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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.**Craft Masonry.**

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on the 31st ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. There were present Bros. Waygood, W.M.; M. Davis, S.W., W.M. elect; Mallett, J.W.; Kennett, I.P.M.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Dairey, J.D.; Bye, I.G.; Rumball, W.S.; Whitley, D.C.; Peevor, P.M.; Pepe, P.M.; Hopwood, P.M.; Taylor, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Themans, P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the report of the auditors, Bros. Walls, Clarke, Browning, Heaphy, and Whitby, having been received and adopted, the W.M., with the assistance of his officers, raised Bro. Barrett to the degree of a Master Mason, and immediately vacated the chair in favour of the Installing Master, Bro. Kennett, who appointed Bros. Themans, P.M., S.W.; Taylor, P.M., J.W.; Hopwood, P.M., D.C.; and Carter, P.M., I.G. Bro. M. Davis was then duly presented, and a Board of Installed Masters formed, when the whole details of the ceremony were ably performed by the I.P.M. and his talented staff. Upon the admission of the M.M.'s, Bro. Davis was duly saluted and proclaimed W.M. for the year ensuing. The charges and addresses were then well delivered by the Installing Master. The officers invested were as follows:—Bros. Mallett, S.W.; Dairey, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec. and W.S.; Rumball, S.D.; Bye, J.D.; Whitley, I.G.; Morrison, A.W.S.; Heaphy, D.C.; Walls, A.D.C. Messrs. Travers and Smithers were then initiated by the W.M. in a manner that left little to be desired. His knowledge of the ritual was complete, and his delivery exceedingly clear, and by what we witnessed of his maiden effort it augured well for his rendering of the more difficult rituals of the higher degrees. The W.M. then in a few kind words presented Bro. Waygood with a Past Master's jewel. The I.P.M. briefly replied by expressing his appreciation of the honour conferred. Previously to the lodge being closed, Bro. P.M. Taylor gave notice of motion that he should propose at the November meeting that the initiation and joining fees should be raised from January next, and that, also, all new members admitted from that time should pay an increased annual subscription! In a few terse words he introduced the matter, and said that when the motion came on for consideration he should endeavour to prove that both financially and otherwise the lodge would greatly benefit by his proposed scheme. The lodge having been closed, the brethren, to the number of ninety-one, then adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Wilson, P.M. Etonian; H. Potter, P.M. Robert Buras; Musto, P.M. Friars; Dunn, P.M. 813; Reeves, J.W. 1381; Clement, I.G. 1310; Stranger, Kennington; Barrett, Star of the East; Phillips, Chaucer; Nichols, Great Northern; Strube, Royal Jubilee; Briggs, Friendship; Dowding and Masters, Prudent Brethren. After the removal of the cloth, the toasts of "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M." "The Pro G.M., D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," were given from the chair and warmly received. In proposing "The Health of the Initiates," the W.M. expressed a hope that they would become good Masons, and thereby confer an honour upon the lodge of their adoption. He mentioned the rapid rise that he had made in the comparatively short time that he had been a member of the lodge, and pointed out to them that an equal success would attend their efforts should they desire to aspire to the position that he occupied. The Initiates in reply expressed their warm appreciation of what they had both seen and heard that evening, and added their thanks for the honour that they had received in being accepted as members of the ancient and honourable society of Freemasons. The W.M. then gave "The Visitors," and stated how pleased he was that on that—to him—most interesting occasion he had been honoured by so strong and distinguished a gathering of visiting brethren. Bro. Clement, in his response on behalf of the visitors, said that he wished to bear testimony to the admirable way in which the ceremony of installation had been carried out that day, and also for the very distinct and able manner in which the newly installed Master had delivered the ritual in the First Degree, and for the good working of the lodge in general. In conclusion he begged to thank the lodge for the kind and liberal hospitality that they had bestowed upon his colleagues and himself, and expressed an opinion that the "Faith" was one of the best lodges in the metropolis. "The P.M.'s" toast followed, and was responded to by Bros. Waygood and Stuart, the latter brother's amusing speech being highly appreciated. In the progress of his

response, he called the attention of the members to the excellent working manifested that day by Bro. Kennett, P.M., assisted by Past Masters Themans, Taylor, and Hopwood, and believed that no lodge could display a better and stronger array of P.M.'s than that presented by his colleagues gathered round the board. The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and forcibly remarked that the lodge was to be congratulated upon possessing, so amiable a Master in the chair of K.S. as Bro. Davis, whose knowledge of all Masonic details was of the first order. In conclusion he said that as the W.M.'s abilities were so well known to them, he should not detain them by expatiating thereon, but should simply desire them to wish the W.M. the enjoyment of good health during his year of office, which he hoped would be a prosperous one. The W.M., in reply, thanked the lodge most sincerely for having placed him in that chair, and said it was a source of great satisfaction to him to think that after only seven years' experience, the lodge should have deemed him sufficiently worthy to occupy the position of W.M. In the concluding portion of his response he stated that although he should look well after the creature comforts of the brethren during his year of office, yet he should also endeavour, by strict economy in some of the expenses of the banquets, to leave his successor in office a good balance in hand. (Applause). "The Health of the Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers," followed. In introducing this toast the W.M. remarked that he had endeavoured to appoint such a staff of officers as would do credit to the lodge, and he believed that from the S.W. downwards he should be well supported, as he was quite sure that after their previous attention to his predecessors in office they would not desert him, but would strive to do all they could to render the ceremonics and other lodge details a great success. In this matter it was impossible, he said, to please every one, but he thought that his choice of officers had met with the universal approbation of the brethren. (Hear.) In the absence of the other officers, Bros. Mallett, Dairey, Rumball, Whitley, and Walls responded. The S.W. and J.W. particularly made most able replies. During the evening Bros. Robinson, Dowding, Mallett, Walls, and Pitt instrumentally, vocally, and poetically amused the brethren, who separated at eleven. The next meeting of the lodge will be on the last Tuesday in the present month.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—This lodge held its regular meeting at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, 2nd inst. The lodge was opened at 7.40 by Bro. F. J. Brown, W.M., supported by Bro. Clark, I.P.M.; Cooper, P.M., &c.; Major Preston, P.M., &c.; Wilcox, P.M., &c. Acting officers: Bros. Thos. Wilton, D.C.; Ashley, Treas.; Chas. Wilkinson, S.W.; Geo. Falkner, J.W.; Braham, S.D., who kindly acted as Organist; J. Smith, J.D.; Gummer, I.G.; W. Hunt and Chas. W. Raway, Stewards. Visitors: Several old members and P.M.'s of 41; Bros. Mann, P.P.S.G.D.; Rubie, P.M., &c.; Cavey, P.M., &c.; Moutie, P.M., P.Z., &c.; Capt. Robinson, W. Yeomans, and others. The minutes were read and confirmed, the brother initiated at last meeting was passed by the W.M. with much care and clear explanation, and Bro. Cooper, in his usual impressive manner, addressed the F.C., after which Bro. S.W. explained the working tools very clearly and impressively. On Bro. Ashley's motion being brought forward, a long discussion ensued, and it was deferred till next regular meeting. The ballot for a joining member proposed at last meeting was unanimous. Two candidates were proposed for initiation respectively by Bros. Ashley, P.M., Treas., &c., and F. Wilkinson, S.W., &c., which were duly seconded. No other business being before the brethren, the lodge was closed in harmony at 9.45.

DERBY.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, George-street, on Wednesday evening, November 1st. The lodge was opened at 7.45 p.m., in the First Degree. The circular convening the lodge was read. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Thomas Michael Walters, who was duly elected, and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry in ancient and solemn form by the W.M. The lodge being opened in the Second Degree, the questions were put to Bro. Jas. Henry Pragnell, and was answered in a satisfactory manner. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Pragnell was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M. Bro. Jas. Heathcote, J.D., and Bro. J. H. Biggs, I.G., were chosen from the lodge to be appointed Stewards to Prov. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year. The proposition of a well-known and highly respectable gentleman of this town brought the business of the evening to a close. There were present Bros. S. Pipes, W.M.; M. H. Bobart, Treas., as S.W.; J. O. Manton, as J.D.; Theodore Hills, S.D.; J. H. Biggs, as J.W.; W. Butterfield, as I.G.; T. Slinn, Tyler. The brethren, after business, adjourned to refreshment, after which the usual toasts were given, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

FELTHAM.—Elliot Lodge (No. 1567).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, Middlesex, Bro. John Mason, W.M., presiding, supported by S.W. Bro. Frank Green, W.M. elect; J.W. Bro. Dunham, and all his assistant officers. There were also present, Bros. Jacob Chilvers, Austine, Winter, Graham, Pemberton, Col. Peters, Vickers, Williams, Harris, Patten, Buss, P.G.J.W. Middlesex, Pearce, Barney, Lamb, Dixon, and others; and, as visitors, Bros. E. J. Scott, P.M. 794; Swallow, W.M. 1563; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; W. Monckton, P.P.G.S.D. Kent; Knight, 1414; H. Bethell, P.M. 30; J. C. Cox, P.M. 1257; Atkins, 813; Burford, 1731; Hartley, 35; Myers, 820; Townsend, 820; Long, 1445; Hackford, 1328; Pulley, 340; Hornblower, 1604; J. Nicholl, 1650; J. Green, W.M.

therefore, call upon you to respond cordially to the toast I give, "Your Master." Bro. W.M. F. Green: Allow me to return thanks, which I do with great diffidence for the kind and flattering manner in which Bro. P.M. Mason proposed my health, and for the manner in which it has been responded to. I feel a little uncomfortable that he has anticipated matters by proclaiming the good things he anticipates for my year of office. I thank him for his good opinion; I can only hope that there will be some slight fulfilment of his prognostications for the future. I can only on my own part promise you that my best efforts shall be given to the Elliot Lodge as far as in my power lies. I shall do my best to increase the good opinion that has been formed of the Elliot Lodge; and further to increase that good opinion not only in the estimation of the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, but also in the Craft in general. Through the exertions of your first Master, I think we may congratulate ourselves that the lodge does now stand on something like a sure foundation, and I trust that it will be my province, and also the province of succeeding Masters of the Elliot Lodge, to still further increase the soundness of that foundation, that the Elliot Lodge may be a monument established upon a sure and lasting foundation. Brethren, I feel that at this late hour of the evening I cannot do more than thank you for the kind manner in which you have wished me a prosperous year of office, and I hope you will all second my endeavours to make the year prosperous. Brother Wardens and Brethren, the next toast is one that can but meet with a cordial reception. It is "The Health of the Installing Master of the Day, Bro. Howe, P. Grand Purst. of Middlesex." Bro. Howe came forward to fill a gap. He undertook the onerous duties of Treasurer of this lodge, duties second only to the duties of the chair; and I am quite sure that when a Mason, animated by the best spirit of Masonry, comes forward to assist a young lodge, that lodge will most cordially reciprocate that service. I feel that we cannot too highly estimate that service, and I feel sure that you will avow your appreciation of it. Brethren, Bro. Howe is so well known to you all, that it is unnecessary for me to descant upon his merits. It is a task that I feel would not meet with his approval. I need only mention, to secure a hearty response to the toast of his health, that you have to-day been witnesses to the most able manner in which he has performed the duties of Installing Master in the lodge. To myself individually, the gratification is very great, for it falls to the lot of few Masons to be installed twice by the same Past Master; but I am sure that everybody who has had the privilege of being present to-day must have been struck with the able manner in which he performed the ceremony. I give "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Howe," Bro. Howe, in returning thanks, observed that Freemasonry implied something more than a regular attendance at the lodge, something more than a correct rendering of the ritual, something more than a gathering of friends round the festive board; it taught us the duties we owe to the Great Architect of the Universe, to our Queen, our State, our laws, to love our friends, to pity and forgive our enemies, to become wiser and better men; and he added a caution to the brethren not to be so much anxious to know whom to bring into the lodge, but rather to be careful to know whom they should keep out of it, as it was desirable to make it a good lodge rather than a large one. W.M. Bro. Green: The next toast is "Bro. Mason." I should indeed have been pleased had it been possible, if some one possessed of greater influence than I am should have proposed his health, but, being in the chair, I can concede to no one the privilege of proposing the health of the Immediate P.M., Bro. Mason. You know his work, and you have testified to his satisfaction the manner in which you have recognised his services to you. I was in the lodge compelled to crave your indulgence for an emergency which it was impossible for any of us to foresee, namely, the non-arrival of the testimonial. I am happy to shew to you now that that difficulty has been overcome. This piece of vellum, beautifully illuminated, has arrived. It is inscribed thus:—"Presented by the members of the Elliot Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England, No. 1567, held at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, Middlesex, to Bro. John Mason, the first Worshipful Master, as a token of their high esteem and brotherly regard, and as a slight recognition of the great services rendered by him to the lodge during his year of office. November, 1876." It is signed by all the members of the lodge. I do not think you require me to say anything more, but that with this testimonial before you, you will join with me in drinking Bro. Mason's very good health. Bro. Mason: Worshipful Master and brethren,—When I was initiated into Freemasonry—I was told I should learn all the secrets of Freemasonry in due time. Well, up to to-night I have been learning. A new secret has been revealed to me to-night. I scarcely can realise it. It brings before me particularly that everything passes away. The thought has been very strongly before me today that we are here but a short time. Twelve months seem to have gone by very quickly since I was put in this chair. Yet, it has passed merrily along. Members have been initiated. The Elliot Lodge, was then a thing to be wondered at, whether it would succeed or not. But the brethren rowed together with me, and we have pulled it through, and it has been a success. We have paid our way, we have paid our provincial lodge dues ahead, and we have still £46 of margin in hand. But still time passes away. The gavel, being the implement of power, as we all know, with me has become a thing of the past. Pardon me, brethren, I will do my duty as long as I belong to the Elliot Lodge, and like those geraniums that were pulled up this morning, those things of the past, those events of my year of office, if taken care of through the winter, may bud into life in the spring time, and become a multitude of efforts for the good of the Elliot Lodge. I have done my best in the chair. I would like

to revert to the subject of how you have treated me. I assure you when I endeavour to express my feelings for the manner in which you have approved of my conduct, I am led to think what am I that I should be so thought of. I remember at school I had a failure once as a boy. I had worked hard to attain a certain end, but I had not succeeded, and I remember that my father patted my head and said, "Never mind, my boy, you have done your best." And that has been a lesson to me through life, to do my best without reference to what the result may be. I have done my best, and I have already commenced to reap the fruits of my labours, and this (the P.M.'s jewel) has long been a coveted prize. It has been that apple on the tree that to my eye has appeared the most cherry-cheeked. It is said that such always has a grub in it. This has not; it is as fair and as sound as can be. It has been given to me not as an empty compliment, but from the hearts of friends as a memento of the past. I trust that this beautiful testimonial will be handed down in my family from generation to generation. These things for which I now thank you have all the more value because I am told there was not a single dissentient voice in the lodge when the presentation was decided upon. "Success to the Masonic Charities" and "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" were then proposed and warmly responded to. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened by some excellent vocal music from Madame Ashton, Bro. H. Ashton, and Bro. Theodore Distin, Bro. Fountain Meen presiding at the pianoforte.

INSTRUCTION.

WOOLWICH. — Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—Speech Day at Westminster we all know to be the day of days with Westminster boys. Some of us, too, can call to mind the occasion of our first appearance on a public platform, in the presence of an audience, albeit mainly composed of admiring mamas, sisters, and feminine cousins, sufficiently critical to fully test our self-confidence, and set our mind galloping back to such and such a passage we were by no means certain of mastering. To the boys generally Speech Day always has been, and is likely ever to be, a day of vital importance as the annual occasion on which the world is invited to come, test, and examine the reputed champions of the school. So it is, more or less, in a lodge of instruction, when upon the day set apart for that purpose the Masonic world is invited to assemble and hear the working of those excellent moral lessons—the Fifteen Sections of our Craft ritual. The home brethren, who take more than a passing interest in these matters, cannot help but feel that the honour of the lodge is more or less at stake upon these occasions, and it behoves them to put their best foot foremost in order to put as many of their own representatives in the field as possible. The Section night of the lodge under notice was Friday week. The officiating W.M. was Bro. Rose, P.M., who had for his S.W. Bro. Griffin, P.M., the J.W. chair being occupied by Bro. Guest, 158; Bro. Preceptor Davies, P.M., Sec.; Ernest Smith, 1559, S.D.; Brown, 13, J.D.; Joskey, 1107, I.G.; Hassall, 13, Tyler. Lodge having been duly opened in the First Degree, the W.M. was assisted as follows in the working of the

FIRST LECTURE.

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| 1st Section, Bro. Ernest Smith, 1559. |
| 2nd " " Waterman, S.D. 147. |
| 3rd " " Ernest Smith, 1559. |
| 4th " " Jenkins, 1475. |
| 5th " " Rose, P.M., W.M. 1622. |
| 6th " " ditto. |
| 7th " " ditto. |

Lodge was duly opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. interrogated the following brethren in the

SECOND LECTURE.

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| 1st Section, Bro. Ernest Smith, 1559. |
| 2nd " " Hutchings, 147. |
| 3rd " " Waterman, S.D. 147. |
| 4th " " Rose, P.M., W.M. 1622. |
| 5th " " ditto. |

The brethren having assisted in opening in the Third Degree, the W.M. proceeded with the

THIRD LECTURE.

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| 1st Section, Bro. Hutchings, 147. |
| 2nd " " Griffin, P.M. |
| 3rd " " Rose, W.M. 1622. |

There was a fifteen minutes' call off for refreshment between the fourth and fifth sections of the second lecture, when the W.M., officers, and workers were entertained to some light refreshment. Upon the first rising of the W.M., eight new members were elected, and upon the third enquiry Bro. Preceptor Davis proposed, and Bro. Guest seconded, the customary vote of thanks to Bro. Rose for presiding, and the five brethren who had kindly assisted him in working the sections that evening. This was carried nem. coni., and Bro. Rose replied. Lodge was then closed with perfect harmony, and the brethren separated after what had been to all an enjoyable evening's entertainment. We could not obtain a list of those present, but may state that the number very nearly approached seventy.

SOUTHWAKE LODGE (No. 879).—There was the usual big gathering on Fifteen Section night, Wednesday, October 25th. Under the able direction of Bro. Kent, P.M. 879, the W.M. for the evening, the work was got through in very a creditable manner, the presence of Bro. Beavis, 1158, at the S.W. pedestal, greatly assisting the workers. The following is the carte d'ouvrage:—

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| 1st Section, Bro. W. S. Lugg, 879. |
| 2nd " " Macrow, S.W. 879. |
| 3rd " " Ernest Smith, 1559. |
| 4th " " W. S. Lugg, 879. |
| 5th " " Bartlett, P.M. 147. |
| 6th " " Beavis 1158. |

SECOND LECTURE.

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| 1st Section, Bro. Wise, P.M. 1158. |
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| 2nd Section, Bro. Magee, J.W. 1178. |
| 3rd " " Davidson, W.M. 99. |
| 4th " " Beavis, 1158. |
| 5th " " Magee, J.W. 1178. |

THIRD LECTURE.

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| 1st Section, Bro. Brewster, W.M. 879. |
| 2nd " " Beavis, 1158. |
| 3rd " " Davis, D.C. 879. |

STAR LODGE (No. 1275).—It was somewhat unfortunate for the leading members of this exceptionally fine lodge of instruction that the day appointed for the working of the Fifteen Sections should have fallen immediately after the occasions of their working in the Wellington, Southwark, and Union Waterloo Lodges. Now granted that there are many—and more particularly this is the case with the staunch and regular attendants among the Star brethren—who are so deeply interested in our beautiful rituals as to be always delighted to listen to the Craft Catechism, it speaks well for that careful and pains-taking Preceptor, Bro. Govan Macdonald, W.M. 1158, that the whole of the sections were taken by "Star" brethren, and, as an immediate contrast to what was the case on the preceding evening at Woolwich, "foreign aid" was not required. It was extremely judicious of the executive in fixing the hour of commencement for 6.30, and five minutes after the appointed time the W.M. and interrogator, Bro. Shaw, Preceptor of the Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction, opened lodge, having as his S.W. Bro. Rose, and J.W. Bro. Griffin. It is needless to say that Bro. Shaw, who is perhaps the best section worker on the south side of the water, went through his duties to the satisfaction of all present; indeed, his clear and excellent delivery, the careful, deliberate, and explicit emphasis, deeply impressed those who now heard him for the first time. We were delighted to see the esteemed Preceptor, Bro. Macdonald, present for the first time since his severe illness. Appended is a list of the brethren present: Bros. John Shaw, W.M.; Rose, S.W.; Griffin, J.W.; Waterman, S.D.; Catterson, J.D.; Ernest Smith, I.G.; Hogg, P.M.; Treas.; Macdonald, Preceptor; Church, Assist. Sec.; Davies, P.M. 879; Hutchings, Speight, jun., Grumman, H. Shaw, Jenkins, Goldsmith, Hassall, Milbourn, Cobley, Kirby, Hutchings, Jardine, Boston, Pritchett, Lilley, Linneker, Ives, Gloster, Cowrie, Doctson, Thompson, Gibson, Carline, Bowen, Dixon, Chalinor, and Andrews. Upon the first rising of the W.M. the following brethren were unanimously elected members of this lodge:—Bros. J. Carline, Ravensbourne, 1601; J. J. Bowen, Harrow, 1310; and Chalinor, Perfect Ashlar 1178. The customary votes of thanks were accorded to the W.M., and the brethren assisting in working the sections, and about ten the lodge was closed with solemn prayer.

Royal Arch.

DOMATIC CHAPTER (No. 177).—The first meeting of the season of this popular and prosperous chapter, which was founded in 1818, was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 26th ult. The convocation was opened by Comps. Hayward, M.E.Z.; Adams, P.Z., acting H.; Weaver, J.; Bolton, I.P.Z.; Buss, P.Z., &c., Treas.; Palmer, S.E.; Hill, N.; Cotebrune, P.Z., acting P.S. in the place of Comp. Treadwell, who is severely ill from the effects of an accident; Weaver, First Assist. In the course of the evening there were also present Comps. Payne, P.Z., and Foulger, P.Z. The visitors were Comps. Green, P.S. 975; Walls, 185; Kent, 192; Parish, 912. The minutes of the March convocation having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. vacated the chair, and Comp. Bolton, I.P.Z., with the able assistance of his talented staff of officers, exalted Bros. M. P. Tench, 153, &c.; T. Morris, 177; and T. Bolton, 1381, to the supreme degree of the Royal Arch. The interesting ceremony was most ably performed, and it was particularly pleasing to witness the "working" of Comp. T. Adams, who, notwithstanding his four score years and upwards, delivered the Second Principal's address in a manner that left nothing to be desired. There being no other business before the chapter, it was closed in ancient form, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was served in the saloon under the superintendence of Comp. Smith. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given from the chair very briefly, and they were duly honoured. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by the Father and Treasurer of the chapter, Comp. Buss. The M.E.Z., in reply, expressed his thanks, and stated that he was sorry that he had not had sufficient time to spare to perfect himself in the working of the Royal Arch Degree, but that he hoped eventually to be in a position to discharge the duties at least creditably; and in conclusion he thanked Comps. Bolton and Adams for the valuable aid that they had rendered him that evening. "The Health of the Newly-exalted Companions" followed, and was duly acknowledged in fitting terms by Comps. Tench, Morris, and Bolton. The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Visitors." This toast having been warmly received, Comps. Green, Walls, Parish, and Kent responded. The latter, in particular, expressed at length his admiration of the working of the ceremony of exaltation that day, which he said had left upon him a most profound impression. "The Health of the Past Principals of the Chapter" gave Comp. Buss an opportunity of indulging in one of his excellent and amusing replies. The toast of "The Treasurer and S.E., and the rest of the Officers," followed. The first named, in the course of his reply, stated that he was exceedingly pleased to be in a position to inform them that the funds of the chapter were in a flourishing condition, and he hoped that that happy state of things would long continue. In conclusion he said that his duties were rendered comparatively easy by the great assistance that he always received from Comp. Palmer, S.E. He trusted that the day was

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not far distant when the chapter would have an opportunity of placing that zealous officer in the Third Principal's chair as a mark of their high appreciation of his long services as S.E., and that he hoped eventually to see him discharging the responsibilities of M.E.Z. Comp. Palmer, in his response, expressed his thanks for the very kind and handsome manner in which his name and humble services had been recognised both by the M.E.Z. and the last speaker. He could only assure them that he would always endeavour to carry out his duties faithfully, and should they at some future time be pleased to place him on the road to the goal of his ambition, namely, the First Principal's chair, that nothing should be wanting on his part to mark his gratitude for the honour conferred. Comp. Hill, N., and Comp. Weaver, First Assistant, also replied. Between the toasts Comps. Foulger, Tench, Palmer, and Walls vocally and dramatically enlivened the proceedings. Previously to the last toast, the M.E.Z. stated that their Janitor had presented them with gavels for use during their banquets, which emblems of office were made, he said, from some old oak, formerly belonging to the Church of St. Mary Somerset, Fish-street Hill, and that he (the M.E.) should take an opportunity of mentioning the matter at the next convocation, which will be held on the last Thursday in November.

Mark Masonry.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE.—At a special meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, the R.W. Bro. William Kelly, F.R. Hist. S., P.G.M.M., presided, and among those present were the V.W. Bro. Rev. William Langley, P.G.C., D.P.G.M.M.; Bros. W. Sculthorpe, as P.G.S.W.; J. C. Duncombe, as P.G.J.W.; J. M. Mc Allister, P.G. Sec.; H. T. Bobart, P.G.J.D.; M. H. Bobart, P.G.S.B.; T. A. Wykes, P.G.O.; R. Taylor, P.G.I.G.; E. Mason, P.G. Steward; C. E. Stretton, J. J. Biggs, A. M. Duff, P.M., and others. The Rev. Chas. Henton Wood was appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain, and invested with the collar of office. Committees were appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the reception of the M.W. the Earl of Limerick, G.M.M.M., and the officers of the Grand Mark Lodge. The R.W. Bro. William Kelly, who is now the Senior Provincial Grand Master on the roll of the Grand Mark Lodge, was nominated by the V.W. Bro. Langley, P.G.C., D.P.G.M.M., seconded by W. Bro. J. C. Duncombe, supported by Bro. A. M. Duff, and elected unanimously to continue the discharge of the high and important duties of Provincial Grand Mark Master. Bro. Kelly's zeal and attachment to the sublime mysteries of the Craft are still in all their freshness. His works have for many years been prominently before the brethren, and his services as Provincial Grand Mark Master cannot be overrated. The Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, and the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, was opened under the presidency of Bro. George Toller, jun., I.P.M., in the absence of Bro. Clement Stretton, W.M., who recently met with an unfortunate accident. In company with Bro. Barfoot (Mayor of Leicester) Bro. Stretton was visiting the palace of the Doges at Venice, when he slipped on the marble pavement of the Piazza, and broke his arm near the shoulder. The accident excited much sympathy among the brethren, and an expression of deep regret for the unlucky cause of his absence from the meeting was recorded in the minutes of the Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CORNWALL.—The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cornwall was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at Truro. A large number of members were present. The R.W. Bro. Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart., M.P., was in the chair, with R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.W. of England, as Deputy Prov. G.M. (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. R. Rogers, through illness). A large number of members were present belonging to the six lodges in the province. The officers appointed were Bros. William Tweedy, 78, D. Prov. G.M.; Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, M.A., 175, S. Prov. G.W.; John Paull, 101, J. Prov. G.W.; John Coombe, 87, Prov. G.M.O.; J. H. Reynolds, 73, Prov. G.S.O.; T. C. Polglaze, 94, Prov. G.J.O.; Rev. A. H. Ferris, 78, Prov. G. Chaplain; William Tregay, 73, Prov. G. Treas.; William Lake, 78, Prov. G. Reg.; William James Johns, 78, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Q. James, 175, Prov. G.S.D.; Thomas Taylor, 175, Prov. G.J.D.; Samuel Mitchell, 101, Prov. G.S. of Wks.; Samuel Harvey, 78, Prov. G.D.C.; G. M. Cock, 73, Prov. A. G.D.C.; Captain Mitchell, 78, Prov. G.S.B.; R. A. Heath, 73, Prov. G. Org.; William Roos, 78, Prov. G. Purst.; Bros. Thomas Davey, 73; G. B. Pearce, 87; W. Johns, 94; Prov. G. Stewards; John Langdon, 78, Prov. G. Tyler. The W.M.'s gave in their reports, shewing 216 members in Cornwall of the Degree of Mark Master Mason, and all spoke in the highest terms of the future of Mark Masonry in the county. The W. Bro. William James Johns, P.M. 78, &c., was appointed Prov. Grand Secretary in place of W. Bro. Thomas Solomon, J.P., &c., deceased. The R.W. Bro. Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., was received most enthusiastically by the brethren.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The sudden changes, frequent fogs, and pervading 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 beneficial progress, and sound health will soon be re-established.—Adv.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on the 6th inst., at 5 p.m., in the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh. The throne was occupied by Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart., the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland, who was supported by Bro. William Mann, P.G.W., acting R.W. Senior Grand Warden; William Hay, R.W. Senior G.D., acting R.W. Senior G.W. On the dais were Bros. Henry Inglis, of Torsonce, P.S.G.M.; Colonel Campbell, of Blythswood, Prov. G.M. of Renfrewshire East; Lauderdale Maitland, of Eccles, P.G.M. Dumfries-shire; Captain Harriott of Killiemore, P.G.M. of Wigtonshire; J. H. Neilson, P.P.G.M. Venezuela; John Laurie, Grand Sec.; Dr. J. T. Loth, Representative of the Grand Orient of France; Rev. A. Thomson Grant, V.W. Grand Chaplain; Alexander Hay, Grand Jeweller; John Coghill, Grand Director of Ceremonies; C. W. Miller, Grand Director of Music; Daniel Robertson, Grand Bible Bearer; Robert Davidson, Grand Organist; W. Officer, Grand Deacon; D. M. Neilson, W.M. 3 bis; George McDonald, W.M. 73, Thistle and Rose; Wm. Thomas, S.W. 103, Union and Crown; W. Hart, W.M. 178, Scotia; P. Hepburn, S.W.; A. Thomson, W.M. 333, St. George; D. Harley, S.W. 354, Caledonian Railway; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360, Commercial; Adam Rutherford, S.W. 362, St. Clair; William Harper, W.M.; Wm. Bilsland, S.W. 408, Clyde; Jas. Louttit, W.M.; Andrew Holmes, J.W. 413, Athole; J. S. Scott, W.M.; James Simpson, S.W. 410, Neptune; Wm. Philips, W.M., and T. Philips, J.W. 556, Clydesdale; Robert Aikman, W.M. 570, Kemuir; and W. Bickerton ("Freemason"). The lodge having been opened and raised to the Sublime Degree, the Grand Master read a letter from the Lord Provost of Glasgow in regard to the visit of the Prince of Wales, dated 28th Oct., 1876. The Lord Provost wrote:—

"Dear Sir Michael,—On behalf of my brother Magistrates and myself, I beg respectfully to convey to the several Masonic bodies who took part in the proceedings connected with the laying of the foundation stone of the new Post Office by the Prince and Princess of Wales on the 17th inst., our hearty sense of the value of your and their services. That notwithstanding the unpropitious nature of the weather, the several lodges should have carried out with so much steadiness and good temper the various arrangements in which they had to take part was most gratifying, and we only regret that after coming—some of them from great distances—to show their loyalty at much cost and sacrifice of personal comfort they were not favoured with better weather."

Sir Michael also stated that he had been highly pleased with the turn-out on the occasion referred to; and Bro. Inglis then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Grand Master. (Cheers.) He was sure the great Craft had lost nothing of its dignity that day. (Applause.)

The Grand Master, in returning thanks, said that the proceedings had given him great anxiety beforehand. He had had no fear but that the Masons would do their work well, but great difficulties had to be overcome. The Grand Secretary and the office-bearers in Glasgow, however, took considerable trouble with the arrangements. They were made as complete as possible; and, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, he considered it had been a most successful day. (Cheers.) He was sure the Masonic part of the ceremony would never be forgotten by those who had taken part in it. (Applause.)

The Grand Master afterwards intimated the death of the Most Hon. the Marquis of Tweeddale, K.S., R.W.P.G.M., and an expression of regret was ordered to be recorded in the minutes for the loss sustained by Grand Lodge.

Bro. Henry Inglis said he had not the slightest fear but that the motion he had to submit would be adopted unanimously. It was that Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart be elected for another year. (Cheers.)

The Grand Master said he was very much obliged for the kind manner in which his nomination had been submitted and received. He could only say that his best services were at the disposal of Grand Lodge for another year. (Cheers.) He only hoped he would have the same kind support which he had had hitherto. (Renewed cheers.)

The following office bearers were then elected unanimously:—R.W. Past Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn; R.W. Depute Grand Master, Henry Inglis of Torsonce; R.W. Substitute Grand Master, Colonel A. C. Campbell of Blythswood; R.W. Senior Grand Warden, the Right Hon. Lord Rosehill; R.W. Junior Grand Warden, the Right Hon. Lord Ramsay.

The Grand Committee proposed that Bro. D. Kinnear be appointed Senior Grand Deacon.

Bro. Hepburn, S.W. Scotia Lodge, 171, moved as an amendment that Bro. D.M. Nelson, R.W.M., Lodge 38, should be appointed to this office.

Bro. William Phillips, R.W.M., Clydesdale Lodge 556, said that it was but right that such an important province as Glasgow should have some representation in Grand Lodge. (Cheers.) He was quite sure that Bro. Nelson would not only do his duty, but reflect credit on the office. (Cheers.)

A vote was afterwards taken, when it was seen that 84 were in favour of Bro. Nelson, and 57 for Bro. Kinnear. The announcement was received with cheers by the brethren from the western province.

Bro. Samuel Hay (Union Bank) and Bro. John Laurie were proposed for the offices of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary respectively.

Bro. Adam Thomson, Proxy Master 262, objected to the reappointment of those office-bearers, on the ground that it might be of great advantage to infuse some new blood into these departments. The Grand Treasurer he contended annually violated the rules, and the Secretary

had neglected his duties by not replying to a greater number of communications from daughter lodges.

Bro. D. M. Nelson stated that at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow several statements had been made concerning Bro. Laurie, and a letter had been handed to him which had been prepared by a committee appointed to bring the matter before the Grand Lodge. He suggested that this letter be read.

The Grand Master had no hesitation in saying that matters in the Secretary's department were not in a satisfactory state, and he would use every endeavour to get them remedied.

Bro. George Macdonald, W.M. 73, Thistle and Rose Lodge, asked whether Bro. Laurie was not being made the scapegoat for the Grand Lodge. As far as complaints from Glasgow were concerned, he believed it was not so much Bro. Laurie who was to blame as the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Laurie, Grand Secretary, said he had listened with considerable pain to the statements which had been made, but he would not take up time rebutting them, as he might do. In going over these matters, whilst condemning what had not been done, they had overlooked what he really did do. (Hear hear, and applause.) Anyone in his position was entitled to at least some consideration, or at anyrate fair play. A number of the brethren present were in a position to prove from their own knowledge of the facts that the labours of the Grand Lodge were immensely more than any single individual could possibly superintend and discharge correctly. (Cheers.) From early on Monday morning until late on Saturday night following he was scarcely ever absent from the office, and the whole of his time was taken up in attending to the interests of the Grand Lodge; and even then it was utterly impossible to overtake the labours imposed upon him. Very few were aware of the enormous amount of work required to be discharged in his department, and the consequence was that many communications could not be replied to. He would prepare a statement in his own justification, which would be submitted to the Grand Lodge.

It was ultimately agreed to appoint Bro. D. Kinnear as interim cashier.

The appointments were otherwise agreed to, and the other office-bearers elected were V.W. Joint Grand Chaplains, the Rev. W. H. Gray, D.D., and the Rev. A. Thomson Grant; V.W. Junior Grand Deacon, Colonel Wilson of Bannockburn; V.W. Architect, W. Hay; Worshipful Grand Jeweller, A. Hay; Worshipful Grand Bible Bearer, D. Robertson; Worshipful Grand Director of Ceremonies, J. Coghill; Worshipful Grand Bard, J. Ballantine; Worshipful Grand Sword Bearer, Captain G. F. R. Colt of Gartsherris; Worshipful Grand Director of Music, C. W. M. Muller; Worshipful Grand Organist, R. Davidson; Worshipful Grand Marshal, Captain W. Hills, Edinburgh Rifle Volunteers; Worshipful Grand Tyler, W. J. Bryce; Worshipful Outer Guard, J. Baikie.

Board of Grand Stewards.—President, F. S. Melville; Vice-President, John Haig; Manager of Locomotive Arrangements, J. McLaren, N.B.R.; Bros. J. Turner, A. N. Clarke, William Mann, 137; Charles Mackenzie, George Bryce Brown, A. Mitchell, Duncan Monteith, Dr. John T. Loth, Alex. Ballantine, J. Wallace, F. L. Law, H. Y. D. Copland, Wm. Smith, Colonel David Guthrie of Carologic, William Barton, Geo. McLean, Geo. Lyon, Richard Wilson, David Small, Dr. George Dickson, Thomas Swinton, C. F. Matier, J. Macduff, J. Goodis, G. F. Roger, F. B. Niblett, Malcolm McNab, T. Field, A. Thomson, Gilbert Farie, J. H. Neilson, Geo. Miller, H. Munro, Alex. Henry, J. J. Muirhead, D. Thomson, R. Dudgeon, R. S. Brown, J. Dunlop, W.S.; J. Mackie, J. Berry, Andrew Addison, A. Henry, T. Halket, G. Robertson, H. R. Hendrie, J. Bell of Castle Creavie, W.S.; J. Walker, T. Ford, G. G. Russell, W. Caldwell, Henry Welsh, Robert White, J. A. Breysig, A. Muirhead, W. L. Mair, J. Fleming, E. Sellentin, H. E. Gordon, Major E. H. Ryan, H. J. Coventry, W.S.; W. H. Mackenzie, T. Mansfield, R. F. Shaw Stewart, E. P. Albert, W. Stevenson, J. Masterton, W. McDonald, John Bryce, A. Duff, W. Smith, J. K. Smart, A. J. Stephenson, R. Morrison, A. M'K. Millman, A. Scott, J. Addison, W. Smith.

On the recommendation of the Grand Lodge, charters, on petition, were granted to the following lodges:—"Bruce," Friockheim; "Athole," Kimberley, Grigualand; "Albert Edward," Polmadie; "Kindred Hope," Nussebad, Rajpootana.

The Right Hon. Earl of Mar and Kellie was nominated as representative of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands; Bro. W. Officer, P.G.D., for Egypt; Bro. D. Murray Lyon for West Virginia; Bro. D. Kinnear, Louisiana; the Right Hon. Lord Inverurie for Missouri; and Bro. Daniel Robertson for South Carolina.

A motion by Bro. John Monroe, W.M. 360 Commercial, in regard to the raising of fees, was continued till next quarterly communication, in consequence of his unavoidable absence. The Grand Lodge was afterwards closed in ample form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The quarterly communication of the Prov. G. Lodge of Glasgow was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, Bro. Barrow, D.P.G.M., presiding. Bro. D. M. Nelson, R.W.M. Lodge St. John's, acted as S.W.; and Bro. George Macdonald, R.W.M. Lodge Thistle and Rose, as J.W. After Bro. Morgan, Interim Secretary, had read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed, Bro. Dr. Morton was installed as Provincial Grand Junior Warden. A report was given in from the New Hall Committee, in which it was shown that the want of a hall in the province of Glasgow was now being recognised by the brethren of the province. The Grand Lodge billet of business was next taken up, when special reference was made to Bro.

Harriott's motion, and to the management of Grand Lodge affairs and the conduct of officials. After a considerable amount of discussion a committee was appointed, on a motion by Bro. Munro, R.W.M., to protest against the indifference paid by the Grand Lodge to the interests of Masons in the province, and present it at the meeting of the Grand Lodge in Edinburgh on Monday. After discussing this motion it was agreed to consecrate Lodge Plantation on the 13th inst. at 4 p.m. This concluded the business.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF RENFREWSHIRE EAST.

The Quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East was held on Saturday evening, 4th inst., in the hall of Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning, No. 370, Paisley. There was a large attendance. Bro. Colonel Campbell, of Blythswood, P.G.M., presided, and was supported by Bro. J. Caldwell, S.M. Bro. James Gilmour occupied the Senior Warden's chair, and Bro. J. Peter, the Junior Warden's. A communication was read from the Secretary of the Grand Lodge, stating that he had been commanded by the Grand Master, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., to express his regret that at the recent ceremonial in Glasgow he had been unable to address the brethren, and he wished to convey to the various lodges his great satisfaction at the large turn-out of the brethren, and his thanks for the support they had given him on that occasion. The Provincial Grand Master then said that it must have been to the brethren as it had been to him and every one else a sad disappointment that the weather had been so unfavourable on the occasion of the recent visit of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Glasgow. He did not think that the West of Scotland had ever seen a grander turn-out of the brethren. He could assure them that both His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales had expressed to him their great regret that the weather should be so unfortunately bad. Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales had written to his wife to tell her how much gratified she had been with everything done for the reception of their Royal Highnesses in Glasgow, Renfrew, and at Blythswood, and with the manner in which the Freemasons had conducted themselves in Glasgow. Bro. James Gilmour, S.W., said that it must be a matter of gratification to the Masonic body to learn that their services had been so highly appreciated. To their Provincial Grand Master, Col. Campbell, they were exceedingly indebted for the noble manner in which he had entertained the Right Worshipful the Grand Master and of Freemasons, the Prince of Wales, at Blythswood, and he moved that a minute to that effect be recorded in the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Jas. Caldwell, S.M., seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to. It was also agreed that Bro. Colonel Campbell should send an extract of the letter written by the Princess of Wales to the Hon. Mrs. Campbell to be engrossed in the minutes of the lodge. Several motions which were to be submitted to the Grand Lodge were then considered, but were received unfavourably.

GLASGOW.—Consecration of Lodge Dramatic.—On Wednesday afternoon, 1st inst., the Provincial Grand Lodge met in the hall, 213, Buchanan-street, for the purpose of consecrating Lodge Dramatic, No. 571, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Bro. W. J. E. Dobson, W.M. There was a large attendance of brethren, and Bro. Barrow, acting I.P.M., presided. The P.G.D.M. having been asked to consecrate the lodge, formally opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, and after devotional exercises, conducted by the P.G. Chaplain, the charter granted in favour of Lodge Dramatic was read, and the provisional office-bearers presented. The P.G. Director of Ceremonies then, by instruction of the P.G.M., proclaimed the lodge; and after a service of praise, the business terminated.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Commercial (No. 360).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., in the lodge-room, Hope-street, Glasgow, Bro. J. Monro, W.M., presiding. After the Second Degree had been worked by Bro. J. M. Oliver, Senior Warden, it was agreed to hold a festival to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the formation of the lodge, and a committee was appointed to carry out the arrangements. The following office-bearers, who were nominated at the previous meeting of the lodge, were then declared duly elected:—Bros. John Monro, W.M.; J. M. Oliver, D.M.; James Colquhoun, S.M.; Wm. Finlay, S.W.; Robert Reid, J.W.; George Scott, Treas.; John Smith, Sec.; Wm. Keiller, S.D.; Alex. Paterson, J.D.; George Macpherson, John Clark, B.B.; J. M. Duncan, D. of C.; Robert Brodie, D. of Music; Wm. Mar, President of Stewards; Alex. Burnet, I.G.; Bros. Mitchell and Robert Paterson, Auditors. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with by Bro. Davidson, P.M.; and Bro. G. W. Wheeler, Chaplain Lodge 73, gave the final charge. A vote of thanks was accorded those brethren for the manner in which they had conducted the business, and in reply, they complimented the brethren on the flourishing condition of the lodge, and in their having again secured the services of so popular a Master as Bro. Monro. A Committee of Management was afterwards appointed, and the lodge was then closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE CANTERBURY LODGE, No. 1635.

On Thursday, 2nd inst., the Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635, was formally consecrated, constituted, and dedicated by Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square. The lodge is intended to hold a distinguished position in the Craft, and the names of the brethren who were present at the inauguration ceremony, most of whom are enrolled as members, are sufficient

evidence that this intention will be carried out. The lodge was launched amid all the elements of success, having trusty and true brethren in all its offices, competent ceremonial workers, an accomplished Organist, a high class organ, a skilful Master of Ceremonies, and the prettiest and most perfect lodge-room in London. The members of the lodge are brethren who are zealous for the honour of Masonry, and their sponsorship for intending initiates must be a guarantee for the most eligible candidates being admitted to participate in the light of the Masonic mysteries through this lodge. The hall at 33, Golden-square, has already had secured to it by the proprietary's management the highest position as a Masonic centre, and the Canterbury Lodge, following in the track of the Bayard, the Friends in Council, and other eminent lodges which meet there, will add to the lustre it has so justly acquired. The long list of brethren and gentlemen of high social position which was proposed on Thursday at the conclusion of the lodge business for joining and initiation, affords ground for believing that there is yet room for more lodges of a similar character to the Canterbury Lodge being yet established at the same place, and we do not doubt that on representation duly made to the M.W.G.M., His Royal Highness will have no hesitation in granting warrants for such worthy additions to the roll of the Grand Lodge of England.

Lord Skelmersdale arrived at the hall at the time appointed, and the brethren were immediately marshalled by Major Shadwell Clerke, who undertook the duties of Master of the Ceremonies. The brethren present were Bros. John Chynoweth, P.G. Steward; Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, W.M. 1615, P.S.G.D. Essex; N. Locock Webb, P.G.D.; Canon Harford; Dr. W. C. Grigg; Edwin M. Lott, P.P.G.J.W. Jersey; H. Evill; Gordon Adam; Thos. Holme Davis; Wm. Holme Davis; James Keene, P.M.; Capt. Philips, P.M. 1383; John H. Scott, P.M. 271; Capt. Chas. Compton, S.D. 1615; Richd. P. Leeson, S.W. 1615; Francis C. Compton, Org. 1615; Dr. H. Sutherland, P.M. 1118; Robt. Fyers, S.D. 1615; Major Shadwell Clerke, W.M. 1383, 1615; Capt. W. F. Portlock Dadson, Sec. 1615; John Hervey, G. Sec.; and H. Massey ("Freemason").

Bro. John Chynoweth opened the lodge, having Lord Skelmersdale on his left and the Rev. Canon Harford on his right. Bro. John H. Scott occupied the chair of S.W., and Dr. Sutherland that of J.W.; Bro. Keene was Secretary; Bro. E. M. Lott, Organist; Canon Harford, Chaplain; and Major Shadwell Clerke, M.C. Bro. Keene also acted as I.C.

After the lodge had been opened in the three degrees, Lord Skelmersdale succeeded Bro. Chynoweth in the chair, and proceeded to consecrate the lodge. Canon Harford added more than ordinary impressiveness to the ceremony by his pointed delivery of the prayer and invocations, which were given without reference to a single written document. The scripture portions were also eloquently read by the rev. brother, and no opportunity was lost of imparting to the ceremony the most solemn and religious character. The only cause for regret was that with such an able Chaplain in the lodge there was no oration by that brother, as, had there been, no doubt it would have compared favourably with any of those literary compositions.

When the ceremony of consecration had been completed Lord Skelmersdale, addressing the brethren, said that he greatly regretted that numerous engagements forbade him staying in the lodge any longer. He must, therefore, be debarred from participating in the pleasure of witnessing the installation of the W.M. or joining the brethren at the banquet. But it had given him great pleasure to be present and perform the ceremony of consecration, and he wished the lodge which had just been dedicated every prosperity.

The Rev. Dr. Robbins said that before his lordship retired he must, on behalf of the lodge, go somewhat out of the usual order at that period of the proceedings to thank the Deputy Grand Master sincerely for having attended, and so impressively consecrated the lodge. It was a great honour his lordship had done the lodge, and it was, moreover, a great personal kindness to himself (Dr. Robbins). He hoped, and all the brethren hoped, that Lord Skelmersdale would allow them to enrol him as an honorary member of the Canterbury Lodge.

Lord Skelmersdale thanked Dr. Robbins, and said he should accept the honour with pleasure.

His lordship then retired, and Bro. Chynoweth took the chair.

Major Shadwell Clerke presented the Rev. J. Robbins, D.D., W.M. designate, for installation, and Bro. Chynoweth formally installed him in the chair of K.S.

The officers invested were Bros. the Rev. Canon Harford, Westminster Abbey, S.W.; James Keene, J.W.; Dr. Grigg, S.D.; H. Evill, J.D.; Thomas Holme Davies, Sec.; Gordon Adam, I.G.; E. M. Lott, Org.; Col. Somerville Burney, to act as P.M.; Bro. Evill, to act as Treas. pro tem.; Major Shadwell Clerke, M.C.; and George Austin, Tyler.

Bro. Chynoweth afterwards delivered the addresses.

The W.M. then rose and said that the first duty that devolved upon him was to propose a resolution in which he was sure all the brethren would most heartily concur. They had been most fortunate that evening in securing the services of so eminent a brother in Freemasonry as the Deputy Grand Master, and it would be as pleasing to the whole of the brethren to pass as, it was to him (the W.M.) to propose, a vote of thanks to his lordship for attending to consecrate the lodge. He, therefore, proposed that vote of thanks.

Ths. S.W. seconded the motion, and said that all the brethren must feel that they were greatly indebted to Lord Skelmersdale for what he had done.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

The W.M. next proposed a vote of thanks to the other brethren who had assisted, among them Bro. Chynoweth,

who had so ably performed the duties of Installing Master. He was sure that there must be a very great difficulty in committing the varied charges to memory so as to deliver them with such accuracy as Bro. Chynoweth had done. They had also to thank Major Shadwell Clerke for his ability, and for displaying that courtesy which was so habitual to him. To that wonderful skill in organisation which was part of his nature the brethren were indebted for the smooth and regular way in which everything had gone that evening. The consecration had been the most impressive of ceremonies, they must all admit, that they had ever seen in their lives. That was mainly due to Major Shadwell Clerke. He must also say, en passant, that for the way in which the Chaplain had performed his duties the brethren could not thank him sufficiently. He would include in his vote of thanks, therefore Bros. Chynoweth, Major Shadwell Clerke, Bro. Locock Webb, Bro. John Hervey, and Bro. Scott, all of whom had contributed to the great success of the evening's ceremony.

Colonel Burney seconded the vote, which was thereupon put and carried.

The W.M. then said that he had already asked Lord Skelmersdale to accept honorary membership of the lodge, and his lordship had expressed his willingness to do so. He now would ask the other brethren who had assisted to accept the same position, and he would, therefore, move that Grand Secretary, Bro. Locock Webb, Bro. Chynoweth Captain Philips, Major Shadwell Clerke, Bro. Lott, and Dr. Sutherland, be elected honorary members of the lodge. He would take them en bloc to save time.

The J.W. seconded the motion, and the brethren passed it nem. con.

Bro. Locock Webb, Q.C., in acknowledging the compliment said he could not allow the proceedings to go further without asking permission to return thanks for the honour which had been done to himself and the other brethren by this vote of the lodge. The lodge had been good enough to mention his name for two reasons, first of all for his coming on that occasion, and they had been good enough to say that they were obliged to him for it; but really he had to thank the W.M. for his kindness in inviting him, for he felt very much honoured indeed by the invitation; secondly the lodge had done him the honour to elect him an honorary member; and he accepted that honour with the greatest thanks. Grand Secretary had been good enough to request him to accept another, that of returning thanks for him. Grand Secretary felt the honour done him as much as he (Bro. Locock Webb) did; and it was only his natural diffidence, and that his heart was too full to give utterance to his feelings that he (Grand Secretary) did not return thanks for himself.

Bro. Chynoweth, responding for himself, said he was exceedingly thankful to the brethren for the honour they had conferred on him by electing him an honorary member, and for the very courteous terms in which the W.M. had proposed the vote of thanks for the assistance he had been able to render. He was sorry that in the opening ceremony he was not very fluent; but he had been called unexpectedly to act, otherwise he would have been au fait to the work. A man got naturally a little rusty by lying by, and there would then unavoidably be a little hesitation in his performance of the ceremonies. It was not often one had the opportunity of practising them, and he must beg the brethren's indulgence for any imperfections he had fallen into.

Major Shadwell Clerke thanked the W.M. and the lodge for the kind compliment they had paid him, and assured the brethren of the pleasure it had given him to be of any service to them.

Propositions for initiation and joining were afterwards taken, and a committee was appointed to frame the by-laws; after which lodge was closed, and adjourned to the 14th inst.

The brethren subsequently partook of banquet at the Café Royal, Regent-street, and the customary toasts were honoured before they separated for the evening.

[The above appeared in the Second Edition of last week.]

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday at Freemason's Hall, Bro. Col. Creton presiding. There were also present Bros. John Constable, J. T. Stevens, W. Hale, C. A. Cotterane, James Brett, A. H. Tattershall, John Newton, Thos. W. White, S. Rawson, Charles Lacey, A. J. D. Filer, F. Adlard, Robert W. Little, W. Stephens, George Bolton, Dr. Jabez Hogg, W. Hyde Pollen, J. A. Farnfield, Rich. Hervé Girard, John Hirst, jun., L. Stean, John M. Redwell, J. R. Gallant, Thomas Fenn, H. Massey ("Freemason") and James Terry (Secretary). After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Terry stated that he had applied to Lord Skelmersdale as to the Chairman for the Festival of 1877, and had received an answer from his lordship, in which he advised him to apply to Bro. Collins, Esquire to Prince Leopold. He did so, and received a reply stating his Royal Highness's willingness in that respect, but that as the date was so far distant he could give no definite reply. Bro. Terry stated that he had no doubt Prince Leopold will take the chair.

The Warden's report was received, and the Committee who had visited the Institution expressed their gratification at the style in which they found all the arrangements there.

On application from the widow of a deceased annuitant for half her late husband's annuity, the same was granted. This is the first case which has occurred under the increased grant.

A letter was read from a brother at Boston, raising the novel point of whether the widow of a Freemason, who after her first husband's death married a non-Mason, also

now deceased, was eligible to come on the fund, she being in other respects qualified.

Bro. John G. Stevens said that his opinion on the point was that under the circumstances stated in the letter which had been read, a widow would not be entitled to be placed on the list. He did not wish to say anything which would prejudice this particular case, but viewing the subject as a general one, it appeared to him that there was no ground for saying that such a case was eligible. The laws of the Institution were plain and distinct with regard to those who might be placed on the funds, and unless those laws were altered the case mentioned could not be accepted. If this widow had remained a widow, there would have been no question as to her eligibility, but she ceased to have that status when she married her second husband, who happened not to be a Mason, and therefore she had no claim upon the Institution. Of course the brethren might alter the laws if they liked, but the laws were now against the case of this widow.

Bro. L. Stean adopted this view, but Bros. S. Rawson and R. H. Giraud held that on the death of the second husband the character of widow of the first husband revived.

Bro. A. J. Duff Filer wished to put a supposititious case. If a widow of a Mason became an annuitant of the Institution, and after enjoying her annuity for a time, married a non-Mason, her annuity would cease. Then, if the second husband died, she would neither have her annuity re-established nor be re-elected as an annuitant. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. R. H. Giraud then moved, and Bro. S. Rawson seconded, that such a candidate should be eligible.

The motion was put to the committee, but lost by an overwhelming majority.

The petitions of three brethren and four widows were then received and passed, as was also the petition of a widow for half her late husband's annuity.

Bro. James Terry having retired from the room,

The Chairman said that the next business on the agenda paper was the consideration of a motion of which he had himself given notice, and he felt that very few words would be necessary to render his motion acceptable to the brethren. The motion of which he had given notice was that the salary of the Secretary be increased. The Secretary had done his work exceedingly well (Hear, hear), and the funds of the Institution had increased mainly through his exertions. Therefore, the time, he thought, had arrived when the brethren ought to give their Secretary some substantial recognition of his services. He need not say any more in praise of the Secretary; had it been necessary he could easily have done so, because he believed he saw as much of the Secretary and the performance of the secretarial duties as most brethren who subscribed to the Institution; and he could assert, without fear of contradiction, speaking as he did the honest truth, that when the Secretary was not in the office, he was engaged in some good work for the benefit of the Institution. (Hear, hear.) He would conclude by proposing, in the words of his notice, "That in consideration of the large sums collected mainly by the great additional amount of work in the office of the Secretary, his salary be increased £100 from the 1st of January, 1876."

Bro. John Constable seconded the motion, which was then put and carried unanimously.

Bro. Terry having been called in,

The Chairman, addressing him, said he had great pleasure in informing him that by a unanimous vote of the committee his salary had been increased £100 per annum from the 1st of January last. He must congratulate him on having received such a recognition of his great exertions on behalf of the institution, and he hoped that for many years it would have the benefit of his services. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Terry said he need not tell the chairman and brethren that he was very pleased indeed to hear what the chairman had told him, and it enhanced his pleasure to hear that the vote just passed had been unanimous. That to a very great extent made it of double and treble its value. He might add that most of the brethren were aware he had laboured to the best of his ability for the institution for the thirteen years that he had been connected with it. To have received this mark of approbation totally unsolicited by himself was a very great compliment, and one which he should always appreciate highly. If he had always health and strength he should endeavour to act as strenuously in the future as he had in the past, and he hoped he should always have the same cordial assistance and kindly feelings of the brethren as he had hitherto experienced. (Hear, hear.)

The Chairman next said the business they had now to consider was a recommendation of the Finance Committee that the salary of the clerk in the office, Mr. Knill, be increased £20 a year. It had not only been recommended by the Finance Committee, but was supported by the Secretary, who had the best opportunity of seeing how Mr. Knill performed his duties. The Secretary said that he was a good young fellow, who was worthy of the proposed increase. He (the Chairman) would propose that the clerk's salary be increased £20 a year from the 1st of December.

Bro. Thos. W. White seconded the proposition.

Carried nem. con.

Bro. Terry observed that Mr. Knill was a very efficient officer, and it afforded him much pleasure to speak in his favour.

The committee then adjourned.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

This Association, which has now been twelve months in existence, was formed under the auspices of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, to enable any member of the Craft, lady or Lewis, to become a life subscriber or a life governor of the Institutions for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, and for Sons and Daughters of Decayed Freemasons, by payment of the small sum of 1s. per week. The subscriptions from time to time received are appropriated by ballot among the members of the Association on the first Friday in every month, at the Portugal Hotel, 1155, Fleet-street, at 8.30 in the evening, after the closing of the Lodge of Instruction.

At the meeting in October last the Honorary Secretary, Bro. W. W. Snelling, referring to the bye-law of the Association which required a member to pay all subscriptions from April last, stated that this bye-law had greatly retarded the progress of the Association—two members only having joined the Association since this bye-law was passed. He, therefore, moved that such alterations should be made in the bye-laws as would enable a person to join at any time, and to commence his subscriptions on the day of his election, and after some discussion the motion was carried unanimously.

At a meeting in November the minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed, thus rendering the Association a permanent one, and this will, we trust, be the means of largely increasing the number of members, and further-benefiting our charitable institutions.

Bro. Snelling congratulated the members upon the success of the Association since its formation, and announced that during the first year seventy-eight shares had been taken, and £152 17s. received as subscriptions thereon, which had been appropriated by ballot among thirty members. Fourteen of the successful members would become life governors of the institution for Aged Freemasons; two life subscribers of the Boys' School, and five life subscribers of the Girls' School, and nine had not yet determined to which of the Institutions they would subscribe. In addition to this some of the successful members had represented their lodges as Stewards of the various charities. The election of the officers and committee was then proceeded with, and Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, the Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, was re-elected as President, and Bro. J. White, P.M. 228, as Vice-President; Bros. J. Bingemann, P.M. 55, W.M. 1599, as Treasurer; and W. W. Snelling, 180, as Hon. Secretary, and ten other brethren, were elected to form the committee. Bros. Denison, Larchin, Gush, and Daniel, all of 1541, were also appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Association.

As the claims upon our charitable institutions are increasing year by year, it is necessary that every exertion should be used by members of the Craft to augment the funds of the various charities, and we cannot too strongly urge every brother who has the benefit of the Craft at heart, and who is not already a life subscriber or a life governor of the institutions, to become so through the medium of such an Association as the above.

The Association is not restricted to persons residing in the London district. Brethren in any part of the country may join, and the Honorary Secretary, Bro. Snelling, will be pleased to furnish a prospectus of the Association to any person desirous of becoming a member.

A YORKSHIRE SCHOOLMASTER.—In these days of great pedestrian feats it is worth while to record the doings of an old Yorkshireman who has just died at the ripe age of 84, at Masham, in Yorkshire. James Heap was a schoolmaster, and carried on his calling in a wild and bleak part of the country, walking every day a distance of eight miles. He lived at a cotton mill just below the village of Healey, which is the western part of that portion of Yorkshire called Mashamshire. His school-house was four miles distant at Coltersdale, which is still further west, and among the bleak moors and wild hills leading away to Westmorland. A storm of wind and rain is no trifling matter in these parts, and during a snowstorm the snow very often drifts so thickly as to make the roads almost impassable, but no condition of the weather or the atmosphere could shake James Heap's steadfast purpose, and he never had any ailment or accident which kept him from going his daily round to the school and home again. Many a time had he to wade through snowdrifts to find that his pupils were not able to reach the school, and he was certainly subjected to a drenching rain in the winter months. Yet from December, 1822, to January, 1867, he never missed a single day, and during 2292 consecutive weeks he walked more than 110,000 miles, or nearly five times round the world. Nor was he altogether idle on Sundays, for during 42 years of this period he shared with others the teaching of a Sunday-school at a place called Summerside, about the same distance from his home, and in an equally dreary and wild district on the moors with Colsterdale; 17 Sundays in each year during these 42 years did he walk eight miles to teach, which adds an aggregate of 5712 miles to the former sum, so that, taking Sundays and week days into the reckoning, he would, if he had continued his work for rather more than another year, have covered a distance equal to half the space between the earth and the moon. The old man, until quite lately, enjoyed good health, and the Schoolmasters' Association had only lately written to tell him that an annuity which he had been in receipt of for some time would, after the 1st of November, be still further increased. This arrangement, however, he did not see carried out, for he died last week.—"Globe."

HEALTH, COMFORT, AND ECONOMY PROMOTED.—Gas superseded by day light, and daylight reflected in dark rooms by adopting Chappuis' Patent Daylight Reflectors. Manufactory, 69, Fleet-street, London.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemason's Hall, Bro. S. Rosenthal in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. Benj. Head, H. Browne, W. Paas, George Free, J. W. Dennis, W. Mann, W. F. C. Moutrie, W. Roebuck, John Symonds, H. W. Hunt, George Motion, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

Five petitions were accepted, and an outfit was granted to one ex-pupil. The resignation of Bro. Edward Harris, the collector to the Institution, was accepted, and a legacy of £50 less duty from Bro. Brooks Gates, was reported by the Secretary.

A committee was appointed to enquire into and report upon the office, and duties, and emoluments of the collector, after which the committee adjourned.

THE LATE BRO. SAMUEL MAY.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Samuel May, which occurred on Sunday last, at his house at Wood Green. Bro. May, who was well known in the Craft, had long taken a leading position in it; but by nothing was he better known than by his liberal support of the Institutions of the Order, and his untiring efforts in their behalf. He was a zealous officer of his lodges and chapters, through the chairs of which he long ago passed. Until his fatal illness he was a constant attendant at Grand Lodge, and his presence whether there, in other Masonic assemblages, as well as in the social and domestic circle, was always hailed with pleasure. He was a genial companion, a sincere friend, and combined in his character all those excellent qualities which cause a man's name to be long remembered when his place on earth knows him no more.

Masonic and General Tidings.

On the 28th ult. the Grand Orient of Italian Freemasonry held a solemn re-union to receive and give a festival reception to Bro. J. C. Parkinson, J.P., P.G.D., P.P. Deputy Grand Master of Middlesex. The editor of the "Il Diritto" states that he has no doubt that this distinguished brother will receive a warm reception from his brethren in Rome.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire will be held in the New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford, on Wednesday, 15th Nov., at four p.m.

On dit that the Earl of Limerick, Great Prior of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital for England, has resigned that high office, and the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Great Marshal of the Order, and a Grand Cross of the Temple, has accepted that position. His Royal Highness the Grand Master could not have made a more popular appointment, and a new era of prosperity may be looked for in the Order through this and other changes which are imminent. Lord Limerick will carry with him on his retirement the cordial good wishes of the English Knights Templar, and those who have served under him will long remember his uniform courtesy and good nature.

Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., was on Thursday admitted a member of the Peace of England Lodge of Odd Fellows (Manchester Unity) at Woolwich.

BRO. EMRA HOLMES' TALES, POEMS, AND MASONIC PAPERS.—The list of subscribers being now amply sufficient to cover all expenses, the first edition of the above work—500 copies—will be published forthwith.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE.—The great transept of the Crystal Palace is at the present time rendered more than usually attractive by a splendid display of chrysanthemums and pompons, grown by the company's gardener, and tastefully arranged by him in front of the Handel orchestra. The exhibition comprises at least fifty specimens of these beautiful autumn flowers, amongst the most conspicuous being the yellow Jardin des Plantes and aurea multiflora, the snow white Mrs. Rundell, white globe, Virgin Queen, and Empress of India, the rich crimson Prince Alfred and Dr. Sharpe's Hermoine, in its two varieties, yellow and blush purple tipped; the white quilled Fleur de Mai, the White and purple George Peabody, the Prince of Anemones with its lilac blush, and the Queen of England in its three varieties, lilac, gold, and striped. The display will remain on view for at least another fortnight, and fresh varieties will be added from time to time as they come into flower.

READINGS IN THE TEMPLE.—Dr. Vaughan will resume his public readings in the Greek Testament (the 2nd Epistle to the Corinthians) on Tuesday, the 14th ult., at eight o'clock in the morning, in the lecture room of the Middle Temple, and continue them for about three weeks on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, at the same hour. They are open to any persons interested in the study of the Greek Testament.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—On Tuesday last the members of the "Old Scholars' Reunion" dined together at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The Head Master of the Royal Masonic School, occupied the chair. Among the 26 who sat down to dinner was the Rev. Mr. Woodward, a former Head Master and Chaplain of the Boys' School. The chief toasts of the evening were, "The Success and Prosperity of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," and "The Old Scholars Reunion," "The Old Boys' Club," though only established in April last is gradually increasing, and is likely to become a permanent institution. The committee of the club are anxious that all old boys should join. There are some little expenses connected with starting the affair, and Masons may help in the success of it by becoming honorary members.

On Wednesday last the Royal Literary Fund voted £100 to the widow of Mr. George Smith.

Lord Elcho has received a reply from the Home Secretary to the memorial of the Metropolitan Municipal Association, promising to give consideration to the subject of the government of London.

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NOTICE.

In consequence of the great press of Lodge Reports and other matter "The Freemason" will consist of four additional pages next week. We have to apologise to many Correspondents for unwillingly keeping back their contributions, but necessity has no law.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

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

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

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.

ADVERTISEMENTS should reach the Office, 198 Fleet Street, London, not later than 12 o'clock on Wednesday, to insure insertion in the following Saturday's number. The Rates for Advertisements may be had on application at the Office.

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 Member of No. 325—The affair being sub judice, we cannot well publish his letter. He will be able to make a full statement in Prov. G. Lodge.

Staffordshire—We cannot publish reports three weeks old. Had we received the account of the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in due course, it would have appeared in our columns.

Errata—in our report of Lewes Lodge, 1185, for "Kildreth" read "Hildreth," and for "John Thomas Chase" read "John Francis Chase."

The following stand over:—Reports of Henley Lodge, 1472; Brotherly Love, 327; Tyndall Lodge, 1303; Pattison Lodge, 913; St. Asaph, 1319; Royal Commemoration Lodge, 1585; Aldershot Camp Lodge; New Cross Lodge, 1539; Lodge of Truth, 1458; Lily Lodge of Instruction; Faith Lodge of Instruction, 141; Mount Sinai Chapter; West Lancashire Mark Lodge, 65; Royal Ark Mariners, 69, Glasgow; Lodge Dramatic, 571, Glasgow.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

CAMERON.—On the 14th ult., at Dalkeith House, the Lady Margaret E. Cameron, of a son and heir.

DUNCAN.—On the 4th inst., at Aberdeen, Mrs. C. Duncan, of a daughter.

FREER.—On the 8th ult., at Crofton Court, Orpington, Kent, the wife of the Rev. H. L. Freer, of a son.

GLOYN.—On the 4th inst., at Tywardreath, Cornwall, the wife of R. F. Gloyn, of a son.

KING.—On the 6th inst., at Surbiton-hill, the wife of M'Intosh King, Esq., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

ARCHER—HOCKLEY.—On the 2nd inst., at St. Mary's, Lewisham, Reuben, son of Mr. Archer, of Forest-hill, to Mary, daughter of the late J. Hockley, of Catford.

PATTON—FULLONGER.—On the 1st inst., at St Michael's, Betchworth, Frederick Joseph Patton, B.A., of Ball. Coll. Oxon., & Edith, daughter of C. J. Fullonger, Esq.

SCOTT—YOUNG.—On the 2nd inst., at Ludford, Lincolnshire, Dr. Walter Scott, of St. John's-Wood, to Fanny, daughter of R. Young, Esq., of Ludford.

DEATHS.

BARNES.—On the 2nd inst., at Tunbridge-wells, Eva Emily, daughter of E. Barnes.

BURROUGHS.—On the 6th inst., at his residence, 27 Bow-road, E., John Burroughs, aged 52 years.

CALLANDER.—On the 6th inst., at Ebury-street, Eaton-square, Mrs. Callander.

FOX.—On the 29th ult., at Brislington, near Bristol, Ellen Elizabeth, wife of E. F. Fox, Esq., aged 43.

MAY.—On the 4th inst., Bro. Samuel May, of Bow Street,

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RECENT LODGE CONSECRATIONS.

No readers of the "Freemason" can fail to be struck with the constant reports of the consecration of new lodges which appear week by week in our crowded columns. We confess that we are among those who hail this increase of Freemasonry with some gratification—firstly, as an evidence of the prosperity of our great Order; and secondly, as a proof that our principles are both understood and appreciated. Despite the attacks of ignorant adversaries (ignorant of the principles and practice they so noisily condemn), notwithstanding the abuse of the intolerant, and the puerile opposition of fanatical impertinence, this English Craft is sailing on, as the poet sung, with "a wet sheet and a flowing sea," and under admirable auspices is not only "holding its own," but is rapidly "extending its stakes" on every side of us. No doubt some cautions come in, which we shall all of us do well to attend to. Our distinguished and admirable Grand Secretary alluded to one or two points in his effective address at the opening of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, to which we shall all do well to listen. He pointed out the great need of caution in the admission of new members, and exemplified it ably by that regrettable incident, that a Masonic lodge had sued in the County Court a brother who would not pay his "initiation fees." The various blunders made by that distinguished lodge are too numerous to mention here; the more so, as it may be a matter of serious question whether the public action of the lodge may not have brought it necessarily under the notice of the Board of General Purposes. Every step the lodge has taken is constitutionally wrong and illegal. The lodge had no right not to ask for the initiation fee at once; and if not paid, ought to have gone to the proposer; certainly not to the County Court. And if the lodge had made a mistake, and the peasant brother could not or would not pay the customary demand, such a matter ought to have been kept in the bosom of the lodge itself, and not made the subject of public conversation or Masonic scandal. But enough on a most disagreeable subject. Bro. Hervey also alluded to a system of blackballing which is going on in some lodges, in which some one brother has been refused admission, and his friends blackball persistently all other candidates until he is admitted. We have known such instances ourselves, and a sad reflection they are on Masonry and Masonic principles. We have no right to import into the ballot of the lodge our private feelings, piques, injuries, animosities. It is conduct unworthy of every true Mason, and is so detrimental to the honour and interests of Freemasonry, that it must inevitably bring down any lodge eventually in which such conduct is tolerated or permitted. We thank the Grand Secretary for his seasonable and sensible words of admonition and advice, and we wish to add one more word of humble caution and fraternal admonition on our part. The one weak point in our Masonic system, just now, in our opinion, is the laxity we allow ourselves as regards the admission of members. No doubt it is a good thing for the Treasurer of a lodge to be able to report that he has a good balance sheet and a comfortable surplus at the end of the year, but, remember, financial well-being and material success may be too dearly purchased. If in order to obtain funds the character of the lodge is sacrificed, nothing but discomfort and disunion must be the result. We have always felt and said, that the mere fact of a person being able to pay the initiation fees is neither a proper test of admission, nor a befitting passport to a lodge. The lodge is a family in itself, and if we introduce into a family or social life one incongruous or heterogeneous element, we know well the unavoidable consequence of such folly, often the saddest of the sad. And equally true is it of our lodge life. No member ought to be admitted

into a lodge unless his proposer can vouch for him that he is a suitable member for that particular lodge in all respects, and that he is qualified to do credit to the lodge, and promote the happiness and comfort of his brethren. He ought not to introduce him into the lodge unless he could do so into his own family circle conscientiously. Many a lodge has been and is ruined by the intrusion of some one brother, utterly unfitted, for various reasons, for that little body of which he has become a corporate part, and we cannot too much deprecate the far too common custom of admitting members, not for "what they are," but for what "they have." We trust sincerely that the kindly notes of warning thus struck will not fall on inattentive ears, and that our brethren who comprise the lodges of our great Masonic brotherhood will take in good part what the reality of fraternal feeling suggests, and the result of masterly experience has pointed out.

MASONIC WORK.

Our metropolitan lodges are reopening for work, and some have already commenced a "new campaign." As we write to-day, the faithful brethren of many good lodges have received their W. Master's summons, and will soon rally around their Masonic centres. The recess is over, and labour has recommenced. When they meet again, no doubt some changes even in this short interval, will have taken place in the "personnel" of the lodge. When they are again assembled, some will be missing perchance—nay, rather, almost certainly—who were present at the last pleasant meeting, and in many a lodge those words of the Poet Laureate may well and forcibly recur to many minds:—

"Oh, for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that's still."

But such, after all, is human life, and such is Masonic life, above all. We meet together a goodly band of brothers, we form long friendships, we interchange kindly sympathies, we become interested in each other, and gladly feel, that we are "brethren" in something more than name. And so we "move on side by side," happily and confidently and pleasantly, for many years. We meet in good feeling and good fellowship, we part in love and amity, but we meet and part, to meet and part no more in time in earthly lodge. No more "summons" for us, no more happy re-unions or steady work, or hearty sociality. We have had to obey a "summons" higher and more solemn than anything of earth, and our place on earth, and in lodge knows us no more. And when we are gone (it may sometimes occur to us), what will they say of us? Will they miss us, and lament us, and speak kindly of us? Or will they dismiss us with a few cold, careless words? "So poor Bro. Tomkinson is no more. I am very sorry for him. He was a good worker, and a kind fellow, and a true brother." Nay, some one may even say, "I lament his loss, but he was a difficult chap to get on with, and he was not as considerate as he should be, and, to say the truth, I don't think the lodge will miss him much." Suppose that we were all able to listen to what people say of us behind our backs, or when we are "gone," what a cheery revelation would it afford to us all. Now, we need not indulge in any high-flown hyperbole in respect of the insincerity and treachery of the world. Such as the world has been, such it is, and such it will always be until its "weird is ended," and even in our little Masonic world we should be most unwise and unreasonable if we do not remember that despite its high professions, it only after all resembles that of which it forms a part. But the moral is obvious nevertheless, Let us work on while we are able, while health and strength, in the good Providence of the Great Architect of the Universe, are given to us, and let us hope, that when the Great Master of us comes in to pay his "workmen," we may be found neither unworthy of his praise, nor with our names wanting on the "Roll Call." With this re-opening session let us regard our lodges, as pleasant retreats of friendly sympathy and fraternal good will, and let us remember that we are all "brethren" bound together by

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loving and indissoluble ties, which, though time may weaken, it cannot and ought not ever to destroy. "Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again," may well form, so to say, the cheerful and heartfelt motto of our Masonic gatherings; and may all our work, begun and ended in the name of God Most High, conduce to the welfare of our lodges, the honour of Masonry and the happiness of mankind.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

Though we often all differ about the means, we are all, Freemasons as well as everybody else, greatly interested in the general spread of information and instruction, the study of the elevating arts, and the prevalence of culture and civilization. Though these are not everything in the history of man, or nations, or the world at large, yet no evenminded person will doubt their value, or question their importance. As Freemasons we are ever favourable to the extension of light, knowledge, and the refining and elevating tendencies of artistic and scientific labours, and we may rejoice to find that such is the prevailing sentiment of this locality or that institution. There is a famous old town in England, well known to many readers of the "Freemason" whose associations and memories are ever fresh and pleasant to us at "Wiccamica Pubes," which once worshipped within its sacred fane, and once ascended St. Catherine's Hill. And it seems that this good city has not belied its ancient prestige, or forgotten its old renown, seeing that in 1876 it receives from one of our most distinguished statesmen and lawyer a need of commendation as striking as it is well deserved. In opening the School of Art, a new institution at Winchester a few days ago, Lord Selborne makes use of language which we commend to the attention of all our readers, as a good example not only highly to be lauded, but to be imitated in the same kindly and liberally-minded spirit up and down our good old land. The "Times" of November 4th gives the words which follow:— "Lord Selborne said that he could not pretend to speak with impartiality of subjects connected with Winchester, and it might be that his partiality led him to see things which related to that city through a highly-coloured medium. Things which to some might appear trivial were not so to him. Though Winchester had no large manufactures, no centres of population, no great wealth, he thought it interesting in an unusual degree. In the first place, it was the most ancient historical city in the country. Its very name bore witness to a time anterior to the Roman invasion, and it has been a centre from generation to generation of great events. He was happy to think that although so old, and although it had seen so many privations, yet its public spirit was never higher and its desire to continue its great improvements more manifest than at the present time. Their prosperity and their institutions depended, as every one knew, on the habit of self-government, and that privilege depended certainly no less on the existence of municipal institutions, which were as essential as Imperial Parliaments. When he saw the amount spent and the works produced by municipal institutions here, he could not but think that Winchester might well be proud of the part it had taken in respect of having these institutions. When he looked to another part of the town and saw the splendid scale on which the administration of justice had been provided for, he said that Winchester had acted in a manner worthy of its greatness in honouring that law which was the guardian of all their liberties. Passing to an institution which, above all others, formed the mind of the man, and made what was good and bright, and comely and godly, he saw religion enshrined in a building, so solemn in its exterior and so gorgeous within, that no man could enter it without feeling something of the solemnity of the place, without feeling the true association between religion and beauty. Then they came to that College which had been the seat of learning for nearly 500 years, and had from generation to generation sent forth men to take the first place in the Church, in the Legislature, and

in all the walks of life, and not a few in the ranks of those who had defended their country by sea and land. Nature, too, had not been wanting in giving to the city natural beauties in the valley in which it was placed. It was his privilege to attend not long ago an Art Exhibition under their Mayor, and that building had been established under the highest influence. Among the first promoters of the school were the Head Master of the College and one of his most esteemed associates. There had been a cordial union of all parties. In Winchester all the institutions worked harmoniously together. There was no jealousy that one would be above the other. They saw the Church and the municipality, the Corporation, the College, and the School of Art all, hand-in-hand, promoting the same good cause—the cause of morality and instruction, improving the cause or religion and learning and art.

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.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with much pain the report of the action in the Westminster County Court by the "Hervey Lodge of Freemasons v. Fielder" reported in your impression of the 18th ult., and cannot think the proceedings conduce much to the credit of the officers of the lodge or its members, for had the Secretary, or the member introducing the candidate, taken proper steps to investigate his character, such scandal might have been avoided. As regards the case on its merits, the learned judge could not but nonsuit the plaintiffs, as the action was wrongly brought. Freemasons are not a body corporate, and cannot sue as such; but under Order XVI. Rule 9 of the Judicature Acts, where there are numerous parties having the same interest in one action, one or more of such parties may sue or be sued, or may be authorised by the court to defend such action; and by the consolidated County orders, under order V. rule 8, these courts have the same power given them. The judge could not amend the title of the cause without the consent of the defendant, and from his antecedents, I do not suppose such a course would have been assented to, neither could the judge allow an appeal, as the amount sued for was under £20.

I sincerely hope that other lodges will take timely warning by this miserable affair, and that in their anxiety to swell their ranks, greater diligence will be used in investigating the character of those they introduce into the Order.

Believe me, dear Sir, faithfully yours,

E. W. DEVEREUX.

Grove-lane, Camberwell, S.E.,

1st November, 1876.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In commenting on your last issue on a County Court case, in which the Hervey Lodge sued a brother for fees, you seem to imply blame to some person, and as Master of the lodge in question I will endeavour to shew you how the matter stands.

The brother having expressed a wish to be received into our lodge, and finding he held a high official public position, and "was well and worthily recommended," no possible objection could be taken either by his proposer or any member of the lodge. Therefore, having been duly balloted for and unanimously elected, and initiated, his official position was urged as an excuse for irregularity of attendance at our meetings. His dues fell into arrears, the Secretary wrote to him on the subject, and he promised to attend lodge and settle up; but failing to do so it was determined, after some fruitless correspondence, and by the advice of a brother in the lodge, who is a lawyer, to take legal proceedings to enforce the payment of a just debt.

The brother had in his communications with our Secretary acknowledged the claim, but he failed to keep his word, and it was because he held a gentlemanly public appointment that it was thought necessary to compel him if possible to pay, rather than his proposer.

You are quite wrong in supposing that the case was decided on its merits—nothing of the kind. We were non-suited on a technical question. Our lawyer sued in the name of the lodge, when it appears he should have done so in that of the Treasurer or Secretary.

I am, Sir and brother, yours fraternally,

G. HARRISON, W.M. 1876.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been in the habit of attending, with other Master Masons, the Provincial Grand Lodge to which the lodge I am a member of is attached. This year Master Masons are not summoned, and we are informed by those in authority that we are not entitled to be present. I know the Book of Constitutions (in clause 2, of Prov. Grand Lodge) lays down who are members of Prov. Grand Lodge but it does not say Master Masons shall be excluded, and, as they have been allowed to attend in former years, their exclusion on this occasion requires some explanation.

Surely if Master Masons were permitted to be present at the Albert Hall on the occasion of the installation of the M.W. the Grand Master of England, they might, I think, be allowed a seat at their own provincial meeting. I would add that all Master Masons of the Receiving Lodge, are to be permitted to attend. Perhaps some brother wearing the purple will kindly explain this matter for the satisfaction of those who still wear but sky blue.

Yours truly and fraternally,

MASTER MASON.

THE GROWTH OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In a paragraph which appeared in your issue of the 27th ult., it was stated that the rapid increase of members was causing some anxiety in higher circles, and that at the consecration of new lodges, the officers are earnestly enjoined to make strict enquiry into the character, and standing of candidates before admitting them, doubtless every right thinking brother already feels that some more stringent means should be adopted in this respect than at present.

In the provinces, especially the larger ones, the following case frequently occurs:—A proposes B for initiation into his lodge C, the members of lodge C find out that B's character is not such as to warrant them in admitting him amongst them, and he is withdrawn. Bro. A then enlists the assistance of a member of a lodge held in a neighbouring town where B is a perfect stranger, and on the recommendation of A's friend he is admitted.

The only remedy against this evil so far as I can see is that a Central Committee be formed in each province, and that the Secretary of every lodge be required to read a copy of the circular calling such meeting to them. They (the committee) shall compile a weekly report of names proposed, and send tissue copies of same to the adjoining provinces, and different Masonic Halls and meeting rooms in the district, by this means the members of every lodge would be able to ascertain if their rejected candidate was again proposed, and a communication could be sent to the W.M. of the lodge where his name appears.

It may be said, that perchance a brother through some private pique, objects to a candidate being admitted into his lodge, although there may not be the remotest thing against his character. This fact could be communicated to the committee, who could act thereon.

I think some such plan as the above would serve to check, if not prevent the admission of black sheep into our folds.

Perhaps some more able pen than mine will devise a better scheme, or at all events improve upon this one.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

EAST LANCASHIRE.

FATHER FOY ON FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the "Hastings Observer" of the 4th November Father Foy defends his addresses. I have extracted the only material portions of it for the information of your readers, which are as follows:

I am, yours fraternally,

A FREEMASON.

I consider that my second lecture was quite a sufficient reply to your other correspondent, signing himself "A Non-Mason," with regard to the relations between the secret societies of England and the Continent. I showed how the whole of the lodges of the Grand Orient of Italy had recently been aggregated to the English lodges. There was one instance of relationship. The case of the assassination of William Morgan in America, in 1826, proved, again, that the deeds of horror connected with Continental secret societies were not unknown in other directions. And the words of the Scotch Protestant Robison, at page 11, introduction to his work on secret societies, deserve equal notice:—"This association for the express purpose of rooting out all religion still exists, still works in secret; and not only several appearances among ourselves show that its emissaries are endeavouring to propagate these detestable doctrines among us, but the association has lodges in Britain, corresponding with the mother lodge at Munich, ever since 1784." One of these societies, of which Lord Stanhope and Dr. Price were leading members, sent the following letter to the French revolutionary National Assembly:—"The society congratulates the National Assembly of France on the Revolution which has taken place in that country. It cannot but earnestly wish for the happy conclusion of so important a Revolution, and, at the same time, express the extreme satisfaction which it feels on reflecting on the glorious example which France has given to the world." (This example contained all the horrors exhibited in France before the month of March, 1790, which were then fully known in England.) "The society resolves unanimously to invite all the people of England to establish societies throughout the kingdom to support the principles of the Revolution." "Accordingly," says Robison, "this was executed, and Jacobin lodges were established in several cities in England, Scotland, and Ireland" (p. 495). I have myself a recollection that the lodge of one of our northern towns sent similar felicitations to the Commune at Paris, in the midst of its worst impieties. And I cannot but notice how the principle of the connection running all through the secret societies is given, in Germany, in the Rite for the admission of a Scotch Ancient or Grand Master:—"Friendship is the sacred bond which unites together all the brethren of our Craft; for however much scattered they may be over the face of the earth, they all compose one only body, because one is their origin, and one is their aim . . . and one the spirit by which

they are animated" (Eckert, *Die Trage der Staatl. Auerk*, p 12, Leipzig, 1825). Lastly, in the address of the Grand Orient of Italy to the Prince of Wales, it is said: "Italian Masonry, therefore, rejoices at this new lustre shed upon our world-wide institution, and sincerely prays that between the two Masonic communities may be drawn ever more closely those fraternal ties," &c.

Your third correspondent, Mr Gant, informs us that though "he has very little knowledge of foreign Freemasonry," he believes that, even as regards that, "there is not one word of truth in my discourse, and it is a wicked and gross libel." I think that he should acquire at least some far more extensive acquaintance with a matter before he pronounces an opinion upon it, with a profession at the same time that he has very little knowledge of it. If he will take the trouble to read the "Monde-Maçonnique," the "Globe" the "Freemasons" Journal, the "Chain d'Union," the accredited organs of these associations, he will find that I have stated only what they candidly profess. If he spurns Barbu, Eckert, and Haller, there is a Scotch Protestant, Robison, the President of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, who, though a Freemason, wrote his work to prove that there was a "Secret Association, in Germany, France, &c., for the destruction of all religion, and overturning all the governments of Europe, and that its emissaries were busy among ourselves." If Barbu and Robison are not modern enough for him, Eckert and Haller, who wrote about secret societies in Germany and Switzerland, are certainly contemporaries. If, shutting his eyes to facts, he says that all these distinguished writers are obscure, he cannot say so of Dupanloup, who is one of the most public men in the world, and one of the most brilliant scholars and writers of the present day. And, say what he will, it has been a notorious fact before mankind, this quarter of a century, that the Carbonari, and their chief, Mazzini, suborned assassins; that, as we learn from "Figaro," immediately after the murder of two French generals, and on the eve of the burning of the city, ten thousand Freemasons of the Grand Orient of Paris declared that "the Commune was the modern Temple of Solomon;" and that if, in America, since 1826, people have not been allowed to be assassinated under the sentence of tribunals of secret societies, the public feeling there and its indignation were too apparent to permit such crimes. This must have been very deeply impressed on the mind of Lord Beaconsfield when he declared that it was the secret societies, through Servia, that had declared war against Turkey; that they were so powerful that no statesman could ignore them, and that, at any moment, they could bring about not only assassination, but even a massacre.

Finally, as long as there are fifty thousand Catholics in the British army, ever at the post of danger in defence of their country and their Queen, I need not trouble about the statement of your first correspondent, that "my Church does not inculcate a ready obedience to the laws of our country." They are at least as loyal as he has proved himself to be.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN FOY.

To the Editor of the "Hastings Observer."

Sir,—I am unwilling to trespass on your valuable space at this period of the year, but for the information of "A Non-Mason" and others who may take an interest in the subject, I trust you will allow me to notice briefly Father Foy's second lecture. The Reverend Father has evidently been reading all he could find on the subject of secret societies, and being, I presume, a disciple of Maynooth, where, as a worthy Catholic bishop once told me, "they teach neither logic nor manners," he has evolved from the depths of his inner consciousness an ideal Freemason about as much like the original as a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters is to a Bashi-Bazuk. In fact, to hold Freemasons responsible for the crimes of Italian Carbonari is just precisely as logical as it would be to hold a turbaned vendor of Turkey rhubarb responsible for the Bulgarian atrocities. Father Foy asks triumphantly why Bishop Dupanloup's exposure of Freemasonry has never been refuted, and I tell him, for the same reason that Mr. Whalley's denunciations of the Jesuits or Dr. Cumming's diatribes against Popery are left unnoticed by respectable Catholics. Freemasonry is infinitely older than Popery, and can afford to laugh at the puny efforts of an army of Dupanloups or Foy's to put it down. St. Peter's was built by Freemasons, as certain emblems and marks illegible to Father Foy show to the initiated; and when the Seven Hills are levelled and the ground ploughed over by the Roman agriculturists of the future, Freemasons in all probability will be there to see. Father Foy forgets himself in raising an Irish howl against an Order of which in England our future King is the honoured head, and the insult to its members of classifying them in the same category with ruffianly conspirators and Communists would be more characteristic of a denizen of Colney Hatch than a priest of a Christian Church. If Freemasons are as black as Father Foy paints them, he should remember that there is a lodge in Hastings, and he may run the risk of becoming a victim to their sanguinary ferocity, like the misguided Yankee he mentions.

Yours obediently,

A FREEMASON.

To the Editor of the "Hastings Observer."

Sir,—I have read with much amusement Mr. John Foy's lectures upon "Secret Societies," so ably reported in your paper; but I have not seen any reference to one secret organization which, beyond doubt, has caused much disorder, rebellion, misery, revolution, and blood-shedding. I allude, Sir, to the Jesuits. How is it that Mr. Foy has not mentioned them? Is he a member of the order? and will he kindly give us some information as to their secret machinations? If not, you will hear again from

Yours very truly,

A VERY ODD FELLOW.

CONSECRATION OF THE EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, NO. 1642.

Last Saturday afternoon this new lodge was consecrated by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill. The lodge has been established for the convenience of the brethren residing in Notting Hill and Kensington, and is the only one in that neighbourhood. It was promoted by members of the vestry of St. Mary Abbotts, many of whom are enrolled now as members. The place of meeting is a desirable building, and affords ample accommodation for large gatherings. On the occasion of the consecration, the hall was admirably fitted up for the lodge purposes, and every endeavour appeared to have been exercised to render the brethren comfortable in their new home.

At the opening of the lodge Bro. Hervey occupied the W.M. chair, having the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., on his right, and the Rev. P. M. Holden, Prov. G.C. Middlesex, on his left. Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., acted as S.W.; Bro. John Boyd, P.G.P., as J.W.; Bro. W. Stephens, as I.G.; Bro. James Terry, Prov. G.C. Herts, as D.C.; and Bro. Joseph Pushman, as Secretary. The other brethren present were Bros. W. J. Murlis, G. Penn, S. H. Parkhouse, W. Gordon, M.P., F. C. Clench, Rev. Charles Darby Reade, F. Delevanti, E. M. Lander, S. Smout, S. Smout, jun., R. Schofield, F. W. Moore, Deputy District Grand Master Argentine Republic; Locock Webb, Q.C., 4, P.G.D.; Jno. Jordan, P.M. 4; W. Buttgenbach, 12; John Coutts, P.M. 27, P.G.P.; Chas. B. Payne, P.M. 27, G.T.; E. W. Thompson, 55; John Bingemann, P.M. 55; Thos. J. Scrutton, 87; P. Kirke, P.M. 144; W. Handover, P.M. 144; Talbot Chorer, 145; Jas. G. Brockman, 150; G. Davis, I.G. 167; M. Levy, P.M. 188; Wm. Cunningham Glen, 198, P.G.S. and P.G.S.D.; E. P. Albert, 43, G.P.; S. Pardoe, P.M. 511; W. J. Russell, P.M. 511; G. A. Williams, 511; J. H. Taylor, 511; W. W. Wheeler, 511; H. Massey, P.M. 619 ("Freemason") H. Morrill, 704; G. F. Hill, 733; E. Arrowsmith, 733; S. J. Hurfress, 733; Thomas Fisher, 733; John T. Woodstock, P.M. 749; T. H. Squires, 780; John Thompson, P.M. 834; J. H. Webb, 834; Thos. Kingston, W.M. 862; J. J. Michael, W.M. 1107; J. Burgess Perry, 1185; R. H. Pearson, P.M. 1196; J. E. Carpenter, P.M. 1196; Robt. Harvey, 1196; G. Musgrave, 1309; Arthur Thomas, 1319; Jas. E. Hambleton, 1319; Savage, P.M. 1425; Samuel Jones, S.W. 1425; D. F. Gellion, J.W. 1425; Thos. Craig, 1425; W. Grist, 1489; W. J. Brewster, 1489; H. W. Mayes, 1489; W. H. Lea, P.M. 1524; and T. Brown, 1611.

Bro. Hervey then delivered an address to the brethren on the nature and objects of the meeting. Drawing attention to the fact that the lodge had been projected by members of the vestry of the parish in which they were assembled, he reminded the brethren that in those assemblies very frequently unseemly squabbles and discussions arose. In a lodge generally, of course such exhibitions were not likely to be made, but he warned its members not to allow any difference of opinion that might exist between them in vestry to be perpetuated in their lodge. After alluding to several other Masonic objects, such as the extension of the Order, and the increasing number of lodges, he advised the brethren to observe caution as to the admission of initiates and joining members. He knew that it was proposed that in this lodge means were intended to be taken, which showed an increased measure of caution, and he hoped that no unworthy members would be admitted. The recent County Court case, in which the Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, was plaintiff, next engaged Bro. Hervey's attention, and he spoke in very strong language on the conduct reported in that case. In conclusion he said he wanted to mention one or two practical matters to the brethren, who were to be officers of the lodge about to be consecrated. The W.M. designate was a brother had all the moral advantages resulting from the practice of Freemasonry; but he would recommend to his officers that they should, if they undertook to perform the duties of an office, prepare themselves for the efficient discharge of those duties. If an office was worth accepting it was worth filling properly. Officers should be punctual in their attendance, so that the W.M. might not be inconvenienced at any time when a ceremony was about to be performed by the officers not being present. The duties should not only be performed as a duty, but from a desire to show those who were present that they were able to perform what they had undertaken. Nothing could be more painful than to see an officer placed in a lodge, and when a candidate was introduced to the J.D. that the J.D. did not know what to do with him, or to the J.W. that he did not remember what to say to him. What could be a greater disgrace to an officer, or a greater disgust the candidate about to enter into the Order? He (Bro. Hervey) trusted this would not be the case in this lodge, but that the officers to be appointed would look upon themselves as the different wheels of a great machine without which the machine could not act. If one of the wheels of a locomotive on the line close by was out of order the engine stopped dead. If a wheel of a watch had a cog broken the watch would not go, and the officers of a lodge ought to feel that it was the same with a lodge, that it was a machine, that they were portions of the machine, that they ought to render themselves competent to carry out their duties so as to prevent any hitch. Then everything would go on right and properly, and conduce to the honour of themselves, to the credit of the lodge in particular, and to the well-being of the Craft generally. (Cheers.)

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford in delivering the oration, said:

V.W. Presiding Officer and Brethren: As I have been honoured by the request of your worthy W.M. elect, to deliver the customary oration at this our Masonic ceremony of consecration, in order not to weary you all with

sameness, or the stereotyped repetition of oft-told truths, I have thought it best to place a few ideas, so to say, on paper, which I trust will recommend themselves to the sympathy and approval of all my brethren present. First of all, I venture to think, we may all, and should all, rejoice at this multiplication of lodges. There are those, I am aware, who take a different view of the question, but, I think, hastily and erroneously. What does this increase really mean after all? What does this planting in this important district of a new sapling of our great Masonic tree imply? Surely this, that our kindly and benevolent Order commends itself alike to the support of the thinking and the appreciation of the intelligent, and that in consequence Freemasonry is extending its stakes on all sides of us—north, south, east, and west—and making new centres of light and good-will for man. Hence then, though the great and rapid advance of Freemasonry in England, as our distinguished Presiding Officer knows, is very striking indeed, and suggestive necessarily of some precautions, it may well afford pleasure and gratification to every zealous brother of our good old Craft, and for this reason. The creation and consecration of a new lodge are not an idle ceremony on the one hand, or an unmeaning fact on the other. We do not assemble, sir, under your able superintendence, to go through, parrot like, a set of mechanical phrases. Nor does our Masonic consecration of the new lodge represent a needless repetition of an ancient but obsolete ritual. On the contrary, we are here to seek to give Masonic life, vigour, and duration to the new lodge, now about to be admitted to our goodly brotherhood, now about to be inscribed on our lengthening roll, and we sincerely trust that the words we hear, and the ceremonial we take part in will not only revive pleasant associations in the memories of us older Masons, but will encourage our younger brethren—whose Masonic life, so to say, is before them—to zeal, assiduity, earnestness, loyalty and devotion in the labours and active working of that amiable and beneficent Order, in whose kindly companionship and true fraternity many of us, as you see, have actually grown grey. That Freemasonry does mean something, not only is clear from the "nature of the case itself," but is abundantly evident from recent attacks which have been made upon our great institutions, and let us unite for the very principles on which as Freemasons we always greatly pride ourselves, and without which, pardon me, Sir, for saying so, all our professions and all our paraphernalia, our lodge gatherings and our festive array, nay, even our charitable efforts and our very "labour of love" would be but as "sound brass and a tinkling cymbal." And what are those principles? Shortly stated, they are these. Freemasonry comes before us and appeals to our age to-day, as a religious, tolerant, peaceful, loyal, benevolent Order, proclaiming the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man," invoking the solemn and sacred right of conscientious convictions, the sanctity of individual belief, deprecating controversy and detesting persecution. While on the one hand it asserts its solemn credence in the Most High, and is equally at a distance from the blind folly of the Atheist and the reckless impiety of the libertine—while it welcomes all, I say, in the name of God, the Father, Ruler, Friend of all, the True and only Potentate, the Mighty King Eternal, Immortal, Omnipotent, Omniscient, the Great Architect of the World and of Man, it keeps itself entirely at a distance from the conflicting claims of creeds and controversies. That is to say, though friendly, most friendly to all religious bodies, it does not feel competent to make any profession of general or particular belief, to lay down any actual religious test for its membership, to prescribe any other condition for its privileges beyond the acknowledgment and belief in the Great God and Ruler of all. There has, indeed, and there probably will always be a large Christian school in Masonry, and I for one hold that Freemasonry is broad and wide enough for us all, and allows within certain proper limits, a right of private judgment even in this respect. But the teaching of our Grand Lodge since 1813, at any rate, has been purely Universal, and as honest men and Masons when we expatiate on the principles of our Order we are bound, as it seems to me, always to be most particular in adhering carefully to what our own regulations prescribe, and to what our own recognized formularies proclaim. And it is on this great principle, then remember, that Freemasonry receives to-day the Hindoo, the Mahomedan, the Parsee, that we all unite (whatever our views or our denominations may be outside the lodge) inside the lodge in the teachings of fraternal union and general benevolence, and that despite those prepossessions and parties into which social life, worldly life, political life, divide us all, and sever us all, sternly at times, from one another here, as Freemasons we know nothing of political or religious differences, but are one in heart and feeling, in profession, one in practice, in concord and brotherly love. And who can convince us that we are wrong in so teaching, so doing? When our detractors tell us perchance that we are Atheists, simply because we give no prominence to the Christian, may we not reply—is it Atheism to love our brethren, and to do unto others as we would be done by? When the Ultramontane declares that we are a disloyal and dangerous Order, because we are condemned by the Bull of Clement, may we not say that such puerile ignorance of our great tenets is perhaps as good a commentary as any on an alleged infallibility? When some foolish person asserts that our secrecy is in itself a proof of something wrong, may our rejoinder not be—No society can be wrong or injurious which is specially authorised to assemble by the laws of our land. And the day, V.W. sir, I make bold to say, that the legislature forbids all secret societies to meet, making no exception—that day Freemasonry in England must either change its character or close its lodges. It may seem to some almost superfluous thus to vindicate the religious,

the loyal, the peaceful character of Freemasonry, and so it would be but for one remarkable fact, the extreme violence with which one religious body, the Roman Catholic Church (though others have been equally foolish) has thought right of late to attack in every way, and in every form, our harmless, inoffensive, peaceable, loyal brotherhood. I say nothing here of pontifical allocutions and episcopal addresses, we can afford to disregard them. I do not even now allude to excommunications and anathemas, which are too childish and harmless to be animadverted upon, but I think it right to call attention to an address delivered in a Roman Catholic Church at Hastings, within the last month, by a certain Father Foy, in which he has thought well to make, and make in a church, on the steps of the altar, a most mendacious statement, and to bring most serious charges against Freemasonry. First of all, he says that Lord Ripon resigned his Grand Mastership of English Freemasonry because he was alarmed at the political tendencies of this secret Order everywhere. (Loud laughter.) You, Sir, who know even better than I do that such a statement is distinctly untrue, and a cruel calumny on our late distinguished head Lord Ripon himself, than whom I will say now, when still happily amongst us, no truer man, and no more constitutional ruler ever presided over our excellent Order. This is the statement, and what do you think is the charge? That we are a socialistic, revolutionary, infidel body, whose sole object is to create revolution everywhere, and who, when we meet together indulge in orgies too disgraceful to narrate. (Much laughter and cheers.) And this was declared, as I said before, in a Church, within the last month, at Hastings, and is said to have made a great impression on the hearers of this imaginative individual. It is almost incredible, were it not printed in a respectable paper "The Hastings Observer," and as you will see, in the "Freemason" of next week, Father Foy defends his veracious statement. I may add that Father Foy's two addresses will appear "in extenso" for the information of the brethren in the "Masonic Magazine" for December and January, as I think it is most advisable for us all to know accurately what friends and foes alike say of us. Father Foy, so far from withdrawing from his statements, seeks to justify them in a letter he has subsequently written to the same newspaper. Well, you may say, we can afford to laugh at such statements; so no doubt we can; but long experience in life has told me that nothing is so potent as calumny when judiciously spread and when deliberately persisted in. There is no reason that I can see, moreover, why our useful and philanthropic sodality should be made, either the subject of untruthful assertion, or the object of shameful criticisms, and therefore I think it well to remind you all to-day, and the members of this lodge especially, what Freemasonry is, what it teaches, and what it does. It is a friendly brotherhood animated by the most gracious sentiments, and proclaiming the grandest of all morality, based, and based alone, on God's Word, ever open in our lodges. It inculcates every patriotic duty and every social virtue. Its motto is "Loyalty and Charity," its scope and aim universal beneficence and brotherhood. It maintains, with unfailing clearness, liberty of thought and belief, toleration and consideration for all. It avows that it is in favour of light and truth, the advance of education and science, the general development of hearts that constitute the safety of true national life and the peaceful progress of the civilization of mankind. But it bases all its hopes and views, and declarations on obedience to the laws of the land which Freemasons belong to by birth, or reside in for a time, and it seeks on all occasions to advocate the domestic and moral virtues in their ennobling, enduring and undying responsibilities. We are to be good Masons, but we are also to be good men, and no true Freemason will ever forget that grand and solemn truth of personal accountability which ever encircles us, that we have all to stand one day before God, the Judge of all, and to listen to our own eternal sentence whether for good or evil eternally from Him who sits on the Great White Throne, and before Whose glorious presence the earth and heavens will flee away. But Freemasonry does not stop here. No. To its public teachings and its outward organisation, it adds above all the practice of true benevolence. By its noble charities Freemasonry essays to prove to all around that its professions are real, and that its practice squares with its theory. It educates the orphan sons and daughters of our brethren, it cares for the aged and the suffering brother; it sympathizes with and aids the widow; and not only this, but by a wise and careful system of benevolent grants it relieves monthly all those who can make a fair claim on its brotherly beneficence. And I say that Freemasonry is in itself the best reply to its traducers and enemies, and that our best answer to all enquirers as to its use and good, is "Si quis circumspice;" listen to its words of sympathy, behold its deeds of good, and believe that that association is indeed the most worthy alike of your admiration and support, which inculcates and so practices the goodly and blessed attributes of charity and toleration, kindness and brotherly love. A Masonic poet has truly said:

"Its grand foundation nobly is designed
To warm the soul and elevate the mind.
It soothes the troubled heart amid distress,
And paints soft pity in her native dress.
We hail sweet concord in her highest flight,
We censure wrong, and vindicate the right.
We oft describe fair virtue's peaceful seat,
And trace fair friendship to its lone retreat.
We point the way to honour and to truth,
And curb the passions of fantastic youth.
In mystic characters we represent
Masonic laws and human hearts cement.
The humblest object of sweet charity
We glad welcome and teach humanity;
No stimulant to action is required,

Each Mason's heart to charity is fired.
The widows' tears are dried, we thus impart
The grand resources of our Royal Art.
In schools well suited to the infant mind,
The morals guided and the thoughts refined.
Our charity and love united stand,
To bless the needy with a liberal hand,
We labour truly to instruct our youth,
In paths of duty, honesty, and truth.
How grand is Masonry in its rich display,
On some high festive interesting day,
In solemn form within due Compass move,
The Bible, and the Square our minds to prove,
With knowledge to the worthy Mason given,
He builds on trust and soars towards a heaven,
The mind unfettered and the conscience free,
Point to that blissful scene of purity.
By faith's uplifting power we look on high,
Part with the world, nor leave a transient sigh,
Hope's golden wing restless paves the way,
And lifts the soul to everlasting day.

Brethren, my imperfect task is done, and I end it with sincere thanks, V.W. Sir and brethren all, for the patient audience you have favoured me with, and with hearty good wishes for the future prosperity and success of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. (Cheering.)

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the musical portions being beautifully rendered by Bro. F. Delevanti, Bro. Talbot Chever, and others, and the Rev. P.M. Holden delivering the Scripture portions and invocations. When the lodge had been formally consecrated and constituted, Bro. Hervey installed Bro. W. J. Murlis as first W.M., and the following brethren were invested as officers:—Bros. Geo. Penn, S.W.; S. H. Parkhouse, J.W.; the Rev. Chas. Darby Reade, Chap.; W. Stephens, Treas.; J. Pushman, Sec.; William Gordon, M.P., S.D.; F. Clench, J.D.; Lander, I.G.; S. Smout, D.C.; F. Delevanti, Org.; S. Smout, jun., W.S.; and T. Schofield, Tyler.

Votes of thanks were passed to Bros. Hervey, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Joseph Smith, John Boyd, the Rev. P. M. Holden, and James Terry for consecrating the lodge, and honorary membership of the lodge was unanimously conferred on them. The lodge was then closed, and the W.M. read the following letter, which he had received from the secretary of the Pro Grand Master, after whom the lodge had been named:—

COLONIAL OFFICE,

4th Nov. 1876.

SIR,—Lord Carnarvon regrets very much that your letter of the 30th Oct. should have remained so long unanswered, and he wishes me to add the expression of his regret at being unable to be present at the consecration of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, which his engagements render quite impossible. His lordship wishes me, however, to say that he readily consents to his coat of arms being used for the new lodge.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) ARTHUR A. PEARSON.

W. J. Murlis, Esq.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which was served by Mr. Linscott, proprietor of the hall, and the catering gave unmixed satisfaction to the brethren present, the dinner and the attendance equally meriting praise.

The banqueting hall was profusely decorated with choice plants and flowers, which were most artistically arranged, the coup d'œil giving complete evidence of good taste and judgment in floriculture.

After the banquet the W.M. proceeded to propose the toasts. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." had been duly honoured, the W.M. gave "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," and hoped, though his lordship had not been present at the consecration of the lodge named after him, that the day would come when they would have the pleasure of his company.

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., responded to the toast of "The Dep. G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers," and in doing so said: Though I have addressed my brethren a great many times during my Masonic career, I must confess that I never addressed them with such feelings, I may say, of embarrassment and

confidence as I do this evening, because when I stand me so many older and most distinguished Grand Officers, I feel that the task might have been left in far wretched hands

than mine, in hands which I feel certain would have done

more justice to the toast than I am able to do. I see on

my right Bro. Locock Webb, one of Her Majesty's counsel

learned in the law, and a most distinguished Past Grand Officer, and when I look on my left I see our Bro. Joseph

Smith, a most pillar of the Masonic Order, who is

always ready to assist us on every occasion, and to give

to the brightness of his smiles and genial presence to

all the pleasure of his work. I should have been very glad, above

and beyond measure, if Secretary had taken upon

himself to have cast upon me of responding to this

toast, but as I have been called upon I must do my

duty and respond, at the same time com-

ing a few remarks I have to make to your

kindly consideration. I am not a young Mason—I

was made in 1842; but I can honestly say that

I have never repented of the step I took when I

became one of the fraternity. I can assure you that the

longer I have been a Mason, the more have I seen the

value and importance of Freemasonry; and I have looked

upon it from the time I entered it until to-day as one of the

greatest blessings given to us in the good Providence of God.

It unites men of the most opposite views and sections,

of all religions and all nationalities; at the same time that

it separates us from the jarring world without, and binds

us together in one phalanx of brotherly union, concord, and

love, ready to assist, support, and sympathise with one

another. Many of us standing here to-day have already grey hairs, for we may be said Masonically to have borne the burden and heat of the day; but none of us have ever regretted the time we have given or the labours we have offered to that old Order of ours, which commands itself to every affection and sentiment of human nature. When we contemplate the world without, and see the various divisions which the human family is subject to, surely it is a happy thing to remember that there is one spot where we may all meet together, whatever our politics or our religion may be, where we may all enjoy the blessings of fraternal unity and concord, and work for the good of all, the happiness of our fellow creatures, and the glory of our Great Creator. I beg to say to you, in conclusion, that as a day will come when our place will know us no more, I trust sincerely that the younger Masons among us will seek to serve the Craft as we have, honestly, if imperfectly, done, and will still rally round its famous banner, and endeavour to advance not only the interests of our good old Order, but the welfare of our common brotherhood, and the lasting happiness of mankind. (Great cheering.)

The W.M. proposed the toast of the evening, "The Consecrating Officer, Bro. John Hervey." He had briefly expressed his thanks to Bro. Hervey previously for consecrating the lodge. He hoped Bro. Hervey might live for many years to come among them. He was a near neighbour, and though his official duties were heavy he trusted that he would come and see how they were getting on. He would always find a hearty welcome. There were only two persons he had wished to consecrate the lodge, the Earl of Carnarvon or Bro. Hervey. He did not care which, and his wish had been gratified; Bro. Hervey having performed the ceremony.

Bro. Hervey thanked the W.M. very much for his kind word of approbation. It was very gratifying to him that the consecration had gone off so well. If he were to speak for a long time he could not do more than express his gratitude for the compliment the W.M. and brethren had paid him. He wished success to the lodge, and he was pleased to see Bro. Murlis again in the chair of a lodge which he (Bro. Hervey) had consecrated.

Bro. W. Stephens proposed "The W.M." and the W.M. having replied, proposed a special toast in honour of Bro. Moore, Deputy District Grand Master of the Argentine Republic.

Bro. Moore returned thanks. Linking his name with a toast greatly enhanced the pleasures of the evening. He fully appreciated the honour paid to the Argentine Republic, which he represented on that occasion, and himself. The brethren of the Republic would be most peculiarly interested in the details of the ceremony he had been permitted to witness, and when he returned thither he should inform the brethren of what he had seen. He must despair of ever attaining to one tithe of the efficiency and readiness and dignity to which Bro. Hervey had attained, as well as the rev. brethren who had assisted him. Since he had been in England he had had the pleasure of visiting several lodges, and had been led to form an opinion, that Masons who lived at home at ease knew nothing of the greatest pleasures that Masonry afforded; they had not learned to appreciate thoroughly the value of the Masonic passport which was contained in the Grand Lodge certificates, or properly understand the pleasure a Mason like himself felt in returning to his native country, and being received in lodges, the members of which were entire strangers to him. Abroad the pleasure was fully appreciated of receiving a brother in a foreign country, and within the sacred portals of those foreign lodges extending to him the right hand of fellowship. After thanking the brethren for the toast and his reception, Bro. Moore informed the brethren that if they should ever visit the Argentine Republic they would find there a welcome extended to them if possible a hundred fold that dispensed to him that evening. (Cheers.)

Bro. Savage, P.M. Hyde Park Lodge, returned thanks for "The Visitors," and was followed by Bros. Locock Webb, Q.C., and Jordan.

Bro. James Terry replied for "The Charities," and delivered an exhaustive account of what all the Masonic Institutions had hitherto accomplished.

Bro. Stephens, Treasurer, replying for "The Officers," said that £60 had already been promised for the Stewards' List of this lodge for the next festival of the Benevolent Institution. He wanted £300.

The S.W. and J.W. also replied, and Bro. W. Gordon, M.P., responded for "The Junior Officers," and was followed by each of these brethren in turn.

The proceedings were then brought to a close, and the brethren separated.

Obituary.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE REV. E. I. LOCKWOOD, D.P.G.M. SUFFOLK.

On Wednesday, 25th inst., amid general expressions of sorrow and regret, the remains of the esteemed Rector of Belstead were consigned to the tomb. The deceased clergyman was buried by the side of his late wife, in a grave situated at the end of the chancel of Belstead Church. The burial service was impressively performed by Rev. H. J. Hasted, Rector of Sprawton, and the Hon. and Rev. F. D. Gray, Rector of Copdock. Among the clergy present were Revs. J. R. Turnock and C. A. Raymond, St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich; J. H. Henderson, St. Mary Stoke; J. Tweed, Capel St. Mary; and W. Andrews. The "British Union" Lodge (of which deceased was a member and D.P.G.M. for Suffolk) was represented by Bro. W. Boby, P.M., Bro. W. Spalding, P.M., Bro. Casley, and Bro. Rev. G. Godwin (Capel). Besides these the chief mourners comprised the daughters of deceased and relatives, including Mrs. J. Tweed and Mrs. Andrews. Although the funeral was regarded as a private one, there was also a large number of parishioners,

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amongst whom was Mr. T. Harwood, of Belstead Hall. Mr. Cobbold's carriage was also present. At the grave as well as in the church two funeral hymns were softly sung by the school children—a part of the service which was very impressive. Mr. F. Fish, of Suffolk House, had the management of the funeral arrangements, the coffin being conveyed in his new funeral carriage, the violet pall being used. The coffin, which was of plain oak, bore the inscription on a brass plate, "Rev. E. I. Lockwood, M.A., parish priest of Belstead. Died on Friday, 20th October, 1876, aged 78 years."— "East Anglian Daily Times," 26th Oct. 1876.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS. For the Week ending Friday, November 17, 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 11.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
- " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
- " 1301, United Service, Greyhound, Richmond.
- " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1446, Mount Edgcumbe, Swan Tav., Battersea.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

- Lodge 29, St. Albans, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
- " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 136, Good Report, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 222, St. Andrew's.
- " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
- " 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
- Chap. 22, Mount Sion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.
- " 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

- Red Cross Con., 2, Plantagenet, Caledonian Hot.

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-nd., Rotherhithe.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Ho., Church-nd.,
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-nd., Hackney.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

- Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 166, Union.
- " 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
- " 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 228, United Strength, St. John's Gate.
- " 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st., W.
- " 435, Salisbury, Café Royal, Regent-st.
- " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
- " 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st., Hot.
- " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.

- Rose Croix Chap., Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-nd.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- Domatic, Surrey M.H., Canberwell New-road.
- Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
- Prince Fredk. Win., 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, Wheatsheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.
- Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
- Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
- 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 15.

- Lodge Grand Stewards, F.M.H.
- " 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
- " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 190, Oak, F.M.H.
- " 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- " 960, Maybury, F.M.H.
- " 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
- " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
- " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
- " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks.
- " 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-st., S.W.

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 Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
- Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
- Stanhope, Thicker 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, K:nti-h-to-wn.
- Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.

- Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.
- Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16.
- Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.
- " 59, Ghion, Gullhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
- " 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
- " 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
- " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 181, Universal, F.M.H.
- " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
- " 1130, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
- " 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
- " 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
- " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.
- " 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-nd., W.
- " 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-road.
- " 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.
- Chap. 834, Andrew, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.
- Precep. 128, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
- Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
- Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
- Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., 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-nd.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

- House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
- " 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart., Barnes.
- " 1118, University, F.M.H.

- Chap. 92, Moira.

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-nd., Bermondsey.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
- Dorie, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.
- Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
- St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-nd., Chelsea.
- Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hot., Buckhurst-hill.
- Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
- Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-nd.
- Ranclagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.
- Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-nd.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 18, 1876.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

- Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.
- " 1201, Hartington, H.M., C.I.B., B.-in-Furness.
- " 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
- " 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.

- Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chap. R., Warrington.

- Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

- Mark Lodge 165, Egerton, Redford-road, Rock Ferry.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

- Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.
- Chap. 537, Zion, M. Chambers, Birkenhead.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

- Lodge 537, Zetland, M.C., Birkenhead.
- " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1080, Wilton, St. Lawrence's School, Liverpool.
- " 1245, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.
- " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
- De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
- Harmonic L. of I., Mona Hot., James-st., Liverpool.
- Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 343, Concord, Militia Mess R., Preston.
- " 425, Cestrian, M.H., Chester.
- " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
- " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., West Derby.

- Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.

- St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

- Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Precep. Jacques de Molay, M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 18, 1876.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

- Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
- " 204, St. Paul, George Inn, Ayr.
- " 205, Garthland, Eagle Inn, Lochwinnoch.
- " 219, Star, 12, Trongate, Glasgow.
- " 307, Union and Crown, M.H., Barrhead.

- Lodge 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.
- " 384, Athole, Washington Hot., Kirkintilloch.
- " 503, St. George, Oddfellows' Hall, Helensburgh.
- " 541, Marie Stuart, M.H., Crosshill.

- Chap. 76, Chapter Abbey, 8, High-st., Paisley.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

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

- Chap. 17, Greenock, M.H., Cathcart St. Greenock.

- " 69, St. Andrew, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

- Lodge 117, St. Mary, M.H., Douglas-st., Partick.
- " 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
- " 571, Dramatic, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

- Chap. 150, Shettleston, M.H., Shettleston.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

- Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
- " 370, Renfrew County Kilw., 8, High-st., Paisley.
- " 465, St. Andrew, 69, Gargad-nd., Glasgow.
- " 547, Stewart, M.H., Kilsyth.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

- Lodge 31, St. Mary Coltness, Conn. Hot., Wishaw.
- " 306, St. Thomas, 60, Wellgate-st., Larkhall.
- " 321, St. Andrew, R.A., Pub. Hall, Alexandria.
- " 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
- " 408, Clyde, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
- " 471, St. John, Stane Inn, Shotts.
- " 496, St. Munn, Ardnadam, Kilmun.
- " 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hot., Larkhall.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

- Lodge 512, Thornree, School House, Thornliebank.
- " 524, St. Andrew, M.H., East Kilbride.
- " 544, St. Andrews, M.H., Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 18, 1876.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

- Lodge 145, St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writers-st.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

- Lodge 1, Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hot.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

- Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Ionic Hot.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

- Lodge 48, St. Andrew, F.M.H., 98, George-st.

- " 226, Portobello, Town Hall, Portobello.

- Chap. 152, Perseverance, 86, Constitution-st., Leith.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

- Chap. 83, St. Andrew, F.M.H., 89, George-st.

A M.M.—A Sergeant, who has taken his discharge from the Army, would like to obtain a Situation of Trust in a City Warehouse, where he would have an opportunity of improving himself; or as Time Keeper, or any place of trust. Age 28, height, st. 5 ft. 10 in. Address A. B., No. 25, Vine Cottages, Comos-road, Sydenham.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION for BOYS.—Bro. Constable's Tickets, entitling the holder to a chance in the drawing for Life Governorships of the above Institution are now ready, price One Shilling each. To be had of J. Constable, 13, Sise Lane, Cannon-street, London, E.C.

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