands Road, Lynedoch Street, Park Street East, Park Circus, Park Street West, Park Terrace, Kelvingrove Park, Park Gardens, Claremont Terrace, Woodside Terrace, Woodside Crescent, Sauchiehall Street, West Nile Street, St. Vincent Street, and St. Vincent Place. When the procession has reached the triumphal arch at George Square it will halt, take open order, and the whole of the lodges in the rear will follow the like example, so that Grand Lodge may pass through the ranks to the platform. The whole line of brethren will "stand fast" in their rank until His Royal Highness returns down the same, en route to the residence of the Lord Provost. The ceremony being over, the Grand Lodge will proceed by the north side of George Square, George Street, and John Street, to the City Chambers in Ingram Street, where Grand Lodge will be closed. The brethren will then disperse. Full Masonic costume is enjoined on the occasion, viz.,—Black, with white gloves and white tie. Bands of music brought by lodges are to consist of not less than eight performers, and all must be under the complete control of the Grand Director of Music as to their place in the procession. We may add that the major portion of the lodges in the province are exhibiting their anxiety to make as creditable a show as possible on the auspicious occasion, and we think it only wants the element of favourable weather to render the day a memorable one in the annals of the Craft in Glasgow.

FREEMASONRY IN CANADA.

GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

The first meeting of this body held under the warrant issued by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was held in the City of Montreal on Thursday, the 10th August, Col. W. J. McLeod Moore presided. The patent of this appointment as Great Prior of the Dominion of Canada was presented and read, after which he was duly presented and installed in accordance with the rites of the Order. After the reading of his address, the election of officers was proceeded with, and the following is a list for the present year:—Col. W. J. McLeod Moore, Supreme Great Prior; S. B. Harman, Great Sub-Prior; Daniel Spry, Toronto, Chancellor; F. J. Menet, Toronto, Constable; J. Greefield, Kingston, Marshal; Edson Kemp, Montreal, Registrar; J. R. Kerr, Toronto, Provincial Prior, Central Ontario; James Seymour, St. Catharines, Provincial Prior, Western Ontario.

The annual excursion and pic-nic of the Barrie Masonic fraternity being fixed to come off yesterday August 9th, on board the Steamer Lady of the Lakes, to and at Longford, great preparations were previously made for a pleasant and agreeable time, and when the auspicious morning arrived, the brethren and friends, with their wives, families and other social connections, turned out in such numbers as to fill both the lower and upper decks of the well trimmed and capacious Craft, Lady of the Lakes, as she cast loose from her moorings at the Northern Railway Wharf, on the morning of August the 9th. The party was accompanied by excellent brass and quadrille bands, and the trip to Longford was thoroughly enjoyable. On reaching the secluded but lovely spot selected for the pic-nic, the scene that presented itself to the view was really grand. Little groups were here and there scattered on the green sward, screened from old Sol's scorching glances by the umbrageous foliage of convenient trees, to the number of at least 300 people—all enjoying the luxuries which their well-filled baskets afforded. After their appetites had been thus satisfied, the band struck up exhilarating music, and soon a merry crowd were exercising themselves to its measured time, in the mazes of the dance, on a large platform erected for that purpose. Under the management of the committee the arrangements were all well carried out, and gave general satisfaction. Everybody seemed well pleased with the day's amusement.—"Barrie Examiner."

At the meeting of Holy Land Conclave, of the Order of Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, held in the Masonic Hall, Toronto-street, Toronto, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. B. Nixon, 18°, Sov.; R. J. Hovenden, 32°, V.S.; Wm. Brydon, 32° 1st G.; John McKee, 2d G.; F. J. Menet, 32°, Treasurer; J. Ross Robertson, 18°, Recorder; A. S. Irving, 18°, Herald; Joseph Purvis, 18°, Prelate; George Watson 18° Prefect; J. L. Dixon, Sentinel. The officers were duly installed by the M.P.S., Bro. Daniel Spry, 32°. The Order of Red Cross has been organized and in working order in this city for some years, and is in a flourishing condition. This is the oldest of the outside orders of Masonry, its establishment dating back to A.D. 313. Its ritual is beautiful and impressive, and year after year the order increases in efficiency and numerical strength. The Order bids fair to become eventually the leading as it is believed to be the most valuable Order of Knighthood in existence, not only on account of its sublime teachings and beautiful ceremonies, but because of its undisputed ancient origin.—"Toronto Telegram."

A NEW INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT.

The following letter appeared in the "Times" of October 6th, and alludes to a paragraph which we published last week:—

SIR,—In the interesting little note of your issue of today headed "A New Intelligence Department," taken from "Allen's Indian Mail," it would appear that the natives about Dinapore, Patna, and neighbourhood have lately been seized with the belief that the British soldiers have orders to decapitate all natives found abroad after sunset or found in secluded places, the heads being deposited in the Masonic lodges, and by their means intelligence can be gained of any political intrigues. How like one Asiatic people are to another, to believe such childish nonsense, is seen from the fact that some years ago, when I resided in the city of Batavia, gas was introduced there, and while the streets were all opened preparatory to laying the pipes and the gasworks were being erected, the natives got an idea into their heads that under each gasometer two barrels full of children's eyes were to be put; a sort of ghost called a "choelik" going abroad at night and scooping them out of the children's heads; and this impression was so general that like the natives of Patna and Dinapore, the Malays of Batavia would not issue from their homes at night. The Dutch authorities at last got tired of this folly, which really seized the immense native population of Batavia like a mania, and severely punished one or two of the natives, who ought to have known better, and possibly did, and after this the nuisance abated. "Allen's Indian Mail" says that the fact that the natives can believe such things of our soldiers is very significant, but it is only significant to any thoughtful mind how very unfit such people are to rule themselves. Just one word more about Masonic lodges. The Universal name for them among the Malays is "Roema Sètan"—Devil's Houses.

I remain, your obedient servant,
JOHN PERR,
Thatched House Club, St. James's-street.
October 5th.

Masonic and General Tidings.

THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT (under the sanction of the Lodge of Unions), No. 256.—The annual festival of this famous lodge will take place at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday evening, November 24th, on which occasion Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W., Pro Grand Master, has kindly consented to preside. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who has entered on his thirtieth year of office as Treasurer, will take the chair of the lodge, which will be opened in the Grand Hall, at six o'clock precisely. The following sections will be worked by Past Grand Officers, viz.:

FIRST LECTURE.	
4th Section by	W. Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.
5th "	" C. A. Murton, P.G.D.
6th "	" C. C. Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.
7th "	" J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.
SECOND LECTURE.	
2nd "	W. Bro. R. Grey, P.G.D.
3rd "	" H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.
4th "	" Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.
5th "	" T. Fenn, P.G.D.

Among the many Stewards for the evening, we hear, are the following:—V. W. Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, S.G.W.; the Hon. Wm. Warren Vernon, J.G.W.; Sir Albert W. Woods, P.J.G.W.; J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; W. Bros. C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; R. Grey, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; C. C. Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.

The Friends in Council Chapter, No. 1383, of the Holy Royal Arch, was consecrated on Thursday last by Most Excellent Comp. Lord Skelmersdale, Grand H. of England. A Second Edition of the "Freemason" will be issued early on Saturday morning, in which a full report of the proceedings, both at the ceremonies of consecration and at the banquet, will appear.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Sir Fredk. Perkins, M.P., has been elected Master of the Loriners' Company for the ensuing year.

On Thursday week Mr. Kent, C.C., invited a few friends to an elegant luncheon at the Albion. The immediate object of the gathering was to welcome the Mayor of Hull, on a contemplated visit to London. He was, however, unable to be present, owing to ill-health. There were a few toasts drunk, and, in proposing one of them, the host explained that the reunion was attributable to a kind reception he had met with in Hull during a recent visit to that town. Mr. Charles E. Lewis, M.P., replied for the Houses of Parliament, and Mr. McGeorge, C.C., to the commerce of the City. Amongst those present was Mr. Gresham, chief clerk at the Mansion House justice room, who previously occupied a similar position at Hull.—"City Press."

Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., has been elected Master of the Needle Makers Company for the ensuing year.

We are pleased to hear that Bro. Wordley, the eminent chronometer maker and jeweller, of 84, Cannon-street, has just secured a large contract to supply the South India Railway with their clocks and watches. The order consists of 112 station clocks and 64 watches for the use of the guards. These are all made to suit the climate of India, and we believe this is the largest order that has been executed by the trade for some time, and was only secured after very sharp competition with several of the oldest firms in the City. We believe that Bro. Wordley, although but a young Mason, is working hard, hoping soon to take up a prominent position in the Craft.

The Mount Edgumbe Lodge of Instruction, No. 1446, was re-opened on Wednesday week, and will meet at 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's, every Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

The Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction (previously named the "Sydney") meets every Monday evening, during the winter months, at the White Hart Hotel, Church-road, Upper Norwood.

Bros. Dr. Ramsey and A. J. McIntyre, Q.C., have been elected Wardens of the Needle Makers Company for the ensuing year.

Warwick has just expended £25,003 securing a good water supply, and the works were formally opened on Wednesday by the Mayor. The supply of water, it is stated, will be more than sufficient for the requirements of the town. It has been obtained from a bed of sand, and is supposed to be practically inexhaustible.

Bro. Sir Frederick M. Williams, M.P., R.W. D.P.G.M. for Cornwall, has subscribed £500 to the Cornish Bishopric Fund. This sum, with the £2000 which the Episcopate Committee have agreed to transfer to the Cornish Bishopric Fund as announced by the Earl of Devon at Plymouth, will secure Lady Rolle's gift of £40,000.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October 20, 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, OCTOBER 14.	
Quart. Gen. Court Girls' School,	at 12.
Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav.,	Aldersgate-st.
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound	Hot., Richmond.
" 1423, Era, King's Arms Hot.,	Hampton-et.
" 1426, The Great City, Caunon-st.	Hot.
" 1612, West Middlesex, The	Institute, Ealing.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-square.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16.
Quarterly Gen. Court Boys' School, at 12.—See Advt.
Lodge 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity,
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 907, Royal Alfred, F.M.H.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden To.
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood. White Hart Ho., Church-rd.,
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17.

Board of Gen. Purposes, at 3.
Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., City.
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.

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, Wheatsheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18.

Gen. Com. Grand Chapter, at 3.
Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
" 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
" 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1382, Corinthian, George, Glengall-rd., Millwall.
Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
" 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.

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.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anclery.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havlock 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, OCTOBER 19.
House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 181, Universal, F.M.H.
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
" 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
" 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
" 1339, Stockwell, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.
" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., W.
" 1475, Peckham, Surrey M.H.
" 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
" 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.
Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, 111, Cheapside.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Rose Croix, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford st., Covent Gard

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.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 21, 1876.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16.
Lodge 721, Independence, M.R., Chester.
" 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.H., Ulverston.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17.
Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
" 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hot., Seacombe.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Kirkdale, Liverpool.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
Lodge of I., 241, M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18.
Lodge 537, Zetland, M.C., Birkenhead.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Liverpool.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
Mark Lodge 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms Hot., Hyde.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Harmonic L. of I., Mona Hct., James-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19.
Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
" 343, Concord, Militia Mess R., Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, M.H., Chester.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., West Derby.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 21, 1876.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16.
Lodge 129, St. Mirren, 5, Moss-st., Paisley.
" 332, Union, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 581, Plantation, Craigiehall-st., S.S., Glasgow.
Encampment St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17.
Lodge 34, St. John, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 87, Thistle, 30, Cathedral-st., Glasgow.
" 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.
" 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose-st., S.S., Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18.
Lodge 117, St. Mary, M.H., Douglas-st., Partick.
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
" 571, Dramatic, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
Chap. 150, Shettleston, M.H., Shettleston.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19.
Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 370, Renfrew, 8, High-st., Paisley.
" 465, St. Andrew, 69, Garnagad-rd., Glasgow.
" 547, Stewart, M.H., Kilsyth.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20.
Lodge 31, St. Mary Coltness, Com. Hot., Wishaw.
" 306, St. Thomas, 90, Wellgate-st., Larkhall.
" 321, St. Andrew, R.A., Public Hall, Alexandria.
" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 408, Clyde, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 471, St. John, Stane Inn, Shotts.
" 496, St. Munn, Ardnadam, Kilmun.
" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hot., Larkhall.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21.
Lodge 512, Thorntree, School House, Thornliebank.
" 524, St. Andrew, M.H., East Kilbride.
" 544, St. Andrew, M.H., Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 21, 1876.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16.

Lodge 44, St. Luke, F.M.H., 98, George-st.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17.

Lodge 36, St. David, Ship Hot., East Register-st.
" 405, Rifle, F.M.H., 98, George-st.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18.

Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hot., 62, Nicholson-st.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19.

Lodge 48, St. Andrew, F.M.H., 98, George-st.
" 226, Portobello, Town Hall, Portobello.
Chap. 152, Perseverance, 86, Constitution-st., Leith.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20.
Chap. 83, St. Andrew, F.M.H., 98, George-st.