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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The first meeting after the recess of this old and prosperous lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, on Friday, the 13th ult. There were present at the opening of the lodge Bros. G. Everett, I.P.M., W.M. 1381, acting for the W.M., Bro. Treadwell, who could not be present in consequence of his having met with a very severe accident; Willing, jun., S.W.; Palmer, J.W.; Smith, P.G.P., &c., Treas.; Williams, Sec.; Buscall, S.D.; Clark, J.D.; White, I.G.; Spink, D.C.; Maclean, A.S.; Adams, P.G.P., P.M.; Tims, P.M.; Walford, P.M.; Haydn, P.M.; Ferguson, P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the I.P.M. raised Bros. Killingback, Jewell, and Stevens, and initiated Mr. Hillden. The ceremonies were performed with Bro. Everett's usual ability. A petition to the Board of Benevolence from a distressed member of the lodge having been signed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, to the number of nearly 100, adjourned to the banquet, which was well served in the Pillar-room under the management of Bro. Smith. Upon the removal of the cloth, the toast of "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M., and the Pro G.M., D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," were given by the I.P.M.—prefaced by a few pertinent remarks—and they were duly honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Smith, P.M. In the course of his speech, he referred to the lamentable accident that had befallen Bro. Treadwell, but he said it was a pleasure to think that the duties of the lodge and convivial board had been so well discharged in the W.M.'s absence by the I.P.M., who, at a great sacrifice of time, had come many miles to preside over them. He should therefore couple the name of Bro. Everett with the toast. This pledge having been well received, the acting W.M. made an excellent reply, in which he feelingly alluded to the untoward accident that had befallen the W.M., but hoped that he (Bro. Treadwell) would be in his place at the next meeting. In proposing "The Health of the Initiate," the I.P.M. dwelt upon the good effects engendered by Freemasonry, which was one of the most ancient institutions in existence, and in conclusion he congratulated the initiate upon having entered the mysterious portals of the Craft, whose principles were Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. The newly-admitted brother made a very brief reply, which was to the effect that he felt proud at having been initiated into this honourable society, that he was profoundly impressed with the ceremony, and that he hoped to obtain a better knowledge of its principles of on a future occasion. The toast of "The Visitors" followed. In introducing this, the I.P.M. made some very amusing allusions. He stated that he had heard that the members of the Domatic were considered rather given to undue merriment at the convivial board, but if that were so, it was strange that there should be so many visitors at the lodge meetings, who always appeared pleased at the reception they received, and the cry was "still they come!" For his own part he preferred the free and easy behaviour of No. 177 to the starchiness that prevailed in some lodges he could name, and in conclusion, he stated that there were nearly 100 members present that evening, which spoke well for the vitality of the lodge, and on their behalf he offered the good right hand of fellowship to the visiting brethren, and assured them that they—the members of the Domatic—were heartily glad to see them. This toast was coupled with the names of Bros. Draper, W.M. Saint Marylebone; and Walls, S.D. Kennington, who briefly replied. Amongst the visitors also were Bros. Hollis, P.M. 197; Rowe, S.W. 167; Croaker, I.G. 185; Fowler, J.W. 1305. In proposing the toast of "The P.M.'s," the I.P.M. made a funny allusion to their being not only the "pillows" but the "pillars" of the lodge, and called attention to the venerable and substantial appearance they presented, and congratulated them upon possessing amongst their number those who held Past Grand honours. This toast having been well received, Bros. Walford and Ferguson made excellent responses. "The Health of the Father and Treasurer of the Lodge, Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P.," followed, and having been duly honoured, gave that worthy brother an opportunity of making one of his paternal and able replies. "The Secretary, Bro. Williams," was duly toasted, and he briefly returned thanks. In giving the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," the I.P.M. paid a very high com-

pliment to the Wardens, Bros. Willing and Palmer, and their subordinates, for the great ability they displayed in the discharge of their respective duties. Bros. Willing and Palmer, in the course of their replies, expressed a hope that when the time arrived for them to solicit the suffrages of the brethren for the high distinction of W.M., that they would be successful, and in the event of their occupying the position that they would use their best endeavours to keep up the prestige of the lodge by following in the steps of the long and distinguished array of P.M.'s who had filled the chair of the Domatic with credit to themselves, and to the satisfaction of their brethren. Bros. Buscall, Clark, White, and Spink also replied. In the intervals Bros. Palmer, Walls, Butt and others, vocally entertained the brethren. The Tyler's toast, at half-past ten, terminated the proceedings, and the brethren separated until the second Friday in November.

LEWIS LODGE (No. 1185).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 21st October, at the King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, and was numerously attended. Bro. Alfred Durrant, W.M., presided; Bro. Berrie, acting as S.W.; Bro. Thos. Holmes Turner (W.M. elect) J.W., and the other officers, all being present, together with the following visitors:—Bros. Vesper, Yarboro', 554; Davis, Zetland, 551; Cushion, Great Northern, 1287; Brooks-Fowler and Mendy, High Cross, 754; and A. McKenzie, Fitz Roy, 569. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and signed, the W.M. proceeded to initiate Messrs. Kennett Harris, George Powell, William George Kildreth, and John Thomas Chase into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The next business was the installation of Bro. Thos. Howes Turner as W.M., and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Turner was in due form installed by the outgoing Master, Bro. Durrant. The W.M. having received the customary salutes, proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bro. Shipwright, S.W.; Layer, J.W.; W. Bro. May, P.M., Treas.; W. Bro. Leared, P.M., Sec.; Bro. Bone, S.D.; Bro. Berrie, J.D.; Bro. Hooper, I.G.; W. Bro. Row, P.M., D.C.; Bro. Meen, Org.; Bro. Conolly, Stwd.; and Bro. C. T. Speight, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Durrant, the retiring and Installing Master, then delivered the customary address; and it must be remarked that though, comparatively speaking, a young Mason, he has worked well during his year of office, and having closed it with satisfaction to himself and the members of the lodge, he has well earned the handsome Past Master's jewel of the lodge, which was presented to him on his vacating the chair. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The other business of the evening having been disposed of, the lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer.

MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).—The above lodge held its monthly meeting on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Asheton Arms Hotel. Present: Bros. David Reid, W.M.; John Dyson, P.M., acting S.W.; S. H. Chatham, P.M., acting J.W.; F. Fothergill, Sec.; John Hutton, I.G.; John Kent, Tyler; Wilson, Fattou, Brunt, Hewitt, Valentine, Newton, P. Lawton, Jones, Lees, Burtles, Beresford, and Howard. Visitors: Bros. Mackie, P.M. of the Architect and Integrity, and Ferndale. The lodge was opened at 6 p.m. when Bros. Brunt, Valentine, and Beresford were raised to the Degree of Master Mason by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Mackie. The lodge being lowered to the E.A. Degree, the Secretary announced to the brethren that permission had been kindly given by the M.W.G.M. for the lodge to wear the Centenary jewel; also that the November meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire would be held under the auspices of the above lodge at Middleton. The lodge was then closed according to ancient custom, when the brethren sat down to a delicious repast, ably provided by the hostess, Mrs. Harrison. After the cloth was removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the Tyler's toast bringing the evening to a close.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster, on the 11th ult., Bro. T. Atkinson, the W.M., presiding. There was not a large attendance. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. There being no special business before the lodge, Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., gave an exposition of the "Masonic Institutions, past and present." At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him. The usual proclamations having been made, the lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with the formalities of the Craft.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).—At the monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 25th ult., the W.M., Capt. Green, was, as usual, in his place; the I.P.M., Wardens, and Deacons, being unavoidably absent, some, being out of England at the time, their places were filled as follows:—Bros. Rev. Faussett Ward, J. M. Cuthbert, P.M.; A. Cookson, P.M.; E. Billson, P.M.; and F. Thompson, jun. The Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, and I.G., Bros. Rev. C. Brereton, Alderman Sergeant, Dr. Prior, and R. H. Coombs, were present, as was also Bro. Alderman J. R. Bull, Steward, and very many brethren; amongst whom we noticed Bros. W. J. Nash, P.M.; Harris, Roe, Tafford, Kilpin, Whittaker, Leslie Pick, and others. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge unanimously voted the sum of £10 to the widow of a deceased P.M. New collars were ordered for the lodge. A vote of condolence was passed, and the Chaplain requested to convey the same to the family of the late Rev. E. I. Lockwood, D. Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, of whom an Obituary notice appeared in the "Freemason" of October 28th. Bro. Lockwood, who was formerly of St. Mary's, Bedford, was one of the original members of the Stuart Lodge.

Afterwards the election of officers for the ensuing year took place with the following unanimous result:—W.M., Bro. Col. Wm. Stuart, P.G.S.W., S.W.; Treas., Bro. Alderman Sergeant; Tyler, Bro. George Reynolds. Lodge having been closed, about twenty brethren sat down to a very good supper, after which a very pleasant evening was spent.

FLEETWOOD.—Hesketh Lodge (No. 950).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 19th ult., in the Masonic Rooms, Fleetwood. Bro. W. Stewardson, the W.M., presided. All the members appeared in mourning, as a mark of respect to the I.P.M., whose wife had died very suddenly since last meeting. During the evening the I.P.M. was presented with a Past Master's jewel, as a token of respect and esteem. The usual proclamations were made, and the lodge was closed with the customary formalities.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, on Thursday, the 26th ult. The W.M. Bro. Dr. E. E. Phillips, P.M. 379, Pro J.G.D. presided, supported by a good muster of brethren, amongst whom were the following:—Bros. A. Lucking, P.M. 160, Prov. A.G.D.C., I.P.M.; F. D. Grayson, acting S.W.; S. Cox, P.M. acting J.W.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S. G.W., Treas.; I. D. Wardell, P.M. 160 and 1000, P.P.G.D., Sec.; J. R. Hemmann, P.M., P.P.G.D. Organist; J. C. Johnstone, P.M. 20, I.G., D.C.; Rev. H. Hayes, Chap.; W. Chignell, I.G.; A. F. Godward, W.S.; H. Rowley, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. H. Locket, A. Briggs, G. F. Wood, English, Hassall, G. Berry, W. J. Bullen, jun., J.W. 160; G. F. Jones, H. Luker, W. D. Merritt, F. Canton, L. Warren, and W. R. Bishop. Visitors:—Bros. E. B. Graham, W.M. 19, Prov. S.G.W. Middlesex; W. R. Marsh, P.M. 933, &c.; W. Pisse, P.M. 160, P.P.G.W. Essex; and Sir Thos. Kirkpatrick, Bart., 257. After the usual preliminary business, the W.M. passed Bro. H. Smith to the Second Degree, and afterwards raised Bro. W. H. Norman to the sublime degree of a M.M. The ballot having proved favourable to Mr. R. Dibden Lewis and Mr. Alex. Cole, and the latter being present he was duly initiated in the mysteries of the Craft. The three degrees were very ably performed. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and well received, and the Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

WESTERHAM.—Amherst Lodge (No. 1223).—The last meeting of the present season took place on Thursday, the 19th ult., when the lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. A. Durnell, and after the minutes were confirmed. Mr. Alfred Sidney Owen, the Principal of the Boys' Collegiate School, at Westerham, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the First Degree; the ceremony being performed, by permission of the W.M., by Bro. R. B. Newson, P.M., P.P.G.O. of Kent, in a most impressive manner, and at the banquet which followed, the table was served in a most recherché manner by the host, Bro. Hadley, P.M. 493. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and a vote of thanks unanimously accorded to P.M. Hadley, for the admirable way he had catered for the brethren during the short time he had been resident in Westerham.

SEACOMBE.—Warren Lodge (No. 1276).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Tuesday, 17th ult., at the Stanley Arms Hotel. Present: Bros. Jas. Ridehalgh, W.M.; W. R. Bainbridge, I.P.M. and P.M. 721; J. Taylor, S.W. (W.M. elect); Wm. Jones, J.W.; the other officers of the lodge, and 51 brethren. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, when the ballot box was sent round for Mr. J. H. Cant, who was afterwards initiated by Bro. J. Ridehalgh, W.M. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when the W.M. invited Bro. T. Marwood, V.W.P.J.G.W. Cheshire, to assume the chair, and instal his successor. Bro. J. Ridehalgh, W.M., and Bro. W. R. Bainbridge, P.M., then presented Bro. John Taylor, the W.M. elect, to the Installing Master, and a Board of Installed Master having been formed he was presented, and formally installed into the chair of K.S. After having been proclaimed and saluted in the customary form, Bro. Taylor was then pleased to appoint the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. J. Ridehalgh, I.P.M.; Wm. Jones, S.W.; H. Skinner, J.W.; W. Price, Treas.; H. Matthews, Sec.; T. Yeates, S.D.; J. Hindley, J.D.; W. R. Bainbridge, P.M., D.C.; Henderson, I.G.; T. Gray and J. Looney, Stewards; and Gamble, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, when the brethren adjourned to the Seacombe Hotel for the banquet. The W.M. occupied the chair, supported by Bros. T. Marwood, V.W.P.J.G.W.; J. P. Platt, V.W.P.P.J.G.W. and Treas. of the C.E.M.I.; Hignett, P.P.D.C.; Holt, P.M.; Jas. Ridehalgh, I.P.M.; W. R. Bainbridge, P.M. and D.C.; R. C. Mellor, P.P.J.G.D. for North Wales; Vaughan, W.M.; McNeerney, W.M. 605; J. T. Lea, P.P. G.S. of W.; T. Shaw, S.W. 605; E. Jones, J.W. 605; D. F. Ranking, S.D. 959; and 45 other brethren sat down to the banquet. Grace having been said, the following loyal and Masonic toasts were given:—"The Queen and the Craft," "God Save the Queen," by Bro. Parker; "Our Royal Bro. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," (Royal Honours), "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master," "The Rt. Hon. Lord De Tabley, R.W.P. G.M., and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. T. Marwood, V.W.P.J.G.W., returned thanks for having his name coupled with that of the R.W.P.G.M., the Lord De Tabley, and stated that the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held in Seacombe, and trusted that the brethren of both lodges would work together to make it a successful meeting. Bro. J. P. Platt, V.W.P.P.J.G.W., and Bro. J. B. Hignett, P.P.D.C., returned thanks. Bro. J. Ridehalgh, I.P.M., then said it gave him great pleasure to propose "The Health of the W.M." Bro. John

Taylor, W.M., then said—Bro. Ridehalgh, P.G. Officers and brethren, I thank you for the very kind and handsome manner you have proposed my health, and also most cordially do I wish to thank the brethren for their equally hearty response, and while so doing I wish to observe that I am not insensible to the important and dignified position in which I have been placed. Every effort will be put forward on my part for the good and welfare of the Warren Lodge. I feel it my duty to appeal to the officers, and the brethren to give me their hearty co-operation, and with me to lift up their voices to the G.A.O.T.U. that peace, prosperity, and tranquillity, may through his wisdom and goodness be vouchsafed to us. Bro. P.M., I thank you again for your kindness, and equally so do I thank my brethren. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters." Bro. Holt briefly returned thanks. Bro. W. R. Bainbridge, P.M., and D.C., thanked the W.M., the P.G. Officers and brethren for the kind way the toast had been proposed, and received by the brethren, he especially thanked the W.M. for investing him as one of his officers; he could now say that he had been appointed an officer of the Craft for the fourteenth year. Bro. J. Ridehalgh, I.P.M., said it gave him great pleasure to inform the brethren that the last two years had been very successful, and that the brethren initiated would reflect honour on the Craft. The W.M. then said he had a pleasing duty to perform, which was to present the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel. It was of gold, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. James Ridehalgh by the brethren of the Warren Lodge, No. 1276, as a token of their appreciation of his Masonic worth and usefulness, 17th October, 1876." He then again thanked the brethren for their kindness. The next toast was that of "The Officers of the Lodge." Bros. W. Jones, Skinner, and H. Matthew, Sec., returned thanks. The W.M. said the next toast was that of "The Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution," and he had very great pleasure in coupling the name of Bro. J. P. Platt, P.P.J.G. Warden, the Hon. Treas. Bro. J. P. Platt thanked the W.M. and brethren for the manner this toast was proposed and received by the brethren. He said Freemasonry was something, or it was nothing; without brotherly love, relief, and truth, it was nothing, and he hoped the brethren would not only support the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution, but also the Masonic Institutions of London. The Secretary then announced that thirty brethren gave their names as subscribers. The next toast was that of "The Initiate." The next toast was that of "The Visitors." The W.M. said he felt highly honoured by having so many present, and had great pleasure in coupling the name of Bro. McNerney, W.M. of the Combermere Lodge. Bro. McNerney, in a first-class speech, thanked the W.M. and brethren of the Warren Lodge, and expressed a hope that both lodges would work with unanimity and concord, so that the next Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, which is to be held in Seacombe, should be a successful meeting. The other visitors returned thanks, after which the Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close. The evening was spent very pleasantly, and the brethren separated highly pleased.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—The third installation meeting since its foundation in 1874 of this thriving provincial lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, on Thursday, 19th ult. There were present at the opening of the lodge Bros. Hopwood, P.M. 141, W.M.; Hill, P.M. Canonbury, S.W.; Hurst, J.W., W.M. elect; Fox, J.D.; Jessett, I.G.; W. Hammond, P.P.J.G.D. of Middlesex, I.P.M.; B. Sharp, P.M.; Bond, W.M. Dobie. The visitors were Bros. Elsam, P.M. Dobie, S.W. Jordan, P.P.G.D.C. of Surrey; Wilson, P.M. Etonian; W. Fisher, S.W. Raleigh; Güterbock, Phoenix. The minutes of the meetings held in March, April, May, June, and August, having been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bros. Errington, Finch, and Murphy to the Degree of Fellow Craft. The ceremony of installing Bro. John Hurst, J.W., into the chair of K.S. then commenced, and was carried out up to a certain point by the retiring W.M. The M.M.'s having retired a Board of Installed Masters was opened in full Masonic form by the I.P.M., Bro. Wm. Hammond, who appointed Bros. Hopwood, B. Sharp, and Elsam respectively as S.W. and J.W. and I.G. The impressive ceremony of installation was then duly and fully proceeded with, at its conclusion the Board of Installed Masters was closed with the most complete formality. The remaining portion of the ceremony, including the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, was performed by Bro. Wilson, P.M. Etonian, in a highly satisfactory manner, the addresses being most forcibly and clearly delivered. The officers appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. J. Hammond, P.M. Jordan, S.W.; Hill, P.M. (Canonbury), J.W.; E. Hopwood, I.P.M., Treas.; W. Hammond, P.M., &c., Sec.; C. W. Fox, S.D.; J. C. Jessett, J.D.; T. W. Ockenden, I.G.; T. C. Walls, D.C.; Güterbock, W.S.; Kent, A.W.S. The Auditor's report having been received and adopted, the interesting ceremony of presenting the I.P.M., Bro. Hopwood, with a handsome jewel, took place. The P.M.'s jewel of this lodge, out of compliment, as a distinction, bears the "coat armour" of the late distinguished scholar and Mason, Dr. Hemming. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, well catered for by Bro. H. C. T. Murphy, "mine host" of the "Lion." The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "Lord Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.," "Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," and "The Prov. G.M., Col. Burdett," were given quickly, and with commendable brevity by the W.M., who stated at the commencement of the proceedings that it was not his intention during his year of office to bore his brethren with

long speeches. In proposing "The Health of the D.P. G.M. of Middlesex, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," the W.M. made a few remarks upon the great honour the Hemming Lodge possessed in having a P.M. bearing the distinctive grade of P.J.G.D. of the Province, and he should, therefore, couple Bro. Wm. Hammond's name with the toast. That worthy brother in response greatly regretted the absence that evening of several prominent members of the Provincial Grand Lodge who had promised to attend. He also, in the course of his reply, stated that it had always been his endeavour to discharge every Masonic post that he held to the satisfaction of all, and he was pleased to say that his efforts in that direction had always been successful. In conclusion he said he was proud at holding past rank in so powerful and influential a Province as Middlesex, and, moreover, he hoped to be spared many years to bear, in addition to his Provincial Grand Lodge honours, the honourable appellation of Past Master of the Hemming Lodge. The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," in fitting terms, and concluded by remarking, that if the W.M. went on discharging in the same able manner as he had commenced that evening the arduous duties of his position, he would be an ornament to the lodge. This toast having been received with excellent fire, the W.M. made a very neat reply, in the course of which he stated that he had arrived at the goal of Masonic ambition, namely, the chair of K.S., much sooner than he had anticipated. He hoped to carry out the duties of the position to their satisfaction, but at the same time he impressed upon the officers the necessity of supporting him upon all occasions, as otherwise it would be impossible for him to efficiently discharge the functions of the chair. In conclusion he stated that he hoped that the work of the lodge during his year would be carried out by the officers without having occasion to depend upon the efforts of the Past Masters to keep the ceremonies going. In giving "The Health of the Installing Officers" the W.M. complimented the brethren upon having had an opportunity of witnessing the installation ceremony so ably and fully performed as it had been that day by Bros. Hopwood, Hammond, Sharp, Bond, Elsam, and Wilson. This toast was responded to by all the brethren named, with the exception of Bro. Wilson, who had left. Bro. B. Sharp in speaking of the latter brother's impressive working, gave, as his opinion, that it had never been exceeded in any lodge for proficiency or style. "The Visitors" toast followed, and it was amusingly acknowledged by Bro. Elsam (Dobie and Jordan). In the progress of his reply, he stated that he had been present at the consecration of the lodge, and he was greatly surprised, that in the short space of two years, which had elapsed since that memorable event, that the members of the "Hemming" had deemed it necessary to close their list of members. He wished to assure them that he had spent a most enjoyable and instructive day, and that he, as a Mason of some years standing, fully endorsed the remarks of Bro. Sharp, that the charges and other details of the installation entrusted to Bro. Wilson, had been carried out in a manner that very few Past Masters could equal, much less exceed. "The Health of the Past Masters" was then given by the W.M., and having been most cordially received, Bros. Hopwood, Treas., and Hammond, Sec., replied. "The Officers of the Lodge" was the closing toast, with the exception of the Tyler's, and gave Bros. Hill, Jessett, Ockenden, Walls and Kent, an opportunity of thanking the W.M. for the kind remarks used by him in recognizing their past and present services to the lodge. During the evening vocal and other selections were given by Bros. Jessett, Ockenden, Walls, and others. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the third Thursday in November.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Morecambe, on the 6th ult. Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. (Bro. Capt. Garnett), occupied the chair of K.S., Bro. H. Longman, W.M. 281, occupying the I.P.M.'s chair. There was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was afterwards raised to the Second Degree, when Bro. R. Gregson having given evidence of his proficiency as a F.C., was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Gregson having been re-admitted, he was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. Moore, the working tools being presented by Bro. T. Atkinson, W.M. 281. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, when some conversation took place relative to occupying the new lodge, which is in course of erection in Edward-street. Bro. Moore announced that the W.M., (Bro. Capt. Garnett) had intimated his intention of presenting the lodge with a Master's chair, and he would present it with a I.P.M.'s chair, both on the model of those now in use in the Lodge of Fortitude. This announcement was received with much applause. It was subsequently proposed that chairs for the Senior and Junior Wardens should also be procured at the expense of the lodge, similar to those of the Fortitude. The usual proclamations were made, which elicited hearty responses from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday week at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool; Bro. Joseph Bell, W.M., presided, and he was supported by Bros. B. B. Marson, P.M.; W. J. Chapman, S.W.; L. Courtenay, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; W. Sandbrook, J.D.; J. Atkinson, I.G.; Collinson and Pyer, Stewards; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. There was a very large attendance of visitors, including several well-known and highly respected professional

brethren. Messrs. R. Burgess, L. F. Lablache, W. S. Cook, and John Dale were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, and Bros. F. Wilkinson, P. Shrapnell, and W. L. Peacock were raised to the Third Degree. Three guineas were voted for the relief of a brother's widow, and after hearty good wishes had been given from about a dozen lodges, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room.

INSTRUCTION.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—This lodge of instruction held its half-yearly meeting on Tuesday evening last at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, when the Fifteen Sections were worked by Bro. F. G. Baker, the Preceptor, who was assisted by Bro. Rogers, S.W., Bro. Long, J.W., and nearly forty brethren. The working was admirably performed by the different brethren, who gave the answers; after which a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Baker for the excellent way in which he had conducted the business of the evening. Bro. Baker closed the day's proceedings by delivering an eloquent address on the principles of Freemasonry and the duties of its members; exhorting the brethren to carry out into the world the practices they were taught in the lodge. Since the establishment of this lodge of instruction no less than fifty guineas have been subscribed from its funds to the Masonic Institutions.

WHITTINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 862).—The Fifteen Sections were worked in the above lodge, on Wednesday, the 25th October, by the members of the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, at the Black Bull Hotel, Holborn, Bro. J. Bingemann, P.M. 55, and W.M. 1599, taking the chair of K.S., assisted by Bro. Long, P.M. 435, as S.W., and Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M. 1524, as J.W., and a very numerous company. The lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the sections were worked as follows:—

FIRST LECTURE.

- 1st Section, Bro. Woods, 145.
- 2nd " " Tate, 862.
- 3rd " " Abell, 55.
- 4th " " Brown, 862.
- 5th " " W. H. Lee, 1524.
- 6th " " Cull, 1441.
- 7th " " "

SECOND LECTURE.

- 1st Section, Bro. Abell, 55.
- 2nd " " Marston, 55.
- 3rd " " Whitaker, 765.
- 4th " " Farwig, 180.
- 5th " " "

THIRD LECTURE.

- 1st Section, Bro. Robertson, 55.
- 2nd " " Woods, 145.
- 3rd " " Long, 435.

The whole of the work was done in an admirable manner, and at its conclusion a proposition to make Bro. Bingemann an honorary member of the lodge, was carried enthusiastically. Bro. Bingemann then proposed a vote of thanks to those brethren who had assisted him in the work, which was also carried unanimously. Sixteen new members having been elected, the lodge was closed, and we trust this very successful meeting will inaugurate a new career of prosperity for the lodge which meets every Wednesday evening as above at 8 p.m.

HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260).—It has been frequently stated by disbelievers in the Craft, that it is a mistake to say that Freemasonry is a "progressive science," and that it stands in exactly the same condition as it did a century ago. A better answer to this erroneous statement could not be given than by calling attention to the numerous reports of the working of the brethren in the various lodges of instruction in the metropolis and provinces. And if a more convincing proof were required, the work done by the members of the above lodge, on Friday, the 27th ult., would furnish it. Briefly, the members met on that evening to work the fifteen sections of the lectures in the three degrees, and the very perfect working of each section did great credit to the able Preceptor. The lodge was opened at seven o'clock p.m., in due form with solemn prayer, the following being the officers present:—Bros. Baker, W.M.; Collings, S.W.; Southwood, J.W.; Spalding, S.D.; J. Sandilands, Ward, J.D.; Harrison, I.G.; King, P.M.; and King, jun., P.M., Sec., and Preceptor. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the W.M. opened the lodge in the Second and Third Degrees, and then resumed to the First for the purpose of proceeding with the business. The following is a list of the brethren who respectively worked the Sections:—

FIRST LECTURE.

- 1st Section, Bro. J. Sandilands Ward.
- 2nd " " Ganbert.
- 3rd " " Harrison.
- 4th " " Spalding.
- 5th " " Baker.
- 6th " " Carlstrom.
- 7th " " Long.

SECOND LECTURE.

- 1st Section, Bro. Goodacre.
- 2nd " " King.
- 3rd " " King, jun.
- 4th " " Collings.
- 5th " " Carlstrom.

THIRD LECTURE.

- 1st Section, Bro. Southwood.
- 2nd " " Carlstrom.
- 3rd " " Collings.

The W.M. gave the introductory and closing charges in a manner that it would be very difficult to excel, and which, it is needless to add, received the approbation of all who had the pleasure of listening to them. On the W.M. rising for the first time, Bro. Carlstrom was proposed as a

joining member of the lodge, and was unanimously elected. On the rising for the second time, Bro. King, jun., proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Baker for the efficient manner in which he had worked the sections, and on its being seconded and put by the S.W., the brethren fully expressed their appreciation by their conclusive assent. The W.M., in reply to the official announcement of the S.W., said that as a very old working Mason (having been preceptor of several lodges of instruction for many years), it was not the first time such an honour had been passed on him, nor was it for such that he so assiduously visited lodges on similar occasions. But that it was his wish at all times, when convenient, to afford to less able Masons the knowledge he himself had acquired during his long connection with the Craft, and in concluding a very able and telling speech would inform the brethren that he should work the sections at "Lord's," on Tuesday, October 31st, when he should like to see as many brethren present as possible. On rising for the third time, Bro. Collins was made an honorary member, and a vote of thanks passed to the visiting brethren for their assistance during the evening. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren dispersed to the different quarters of the metropolis, each expressing himself well satisfied at the very nice manner in which they had been entertained.

Royal Arch.

CAVEAC CHAPTER (No. 176).—The regular convocation of this prosperous chapter was held on Saturday, October 28th, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, City. Chapter was opened by Comp. S. Wyman, M.E.Z.; G. H. Lemann, H.; J. B. Sorrell, J.; C. T. Dorey, P.Z. (Father of the chapter); F. Walters, P.G. 1st A.S.; Mill, P.Z. Treas.; and others. The companions were then admitted. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and unanimously confirmed. Bro. Dr. Charles Browne, P.M., D.C., being in attendance, was duly exalted into the mysteries of the Royal Arch, the ceremony, as is usual in the chapter, being given in an admirable manner. The usual Five Guinea jewel was voted from the chapter funds to the M.E.Z., Comp. W. S. Wyman (as a slight recognition of valuable services rendered to the chapter during his year of office.) Business being ended, the chapter was closed, and adjourned to the Installation meeting, which will commence its new year. There were present, besides the above-named companions, S. Pounceby, R. P. Tibb, J. B. Sorrell, jun., and others. There were not any visitors.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—Friendship Chapter (No. 100).—A convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday evening, October 17th, at the Crown and Anchor Hotel; Comp. Burstal, M.E.Z., presiding, supported by Comps. James Bond, H.; F. J. Bonifellow, J.; J. Franklin, P.M., P.Z.; A. Hanlow, P.M., P.Z. (Scribe E.); R. W. Hubbard, 1st Soj.; Hudsforth, 2nd Soj.; H. J. Mason, P.Z., 3rd Soj.; Jonell, Capt. Dods, French, Wright, Stanier, Martins, and G. B. Hammond. The list of visitors included Comps. James Mangan, D.D., LL.D., No. 3 Ireland, P.M. 133; H. J. Mason, P.Z.; James Dunsford, P.Z.; and Henry James Moxon, Doric Chapter, and S.W. Marquess of Dalhousie, 1159, a companion well-known in Metropolitan lodges for his unremitting exertions on behalf of our charitable institutions. The minutes having been confirmed, Bros. Capt. Fisk (Capper), and J. A. Hayes (Prudence), were duly exalted, and at the termination of the ceremony, which was very ably performed, the companions adjourned to the banqueting room, where an unusually excellent spread awaited them. On the withdrawal of the cloth, and after the formal toasts had been given, the M.E.Z. said there was always an important toast before them, and that was to drink the health of their newly-exalted companions. They hailed their coming amongst them, as it was not only an evidence of their progress, but it gave stability to their proceedings. The toast was warmly received, and Comps. Fisk and Hayes suitably replied. The next toast was "The Health of the Visitors," and the companions had an opportunity of listening to an excellent speech in reply by Comp. Dunsford, P.Z., after which "The Health of the M.E.Z., Comp. Burstal," was proposed in an eulogistic speech by Comp. Bond, and Comp. Burstal in thanking the companions for the toast congratulated them on their continued prosperity, and said that he regretted that circumstances of a business nature had prevented him filling the Principal's Chair as he ought, and hoped in future to be more regular in his attendance. Before resuming his seat he would ask them to drink prosperity and welfare to the new lodge forming at Gorleston, coupled with the name of Comp. Youell, the W.M. designate. The toast was accepted with all honours, and Comp. Youell, who was heartily cheered, thanked the M.E.Z. for proposing the toast, and the companions for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received it. He felt that with respect to the new Lodge (St. Andrews), he had undertaken a very great task, although he fully intended, with the help of his friend Captain Dods, and the other brethren who had kindly offered their assistance, to make it all that was desired. The toast of "Comp. Franklin (Host), and Mrs. Franklin" was next proposed, the M.E.Z. expressing satisfaction at the very genial way in which both had acted to ensure a pleasant meeting. Comp. Franklin having replied, the Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a close. The intervals between the toasts were pleasantly enlivened with some excellent songs by Comps. Fiske, Stanier, Moxon, and Franklin.

WINDSOR.—Windsor Castle Chapter (No. 771).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Temple at Windsor on the 19th ult., when there were present the M.E.Z. Comps. H. H. Hodges, Z.; J. H. Tolley, H.; E. Grisbrook, J.; J. Devereux, P.Z.; J. Stevens, P.Z.; John Read, P.Z.; G. W. Dixon, E.; G. H.

Powell, N.; F. Flock, P.S.; J. O. Carter, A.S.; Nowell, Janitor; North Ritherdon, Barton, Roberts, Bryett, and others; and visiting Comp. W. Johnson. The chapter having been opened by the Principals present, the companions below the chair were admitted, and the chapter was then opened in due form. After confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, Comp. John Read, P.Z., installed Comp. John H. Tolley as M.E.Z.; E. Grisbrook as H.; and G. W. Dixon as J., with full and perfect ceremony. The following officers were then invested, viz., Comps. Powell, S.E.; Fleck, S.N.; Strange (by proxy), P.S.; Carter, 1st A.S.; Cantrell, 2nd A.S.; North Ritherdon, D.C.; Barton, Roberts, and Bryett, Stewards; and Nowell, Janitor. Bro. Joseph Johnson, of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, was approved and exalted into the Supreme Degree, the newly-appointed officers working the entire ceremony in an extremely creditable manner. A P.Z. jewel was presented to the I.P.Z., Ex. Comp. H. H. Hodges, accompanied by highly-eulogistic remarks from the M.E.Z. A cordial vote of thanks to Ex. Comp. John Read, P.Z., as Installing First Principal, was recorded in the minutes, and the services of Ex. Comps. Devereux and Stevens, in assisting him, were acknowledged from the chair. Propositions having been taken, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the Castle Hotel, for necessary sustenance after arduous labour. The exigencies of the railway arrangements precluded a long sitting, but the loyal and principal Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant hour spent by the members of this now well-established chapter.

WILLIAM PRESTON CHAPTER (No. 766).—A mournful meeting of this chapter was held on the 26th ult., at Cannon-street Hotel. Since the previous meeting in May, when the Principals were installed, the chapter had had the misfortune to lose its M.E.Z., the worthy Dr. Whiteman, who had risen to that high position, having been called to the Grand Chapter above, and all the companions appeared with their badges craped, the banner of the late M.E.Z. bearing also the like melancholy contrast on its brilliant emblazonment. The chapter was summoned by Comp. Captain G. J. Kain, P.Z., as acting M.E.Z.; Comp. George Newman, as H.; and Comp. Augustus Brann, as J. Unfortunately Comp. Newman had to be absent, and Comp. Garrod took the chair of M.E.Z., Comp. Kain, that of H., and Comp. Braun kept his own position. The other positions were thus filled, Dr. Kempster, as S.N., also assisting in the work; Wm. Worrell, P.Z., S.E.; E. Newton, sen., as P.S.; Dr. Cutmore, as First Assistant S.; J. T. Gibson, as Second Assistant S.; and there were also present Comps. Williams, Newton, jun., Steinmade, While ("Freemason"), Davidson, Partridge, Klench, Ince, Barnes, Rickwood, and Comp. Taylor, W.M. of the Doric Lodge, who, with another visitor, represented other chapters at work and board. The business was to take the ballot for five brothers for exaltation,—Bros. Arthur Southam, M.D., W.M. of the Earl Spencer, 1420; J. J. Joseph, J.D. of the same lodge; J. Sinclair, S. of 1420, J. T. Pilditch, of the same lodge, and I.G. of the Grosvenor; and Robt. Tynn, of the William Preston Lodge. The ballot was unanimous, and all but the last named being present, the ceremony was proceeded with in favour of those four. Comp. Gibson was particularly efficient in his working of a new office, and took the position of P.S. with great credit to himself and pleasure to the companions. Comp. Garrod was, unfortunately, not in the best of health, and had taken the chair of M.E.Z. at a moment's notice, yet he was ready and equal to the arduous labour of working the degree. Comp. Taylor also assisted in the addresses. After the work, when the M.E.Z. rose for the third time, Comp. Kempster stated that he was with the late Dr. Whiteman, in his last few hours, and knew that their late companion's latest thoughts were with his Masonic duties, his hopes being that he should be able to join his companions and brothers in lodge and chapter. Not speaking of the late M.E.Z. as a Mason, but as a lay member of the world, the speaker said he could truly say that Dr. Whiteman was held in the highest esteem by all classes with whom he had come into contact in his busy life. Some of the chapter, and some of his Masonic brethren paid the last tribute of respect to their companion and brother, and according to ancient custom they dropped a sprig of acacia into his last resting place. Comp. P.Z. Worrell said that if the companions and brethren had known of the loss earlier many more would have attended the funeral, and Comp. Dr. Kempster explained that it was necessary to inter the body soon after the death, and that it was impossible to make the death known. The chapter then proceeded to the consideration of the notice of motion to raise the exaltation fee after the next (Feb.) meeting, to take effect in May next. The motion was carried, as was another to raise the annual subscription to two guineas. Both were proposed by Dr. Kempster. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the dining room, and partook of a pleasant repast. The M.E.Z. then in felicitous terms proposed "The Health of the Exaltees," to whose merits, as Masons, he paid a high tribute, and congratulated the chapter upon having received additions so worthy of the Craft, and the exaltees upon joining a chapter in which there were many working Masons. The exaltees severally replied, and expressed their gratification upon having acquired the R.A. grade under the pleasant circumstances of that evening. Comp. Taylor responded for "The Visitors" in a speech of more than ordinary merit, and then the acting M.E.Z. said that would be the time when he should have had to call upon the companions, to drink to "The Health of the M.E.Z.," but now that their M.E.Z. had been exalted to the Grand Chapter they would drink to his memory. Dr. Whiteman was scarcely ever absent from lodge or chapter, and at the last lodge meeting of the William Preston the speaker had addressed the brethren in a speech, which, for fear of repeating himself, he would now read. To the melancholy

pleasure of the companions, the acting M.E.Z. read the eloquent speech reported in the "Freemason" as having been delivered at the last meeting of the William Preston Lodge, and the companions drank to the memory of the late loved M.E.Z. in solemn silence. Comp. Worrell then proposed "The Acting M.E.Z.," and spoke of the great services Comp. Kain had rendered to the chapter in taking upon himself the duty of M.E.Z. for the rest of the year. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, as was that of the P.Z., Comp. Worrell, who the M.E.Z. stated, came to the William Preston Lodge a mere beardless boy, and had won his honours by sheer hard work and merit. Regret was expressed at the absence of Comp. Newman, and then the officers were toasted, and Comps. Garrod, Braun, and Kempster spoke, the latter in a jesting speech drawing attention to the fact that their Comp. Worrell, with his usual perseverance, had gone through another ceremony since the last meeting, and with his usual fidelity had kept the secrets. The ceremony was that of marriage, and Dr. Kempster congratulated Comp. Worrell upon the evident agreement of that state of life with him as shown in his good looks, and amid the cheers of the companions expressed the warmest and best wishes for the welfare of the happy couple. The evening ended with the Janitor's toast.

Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., on Saturday last. The W. Bro. Thomas W. White, W.M., was supported by a goodly attendance of officers and brethren, amongst whom were the W. Bros. G. Ward Verry, P.P.G.D.C., as S.W.; North Ritherdon, P.G. Supt. of Works, J.W.; Edward Moody, P.P.G. Standard Bearer, M.O.; W. P. Collins, P.P.G. Sword Bearer, J.O.; the V.W. Bros. Thomas Meggy, P.G.S.O., P.M.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O., P.M.; the W. Bros. W. Worrell, P.G. Org., P.M.; M. C. Hale, P.G. Sword Bearer; T. K. Pitt, P.G.D.C.; Bros. Bastien, H. F. Partridge, W. Johnson, J. R. Williams, and others, and Bro. J. Rawles, acting for Bro. Grant, Tyler. The lodge was specially visited by the W. Bro. C. Pulman, Prov. G.S.O., and P.M. of the Panmure Mark Lodge, who had, whilst W.M. of that lodge, kindly advanced a brother to the degree for, and during the recess of, the Macdonald Mark Lodge. The lodge was duly opened, and minutes read. Apologies from several brethren "out of town" were received. Candidates for advancement being unable to attend on this occasion, for a like reason, no ceremony was performed, and ample time was therefore devoted to the discussion of an important notice of motion by Bro. Meggy for alteration of date of meeting. This, however, resulted in a further adjournment of the question. A very cordial vote of thanks to the late W.M. and Panmure Mark Lodge was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, and was responded to by the W. Bro. Pulman in highly appreciative terms. Candidates for next meeting were proposed, the lodge closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Tomahawk Restaurant, in London Wall, where, under the provident care of the worthy Treasurer, Bro. Meggy, a very recherché repast had been provided. Excepting only the formal toasts, and "The Health of the Visitor" and "Success to the Panmure Mark Lodge," ceremony was dispensed with, and an enjoyable hour or two spent in harmony and social intercourse, the brethren separating about half-past eight for their respective homes.

ERA LODGE (No. 176).—On Friday, Oct. 13th, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, this well established lodge held its meeting. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. John Baxter Langley, W.M., who was in Liverpool, the lodge was opened by Bro. H. A. Dubois, I.P.M., who was supported by Bros. the Rev. P. M. Holden, S.W. and Chaplain; T. Horton, J.W.; R. P. Tebb, as M.O.; A. F. Loos, S.O.; J. Johnson, J.O.; H. A. Dubois, I.P.M., Treas.; T. Poore, as R. of M.; F. Walters, P.G.P., P.M., Sec.; H. C. Levander, as S.D.; J. B. Shackleton, J.D.; B. Meyer, Org.; F. H. Dodson, I.G.; and other brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed unanimously. Ballots, taken separately, were in each instance declared to be unanimous in favour of the admission of all the candidates for advancement. Bro. T. Poore, in his usual able manner, advanced Bros. G. S. Elliott, J.W. 1623; Henry Meyer, I.G. 1524; D. Smith, 1326; and W. Prattant, 1326, to the ancient and honourable degree of M.M.M. Bro. David Smith was appointed Assistant Secretary. Bro. James Stevens, P.P.G. Sec. Middlesex and Surrey, &c., was unanimously elected an honorary member. Some brethren were proposed as candidates for advancement. An important notice of motion was given. The lodge was closed and adjourned until Friday, February, 9th, 1877, at half-past six o'clock p.m. The usual good banquet was served. The regular toasts were given and responded to. An agreeable evening was happily spent.

MARYPORT.—Whitwell Lodge of Mark Master Masons (No. 157).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th October, when there was an excellent number of brethren present. The chair was occupied by the W.M.M., Bro. James Gardiner, P.G.M.I. of W., supported by his officers, viz., Bros. P. de E. Collin, P.G.M., Sec., I.P.M.; J. R. Tickle, P.G.M.S.D., as S.W.; Mandle, J.W.; J. R. Banks, M.O.; G. M. Tickle, S.O.; J. H. Banks, J.O.; Joseph Nicholson, P.M.G.S.W., Treas.; R. Dodgson, Sec.; Nicholson, S.D.; Robinson, J.D.; Smith, P.G.M. Org.; Mitchell, I.G. Amongst the brethren we noticed Bros. John Lawson, James Quay, W. B. Gibson, P.G.M.S.B.; and others. The W.M.M. commenced the business of the evening by balloting for Bro. E. Tyson, P.G.M.I.G. of the Bective Mark Lodge,

No. 147, as a joining member, and for Bro. G. Kenworthy, P.P.G.S.W., and P.M. 119. The ballot proving unanimous in both cases Bro. Kenworthy being in attendance he was duly admitted, and regularly advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to refreshment, where the rest of the evening was spent in much social enjoyment.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of England was holden on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. Dr. Hamilton acted as G.Z.; S. Rawson, as H.; Capt. W. Platt, as J.; J. Hervey, S.E.; Col. Creaton, as N.; J. A. Rucker, as P.S.; the Rev. S. R. Wigram, 1st A.S.; Robt. Grey, 2nd A.S.; J. M. Case, D.C.; Benj. Head, H.; J. P. Dumas, Joseph Smith, Thos. Fenn, C. A. Murton, E. J. Barron, Nicholas Bradford, James Glaisher, F. Driver, Chas. F. Hogard, Arthur J. Leared, A. Durrant, F. G. Baker, H. G. Buss, Edwin Marsh, Rev. W. Taylor Jones, Herbert Dicketts, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, H. Massey ("Freemason"), John Boyd, W. Stephens, W. F. Laxton, George J. Row, John Coutts, Joshua Nunn, F. R. Vine, and C. B. Payne, G.J., were also present.

After the formal opening of Grand Chapter, Comp. Hervey, S.E.; said he had received a letter from Lord Donoughmore, G.S.N., apologising for his absence that evening, which was occasioned by his being detained in Ireland on very urgent business. He had also a telegram from Comp. Boord, M.P., one of the Sojourners, expressing his great regret at not being able to be in his place.

The minutes were then read and confirmed, and on the motion of Comp. Col. Creaton, seconded by Comp. Joseph Smith, the report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Afterwards, on the motion of Col. Creaton, seconded by Comp. Joseph Smith, charters were granted on petitions:— 1st. From Comps. Thomas John White, as Z.; the Rev. William John Lyte Stradling, as H.; Thomas James, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Cambrian Lodge, No. 464, Haverfordwest, to be called the "Hwlfordd Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest, South Wales (Western Division).

2nd. From Comps. Edward Bremner Smith as Z., Robert De La Poer Beresford as H., Samuel Hazlitt as J., and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Fitzalan Lodge, No. 1432, Oswestry, to be called the "Fitzalan Chapter," and to meet at the Wynnstey Arms Hotel, Oswestry, North Wales.

3rd. From Comps. George Hunter Wildie as Z., Wm. Williamson as H., John King as J., and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the St. John's Lodge, No. 1137, Timaru, to be called the "St. John's Chapter," and to meet at Timaru, Canterbury, New Zealand.

There being no other business before Grand Chapter, the convocation was then closed, the whole proceedings having lasted only ten minutes.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.

A meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge of England was held at the Masonic Rooms, Severn-street, Birmingham, under the auspices of the Bedford Mark Lodge, No. 115, for the purpose of constituting the Province of Warwickshire and Staffordshire a Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, and to instal Bro. the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain of England, and Past Grand Mark Chaplain, the first Provincial Grand Master of the newly constituted province.

The Bedford Mark Lodge called a lodge of emergency for the reception of the Grand Mark Lodge at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 24th day of October, 1876. The lodge was opened in due form, and the circular convening the meeting was read. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, was then announced and preceded by his Standard Bearer and other officers, was escorted to the throne, and assumed the gavel resigned to his lordship by the W.M., Bro. David Rose. The Most Worshipful Grand Master then proceeded to open Grand Lodge, and after addressing the brethren on the necessity for Provincial Grand Lodges as an aid to the progress of Mark Masonry, and their duties, &c., proceeded to instal Bro. the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford as the first Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Warwickshire and Staffordshire.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master retired from the chair, resigning his gavel to the newly installed Provincial Grand Master, who proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—Bros. H. Murray, D. Prov. G.M.; H. Sanderson, Prov. G.S.W.; F. N. Seyde, Prov. G.J.W.; J. L. Pattison, Prov. G. Chap.; J. A. Best, Prov. G. M.O.; J. Bowker, Prov. G.S.O.; David Rose, Prov. G.J.O.; Edmund Morrall, Prov. G. Treas.; J. Fenn, Prov. G. Reg. of Marks; A. Horrocks, Prov. A. Sec.; T. H. Smith, Prov. G.S.D.; J. Muggleton, Prov. G.J.D.; Thomas Howkins, Prov. G. Dir. of Cer.; A. R. Britton, Prov. G. Insp. of Works; F. B. Higgison, Prov. G. Swd. Bearer; H. Smith, Prov. G. Std. Bearer; W. T. Belcher, Prov. G. Org.; James Stevens, Prov. G.I.G.; H. Vaughan, J. Green, and G. S. Phillips, Prov. G. Stewards; and James Chapman, Prov. G. Tyler.

After the usual routine business had been got through the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick expressed his gratification at the able manner in which the work had been conducted, and desired it to be recorded on the minutes of the Bedford Mark Lodge.

A most hearty and enthusiastic vote of thanks was passed to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for his kindness in attending, to which his lordship responded, ex-

pressing the great pleasure it had given him to be present on so important an occasion, and also for the very hearty manner in which he had been received. A vote of thanks was also most heartily given to Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, Past Grand Master, and to Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Secretary, which was responded to by Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and after a vote of thanks to the Athol Mark Lodge for the use of their rooms, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, presided over by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and after a most pleasant evening, the brethren separated.

The following distinguished brethren were among the numerous visitors on the occasion:—

The M.W.G.M. the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick; Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.M.; Frederick Binckes, G.S.; John Wordsworth, D.P.G.M. Yorkshire; Frederick Davison, G. Treas. D.P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey; J. M. Cunningham, Prov. G.M. Sussex; Edmund Worrall, P.G. Std. Br.; Chas. Horsley, Grand Aide de Camp, National Grand Priory, &c.; Dr. Hopkins, P.G.J.W.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LANCA-SHIRE.

Probably the largest gathering of the Mark Degree which has ever taken place in the extensive Province of Lancashire was witnessed in Manchester on Monday, the 23rd ult., when, by command of the Right Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, a Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. The principal business for which the brethren were summoned was to assist at the installation and obligation of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale as P.G.M.M. of Lancashire, in room of the late Bro. W. Romaine Callender, M.P. The popularity of his lordship in the Province of Lancashire was again clearly demonstrated by the large and enthusiastic attendance, and there is little doubt that his Masonic rule over the Mark Masters of the whole of Lancashire will be quite as popular and successful as his government of the Craft Degrees in the Western Division of the county. There were representatives present from every corner of the province, and the whole of the day's arrangements passed off without a single hitch.

The presence of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, M.W.G.M.M., gave a value and interest to the gathering, which was thoroughly realised, and added considerably to the eclat attending the important ceremony which had called so many of this degree together from nearly all quarters of the Masonic compass. The Grand Mark Master was supported by the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M.; George Mellow, P.G.O.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G.C.; Thomas Hargreaves, P.G.D.; J. R. Goepel, P.G.M.O.; James Holroyd, P.G.S.B.; Robert Butterworth, G.S.; Thomas Birchall, P.G.J.W.; G. P. Brookbank, P.G.W.; Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.W. and G. Sec.; Thomas Entwistle, P. Prov. G.M.M. Lancashire; J. W. Ashworth, D.P.G.M. West Yorks.; John Sutcliffe, P.G.M. M.M. Lincolnshire; W. H. Prince, G.O.; John Tunnah, P. Prov. G.O.; Frederick Davison, G. Treas., D. Prov. G.M. Middlesex and Surrey; Lord Skelmersdale, D.P.G.M.; William Shortis, P.G.S.W.; W. D. Walker, P.G.J.W.; W. H. Hopkins, P.G.M.O.; J. C. Lunt, P.G.S.O.; John Driffeld, P.G. Treas.; J. B. Champiny, P.G. Reg.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; Rev. C. R. Hyde, L.L.D., P.G. Chaplain; Rev. John Denning, P.G. Assist. Chaplain; J. Crompton Lees, P.G.S.D.; W. J. Sly, P.G.J.D.; Amos Stott, P.G. Dir. of Cer.; John Bell, P.G. Swd. Bearer; Joseph Wood, P.G. Std. Bearer, 65; Henry Jackson, P.G. Steward, W.M. elect, 65.

Past Provincial Grand Officers: William Rome, P.P. G.R.; William Barlow, P.P.G.S.B.; Charles Davies, P.P.G.J.D.; Thomas Morris, P.P.G.S.B.; James Newton, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; T. Baker Ashworth, P.P. G. Reg. 20; R. Whittaker, P.P.G.D.C.; 1; N. Horrocks, P.P.G.S.B. 142; Thomas Clark, P.P.G.M.O., 65, Liverpool; R. M. D. Smith, P.P.G.J.W. Cheshire and North Wales; John Halliwell, P.P.G.M.O.; E. G. Simpson, P.P.G.R. Lancashire; Henry Maiden, P.P.G. S.O. Lancashire 123; Henry Robberd, P.P.G.O.; J. L. Hine, P.P.G. Overseer Lancashire.

Provincial Officers of other provinces: George Higgins, P.G.J.W. Cheshire and North Wales; R. Newhouse, P.G. Sec. Cheshire and North Wales; W. Alcock, P.P.G.J.D. West Yorkshire; H. Maiden, P.P.G.S.O. 123; J. W. Kenyon, P.G.J.O. 123; G. R. Lowe, P.G.A.D.S. North Wales and Shropshire; Henry Burrow, P.P.G.S. 65 Liverpool; William Roberts, P.P. G.D. 24, 14; James Watson, jun., P.G.S.W. Cheshire and North Wales; J. Beresford, P.S.O. Cheshire and North Wales; E. Hartley, P.P.G.S.O. West Yorkshire; Henry Nelson, P.P.G.S.O., P.M. 65, Lancashire; J. W. Newett Tanner, P.G. Chaplain Cheshire and North Wales; W. L. Banks, P.G.S.B. Cheshire and North Wales; Charles H. Horsley, P.M. 33, 69, 382, 811.

The following were the other Mark brethren who attended Provincial Grand Lodge:—Bros. J. F. Sutton, Treas. St. Andrew's; J. Kershaw, W.M. elect 141; C. M. Jones, P.M. 20; H. Thomas, S.O. Union, Oldham; T. Roberts, 64; H. Burrows, 65; Wm. Alcock, P.G.I.G. Stamford Lodge, Altrincham; J. Halstead, P.M.M. 159; W. G. Sharpe, J.O. 161; T. Horsfall, 56; Morris Davis, Langley, Cardiff; H. Johns, 143; Josiah Pollard, 189; P. H. Kirkham, 142; Jas. Crookell, J.D. 146; E. Simpson, W.M. 146; John Hayes, J.W.

65; Augustus A. Bagshawe, Chaplain 32; T. R. Peel, 34; H. L. Hollingworth, 171; F. Wynne Parry, 65; John Dunning, C. 36, P.G.J.M.C.; J. Armstrong, Reg. 65; Thomas Peak, 141; J. H. Galloway, 65; R. Garton, 20; Simeon Lord, 24; James Mill, 24; F. Cooper, 65; James Barlow, W.M. 142; Richard Brown, 65; D. O. Elliott, 142; John Alcock, P.M.M. 2; J. Horrocks, W.M. 2; Jos. Ragdale, I.G. 142; W. J. Parkinson, Treas. elect 52; Wm. Quayle, M.O. 161; Edmond Rees, 123; John Rawcliffe, P.M. 50, W.M. 189, Burnley; John Ridgway, M.M. 56; W. Nichols, J.W. Union; R. Richardson, J.D. St. Andrew's; R. Dodds, S.D. 24; George Green, J.O. 24; J. Charnock, 14; Philip Haines, C. St. Andrew's; A. Middleton, I.G. St. Andrews, John Greaves, M.M.M. 171; Joseph Harrison, Sec. 171; Wm. Ogden, 141; John Ballard, I.G. 56 and 189; R. W. Waterson, Sec. 56 and 189; J. T. Richardson, 34; H. Heap, Tyler 141; Hugh B. G. Bayley, 22; Joseph Sutcliffe, W.M. 113; W. Newton, 141; Samuel Horrocks, 131; T. W. Probert, 125; Julius Aronsberg, 22; W. S. Barlow, 136; J. Shaw, J.W. 123; Robert Gough, P.G. Sec.; R. Westbury, Sec. 188; T. D. Hooper, Union; and James Sly, Tyler.

Shortly after half-past two o'clock a Mark Master's Lodge was opened, after which the Deputy Provincial Grand Masters and Provincial Grand Officers entered in procession, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was duly and solemnly opened. The M.W.G.M.M. and Grand Officers were subsequently announced and received, and after procession they assumed their seats. The roll of P.G. Lodge was then called over, and letters of apology for non-attendance were read from absent P.G. Officers. The minutes of the P.G. Lodge, held in Liverpool on the 29th October, 1875, and of the special P.G. Lodge held in Manchester on the 22nd February last, were read and confirmed unanimously. The D.P.G.M. then vacated the throne, which was taken by the M.W. G.M.M. (the Earl of Limerick), who addressed the assembled brethren on the nature of his visit, and briefly referred to the appointment of the P.G.M.M. designate. A deputisation consisting of the Director of Ceremonies, two P.G. Wardens, two P.G. Deacons, two P.G. Stewards, and two P.M.'s then retired, and after a few moments' absence they re-entered, introducing Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, the P.G. M.M. designate, who was at once duly and impressively obligated, installed, and invested by the M.W.G.M.M. The patent of appointment of the P.G.M.M. was read by the P.G. Secretary (Bro. Chadwick). Bro. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie was then appointed and invested Deputy Prov. G.M.M. The following were next appointed and invested P.G. Officers for the ensuing year:—

T. Hargreaves	Prov. G.S.W.
R. McDowell-Smith	Prov. G.J.W.
T. Oakden	Prov. G.M.O.
G. Cornfield	Prov. G.S.O.
G. O'Neil	Prov. G.J.O.
Rev. Dr. Hyde	Prov. G. Chap.
A. A. Bagshawe	Prov. G. Ast. Chap.
J. Driffeld	Prov. G. Treas.
E. Simpson	Prov. G. Reg.
J. Chadwick	Prov. G. Sec.
H. Jackson	Prov. G.S.D.
W. Alcock	Prov. G.J.D.
J. Sutcliffe	Prov. G. I. of Wks.
C. M. Jones	Prov. G. D. of C.
T. Bradshaw	Prov. G.A. D. of C.
W. E. Quayle	Prov. G. Swd. B.
J. Barlow	Prov. G. Std. B.
T. Horsfall	Prov. G. Org.
R. W. Waterson	Prov. G. Purg.
R. Richardson, A. Middleton, and T. W. Probert	Prov. G. Stwds.
J. Sly	Prov. G. Tyler.

A vote of thanks was given to the M.W.G.M.M. for his attendance and valuable assistance that day, and after returns of contributions had been received, the business proceedings came to a close.

Banquet was subsequently served to a large number of the brethren, Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M.M.M., presiding, supported by Bro. the Earl of Limerick, M.W.G. M.M.M., and a brilliant assembly of Grand and Past Grand Officers. Bro. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, D.P.G.M.M., was unable to be present in consequence of a domestic affliction. After giving the toast of "The Queen," which was received right loyally,

Bro. Lord Skelmersdale gave "H.R.H. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," remarking that he hoped before long some member of the Royal House would be at the head of Mark Masonry in this country. (Loud applause.)

Bro. Lord Skelmersdale next proposed "The M.W.G. M.M.M. the Earl of Limerick," and in doing so spoke of the many excellent qualities he displayed in connection with that exalted position. He was indeed a thorough Mason, and a worker of the highest order. Personally he (Lord Skelmersdale) felt indebted to the Earl of Limerick for being present that day and installing him as P.G.M.M.

The Earl of Limerick, in response, said he could not but feel deeply grateful for the kind and cordial way in which his name had been mentioned and acknowledged. He had come that day with the greatest pleasure to assist in installing Lord Skelmersdale in a position which he was so well able to fill. He thanked the brethren very sincerely for the way in which he had been received that day, and he would ever have a vivid recollection of the interesting day's proceedings. (Loud cheers.)

The Earl of Limerick then submitted the toast of "Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M.M.M.," who, he was quite sure, would prove an admirable occupant of the seat in which he had that day been placed.

Lord Skelmersdale responded in an able manner stating it was exceedingly difficult to reply in becoming terms after

the enthusiastic manner in which his name had been received. He earnestly hoped that his action in the chair would continue to merit their esteem. No doubt he had a very difficult task to perform, but if they would only help him as the Craft brethren in West Lancashire had done, there was no doubt of their continued prosperity. He asked the assistance of the Masters of lodges in his work, as this would greatly aid him in carrying out the duties of his office to the entire satisfaction of the brethren.

Lord Skelmersdale next gave "The Health of the P.G. Officers," and after submitting the toast of "The G.M.M.'s and Officers of other Provinces" his lordship retired, amid general cheering, as he had other engagements elsewhere.

The P.G.M.M. of Lincolnshire responded for the toast. Bro. F. Binckes next gave "The Masonic Charities," in an elaborate and eloquent speech, the toast being responded to by Bro. N. S. Alpass, for W.L., Bro. Hine for E.L., and the P.G.M.M. for East Yorkshire.

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was coupled with the name of the P.G.M.M. of West Yorkshire.

A choice selection of music was given by a capably-balanced quartette party during the evening.

CONSTITUTION OF A MARK MASTER'S LODGE IN LEICESTER.

An important meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held in this town on Wednesday, 25th Oct., for the purpose of constituting a new Mark Master's Lodge, named the Simon de Montfort Lodge, No. 194, and of installing the Mayor of Leicester, Bro. W. Barfoot, as its first Worshipful Master, by whose permission the meeting was held in the Council Chamber at the New Town Hall, which presented a brilliant spectacle.

The Fowke Lodge, No. 19, under Bro. C. Stretton, its Worshipful Master, and the Provincial Grand Lodge, under Bro. W. Kelly, Provincial Grand Master, having been opened, and some preliminary business transacted, the Grand Lodge was received, and the chair taken by the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason, the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick.

Amongst the other officers present were Bros. the Rev. George Raymond Portal (rector of Burghclere, Hants), M.W. Past Grand Master; Major-General J. Studholme-Brownrigg, C.B., Grand Senior Warden; Dr. Cunningham, Prov. Grand Master for Sussex; W. Kelly, Prov. Grand Master Leicestershire; F. Davison, Grand Treasurer; Rev. — Studholme-Brownrigg, Grand Chaplain; Rev. Wm. Langley, Past Grand Chaplain; John Chadwick (Prov. Grand Secretary Lancashire), Grand Master Overseer; Frederick Binckes, Grand Secretary; and others. Among the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge present were Bros. George Toller, jun., and Clement Stretton, Grand Wardens; Sir H. St. John Halford, Bart., Past Grand Master; J. Waite, Grand Treasurer; Rev. W. Langley, D.P.G.M.; and Rev. C. H. Wood, Grand Chaplains; and E. H. Richardson (Belgrave), and a large attendance of other brethren.

The Grand Master then proceeded, with the assistance of his Grand Officers, to constitute the new lodge in ancient form, and to instal the Mayor as Worshipful Master, who afterwards invested the officers for the ensuing year.

A vote of thanks to the Mayor and Corporation for the use of the Council Chamber, was proposed by the Earl of Limerick, Grand Master, and seconded by the Rev. G. R. Portal, Past Grand Master, who expressed his great admiration of the architectural beauty of the room in which they were assembled. The Reverend brother also took occasion to state the great pleasure it had afforded him during his tenure of the Grand Mastership, to appoint as Grand Chaplain that eminent Nonconformist Divine, the late Rev. Dr. Haycroft, and his sense of the great loss which his lamented decease had occasioned.

On the conclusion of the business a banquet took place at the Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of the Earl of Limerick, nearly 100 members of the Order being present, and a most successful day's proceedings were thus pleasantly brought to a close.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL SECTION OF THE FALCON LODGE, No. 1416, AT THIRSK.

By special invitation the members on the 28th ult., visited the ancient mansion of New Building, the property of Bro. Charles Elsley, Esq. J. P., who received the party most hospitably, and shewed its many points of interest. It was formerly styled Kirby Knowle Castle, and is supposed to have been built by Sir Roger de Lascells, who died in 1297. It afterwards passed into the possession, successively, of the families of Constable, Danby, Rokeby, Buxton, Smyth, names many of them associated with the county history. In 1827 it was sold to Colonel Elsley, of Mount St. John, whence it came eventually into the hands of the late Recorder of York and Richmond, whose son succeeded to it. The greater part of the Castle was destroyed by fire in 1568, and of the four towers of which it previously consisted, only one remained entire. In 1653, then being in a ruinous condition, it was purchased by James Danby of York, who repaired and partially rebuilt it, giving it the name of "New Building" which it has since retained. Much of the old mansion had fallen into neglect and dilapidation, but the whole has recently been renovated and extensive alterations made.

Some of the remnants of the old mansion are very interesting, especially a small secret room in the eastern wall, narrow ways which fulfilled their purpose in the old Castle, and the extensive vaults, arched with stone, whence a subterraneous passage leads, tradition says, as far as Upsall. Elevated on a lofty eminence, the Mansion or Castle commands a magnificent prospect over the whole

Vale of Mowbray, bounded by the hills of Craven and Wensleydale, and extending from Darlington to York, the towers of whose minster on a clear day are distinctly visible.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO NORWICH.

A Grand Lodge of emergency for the Province of Norfolk was held on Saturday at Norwich, the D.P.G.M. Designate, Major Penrice, in the chair, to make arrangements for the approaching visit to Norwich of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. A Provincial Grand Lodge will be held on the 20th of November at the Drill-hall at Norwich, when several distinguished visitors are expected to be present to witness the installation of Lord Suffield as Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. The Prince and Princess of Wales will attend a meeting in St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, on the 20th of November, on behalf of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. This meeting will be held at 1 p.m., and at 2 p.m. their Royal Highnesses will lunch with the Bishop of Norwich; at 3 p.m. the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held, and at 4.30 p.m. the Prince and Princess will proceed to Gunton on a short visit to Lord Suffield. The applications for admission to St. Andrew's Hall on the occasion have far exceeded the capacities even of this large building.

HOBART TOWN FREEMASONS' HALL COMPANY.

The annual ordinary meeting of shareholders was held on the 7th August in the Freemasons' Hall. There was a good attendance. Bro. D. Lewis occupied the chair.

The advertisement convening the meeting having been read, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary (Bro. Toby) read the report of the directors. It stated that the balance-sheet showed (independently of the paid-up capital £2880) the liabilities to be £1174 14s 10d, due to the Commercial Bank, and sundry accounts outstanding on 30th June (since paid) £25 5s, making a total of £1199 19s. 10d. The property and assets amounted to £3987 7s. 8d., leaving to the debit of profit and loss £92 12s. 2d., 1120 shares being still open for allotment. The directors had much pleasure in congratulating the shareholders on the improved position of the company, which was mainly attributable to the increase in sundry rentals of the portion of the premises not set apart solely for Masonic purposes, which with the income from other sources, had reduced the amount due to the bank from £1256 13s. 6d., to £1174 14s. 10d., besides paying for a handsome piano for the use of the hall. The directors begged to call the attention of the shareholders and the members of the Craft generally to the unallotted shares, and to express a hope that during the current year a sufficient number would be applied for as to render the further payment of so large an amount for interest to be no longer necessary. They regretted the financial position of the company had not hitherto justified them in entertaining a scheme that was suggested for adding building accommodation suited for a Masonic Club; but they hoped, at no distant time, to place a scheme before the shareholders for accomplishing such object. The present directors were Brothers D. Lewis, W. S. Hammond, F. H. Wise, J. T. Robertson, Leo Susman, W. H. Burgess, jun., L. Riley, John Clark, J. Perkins, jun., and W. G. Macmichael, who all retired from office, but were eligible for re-election. The financial statements were also read.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Bro. Riley, the report and accounts were received and adopted.

Bro. Fitzgerald moved that the retiring directors be re-elected, as he believed they had done their duty to the satisfaction of the shareholders.

Bro. Rheuben seconded the motion.

The Chairman said that Bro. Susman was at present out of the colony, but he was expected back shortly.

Bro. Wise said he had been a director since 1863, when the company first started, and he should be only too glad to retire in favour of a new man. Perhaps, if some new men were introduced into the directory, they would be able to get off some additional shares. He might suggest Bro. Fitzgerald as a director.

Bro. Fitzgerald declined, and said they could not get a more faithful and zealous director than Bro. Wise. (Hear, hear.)

The Chairman said that if Bro. Wise retired they would lose a very valuable member of the board.

The motion was carried.

On the motion of Bro. W. H. Burgess, seconded by Bro. John Clark, Bros. John Hamilton and J. M. Clarke were re-elected auditors.

Bro. John Perkins, jun., moved a vote of thanks to the Secretary. Taking into account the affliction he had suffered under during the last twelve months, Bro. Toby had discharged his duties with a large amount of energy, and with great satisfaction to the shareholders.

Bro. J. M. Clarke, in seconding the motion, said that, as one of the auditors, he could bear testimony to the excellent manner in which the books were kept.

The motion was carried, and Bro. Toby returned thanks.

Bro. W. H. Burgess moved a vote of thanks to the auditors. He regretted that the company was not in a position to mark its appreciation of their services in the usual way, and therefore it could not do less than accord them a vote of thanks.

Bro. Macmichael seconded the motion, which was carried.

Bro. Clarke returned thanks, and moved a vote of thanks to the directors.

Bro. Chisholm seconded the motion, which was carried.

The Chairman, on behalf of the directors, observed that he could only say they had done their duty. In accepting a position of grave responsibility, it was necessary that they should fill it in a proper way, and if they had satisfied the shareholders they were gratified. He regretted to find that they were not increasing the number of shareholders, but he thought they must hope to do so by increasing the members of their lodges, by encouraging more young men to come into the fraternity. By that means the debt would be reduced, because new members would each take a few shares.

Bro. Toby remarked that there had not been one new shareholder since last year, the additional shares taken up having been taken by the old shareholders. Since the hall was erected 40 or 50 new members had been initiated into the lodges, and they had not taken up any shares, although some of them were in a position to do so.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

The following is a list of officers elected for the current year:—

M.W. Bro. James Dunbar, of Quebec, Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. M. M. Tait, of Montreal, Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. J. T. McMinn, D.D.G.M. Montreal District.
R.W. Bro. C. Judge, D.D.G.M. Quebec and Three Rivers District.
R.W. Bro. Herbert B. Newell, D.D.G.M. Bedford District.
R.W. Bro. James Addie, D.D.G.M. St. Francis District.
R.W. Bro. E. B. Eddy, D.D.G.M. Ottawa District.
R.W. Bro. Percival L. Cowans, of Cowansville, Grand Senior Warden.
R.W. Bro. M. Burnie, of Richmond, Grand Junior Warden.
R.W. Bro. H. W. Nye, of Iron Hill (re-elected), Grand Chaplain.
R.W. Bro. H. M. Alexander, of Montreal (re-elected) Grand Treasurer.
R.W. Bro. Alex. Chisholm, of Montreal, Grand Registrar.
R.W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, of Montreal (re-elected), Grand Secretary.

[Grand Master Bro. Graham's address will appear in the "Masonic Magazine" for December.]

SWEDENBORGIAN RITE.

The Supreme Grand Lodge and Temple of the Dominion of Canada, Ill. Bros. Col. W. J. B. McLeod, 33°, A. and A.; J. D. Harrington, 33°, A. and A.; Geo. C. Longley, 33°, A. and P., have been pleased to grant a charter for a Supreme Grand Lodge and Temple for Great Britain and Ireland, of the Swedenborgian Rite, a ritual which seems to give great pleasure to Masonic Archaeologists. Ill. Bro. John Yarker has been appointed Supreme G.M., but has signified his intention of resigning the same into the hands of Ill. Bro. F. G. Irwin, S.G.S.W.; Ill. Bros. Charles Scott, S.G.J.W.; S. P. Leather, S. G. Treas.; Thos. Lee Shaw; K. R. H. Mackenzie, &c. By this arrangement Emmanuel Lodge and Temple, No. 3, of Canada, becomes No. 1, of Great Britain, and will shortly be transferred to Bristol with Ill. Bro. F. G. Irwin as W.M., in place of Ill. Bro. John Yarker.

A Second Edition of the "Freemason" will be issued early Saturday morning, and will contain a full report of the proceedings at the Consecration of the Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635, by Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, M.W.D.G.M.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, (No. 1642).—The consecration of this lodge will take place this (Saturday) afternoon, at three o'clock, at Ladbroke Hall, Notting hill. The ceremonies will be performed by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary. Bro. W. J. Murliss, P.M. 1489, is the W.M. designate. A full report will appear in our next.

The Crichton Lodge, No. 1641, will be consecrated by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, on Saturday next, the 11th inst. Bro. J. H. Vockins, P.M. 1329, is the W.M. designate.

The oldest member of the English Royal Family, the Princess Caroline, Hereditary Princess of Denmark, completed on Saturday her eighty-third year. This venerable lady is the granddaughter of the unfortunate Queen Caroline Matilda, sister to George III., and married to the King of Denmark, Christian VII., but was subsequently divorced.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL.—Mr. Frederick W. Walker, M.A., High Master of Manchester Grammar School, and late Fellow and Tutor of Corpus College, Oxford, has been appointed High Master of St. Paul's School, in the place of the Rev. Herbert Kynaston, D.D., who will retire at Christmas, having held the position for upwards of 28 years.

We have great pleasure in being able to state that, at the express desire of the Czar, his Excellency Count Schouvaloff recently called on Lord Beaconsfield to express the utter repudiation by the Imperial Government of the attack made by the "Golos" on the Prime Minister, and the personal offence and indignation felt by the Czar at the article in question.—"Times."

BETHNAL GREEN MUSEUM.—In consideration of the loan of the Indian presents by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Lord President of the Council has ordered that this museum shall be opened free (as an exception) on Thursday, the 9th of November, His Royal Highness's birthday, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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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.

TO ADVERTISERS.

The *Freemason* has a large circulation in all parts of the Globe, its advantages as an advertising medium can therefore scarcely be overrated.

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THE "FREEMASON."

The Christmas number of the "*Freemason*" will appear on the 23rd December, and will consist of 32 pages, to subscribers as usual, to non-subscribers 4d. Orders to prevent disappointment, as the demand will be so large, should be sent at once to the Publisher 198, Fleet Street, London.

THE "MASONIC MAGAZINE."

The Christmas number of the *Masonic Magazine* will be ready on the 22nd of December, and will be a double number. To subscribers as usual, to non-subscribers 1s.

Answers to Correspondents.

A WELL WISHER is very much thanked, and his communication is under consideration.

A full report of the opening of the Worcester Lodge, 1603, at Worcester, Cape of Good Hope, will appear in our pages at the first convenient opportunity.

R.W.O.—Much obliged, but already in print.

Bro. Jacob Norton's letter, for which he is much thanked, will appear, owing to our crowded pages, in the "*Masonic Magazine*" for December.

Music.—In the notice of "Our Nelly Waltz," &c., by a mistake of Bro. Anderson's, Mr. Williams was said to have been proposed in "The Great City Lodge," whereas it ought to have been the "City of London Lodge," No. 901.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

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Abbott, F., Canada (P.O.O.)	1	6	0
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Collins, James, India (P.O.O.).....	0	12	0
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Hutton, Lieut.-Col. Canada (P.O.O.) ..	0	12	0
Money, E. M., India (Cash)	1	0	0
Pattison, S., Egypt (Draft)	0	17	4
Richardson, T., New York (P.O.O.) ..	0	12	0
Smith, J., India (P.O.O.).....	5	0	0
Turner, N., California (P.O.O.)	0	12	0
Watkins, Jas., Bermuda (P.O.O.) ..	0	12	0
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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

BENSON.—On the 28th ult., at Brondesbury-road, N.W., the wife of H. B. Benson, of a son.

FABER.—On the 25th ult., at Clifton-hill, N.W., the wife of Louis Faber, of a son, stillborn.

GORDON.—On the 20th ult., at Staunton, Notts, the wife of G. Gordon, Esq., of a son.

LAW.—On the 25th ult., at Barnstaple, the wife of A. J. Law, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

PROUT—WILLING.—On the 26th ult., at the parish church Great Woking, W. A. Prout, Esq., B.A., Trinity Hall Cantab, to Jessie Sophia, daughter of Dr. Willing.

SKEETE—SILBERBERG.—On the 24th ult., at St. Barnabas, Addison-road, Kensington, John Brathwaite Skeete, B.A., Oxon, to Emmeline Emma, daughter of L. Silberberg, Esq.

DEATHS.

MACKENZIE.—On the 27th ult., at Cornwall-cottages, Holloway, Henry, the younger son of the late Henry Mackenzie, of Claremont-row, Islington, aged 57.

MAXWELL.—On the 27th ult., at Bournemouth, Helenora, wife of Sir W. Maxwell, Bart., of Monreith.

PERRY.—On the 24th ult., at Trinity-place, Windsor, William Perry, in his 68th year.

TEALE.—On the 27th ult., Bro. W. H. Teale, aged 70.

WALTERS.—On the 29th ult., at Chester-terrace, Regent's Park, Gregory Seale Walters, Esq., in his 80th year.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOV. 4, 1876.

THE PRESENT ASPECTS OF FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

We said in our last, that we should revert to the arguments of Bros. Caubet and Wyrubouff, and we do so, therefore, to-day. Bro. Caubet quite approves of the result of the meeting of the Grand Orient, and tells us that the meeting by the "calmness of its deliberations, by its wise and progressive spirit," had earned the well-merited praise of its President. He goes on to observe that if, "as we doubt not, the result of the study" or consideration "of the lodges concurs with the opinion of the Convent" (that is the Grand Orient assembled), "French Masonry will give to the world the example of the true and complete practice of liberty of conscience." Bro. Caubet also points out that Masonry is "purely a moral society, a lay society, that it is not a Church, and can therefore make no religious or irreligious manifestation. Its mission is a mission of peace and liberty, which obliges it in an absolute manner to abstain from all that can divide mankind, and from all that can rub against the legitimate susceptibilities of their consciences." We may observe that their consciences are very susceptible indeed, which can be injured by the declaration of the belief in the "existence of God." According to Bro. Caubet, "the paragraph II. of the first article of the Constitution, now under re-consideration, has occasioned sufficient acrimonious discussions, provoked sufficient acts of intolerance to render the suppression absolutely necessary." We need not go into Bro. Caubet's eloquent peroration, because it is, as we deem it, utterly outside the question, however well expressed in verbiage. But this we see clearly, it is wished no longer to admit any formal expression of belief in the existence of God and the Immortality of the Soul, and as the Bible "has been banished from the French Lodges," nothing remains for them but human morality alone, which in itself, as we know, is a broken reed, a rotten foundation for any one to lean upon or build upon. We have long deplored the tendency of French Freemasonry to strike out for itself a new path, dis-associating itself from the past and above all from Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry. We feel sure that when this intelligence reaches the United States, and Canada, the feeling there will be just as strong as in England, that no more impolitic step has ever been taken, no more unwise decision has ever been arrived at, than that which now places French Freemasonry in the position of an Order which positively cannot and will not own its belief in the existence of God. The only effect, as we said last week, will be to play into the hands of the Ultramontane party in France, and to take away from French Freemasonry those friends who would have stood by it loyally to the last. As it is, we can only shrug our shoulders and leave French Freemasonry to itself. When we turn to Bro. Wyrubouff we see that he takes, if a somewhat more philosophic view of things, yet one which, we feel bound to add, in our own humble opinion, is equally mistaken, and greatly to be regretted. Bro. Wyrubouff has written, and written well, as some may know, on the side of "positivism," and is a "positivist," but in his address he professes to speak only as a Freemason. He declares that the suppression of this paragraph is necessary "for liberty of conscience," and that "because this article is suppressed, it does not render Freemasonry therefore atheistical." No one, we apprehend, contends that the logical consequence of the act of suppression is to make an atheistical declaration on the part of French Freemasonry—that would be saying too much; but what we do assert is that whereas up to the present time French Freemasonry, like English Freemasonry, has declared its belief in the existence of God, as a necessary condition of admission, all of a sudden, this condition is to be removed; no such prerequisite condition is to be enforced any more in French Freemasonry, and

French Freemasonry assumes, therefore, an entirely novel position, and separates itself at once from a million, in round numbers at the least, of Anglo-Saxon Freemasons. Fifty valid reasons may be alleged, indeed, for this Masonic revolution, but the allegation that it is to uphold liberty of conscience is in truth alone worthy of the Jesuits, for as we have often said, there is a Jesuitism in this world of ours besides that of the affiliates of Ignatius Loyola. Those who have followed the course of French Freemasonry from the unhappy hours when it began to express an opinion on subjects beyond its competence, through the ridiculous manifestations of some Parisian Freemasons with the Commune, and in its present abnormal condition, must be aware that the dominant section is associated with an extreme party, in all matters relating to religious belief. The sentiments of Bro. Massol have still great influence with the Grand Orient of France, and that able brother, as we know, was most hostile not only to the existence of the Bible even in our English lodges, but to any form of belief at all. He was, as we all know, one of the prophets of the "Independent Morality" ("Morale Independante,") a teaching destructive of anything like the supernatural or the spiritual even in religion, the equivalent only of a decent and polished Heathenism, without faith in this world, and without hope for the next. When Bro. Wyrubouff states that "Atheism is a doctrine," and "the negation of God, and inevitably a philosophy," and that Freemasonry ought neither to have a doctrine or a philosophy, and "that as for him, as a Mason, he is equally opposed to materialism and spiritualism," he asserts for Freemasonry the position of an actual "religio" of some kind or other, a "tertium quid," an independent morality of its own, something very akin to that of Bro. Massol. This we hold to be a very great mistake, and even worse. Such a position Freemasonry cannot uphold, as the moment it essays to teach a morality of its own it falls, as the only true morality that a friendly and philanthropic brotherhood like ours can profess to proclaim to man is that which is founded on the Divine morality of the Bible. Any mere human code of morality is absolutely worthless, can only resolve itself into a vain or blatant philosophy, and must eventually pave the way, as all history points out, for a temporal and spiritual despotism. We can only express, once more, our deep sorrow at this, in our opinion, most regrettable proceeding. For it can have but one effect, if carried through, as Bro. Caubet expects it will be, and that effect will be the weakening and breaking up of French Freemasonry. We know, from the best of authority, that there are many French Freemasons who deeply deplore the present state of things, and the present dominant teaching of French Freemasonry, and in all kindness and goodwill to our Bros. St. Jean, and Caubet, and Wyrubouff, and others, we would say to-day, before "you burn your ships" (it is always, remember, an act of desperation), think well of the inevitable pitfall which awaits French Freemasonry, and of that shout of triumph which the Bishop of Orleans, and your many adversaries, will set up from one end of France to the other, when, fulfilling his vaticinations, you openly avow to the Masonic world that French Freemasonry will no more even declare its belief in the existence of God. It is, indeed, a mournful result of so many arduous struggles, and will be a continued source of alarm to all who value both the principles and the practice of Freemasonry.

THE LEGAL STATUS OF FREEMASONRY.

A case, which has been decided by the Westminster County Court Judge, Mr. Bayley, and which appeared in our last issue, will, we think, be very much commented upon by our brethren, and we therefore think it needful to notice it. It appears that the Hervey Lodge, 1260, sued a brother, who shall be nameless in our pages, for £15, his initiation fees, in fact. The County Court Judge held, that the "Freemasons were not a body corporate," that they could not "sue," and that in "point of law" they were a "nonentity." He declined to allow

Mr. Stone, counsel for the lodge, to amend the "plaint," or to "grant a case for an appeal," on the ground that he (Mr. Stone) "had no right to appeal, as the case cannot be supported," and declared, "I shall therefore nonsuit the plaintiff, and allow costs." And so judgment went for the defendant with costs. Such is the report of our contemporary, the "Sunday Times," and which is, no doubt, perfectly correct. Indeed, the report professes to be "verbatim." We have nothing to do with the decision, as a judicial decision, emanating from a court of law, for as Freemasons we always pay respect to the judgments of the law courts, whether favourable or unfavourable to our contentions of what we deem to be the law of this or that particular case. But as the question is in itself of some importance to the Craft at large in its legal bearings, we trust that the attention of our distinguished Grand Registrar will be drawn to the matter, as great misapprehension exists, no doubt, on the subject amongst our brethren at large, who, not brought up to the study of the law, cannot be supposed to have mastered its professional technicalities. But though we decline to express any opinion one way or the other as to this recent decision, as we do not conceive that it would be decorous or Masonic to do so, we think right to state that some blame attaches to the Hervey Lodge. If the lodge be named after our worthy and excellent Grand Secretary, how comes it that the brethren were so forgetful of his official and personal reputation? What business had the Hervey Lodge to initiate a brother who either could not or would not pay his initiation fees? What did they know of the initiate, previous to initiation? and who recommended him as thoroughly worthy of reception into Freemasonry? These are questions which will occur to every thinking Freemason, and they are questions, which, in justice to the Craft at large, dishonoured by such proceedings, the Hervey Lodge ought, in our opinion, at once officially to reply to. We are inclined to think, and we fancy we shall echo the sentiments of many, that in all such cases, happily, let us trust, very rare, lodges had much better "wash their dirty linen at home," and not offer it to public manipulation, inspection, and comment, and here we leave the matter for the present, awaiting the explanation, which no doubt the Hervey Lodge in the interests of Freemasonry will not be slow to offer. But we think, having told the tale, we now can "point the moral." What a commentary does this case afford on that haphazard admission of new members, which is now going on amongst us. No more hurtful and fatal Masonic heresy ever was propounded than that which says, the "test of admission is the ability to pay." It has tended to loosen our entire system of caution and care, and day-by-day we are admitting many who by no possible consideration can ever be considered fit applicants for the "mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry." And then let us note the "reductio ad absurdum" involved in such a theory. When the witty French wife in Octave Feuillet's "Pour et Contre," in reply to a husband who says that a flirtation on the man's side is excusable, (though not on the woman's) and is only a "passing amusement of intellect," asks him, "but if he have no intellect?" the excellent man is shut up. So these initiates who are to be admitted because they can pay, but won't pay after all, what then? Surely we must all see the hollowness and radical error of the present hasty system, and we must make up our minds, despite the material interests of our lodges, to know something of our candidates before we propose them, and to be convinced that they are good men, and will make good Freemasons, before we initiate those who require to be sued to pay their initiation fees.

CHARITY ORGANIZATION.

It is curious sometimes to note, and not a little instructive, how true is the saying of the wise King ever still, that there is "nothing new under the sun." We make, as we often think, some remarkable progress in this matter or that, we inaugurate a striking reform, we put forward some marvellous discovery, and yet we are but reverting after all whether to first principles, or earlier, discoveries, reforms, inventions. The

truth is, that this world of ours is nothing but a constant scene of progressive and retrograde movements, of change and continuance, of flow and ebb, of amendment and deterioration; nothing is stationary, nothing is continuous, nothing is perfect. On all things here, and on all men, "nations and thrones, and reverend laws" time has cast its decaying hand, and as each generation passes onward to its grave, we note, if we look on things calmly and carefully, beneath the tinsel and outside show of this always garish life of ours, this great and unchanging law of the world and of man; we ourselves make and mar, we ourselves improve and alter as we think, but after all we achieve little that is new, and complete nothing that is permanent. And if this view of things be in truth, as it no doubt is, somewhat humiliating to our common humanity, yet of its reality we cannot doubt, and about its certainty we need not dispute. And in nothing is this, according to our notion, so true as in respect of that dealing with our fellow and suffering mortals, by the way of benevolence, which we often sum up under the one little expressive word "Charity." The poor we have always with us; they will "never cease out of the land," we may well believe, whatever our social arrangements and legislative provisions may be. We are not among those who despair indeed of materially reducing the terrible array of the "great army" of the poor, and lessening that dreadful "dead weight" which presses so often and so hardly on the honest industry of thousands, the hard earned incomes of countless fellow citizens. But this is not the exact question before us, only at any rate a subsidiary one, and we do not propose at present to talk upon it in these pages. But with the fact of the need of "Charity" of some kind we may fairly deal. No doubt much abuse exists in the giving as well as in the administration of individual charity, and no objection can be made to the efforts of individuals or societies to deal with any proven "malfeasance" in this respect of the great principle and duty of true charity. But it may be feared, we think, that in so acting, we admit, with a good intention, we have many of us fallen into as great an error almost on the opposite side of the question. We have set up a charitable bureaucracy, which, like all bureaucracies has landed us in the red-tapeism of charity, the shadow, not the substance, the outward organization and skeleton, so to say, not the inner vitality and reality of that greater and noblest of all true virtues. We have multiplied societies, with a corresponding staff, until the wretched applicant for relief is tossed about by a polite game of battledore and shuttlecock, from office to office, sick at heart and weary, and he sinks, yes, and dies from actual starvation. Some recent accounts in the papers, one of which we printed last week, are very saddening and very depressing. It is perfectly startling to the humane mind to realize, that in our great metropolis, with all our official organization, with all our unofficial associations, with many "bureaus" of intelligence and enquiry, any fellow creature should positively have to trudge from office to office for hours, and go away disappointed, and famishing, unaided at the last. The great end of all such societies, remember, is to enable relief to be given to the really destitute, and not to the vagrant, the impostor, the swindler, the man who lives on the charity of his fellows, and unless there was some great defect in such associations, some radical vice in these little centres of a pseudo-officialism, we should not have to read the record of the hopeless appeals of the truly suffering, or the vain efforts to obtain succour, whether by young and old, who really and truly need help. We beg our readers carefully to consider "Veta's" letter in our last impression, and many like which have recently appeared in the daily press, and to say whether such a state of things can be justified on any ground whatever, and whether or no there is not some great mistake in the working of our present organisations and associations. We believe it to be this—that we are substituting a hard and fast line of mere official routine and enquiry for actual and ready help, and when the truly honest applicant asks for "bread," we practically give him a "stone," we offer to him the "cold shoulder," the hopeless red tape

of stereotyped formality to a starving human being. And in saying this, our remarks do not apply to the Boards of Guardians, or the relieving officers, but rather to what may be termed without offence the "amateur officers of enquiry and relief." The Boards of Guardians and the relieving officers are governed by legal provisions, and the "Consolidated Order of the Poor-law Board," and as a rule discharge their onerous responsibilities with care, tact, and humanity. But the societies for "relief and enquiry," and the like have more freedom of action necessarily, and ought not to be merely, so to say, recording or recommending offices. If it be true that such societies do not profess to give relief, then, we contend that this is their vital blunder of action which utterly mars all their otherwise alleged utility. When the officer has ascertained that the poor applicant has a *bonâ fide* case, he should be enabled to administer "temporary relief," at any rate, "in kind," and enable the homeless man to find accommodation in a "model lodginghouse," until he can see the relieving officer of the district the next morning. But at four or five in the afternoon, after the poor applicant has been banded from office to office, to send him to a relieving officer three miles distant, is a bitter burlesque on the name of charity, and could happen in no country but England. It should not be possible that a respectable man and his son, short of work, should have to walk wearily for many hours, from office to office, and all in vain, and at last have to depend for a few mouthfuls of food, upon the casual help of a fellow sufferer as poor as themselves, and spend their night under the arches of Covent Garden Market. The sooner, then, in our humble opinion, that our charitable organizations are improved in these respects, the better will it be for us all, for as it is, their work is deceptive, and the result is very questionable, certainly not worth the expense of their officialism, or even the superabundance of their red-tape. We do not deny that many difficulties attend the question in itself, but of two evils, "always choose the least," and we ourselves should prefer even "indiscriminate almsgiving," or what people like to term the "inconsiderateness of charitable people," to the amenities of a hyper officialism, which is very rampant just now, and appears somewhat inclined and prepared to shew to a confiding public "how not to do it," especially when an emergency arises, when honest poverty knocks suppliantly at the door.

THE RETURN OF THE ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

We are glad in being able to congratulate the gallant officers and sailors of the Arctic Expedition, many of them being our brethren in Masonry, on their safe return home to Old England, and we rejoice to think that they are permitted by a good Providence to spend the Christmas of 1876 amid happy friends and loving relatives. They have lost four of their little band; all the rest, we believe, have come back hale and strong. The result of this achievement, however wonderful, has been perused with avidity in other pages than these, and is altogether too long for our columns. As the "Times" says so well,—“But what a tale of unrequited, we had almost said gratuitous, suffering it is! How lightly do all talk of glory; how little do they know what it means! The little army had to cut its way through the ice barriers, dragging heavily laden sledges, and going to and fro, the whole force being often required for each sledge, content to make a mile and a quarter a day, in pursuit of an object still four hundred miles off, through increasing difficulties, and with barely five months, or one hundred and fifty days, wherein to go and return. The labour is a dreadful reality; the scheme itself a nightmare, the phantasy of a disordered brain. Even the smaller and subsidiary Expedition for planting an Autumn depôt cost three amputations. The cold was beyond all former experience for intensity and length, and the physical effect of a long winter spent in the ships under such conditions is particularized as one reason why the men were less able to endure cold, labour, and the want of proper food. Petersen, the guide and interpreter, accustomed

as he has been to the climate and its hardships, sank under them, and became a serious addition to the labour of his comrades. Every one of the Expeditions, whatever the direction, came back in the saddest plight, some dragging the rest, and in one case only reaching the ship through the heroism of an officer pushing on many miles alone to announce his returning comrades, to procure the aid by which alone they were saved from destruction. These are episodes, but they are the matter which redeems the story and makes its truest value. They tell us what Englishmen will do on occasions beyond our feeble home apprehensions, when once they have accepted a call and are "in duty bound." We agree fully with the tone of these remarks, and though we cannot recount the achievements of our gallant countrymen amid the dangers of the ice hummocks of the Polar Seas, we can express our admiration at their dauntless courage, and our heartfelt happiness at their safe return.

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.]

HERMETICISM AND LONG LIVERS.

To the Editor of "The Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I feel considerable difficulty in making my reply upon the symbolical language of "Long Livers," because, when I express my belief in the traditional history of last centuries' High Grades, I shall at once be met by the sceptical realist with a demand for "Minutes" of the same, and this cannot be given beyond, say a reference to the Royal Arch in 1743, and to the Templar and Templar Priest about 1780. Notwithstanding, I reiterate a belief that those "seven pillars" which the York Masons, the Ancient Masons, the Scotch Masons, and the Irish Masons, alleged were "hewn out" by our ancient brethren in 1686, are the degrees Hermetically alluded to in 1721. These three degrees, separated from the Craft by the ceremony of Past Master, I take to be the "Higher Class" alluded to by Philalethes, jun., in 1721; the language in the closing part of the dedication is almost word for word with some in the Christian orders, it is found in no other system or ritual whatever—I speak from a large ritual acquaintance—and if it does not refer to the three higher degrees I have mentioned, it is a harmless piece of mystification, admits of no other reference or explanation, and its language has no meaning.

Scholastic oaths and rites were so far common in Europe in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, that I do not see that we need doubt the actual existence of Rosicrucian ceremonies at the close of the seventeenth century, or even that they had brought them from Egypt or Constantinople, as they alleged, since ancient rites analogous to Freemasonry still exist there. It is even barely possible that some of the later mystical works, written ostensibly as Rosicrucian, are really Masonic. Thus we find the dedication to "Long Livers" 1721, alludes to the Masonic Roll of Philalethes' High Grades under the designation of the "Book M," the identical term of Christian Rosy Cross, for his Rosicrucian Roll. But that the Masonic High Grades was the veritable fraternity of Rosy Cross is, I think, disproved by the fact that at an early period a totally distinct rite, under that name was tacked on, in German, to the Masonic institution; moreover, this very book "Long Livers" was known to these German Masonic Rosicrucians, for they asserted in 1745, that "Eugenius Philalethes" was still living and President of the English Rosicrucian Masons.* I follow genuine tradition and infer that in 1686 the English Rosicrucian Masons established a rite of the additional degrees which they conferred upon the officers of the Craft, and altered and adapted the same to the objects they had in view, as all system mongers have done. Bro. Leon Hyneman published a book in 1872 entitled "Ancient York and London Grand Lodges;" it is not without errors, but will meet with better comprehension in this light. The Templar Priest is doubtless the degree to which Hinde claimed to belong about 1765, as the clerical or ecclesiastical branch, which had authority over the secular, with a descent from the Essenes.† The old English Templar ceremony was very different from the present, and claimed descent as a part of the mysteries from the most remote antiquity; but besides this there was a Latin work published at Amsterdam, which gave the ancient Templars a secret Gnostic or Rosicrucian origin, and that the Order was talked about amongst the Freemasons is very likely, for we find Lilly stating that his grandfather was "one of the Knights Templars or Knights of Malta," i.e., the English langue of the Hospital of St. John, or Malta.

Elsewhere I have amply proved that from the fifteenth to the end of the seventeenth century there was a sectarian party, who, because they went in fear of the stake and the dungeon, and aimed at trampling down the triple tiara, were compelled to use the jargon or secret oath-bound terms of operative alchemy by which to convey grave religious truths and hardy theosophical speculations, and I perceive, moreover, undoubtedly, that Philalethes, jun., from his Dedication to "Long Livers," was perfectly cognizant of the fact, and this, to some minds, might almost amount to a demonstration that amongst our Speculative Masons there was all along a party and a rite who were cognizant of the designs and aiding these

* Jennings' "Rosicrucian."

† Bro. Beswick.

Rosicrucians. I altogether deny that his language has any reference to Operative Alchemy; it is simply a mystical description of the "Great Work," which was as much the object of the York High Grades in 1786, as of those of London in 1686, a search for that moral and religious truth which the writer mystically veiled under the language of alchemy, a search for the spiritual Gold and Silver of Divine Truth. The King and Queen—Sol and Luna—the Hermetical combination of which was to give unbounded wealth, health, and everlasting life.

Notwithstanding the objections of your able editor, I still maintain my original statement that the entire dedication has reference chiefly to the Royal Arch degree. What is the gist of the whole language? A history of a supposed Biblical Freemasonry. The writer claims that Masonry is a Patriarchal and Apostolical brotherhood, the exact assertion of the Seventh Degree of "Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priest;" the precise language of Laurence Dermott when he wrote about the Royal Arch last century, in his "Ahiman Rezon;" a degree which has, moreover, strong allusions to a Trinity in Unity, upon which Philalethes, jun., so strongly dwells. I wonder that any can fail to see what to my own eyes is so much more palpable than I can express.

The seven quadrates supported at the corners by four lions, I refer to the seven pillars, steps, or degrees, of this "Temple of Wisdom," so stably founded that it is symbolised by the lion. My old encampments have taught me that the French Rose Croix and Kadosh are the synonyms of the English Templar and Priest, and the Teutonic K. of Palestine, and Prince of the Royal Secret, and I do not see how we can well escape from the position, these would be again represented by the Three German Rosicrucian Grades.

In regard to the enquiry as to the time immemorial list of 1743 of the Rosy Cross in London, I may say that about 30 years ago a member of the Royal Order of Scotland published in the "Freemason's Quarterly" their oldest documents; the first of these was the list I have given of their London Lodges and Chapters, and the brethren belonging thereto "revived" the order in Edinburgh. The list is doubtless genuine, but it does not follow that their ceremonies were the same then as now. I consider that their position as to the Continental and English Rose Croix degrees disprove this, and I am more inclined to believe in the alteration of the Scotch than the Continental. Some one has introduced Bruce and suspicious doggrell. Some one has blundered.

Truly and fraternally yours,

JOHN YARKER.

A MARKED MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

An extract from the "Sunday Times" appears in your columns of the 28th inst., stating that the Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, sued on October 10th, in the County Court of Westminster, a gentleman for ten guineas initiation fees, and five guineas subscription. The definition gentleman will pass unnoticed; it is, however, unfortunate that an omission by a section of our Craft should be brought forward within the walls of a County Court. Omission appears to apply both to plaintiffs and defendant. In our Book of Constitutions, page 86, clause 9, deals with initiation fees, and continues, "nor shall a lodge on any pretence, remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum." 1260 has evidently allowed the candidate to defer payment both of fees and subscription. The clause continues with, "The member who proposes a candidate must be responsible to the lodge for all the fees payable on account of the initiation. Let us hope he will yet renew faith with those who received him into our fraternity of square dealings, and yet become a bright and shining light, a Mark Mason in place of a "Marked" one. Fraternally yours,

J. E. I., 1458.

INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am deputed by several brothers (all M.M.'s) to solicit your reply to the following question: "Is it right for four, six, or more brothers to meet in a public-house or private residence (always with the utmost privacy), for mutual instruction in Masonry?" Your kind and explicit reply to the above through your valuable publication will oblige.

Sir and brother, yours fraternally,

MESICUS.

[We can see no harm in it, provided it is purely a private and friendly meeting. A Lodge of Instruction is, however, the preferable way of obtaining such instruction.—Ed.]

SPURIOUS FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The enclosed handbill was placed in my hands last evening, and I find that numbers are being distributed through this town,—

"SPECIAL NOTICE.—'EARL OF DALKEITH COURT,' OF THE UNITED ORDER OF FREEMASONS FRIENDLY SOCIETY, Kingston-upon-Hull District (Registered according to Act of Parliament).—The above Court, will initiate at the following low scale on Tuesday, November 7th, 1876, and every second Tuesday thereafter for a short time:—From 16 years of age to 21, 2s. 6d.; from 21 years of age to 30, 3s. 6d.; from 30 years of age to 35, 5s. 0d.; from 33 years of age to 40, 7s. 6d. This is an opportunity rarely to be met with. £12 at the death of a member; £10 at the death of a member's wife; £8 at the death of a second wife; 10s. per week for sickness for the first six months, 7s. 6d. for the next six months, and 5s. per week for the third six months; 1d. per mile allowed to brothers travelling in search of employment. Free to receive sick and funeral

benefits in six months. Contributions.—10d. per fortnight, clear of all levies. The above Court will be opened on Tuesday, November 7th, at 7.30 p.m., when all parties wishing to become members can be made.

I should be glad to hear from you, if there are no means of preventing this club from assuming a name to which they have evidently no legal right.

A reply in the "Freemason" will oblige, yours truly and fraternally,

Oct. 28th, 1876.

C. P. R.

[We know nothing of this order. It is not Masonic.—Ed.]

THE "ALBURY MS."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see an advertisement respecting the above in the "Freemason," but should like to know somewhat of its character, if you can kindly inform me.

In the "Masonic Jewel," it appears there is a review of it by Bro. Hughan, P.S.G.D. of England, &c., and the editor speaks of it as follows, so a friend tells me:—

"Our valued and esteemed correspondent, Bro. Wm. James Hughan, of England, has 'settled' the 'Albury MS.' in this number of the 'Jewel.' It is wonderful how pretension and fraud will vanish away when investigated by superior intelligence and sense. Another Masonic debt is due to Bro. Hughan for his research and dissection of this newly attempted imposition upon the Order."

Would it not be desirable to reprint it in this country?

Yours fraternally,

T. LEWISHAM.

[This review of Bro. W. Hughan's will appear in the December number of the "Masonic Magazine," which promises to be of unusual interest, and is a double number. Orders for it should be sent at once to the Publisher, 198, Fleet-street.—Ed.]

FREEMASONRY AND THE HOME RULERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If your columns are not too much engaged, I shall be pleased to hear the opinion of the better informed brethren, as to whether a brother may belong to both societies.

Yours fraternally,

G. J.

[Members of political societies cannot join our Order as such, but out of the lodge we have nothing to do with the political opinion of members so long as they are loyal subjects, and obey the laws of the land.—Ed.]

LOST.

To the Editor of "The Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At the installation meeting of Chaucer Lodge last Wednesday at Bro. Spencer's, Bridge House Hotel, my case with my name and lodge (Domestic, No. 177), written thereon, and containing two collars, one with silver jewel, of S.W., with Domestic, 177, engraven thereon, was taken by a brother in mistake. If said brother will return same to me at Domestic Lodge, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, or to my office as below, he will greatly oblige,

Yours fraternally,

JAS. WILLING, JUN.,

301, Strand, W.C., Nov. 1.

I.P.M. 1507, S.W. 177

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

On Tuesday, the 24th inst, South Shields was favoured in being selected as the place for holding, this year, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham, and great interest was manifested in the proceedings among brethren belonging to that town. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held under the Banner of St. Hilda's Lodge, No. 240, Bro. H. Cloughton, W.M., who with the officers and brethren connected therewith exerted themselves to the utmost in making the gathering a success, and the large hall of the Free Library Buildings, in which the meeting was held, was beautifully and tastefully decorated, and rendered in every way suitable for the conducting of the interesting business connected with the Craft. The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. Fawcett, occupied the chair of K. S., and was supported in the chair by Bros. Sir H. Williamson, D.P.G.M., Victor A. Williamson, Past Grand Warden of England, P.G.S.W. J. H. Thompson, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Bailey, P.P.G.S.D.; Stokoe, P.P.G.J.W.; E. D. Davis, P.P.G.D.C.; Lawrence, P.P.J.G.W.; Dr. Cook, P.P.G.S.D.; G. White, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Hinde, P.P.S.G.D.; J. S. Denham, P.P.G. J.W.; Jas S. Wilson, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, &c. There was present at the meeting, a numerous gathering of brethren from the various towns in the County of Durham, and, when assembled in the hall, the sight was very interesting and attractive. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, according to ancient custom and in due form, the W. M.'s of the several lodges made their reports, and the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master addressed the brethren in regard to Freemasonry, after which he appointed the following officers:—Bros. Sir H. Williamson, Bart., D.P.G.M.; Victor Alexander Williamson, P.G.S.W.; John Trotter, P.G.J.W.; Rev F. Bewsher, P.G. Chaplain; Rev John Cundill, P.G. Treasurer; Allison, P.G. Registrar; W. H. Crookes, P.G. Secretary; Robt. Candlish, P.G.S.D.; J. Tillman, P.G.J.D.; H. Cloughton, P.G. Supt. of Works; R. Hudson, P.G.D. of Ceremonies; J. Greenwell, P.G. Assistant Director of Ceremonies; J. T. Hope, P.G.S.B.; Angelo Forrest, P.G. Organist; J. Pearson, P.G.P.; Stewards—Bros. M. Corbett, Lodge of Industry, Gateshead; D. P. Huntley, St. John, Sunderland; R. A. Luck, Restoration, Darlington; John Waugh, Earl of Durham, Chester-le-Street; J. Barker, Norman, Durham; and J. W. Wilks, Fraternity Stockton. Certain sums having been voted to Masonic Schools and Charities, lodge was closed in due form. After

wards the brethren adjourned to the Golden Lion Hotel, King Street, where a splendid dinner was provided. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master occupied the chair, and was supported by the leading members of the Craft, among whom were Bros. H. Claughton, W.M., J. Roddam, P.M.; J. Ditchburn, P.M.; J. Willson, P.M.; J. Hinde, P.M.; G. White, P.P.G.J.W. and P.M.; T. G. Mabane, J. Coulson, &c. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal toasts were given, after which the Masonic toasts were introduced and heartily responded to, including "The Health of the Right Worshipful the Grand Master of England, the Prince of Wales."

The proceedings passed off most satisfactorily, and we must compliment the Worshipful Master and officers of St. Hilda's Lodge upon the excellent arrangements they made, and the great success that attended them, and the general satisfaction which was given.

During the evening Bros. E. J. Gibbon, Secretary No. 541; Thos. J. Taylor, No. 541; —J. Keeney, No. 541; and J. H. Leech, No. 997; sang several pieces of music in fine style, Bro. Angelo Forrest, P.G.O., acting as conductor.

In consequence of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, with several of his officers, having to retire at an early hour, the chair was occupied during the remainder of the evening by Bro. H. Claughton, W.M. of St. Hilda's Lodge.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

At the Ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, held in the City of Saint John, on the 27th and 28th days of September, A.D. 1876, the following officers were elected, appointed, and installed for the current year, viz.: Bros. Robert T. Clinch, G.M.; Wm. H. A. Keans, D.G.M.; Thomas F. Gillespie, S.G.W.; William D. Forster, J.G.W.; Rev. Francis Partridge, G. Chap.; James McNichol, jun., G. Treas.; William F. Bunting, G. Sec.; Henry Duffell, S.G.D.; James Alfred Clark, J.G.D.; James Boone, G. Dir. of Cer.; Louis B. Messenett, Assist. Dir. of Cer.; Charles U. Hanford, G. Sword Bearer; William Osborne, G. Std. Bearer; H. Card, G. Org.; R. J. McAdoo, G. Purst.; James Adam, Hiram G. Betts, Andre J. Stewart, George Moffat, John A. McCallum, David U. Porter, Robert M. Stevers, Bowen Smith, James Cooper, Blair Estabrooks, John A. Beatty, Wm. A. Henderson, Grand Stewards; and Dingee Scribner, Grand Tyler.

In the annual address of the M.W. the Grand Master, he alluded to an act of rebellion on the part of some misguided Masons in the Province of Ontario, in the following terms:—

"The Grand Secretary will place before you a circular received at his office, asking Masonic recognition of a body calling itself the 'Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Ontario.'"

"The Province of Ontario in the Dominion of Canada is under the Masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, with which this Grand Lodge has been and is in fraternal communication, and I feel it to be my duty to urge upon you, for high constitutional considerations, not in any manner to recognize the unlawful proceedings of those who are seeking to establish this so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario."

"On a careful review of the subject, you will find that among many reasons why no Masonic recognition should be accorded to their proceedings, there are two grounds either of which must be fatal to their claim."

1st. "The Province of Ontario is occupied Masonic territory, under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and therefore any independent action of Masons in Ontario, in seeking to form a governing body, is an act of rebellion against the recognized and lawful Masonic authority of the province."

2nd. "On the face of their own statement, the mode of proceeding was irregular and unmasonic, as the action was not by a convention of regular lodges, but was only the insufficient action of individual Masons, contrary to Masonic law and well-established precedent."

"The Grand Lodge of Canada has exercised due Masonic discipline on the offending brethren by expelling them from all the rights and benefits of Freemasonry."

"I refer the whole matter to you, confident that you will maintain the ancient rights and established laws of the Fraternity relating to independent and Sovereign Grand Lodges."

The subject was brought before the Special Committee, which committee subsequently reported to Grand Lodge as follows:—

"The committee have examined the papers submitted to them, in connection with the formation of the body calling itself the 'Grand Lodge of Ontario,' and they have had under consideration the portion of the address of the M.W. Grand Master in relation to the same organization. The so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario was formed in, and claims jurisdiction in, the Province of Ontario, which now is, and since the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, has been exclusively Masonic territory of that Grand Lodge. The formation of another governing body in that province is therefore an invasion of the territorial rights of a Grand Lodge with which the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick is in fraternal communication, and is not only a violation of, but, if permitted, would be absolutely destructive of the just and necessary principles underlying the whole system of Masonic government. On this ground alone, the committee advise Grand Lodge to refuse recognition to the body seeking it. The committee have not deemed it necessary to consider the matter from any other stand point, or to enter upon any discussion of the mode of formation of the self-called Grand Lodge, the attention drawn to this by the Grand Master being quite sufficient. They venture to express the hope, that the brethren now in

rebellion against the lawful authority of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and, indeed, against all Masonic law and principle, will return to their allegiance and atone for the grievous wrong they have done."

The committee submitted the following resolution:—"That the body calling itself 'The Grand Lodge of Ontario,' is an irregular and clandestine organization, and is not entitled to recognition or countenance by regular Freemasons, that persons hailing from the said organization, or bodies holding of it, are not worthy of Masonic fellowship; and that all the lodges in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick be immediately warned by the Grand Secretary not to receive as visitors, or acknowledge as brothers, persons hailing from the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario."

The report and resolution of the committee were adopted unanimously by Grand Lodge.

THE HAMER BENEVOLENT FUND.

As a Masonic province which has long and honourably held its place in connection with nearly all charitable schemes, West Lancashire has always been justly looked upon as holding a prominent position; and the number of its plans of charity was recently increased by the formation of the Hamer Benevolent Fund, the third annual report of which was presented at the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge. As there seems to be some danger of this fund being overshadowed by the matured and more extended ramifications of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, which is doing a truly noble work in the province, a few words may not be out of place in the direction of drawing the attention of the brethren throughout the Western Division of Lancashire to the more youthful but very deserving charity. The following extract from the first annual report of the charity will give an idea of the object and history of its foundation:—

"The Provincial Grand Lodge having, in 1871, voted 20 guineas to form the nucleus of a fund for providing a testimonial to Bro. James Hamer, P. Prov. Grand Treasurer, a committee was formed for carrying out this object, and an appeal was made to the lodges and brethren in the province, which has so far produced the sum of £227 19s. 6d."

"The committee, after mature consideration, decided to present to Bro. Hamer, an illuminated address, and Past Provincial Grand Treasurer's jewel, at a cost of 20 guineas, and with the balance to form a fund for benevolent purposes, to perpetuate the name of our brother among Freemasons, a sub-committee being deputed to carry out the idea."

"The committee, desirous of producing a scheme which would permanently secure from every Freemason in this province an interest in the sacred cause of Charity, believe that the Hamer Benevolent Fund is calculated to effect this most successfully."

"From the rapid increase of the Order in this province, it may reasonably be expected that there will be a very large number of claims upon our benevolence and charity; and the committee think that the 'Hamer Benevolent Fund' may be made the means of alleviating a great amount of distress, without pressing heavily upon individuals, or lodges, there being practically no limit to the relief that may be granted, provided the brethren will support this institution with small annual donations and subscriptions."

The brethren entrusted with the inauguration and management of the fund set about their work in a most enthusiastic manner, and the result was that the third annual report showed that the capital account had reached a figure which warranted the committee in inviting applications for payments to annuitants. The Institution, thus established to recognise the great services of the late Bro. Hamer, is intended to assist decayed Freemasons of the province by grants of money not exceeding £10 to any individual in any one year.

The sources of the fund are: 1. Such sums of money as may be voted from time to time from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge. 2. Annual subscriptions and donations from lodges, chapters, &c., and brethren. 3. Donations in general, and legacies.

The present capital of the fund, and all moneys received from donations, subscriptions, legacies, &c., are invested, and only the interest, or usufruct, or a part thereof, which may be received therefrom is expended; except that the cost of the trust deed and other expenses incurred in the formation of and carrying on the business of the fund are paid out of capital.

The management of the fund is vested in the R.W. Provincial Grand Master for the time being as President, together with an unlimited number of Vice-Presidents consisting of all donors of £10 or more in one sum or in two payments within two years, a committee of ten Past Masters of lodges in the province, a Secretary, and a Treasurer of the Fund, who shall not of necessity be Past Masters.

The Hamer Benevolent Fund, perhaps the only institution of the kind in the provinces, is noble in its design, and worthy of support in West Lancashire, and calculated to prove an inestimable boon to those upon whom adverse circumstances have come hard and unexpectedly. Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., is the Hon. Secretary, and Bro. W. Laidlaw, P.P.G.S. of W., the Hon. Treasurer.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The sudden changes, frequent fogs, and prevailing dampness sorely impede the vital functions and conduce to ill-health. The remedy for these disasters lies in some purifying medicine, like these Pills, which is competent to grapple with the mischief at its source, and stamp it out without fretting the nerves or weakening the system. Holloway's Pills extract from the blood all noxious matters, regulate the action of every disordered organ, stimulate the liver and kidneys, and relax the bowels. In curing chest complaints these Pills are remarkably effective, especially when aided by friction of the Ointment on its walls. This double treatment will ensure a certain, steady, and beneficent progress, and sound health will soon be re-established.—ADV.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635, was consecrated on Thursday last by Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, M.W.D.G.M., at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square. A full account of the proceedings will appear in the Second Edition, which will be published early Saturday morning.

The Installation Meeting of the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, takes place this (Saturday) afternoon at the Railway Hotel, Feltham; at 3 o'clock. Bro. Frank Green, P.M. 1445, is the W.M. elect. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Leigh, Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire, R.W.P.G.M., presided on Monday at the distribution of prizes in connection with the Leamington School of Art, awarded by the Science and Art Department, South Kensington.

The foundation-stone of the new harbour works, now in course of erection at Buckie, was laid by Bro. Gordon on Thursday with Masonic honours.

Bro. the Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., P.G. Chap. of England, Vicar of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, has devoted a considerable amount of time and attention for a lengthened period to the collection of material for a history of the parish with which he has been so long connected, and the result of his labours has produced a handsome volume, containing 500 pages of curious and interesting information.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Charles Beresford, P.S.G.W. Devonshire, has been appointed commander of Her Majesty's ship Thunderer, now preparing for sea at Portsmouth. His lordship served with the Duke of Edinburgh in the Galatea; and it was while acting as aide-de-camp to the Prince of Wales on board the Serapis that his lordship was gazetted a commander.

The Duke of Marlborough—the recently appointed Lord Lieutenant—of Ireland is expected to arrive at the Viceregal Lodge on or about the 12th inst., on a private visit to the Duke of Abercorn, and will remain for about a fortnight, but will not enter upon the duties of the Viceregal office until the beginning of January. The Duke of Abercorn will retire in the month of December.

A fire occurred on Saturday last on the premises of Bro. S. Rosenthal, lithographic artist, which resulted in some damage to the property contained on the premises, but fortunately not to any great extent.

The "Michigan Freemason" for August appeals to the Craft for help, and complains that it is not adequately supported; in fact it says the present year has been the most unremunerative of any of the seven since its commencement. It is a sad commentary on the intelligence of Freemasons that they will not support periodicals solely devoted to the interests of the Order. The "Michigan Freemason" only repeats the old story, told so often by other Masonic journals.

The new Masonic Hall at Port Royal has been completed and furnished, and the members of Phoenix Lodge, No. 914, have now fine quarters. A Royal Arch Chapter is about being established, with every prospect of a large membership. A Preceptory of K.T. is also spoken of. The lodge at Port Royal has a large number of visiting brethren, principally seamen from the steamers and ships of the United States and England.

THE PROSPERITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 65).—The meetings of this lodge are now held at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., where the attendance and support of the Craft is fraternally invited on Tuesday evenings at 7.30. Bro. W. C. Holland is the Hon. Secretary.

The early transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York are in course of publication by Bro. D. Sickles.

At the first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Manitoba, the following brethren were elected:—Hon. W. A. Kennedy, M.W. Grand Master; James Henderson, R.W. Deputy Grand Master; John H. Bell, R.W. Grand Secretary, Winnipeg.

The "Keystone" says a delegation of over five hundred Canadian Masons, with their wives and daughters, visited the Centennial Exhibition. The "Craftsman" says the number was nearly double that.

The death of Bro. W. H. Teale, of the Rye House, took place on Friday week. He had been connected with that well-known place nearly 30 years, and his death is much deplored by a large circle of friends, to whom his geniality and kindly disposition had much endeared him. He was 70 years of age.

A STATUE OF BURNS.—Last week a bronze statue of the poet Burns, to be erected in George-square, Glasgow, was cast at the foundry of Messrs. Cox and Son, Thames Ditton. The artist is Mr. George E. Ewing, of Glasgow, who has succeeded in producing a very excellent likeness of the poet.

HIGHER EDUCATION OF WOMEN.—There has been so great an influx of women at the commencement of this Term at Cambridge that Girton College and Newnham Hall are unable to accommodate them, and many are compelled to take lodgings.

We have much pleasure in calling the attention of our numerous readers to the address of Bro. Charles White, which appears in our advertisement columns. Bro. White seeks to be elected on the School Board of London, and, we believe, is fully qualified for such a position. He is a true economist in business matters, and in private, a most liberal man and philanthropist, being a subscriber to many public charities in London, and also a Life Governor of each of the Masonic Institutions. As a Freemason of high character and energetic business habits, we shall be glad if he succeeds in obtaining the object of his ambition, namely, a seat on the London School Board.

JOHN MILTON.—In reference to the account in "The Times" of the recent "deconsecration" of the church of Allhallows, Bread-Street, Mr. E. Robson, of Richmond, writes to remind us that no allusion is therein made to the stone placed at the north-west corner of the building inscribed with the following words:—

"Three poets in three distant ages born,
"Greece, Italy, and England did adorn;
"The first in loftiness of thought surpass,
"The next in Majesty—in both the last.
"The force of Nature could no further go;
"To make a third, she joined the former two."
John Milton

was born in Bread-Street on Friday, the 9th day of December, 1608, and was baptized in the parish church of Allhallows, Bread-Street, on Tuesday, the 20th day of December, 1608." Mr. Robson remarks that the above inscription is cut in the external wall about 6ft. above the ground, so that this portion of the church could be easily incorporated into any building that may be erected on its site. Thus this interesting historical record might easily be preserved.

The name of the Marquis of Bath has been added to the commission appointed to make inquiry as to the places in which documents illustrative of history, or of general public interest, belonging to private persons, are deposited, &c.

We have pleasure in noting that Bro. T. J. Middleton, Dissolving View Apparatus Manufacturer, 38, Little Queen Street, Holborn, has obtained the prize medal—and only prize medal—for his manufactures, at the Philadelphia Exhibition.

TEMPLE BAR AND THE APPROACHES TO THE LAW COURTS.—That portion of the New Law Courts by Bell-yard, Temple Bar, which is to be used as offices, is being rapidly proceeded with, and will probably be completed next year. It may perhaps not be generally remembered that the Government, acting on the advice of their own surveyors, took powers in their first Act for setting back by several feet all the houses up to the corner of Chancery-lane. This will obviate the necessity for any further widening of Fleet-street at that part, except at the point where Messrs. Child's premises bulge out most.—"City Press."

We are glad to learn that at the recent Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, an application for recognition from the so-called "Grand Lodge of Ontario" was rejected by an unanimous vote. "Craftsman."

The fraternity of Romania have sent for exhibition at the Centennial, a copy of a work on their country; the Hon. B. F. Peixotto, U.S. Consul, is the bearer of the work alluded to.

Bro. George H. Durand, of Flint, Michigan, member of Congress from that district, has just been presented with an elegant jewel and badge by the Grand Lodge of Michigan. The present consists of a ribbon of purple velvet, with end pieces of gold, beautifully chased. The pendant of the Michigan coat of arms is in bas-relief. Below this is a wreath containing Masonic emblems. In the centre is a magnificent diamond. The whole comprises different shades of gold, and beautifully arranged. On the back is inscribed, "Presented to M.W. Bro. George H. Durand, our Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Mason, of Michigan. "Craftsman."

Last week Bro. Prince Leopold visited Mr. Baillie Cochrane, M.P., at Perthshire.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 10, 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, NOVEMBER 4.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, Lewisham-rd.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill (Consecration).

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

Lodge 12, Fortitude & Old Cumberland, Leadenhall-st.
" 25, Robert Burns.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 144, St. Luke's, Mason's Hall, Basinghall-st.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 1219, Asaph, F.M.H.
Mark Lodge 130, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

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, NOVEMBER 7.

Colonial Board, at 3.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 18, Old Dundee.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

Lodge 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 705, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, C. of G. H., Tav., E.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., Air-st., W.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club H., Kengtn. Oval.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Henley.

Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H.
Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Mas. R., 175, Aldersgate-st.

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, Hercules Tav., Aldersgate-st.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersca.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

Com. R.M.B. Institution.
Lodge 3, Fidelity.
" 9, Albion, Regent M.H., Air-st., Regent-st., W.
" 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-street.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Limehouse.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1017, Montefiore, F.M.H.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun. Tav., Wapping.
" 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
Chap. 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, 7, New-st., Portland Town.

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., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

Lodge 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Park Tav., Southwark Park.
" 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Docks.
" 1288, Finsbury-park, Finsbury-park Tav., Holloway.
" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.
" 1457, Bagsshaw, Bald-faced Stag, Buckhurst Hill.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.
Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
" 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
K.T. Precep. 45, Temple Cressing, Bridge House Hot.
" 117, New Temple, the Inner Temple.
Rose Croix. Chap. St. George's, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M. Tav.
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, New Wandsworth.
Rose Croix Chap., Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.
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., Backhurst-hill.
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
Ranelagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 11, 1876.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hot., Wigan.
" 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.
" 1384, Equity, Walker's Com. Hot., Widnes.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hot., Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
" 1052, Callender, P.H., Rusholme.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 80, N. Hill-st.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Vic., Garrison Hot., Fulwood.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 786, Croxeth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.
Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 11, 1876.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

Lodge 33, St. John, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 68, Doric Kilwinning, 44, Church-st., Port Glsgh.
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 213, Buchanan-st., Glsgh.
" 87, Thistle, 30, Cathedral-st., Glasgow.
" 173, St. John Kilwinning, M.H., Largs.
" 177, St. James, Old Monkland, M.H., Coatbridge.
" 406, St. John Dalziel, M.H., Motherwell.
" 433, St. Thomas Kilwinning, Eglinton Hot.
" 437, Govandale, M.H., Portland Buildings, Govan.
" 442, Neptune, M.H., Princes Lane, Ardrossan.
" 497, St. John, Brewery Hall, Catrine.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 12, Trongate, Glasgow.
" 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgw.
" 510, Maryhill, M.H., Main-st., Maryhill.
Chap. 113, Partick, M.H., Douglas-st., Partick.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Montrose T.H., Airdrie.
" 109, St. Marnock, Crown Hot., Kilmarnock.
" 203, St. John Operative, Olive Hall, Airdrie.
" 334, St. John, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.
" 557, Blantyre Kilg., Craig's Hall, High Blantyre.
" 570, Kenmuir, Balgray Hall, Springburn.
Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

Lodge 18, Dumbarton, M.H., Church-st., Dumbarton.
" 147, Cadder Argyle, M.H., Chryston.
" 153, Royal Arch, M.H., Cogan-st., Pollokshaws.
" 170, Leven St. John, Black Bull Inn, Renton.
" 427, St. Clair, M.H., Cambusnethan.
Chap. 144, St. Rollox, 69, Garngad-rd., Glasgow.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 11, 1876.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hot., Penicuik.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-st.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

Lodge 2, Canongate Kilwinning, M.H., St. John-st.

Chap. 1, Edinburgh, F.M.H., 98, George-st.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

Lodge 8, Journeyman, M.H., Blackfriars-st., High-st.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

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