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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**BELGRAVE LODGE (No. 749).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst. at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. There was a full attendance of the officers and brethren, and among the visitors were Bros. Rosenthal, P.P.G.S.D. of Middx.; Linsell, P.P.G.P.; J. Longman Cogan, J.W. 1365; T. J. Cusworth, S.W. 813; J. D. Loverdo, 1196; and G. E. Leech, 201. The minutes were unanimously confirmed, and the ballot having been taken for Messrs. Henry W. L. Hobbs and Richd. J. Tyrrell as initiates, and one for Bro. Captain Charles T. Redhead, of the Oriental Lodge, Constantinople, as a joining member, all were unanimously elected. The W.M., Bro. William Battey, passed Bros. McCreary, Culpin, Clemence, and Chesney. The installation of Bro. Joseph William Hobbs, the late S.W., as W.M., then took place, which was worked by Bro. Garrod, who certainly deserves great praise for the manner in which it was conducted. The newly installed W.M. then initiated Messrs. Hobbs and Tyrrell in a masterly manner. The officers invested by the new W.M., each with an appropriate speech, were Bros. H. Greenwood, S.W.; R. E. Booker, J.W.; G. Gardner, S.D.; J. Coltart, J.D.; W. Groves, I.G.; H. Garrod, Sec.; W. Bunting, Treas.; Nanton, Org.; P. Parsons, P.M., and Hall, Stewards. Bro. Battey, the retiring W.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel, and after the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, upwards of ninety sitting down. The dinner over, the W.M. gave the loyal toasts with excellent point, as he did the toast of "The Grand Officers." The toast of "The Initiates" was drunk with great cordiality, the newly-made brethren replying in appropriate terms. The I.P.M. then gave "The W.M.," and said he was sure Bro. Hobbs would fully justify the choice of the brethren, as he had diligently worked to the chair, having fulfilled every office. The toast was duly acknowledged by the W.M. Other toasts followed, the company separating at a late hour, having listened to some excellent recitations by Bros. Cusworth, Barnard, and Pelham, and some capital singing by members and visitors.

**COSMOPOLITAN LODGE (No. 917).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. F. W. Jones, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. A. F. Rowley, S.W.; G. M. Taylor, J.W.; J. B. J. Deporter, Treas.; A. Lemarque, S.D.; Jas. Ellis, I.G.; Thos. Robinson, P.M.; J. F. Basilio, G. F. Gibson, Lovell Keays, E. Stillwell, and several lay members; and visitors Bros. F. McCarthy, S.D. 9; T. Upward, 1502; S. Thos. Emans, P.M. 141; H. A. Pratt, 192; W. Medwin, 192 and 1613; S. Edmands, 192 and 1613; W. B. Sheen, S.W. 12; J. Skirving, 87; Levi, P.M. 188; Thos. W. Bacon, 192 and 1613; H. Massey ("Freemason"), P.M. 619; Alfred Frewennant, 228; S. Rowley, 1602. Bros. S. J. Corke, W. Pitt, and G. Ridding were raised, and Bro. J. Abbott, W. F. Barker, B. Fould, and A. Jewell were passed, the work being admirably performed by the W.M. At the conclusion of the performance of this work Bro. L. Stean, P.M., ascended the chair for the purpose of installing the W.M. for the year. Bro. Alfred Francis Rowley was presented by Bro. Jones to Bro. Stean, and duly installed as Master of the Cosmopolitan Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. The customary salutes having been given in the different degrees the new W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Taylor, S.W.; Lemarque, J.W.; Jones, P.M., Treas.; L. Stean, P.M., Sec.; Abbott, S.D.; Ellis, J.D.; Van Ralte, I.G.; Gullock, Tyler. Bro. Jones was invested as I.P.M. Bro. L. Stean delivered the addresses, and afterwards the W.M. commenced his year's work, and initiated Messrs. Walter Rowley, Theophilus Bailey, E. Winhurst, and F. Bailey. Before the lodge was closed two presentations were made. The first was a handsome Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., and the other a massive silver teapot to the late Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. Deporter. In presenting the P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Jones, the W.M. said: Brethren, it affords me great pleasure to present to Past Master Jones a P.M.'s jewel. I am sure he richly deserves it for the way in which he has conducted the business of the lodge during his year of office. If I follow in his footsteps I shall be quite satisfied. (Addressing Bro. Jones, the W.M., said), Bro. Jones, I present you with this jewel, and I trust you may live many years to wear it. (Hear hear.) Bro. Jones, I.P.M., in replying said: I assure you this is one of the proudest moments of my life. When I entered Freemasonry I never thought I

should have reached the position I have attained to in it. I can honestly say that I feel it a very great mark of respect that you have conferred upon me by presenting me with this jewel. I have endeavoured to do the best I could for the lodge since I have been Master. I am happy to say that the lodge is now very prosperous and it has become prosperous since I was installed in the chair. I am glad to say that now it is in a very prosperous position, and I am also glad to find that you have recognised what I have done for the lodge by presenting me with this jewel. I sincerely thank you. In presenting the silver teapot to Bro. Deporter, Past Treasurer, the W.M. said: Brethren, it was the unanimous wish of the brethren of the Cosmopolitan Lodge when we last met to present our Bro. Deporter with some testimonial or souvenir for the manner in which he has fulfilled his duties as Treasurer of the lodge since its foundation. The choice of the brethren of the form which the testimonial should take, I believe, fell upon a silver teapot. This I now present to him; and it gives me great pleasure to do so. I have known him for many years; and since I was initiated I have been intimately acquainted with him. The testimonial has a suitable inscription, which, if you please, I will now read to you:—"Presented by the Cosmopolitan Lodge, 917, to Bro. J. B. J. Deporter, in recognition of his valuable services rendered as Treasurer to this lodge since its institution." To Bro. Deporter the W.M. said: Bro. Deporter,—I present you with this silver teapot in the name of the lodge, and I hope you will live long to use it. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Deporter said, in reply: W.M. and brethren, I consider this handsome testimonial presented to me by the lodge as a fresh mark of your kindness. (Hear, hear.) It will often remind me of the many, many happy moments that I have passed in this lodge. In retiring from the Treasurership I promise to continue to render any service I can for the welfare of this lodge; and in conclusion I most heartily beg to thank you. There was no other business before the lodge, and the brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was presided over by the W.M. This repast was most completely enjoyed by the brethren; and afterwards the W.M. proposed the usual toasts. After the brethren had drunk the loyal toasts, they proceeded to drink the others. Bro. Jones, the P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and stated that he (Bro. Jones) and the W.M. had for many years followed each other step by step and worked together. Very cordially and very often they had met in lodges of instruction to learn the duties they had undertaken to fulfil, and both of them were deeply interested in the progress which their lodge was making. They had endeavoured to forward its interests, and to place it in a high position. With such desires on the part of its members the lodge could not fail to succeed, and he felt satisfied that in what he had done himself he would be ably followed by the W.M. The W.M., in reply, said it afforded him great pleasure to do his utmost for his lodge. When he entered Masonry he resolved to do his best for it, and ever since then he had always had great pleasure in entering lodges and being among Masons. Bro. Jones responded to the toast of "The P.M.'s," and all the Initiates acknowledged the toast drunk in their honour. Each of the officers replied in turn for himself. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of Bro. L. Stean, Installing Master." He was one of the founders of the lodge, and an excellent worker, as all the brethren knew. He would couple Bro. Stean's name with "The Masonic Charities." Bro. Stean, in the course of his reply, said that he did not know why his name should have been coupled with the institutions, although he certainly did, as all the brethren did, his utmost for one and all. He was not, however, connected with more than one; but he was very proud of the compliment paid to him. He had been a Mason now about forty-five years, and not only performed duties in that lodge, but in many others. He had devoted many years of his life in endeavouring to bring about a universal working in Freemasonry. For years he went on very well. He was a member of the Emulation, and he went round to a great many lodges of instruction to impart the knowledge he gained. In olden times he had had many discussions about the forms and words, but when he went to the fountain head he did not find all the difference in words which was found now. He thought that Grand Lodge should approve of certain Preceptors to instruct the brethren, and if they took the matter in hand in this way it would be found very beneficial. He wanted universal working. Do not let it be said that there was this working here, and that working there. The institution was an ancient one, and a beneficial one. Let it be alike all over the world, especially as the future Sovereign of England was the Grand Master. Bro. Stean concluded by thanking the brethren very much for the honour they had done him in drinking his health. All the visitors were called upon to reply to the Visitors' toast, and after the Tyler's toast had been given the brethren separated, with the recollection of having spent a most agreeable evening.

**LODGE OF ASAPH (No. 1319).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. C. S. Jekyll, W.M., presided, and opened the lodge, which was very numerously attended. Among the brethren present, besides the W.M., were Bros. W. A. Tinney, S.W., and W.M. elect; Edward Terry, J.W.; E. Stanton Jones, Sec.; Geo. Buckland, S.D.; Edward Swanborough, J.D.; Harry F. Cox, D.C.; G. R. Egerton, Org.; C. Wellard, I.G.; James Weaver, P.M.; Charles Coote, P.M.; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M.; T. A. Adams, P.G.P.; M. F. Fogarty, Charles Beckett, Wm. Smith, Henry Carter, Meyer Lutz, John Maclean, Louis Hermann, Robert Soutar, John Kenny, Frederick Delevanti, Howard Reynolds, W. Smith, H. Snyders, James C. Hambleton, Joseph Perry, J. H. Pearson, J. Horton, C. Aleas, W. F. Graves, Edward Coles, Arthur Thomas, A. Henson, J. Baker, W. L. Barrett, J. F. Hutchins, Frank

James Amor, J. M. Ball, Chas. Harper, jun., Arthur Swanborough, John Caulfield, J. R. Poulter, Thaddeus Wells, Walter Joyce, Chas. D. Hume, S.W. 742; R. Roberts, J.W. 742; Dr. Hugh Macintosh, S.D. 4; G. M. A. Low, 1589; Geo. Fox, 1339; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; James Blyth, J.D. 173; T. B. Lincott, D.C. 55; W. Robertson, 228; Thos. Kingston, W.M. 862; A. Burden, 180; Wm. Dodd, P.M. 1193; Robert White, 101; H. Massey, P.M. 619 ("Freemason"); J. W. Buckland, 9; Fred. Larran, 1269; James Terry, and John Finch, J.W. 173. After the lodge had been opened, and the customary introductory business completed, Bro. E. Stanton Jones, P.M., ascended the chair, and presentation of Bro. W. A. Tinney having been made to him, duly installed him in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing twelve months. The following brethren were invested as officers:—E. Terry, S.W.; G. Buckland, J.W.; C. Coote, jun., Treas.; E. S. Jones, Sec.; Edward Swanborough, S.D.; C. Wellard, J.D.; H. Stephenson, D. of C.; F. Delavanti, Org.; H. Cox, I.G.; C. M. Lutz, Steward; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. There was no other work before the lodge but the installation of W.M., and after the usual addresses had been delivered the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet. At the conclusion of the banquet, the Non Nobis was sung by a powerful choir, composed of the musical brethren, under the direction of Bro. Geo. Buckland, and the W.M. proceeded with the proposal of the toasts. After the brethren had drunk the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. proposed "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." He did so in very felicitous terms, stating that His Royal Highness took the greatest interest in all that concerned the Craft, and that the sincere wishes of the brethren were for his long life, perfect health, and supreme happiness. In giving "Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," he passed a high compliment on their ability and efficiency, and said that to them Masons were indebted for the present high position of Freemasonry. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., responded. The W.M. next proposed "Prosperity to the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Asaph," the energy of whose President, Bro. Stanton Jones, in the cause of Freemasonry must excite their warmest admiration. Bro. Jones just at that moment was unfortunately absent, but he (the W.M.) would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Chamberlin, Vice-President, whose exertions in the cause of Freemasonry were also great, and would be equally esteemed. Bro. J. M. Chamberlin, P.M., responded, and, as some initiates were present, explained that the fund was established in connection with the lodge, in order that any brother who had been two years in the lodge, and from unforeseen circumstances met with misfortune or accident, might have relief. In both branches of the profession such things would happen, and it must be in the experience of many present that some of the professors in the art had been reduced from prosperity to distress. It was on behalf of brethren of the lodge who were unfortunately situated that this fund was established. Six shillings a year were deducted from the subscriptions, and this with the assistance of voluntary donations from members on the annual banquet night made up a goodly sum. More for the good of Freemasonry than of themselves, they limited the brethren to one banquet a year. They had now £164 in hand, but although this was a respectable sum, it would not be sufficient if the claims on it were numerous. They wanted to form such a fund as that if a member should seek assistance from it they might give him not only the temporary help which would be enough for a night or two, but sufficient to tide him over his difficulty, and give him a start in life. For that purpose he did not think a sum of £164 was enough in such a lodge, and he would like to see it larger. The fund was progressing, but the rate of progression was not great enough. All that they could do was to rely on the brethren for voluntary contributions. They assisted the general charities of Freemasonry, and they might also help each other. It was a wise man who said God helped those who helped themselves, and he hoped when he sat down the W.M. would be able to announce a subscription list which would show that the brethren were not merely content to wish prosperity to the fund, but would materially aid it. Bro. Charles Coote, P.M., thought that having a benevolent fund connected with lodges was the wisest thing that could be done, because if a brother should by any means come to grief, by applying to the fund to which he had subscribed he did not come as a suppliant, but as one who was coming for a right. From the smiles he saw round the table he knew that the brethren would subscribe cheerfully what they could afford to that which would be their own. There was another subject he wished to bring before the brethren—the cause of the institutions which were attached to Freemasonry, the Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Benevolent Fund for Aged Freemasons. Brethren who had not yet visited those establishments ought to do so, and take their wives with them, to see the admirable arrangements that were made for the education of the children and the maintenance and comfort of the old people. It gladdened his heart to see the Lodge of Asaph in such a prosperous condition, and he hoped that all the brethren who had the means would not forget what the Institutions did and would subscribe. This lodge did not spend much in eating and drinking, but spent their money in supporting the charities. Bro. J. Terry replied, and after referring to the remarks of Bro. Chamberlin, expressed the hope that instead of the benevolent fund of the Lodge of Asaph amounting to £164 it would be double and treble that sum. The Masonic Institutions had to thank the Lodge of Asaph for what it had done. It met once a year for social enjoyment, and the other seven or eight months entirely for Masonic business. It was not for him to say how they had gone on, but he would urge them to do in the future what they had done in the past. Bro. Terry then described

what the different institutions had done and were doing, the number of beneficiaries who were on their funds, and the results which were achieved. The confidence of the brethren in the committees of management had not been misplaced. He then gave some instances of the good his own institution had effected, and said that some of the inmates had found a refuge there who in the heyday of their prosperity had never dreamed of requiring its aid. The W.M. announced a subscription list of £18 7s. 6d. by brethren of the lodge. Bro. Jekyll, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," a brother who was the first initiate in the Lodge of Asaph. In him the lodge would have a good working Mason, and one who had the good of Freemasonry at heart. The W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said that Bro. Jekyll had informed the brethren that he (the W.M.) was the first initiate in the lodge. He was therefore the first W.M. of the lodge who could claim it as his mother lodge. For several years it had been his desire to become W.M., and on that day he had attained the height of his ambition. Whilst he had the pleasure and honour of retaining that high position he would endeavour to perform the duties of the chair with credit to himself and honour to the lodge. Enough of himself. He would now pass on to a more pleasing part of his duty, the presenting to the I.P.M., Bro. Jekyll, the reward he had so well earned. In placing this jewel on Bro. Jekyll's breast he was sure he did but express the sentiments of the brethren when he wished him years of good health and prosperity to watch over the progress of the Lodge of Asaph, and set all of the brethren an example. Bro. Jekyll said he was pleased that his conduct had met with the approbation of the brethren. He was sure that the lodge would progress favourably under its present Master, and he hoped it would always adhere to the present mode of working, and have but one banquet a year, whereby it had the means of appropriating so large a sum to the Benevolent Fund. In proposing "The P.M.'s," the W.M. took the opportunity of thanking them for the kind aid they had always afforded the Master of the lodge. Bro. C. Coot, P.M., responded, and said that as one of the founders he had taken the greatest interest in the lodge, and had supported as far as he possibly could whatever was for its benefit. It was a great happiness to him to see such a noble assembly that evening. He believed the prosperity of the lodge was mainly attributable to the way in which the brethren endeavoured to carry out the principles of Freemasonry. Bro. H. Massey ("Freemason") responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bro. George Buckland to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge." The brethren separated after drinking the Tyler's toast.

**THE GRANITE LODGE (No. 1328).**—Freemasonry as developed and practised by the members of this lodge commands at once the respect and admiration of every visitor. The mode of transacting the business of the lodge never fails to elicit the eulogy of the visiting brethren. Whether it be the custom to praise where it is unmerited, or whether it is a human failing to lay the flattering unction to one's soul, for ill-assorted performances are speculations better left to the great hereafter, suffice it, that the visitors are always ready "to cut and come again," for we notice continually the same faces paying their respectful tribute to the members of the lodge, and doing homage at the shrine of the mystic art. Futurity decides all things, and assigns them a place in the time to come; and, therefore, if there be imperfections they will leak out, and the "deep taking on" of virtues and qualities to which we may have no just title, will be exposed to contempt and ridicule. Here, however, the meetings teem with "bonhomie," and a stranger is welcomed with unrestricted heartiness, he no sooner enters the lodge than he is drawn into its fascinating circle of goodwill and fellowship, and forms at once one of a constellation. On Saturday, the 11th inst., the lodge held a meeting for the disposal of certain business, when Bro. John Oliver, P.M., presided in the absence through illness, of Bro. W. H. Muggeridge, W.M. The lodge having been formally opened, Bros. A. J. Hewitt and David Duke were passed to the Second Degree. Bro. E. F. Clarke was duly initiated, and Richard B. Austin, C.E., was approved, while Bro. James Browning, of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, joined and became a member. A donation of twenty guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Boys' School, to be placed on the list of Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, P.M. and Secretary, who will represent the lodge as Steward at the next festival. Among the visitors were Bros. J. W. G. Martin, 1310; James W. Szlumper, P. Pro G., J.W. Western Division, South Wales, 1072; Richard Phillips, 521 (Truth); Charles Couchman, 1602 (Ravenswood); Louis Beck, S.D. 1559. Several formal matters having been disposed of, the members adjourned to a dinner in the Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. John Oliver presiding. After the cloth was drawn, Bro. Oliver gave "The Queen and the Craft," which met with a hearty response. In proposing "The Health of the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," he expressed the hope that he would be spared for many years to reign over the Craft, a wish that met with true Masonic accord and sympathy. He next gave "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon, D.G.M., and the other Officers," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Cottebrune, through whose assistance the lodge was so prosperous. The toast was cordially responded to. Bro. George de Maid, alluding to the absence of the W.M. from indisposition, asked the brethren to drink to his speedy recovery. The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. de Maid called upon them to drink the very good health of P.M. Bro. Oliver, who in acknowledging the signal favour, expressed deep regret at the absence of the W.M., from indisposition. For himself he hoped to have the pleasure of meeting the members of the lodge for many years, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to do anything for it. The next toast, given by Bro. Oliver was that of "The Visitors," whose presence, he said, indicated

in a strong light the solid good fellowship existing all around, and he hoped to see them on a future occasion. Bro. J. W. Szlumper, in thanking them, spoke of the extremely pleasurable evening he had spent. Although he belonged to a lodge in the remote Province of South Wales they were "civilized" enough to look upon Freemasonry as a noble institution, and did all they could to make it a success, which it undoubtedly was. He should carry back to his lodge the good wishes of the Granite. Bro. Black also responded to the toast. Bro. Martin, as connected with the Harrow and several other lodges, observed that he had never spent a pleasanter time since he had been a Freemason than he had that afternoon in the society of the members of the Granite. Bro. Phillips remarked that it gave him great pleasure to meet them. Their entertainment had created profound respect, and their mode of conducting the ceremonies had elicited his admiration. He should be only too pleased to repeat his visit. Bro. Oliver next gave "The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge" which was drunk with true Masonic honours. He then selected the Treasurer, Bro. George Hackford, and the Secretary, Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, as the objects for the next toast, and added his testimony to the exertions of both those officers, and complimented them on their financial successes. Bro. Hackford, in reply, after thanking them for "drawing him out of the coffers, where he always hoped, to hide his head," humorously as said they had lifted him up above the sphere of the "outer world," he did occupy a position somewhat superior to that of ordinary mortals. At one time the duties were those of a sinecure, when he had no funds, no cares or anxieties; now, however, all was changed, for he had inherited one and all. He had to see that the funds were not wasted in rioting, and above everything, to secure that a large proportion should find its way into the channel of Masonic charity; and he was sure that although they subscribed liberally to the charities, yet they might further develop the scope and circumscription of their present benevolence. He hoped the time was near when the Granite would further extend its hand in this respect. They assembled not so much for individual enjoyment as for the social intercourse, and the flow of soul from man to man, brother to brother, and for the benefit of the world at large, and he hoped they would advance above the outer world in the amelioration of the outer world. Bro. J. Lewis Thomas said it gave him great pleasure to see around the festive board such a large assembly. He alluded with sincere regret to the calamity that had befallen the W.M., through whose illness nearly the whole of the ruling and carrying out of the lodge had fallen upon the Secretary's shoulders. He had endeavoured to perform the task thus involuntarily cast upon him, he hoped to their satisfaction. They had not had a great influx of new members of late, still the lodge was very prosperous. He might say they did not care to have many more accessions; the lodge was so full, and if the present number were to be exceeded it would be unmanageable. They were, therefore, at the climax of prosperity. The Horn of Plenty was overflowing. Their Treasurer did not look at the "materialism" of Masonry, but what it was intended for; that was to enlighten the world and do some good for our fellow creatures at large. He was sure the Treasurer's remarks had created a sound impression on those present. Bro. Oliver next proposed "The Health of the Officers." Bro. F. West, S.W., in responding, remarked that it was cheering to come into the presence of a body of brethren where all was peace, and he hoped that all Masons would seek to secure it throughout the world. If the world generally understood the principles of Freemasonry there would be no difficulties in the East. He thanked them for the hearty manner in which they had drunk his health and that of his brother officers. Bros. R. C. Mount, J.W.; Robert Payne, S.D.; John Rhodes, J.D.; and J. Oswald Gardner, Steward; also severally responded. Bro. Oliver next selected "The Press" as an object of Masonic favour, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. A. C. Shelley, who, in response, after pointing out the thoroughly Masonic character of journalism, the great, and increasing good achieved by cheap literature, and the schooling influence of editorials, told them that as they had selected him for a toast he felt he should be failing in his duty to the profession to which he belonged, if he did not intimate that he should at the next meeting of the lodge propose that as the "Freemason" was essentially an official journal of the proceedings of that lodge, and faithfully recorded every Masonic data of other lodges, that a copy be directed to be sent to the W.M. every week, who should be responsible for its safe filing. He mentioned that a file of the "Times" newspaper was an invaluable addition to a politician's or a commercial man's library, and they would find a file of the "Freemason" of equal use to the Craft. He did not doubt that the members took in the paper, but did they "file" it? He very much questioned whether they did. The receipt by the W.M. of a "file copy" every week would enable members at all ordinary meetings to refer at once for any information they might desire. After spending an enjoyable evening the members separated.

**YEOVIL.—Lodge Brotherly Love (No. 329).**—On the borders of Somerset and Dorset is the above town, noted for its glove trade, and in it is a flourishing Freemasons' lodge, held at that well known hostelry, the "Three Choughs," over whose destinies presides the most urbane and courteous of hosts, Bro. Sharland, who is second to none of the bonifaces in the West of England. Just across the borders in the adjoining county of Dorset is the quiet town of Sherborne, famed for its historical old abbey and for being the head quarters of the Blackmore Vale Hunt and an excellent lodge of the Craft, Lodge Benevolence, 1168, who a few months since invited the brethren of Lodge Brotherly Love to partake of their hospitality. They attended in goodly numbers, and were well pleased with the reception they met with, and wishing

to reciprocate the kindly feelings of the child towards the mother, to strengthen the bonds of friendship, and increase the ties of brotherly love, they invited the brethren of the Sherborne Lodge to a banquet in this town, which was accepted in the spirit in which it was given, and on Wednesday, the 1st instant, the W.M., Bro. G. F. Stokes, of the Lodge of Benevolence, with his officers and some 15 of the brethren, put in an appearance at the Choughs shortly after 5 o'clock, when the lodge was opened, and the ordinary business having been dispatched it was raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. Cobb received to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being most beautifully and impressively performed by the W.M., Bro. Foster, and the whole working of the lodge reflected great credit upon its officers. At the conclusion of the ceremony the lodge was duly closed in ancient form, and the brethren were called to refreshment, which took the shape of a very excellent banquet. The W.M. took the chair, supported on the right by Bros. Stokes, W.M. 1168; J. Trevor Davies, S.W. 1168; L. H. Ruegg, 1168; Price Org, 329; Summes, 1168; on the left by Bros. T.D. Davies, P.M. 1168; Milborne and Whitley, P.M. 329; Gillard, P.M., L. Elgare and Sharland King, 1168. The duties of the vice chair were very ably carried out by Bro. Cox, P.M., as the locus tenens of Bro. Damon, S.W., who although present at the lodge was unavoidably absent from the banquet until a late hour. Bro. Cox was supported by Bros. Cox, Chaffin and Brutton, P.M.'s 329; 329; Long, 1168; Dr. Colmar, S.D. 1168; H. Searle, 1168; and others. The cloth having been cleared, the W.M. gave the toast which is first and foremost at all Masonic gatherings, "The Queen and the Craft." She was a good Queen and a good mother, and needed no long speech to commend her many virtues. The next was "The Health of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of England," who had reflected great honour upon the Craft and had endeared himself to every brother of it, and he had increased its influence in his visit to India; and the Chairman said he should ever hold in his remembrance the privilege he had had of his being present at his Royal Highness's installation. He proceeded next to give "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, the Provincial Grand Master of Somerset and his Officers." He and all the province deemed it a high honour, and one which was esteemed by all of them, to have such a distinguished Mason at their head; all knew how he worked for them and how rarely he was absent, and then only when his Queen called for his attendance at her councils; then of course everything must give place, and he would say this, that has long as the Sovereigns of this realm had such trusty Councillors as the Freemasons the stability of the Constitution was insured. He with others had attended the recent Provincial Grand Meeting at Bridgwater, and they had hoped to have seen his lordship's genial countenance beaming upon them, but he was obliged to be absent at a Privy Council, but in Lord Dufferin he had a worthy representative. The Chairman said the next toast on his list was what he should term the toast of the evening—he dare say some of them had thought he had been a long while coming to it, but he had considered it his duty loyally to propose the healths of those in authority over them. He would give them "The Health of Bro. G. F. Stokes, and the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge of Benevolence, 1168," whom he and all the brethren of their own lodge were pleased to welcome and extend the right hand of fellowship. He was sure they were pleased in having that opportunity of carrying out the principles of the Craft. Bro. Stokes in replying said he and the brethren accompanying felt the kindness with which their Yeovil brethren had received and entertained them; they had much enjoyed the hospitality which had been so liberally bestowed upon them. He would wish their lodge every success, which success depended upon the interest every individual brother took in the welfare of his lodge; he would like to see it regularly attended. He was able to say that he had not himself been absent from his lodge but once since his initiation; he was perfectly aware that all could not do that; but many by using a little self denial might attend oftener than they did. He was proud to say that although a young brother, the province of Dorset had at its last annual meeting awarded him a collar, which might perhaps be owing to the regularity of his attendance. He would enjoin young brethren to be regular in attendance; if so they would find it would bring with it its own reward. He begged on behalf of the Sherborne brethren to return their most sincere thanks, and to express a hope that that meeting might be but the inauguration of many such meetings. Several other toasts, Masonic and complimentary, were proposed, and all of which were enthusiastically drunk and none more so than "The Health of Bro. Sharland," for his catering. The proceedings of the evening were agreeably varied with some excellent singing. The happy party separated at midnight with many fervent hopes of being present at the next merry meeting.

**PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).**—The first meeting of the brethren of the above lodge, after the installation of the present W.M., Bro. W. T. Vincent, some three months ago, took place on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at Bro. Tucker's, the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, and was attended by a large number of both members and visitors. The other officers present beside the W.M. were Bros. A. Penfold, I.P.M.; C. Compland, P.M., and P.G. J.W. Kent; W. Tongue, P.M., and P.P.G.W. Kent; C. Ellis, P.M.; J. McDougall, P.M.; J. Henderson, P.M.; H. Butter, S.W.; J. D. Hayes, J.W.; A. Jessup, Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., and Sec.; C. Cooke, Org.; W. B. Lloyd, S.D.; J. Chapman, I.G.; J. Randall, W.S.; and R. Lester, O.G. Among the visitors were Bros. T. Butt, W.M. 700; W. Weston, W.M. 1536; F. G. Pownall, W.M. 13, and P.M. 1536; J. Ives, W.M. 1472; T. G. Day, W.M. 1076; F. J. Dawson, P.M. 700; G. Davies, P.M. 13; R. Thompson, 1536;

R. J. Warren, 1427; J. W. Farr, 1536; J. Tame, 700; G. Beaver, 700; G. Spinks, S.W. 1536; J. Plume, 1472; C. Morton, 700; H. Carline, 1536; W. Harris, 700; W. Beaver, 700; H. Bryceson, 700; T. W. Virgo, 700; G. Brown, 13; J. McCaffery, 700, and 1536; and others. The business before the lodge consisted of balloting for Messrs. Keeble, Stabback, and Letton, who, being approved of, were, with Mr. Brock, who had been previously balloted for, duly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. J. Franklin was then raised to the Sublime Degree, both degrees being worked by Bro. Vincent exceedingly well, and, taking into consideration the fact of this being his first night in the chair, with every promise of his occupying a worthy place among the Masters of a lodge renowned for their careful and good working. Two propositions for initiation, and three for joining members, were then given, and the lodge was duly closed. The banquet was then attended to, upwards of seventy partaking, and on the cloth being removed, the W.M., with commendable brevity, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In reply to a very hearty reception of his name in connection with the Provincial Grand Officers of Kent, Bro. Coupland said he felt it a great honour to be in a position to return thanks for the Grand Officers, who, he felt sure, would be gratified at the compliment paid them. He was now the representative of Grand Lodge in that district, and he trusted that he should be enabled to carry out the important duties of the office he held to his own and their satisfaction. Bro. Penfold, as I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and drew attention to the excellent work they had seen him do that night; it showed them what they had to expect, and he felt assured that in his hands the fame and honour of the lodge would never degenerate. Bro. Vincent, in reply, briefly thanked them for their hearty reception of his name, and hoped before the end of the year to show a great improvement upon the work of that night, and that the good feeling existing in the lodge would long continue. P.M. Ellis made an eloquent reply for "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and Bros. Davies, Butt, Day, and Weston responded for "The Visitors." "The Initiates" were warmly received, and returned thanks; and after "The Officers of the Lodge" had been heartily toasted, a verse of the "National Anthem" closed the meeting.

**JERSEY.**—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1003).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, on Wednesday, November 8th, for the purpose of installing the newly-elected W.M., when a very large number of brethren assembled to congratulate Bro. Wm. Wetherell on the successful termination of his labours, and Bro. P. Bois on the commencement of his career as a ruler of the Craft, under auspices so favourable, with such an example before him, and with the affairs of the lodge in so prosperous a condition. Bro. Wm. Wetherell, W.M., supported by the whole of his office-bearers, and by such good men and true as Bros. P. W. Benham, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Charles H. Benham, P.M. 1339; G. J. Renouf, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; F. Walden, P.M.; L. Pitcher, P.M., Sec.; J. Pullot, P.M.; P. Bois, S.W.; C. D. Bishop, J.W.; and others too numerous to mention, opened the lodge. Visitors: A. Schmitt, P.P.S.G.W.; J. O. LeSueur, P.M. 291, P.G. Sec.; Chas. Kingsnorth, W.M. 245, P.P.J.G.W.; Joseph O. Flaherty, P.M. 958, P.S.G.D.; W. Z. Pugsley, P.M. 245 P.P.J.G.W.; Edward Martel, W.M. 958, P.P.G.D.C.; G. F. Baker, W.M. 491, P.G.D.C.; F. P. LeMarquand, P.M. 491, P.P.G.S.D.; Edward Gilley, P.M. 491; Dr. Thomas J. Aubin, S.W. 491, P.G.S. of W.; and others. The minutes of the last meeting of the lodge were read and unanimously confirmed, and the report of the Auditors having been received and adopted, the W.M., with the assistance of his officers, raised to the Degree of a Master Mason Bro. Cartwright, and immediately vacated the chair in favour of the Installing Master, Bro. P. W. Benham. Bros. J. O. Le Sueur and Martel presented Bro. P. Bois as W.M. elect. The customary enumeration of duties was made and acknowledged. The ancient charges were read and assented to, and the obligation of W.M. elect administered. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and all who had not passed the chair withdrew. A Board of seventeen Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. P. Bois was duly placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. After the Board had been closed, the several classes of Master Masons, Fellow Crafts, and Entered Apprentices were in turn admitted, and the processions, salutations, and proclamations were gone through, respecting which it need only be recorded that Bro. Benham conducted the ceremonies with great exactitude and impressiveness. After the usual address to the W.M., delivered with great fervour, Bro. P. Bois briefly remarked that, fully acknowledging the difficulty of the task he had undertaken, he was sensible of the honour conferred upon him. He accepted the responsibility, and trusted that with God's help he should not be wanting in the worthy discharge of it, especially as he had been promised and could confidently rely upon efficient help from the P.M.'s. The following appointments were made, Bro. P. W. Benham in each case officiating and offering appropriate observations: Bros. C. D. Bishop, S.W.; J. Huelin, J.W.; J. Pallot, P.M., Sec.; F. C. Creese, J.D.; J. Harris, S.D.; F. Duggan, I.G.; and G. Rogers, P.M., Tyler. Lastly, the W.M. invested Bro. P. W. Benham as Treasurer, with some remarks as well deserved by his past services in that capacity as they were complimentary and sincere. No other business offering, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, and about seventy sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by the guardian of the temple. After the cloth had been drawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured with every demonstration of respect and good feeling. Bro. A. Schmitt, in paying a just and well deserved tribute of respect and

appreciation of the many and various services which Bro. P. W. Benham, the Installing Master, and father of the lodge, has not only rendered to it, but also to chapters and other Orders, said: Bro. Benham,—You have been for many years a true and genuine Mason; you have worked your way in the Craft well, steadily, and honourably, holding fast to Masonic principles, comprehending and grasping its true features; we all here feel, and are constantly enjoying, your untiring efforts to promote concord and prosperity in this province. The records of your lodges, chapters, &c., prove that at all times you were ardently performing the duties in various capacities with zeal and ability, and your happy, judicious, and harmonising spirit the Prince of Wales Lodge advanced to an honourable position. I feel confident that we cannot too highly estimate your worth as a man of honour and a Mason, and I feel sure, my brethren, that you will vividly mark your appreciation of it by cordially drinking his health. I therefore give, "The Health of the I.P.M., Founder of the Lodge, and Supporter of Masonic Charities." Bro. Benham expressed his hearty thanks to the brethren for so cordial a reception of his health, and felt assured that his efforts, humble as they had been were at least directed to one great point, the advancement of Masonry and the promotion of fraternal affection. The W.M., visitors, and officers, were next toasted, and the brethren separated at 10. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened by some excellent music from Bros. Campbell, Baker, and Dr. Aubin.

**ALDERSHOT.**—Aldershot Camp Lodge (No. 1331).—The annual installation meeting of the above flourishing lodge, all the members of which belong to the military profession, was held in the Assembly Rooms, on Thursday, the 2nd November. The lodge was opened at 4.30 p.m. There were about seventy brethren present, including Bros. P.M. Eve, Hacker, Gold, Hickley, Pomeroy, Panmure Lodge, Aldershot; Bro. P.M. Vine, Bro. Anderson, and Bro. Goddard, W.M. St. Andrew's, Farnham; brethren from St. John's Lodge, Knaphill, the 17th Lancers Lodge, and several other lodges. Bro. P.M. White, W.M. pro tem., officiated at the meeting, and installed Bro. John Smith as W.M. for the ensuing year, much credit being due to Bro. White for the excellent manner in which he performed the ceremony. The W.M. having been duly installed, appointed his officers: Bros. Lucas, S.W. and Treas.; Field, J.W.; Cleasham, S.D.; McCudden, J.D.; Staley, I.G.; Thompson, Tyler. After this the members of the Charitable Association attached to the lodge balloted for a life subscribership in one of the Masonic Charities. This has been introduced into the lodge by Bro. Captain Richardson, and the lucky ticket was drawn by Bro. Hickley. Bro. Frayling presided at the harmonium. After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hall, where a magnificent banquet had been provided by Bro. Kneec. Everything was got up by Bro. Kneec in his usual style of perfection, and his catering gave the most entire satisfaction to the large company present. The cloth being removed, "The Queen and the Craft" was proposed by the W.M., which was loyally received, the brethren singing the Masonic National Anthem. This was followed by the toasts of "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon," "The Rt. Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, Past and Present." The toast of "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.," was proposed in complimentary terms, after which Bro. Hacker gave "The Very Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Bro. W. Hickman, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present," to which Bro. Eve responded. Bro. White proposed "The W.M. of the Aldershot Camp Lodge," and Bro. Smith returned thanks in a few well chosen remarks. "The P.M.'s of the Aldershot Camp Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Eve, and replied to by Bro. White. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which toast met with a hearty reception, and Bro. Goddard, W.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, responded on their behalf. This was succeeded by "The Masonic Charities," which was eloquently given by Bro. Hacker, and responded to by Bro. Eve. The next toast was that of "The Wardens, Treasurer, and Officers of Aldershot Camp Lodge," to which the Senior Warden responded, the toasts being brought to a conclusion by "The Health of the Host," and the Tyler's toast. A most pleasant evening was spent by all the brethren, the proceedings being enlivened by some capital singing by Bros. Eve, White, Page and Weild.

**CHIPPING SODBURY.**—Tyndall Lodge (No. 1363).—On Wednesday, 1st inst., the brethren of this lodge assembled at the lodge room in the Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, for the purpose of witnessing the installation of Bro. Algernon Sudlow in the W.M.'s chair. There was a goodly gathering of members of the Craft, many lodges being represented from Bath, Bristol, Cheltenham, and Chippenham. It was apparent to all as they entered the lodge that the installation ceremony would be, as indeed it eventually proved to be, a great success. Shortly after three, Bro. Chas. A. Bush, W.M., entered the lodge room with his officers, and at once proceeded to open the lodge. Bro. James Payne Curtis, the Secretary, then read the minutes, which were unanimously passed. He stated the accounts had been audited, and the balance was in the hands of the Treasurer. Bro. Dr. Wm. Benham, P.M., and P.Z. No. 103, P.P.G.D.C. Bristol, then proceeded to instal Bro. Algernon Sudlow, S.W., and W.M. elect. and performed his duties in a most impressive manner, to the perfect satisfaction of the brethren present, which was marked by Masonic approbation. After Bro. Sudlow was installed, and had received the usual

congratulations, he addressed the brethren, and at once proceeded to appoint the officers for the ensuing year, investing Bros. C. A. Bush as his I.P.M.; C. M. Herm, S.W.; J. P. Curtis, J.W. and Secretary, who will now have held that office for four years in succession; J. Trenfield, Treas.; E. Crossman, S.D.; J. Limbrick, J.D.; W. Jones, I.G.; J. D. B. Trenfield, P.M., and P.G.S.B., the D.C.; W. Tayler and W. H. H. Hartley, Stewards; James Iles, Organist, and E. Holliday, Tyler. Suitable addresses were given by the new W.M. to each brother. The lodge was then closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Grapes Hotel, where a splendid banquet was provided. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Officers of the Grand Lodge of England," and also "The P.G. Lodge," all of which were most heartily responded to by the brethren with the usual honours. The W.M. next proposed "The Masonic Charities of our Order," to enable Bro. Colonel Henry Basevi, Past D.D. G.M., P.G.R., and Secretary to the Charity Committee of Gloucestershire, to respond, he having to return to Cheltenham by an early train. The W.M. spoke at some length upon the subject, pointing out the grand work which the Freemasons had been accomplishing for centuries, silently, but most effectually. At the same time he congratulated the brethren that they had one amongst them that evening who took the liveliest interest in the Masonic charities, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Colonel Henry Basevi. Bro. Basevi then described the formation and working of the Institutions, and urged the brethren to give their support, and increase the voting power in the province. Before sitting down, Bro. Basevi, in a kind and most truly Masonic manner, proposed "The Health of the W.M." "The Health of the new W.M." was then drunk most heartily. The W.M., in thanking the brethren for the honour they had conferred on him, said he had accepted the post of W.M. feeling his responsibilities, but with the determination to carry out the principles of Freemasonry to the very letter, at least as far as lay in his power, and they were nothing unless so carried out. He then referred to the grand principles of Freemasonry, the great care to be taken (now so many were pressing into the ranks) respecting admittance into the Order, and then proceeded to refute objections advanced by ignorance or prejudice against the principles of the Craft, enlarging upon Masonic matters which are forbidden to the outside world. Before taking his seat he begged to propose "The Health of the Installing Master," whom he thanked most heartily for the kind and impressive manner in which he had performed the duties of his office. No one, added the W.M., could go away from that ceremony without feeling deeply its solemnity, and every brother must feel it a great honour to the lodge to be able to include amongst its members one who so strictly adhered in theory and practice to the sublime principles of Freemasonry. Besides the officers already mentioned, we noticed Bro. Samuel Davies, P.G.S.W. Monmouthshire, P.P.G.S. Gloucester; F. J. Vizard, P.M.; W. R. Latter, C. J. H. Turvin, Wm. Higgs, J. P. Wills, T. Brooke, Moses Eyles, J. T. Brown, W.M. 41; E. Weare, 68; G. F. Knowland, 68; G. H. Cooke, W.M. 379; H. C. Hopkins, J.W. 379; A. G. Williams, 610; A. Vosper, 610; T. H. Phillips, P.M. 626; J. Lane, Treas. 626; G. J. Bailey, Sec. 626; W. T. Briscoe, J.D. 626; George Munday, 626; Jesse Hayward, J.D. 906; James Stuckey, I.G. 906, and others. The brethren spent a most enjoyable evening, and before separating they again complimented the W.M., and wished him a happy and prosperous year of office.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Truth (No. 1458). The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, November 4th, and there was a large attendance of brethren. Mr. Arthur Barber was initiated, and Bro. Duckworth passed by Bro. Kent, W.M. Bro. Batchelder, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Tyers, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Beswick Tyler. Auditors were then appointed. There was one proposition for joining member, and the lodge was closed at 7.30 p.m. The brethren then adjourned to banquet; the usual toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent at the festive board.

**NORTH WOOLWICH.**—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at Bro. E. West's, the Three Crowns, Bro. J. Ives, W.M., in the chair. The following officers were present:—Bros. B. B. Brayshaw, P.M.; H. Sisley, P.M.; W. Steele, S.W.; T. Geller, Treas.; J. Henderson, P.M. and Sec.; W. T. Turner, J.D.; N. Stanfield, I.G.; J. Plume, D.C.; and Steadman, P.M., Tyler. The visitors included T. Day, W.M. 1076; H. Green, 1076; C. Cooke, Org. 13; 700, 913; C. Mitchell, 700; and C. Jolly, 913. The lodge having been duly opened, Bros. J. Jewell and J. C. Dowsett, on evidence of proficiency, were passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. T. Doyle and W. C. Risby were approved of and initiated. Nothing could exceed the earnest and solemn manner in which the W.M. performed these several ceremonies; nor must a word of praise be denied to Bros. Turner and Stanfield, who, in the absence of the J.W. and S.D., filled those various offices admirably. Hearty good wishes having been given from the Pattison, 913, Nelson, 700, and Union Waterloo, 13, by their several representatives, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to supper, which was, as usual, well looked to by the worthy host. On assembling again, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly but pointedly given by the W.M., and as cordially responded to. We must congratulate this young lodge upon its great success in doing good Masonic work.

**LEWISHAM.**—New Cross Lodge (No. 1559).—Nine months have now passed since the above lodge was consecrated at the Public Hall, Lewisham High Road, and during this period thirteen brethren have been initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Thus it



will be seen that the initiations have been far from numerous, which is to be accounted for by the fact that the New Cross brethren were by no means anxious to become a numerous lodge, and the fees are somewhat heavier than is usual, more especially so for this locality. The meeting of Saturday, the 4th inst., was not by any means well attended, and some of the brethren were anything but punctual in their observation of the summons to meet at three p.m. "Punctuality is the soul of business," as we wrote in big type in our copy books at school. We are always pleased to see a full muster at the opening of lodge, and nothing carries a worse impression, at all events from a visitatorial point of view, than a bare and deserted lodge-room, that gradually fills as the ceremonies while away. In the temporary absence of the W.M., Bro. Keeble, P.M. Sec., assumed the chair, the lodge being formed as follows:—E. H. Thielley, S.W.; W. A. Simmonds, J.W.; L. Beck, S.D.; H. T. Green, J.D.; W. Hardman, I.G.; Chapman, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Solomon Jewell, Moss, Smurthwaite, Ernest Smith, D. Malpas, Metham, Grummant, Cowley, and Macgillivray, members; Bro. C. J. Hogg, P.M., P.G.S., non-member; and Bros. J. W. Baldwin, P.M. 1423, and Andrews, 871. Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and Bro. Macgillivray, a candidate for passing, was interrogated, and having given substantial proofs of the progress he had made since initiation, in point of fact having acquitted himself in a highly satisfactory manner, was rewarded, and withdrew. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Keeble, in a careful manner, passed Bro. Macgillivray to the degree of a Fellow Craft. Bros. Malpas, Moss, Grummant, and Cowley, having been examined as Fellow Crafts, withdrew, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bros. Malpas and Moss were admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., a privilege that was subsequently extended to Bros. Grummant and Cowley. Too much cannot be said of the painstaking manner in which the double ceremony of the Third Degree was worked by the W.M., who was throughout struggling with a bad cold. After lodge had been resumed in the First Degree, the W.M., Bro. W. B. Woodman, arrived, and relieved Bro. Secretary of the duties of the chair. The bye-laws having been read (and very well read too), in open lodge by Bro. Green, J.D., the duty of electing a successor to Bro. Woodman, whose year of office expires in February, devolved upon the lodge, and after the ballot had been taken, the W.M. announced that the choice of the brethren had fallen on Bro. Keeble, P.M., Sec., who was officially informed of the fact, and briefly responded, Bro. F. Walters, P.G.J.D., &c., was re-elected Treas., and Bro. Church, Tyler, for the ensuing year. Bros. H. J. Green, S. Jewell, and E. Smith were appointed auditors. Bro. Keeble proposed, and Bro. Thielley seconded, that the retiring W.M., Bro. W. B. Woodman, be presented with a ten guinea jewel in commemoration of his having filled the post of first W.M. of the New Cross Lodge. This was unanimously agreed to. All Masonic business being now at an end, the lodge was closed in due form, and with solemn prayer, and adjourned till the first Saturday in February. The brethren were afterwards regaled with light refreshments, and, after an enjoyable hour had been spent, separated.

**PUTNEY.—Royal Commemoration Lodge (No. 1585).**—The members of the above lodge met on Wednesday, the 1st inst., under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. J. Wright. There were also present Bros. Robinson and Jackson as Wardens; Bro. P.M. H. Smith, Sec.; and Bro. Watkins, as Treasurer. The lodge having been duly opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. examined Bros. Weston and Hatfield, and raised them to the degree of M.M. Bros. Maryon, Pardoe, Williams, and Easton being present, they were found duly qualified to be passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Ballot was taken for Messrs Bury, Rowe, Breach, Barratt, and Read, and they were then initiated into the ancient mysteries. Bro. Watt, of the Mount Edgcombe Lodge, was balloted for, and admitted as a joining member. The W.M., rising before closing the lodge, informed the members that he had received a communication from the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, asking for a Steward to be nominated for the next festival. The W.M. offered to represent the lodge, which we believe was agreed to, and he then closed in the usual manner. On the brethren assembling at the festive board, they numbered nearly fifty, there being a deputation from the brethren of the Southern Star Lodge, who were specially invited by the W.M. and officers. The viands having been disposed of and grace said, the W.M. rose and in his usual flow of good humour gave the regular Masonic toasts. P.M. Smith handling the gavel, proposed The Health of the W.M.; which was well received by one and all. We could hardly expect anything else, for not only is the W.M. a great favourite, but the worthy Secretary proposed it in such a manner, that he could not fail to make the brethren receive it otherwise. The toast having been responded to, that of the "Initiates," was given, and some very curt replies were made. The next was the toast of the evening, and was replied to by J.P.M. Bro. Wise, of the Southern Star, for himself and co-brethren, by J. H. Watts and P.M. Mander, of the Eclectic and P.M. Simpson, of the Britannia. The other toasts were "The Secretary and Treasurer" replied to by the former, and "The Officers of the Lodge" by the S.W. Bro. Steed then gave the Tyler's toast, and this pleasant afternoon and evening were brought to a close. We omitted to mention, that whilst the candidates were being prepared, Bro. Collings the D.C., with the kind assistance of Bro. Cull (J.D. of the Mount Edgcombe) worked the fifth section of the first lecture in a very creditable manner, the former putting the questions and the latter answering. Besides the brethren mentioned above, there were also present P.M. Messenger, 1216; Bros. Huntley, 1044; Terrington, 1366; Matthews, 180; Day, 1563; Farwig, 180; and Davis, 167.

## INSTRUCTION.

**RICHMOND.—The Lily Lodge (No. 820).**—This lodge of instruction was opened at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Saturday, the 4th inst., at 7 p.m. Bro. H. Kyezor, W.M., I. G. of 820, 266; Bro. Digby, S.W.; Bro. Harris, J.W.; Bro. Hopwood, S.D., P.M. 1528; Bro. Hurst, J.D.; and W.M. of 1512, and Bro. Phillips, Preceptor of 820, S.W. of 925. The lodge being opened in due form the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, it was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, closed regularly do down, and adjourned until Saturday, the 11th inst., at 7 p.m., after which the brethren sat down in the banqueting hall to one of Bro. Palmer's recherche dinners. The cloth being removed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with all honours. The W.M., Bro. Kyezor, then rose, and said it was his pleasing duty in the name of the members of the Lily Lodge of Instruction to present to Bro. Phillips a dozen sterling silver tea-spoons and sugar-tongs, as a slight token of the esteem they held him in for the efficient and able services he had rendered them as Hon. Secretary. The W.M., concluded by wishing that Bro. Phillips might live long enough to wear them out. Bro. Phillips in a few well-chosen remarks thanked the brethren for the good feeling evinced towards him, which he should always endeavour to retain. The Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—At a meeting of the above Lodge of Instruction, held at 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, Bro. Thomas Lamb, of No. 1563, worked the first ceremony in a very able manner. After the four sections had been worked under the Preceptorship of C. A. Cottebrune, the sums of £10 10s. were voted to the Girls' School, and £10 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, leaving a balance in hand. It was resolved that the annual banquet of the Lodge of Instruction should take place on Tuesday, the 19th of December, at seven o'clock; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., in the chair. Fifteen brethren immediately offered their services as Stewards. Thirty-six brethren were present.

## Royal Arch.

**MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 73).**—The regular convocation of this chapter was holden on Thursday, November 9th, at the Bridge House Hotel, High-street, Southwark. The chapter was opened by Comps. W. E. Smeed, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; J. W. Baldwin, H.; John Mason, J.; F. Walters, P.G. 1st. A.S. Middlesex, P.Z., S.E.; E. Harris, P.Z.; J. T. Moss, P.Z.; and others. The warrant was produced. Letters were read, one from Comp. H. A. Dubois, M.E.Z., regretting his absence, caused by the recent loss he had sustained in the death of a younger brother. The greatest sympathy was felt for him by all the members. Also one for Comp. T. J. Sabine, P.Z., Treasurer, whose absence was attributed to circumstances beyond his control, for which he apologised. The ballots, taken separately, were unanimously in favour of the admission of Comps. T. W. Clarke, 177, Domestic Chapter, as a joining member, and W. Dunham, P.M. 700, S.W. 1567; and A. J. Ireton, S.D. 73, as candidates for exaltation. In an impressive manner, the work of the chairs being done in a faultless style by Comps. J. Mason, J.; J. W. Baldwin, H.; and W. Smeed, M.E.Z., Bro. W. Dunham was exalted, then Bro. A. J. Ireton. The candidates being introduced separately added to the solemnity of the ceremony. Too much praise cannot be given to Comp. J. Mason for his excellent rendering of the work of the J. chair. It was sacerdotal in every respect, for it could not have been done better by any one. All the officers distinguished themselves by the correct manner in which they did their work. Some important notices of motion in reference to bye-laws were given. Comp. F. Walters, in a comprehensive speech, proposed, J. W. Baldwin, H., seconded, and it was carried unanimously, "That a five-guinea testimonial be presented to Comp. W. Smeed, P.Z., from the chapter funds (and the choice of testimonial to be left with him) as a slight recognition of his many valuable services rendered to the chapter." On his return to the chapter (the motion being discussed and carried during his absence), Comp. W. Smeed was informed of the testimonial. He, in a suitable speech, acknowledged it. The usual propositions for exaltation were received. The chapter was closed and adjourned to Thursday, January 11th, at six p.m. The supper followed work. A happy evening was agreeably spent. There were present Comps. M. D. Lowenstark, J. S. Sweasey, J. H. Spencer, and many more. The visitors were Comps. W. S. Wyman, 176; W. T. Lover, 176; J. W. Clark, 177; and others.

## INSTRUCTION.

**MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER (No. 19).**—This well worked chapter now meets regularly every Saturday evening at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, and is attended by some of the most skilled Royal Arch Masons. The officers on last Saturday week, Nov. 4, were Comps. Cameron, M.E.Z.; Barnell, H.; Hooper, J.; Reed, S.E.; Bentley, N.; and Pulsford, P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. H. Thompson, ("Freemason,") 619, being the candidate. The interesting ritual of the degree was most ably rendered, and commanded the greatest attention from the impressive manner in which the whole of the ceremony was performed. At the conclusion Comp. Pulsford worked the first clause of the Lecture, after which the chapter was closed in due form.

The Stationers' Company have granted the use of their hall for the purposes of the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the introduction of printing into England, to take place in June next.

## Mark Masonry.

**ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).**—The November meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday week at the Masonic Rooms, 175, Aldersgate-street. Present: Bros. Charles Horsley, W.M., 32°, P. Prov. G. Reg. Middlesex, P.M., P.Z.; E. H. Thielley, S.W.; Simmonds, J.W.; H. C. Levander, P.M., Treas.; George Kenning, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Newton, Lea, Shepherd, and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The usual routine having been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to banquet.

**LIVERPOOL.—West Lancashire Lodge (No. 65).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 1st inst. The lodge was opened about six o'clock by Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., and amongst others present during the evening were Bros. W. J. Lunt, P.M., P.G.S.D.; Henry Jackson, P.G.S.D.; John Hayes, J.W.; J. R. Goepel, P.M., P.G.S.O., Treas.; A. Bucknall, Sec.; H. Burrows, M.O.; R. H. Evans, S.D.; W. H. Cooper, J.D.; J. M. Thomson, I.G.; A. C. Wylie, S.; Wm. Fletcher, Wm. Gray, Jno. Williams, J. B. Brown, W. P. Jennings, L. B. Goodman, H. W. Parry, Geo. Hutchin, R. Reader, Jno. Parker, Thos. Roberts, Fred. Cooper, M. Drake, Joseph Wood, P.P.G. Sd. Bearer ("Freemason"), and Hugh Williams (a visitor from another lodge). The minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Henry Jackson, P.G.S.D. (the W.M. elect) was presented by Bro. W. J. Lunt, P.M., P.G.S.D., and Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.G.S.O., to Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, the Installing Master, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. All the brethren below the rank of Installed Masters were requested to retire, and upon their return the newly-installed W.M. was saluted in the usual manner. He afterwards proceeded to invest the following as his officers:—Bros. John Hayes, S.W.; H. Burrows, J.W.; A. Bucknall, Chaplain; J. R. Goepel, P.M., P.G.S.O., Treas.; R. H. Evans, Sec.; H. Cooper, M.O.; G. Hutchin, S.O.; A. C. Wylie, J.O.; J. M. Thomson, Registrar of Marks; Rich. Reader, S.D.; F. Cooper, J.D.; Wm. Fletcher, I.G.; W. P. Jennings, S.S.; John Williams, J.S., M.O. Joppa Lodge. A vote of thanks to Bro. J. K. Smith, the Installing Master, for the excellent way in which he had conducted the ceremony was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Lodge was then closed in due form. The brethren afterwards sat down to banquet under the presidency of the W.M., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In giving "The R.W. Provincial G.M. Master," Bro. Lord Skelmersdale," the W.M. said that it had afforded him great satisfaction to have him present at the imposing gathering of what he would term the cream of Masonry in the two provinces of East and West Lancashire, which had recently assembled at Manchester to do honour to the R.W. Prov. G.M.M., on the occasion of his being installed by the M.W.G.M.M.M., the Earl of Limerick. He (the W.M.) wished that some of those who rather pool-pooled Mark Masonry, and spoke of it in slighting terms, had also been present, as he had no doubt their opinion of the degree would have been materially altered when they found so many men of "Mark" in the province, evidently taking a deep interest in Mark Masonry, and expressing such high regard for the degree as they did on that occasion. (Hear, hear.) He trusted that under Lord Skelmersdale Mark Masonry would flourish and spread in the county palatine of Lancaster, and soon arrive at the position it deserved. (Cheers.) Other toasts followed, and a most agreeable evening was brought to a close at an early hour.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER.**—The convocation of the members of this very old chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, W., on Friday, the 10th inst., when Bro. Wm. Roebuck, 31°, was duly installed as M.W.S., by Bro. Hyde Pullen, 33°. Amongst the brethren present we noticed Bros. Capt. Philips, 33°, P.M., P.S.G.C.; Major Shadwell Clerke, 33°, G.S.G.; Rosenthal, 33° of France; Paas, 30°; Stohwasser, 30°; Coffin, 30°; Dewar, Morgan, Driver, Crossley, Nicoll, Raymond, and others. All business being ended, the members adjourned to the Café Royal, where a sumptuous banquet was served, and all spent a most enjoyable evening under the presidency of the M.W.S.

## Scotland.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF PERTSHIRE EAST.

At the quarterly meeting of this Prov. G. Lodge, held at the Salutation Hotel, Perth, the following office-bearers were appointed for the ensuing year, viz:—Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Kinnaird, K.T., Prov. Grand Master; J. B. Brown Morrison, D. Prov. Grand Master; Robert Martin, Sub. Prov. Grand Master; Rev. W. G. H. Carmichael, Prov. G. Chap.; Wm. MacLeish, Prov. G.S.W.; Thomas Richardson, Prov. G.J.W.; Adam M'Kenzie, Prov. G. Sec.; John Chalmers, Prov. G. Treas.; Robert Dow, Prov. G.S.D.; Robert Lees, Prov. G.J.D.; John Young, Prov. G. Architect; John Baird, Prov. G. Jeweller; David Morrison, Prov. G.B.B.; Geo. Hutton, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; Col.-Sergt. John Scott, Prov. G. Swd. B.; William Bryson, Prov. G. Dir. of Music; James Rollo, Prov. G. St. B.; Peter Carmichael, Prov. G.S.; John Robertson, Prov. G. Inner Guard; David Cochrane, Prov. G. Tyler.

**GLASGOW.—Lodge St. John (No. 33).**—The regular bi-monthly meeting of this most ancient and prosperous lodge was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., Bro. D. M. Nelson,

W.M., presiding; Jas. Sellars, S.W.; P. Brownlie, J.W. There were also present J. Dick, Sec.; J. D. Young, D.M.; T. B. Bell, S.M.; T. Fletcher, P.M.; William Bell, P.M.; W. H. Bickerton ("Freemason"), and a very large attendance, as usual, of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened by Bro. D. M. Nelson, W.M., and the minutes read and approved of. Bros. Mc Faggart and Young were proposed as joining members, and received into this lodge, the W.M. performing the ceremony. Messrs. G. Galloway, J. Henderson, Wm. Moore, and D. L. Arthur were admitted as members, and received the E.A. Degree under the careful working of Bro. Wm. Bell, I.P.M. The lodge then passed to refreshment, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and duly responded to, Bro. Dr. Robertson gave a very interesting account of his late travels through the United States of America, to the very great pleasure of all present. At the conclusion of this most pleasing lecture, Bro. J. G. Sharpe, eminent Scottish tenor, sang "Mc Gregor's gathering" in a most effective style. This, with other songs and toasts, made up a most pleasant evening. Bro. Nelson, W.M., said before closing the lodge he had a most pleasing duty to perform, that of presenting to the lodge, on behalf of Bro. Jas. Cruikshank, P.M., a very handsome silver mounted maul, made from a branch cut from an olive tree near to where the temple stood in Jerusalem, on his journey through Palestine at the early part of this year. Bro. Nelson said he was very proud of this most handsome gift on behalf of St. John's Lodge, and he had no doubt all the members of the lodge appreciated it as he did, and he would move that a vote of thanks be recorded in the minutes to Bro. Jas. Cruikshank in acknowledgment of their esteem of his kindness, which was unanimous. This brought the proceedings to a close.

**RUTHERGLEN.**—Lodge St. John (No. 347).—At a special meeting of this lodge, held on Friday evening, the 3rd inst., Bro. J. Cunningham, P.M., presiding, the following gentlemen were nominated for election for the various offices:—D. Smart, W.M.; J. Cunningham, P.M.; M. Abbott, D.M.; G. M'Call, S.M.; John Murdoch, J.M.; Thos. Alston, S.W.; John Whyte, J.W.; William Young, J.R.; W. Gardiner, Treas.; Alexander Warnock, Sec.; A. Robertson, S.D.; P. M. Ross, J.D.; Thomas Simpson, J.D.; A. Brown, P.G.S.; H. Aitken, S.S.; M. Sparkis, J.S.; A. Pearson, Chaplain; John Terrie, B.B.; J. Kennedy, B.B.; J. Shields, Swd. Bearer; W. Carlin, I.G.; J. Cairns, Tyler.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Union (No. 332).—The nomination of office-bearers of this lodge for the ensuing year was made at their meeting held in St. Mark's Hall, on Monday, the 6th inst. Bro. D. M'Kirdy, W.M., presided, and there was a numerous attendance of brethren of the lodge. The following were nominated for reelection without opposition, viz.:—Bros. D. M'Kirdy, W.M.; William Murray, S.M.; John M'Innes, S.W.; John Laird, Treas.; D. S. Mitchell, Archt.; and L. Rombach, Jeweller. Bro. James Balfour was nominated without opposition to the office of Depute Master. On the motion of the W.M. (Bro. M'Kirdy) an office new to this lodge was created—namely, Director of Music, and Bro. Andrew M'Ewan was duly nominated to the same amid demonstrations of universal approval. Thereafter, a motion by Bro. James Balfour was read to the effect that the sum of £20 from the lodge funds be invested in shares of the proposed new Masonic Hall, at the West-end, the scheme of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and also that the sum of £5 from the lodge funds be given to the same as a donation. The motion is to come up for discussion at next meeting. There being no further business, the lodge was then closed in due form.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Caledonian Railway (No. 354).—The nomination of office-bearers of this lodge for the ensuing Masonic year took place in the hall, at 30, Hope-street, on Wednesday evening, the 1st inst., when the following brethren were duly proposed and seconded for the respective offices, and the nomination agreed to, nemine contradicente:—Bros. Adam B. Ferguson, W.M.; A. Arrick Smith, D.M.; John Harley, S.M.; Colin M'Kenzie, S.W.; John Harley, J.W.; D. T. Colquhoun, Treas.; Drummond, Sec.; D. Leitch, S.D.; Allan M'Donald, J.D.; John Shaw, S. Steward; D. K. Spiers, J. Steward; Alexander Dougall, Jeweller; Robert Watson, Physician; James Douglas, B.B.; Hardy, Dir. of Music; Colin More, Dir. of Ceremonies; J. Reid, Chap.; James Allison, Standard Bearer; Wm. Anderson, Banner Bearer; George Anderson, I.G.; James Minnoch, Tyler. Bros. Croall and W. R. Dunn were appointed Auditors.

**GLASGOW.**—St. Andrew's Chapter (No. 69).—A lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was held in the lodge-rooms, 25, Robertson-street, on the 25th ult., Thos. M. Campbell, N.; J. H. Fast, J.; David Ramsay, S. On the lodge being opened, Comps. William C. Buntin, John M'Innes, James Blackwood, and Robert Brand received the degree. And on the 31st ult. the above lodge was opened at the same place, Thomas M. Campbell, N.; James O. Park, J.; and George W. Wheeler, S., when Comps. T. Cowan, John Grieve, and William E. Mc Millan received the degree. It is unnecessary to mention that the degree was given in the usual efficient manner that this chapter is famed for.

**PARTICK.**—Royal Arch Chapter (No. 113).—In the new Masonic Hall, Douglas-street, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., the usual monthly meeting of this chapter was held. There was a good attendance of companions. After the chapter had been opened in due and ancient form by the First Principal Z (Comp. Halket), a candidate was raised to the most excellent and R.A. Degree. Supper was then served, and Comp. George Ward (Second Principal H.) did duty at the foot of the table. Toast, song, and sentiment followed, and a very happy evening was spent. It has been arranged, in order to promote

greater social-intercourse amongst members, to have a supper at the conclusion of the business of each monthly meeting.

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A WARRANT 819 YEARS OLD.

The following appears in the "Masonic Eclectic" of October, 1876, Washington, U.S., and I shall be glad to know where the original is. I fancy that it is an old friend,—A MASONIC STUDENT.

"Malcolm the third by the grace of God King of Scots, wishes health and safety to the Bishops, Princes, Earls, Barons, Ministers, and Administrators of our law, and all good men of the nation, both clergy, laicks, or common people, and to all where these presents shall come, greeting. Whereas, our trusty and well-beloved friends, the Operative Masons in the City of Glasgow, hath, by their petition, humbly represented to us that the inhabitants of this city has been imposed upon by a number of unskilled and insufficient workmen that has come to work at our cathedral and other parts of the city, and also has erected lodges contrary to the rules of Masonry, and being desirous of putting a stop to such unskilled and irregular brothers, most humbly prays us to grant them our royal license and protection for stopping such irregular disorders; and being willing to give all due encouragement to so reasonable a petition, are graciously pleased to condescend to their request, and we do, by these presents, ordain and grant to our petitioners, to incorporate themselves together in one incorporation, and we strictly discharge any mason within the aforesaid city to work in it, until he serve his time as an apprentice for the space of seven years, or he be married to a freeman's daughter; and he or they shall be examined anent their skill and knowledge in the Mason Craft, by three of the ablest of the Mason trade; and if they be found of cunning or knowledge to be received into the incorporation, each shall pay twenty pounds Scots to the common funds, and three pounds to the altar and clerks, and officers' dues, which the aforesaid incorporation shall always be allowed to be the judge of that and other laws made for the behoof of the foresaid incorporation. Item, that the free and incorporate Masons of Glasgow, shall have a lodge for ever at the City of Glasgow. None in my dominions shall erect a lodge until they make application to the St. John's Lodge, Glasgow, and they considering their petition and examining their character and behaviour, grant them a charter, conform to their regulations. Item, that all the members of said incorporation shall have liberty to quarry stones, lime sand and other materials, from the grounds of persons, for paying the damages for what they occupy, or damage for building the foresaid cathedral. But if the owners of the said lands and the foresaid workmen do not agree, each party is to choose an honest man to value the expenses of the foresaid damages. Item, and that any having power from me, maintain my peace firm and stable against all other pretenders and usurpers, who encroach on me or my subjects to disturb our peace. Item, and that you and all my subjects in this obey the magistrates in things relating to my peace and the good of the city. Item, and that you instruct and teach apprentices, and that none take or employ any man's apprentice when their time of apprenticeship is not completed, under the pain of twenty pounds, the one half to the incorporation, one fourth to the lodge, and one fourth to St. Thomas' altar to say mass to their soul. Item, and I strictly charge and command that none take in hand to disturb the Free Operative Masons from being incorporated freemen, or to have a free lodge, to take away their good name or possession, or harass or do any injury to my Freemasons and petitioners under the peril of my highest displeasure; and we order that notice be taken that due obedience may be rendered to our pleasure herein declared. Given at our court, at Fordie, the 5th day of October, 1057 years, before these witnesses—Earl David, my brother, Earl Duncan, Earl Gilbert, of Montcith, Sir Robert, of Velen, Adam, of Stenhouse, and Andrew Hamilton, Bishop of Glasgow."

**MASONIC PRECEPTS.**—Never solicit a man to become a Mason. Never be absent from your lodge, if you can help it. Never repel a brother because he is poor. Never fail to admonish a brother if you see him err. Never become an informer or spy upon your brethren. Never forget that a Mason is your brother, and treat him accordingly. Never act or sympathize with any part or clique in the body of Masonry. Never make a display of Masonic emblems to attract attention for purposes of business. Never recommend an applicant, unless you know him to be a good man, and who will conform to the precepts of the institution. Never cast your ballot in favour of a candidate, unless you know him to be worthy, and free from reproach.—"Craftsman."

At a meeting held on Wednesday week, under the presidency of a member of the Court of Common Council, a City Permissive Bill Association was formed, and it was stated that 400 City electors had already enrolled themselves as supporters of the measure.

**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 beneficent progress, and sound health will soon be re-established.—ADVT.

The Freemasons of Warwickshire have just erected a reredos in St. Martin's Church, Birmingham. The space immediately beneath the great east window has been arcaded nearly to the full width, and beneath the canopied enrichment of the three central openings a carving in alabaster, representing the Lord's Supper, has been introduced. The modelling of the figures has been most carefully executed, the requisite solidity and effect having been gained without meretricious recourse to undue undercutting. The columns which support the canopy are of polished serpentine marble, while the canopy itself is carved fine-grained sandstone. The work so far has been executed at the cost of the Freemasons, but there is yet in the vacant arcade spaces to right and left sufficient scope for enshrining like gifts. It is proposed that those interested in the completion of the church should yet further assist in the matter, so that in the additional carvings of the "Entry into Jerusalem" the "Cleansing of the Temple," on the one side of the altar-piece, and the "Agony of the Garden," and the "Betrayal," on the other, a sequence should be afforded of some of the leading events in the life of Jesus. The figures of the four Evangelists will presently furnish the niches in the central part of the canopy; but as yet there are not funds sufficient to warrant the like furnishing of the remaining niches. The reredos has been designed by Mr. J. A. Chatwin, under whose hands the complete restoration of St. Martin's has been effected, and to Messrs. Farmer and Brindley, of London, the work of the carving has been entrusted.—"Figaro."

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has become the purchaser of two of Mr. Herbert Johnson's large sketches of events of more than ordinary consequence which marked His Royal Highness's tour in India. These pictures are entitled "The First Day in Nepal" and "The Hunt of the Wild Elephant"—by name Miserrimus, as Mr. W. H. Russell christened it on the spot. The artist is a Gold Medallist of the Royal Academy, and well deserves the success which he has achieved.—"Whitehall Review."

Her Majesty has commanded that instructions be given to the Master of the Mint to prepare a die, and cast a sufficient number of medals commemorative of the Arctic Expedition, to be distributed amongst the officers and crews of Her Majesty's ships Alert and Discovery, and the Arctic yacht Pandora.

The Alert and Discovery, the Arctic ships, have taken up their position in Portsmouth Harbour, and the crews are on leave of absence for three weeks. Captain Nares has been on a visit to the Prince of Wales. The Queen has conveyed her thanks to all engaged in the expedition, and the officers have been promoted. Many people incline to the belief that if the aid of engineers is called in, a passage could be speedily cut through the ice, and the Pole reached. The Pandora, which left to learn tidings of the expedition, has also returned.

**LEICESTER SQUARE SOUP KITCHEN AND REFUGE.**—In the year ending 31st October last, 132,787 meals of good nourishing meat soup and bread were given to the destitute by the Leicester-square Soup Kitchen and Refuge, 978 families were supplied with Christmas dinners, and 59 tons of coal were distributed in portions of half cwt. each. The Refuge afforded 2728 nights' lodgings, with suppers and breakfasts. The institution, which was founded in 1846, is situated in Ham-yard, Great Windmill-street, W., and is the only resource of the kind in the metropolis that is open all the year. The relief is given by tickets, which are dispensed by the subscribers, the clergy, the visitors to the poor, but in many cases of real and urgent distress, and in severe weather, this rule is somewhat relaxed, and hundreds of poor famishing creatures are relieved without tickets.

**CRYSTAL PALACE.**—The monster clock which has been in course of erection during the past six months at the south end of the building, is now completed and in working order. This clock is almost a counterpart of the Great Westminster clock, with the exception of the striking and chiming apparatus, and the dial is the largest ever yet constructed, being 40 feet in diameter, or nearly 1300 square feet in area. That of the Westminster Clock is about 23 feet. The hands, with their counterpoises, weigh nearly a quarter of a ton; the minute hand measures 19 feet in length, and moves half an inch of every beat of the pendulum. The distance travelled by the point of the minute hand is nearly 4 miles per week. During 17 days of observation, its variation was only 8 seconds.

**THE GAITY RESTAURANT,** under the able management of Bro. Baylis, bids fair to secure the liberal patronage that comfort and convenience, combined with supply of articles of the best quality, command. A few months ago this Restaurant passed into the possession of Bro. Baylis, since which time extensive alterations have been made, and a new entrance built in the Strand, leading to a Refreshment Bar (for Gentlemen only) and Grill Room, the appointments of which are perfect, and supply a want long felt in this important locality. In addition, there are Banqueting and Private Rooms, Billiard and Smoking Rooms, with every convenience in the shape of Lavatories, etc. For Masonic Banquets or Public Dinners the resources of the establishment will ensure the utmost satisfaction, be the assemblage large or small. Under the present proprietorship we wish the "Gaiety Restaurant" the success it deserves.

We learn with regret that very serious apprehensions are entertained as to the issue of the illness from which the Duchess of Cambridge has for some time been suffering. The condition of Her Royal Highness on Wednesday was such as to warrant the gravest fears on the part of the Royal Family, and the inquiries at Kew Palace as to the state of the illustrious patient were numerous and anxious.—"Echo."

## NOTICE.

We have deferred the Supplement until next week, and it will contain an account of Lord Suffield's Installation as P.G.M. of Norfolk by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M., and other matter.

## 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 28th of November, and will be a double number. To subscribers as usual, to non-subscribers 1s.

## Answers to Correspondents.

The somewhat intemperate letter of the W.M. of the Hervey Lodge will appear in our next, and a proof of it shall be sent to him.

ERRATUM.—In the Report of Lewis Lodge last week the name of Bro. "Sayer" was spelt "Layer."

The following stand over:—Lodge of Honour, 379; Duke of Connaught, 1558; Abercorn Lodge, 1549; Domestic, 177; Morecambe Lodge, 1561; Rowley, 1051; Lodge of Fortitude, 281; Kennington, 1381; Francis Burdett, 1503; Fortescue Mark Lodge; Letters on "The Hervey Lodge," "Toleration and Father Foy."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

## BIRTHS.

- ADAMSON.—On the 8th inst., at Rottingdean, Sussex, the wife of J. D. Adamson, Esq., of a daughter.  
BALFOUR.—On the 10th ult., at Bhamboorda, Poonah, the wife of M. Balfour, Esq., of a son.  
EVANS.—On the 8th inst., at Kensington Gardens Square, W., the wife of A. Evans, of a daughter.  
GORDON.—On the 11th inst., at 4, Queen's-gardens, West Brighton, the wife of Frederick Gordon, Esq., of a son.  
JONES.—On the 9th inst., at Hayter-road, Brixton, the wife of A. M. Jones, of a son.  
RODWELL.—On the 8th inst., at Thames Ditton, the wife of W. H. Rodwell, Esq., of a daughter.  
SMITH.—On the 8th inst., at Rye, Sussex, the wife of A. W. Smith, of a daughter.  
WHITE.—On the 9th inst., the wife of G. White, of Epsom, Surrey, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

- CANNING—ATHERTON.—On the 9th inst., at Ramsbury, Wilts, John Canning, of Windsor, to Ellen, daughter of W. F. Atherton, of Whittonditch.  
GREENE—PHILLOTT.—On the 7th inst., at Holy Trinity, Weston-super-Mare, William Batchelder, son of Col. Greene, of U.S., to Edith Fanny, daughter of R. Phillott, Esq., of Weston-super-Mare.

## DEATHS.

- BELL.—On the 9th inst., at Albany-street, N.W., Marion, widow of Sir Charles Bell, in her 90th year.  
DANIEL.—On the 9th inst., at City-road, Jesse Cato Daniel, M.A., LL.D.  
HARVEY.—On the 8th inst., at Paris, Joseph Harvey, of Lambeth House, S.E., aged 84.  
JENKINS.—On the 9th inst., at the Vicarage, Aberdare, aged 48, the Rev. John David Jenkins, D.D.  
NELSON.—On the 6th inst., at Tingewick, Bucks, George Nelson, Esq.  
SMYTH.—On the 6th inst., at Bathampton House, Bath, Amelia, widow of R. G. Smyth, Esq., in her 89th year.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOV. 18, 1876.

## A MASONIC PRESS.

We have thought it well, as we are now in the midst of November, to devote a portion of our space to the consideration of this very important subject, for various reasons, and with a definite end. We are not insensible to the a priori reasons often brought forward against Masonic publication. We often feel ourselves, as we have previously said, how difficult is the position of the Masonic publisher, the task of the Masonic editor. For, unlike most other institutions of earth, Freemasonry "per se" gains nothing by publication, by the obtrusion of its principles or proceedings on the attention of the outside world. Indeed, it is impossible, in our opinion, any longer to justify that abuse of the Masonic press which has been going on for some time past, in the opening out to the profane world the arcana of our ritual and our lodge work. Far too much has been printed with respect to our ceremonial labours, and far too many of the technical terms of our "Royal Art" have been made use of openly in the Masonic press. During the last twelve months we have been seeking in the "Freemason" to curtail the exuberance of lodge reports, and the "minutiae" of detail into which many of our good correspondents have liked to fall, though we do not think that we have been successful in our endeavours, and we freely admit that there is much room for improvement in the editorial supervision in this respect. But within due bounds and proper restrictions the reports of lodge work have an interest for some brethren, and constitute a very striking portion of our Masonic life. No Masonic periodical can dispense with them altogether, and carefully supervised and, if need be, curtailed, they form, we think, a befitting feature of all Masonic journalism. We are aware of no other valid objection to a Masonic press, except the old objection—to the press itself, but which, as Freemasons, we are too liberally-minded to endorse or to support, for there is a large field for legitimate reporting, and for useful Masonic publication. The proceedings, for instance, of our Grand Lodge, and of our Prov. Grand Lodges (of course, within all due bounds), the accounts of the consecration of new lodges, the anniversary festivals of old lodges, the addresses of distinguished Masons, and, above all, the interests of our great Masonic Charities, and all Masonic charitable efforts deserve, both passing notice and becoming record. And then, thanks to the labours of Bros. Findel, and Hughan, and D. Murray Lyon, and many more, what a large and interesting field of research and discussion has a revived interest in Masonic Archæology and history, opened out before all thinking and studious Masons. Who shall venture to say, that in this condition of affairs, a Masonic Press is not needed, is not important, is not useful? Who can pretend to lay down arbitrarily the limits of its usefulness, its necessity, or its value. On the contrary we feel ourselves persuaded that all reflecting and fair-minded persons will admit, whatever their prepossessions may be on the subject, that (within the lines we have marked out for its course), that a Masonic Press is alike important and advisable, judicious and justifiable. And it is for this one end, remember, that the "Freemason" has earnestly laboured since its foundation. The past history of the Masonic Press in England is not so prosperous or so satisfactory as to enable any brother to find fault with any one, who for good and sufficient reasons, has ventured to found a Masonic journal. For some time the "Freemason" was the only Masonic paper in England, and had it not been for the energy and efforts of our publisher, and for his liberal sacrifices, too often forgotten, English Freemasonry must have remained without any literary representative at all, for some time at any rate. But the "Freemason" has been established, has flourished, and is progressing, until it can boast, with no vain glory, or idle affectation, that it receives a larger measure of support than ever

was meted out, that we are aware of, to any other English Masonic paper, and not only this, but out of England it is largely read, and in India, our Colonies, Canada, and the United States, it has numerous subscribers, and friendly admirers, if we may judge by the manner in which its leading articles are transferred to the columns of other Masonic periodicals and papers. We constantly receive kindly letters of commendation, for which we are very grateful, and our able confrere Bro. MacCalla, the Editor of the "Philadelphia Keystone," not long ago paid us one of the highest compliments it has ever been our lot to receive. To us, then, the history of our past is pleasant, our situation in the present is most prosperous, and our prospects for the future most encouraging. Never had any Masonic paper more indulgent readers, more friendly correspondents, or more tolerant critics. Indeed, in all these respects we have nothing to wish for, nothing to want for, and nothing to demand. But there are one or two points on which we think it right to say a few words to our numerous Masonic readers and friends. Some of our good brethren indulge in a little mistake as regards the actual position of a Masonic press, which we think it worth while to try and rectify. It would almost seem as if some of our 100,000 members in England, are of opinion, almost, that a Masonic press should cost them nothing. They have a Masonic paper, with all the Masonic news of the week, carefully collected at some expense, they have the paper edited, printed, published, for them, and they are too often unwilling to pay themselves any fraction of the expense of production. A Masonic paper cannot be produced for nothing, numberless expenses make up the whole little amount, which each succeeding week has to be paid by somebody. Hence, then, it is no answer to our good publisher to say, as he so often hears it said, "I see the 'Freemason,' at the Club," or "in the lodge Library," "My lodge takes it in." We have not in these common words any sufficient principle of support to make a Masonic paper a paying concern. No doubt if every lodge under our Grand Lodge took in a copy every week, that would make an excellent foundation for the list of subscribers. But we want to go a little further, and to do a little more. If individual brethren would themselves give in their names to the subscription list, and induce one or two of their friends to do the same, the circulation of the "Freemason," large as it is now, would be so greatly augmented that our liberal publisher would undoubtedly be ready permanently and considerably to increase it, and still to offer it at its present most reasonable price. Indeed, we have no hesitation in saying that when you consider the weekly press of the country, it would be a very difficult task for any one to point to another paper which gives so much, for so little. We think, then, that we have made a case for the consideration of our fraternity, and we trust that we have made the matter also clear to their minds. We ask for no subsidies, and we claim no support; we neither tout for subscribers, nor do we invoke patronage. But we do say this, and we say it openly before the Craft, before all our readers and friends, who are quite competent to judge for themselves, that we give a good marketable article, at the lowest possible "quotation," and we may fairly entreat our kindly and intelligent fraternity to enable us to make the "Freemason" still more worthy of the position it aspires to occupy in the good opinion and conviction of all Anglo-Saxon Freemasons. For one thing, both publisher and editor pride themselves, namely, that they have carefully kept the pages of the "Freemason" free from anything like personality or unbrotherly feeling. While free opinion has been fairly discussed, it has never degenerated into license, and from first to last, the "Freemason" always has been, and always will be, distinguished by its obedience to Masonic authority, and the upholding of the regulations of the Book of Constitutions. Whatever the future may have in store for us all, no one ever can impute to the "Freemason" any laxity as regards our ancient landmarks, or judicious laws, and its readers will always find in its pages that proper vindication of "authority" which is, in our



opinion, ever characteristic of the loyal Freemason. With a new year of opening metropolitan work, the publisher and editor of the "Freemason" beg to offer to its friends and subscribers their heartfelt thanks, and venture to express their confident hope that in the future, as in the past, the "Freemason" will merit and maintain the favourable judgement and the cheerful support of large and increasing numbers of our ancient and honourable fraternity.

#### ENGLISH AND FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

Our worthy Grand Secretary has delivered some very weighty words with reference to the present unfortunate position of the French Grand Orient and their Masonic proceedings in respect of the necessary condition of religious recognition of the Great Architect of the Universe and the very existence of God. We beg respectfully to call Bro. Caubet's attention to the remarks of Bro. Hervey, given elsewhere, most important in themselves, and deserving of grave consideration by the French Freemasons, as Bro. Hervey never speaks unadvisedly, and is well-known to be one of the most cautious of officials, and peace loving of men. We hope that the Grand Orient of France and our French brethren will take his warning "notes" in good part. We quite admit the independence of national Grand Lodges, but there is one universal law of Masonry, which no particular section of the great family can contravene without damage to itself, and without disrespect to the other portions. The unchanged law of a million of Anglo-Saxon Freemasons is the recognition of the existence of God, and if French Freemasonry takes that great truth from its formularies, it separates itself necessarily from Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, and assumes for itself, as French Freemasons have themselves clearly seen, a position of melancholy isolation and baneful negativism. We hope for better things from French Freemasonry, and we beg to commend to the notice of our French and English brethren Bro. Hervey's speech, as alluded to lower down.

#### THE "COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR" FOR 1877.

Our publisher has put out his "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar" for the ensuing twelve months, and we propose to say a few words respecting this his useful publication, in our pages to-day. We are induced to do so for the reason that many mistaken notions appear to prevail respecting it, and some of our good brethren seem to fancy that such a publication is somehow or other (though how, "deponents saith not") an encroachment on the "Freemasons' Calendar" authorized by our Grand Lodge, and which is alone published under their sanction. Now we wish shortly to say that no greater mistake ever was made, or possibly could arise. The "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar" emanated simply from an idea of our publisher, who thought that he saw his way "for the information of the Craft," to utilize a little work which had previously been begun and dropped under another Grand Lodge, and to enter upon Masonic "regions," so to say, not at all trodden over by our English Craft. Accordingly, the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar" was started with a two-fold object, first to give a correct reference to the existing and important bodies of the High Grades, which had no general or official almanacks; and secondly, to supply the names of foreign Grand Lodge Officers, and of foreign lodges; and this the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar" certainly has most successfully achieved, and has offered to the Craft a mass of information previously unattainable and of great interest. Instead, then, of any of our brotherhood looking upon the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar" as set up in opposition to the existing and needful almanack of Grand Lodge, it should be regarded as a supplemental volume of considerable importance, inasmuch as many references and much information, ready to the hand, and not otherwise procurable, and equally important for the Craft as for the High Grade Mason, is thus placed

within the reach of every brother. We do not suppose, for one moment, that any of our highest authorities or leading Masons entertain any such opinion, as their own intelligence would show them that they were under a grave misapprehension in this respect, and were doing injustice to the exertions and efforts of our worthy and energetic publisher. But there are in Freemasonry, as in all other institutions, some petty or mediocre minds, which cannot raise themselves above trade jealousies, or personal antagonism, and can see nothing good, and everything that is bad, in the praiseworthy labours of some one whom they are opposed to in business, or differ from in opinion. The publisher of the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar" has only exercised the right which belongs to all Freemasons. He has published a Masonic work, not in opposition to any other work, not patronized by Masonic authority, but simply as an individual contribution to Masonic information, at his own cost, at his own risk, and which he simply commends to the open market of Masonic approval and support. If his book is worth nothing it will find no purchasers, if it is indeed "value received," it will soon find its own level, and need not fear either the cavils of the ignorant, or the criticism of the unjust. But what we fear a little is that it is not so much the work, as the success of the work, which grates on the susceptibilities and sensibilities of some whose judgement is very defective, and whose good taste and brotherly feeling appear to us often to represent the "unknown quantity." For when we open the "Cosmo" to-day, we can find no possible ground on which to found any objections, much less the slightest complaint. It contains in it a mass of information, which is found collected together, in no one other Masonic Book in the world, information as interesting, as important, and which in these days is essential, not only to Masonic intercommunication, and to our Masonic officials, but to that advancing interest in all things Masonic, which is characteristic of Freemasonry everywhere at this present hour. Both the "Freemasons' Calendar" and the "Cosmopolitan Calendar," are requisite to our full knowledge of our great Masonic world, and as both give information equally valuable, but of different portions of our Universal Family, there certainly is no jarring, and there need be not the slightest opposition between them. It may suit some foolish persons to say so, for trade purposes, but the statement is untrue in itself, and deserves the condemnation and reprobation of all Freemasons. We feel sure, on the contrary, that all intelligent members of our Order will welcome now, as formerly, the remarkable amount of valuable and Masonic information, of other constitutions, foreign bodies and distant lodges, to say nothing of the lists of High Grade chapters, and councils, so laboriously provided, so carefully edited, and so lucidly arranged, in the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar." We can confidently appeal to our fraternity on its "merits" alone, and we leave it in their hands, without one doubt or fear, as to what their generous and impartial verdict will be.

ENGLISH AND FRENCH FREEMASONRY.—On the 11th inst., another new lodge of the Grand Lodge of English Freemasons was celebrated at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell-new-road, under the title of the "Crichton Lodge," bearing the number of 1641 on the list of English lodges. The consecration ceremony, with the sanction of the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, was performed by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, assisted by several other members of the Grand Lodge, and in the presence of a very numerous body of members of the Craft. Bro. Hervey also inducted into the chair Bro. J. H. Vockins as Worshipful Master. In the course of Bro. Hervey's opening address he remarked that while on the 1st November, 1863, the whole number of lodges under the Grand Lodge of England was 942, on the 9th of November, 1876, they were 1649, being an increase of 707 lodges, or an annual average of something like 50 during that period. Although such was the satisfactory state of English Freemasonry, he could not refrain from alluding to

certain proceedings which were going on in the Grand Orient of France, which, speaking entirely as an individual, he thought must at no distant period, engage the attention of the Grand Lodge of England—proceedings which struck at the very root of Freemasonry, and which he only viewed with dismay and alarm. Should this matter ever be taken up, it would then become a very serious question as to whether French Freemasons should ever be admitted as visitors to the Grand Lodge of England. The officers were then appointed, and a banquet, at which the Master presided, followed.

#### THE GRAND LODGE OF ROME, AND BRO. J. C. PARKINSON, P.G.D. COMMUNIQUE.

The following article appeared in the "Unità Cattolica," November 8th:—

The "Unità Cattolica" is the leading organ of the Ultramontane party in Italy, and is esteemed to be the most ably conducted of the extreme Catholic journals. There is something very pitiable in the depth of misrepresentation to which this newspaper has descended. It should be added that the "Unità Cattolica" is credited with representing the views of Cardinal Manning, and that since the fall of the temporal power in Italy it has appeared uniformly with a deep black border on its front page in mourning for the fall of the head of the Church. THE SPIRIT OF MASONRY IN A DIPLOMA OF MERIT TO MR. PARKINSON ("UNITÀ CATTOLICA," NOV. 8TH).

The Roman Freemasons, on the evening of the 28th October, held high festival. To the number of about 100 clothed in the insignia of their Order, they assembled in the Temple of the Grand Orient of Italy in Rome, to welcome worthily Mr. J. C. Parkinson, a Grand Dignitary of the Grand Lodge of England, and to present him with a diploma in recognition of his services to Italian Masonry. The diploma had been specially designed for him, and, according to the "Opinione" of 31st October, it represented the "Spirit of Masonry ascending to Heaven." It was handed over to him with solemn ceremony by the Deputy, George Tamaio, Grand Master of Italy, and it was acknowledged by Signor Parkinson in a lodge discourse on the origin, on the advantages, and on the duties of Freemasonry, hailing, "with peculiar satisfaction the establishment of a Grand Lodge in Rome, where the monuments are eloquent of the sufferings of generations of illustrious martyrs."

Passing over the martyrs and the sufferings of the generations, to how Masonry has gone to Rome to honour with her presence and with her temple, we may call attention to the symbol designed on the diploma presented to Mr. Parkinson. In a purely material age, when materialists are summoned from Holland to sit in the Senate of Rome, when the theories of Büchner and Darwin are held in honour, and taught in the school, when at every turn we are told that we spring from apes and frogs, and that born of matter by a transformation, we have no other destiny than to be transformed in turn, and never cease to be matter, it does appear marvellous that Masonry at Rome should admit among her symbols the spirit, and give to this a heavenward tendency.

A few weeks ago, a congress of Freemasons in Belgium decided to suppress belief in the Great Architect of Nature, thus denying the existence of God, and how can it be asserted that God does not exist, while admitting the existence of spirits and their heavenward tendency? The abbot Gyr added some documents to the beautiful work on Freemasonry of Eckert, advocate, of Dresden, to demonstrate that Masonry tends to earth and not to heaven, and admits the most stupid materialism.\* And it cannot be otherwise, when the grossest errors find shelter with Freemasons, who welcome with cordiality everything that is in any way calculated to subvert the pure and sacred doctrines of the Church.

But we know too well what is the spirit of Masonry, which teaches materialism in the schools and usurps the education of youth, and at the same time pretends to make respected in itself a quality which it denies to the Deity, a haughty spirit, a spirit eminently contradictory, which speaks lies and lives wholly in lies and of lies. Pius XI. from the first day that he ascended the throne indicated this spirit, and defined it exactly when he fulminated against the secret societies "as having emerged from darkness for the ruin and desolation of all things human and divine," renewing the condemnations and anathemas of his predecessors.† It is that spirit which in conjunction with Protestantism shakes the authority of the Church, in conjunction with liberalism breaks the bonds of human authority, in conjunction with rationalism denies all authority, natural and divine, and throws around reason the mantle of "Queen." It is that spirit, in short, of which an English Freemason spoke in a discourse in Freemasons' Tavern in London in 1862. "Lucifer is the apex of the social pyramid, it is he who is the first Craftsman, the first rebel, the first martyr. We revolutionists ought, out of respect and gratitude, to display on our banner the beloved image of the heroic insurgent who was the first to dare revolt against the tyranny of God."‡ And this is what the Masons of Rome have emblazoned on the diploma of Bro. Parkinson.

This Spirit of Masonry tends to rise heavenwards, but is a foolish pretension of "Him who first turned his back upon his Maker." It is the angel of darkness, who still transforms himself into the angel of light to deceive and seduce, and directs his flight to heaven, when God has chained him to the bottom of the abyss. The efforts which it makes to destroy the Church, and to combat

Jesus Christ are incredible, its ambition is to see men fall down in adoration before it, to obtain which adoration it promises everything. It has promised Rome, and it has there obtained a temple, and now it is adored there by those who refuse to believe in the Great Architect of Nature, who bend the knee before Satan, and represent it as a spirit ascending to heaven. But it is precisely in heaven that our hopes reside, and thence will come to us the victory—

"Where Michael,

His vengeance wreaked upon the rebel proud."

\*La Francmaçonnerie dans sa véritable signification, par Ed. Eckert, tome. II., page 275.

†Enciclica di Pio Nono Qui pluribus del 9th Novembre, 1846.

‡De Camille, Storia della Setta Anticristiana, vol. II. page 38.

### 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.]

#### A POINT OF LAW.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reading the paragraph, "A Point of Law," in your last issue, it reminded me of the accompanying copy of a charter that was sent by order of His Grace Henry Duke of Beaufort, Grand Master, in April, 1769, to every lodge under the immediate government of the G.M., together with two printed notes, one implying assent, and the other a dissent, in order to have one of them signed by the Master and Wardens, and witnessed by the Secretary.

In consequence of such proceedings there were sent to the G. Sec. the approbation of one hundred and sixty-eight lodges, and the disapprobation of only forty-three.

Is the enclosed charter the bill that was brought into Parliament in 1771, by the Hon. Charles Dillon, Deputy G. Master, but on the second reading of the bill, Mr. Onslow opposed it, when the Hon. C. Dillon moved to postpone the consideration of it. Was it ever brought afterwards before Parliament, as Mr. Dillon moved to postpone the consideration of it sine die.

Yours fraternally,

R. W. O.

"COPY OF THE CHARTER OF INCORPORATION OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

"George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these presents shall come, greeting, whereas the society of Free and Accepted Masons have for ages held frequent meetings within this realm, and have ever demeaned themselves with duty and loyalty to us and our predecessors, with reverence and obedience to the laws, and kindness and goodwill to their fellow-subjects: And whereas, the said society appears to have been originally instituted for humane and beneficent purposes, and have distributed from time to time to all without distinction, who have had the single claim of wretchedness, sums to a great amount, collected by voluntary contribution among themselves. And whereas, our entirely beloved, &c., &c., &c. Members of the society of Free and Accepted Masons, under the Constitution of England, in behalf of themselves and many others of the said society, by their petition humbly presented to us, have most humbly besought us to grant our most gracious letters patent to incorporate the said society, and make them a body politic and corporate for ever.

Now know ye, that we out of our princely regard to a body of men, associated for such laudable purposes, willing to manifest to the world our entire approbation of their past conduct, and desirous to enable them to answer more effectually the humane ends of their Institution, of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, have ordained, given, and granted, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors, do ordain, give, and grant, that for the future there shall be a perpetual society, which shall be called by the name of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons of England. And we do hereby declare, that the said society shall consist of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Past Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Masters, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Sword Bearer, twelve Stewards, and of the Masters and Wardens of the several subordinate lodges, who, together with those already enumerated, compose the Grand Lodge, who, by the name of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons of England, shall forever hereafter be a body politic and corporate in deed and in law, and that, by the same name, they and their successors shall have perpetual succession; and that they and their successors, by that name, shall and may forever hereafter be enabled, and rendered capable, and have power (notwithstanding the Statute of Mortmain) to purchase, have, take, acquire, receive, possess, enjoy, and hold to them and their successors, manors, messuages, lands, rents, tenements, goods, and chattels, annuities, and hereditaments, of whatsoever nature or kind, in free and perpetuity, or for terms of life or years, or otherwise. And we hereby give and grant unto the said society and their successors, by the name aforesaid, our special license, full power, and lawful authority, to hold and enjoy lands and hereditaments which may hereafter be devised, granted, or sold to the said society; and also, to purchase, hold, receive, and possess, in Mortmain, in perpetuity or otherwise, to, or for the use of, or in trust for them and their successors, for the use and benefit of the said corporation, from any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, their heirs and successors respectively, such manors, lands, tenements, rents, hereditaments, as they shall think fit to purchase, or

shall be given, granted, devised, or conveyed to them by deed, or otherwise, not exceeding the yearly value of —

Over and above charges and reprises, so far as they are not restrained, by law; and also, to sell, grant, demise, exchange, and dispose of any of the same manors, messuages, lands, and tenements, whereof or wherein they shall have an estate of inheritance for life or lives, or years as aforesaid. And we further grant, that the said society and their successors, by the name aforesaid, may and shall by the said name of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons of England, be able to sue and to be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all courts and pleas whatsoever, of us, our heirs and successors, before any of our judges and justices, and other officers of us, our heirs and successors, in all and singular actions, suits, plaints, causes, matters, demands, and things whatsoever, and to act and to do in all matters and things relating to the said corporation in as ample a manner and form as any other, our liege subjects being persons able and capable in the law, or any other body politic or corporate, in this of our kingdom of Great Britain, called England, lawfully may, or can act or do; and that the said corporation for ever shall, and may have, and use a common seal, for the cause and business of them and their successors, and that it shall and may be lawful for them and their successors, to change, break, alter, and make new the said seal from time to time as they shall think fit. And we do hereby give and grant unto the said society a coat of arms, that is to say, and for the better execution of this our grant, we do nominate, constitute, and appoint our right trusty and dearly beloved cousin and councillor, Henry, Duke of Beaufort, to be First Grand Master, our trusty and well beloved the Honourable Charles Dillon to be the First Deputy Grand Master, each of them respectively to be and continue in their several and respective offices of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, &c., &c., &c., until the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, which shall happen next after the expiration of one year from the day of the date of these presents, and from thence until other fit and able persons be chosen into the said offices in their respective rooms. Provided always, that all the persons so appointed, or hereafter to be appointed, members of the Grand Lodge, shall, in all things, aid, advise, and assist in conducting the business, and in all matters relating to the regulations and government of the said society of Free and Accepted Masons of England. And we do give and grant unto the said Grand Master, or his deputy, his or their successor or successors, for the time being, full power and authority, by virtue of these our letters patent, to issue warrants for the constituting of subordinate lodges; and the said lodges warranted as aforesaid, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, legal and regular. And furthermore, we give and grant to the said society that they shall and may hold meetings of themselves, for the better management of their funds, and the application of them to proper purposes, and the transaction of all other business relating to the society, when, and as often as it shall be necessary in any place within the City of London, or ten miles thereof. And it shall be lawful for the said society from time to time, to nominate and chuse once in every year, one fit and able person to be Grand Master, and one other to be Grand Treasurer of the said society: the other officers to be appointed in the manner and form heretofore established by the long and uninterrupted usage of the society to continue severally until the Feast of St. John the Evangelist next, after the expiration of one year from the time of their respective elections or appointments (if they shall so long live, or not be removed for some just or reasonable cause), and from thence till another be chosen. And in case the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, &c., &c., or any of them shall die, secede, or be removed from any of the said offices respectively, then and in such case it shall be lawful to choose or appoint (according to ancient usage) a fit and able person to fill up such office as shall become vacant. And the person or persons so chosen or appointed shall continue to the expiration of the year for which their predecessor in such office had been chosen or appointed. And if it shall happen that the election of the Grand Master, and Grand Treasurer, and appointment of the other Grand Officers, cannot be perfected on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, we do hereby grant that the Grand Master may lawfully assign or appoint any other day as near as may be after the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, for the perfecting such election or elections, which shall always be in the manner and form heretofore observed by the said society, and for the nomination and appointment of such officers as by the ancient usage of the said society are not elective, and so from day to day till the said elections and appointments shall be completed. And we further give and grant to the said society, that the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and constituent members of the Grand Lodge for the time being, shall and may, from time to time, assemble together in such convenient place in London, or within ten miles thereof, as the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master (by the Grand Master's authority) shall appoint by summons or other notice, which he is by these presents empowered and required timely to issue for that purpose to all the said members; and that they being so met shall have full power to make, constitute, and ordain such statutes, bye-laws, and ordinances as shall appear to them to be good, and necessary, and expedient for the government, order, and regulation of the said society, and every member thereof; which statutes, bye-laws, and ordinances, not being repugnant to the laws of this realm, shall and may be effectually observed and kept; and to do all other things concerning the government, estate, and revenues of the said society. Provided, nevertheless, and our will is, that no bye-law, statute, or ordinance, so to be made by this corporation, shall be binding upon the said society, until the same shall have been read over and

approved of by the majority of the society assembled together for that purpose.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness ourself, at Westminster.

#### THE HERVEY LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was much surprised to see that a lodge has actually sued a brother for his fees in one of the County Courts, and I do not see that the letter of the W.M. of 1260, published in your paper of the 11th Nov., at all improves the position.

Non-payment of fees for degrees is a matter so very easily settled that a case of such arrears occurring should never exist.

Let me suggest to Lodge 1260 the passing of a bye-law to this effect, that no degrees are given until the Treasurer reports the fees are in his hands. My father in Masonry, on hearing the work of the evening included any degrees, used to turn to the Treasurer and ask if all the fees were in for the degrees it was proposed to give that evening. If his reply was in the negative, he used at once to say, "That being the case, I regret I am unable to give Bro. — the degree he is desirous of taking, it being against the bye-laws of our lodge." The result was, that with the application for initiation, or for any higher degree, came the requisite fees; and if that was carried out in all lodges we should hear no more of suits for Masonic fees being instituted in County Courts, to the great scandal of the Craft in general.

Yours fraternally,

D.G.M.

Bath, 13th Nov., 1876.

#### THE ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"East Lancashire" in your last week's issue, hits a blot in our system of admitting members. I would name a case somewhat different, although perhaps more strikingly irregular, as it has reference to country candidates being admitted into London lodges. A case in point:—A resident of some years standing in this town was anxious to become a Freemason, but neither the lodge meeting here, or the one at Highbridge, some six miles distant, were disposed to receive him. Well, what does he do? Why run up to London, gets proposed, elected, and initiated into a lodge meeting at Freemasons' Hall (the Phoenix, I believe,) returns home, and snaps his fingers at the Craft, and enters as a visitor a lodge that would not initiate him.

Under such a system is it to be wondered at, if black sheep get within the fold?

I think it is a subject that calls for the interference of Grand Lodge by some law being enacted whereby the possibility of such a scandal should be rendered impossible.

Yours fraternally,

SOMERSET.

Bridgwater, 13th Nov. 1876.

#### MASONIC CHARITY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your report of the meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in the "Freemason" of the 11th inst., induces me to write to you. Masonic charity, whether real or ostentatious, is now so general and so well known that the outside world are taking unfair advantage of it.

The hand of every true Mason is ever ready to obey the generous promptings of his heart in beneficence, whether the needy case be that of a brother or of a stranger; but St. Paul, who doubtless was a Freemason, and who loved to inculcate the true Masonic principles of fear towards God, honour to the King, love to the brotherhood, especially to those of the household of faith, and teach us that our love must be first shown to the brotherhood. We may agree as to the beginning of the brotherhood, and differ as to the extent and the limit of it. I conceive that every one duly initiated into Masonry is our brother, and that his nearest and dearest relatives, in the person of his wife, his child, or his dependent sister ought to be, and are the first objects of every Mason's care. This puts the wife, &c., of every non-Mason beyond the pale of Masonic charity as such. I am, therefore, pleased that the "overwhelming majority" decided to withhold relief from the widow of a non-Mason, though once the widow of a Mason. By this act they have shown negatively their love of the brethren, and have told the outer world that Mason's charity is guided by justice and discretion, that they prefer not to give the children's meat to strangers.

There is, Sir, a case similar to the above now in the enjoyment of the most valuable of our charities. The son of a deceased Mason, whose widow is again married to a non-Mason, and is in pretty good circumstances, is now receiving all the benefits that our noble institution at Wood Green affords.

The second marriage of the mother was arranged before the election of the boy, and actually took place, as I am informed, between the election and the admission of the boy to the school. By the second marriage the boy's status as the orphan of a Freemason was done away with, and he became legally the son of another man not one of our fraternity. To admit him to the school without payment is to extend Masonic charity beyond its legitimate limits to the prejudice of some other orphan boy. The fact ought to be, and probably is, known to the House Committee and to the Charity Committee of this province. I desire that it may be more extensively known by means of your valuable paper, and shall be happy if you can afford me a little space.

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

WEST YORK.



### CONSECRATION OF ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 1631, GORLESTON.

The consecration of a new lodge is at all times of great interest to the Craft, but more especially so when it occurs in their own province. On Monday morning a large muster of brethren from Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Halesworth, and other places in Suffolk, as well as a few brethren from Norwich, mustered at St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston, for the purpose of assisting at the ceremony of opening a new lodge in that remote corner of Suffolk. The foundation of the new lodge is entirely due to Bro. E. P. Youell, Esq., a resident in the town—who takes great interest in the Craft—and who not being able to find a place suitable for the purpose, has erected, at his own cost, a small but convenient lodge-room, adjoining the St. Andrew's Hall Lecture Room, and fitted it up with every requisite for the work. The new lodge has been named the "St. Andrew's Lodge;" but why this name has been chosen we cannot say, although as the church is named after St. Andrew, we suppose that Saint was the patron of the fishermen of the town and neighbourhood, as St. Nicholas is the patron Saint of Yarmouth.

The ceremony of consecration was intended to be performed by the P.G. Master for Suffolk (Lord Waveney), but his lordship was unavoidably detained in Ireland, and the Deputy Prov. G. Master (Bro. Rev. E. I. Lockwood) having recently died, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain of England, was deputed by the P.G.M. to perform the important office. Excellent arrangements were made for the purpose, but unfortunately the space was so limited, and the number of brethren present so numerous, that the ceremony, therefore, lost a great portion of its effect. The lodge was summoned for half-past eleven, some time being usually required on these occasions, when so many visiting brethren are present, to settle the order of proceedings. At half-past eleven the lodge was duly opened by Bro. Lucia, P.G. Secretary of Suffolk, after which the warrant of constitution from the Grand Lodge of England was read, and the names of the brethren proposed as officers having been duly approved of, Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, accompanied by the P.G. Officers for the Province, was then introduced in due form. The ceremony of the consecration was ably carried out by him, Bro. Rev. T. Tweed, P.G. Chaplain for Suffolk, assisting, with Bro. Mann (of Lowestoft), at the harmonium. Bro. Martyn then called upon the W. Master elect (Bro. Youell) to answer certain questions, which being satisfactory, he was inducted in due form into the W.M.'s chair amidst the applause of the brethren. He then proceeded to appoint the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Capt. Dods, S.W.; J. Hammond, J.W.; Thurlby, S.D.; Stainer, J.D.; Fiske, I.G.; Bro. Bond, of the Friendship Lodge, being appointed as the I.P.M. The business of the lodge so far having been concluded, the brethren then arranged themselves in procession, and, preceded by the band of the West Norfolk Militia, wended their way to St. Andrew's Church, where arrangements had been made with the Vicar for a special service to be held. A large number of the inhabitants were present. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Tweed, Prov. G.C., from 1 Ecclesiasticus, 10th Verse, the offertory on the occasion being given (by desire) to the Church Restoration Fund. On their return to the lodge-room, a vote of thanks was moved by the W.M. to the Prov. G. Chaplain for his admirable Masonic sermon on the occasion, and to the Vicar for kindly granting the use of his church. A vote of thanks was also passed to the Halesworth brethren for signing the petition to be forwarded to the Grand Lodge, after which the lodge was closed in due form. As many of the brethren on these occasions come from various parts of the county it will not allow of much time to be lost, therefore shortly after five o'clock the brethren assembled in an adjoining building, called St. Andrew's Hall, which had been most tastefully decorated for the occasion, and where a most elegant repast had been prepared. The W.M. (Bro. Youell) presided, and was supported by Bro. Martyn and the other Provincial Officers of the

Province, as well as by many visiting brethren. After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, that of "The W.M." being given in a most felicitous manner by Bro. Martyn. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing by some of the brethren present, and a most agreeable evening was spent.

We must not omit to state that the band of the West Norfolk Militia played various pieces of music during dinner in a most admirable manner.

The official number of the new lodge is 1631, and by that it appears there have been 131 new lodges opened in various parts of England since the Walpole Lodge, No. 1500, was consecrated in Norwich two years ago.

### Reviews.

"THE RELIGIOUS LIFE OF ENGLAND." Part I. By HENRY MORLEY. Cassell Petter and Galpin.

We have received this part, No. 17 in fact, of Cassell's Library of English Literature, and are much pleased with it, and recommend it to our readers. It travels over a "terra incognita" to many of us, and gives information, often only accessible to Antiquaries and Archæologists. But the history of the religious thoughts of our people are very interesting, and though we are not quite prepared to say, that we agree with all the views expressed by the Professor, the substantial fact remains, that he gives us an insight into ancient MSS. and forgotten works, opens out before us the roll of a buried past, with great care, skill, and lucidity. "Facts," as we often say, "are stubborn things" and "words," equally speak clearer and more fully for themselves, especially when ungarbled, the "ipissima verba" of the writer, than the paraphrases of commentators or the explanations of Editors.

### THE MASONIC MAGAZINE.

This Masonic periodical, at one time the only magazine dealing with Masonic matters in England, is now in its fourth year of existence, and deserves, we think, the support of our Order. It emanates from our worthy publisher, who has sought, at great cost to himself, to give the Craft a monthly magazine, replete with useful information, didactic articles, archæological information, and amusing reading. In this we think that he has succeeded, as several of the papers published in the "Masonic Magazine" have been "unique" of their kind, and are most valuable for reference and information. We know of no better present for a lodge library than the three volumes of the "Masonic Magazine."

### THE "ROSICRUCIAN."

This quarterly magazine continues its useful course. It is also published by Bro. Kenning, and is mainly devoted to High Grade literature. It is very ably edited, and it cannot fail to afford both gratification and edification to those for whom it is principally designed. Our publisher surely deserves the thanks of all who wish for Masonic light, and value Masonic literature. It is true that we are not all High Grade Masons, and some of us object to High Grade theories and the like. But surely that is a very narrow and unworthy view of the whole question. He must be a very superficial Mason who denies the "status" of the High Grades, by the side of Anglo-Saxon Masonry, and a most intolerant individual who would refuse them a fair hearing, or ignore their claims to regard, respect, and goodwill.

### MASONIC DEMONSTRATION AT DRYBRIDGE.

A general meeting of the Lodge St. Andrew, Drybridge, was held on Wednesday, Nov. 8th, for the purpose of installing the Proxy Master and Wardens, and investing them with the Masonic clothing of the lodge. A number of the members of Grand Lodge, including Bros. W. Barton, S.M. Munro, and W.M. Bryce, the Grand Tyler, attended to take part in the proceedings. The lodge was opened by the R.W. Master, Bro. John Campbell, and some preliminary business having been disposed of, the Proxy Master, Brother Hugh Munro, and Proxy Wardens, Brothers J. Macpherson and A. Duff, were introduced with the usual honours, and addressed by the Master on the duties of their offices, and thereafter regularly installed and invested in the very handsome clothing, specially designed for the occasion. Thereafter the lodge did honour to Brother ex-Convener Daniel Robertson, the V.W. Grand Bible Bearer of the Grand Lodge of Scotland—who, as representing the Grand Lodge, had in the most felicitous manner laid the foundation-stone of their new and beautiful hall on 17th August, 1872—by presenting him a very handsome silver trowel as a memento of that occasion. The trowel, bore the following inscription, viz.:—"Presented by the Lodge 'St Andrew,' Drybridge, No. 380, to Brother Daniel Robertson, the V.W. Grand Bible Bearer of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as a memento of his having laid the foundation-stone of the new Freemasons' Hall, Drybridge, on 17th August, 1872." At the request of the Master, the presentation was made in a very eulogistic address by Brother John Laurie, the Grand Secretary, amid the plaudits of the brethren; and Brother Robertson, in his usual happy manner, returned thanks for the compliment paid to him. Thereafter Brother D. Shepherd was deputed by the Master to present Brother Laurie with a very handsome gold pen and pencil case, in testimony of the lodge's appreciation of his uniform courtesy towards them, and

the careful attention he had given to their lodge business at all times. Brother Laurie thanked the brethren for their kindness, and assured them of the constant and deep interest Grand Lodge ever took in their welfare and on-going. The Proxy Master and Wardens were for a short time called on to rule the lodge, and gave perfect evidence of their qualification to hold their respective offices. The brethren invited the members of Grand Lodge to dinner, and all spent a very happy evening together. The unquestionable result of the proceedings will be most satisfactory for the Lodge St Andrew, Drybridge.

### IRELAND.

The Lord Mayor gave a brilliant ball on Friday the 10th inst., to their Graces the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, and about 1000 other guests, including many representatives of the gentry, military and naval services, the professional classes, and leading merchants of the city. On no previous occasion of a similar kind have the hospitalities of the Mansion-house of Dublin been dispensed with greater munificence and splendour. The entertainment was intended to have a twofold character—as a parting tribute of respect to the Duke of Abercorn, whose approaching retirement from the office of Viceroy is regarded with universal regret, and as a warm welcome to the young Prince, whose name and title bespeak a loyal and hearty reception in Ireland, and whose courteous and genial demeanour have already made him a popular favourite. In the preparations for the event no effort was spared to render the festivity worthy of the presence of the distinguished guests, and the historic Round Room, in which its gaiety culminated, and which is admirably adapted for such an occasion, never presented a more picturesque and vivid spectacle. It was decorated and arranged with special care. The Oak-rooms and reception rooms adjoining were also elegantly fitted up, and all the available space in the building was pressed into the service of the company. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught arrived at 11 o'clock, attended by Captain FitzGerald, Equerry in waiting, and Captain Scott, and shortly afterwards the Viceregal cortège arrived at the entrance of the Mansion-house, escorted by a troop of Dragoons. His Grace the Lord Lieutenant, accompanied by the Duchess of Abercorn, Lady Georgiana Hamilton, and the principal members of the Viceregal household, were received with the customary honours by a Guard furnished by the 93rd Highlanders, who, with their band, were drawn up in front of the building. The National Anthem gave notice of their Graces' approach to the assembled guests, and was repeated by the band of the Rifle Brigade, which was stationed in the gallery of the Round-room, and supplied the music for the ball. The Lord Mayor, with his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, and attended by the civic officers with their insignia, awaited for the arrival of the Lord Lieutenant, and conducted his Grace and the Duchess of Abercorn into the ballroom, where a canopied dais had been prepared for their reception. A quadrille was then formed, the Duke of Abercorn dancing with the Countess of Granard, the Duke of Connaught with the Duchess of Abercorn, and the Earl of Granard with Lady Georgiana Hamilton. His Royal Highness and the Viceregal party retired at 2 o'clock, but dancing was kept up with unflagging spirit until a later hour.

The Conference of the Head Masters of the Schools more immediately connected with the universities will meet this year at Rugby on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 21 and 22.

INSURANCE.—The value of property insured in London is £540,000,000. Of the fires which occurred in London for the past five years, four-fifths occurred to uninsured property.

The stone of which mention is made of the "Great fire" (found at 25, Pudding-lane) is now in the City Museum, Basinghall-street, having been presented to the Corporation by Messrs. King and Son, of Aldgate. It was set up in 1681.

ALEXANDRA PALACE.—Rumour has been very busy disposing of this property. Up to the present it has been assigned for a new cemetery, to the London and North-Western Railway Company, to the Zoological Gardens and for a small-pox hospital.

This day (Saturday) will be the 600th night of the production of Mr. H. J. Byron's comedy of "Our Boys" at the Vaudeville Theatre.

The Masonic Fraternity of Shenandoah, Iowa, have subscribed 2500 dols. towards the erection of a building expressly for the use of the Order, to cost 4900 dols.

The Dublin Corporation has determined upon a scheme which contemplates as a beginning the outlay of nearly £20,000 in creating health spaces in Dublin by clearing away old buildings, the nests of disease, in which the working population is overcrowded.

A new Museum and a Lecture Hall, in connection with the Watt Institute, at Greenock, have been opened by Bro. Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart. The museum and hall are the gift of Mr. James M'Lean, of West Bank, and have cost £6400.

Over 24,000 Masons were made in North America during last year, and the whole number of affiliated Masons on the continent at this time exceeds 600,000.

Two gates to the East which require looking after—Constantinople and Temple Bar.—"Punch."

## Masonic and General Tidings.

**CRICHTON LODGE (No. 1641).**—A report of the proceedings at the consecration of this last addition to the roll of London lodges, which took place on Saturday last, unavoidably stands over.

The four page supplement announced for this week will be given with our next issue, and among other matter will contain a full report of the proceedings at the installation of Lord Suffield as Provincial Grand Master of Norwich by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.

Lord Waveney, the courteous and urbane Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, an estimable nobleman, and one of the most popular men holding his high Masonic rank, has appointed the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain of England, Rector of Long Melford, Suffolk, and Rural Dean of Sudbury, to be his deputy, in the room of the late venerated brother, the Rev. E. I. Lockwood, D.P.G.M.

The consecration of the Era Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1423, will take place on Saturday next, the 25th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court, at three o'clock. The ceremony will be performed by Comp. Col. Burdett, Prov. G. Superintendent of Middlesex, assisted by Comp. R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G.H. Middlesex, and several other distinguished companions. Immediately after the consecration the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex will be held. The banquet, which will be held after the close of the business, will be a joint one.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, No. 902, on Friday, December 1st, at the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's Road, Bro. J. F. Wuest, P.M., is the Preceptor, and Bro. H. Slyman, Hon. Sec.

A Mason in Texas who spoke in derision of the Bible has been tried and expelled for the offence.—"Freemasons' Repository."

The Prime Minister left town on Tuesday for Ingestre Hall, Staffordshire, on a visit to the Earl and Countess of Shrewsbury.

The Duke of Connaught arrived at Bray, county Wicklow, on Saturday evening, from Dublin. He was met by Lord Powerscourt, and driven to Powerscourt House, near Enniskerry, where His Royal Highness stayed until Monday.

A movement has been set on foot at Kidderminster to erect a statue to Sir Rowland Hill, the introducer of the penny postage system. Sir Rowland, now in his eighty-first year, was born in Blackwell-street, Kidderminster, on December 3rd, 1795.

Bro. M. W. Ellwood E. Thorne, Past Grand Master, was recently presented with a five hundred dollar service of silver, by order of the Grand Lodge of New York, as a "reward of merit."

A book called "The Adventures of Captain Mago," something in the style of Jules Verne's adventures, is shortly to be published. The hero is supposed to be one of the sailors of Hiram, King of Tyre, and is sent by him to collect material for David's Temple, at Jerusalem. He sees some of the most famous personages known to Bible history, and his conversations with them are duly recorded.

Bro. C. Gosden, late of the Freemasons' Tavern and Masons' Hall, is now the manager of the Inns of Court Hotel.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, P.G.S.W. of England, and Lady Katharine Gordon, second daughter of the late Earl of Aberdeen, are to be married on Tuesday next.

The commission that has been given to Mr. Prinsep to paint the Durbar assembled to hear the proclaiming of the Queen as Empress of India is due to subscriptions from the civil servants of India, raised for the purpose, and amounting to £4000, with an additional £1000 for expenses. The work is to be presented to her Majesty, and will not be less than 30ft. in length, containing a great number of figures and a superb display of costumes, arms, &c. Mr. Prinsep proceeds to India immediately, and may be absent six months.

Among the things talked of, is a new Masonic Temple at Cincinnati, to cost half a million of dollars.

Mr. Pollen is engaged in decorating some of the more important chambers in Alton Towers, for Bro. the Earl of Shrewsbury, R.W. Prov. G.M. Staffordshire. The decorative features will comprise eight large designs illustrating the career of the commander whose fame is so prominently associated with the history of the family that has been so long established at Alton Towers, and whose acts are dramatically commemorated by Shakespeare.

The A. and A. Rite Bodies of Louisville, Ky., are fitting up elegant and commodious apartments in the old "Courier Journal" building, which will shortly be ready for occupation.

The Grand Lodge of Hungary is about to found a collegiate institute for the benefit of the children of members of the Fraternity.

The estimated cost of the new Masonic Temple at Lucknow is 150,000 rupees.

Miss Emily Mott announces her annual concert to be given at St. James's Hall, on Friday next, when she will have the assistance of Madame Blanche Cole and several distinguished artistes.

M.W. Bro. Zola, Grand Master of Masons in Egypt, has contributed 14,000 dols. towards the new Masonic Temple at Alexandria.

The Polar expedition has only cost a little over £100,000, in addition to the wages of the crews, some 170 persons.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 24, 1876.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptorics, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H.  
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

- Lodge 8, British, F.M.H.  
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 58, Felicity.  
 " 185, Tranquillity, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.  
 " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 907, Royal Alfred, F.M.H.  
 " 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.

- Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

## 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-rd.  
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

- Lodge 30, United Mariners', Guildhall Tav.  
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.  
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.  
 " 165, Honour and Generosity.  
 " 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.  
 " 857, St. Mark's, Surrey M.H.  
 Chap. 46, Old Union, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
 Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
 Constitutional, Wheatshaf 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 22.

- Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.  
 " 212, Euphrates, Mason's Hall, Basinghall-st.  
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H.  
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.  
 " 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, F.M.H., Woolwich.

## 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 Edgecombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
 Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
 United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
 Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.  
 Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

- House Com. Girls' School.  
 Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.  
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 66, Grenadiers', F.M.H.  
 " 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Ho., Fulham.  
 " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
 " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.  
 " 1562, City of Westminster, M.H., Regent-st.  
 Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.  
 " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 538, Vane, F.M.H.  
 " 657, Canonbury, M.H., Basinghall-st.

## 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, Ponsoby-st., Milbank.  
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
 The Great City, 111, Cheapside.  
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.  
 " 569, Fitzroy, Hd-qtrs. Hon. Art. Co., City-rd.  
 " 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
 " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddleton, Agricultural Hall.  
 Chap. 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 Precep. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
 Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
 St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
 Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-rd.  
 Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
 Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hot., Buckhurst-hill.  
 Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
 Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
 Ranelagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.  
 Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
 Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 25, 1876.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

- Lodge 721, Independence, M.R., Chester.  
 " 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.  
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

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

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

- Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
 " 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.  
 " 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 1052, Callender, Pub. H., Rusholme.  
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Kirkdale.  
 Mariner's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hot., Wigan.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 25, 1876.  
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

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

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

- Lodge 31, St. John, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 213, Buchanan-st., Glsgh.  
 " 87, Thistle, 30, Cathedral-st., Glasgow.  
 " 437, Govandale, M.H., Portland Buildings, Govan.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

- Lodge 505, Burns St. Mary, Commercial Inn, Hurlford.  
 " 510, Maryhill, M.H., Main-st., Maryhill.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

- Lodge 125, St. James, Masons' Arms, Newton Ayr.  
 " 153, Royal Arch, M.H., Cogan-st., Pollokshaws. J  
 " 195, St. John R.A., Lennox Arms, Campsie.  
 " 244, Union, Black Bull Inn, Stonehouse.  
 " 347, St. John Operative, M.H., Rutherglen.  
 Chap. 79, Commercial, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

- Lodge 28, St. John, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 25, 1876.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

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

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

- Lodge 36, St. David, Ship Hot., E. Register-st.

- " 405, Rifle, F.M.H., 98, George-st.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

- Lodge 112, St. John, Royal Hot., Musselburgh.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

- Lodge 392, Caledonian, F.M.H., 98, George-st.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

- Lodge 223, Trafalgar, 54, Bernard-st., Leith.

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