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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**UNITED MARINERS LODGE (No. 30).—**This distinguished lodge held its monthly meeting at the Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-street, on Thursday, the 16th inst. Bro. A. Lefaux, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. T. Smith, S.W., and A. T. Gladwell, J.W. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the former meeting read and confirmed. The report of the Auditors was revised and adopted. Bros. Sugden, Cosedge, and Lewis were passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being ably performed and the different officers evidently well skilled in their respective duties. Master Masons only having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, consisting of Bros. R. E. Barnes, P.M. 15; Jesse Turner, P.M. 30; J. Driscoll, P.M. 30; G. Smith, P.M. 30; J. Harling, P.M. 30; H. Bethell, P.M. 30; W. Ansell, P.M. 30; W. McDonald, P.M. 30; W. J. Miller, P.M. 766; F. Barham, W.M. 754; W. Manger, P.M. 1314; E. S. Parker, P.M. 619; E. M. Davey, P.M. 861; who, according to ancient custom, installed Bro. T. Smith into the chair of the lodge. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren to the offices annexed to their names, viz: Bros. A. T. Gladwell, S.W.; C. Davey, J.W.; J. Clark, S.D.; H. Cosedge, J.D.; Jesse Turner, P.M., Treasurer; R. E. Barnes, P.M., Hon. Sec.; J. Hoare, D.C.; A. Coudry, Org.; J. W. Crossley, I.G.; J. Driscoll, P.M., Steward; J. Grant, Tyler. It was unanimously resolved, "That the best thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. Joseph Driscoll, P.M., for the very efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of Installing Master." Bro. A. Lefaux, P.M., having consented to represent the lodge at the ensuing Festival in aid of the Funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the lodge voted the sum of ten guineas, to be placed on his list. Some other business of the lodge having been gone through, it was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to partake of a very excellent banquet, after which the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. The W.M., Bro. T. Smith, then proposed "The Visitors," the following being present, viz., Bros. D. F. McGregor, 1056; J. T. Frost, 1000; W. Henderson, 878; E. Hornblower, 1604; C. G. Lee, 164; H. Fowler, 754; C. W. Howard, Leopold Lodge; C. Cartwright, 1426; J. A. Hill, 45, which was responded to by the respective brethren expressing their gratification in visiting this lodge, and the admirable manner the business of the same was conducted. Bro. Lefaux, P.M. in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," about whom he scarcely knew what to say, his amiable qualities having been fully developed to the brethren during the time he had been amongst them; his duties as a subordinate officer had been carried out with that zeal and efficiency which rendered his elevation to the Mastership of the lodge a matter of deep interest, and his conduct in that chair, he felt assured, would realize their fullest expectations, his urbanity and perfect mode of performing the duties of the several offices entitled him to the respect of the brethren. The toast being received with acclamation, Bro. T. Smith, W.M., said he never felt his own deficiency more in his life, in any duty that he was called upon to perform, than now. He could not adequately return thanks to the brethren for the way in which the proposition of his health had been received by the lodge, he felt fully sensible of his own deficiencies in not being able properly to return thanks, on the present occasion, for the unanimous way in which he had been elected as W.M. of that distinguished lodge; he would endeavour to the best of his ability while presiding over the United Mariners Lodge, and if he followed in the steps of his brother Past Masters he thought he could not go very far wrong. Whatever might be wanting in the discharge of his duties he could assure them that there was no one whose heart was warmer than his own towards Freemasonry in general, and to the United Mariners Lodge in particular. He had the welfare of every individual brother at heart, and the only way he could show how sensible he was of their kindness, was by a strict attention to the duties of the lodge. He thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had responded to the toast, and drank long life and happiness to them all. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s, Bros. Harling, Turner, Driscoll, G. J. Smith, Ansell, Bethell, and McDonald." He entertained the highest opinion of the P.M.'s of the lodge, and he was sure the brethren would drink their healths with éclat. Bro. Lefaux, P.M., in returning thanks, strongly advised those who aspired to office in the lodge to make themselves acquainted with the ritual of Freemasonry, and apply to the P.M.'s of the lodge, who had the power to give them instruction. Unless they could prove themselves proficient they could never aspire, or if they did, they could never

hope to obtain the position of W.M., which was the highest object of their ambition. Bro. Turner, P.M., thanked the brethren for having elected him as their Treasurer for the 14th time, and was happy to say that their funds were in a very promising condition, and he hoped that when their W.M. retired he would leave them in as good a state as they were left in by his predecessor. It was a most agreeable thing to sit at their banquet table, but he trusted they had higher objects, and by ascending another round of the ladder of Freemasonry become 'better men,' improving their morals, and inculcating those divine principles of doing unto others as they would wish they should do unto them. "The Wardens and Officers" was next proposed and duly honoured. The S.W. returned thanks, and assured the brethren the honour conferred would be a stimulant to future exertions in the cause of Masonry. Bro. R. E. Barnes, P.M., Hon. Sec., tendered his grateful thanks for the re-appointment of Secretary, which office he had filled for a period of thirty years, and that he had given them satisfaction was shown by the observations of the W.M. in investing him with his collar that evening; and as long as he had health and strength he would perform his duties as he had hitherto done. The United Mariners' Lodge was in a prosperous condition. He begged them to accept his sincere and heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness he had received at their hands; more especially for their kind and generous sympathy in advocating his cause, being a candidate for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund, having subscribed to the fund of benevolence for a period of seventy-two years. The W.M. then informed the brethren that he had a most gratifying duty to perform, that of presenting their highly esteemed Bro. A. Lefaux, P.M., some mark of their esteem, viz., a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the valuable services rendered for the welfare of the lodge, and the very able manner in which he conducted the onerous duties of Mastership. Bro. P.M. Lefaux, in replying, said he cordially thanked the brethren for this mark of respect to him. As a Mason he could not look on the gift as a reward for his services, but as a strong expression of the regard of the brethren for him, and he sincerely trusted, by constant attendance and assiduity in promoting the welfare of the lodge, to merit a continuance of the esteem already evinced towards him. The evening's pleasure was enhanced by some very suitable melodies from Bros. Harling, T. Smith, and others, with Bro. Caudley presiding at the piano, which gave unqualified gratification. After a delightful meeting, in which each and all vied in exhibiting the most kindly feelings, the brethren separated at an early hour.

**DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—**The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on the 12th inst. Previous to the installation, Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., P.M., presided, the W.M., Bro. A. Treadwell, being too unwell to perform the ceremonies. This was the first appearance of the W.M. in the lodge since his accident, and he was congratulated by the brethren on his having so far recovered. Bro. Smith raised Bro. Cox to the Third Degree, and passed Bros. Pether, Scattergood, Davies, Brangwin, and Read to the Second Degree. He then installed Bro. James Willing, jun., as Master. The officers appointed were Bros. A. Treadwell, I.P.M.; W. Palmer, S.W.; I. Buscall, J.W.; Joseph Smith, P.M., Treas.; T. Williams, Sec.; E. White, S.D.; H. N. B. Spink, J.D.; W. Harris, I.G.; J. McLean, D.C.; T. Williams, Stwd.; and Daly, Tyler. Among the brethren present, who were very numerous, were Past Masters H. Elmes, J. Tims, T. A. Adams, M. Haydon, J. Brett, Ferguson, J. Smith, A. Treadwell and Massey (*Freemason*). The W.M., immediately after the ceremony of installation had been completed, initiated Messrs. Wm. Cohen and Alfred Piper into the Order. The next business was the consideration of a motion of Bro. Harris to raise the annual subscription, and this having been made, seconded by Bro. Ferguson, P.M., and debated, was passed. A vote of thanks was also adopted to Bro. Joseph Smith and Bro. T. Adams, moved by Bro. Ferguson, and seconded by the J.W., for having performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Palmer mentioned to the lodge that as all the other lodges and chapters meeting in that house were contributing to a testimonial to Bro. William Smith, the head waiter, from whom all the brethren and companions had received for many years great attention and courtesy, he thought so famous a lodge as the Domatic should not leave itself out of the list of contributors. This met with the general assent of the brethren, and the subject was reserved for full consideration. After closing the lodge, the brethren, to the number of 133, partook of banquet, and among them were the brethren above named, and Past Masters Foulger, Potter, Walford, and Fred Smith. When the toasts were proposed, Bro. Joseph Smith and Bro. Thomas Adams responded to that of "The Grand Officers." Bro. Joseph Smith remarked that he was the father of the lodge, and as such, and as Treasurer too, he felt great interest in its welfare. He took part in all the discussions which came on, and he had that evening felt an interest in the question of raising the subscription. In that discussion mention had been made of charity. The lodge had done a good deal in that way; and it ought to bear a part in that great work. It was quite right; but though they had done much, they should do more. The Past Masters particularly felt this, and one of their number, Bro. Ferguson, was going to represent the lodge as its Steward at the next festival of the Aged Freemasons. Bro. Ferguson would that evening go round the lodge and put the brethren's principles to the test. It had been said in lodge that they would rather do without one or two banquets in order that they might give to charity; let them prove that principle when the time arrived. An opportunity offered itself then, and though Bro. Ferguson would not ask them for their money, he would be glad if they would give him their names. (Cheers.) After Bro. Adams had said a few words, Bro. Joseph Smith proposed "The Health of the W.M." He

said that Bro. Treadwell, whom they were all much pleased to have among them again, was too much fatigued to propose this toast, the effects of his severe illness not having by any means disappeared. Referring to the W.M., he said although this was the first time he was Master of this lodge, he had been the Master of another distinguished lodge. The brethren of the Domatic had unanimously called him to the chair of their lodge, and, knowing the responsibility which devolved upon him, he would take care during his year of office to give them no cause to regret their selection. His having filled the chair of another lodge was a guarantee that his working for the year would be perfect. Bro. Willing, when in the chair of the Metropolitan Lodge, had not only done his duties while presiding in the lodge, but had also represented it at all the boards he was entitled to beat. He would do the same for the Domatic. The W.M., in responding, said that his experience as acting Secretary of the Domatic Lodge for the last three years had introduced him to the chair. The labours of Secretary had been arduous in so numerous a lodge; but to the best of his ability he had discharged them. He had had no intention of offending any brother. During that time he had experienced so much respect and regard from the brethren, that without knowing how that feeling had been engendered, he felt as they wished him to take the chair he must do so. He had not wished to keep any other brother out of the chair, and he did not seek the chair. He merely consulted the feelings and wishes of the brethren. What he had done for the lodge in the past he trusted would be an earnest of what he would do in the future. When a brother knew the duties and acted up to them he became the servant of the lodge and not its Master; he was anxious for every individual member. After making reference to the P.M.'s of No. 1507, some of whom were members of the Domatic, he said he knew when he became Master of the latter lodge that he was coming among friendly critics, men who knew to the fullest extent what Masonry was, what Masonic working was. The Master was looked upon in this lodge with keen but friendly eyes; but there was no lodge where a heartier reception was given to him by the Past Masters, which was reciprocated by all the other brethren, who united in the grand design of being happy themselves and communicating happiness to others. He promised them his best services for the ensuing year. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the P.M.'s," and he wished the brethren to give this toast a cordial reception, humorously remarking that we never know to what we may ourselves come to some time. In the Domatic Lodge there was quite an array of P.M.'s. He then feelingly alluded to Bro. Treadwell's accident, which had incapacitated him not from working the lodge alone, but from attending, for he had been laid up with a broken kneecap during a great portion of his year of office. During the early portion of his year he had done his work well and completely, and it was in consideration of his services that the brethren presented him with a handsome P.M.'s jewel. The brethren all participated in his great sorrow, for not only had he sustained heavy physical pain by his accident, but in the early stages of his misfortune he was visited by a greater calamity, the loss of his wife. With true Masonic feeling the brethren shared his affliction, and begged him to accept their heartfelt sympathies in his heavy loss during the year. Bro. Treadwell, who was much affected when he rose to reply, said he was exceedingly thankful to the brethren for their sympathy in his trouble and affliction, and for the jewel which they had kindly presented him with. He had been laid up for four months, and during that time his work had been kindly and ably performed by Bros. Joseph Smith and George Everett. If it had not been for them and his esteemed friend, Bro. Willing, he really did not know what he should have done. It was no easy task to be Master of the Domatic Lodge, and if he had not an able Secretary and Treasurer the Master would be nowhere. The only complaint he could find to make was that he could not carry forward a large balance, but he felt sure that when Bro. Willing went out of the chair there would be £100 balance to hand over to his successor. While Secretary Bro. Willing's services had been extraordinary. The brethren had had experience of his indomitable courage and perseverance and tact, and they would expect him to leave the chair to his successor with £100 balance. If he did not, he (Bro. Treadwell) would be very much deceived. A W.M. of the Domatic Lodge ought to be proud of having such officers as Bro. Joseph Smith and Bro. Willing. With respect to the other P.M.'s, for whom he was asked to respond, it was in fact unnecessary for him to speak of their qualities, inasmuch as they ranked amongst them most distinguished members of the Craft, Past Grand Officers and others, who had taught Masons their duties and the ritual; and many of them were Past Masters of other lodges as well. It would be wrong on his part to speak on their behalf, as nature had gifted them with greater eloquence to speak for themselves. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and Bros. Fisher, Swallow, Levy, and Style replied. Bro. Joseph Smith responded, as Treasurer, to the toast proposed and drunk in favour of that officer. In the course of his observations he said that his advice to every Master was, "Keep within your income." If they followed this advice they would never have cause of complaint. The Treasurer of a lodge was like the Chancellor of the Exchequer. If they were wrong it was the Treasurer's duty to tell them so. He would promise them that so long as he was Treasurer the lodge should never be "scratched" for non-payment of Grand Lodge dues. If they had not the money let them go without their banquets, and he would remind them whenever they were going too far. He had a great horror for Masons getting into debt in Masonry. A great many lodges did so, as he had himself witnessed, but he would not let the Domatic get into debt. "The Initiates" was the next toast, and when these brethren had replied, the toast of "The Secretary and other Officers" was given, to

which Bros. Williams, Palmer, and others replied. The W.M. gave a special toast for the *Freemason*, which he complimented on the faithfulness of its reports, and made several favourable personal references to that paper's representatives. Bro. H. Massey acknowledged the compliment, and thanked the brethren for the very cordial reception he always met with both in the Domestic Lodge and in other Masonic assemblies. Bro. Daly gave the Tyler's toast, and the brethren, who had been enlivened with some good music and singing by some of their number, and by Bro. Charles Hudson's representation of the scene between Sir Pertinax MacSycophant and his son, separated early.

**JORDAN LODGE (No. 201).**—The installation meeting of this old and respected lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 19th inst. under most favourable prospects. The brethren being summoned to meet at three o'clock, shortly after that time lodge business commenced by reading the minutes and considering report of the audit committee, which recommended £10 to be invested, in addition to the benevolent fund in connection with this lodge. These being confirmed, the ceremonies of passing and raising were very ably gone through by Bro. Peter Wagner, W.M. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Peter Robinson, W.M. and Secretary, proceeded to instal Bro. Elsam, P.M. 889, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, and W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, when the most hearty congratulations were accorded to Bro. Elsam in that high position. The newly-elected W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, after which the addresses were given in a very impressive manner, and listened to with marked attention. Bro. Elsam then initiated Mr. Dunbar and Mr. Schwarz into Masonry in a masterly style, giving great promise for future working. A very pleasing duty then devolved on the W.M., that of investing the retiring W.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, and in so doing, highly eulogised Bro. Wagner for his untiring efforts, as also the great attention and ability given to the lodge during his year of office. Bro. Wagner warmly expressed his thanks to the lodge for the great kindness shown him, and with feelings of emotion assured his brethren that he would still continue his exertions in promoting the welfare of his mother lodge. Business being now ended, the lodge was duly closed, the brethren and their friends adjourned to a most sumptuous banquet, which gave the most unqualified satisfaction to all, and reflected great credit on Bro. Dawkins's new management. Bro. Davage, P.M. and D.C., as is usual, left nothing to be desired to meet the comforts of all. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Veal, 889, P.M., &c.; Hurst, W.M. 1512; Nash, W.M. 865; Garrod, P.M. 1549; Benton, 889, and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts, as also that of "The Initiates," "Visitors," &c., were given in a feeling manner, and very ably responded to and after a very enjoyable evening all separated, highly pleased, and looking forward to a very propitious year for Old Jordan.

**PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, the 15th inst., when a large number of members and visitors were present. Among others were the W.M., Bro. D. Trusler; C. Burgess, S.W.; H. Payne, P.M., acting as J.W. in consequence of the decease of the late Bro. Withall; Thomas Poore, P.M., Sec. and Treas.; James Stevens, P.M.; C. P. McKay, S.D.; Woolfe, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; McMurray, D.C.; Spiegel, Stwd.; W. Steedman, Tyler; Davis, Burton, Sheadd, P.M.; Mitchell, Gunner, Blogg, Holliday, Huntley, King, Sanders, Treves, Lilley, Mills, Willshire; and visitors, Bros. C. H. Porter, 147; W. Howell, 183; John Syer, 1017; J. B. Pillinger, 1339; J. Bain, 360; W. B. Miller, 1420; E. Bye, 141; and P. E. Biddlecome, 720. The business gave practical evidence of the progress of the lodge and of its growing importance, and comprised ceremonial working in the three degrees. Bros. King, Gunner, Treves, and Holliday were duly raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., with separate ceremony by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Stevens, P.M., who delivered the traditional history. Bro. Blogg was passed to the degree of F.C. Ballots having proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. G. Lambert, C. Richardson, and W. Simpson, those gentlemen were introduced and duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Spiegel kindly offered to represent the lodge as Steward at the ensuing festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a donation from the charity fund of the lodge was voted on his list. Three gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation at next meeting. The claims of the distressed relatives of a deceased brother were not forgotten, and the necessary steps were taken to afford relief. The lodge having been thus at work for a period of five hours, was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for well-earned refreshment. Time pressing, the usual Masonic and complimentary toasts were given and responded to with consistent brevity, and the brethren separated.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1558).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Thursday, 11th Jan., 1877. There were present Bros. W. S. Cackett, W.M.; T. Sleaf, S.W.; W. Mitchell, J.W.; W. Snowden, I.P.M., Treas.; J. Dunn, P.M., Sec.; A. Runacres, S.D.; W. Chalk, J.D.; E. W. Boyton, I.G.; C. E. Power, D.C.; T. Taylor, W.S.; J. H. Swan, Org. Also Bros. R. McIlroy, H. Kember, J. Dixon, T. C. Corpe, J. Emms, W. G. Bott, C. Sims, G. E. Beach, J. E. Pentreath, W. Fish, W. Malthouse, J. R. Smith. Also visitors, Bros. W. Mitchell, sen., 51; H. Kember, sen.; G. A. Watkins, Treas. 1585; E. G. Webster, 72; M. S. Larham, P.M. 1539; J. Summers, Ebury, F. Pim, Causton, J. King, P.M. 193; J. Mabey, 689; C. F. T. Strube, 72; H. Hopkins, 1199; J. B. Wright, 1319; N. E. Thompson, 1476; C. E. Thompson, 1158. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Ballots for Messrs. A. Stroud, F. Bardo, T. M. Deacon, and W. Newnham, were unanimous in each case. Messrs. A. Stroud, F. Bardo, and T. M. Deacon being present, were duly initiated. It was proposed

by Bro. T. Sleaf, S.W., that Bro. W. Snowden, I.P.M., Treas., be Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that five guineas be voted from the lodge funds for that purpose. This was seconded by Bro. W. Mitchell, S.W., and carried unanimously. The names of four gentlemen were given and proposed as candidates for initiation at the last lodge meeting. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. All the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to. The tone of the speeches made during the evening showed that thorough cordiality existed in the lodge, and also its increasing and well founded prosperity. The W.M. and officers must be congratulated on their present harmonious working.

**GIBRALTAR.**—Inhabitants' Lodge (No. 153).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge-rooms, Engineer's Lane, on the evening of the 1st inst. Bro. E. J. Barker, the W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge, supported by Bros. J. J. P. Morgan, P.D.G.S.W.; R. B. Hepper, D.G.S.W.; Jos. F. Franceri, acting D.G. Sec.; L. Beal, P.M. 325, I.G.; and Alex. Ross, W.M. 325, I.G. There were about 50 other brethren present. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. W. Davis, No. 1331, as a joining member, which was unanimous; and the W.M. then vacated the chair to Bro. J. J. P. Morgan, who gave the brethren present a rich treat by the very impressive manner in which he installed Bro. James Cunningham, S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were then invested:—Bros. E. J. Barker, I.P.M.; J. Conroy, S.W.; R. Collins, J.W.; H. Hunt, Treas.; E. Bacon, Sec.; W. Briggs, S.D.; D. Roberts, J.D.; J. Beavon, M.C.; T. Giles, I.G.; M. Nolan, Stwd.; and J. Danino, Tyler. Bro. Morgan then severally addressed the W.M. and his principal officers in his usual effective manner, and the brethren pledged the health of their new W.M., who, in a few appropriate remarks, thanked them for placing him in such a high position, and trusted that at the end of his period of service they would have no occasion to regret the choice they had that night made. Votes of thanks were then unanimously accorded to P.M. Bro. Morgan for his kindness in coming forward, at some personal inconvenience, to perform the duties of Installing Master; as also to Past Masters Beal, Hepper, and Franceri, and Bro. A. Ross, W.M. 325, I.C., for the able assistance they had rendered in the ceremony of installation. After some routine business, the lodge was closed in due form at 9 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room of the Friendship Lodge (kindly lent for the occasion by W.M., Bro. W. Glassford) where a recherché supper was subsequently served, in a style that reflected much credit on the Stewards, and gave unbounded satisfaction. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and other customary toasts followed, all of which were duly honoured and responded to, and the remainder of a most agreeable and very pleasant evening was spent in harmony, in which the W.M., Bros. Nolan, Else, White, Bellion and Leys took a prominent part.

**BARBADOS.**—Albion Lodge (No. 196).—The stated meeting of this lodge took place on the evening of the 6th December, when the following members and visitors were present:—Bros. J. T. Crawford, P.M., and W.M.; T. C. Marshall, P.M.; C. A. Waterman, P.M.; W. J. M. Clarke, P.M.; F. A. Skeete, W.M. 340; G. T. Sampson, P.M.; E. S. Crawford (Master elect), J. D. Field, M. Wilson, W. Graydon, N. R. Fitzpatrick, T. E. King, S. A. Armstrong, W. FitzThomas, J. W. Williams, J. Gomer, H. T. Armstrong, J. W. Potter, E. Poyer, H. B. Philipps, E. M. Gittens, R. J. Clinkett, E. W. Terrey, A. B. Fillan, J. Hare, A. Laurie, J. E. Ince, E. M. Howe, of Crystal Wave Lodge, 338, Brooklyn. After transacting the regular business of the lodge, the installation of Bro. E. S. Crawford as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months was then proceeded with, after which the several brethren acting as officers were then requested to deliver up the insignia of office, and the brethren appointed as officers for the ensuing term were invested with their badges and insignias of office, with the customary charges to each, viz., Bros. J. D. Field, S.W.; W. Graydon, J.W.; M. Wilson, Sec.; C. A. Waterman, P.M., Treas.; N. R. Fitzpatrick, S.D.; T. E. King, J.D.; H. T. Armstrong, I.G.; P. L. Azevedo, Tyler. P.M. Marshall said it really afforded him much pleasure to see the very business and Masonic like manner in which the working of the old Albion had been conducted during the sitting (two years) of the Master just vacated the chair. He could not help referring also to the many improvements visible in the lodge. He particularly referred to the introduction of gas, and also nice sacred music. He moved that a vote of thanks to Bro. P.M. J. T. Crawford, the retiring Master, be recorded in the minutes of that evening. P.M. J. T. Crawford returned thanks to the lodge for recording a vote of thanks to him for the success which they attributed to his sitting; but if by any exertion of his the Craft had been advanced, he felt he could take no special credit, for it was simply a performance of duty. He was glad to see so many Past Masters present that evening, and particularly did he desire to hand over to the especial care of the lodge W. Bro. G. Sampson, who during his sitting had always rendered him the greatest help. He had been proud to hear the remarks which had fallen from P.M. Marshall, for it was he who had initiated him, and it was he who first showed him the grave responsibility of the Master's chair, and although he could never hope to attain his summit, he thought he might yet strive to emulate his bright example. The lodge could always count on his doing his best to assist them in every way. The Masonic dinner in honour of the retiring Master came off at the Ice Establishment of Messrs. D. P. Cotton & Co. with great success. The customary toasts were duly and heartily drunk by all present, of course commencing with "Our Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," then "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, our Grand Master."

**LIVERPOOL.**—Harmonic Lodge (No. 216).

—On Thursday evening, the 11th inst., the brethren of this lodge held their fixed regular meeting of the year at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, the chair being occupied by Bro. Wm. Dwerryhouse, W.M. The chair was afterwards taken by Bro. John Jones, P.M., who proceeded to instal Bro. D. S. Davies as Worshipful Master of the lodge for the ensuing year, and he afterwards invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. W. Dwerryhouse, I.P.M.; the Rev. J. R. Jenkins, S.W.; J. G. Bayley, J.W.; Wm. Laidlaw, P.M., Treas.; R. P. Gill, Sec.; D. D. Costine, S.D.; W. Wright, J.D.; J. Jones, P.M., D.C.; Jos. Skeaf, P.M. Org.; E. F. Evans, S.S.; and J. J. Herring, J.S. Bro. W. H. Ball was unanimously re-elected Tyler, and duly invested. After the usual business of attending to communications, and other Masonic matters had been transacted, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Ludlow, the manager of the hotel, and on the cloth being removed, the toast list was proceeded with by the W.M., the proceedings in the intervals being enlivened by several of the musical members of the lodge. The occasional toasts included "The New W.M.," and "The Past Masters of the Lodge," all of which were duly honoured by the brethren and responded to. After the last toast had been proposed the brethren were called from refreshment to labour, and the lodge was duly and solemnly closed by the W.M., according to ancient custom, a most enjoyable evening having been spent.

**WHITBY.**—Lion Lodge (No. 312).—On Monday afternoon the brethren of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall, John-street, West Cliff, at two o'clock, for the purpose of taking part in the installation of Bro. J. M. Bottomley as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was an imposing assemblage. The Installing Master was Bro. Stevenson, P.M., and the interesting and impressive ceremonial was admirably gone through. The officers of the lodge for the ensuing year are as follows:—Bros. J. M. Bottomley, W.M.; S. Chadwick, S.W.; W. G. Lockey, J.W.; F. Thornton, S.D.; G. T. Crowther, J.D.; W. E. Wolsey, I.G.; George Elliott, D.C.; James Wood, Tyler; James Maule and Geo. Farrow, Treas., Stewards; J. W. Lawson, P.M.; and J. B. Dale, Sec. The annual banquet was sat down to at the Royal Hotel at 4.30, and was a most sumptuous repast. There was a goodly number of Past Masters, officers, and brethren. The W.M. presided, and the S.W. was in the vice-chair. The usual Masonic toasts were gone through with harmony and good effect.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 359).—The installation of Bro. John Clark as W.M. of this lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, on the 25th inst. The ceremony was performed by Bro. T. P. Payne, one of the oldest Past Masters of the lodge, after the retiring Master (Bro. C. A. Dyer) had passed one brother and raised another, there being about fifty members and visitors present. The Board of Installed Masters consisted of the following:—Bros. T. P. Payne, C. A. Dyer, E. Booth, W. Waters, F. Hare, J. W. Dyson, R. Sharpe, Coles, Burtenshaw, Dusautoy, Barford, J. Adams, Gregory, A. J. Miller, and J. R. Weston; and at the close the new Master invested the officers as follows:—Bros. Geo. Cross, S.W.; H. P. Arthur, J.W.; J. R. Weston, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Miller, P.M., Sec.; Tilling, S.D.; J. Andrews, J.D.; S. D. Sanby, I.G.; W. Waters, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; Westley, Org.; Biggs, Tyler; and Norris and Vare, Assist. Tylers. The subsequent banquet, served by Bro. Dartnall, was attended by about fifty brethren, and passed off in the most successful manner.

**BANGOR.**—St. David's Lodge (No. 384).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Rooms. The lodge was opened at 3.30 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Josiah Hughes, assisted by his officers. After the circular calling this lodge had been read, the minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. John Williams and Mr. John Evans. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Archibald McMillan was presented, obligated, and installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. John Ellis, P.M. 597, and a member of 384. The Board of Installed Masters consisted of W. Bros. John Ellis, P.M.; Wm. Bulky Hughes, M.P., D.P.G.M. North Wales and Salop; R.W. Capt. G. Hunter, P.G.M. East Aberdeenshire, P.G.W. of Greece, and P.M. 757; T. Hathaway, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. C. Roden, P.M. 755, P.P.S.G.W. Warwickshire, and P.P.J.G.W. North Wales and Salop; J. Salmon, P.M. 721, and P.J.G.W. North Wales and Salop; J. Hughes, I.P.M.; John Jones, P.M.; Robert Robert, P.M.; Robert Owen, P.M.; Watson Robinson, P.M.; W. Mathews, W.M. 721; J. Cunnah, I.P.M. 721; Sidney Boucher, W.M. 606; A. F. Snelson, W.M. 597; and R. J. Davids, I.P.M. 606. The Board closed, and the lodge resumed business. The following brethren were invested: Josiah Hughes, I.P.M.; W. Jarvis, S.W. (by proxy); D. Wynn Williams, J.W.; Robert Owen, P.M., Treas.; Donald Cameron, S.D.; Ellis Roberts, J.D. and Sec.; J. R. Brown, S.S.; W. E. Thomas, J.S.; Wm. Jones, I.G.; and Wm. Jones, Tyler. During the working of the lodge two candidates were initiated, and Bro. Sheppard raised two gentlemen were proposed. The visitors gave hearty good wishes from their respective lodges, viz., W.D.P.G.M., the lodges of the province; the R.W.P.G.M. of East Aberdeenshire, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, his province, and the Grand Lodge of Greece; T. C. Roden, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., 755; R. A. Pritchard, S.W.; W. Mathews, W.M. 721; J. Salmon, P.M. 1477; Sidney Boucher, W.M. 606; R. J. Davids, 606; D. W. Davids, 606; W. E. Davies, 606; George Thomas, 606; W. P. Elliott, J.W.; and A. F. Snelson, W.M. 597. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel to a sumptuous banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

**CHESTER.**—Cestrian Lodge (No. 425).—On Thursday, the 18th, the brethren of this excellent

lodge met at the Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, for the purpose of celebrating the festival of St. John. Bro. J. Taylor was installed W.M., and the following officers were invested: Bros. M'Hattie, I.P.M.; Rev. S. Darwell, Chap.; F. A. Dickson, S.W.; T. M. Lockwood, J.W.; E. Minshull, Tyler; W. C. Hunt, P.M.; S. J. Knox, S.D.; A. Smith, J.D.; G. Dutton, I.G.; E. Cuzner, P.M.; O. D. Baynes, Tyler. The Installing Master was Bro. J. E. Williams, P.P.S.G.D. There was a large attendance of brethren, above 100 being present. Among them were Bros. the Rev. G. H. Hobson, P.P.G.C. 477; J. Brown, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Salmon, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Taylor, P.P.S.B. 1235; A. Potts, S.W. 1477; R. C. Edwards, S.W. 721; J. J. Cunnah, I.P.M. 721; W. Dew, I.G. 755; R. G. Sissons, P.G.R. 1143; W. C. Deeley, P.P.J.G.W.; T. W. Marwood, P.G.J.W.; F. Smith, P.G.S.W.; Dr. Waters, (Kilvenny); and others. A banquet was afterwards held under the presidency of the W.M.

**MALTON.**—Camalodunum Lodge (No. 660).—The annual installation banquet of this lodge was held on Tuesday, at Malton. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Thos. Clough, took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Yorkersgate, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Samuel King, P.P.G.J.D. and P.M.; and the Worshipful Master appointed the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. King, S.W.; Harold Copperthwaite, J.W.; R. H. Bower, Treas.; A. W. Walker, Sec.; T. B. Smith, S.D.; J. D. Dodsworth, J.D.; Fred. Wand, D.C.; Seth Tinsley, I.G.; Thos. Wilkins and J. Goldie, Stewds.; and Kirby Watkins, Steward and Tyler. The banquet was afterwards held at the Talbot Hotel, where there was a fair gathering of the brethren, including visitors from other lodges in the province.

**DEVIZES.**—Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity (No. 663).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Devizes, on Tuesday, the 16th inst. The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees by the W.M., Bro. T. B. Fox, who then requested Bro. Nott, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Wilts., to take the chair. After the necessary preliminaries a Board of Installed Masters, twelve in number, was formed, and the W.M. elect was duly installed by Bro. Nott in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The newly installed Master was duly saluted, and afterwards appointed and invested his officers, to each of whom a short address as to the duties of his office was delivered by Bro. J. H. Chandler, P.M. The usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren was delivered by the Installing Master. The following is the list of officers: Bros. T. B. Fox, I.P.M.; Dr. J. W. Burman, S.W.; W. H. Burt, J.W.; Rev. H. Richardson, P.M., Chap.; D. A. Gibbs, P.M., Treas.; William Nott, P.M., Sec.; H. Howse, S.D.; W. Day, J.D.; J. A. Randall, I.G.; Thos. Waite, P.M., acting M.C.; W. E. Fulford and G. S. A. Waylen, Stewards; J. H. Chandler, P.M., acting Org.; and John Hayter, Tyler. The usual routine of the annual meeting was then proceeded with. The Treasurer's accounts were approved and passed, from which it appeared there had been five initiations and two joining members during the year. Grants were made to each of the Masonic charities, to one of which, the Benevolent, the P.G.M., Lord Methuen, goes up as Steward for the province; a member of this lodge, Bro. Jno. Chandler, filling a similar office for the Girls' School. A brother was proposed as a joining member, after which the lodge was closed. Amongst those present were the following P.M.'s, viz.: members of the lodge, Bros. Fox, Gibbs, Waite, Ward, Rev. T. F. T. Ravenshaw, P.G. Ch. Eng.; Nott, P.P.G. Reg. Wilts.; J. H. Chandler, P.P.G.O.; O'Reilly, John Chandler, P.P.S.G.W. and D.C. Wilts.; and J. H. Chandler; and visitors, Bros. Gauntlett, P.M. 632, P.P.G.S.B. Wilts.; A. Plummer, P.M. 355, as well as several other visitors. Letters of regret at inability to be present, and conveying good wishes to the W.M., were read from the P.G.M., Lord Methuen; the D.P.G.M., Bro. G. Goldney, M.P.; the P.G. Sec., Bro. Tombs, and many others. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Crown Hotel, to which Bro. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoke Park, though unable from ill health to be present himself, contributed a supply of venison and game.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Alliance Lodge (No. 667).—There is hardly any more popular lodge in the Province of West Lancashire than the "Alliance," as it is called, which attained its majority last week, and the fact that its popularity has increased rather than diminished was shown by an attendance of about 120 brethren at the annual installation meeting, which took place on Tuesday afternoon, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. This very large attendance of valuable and distinguished brethren further showed the high esteem in which the retiring W.M. (Bro. J. E. Jackson) was held and a general approval of the choice of the brethren of a Masonic head for the coming year in the person of Bro. G. S. Willings, the W.M. elect. Enthusiasm and good fellowship prevailed, and the coming-of-age meeting of No. 667 was perhaps the most successful and enjoyable which has ever been held. The lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock by Bro. J. E. Jackson, W.M., and amongst the officers and brethren present were A. Winkup, P.M.; T. Ockleshaw, P.M.; J. Devaynes, P.M.; J. E. Skelliscorn, P.M.; G. S. Willings, S.W.; J. Ellis, J.W.; W. Doyle, P.P.G.J.D., Treas.; H. Firth, Sec.; J. H. Gregory, S.D.; T. Peake, J.D.; D. Lloyd, I.G.; R. Douglas, S.; J. Mellon, T. Wood, I. Levy, J. Francis, J. Leighton, S. Marshall, M. W. Smith, T. Yeatman, J. Carruthers, J. Forster, J. Archdeacon, D. S. Buchanan, R. Ellery, J. Basley, J. Bowyer, R. Black, W. J. Chapman, S.W. 1609; W. E. Birks, G. Mason, G. Spence, H. Jones, R. Wright, J. E. Grant, R. J. Hudson, G. Webster, W. T. Barry, A. Bucknall, E. Carter, and others. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Joseph Bell, W.M. 1609, Dramatic; W. Healing, W.M. 1094; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.;

R. Martin, jun., W.M. 1182; G. Musker, Sec. 1182; S. Jacobs, I.G. 241; A. Wadbrich, Treas. 1609; J. C. Atkinson, 594; S. P. Gore, 1356; H. Stocker, 391; T. Holden, 1182; A. Morrison, S.W. 1570; J. Queen, 1505; R. Hobart, 1505; J. W. Turley, P.P.G.J.D.; P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; T. Clark, P.M. 673; J. Gallagher, P.M. 1011; W. Wilson, W.M. 823; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673 and 1505; R. Debbie, 1161; W. T. May, P.M. 673; H. Nelson, P.M. 673 and 1505; H. Burrows, S.W. 673; H. Jenkinson, 986; A. Cotter, W.M. 1264; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; J. Marshall, S.W. 1547; H. J. Atkinson, 1505; the Rev. G. H. Vernon, P.P.G.C.; G. E. Hanmer, W.M. 1086; J. Townsend, S.W. 1086; and Thomas Roberts, W.M. 673. After the ceremony of initiation had been performed by the retiring W.M., the ancient charge being most effectively delivered by the S.W., the chair was taken by Bro. W. Doyle, P.P.G.J.D., one of the P.M.'s of the Alliance Lodge, and he proceeded to instal Bro. George Stanley Willings as the W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The following were the officers invested: Bros. J. E. Jackson, I.P.M.; J. Ellis, S.W.; H. Firth, J.W.; W. Doyle, P.P.G.J.D., Treas.; H. Gregory, Sec.; T. Yeatman, Org.; T. Peake, S.D.; D. Lloyd, J.D.; R. Douglas, I.G.; W. Brittain, S.S.; J. E. Grant, J.S.; and P. Ball, Tyler. The brethren after business sat down to an excellent banquet in the large room, under the presidency of the new W.M., who gave the loyal and Masonic toasts with a point and vigour which have rarely been shown in Masonic lodges. Bro. Jackson, I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the W.M.," passed a high encomium upon him, and said they had that evening placed in the chair one whom few could hope to equal, and very few indeed could hope to excel. The W.M., after acknowledging the toast in happy terms, gave "The Health of Bro. Jackson, I.P.M.," and in the name of the members of the lodge, presented him with a very valuable P.M.'s jewel, set with diamonds, which bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. J. E. Jackson, as a token of the esteem felt for him by the members of the Alliance lodge, on his retirement from the office of W.M." It should be stated that the entire cost of the jewel was subscribed by the private members, without the slightest encroachment on the funds. Bro. Jackson acknowledged the handsome gift in suitable terms, and during the evening the customary toasts were proposed and cordially acknowledged. An excellent musical programme was given by Bros. J. Queen, A. Child, Hobart, and Atkinson, the pianoforte accompaniments being capably played by Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., whose fantasia, "Sabbath Evening Chimes," and new song, "Dying Embers," formed the leading attractions of the evening.

**NEWPORT.**—Isca Lodge (No. 683).—The annual meeting of the members of this lodge, for the installation of W.M. for the ensuing year, was held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, 17th January. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Hiscox, as W.M., who proceeded to instal Bro. W. Parfitt as W.M., and did credit to the lodge by the manner in which he performed the ceremony. The following distinguished Masons were present:—Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, P.A.G.D.C. of England, D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire; H. J. Gratte, P.G.J.W.; C. Rowe, P.G. Sec.; J. Piggford, W.M. of Homfray Lodge, 1562; W. Watkins, P.M. of Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge, 1429; C. Lyne, P.M. Silurian, 471; and others. A sum of ten guineas was voted from the Benevolent Fund to support the worthy and esteemed D.P.G.M. in his Stewardship for the Benevolent Institution. The lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Westgate Hotel.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Walton Lodge (No. 1086).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at St. Lawrence's Boys' Schools, Croylands-street, Kirkdale, Liverpool, when a large number of members and visitors assembled. Present: Bros. J. Ellis, W.M.; G. E. Hanmer, S.W.; G. J. Townsend, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, Sec.; William Walker, S.D.; W. G. Sharpe, J.D.; J. Leece, I.G.; Casey and Riley, Stewards; Past Masters Bros. Jno. Lunt, P. Prov. G.D.C.; Wm. Archer, J. C. Lunt, R. Abraham, J. P. McArthur, and Wm. Septon. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Jones, P.M. 220 and 1209; Jno. Jones, P.M. 220; W. Ashmore, P.M. 1325; F. Knight, W.M. 1325; Willis, W.M. elect 1035; Veale, 594, 1356, etc. The ceremony of installing Bro. Hanmer, W.M. elect, was performed in the most impressive manner by Bro. Lunt, P. Prov. G.D.C., which elicited the warm approval of all present. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Townsend, S.W.; Wm. Walker, J.W.; Wm. Archer, P.M., Treas.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, Sec.; Sharpe, S.D.; Leece, J.D.; Casey, I.G.; Copestake and Riley, Stewards; and Williamson, Tyler. A gold Past Master's jewel, of beautiful design, was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Ellis, for his efficient services during the past year. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the Installing Master. The lodge was then closed. The banquet which followed was served in Bro. Casey's best style. The newly-installed W.M. occupied the chair. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, after which a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Veale, who contributed so much to the enjoyment of the evening by presiding at the pianoforte.

**BATTLE.**—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The installation meeting of the above excellent lodge took place on Thursday, the 18th inst., when in addition to the large muster of the members, the following visitors had the honour of being present: Bros. Dr. Cunningham, P.M. 315, 911, 1110, P.Z., P.P.G.S.W. Sussex; Coleman, P.M. 19 and 40; E. W. Young, W.M. 704, and S.D. 902, London; Terrey, P.M. 570 and 40; Wood, Sec. 40; Glenister, S.D. 40; Lewns, 40; Veness, 40; Gaze, 40; Wells, I.G. 40; G. Weller, P.M. and Treas. 40. The lodge was opened punctually at the hour named, 3.30,

and the W.M. elect (Bro. C. R. Chandler), duly installed in the chair of K.S. The ceremony was performed in a most thorough manner by Bro. Lambourn, P.P.G.P. The investiture of officers was then proceeded with, and all Masonic business being ended, the brethren adjourned to the George Hotel, where a really splendid banquet was provided, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent, several of the brethren who had travelled many miles to be present having to leave early. A bright future under the presidency of its very able and courteous W.M. and P.M.'s, is, we are sure, in store for the Abbey Lodge.

**LANCASTER.**—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—The brethren of this flourishing lodge celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist on Wednesday evening, the 3rd inst., at the County Hotel, Lancaster, when forty-one brethren sat down. After the good things were partaken of, and the dessert placed on the table, the chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. James Coulon, surrounded both on his right and left by Past Masters of the lodge. The Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. Dale and Wolfendall, were in their accustomed places. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given, and responded to with acclamation. The Healths of "The M.W.G.M., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon," "The D.G.M., the M.W. and P.G.M. of West Lancashire, the Earl of Skelmersdale," "The G. Lodge Officers and P.G. Officers" were drank with full Masonic honours, and with the utmost enthusiasm. The S.W., Bro. Dale, proposed "The Masonic Charities," in appropriate terms, which was responded to by Bro. Bell, P.M., who dwelt in a lengthy speech on the great benefit and good those charities were doing, in educating and training both boys and girls, so that they might maintain themselves in after life in respectability, and exhorted the brethren to be liberal in their donations, not only to the schools, but also to the Institution for the relief of aged Freemasons and their Widows. "The Bishop of the Diocese and Clergymen of all Denominations" was proposed by Bro. Bell, P.M., and heartily received. Bro. Acton, I.P.M. proposed in eulogistic terms "The Health of the W.M." (Bro. Coulon), which was received with the utmost applause. The W.M. (Bro. Coulon), in responding, said he felt great difficulty to discover appropriate words to thank the brethren for the very hearty manner they received his name. He was only too willing to do all that he could to advance the interests of his lodge on true Masonic principles, although he had not done a great deal for the last six months, owing to the peculiar situation he held, having been absent on more than one occasion from the meetings of the lodge, when important business had to be conducted, but there were true and faithful Past Masters of the lodge, who always rendered assistance during his absence, but as they had a large amount of work in hand, he would endeavour to pull up for lost time during the next six months. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Acton," stating that no officer could work harder for his lodge than Bro. Acton had done. He was then performing the double office of Acting Secretary and I.P.M. The toast was enthusiastically received. Bro. Acton in responding said it gave him continued pleasure the harder he worked. He was very fond of Masonic work, and was never tired of its operation. Bro. Heald, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Wardens." Bro. Dale, S.W., and Bro. Wolfendall, J.W., responded, in very appropriate terms. Bro. Scott proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. Bell, P.M., and Bro. Acton, I.P.M., responded. Bro. Stewardson, W.M. 950, Hesketh Lodge, Fleetwood, proposed "The Junior Officers," and stated that however well the Master and Wardens worked, it was also essential they should have Deacons who could perform their duties to the lodge with satisfaction, as a great deal of good taste was required by the Deacons in advancing the candidates in a suitable manner for the degrees, and he might venture to say that no lodge could have better Deacons than the Duke had always possessed. Bro. Ellershaw, S.D.; Bro. Parker, I.G.; Bro. Beeby, Tyler; and Bro. Allison, Asst. Tyler, responded. Bro. Heald proposed "Continued Prosperity to the Duke of Lancaster Lodge," and stated that he was proud to see the position the Duke of Lancaster, 1353, had attained. Little more than five years ago he, with five other brothers, deposited money to meet the expenses attending on the consecration of the lodge, and the installation of the first Master (Bro. Hartly); he looked back to that time now with pride, as he could now tell them that in the brief space of five years no less than 100 members were initiated in the Duke of Lancaster Lodge but, from causes which could not be helped, there remain only 80 or 90 members on the roll. The Duke of Lancaster, he believed, was destined to be the first lodge in Lancaster, and he trusted the brethren would persevere until that object was attained. Bro. Bill, P.M., and Bro. Scott responded. Bro. Acton, I.P.M., then proposed "Prosperity to the Lodges of Lancaster and Morecambe" in very suitable terms. Bro. Bond, in responding for the Lodge of Fortitude, was highly pleased and gratified with the evening's entertainment, and eulogised the W.M., Bro. Coulon, in flattering terms for his genial and easy manner in conducting the business while presiding over them that evening, having been present for the first time at any of their banquets, he was extremely delighted, everybody seemed to be at home, and all were imbued with brotherly feeling. He thanked the W.M. for his kindness, and would long remember that evening. Bro. Dale responded on behalf of the Morecambe Lodge, and stated that it was progressing as well as could be expected. Bro. Stewardson, W.M., gave the Tyler's toast, which brought the meeting to a close. The night proved very unpropitious, a snow-storm was raging during the time, or about 60 brethren were expected.

**NEWPORT.**—Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1429).—This young and flourishing lodge held its annual Festival of St. John on Thursday;



the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street. There were present Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Monmouthshire, and several brethren of Provincial Grand Lodge; Bros. C. Rowe, W.M.; F. Orders, W.M. elect, who was well supported by a strong muster of brethren from Cardiff, Pontypool, and the Newport lodges. The business of the day was that of placing Bro. F. Orders in the chair of K.S., the installation ceremony being admirably worked by Bro. C. Rowe in his peculiar and inimitable style. The W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. C. Rowe, I.P.M.; J. Horner, S.W.; W. Twist, J.W.; H. Richard, S.D.; J. D. Saunders, J.D.; J. Horner, Treas.; W. M. Locke, Sec.; A. Taylor, I.G.; Thomas and Welsford, Stewards; Fletcher, Tyler. Before closing the lodge cheques were handed over by the Treasurer to the D.P.G.M. for the following Masonic Charities—ten guineas to the Boys' School, the like sum to the Girls' School, ten pounds to the Aged and Decayed Freemasons' Fund, and the like sum to the Widows of Aged and Decayed Freemasons' Fund, still leaving a good balance in the hands of the Treasurer. Lodge being closed in ancient form the brethren adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where an excellent banquet was placed before the brethren by Mr. G. F. Gretton. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been disposed of, came that which was decidedly the great feature of the evening, viz., the presentation, by the W.M., of a beautiful Past Master's jewel, which he attached to the breast of Bro. C. Rowe, P.M., in the name of the officers and brethren, as a slight token for the valuable services he has rendered to the lodge. The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most successful and enjoyable meetings that it has been the privilege of many to be present at.

**PLUMSTEAD**—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The first gathering in the new year of the members and friends of the above flourishing lodge took place on Friday, the 12th inst., at Bro. Plaisted's fine hall on Anglesea Hill, when its popularity, and the esteem in which the W.M., Bro. W. Weston, is held by the brethren around was evinced by the large circle of visitors present, amongst whom were the following:—Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. 913 and 706, and P.G.J.D. Kent; T. Butt, W.M. 700; E. W. Young, W.M. 704, and S.D. 902; A. Penfold, I.P.M. 813; J. McDougall, P.M. 913; W. Rushting, S.W. 972; T. Hutton, S.D. 13; W. Cobb, 700; J. Chadwick, 700; C. Beard, 700; J. H. Roberts, 700; W. McCoy, 700; A. Upperton, 913; G. Griffith, 913; W. Loneragan, 913; D. C. Capon, 913; F. C. Lyons, 913 and 700; H. Peyce, 913; A. Jessup, Sec. 913; T. W. Robinson, 13; J. S. Bonu, 569; J. Wilkins, 569; J. Scully, 41; J. A. Milne, 1424; C. Mont, 1331; and C. Jolly, 913. Beside the W.M., the following officers were present:—Bros. Capt. C. Phillips, P.M., and P.M. 13 and 706; R. Croisdale, P.M., and P.M. 706; G. Spinks, S.W.; H. G. Picken, J.W.; W. Murphy, Treas.; T. Cooper, Sec.; J. Shaw, S.D.; J. McCaffery, J.D.; D. Deeves, W.S., and officiating I.G.; H. Harding, Org.; and J. Lackland, O.G. The lodge having been duly opened, Sergeant-Major R. F. Robertson, R.A., was, after approval, initiated into Masonry. Bro. J. Shaw and Bro. R. M. Bell were passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Hawkins was raised to the Sublime Degree, all three ceremonies being well and impressively worked by the W.M. and his excellent officers. Bro. P. M. Croisdale then gave notice that an evening party would be organized by the officers of the lodge, the proceeds of which would be devoted to the funds of the lodge, so that, as he said, they might be as early as possible in a position to contribute towards the magnificent charities of the Order. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, Bro. Coupland, whose name had been coupled with that of the P.G. Officers of Kent, said it seemed daily to him becoming of the greatest importance that Bro. Eastes, their D.P.G.M., should visit that part of the district, for in it were large bodies of Masons, and he should see for himself the excellent manner in which the lodges were conducted. He felt proud to visit such a lodge, it was a pleasure as it was a duty to be present, and see the good working done in it, he saw perfect obedience, order, and regularity in all things, and he felt sure of its prosperity. The W.M. in reply to a very flattering reception of his name, said he felt fully alive to the responsibilities of his position, and while he held that office he should never shirk those responsibilities. He trusted in the new year every prosperity would attend them, and in conclusion wished them all "A Happy New Year." After "The Health of the Initiates" had been duly honoured and replied to, that of "The Visitors" was proposed, and in reply Bro. Young said he had never seen better working in any lodge, and wished them every success. Bro. Butt as well replied. Bro. Coupland said he should convey to the Prov. G. Lodge of Kent his great approbation of the good work done in the lodge, it was a pleasure to see the manner in which the Deacons did their work, and if there was one thing he liked to see done well, it was the Deacon's work, and their Senior Deacon, Bro. Shaw, was an officer they might well be proud of. Bro. Shaw had had the great pleasure of assisting to make his own son a Mason, and he could not help thinking, as he saw Bro. Shaw doing his duty that night, assisting to pass his son to the Second Degree, that it must be a proud moment in his life, and he hoped in his heart that the son might be worthy of the sire. Bro. McDougall for the "Pattison," and Bro. Hutton for the "Union Waterloo" Lodges, having replied, Bro. Thomson, who has just arrived from India, spoke of the great impetus the Craft had received through the visit of their Royal Grand Master, and thanked them for their reception of him that night. The Past Master's Health followed, and P.M. Croisdale eloquently replied. Bro. Sparks returned thanks for the officers, and Bro. Harding for a great com-

pliment paid him from the chair as their Organist, which was well deserved. Bro. C. Jolly received an ovation as "our representative," the W.M. thanking him in the name of the lodge for his excellent reports during the past year, to which the brethren responded, and Bro. Jolly, in the course of his remarks, trusted that they would continue to support the *Freemason* as the recognized organ of the Craft, and the proprietor, who laboured so hard for its acknowledged excellence. The Tylers' toast then concluded a most pleasant evening.

**TWICKENHAM**—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—A meeting of this lodge was convened at the Albany Hotel on Wednesday, the 10th inst. Amongst the officers present were Bros. W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of Works Middlesex, I.P.M., &c., acting W.M.; Knaggs, S.W.; Court, J.W.; Taylor, S.D., acting Sec.; Tomlinson, P.M.; &c., Treas.; Vaughan, J.D. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a communication from Bro. Saunders, the W.M., was read, explaining the reason of his absence. The ceremony of initiation having been rehearsed, the interesting ceremony of presenting the I.P.M. with an elegant souvenir of his two years' Mastership, in the shape of a massive claret jug, then took place. The presentation was made upon behalf of the members of the lodge by Bro. Tomlinson, the Treasurer, in a very able and appropriate address. The testimonial bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the members of the Francis Burdett, No. 1503, to Brother Wigginton, in recognition of his having founded the lodge." The I.P.M. having acknowledged the gift in very feeling terms, the lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren partook of a collation. Bro. Monckton, Chandos and Buckingham Lodge, was a visitor. The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the M.W. G.M.," "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," "The R.W. the P.G.M. of Middlesex," "The Deputy P.G.M. of Middlesex, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present" were given from the chair briefly but pertinently. "The Health of the W.M., Bro. W. H. Saunders," was proposed by Bro. Birchill, P.M., and warmly received. The toast of "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of the I.P.M., followed, and was given by Bro. Knaggs, S.W. Bro. Wigginton, in his reply, expressed his gratification at the manner in which his name had been mentioned by the S.W. in connection with the toast, and also for the very hearty way it had been received by the brethren. He also took occasion to again thank the members of the lodge for the presentation that had taken place that evening, which gift he said he should ever regard as a most cherished memorial of his connection with No. 1503, and in concluding his remarks he stated that he should hand it down to his family as an heirloom. The next toast, that of "The Visitors," gave Bro. Monckton an opportunity of acknowledging the compliment in a few well chosen words. The healths of "The Treasurer," "The Principal Officers," and "The Junior Officers" then followed, and were acknowledged by Bros. Tomlinson, Treasurer; Knaggs, S.W.; and Bro. Vaughan, J.D. The Tyler's toast, at half-past ten o'clock, terminated a very pleasant evening. The next meeting of this lodge will be held on the second Wednesday in February next.

**YORK**—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The first banquet in connection with this lodge, which was consecrated last August, was held at the Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, on Thursday evening. There was an excellent attendance of the brethren of the lodge, and the banquet was served in first-class style by Bro. H. Churchill, of the Queen's Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Thos. Cooper, P.M., presided, and was supported by the Right Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. P. Bell, P.S.G. Deacon, England; Bro. Ansell, P.M., 57, Hull; Bro. P. H. Rowland, P.M.; Bro. G. Balmford, P.M., Treas., and other brethren. The other officers of the lodge were:—Bros. T. B. Whytehead, S.W.; J. S. Cumberland, J.W.; J. Kay, Sec.; M. Cooper, J.D.; G. Simpson, D.C.; C. G. Padel, Org.; J. G. Sellar, I.G.; and there were present a number of brethren of the lodge and visitors, including Bros. Toozes, 57, Hull; Kidd, 57, Hull; J. Terry, J. F. Stephenson, J. Morgan, J. Mason, T. Smith, sen., M. Millington, J. F. Taylor, Irving, A. T. B. Turner, T. D. Smith, J. Ward, Prov. G. Purst; J. Blenkins, P. Pearson, W. H. Bland &c. Letters had been received from the Right W. Prov. G.M., the Earl of Zetland; from the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Prov. S.G.W.; M. C. Peck, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Hurt, P.M., Kingston, Hull; G. Wilkinson, W.M. Minerva Lodge, Hull; the Rev. W. Valentine, and others, expressing regret at not being able to be present. The usual loyal Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and the healths of the Prov. Grand Master and Dep. Prov. Grand Master were enthusiastically received. In replying to the toast of "The W. Bro. J. P. Bell, Esq., M.D., J.P., Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," Dr. Bell spoke in complimentary terms of the progress made by this lodge, as well as the manner in which it had been conducted since its consecration the previous August, and expressed his conviction that its establishment had been a well-judged step in the right direction. In proposing the toast of "The Visiting Brethren," the S.W. alluded to the circumstance of the banquet, having been given specially in honour of the Masters and Wardens of the Humber, Minerva, and Kingston Lodges, several of whom were present, who had supported the petition of the originators of the Eboracum Lodge. A most pleasant evening was spent, the proceedings being enlivened by musical selections, which were contributed by the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Organist, the Treasurer, and Bros. T. Smith and J. Shillito.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**THE GREAT CITY LODGE** (No. 1426).—This lodge met at No. 111, Cheapside, E.C., on Thursday, the 18th inst., Bro. Edward Moody, P.M. 1426, presiding;

Bros. Shaw, S.W.; Brown, J.W.; Walmisley, S.D.; Bain, J.D.; Parker, I.G.; Spiegel, acting Sec.; James Stevens, P.M.; Blackie, Blissett, Bain, Blume, and others. The lodge was opened and minutes read. As these raised important questions relating to management and change of place of meeting, a long discussion arose, and it was decided to adjourn further consideration thereof to the evening of Thursday, the 25th inst. We are requested to inform the members that their attendance on that occasion will be much esteemed. The lodge was passed to the Second Degree, and subsequently to the Third Degree, when, Bro. Blissett, acting as candidate, the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed. Bro. Blissett, of the Rifle Lodge, Edinburgh, and Bro. J. Bain, of Commercial Lodge, 360, were elected members.

#### Royal Arch.

**WHITEHAVEN**—Sun, Square and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—A convocation of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, College-street, on the 19th inst., M.E. Comps. Jno. Barr, P.Z., as Z.; Wm. Sandwith, H.; J. R. Sickle, J. There was a large muster of the companions. Comp. Barr, in the absence of Comp. Fearon, performed his duties with his accustomed ability, and considering that this was the first meeting since the election of officers, Comp. Wm. Sandhurst, H.; J. R. Sickle, J.; Jno. Rosling, A.S., who, in the absence of Comp. W. F. Lamondy, acted as P.S., and the other officers went through their work in a very satisfactory manner. There were two brethren to exalt, and nine to ballot for exaltation. The ballot having been taken and proving unanimous, five brethren who were present were exalted to the sublime Degree of R.A. Masons. It was proposed, and unanimously agreed to, that power be given to the committee to purchase a new set of R.A. banners, &c., suitable to the position which the Chapter holds, as the largest and most influential in the province. A proposal for exaltation having been seconded and agreed to, there being no further business before the Chapter, it was closed in form, and the companions adjourned to a slight refreshment provided by the chapter, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

**ABERGAVERN**—Philanthropic Chapter (No. 818).—The members of this chapter met at the Masonic Hall, on Friday, 19th January. Among those present were Ex. Comps. W. Williams, as Z.; Crawshaw Bailey, as H.; C. Daniel, as J.; and Captain S. Geo. Homfray, P. Std. Br., as G.C. and P.G.H. of Monmouthshire. Comp. Horsford was then exalted by the M.E.Z., and the lectures were delivered in a masterly and most impressive manner by Ex. Comp. Captain S. G. Homfray, who afterwards installed the following companions as Principals for the ensuing year: Comps. Crawshaw Bailey, as M.E.Z.; C. J. Daniel, as H.; Gorvin, as J. The chapter was then closed in harmony, a vote of thanks having been passed to the P.G.H. for his kindness in attending to perform the ceremony in a manner which few can equal him in.

#### Scotland.

**GLASGOW**—Lodge St. John (No. 34).—The monthly meeting of this ancient lodge was held on Tuesday, 16th inst., within their own hall, at 213, Buchanan-street. The W. Master, Bro. William Kyle, jun., presided, supported on the dais, and in their respective places, by Bros. D. M. Nelson, I.P.M.; Thomas Fletcher, P.M.; David Horne, S.M.; Peter Brownlie, S.W.; James Kyle, J.W.; John Ferguson, Treas.; William Cochrane, Sec.; Alex. Peddie, S.D.; Hugh Tennent, J.D. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of last regular and one or two special meetings read and approved of, the late Treasurer, Bro. James Dunn, read the financial statement for the past year. The debit of his account showed—To cash on hand received from preceding Treasurer, £8 1s. 6d.; to cash in bank, £123 18s. 1d.; 209 test fees, £31 7s.; 47 initiations at five guineas, £246 15s.; 9 affiliations, £23 13s.; 63 tickets sold for annual festival, £23 12s. 6d.; 84 tickets sold for annual excursion, £56 14s.; one railway ditto, 4s. 2d.; drawn from bank, £110; interest on bank account, £3 3s. 3d.; added to bank account during year, 13s. 3d.; total £628 1s. 9d. The following is the credit account for the year:—By tradesmen's accounts, £10 7s.; property tax and other assessments, £10 4s. 6d.; interest on bond, £22 6s. 4d.; feu duty, £1 4s. 9d.; insurance, £1 19s.; fees to Grand Lodge for Master and Wardens, £1 5s.; to ditto for diplomas, £26 18s. 6d.; annual contribution to Prov. Grand Lodge, £2; subscription to Royal Infirmary, £2 2s.; to poor brethren, per W.M., £6; to Prov. Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, £15 10s.; stock account, £96 12s. 4d.; expenses of festival, £31 9s. 2d.; expenses of excursion, £58 15s. 7d.; salaries, £20 10s.; sundries, £72 2s. 10d.; by bank, £110 13s. 3d.; by cash on hand, £13 10s. 1d.; by cash in bank, £124 11s. 4d.; total £628 1s. 9d. The Treasurer added that he might point out, as showing the satisfactory state of the lodge affairs at present, that the amount of cash on hand at the end of the financial year was £6 more than it was at the beginning; and, moreover, that during the year the sum of £67 4s. had been expended in buying up shares of the lodge property. The financial statement was endorsed by the auditors, Bros. Fletcher and M'Millan, Past Masters, as having been found correct, and its approval was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Bro. David Horne, Sub-Master, seconded by Bro. John D. Young, Past Deputy Master. The Chairman remarked that the report showed a very satisfactory state of matters generally, and it was specially gratifying to find that the lodge had been able to buy in so many shares of the property. He thought a hearty vote of thanks was due to Bro. Dunn for the way in which he had managed the Treasurer's department during the past year. The vote was accorded by universal acclamation. Application was

then made for admission into the Order from Mr. Alexander Stevenson, and there being no objections, the candidate was brought in and received the First Degree at the hands of the W.M. The lodge was then called to refreshment, when a specially agreeable hour was spent. Amongst the toasts proposed and duly honoured were "The Three Grand Lodges," "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," and "The Last Laid Stone of Lodge St. John" (Bro. Stevenson). That of "The P.G.L. of Glasgow" was coupled with the name of Bro. W. H. Bickerton, P.G. Sec., who, in thanking the brethren for the compliment, said that having been only appointed to the office which he held about a week ago, he could not be expected to speak of the duties connected therewith from experience. However, he might state that before accepting it he had well considered the matter, and he had only to say that none of the prestige pertaining to it should be lost on his part in keeping its affairs in good working order. The lodge was afterwards closed in due and ancient form.

**PAISLEY.**—St. Mirren Lodge (No. 129).—A meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, 17th inst., in the Globe Hotel, for the purpose of entertaining the late W.M. of the lodge. Bro. J. Gilmour presided, and Bro. A. Wallace discharged the duties of Croupier. During the evening, in proposing "The Health of the late W.M., Bro. Edmonds," Bro. Wallace referred to the eminent services which he had rendered to the lodge during his term of office, and also to the cause of Masonry in general for a great many years past. In the name of a number of the brethren, Bro. Wallace then presented Bro. Edmonds with a handsome gold watch, which bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. H. S. Edmonds, I.P.M. No. 129, by a few friends who appreciate his past labours, and esteem him as a brother and a man." Bro. Edmonds appropriately acknowledged the gift. A very happy evening was spent.

**TARBOLTON.**—Lodge St. David (No. 133).—This old lodge, which received its first charter in February, 1773, after being in a state of dormancy for about 32 years, was resuscitated on Monday afternoon, 16th inst., by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire. In the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Mure, the ceremony was performed by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Robert Wylie, who was supported by Bros. J. G. Halkett, Past S.P.M.; John Caruthers, G.S.W.; Jas. Gibson, G.J.W.; J. A. Ferguson, P.S.W.; John Tweed, P.J.W.; and Bro. Wheeler, of Mother Kilwinning; Bros. Nelson, W.M. 22, and John Mackay, Past Master; Hugh Shaw, W.M. 109; John Pollock, W.M. 51; Sam. A. Clark, W.M. 86; J. S. McIlwraith, W.M. 124; Jas. McCosh, W.M. 135; John Ramsay, W.M. 138; Thos. Harvey, W.M. 179; W. D. Chambers, W.M. 204; and D. Reid, W.M. 549. Letters of apology for absence were read from Sir James Ferguson, Bart., P.P. G.M.; R. W. Cochrane Patrick, of Woodside, D.P.G.M.; W. Ralston Patrick, of Trearne, S.P.G.M.; Roger Montgomerie, M.P., Proxy G.M. Grand Lodge, Edinburgh; J. H. Neilson, G.S. Grand Lodge, Edinburgh; D. Murray Lyon, S.G.W. The interesting ceremony of installing the office-bearers of the Lodge St. David was then proceeded with as follows:—James Wallace Dunlop Adair, of Beechgrove, W.M.; Dr. Faulds, D.M.; John Faulds, S.M.; James Muir, S.W.; James Gibson, J.W.; Dr. Wm. Muir, Secretary; William Rennie, Treasurer; W. R. Gibb, S.D.; W. Davidson, J.D.; Joseph Davidson, S.S.; Hector Alexander, J.S.; John Loudon, I.G.; W. Cowan, Tyler. Considerable interest was attached to the reopening of this lodge, from the fact that it was in the Lodge St. David, Tarbolton, that the immortal bard, Bro. Robert Burns, first saw Masonic light, on 4th July, 1781, and was passed and raised on the 1st October of the same year. The name Burns, however, has always been associated with the St. James's (Kilwinning), Tarbolton, both lodges having held their meetings in Tarbolton. Burns was, at the period of his initiation, 23 years of age, and was raised to the honourable position of Deputy-Master of St. James's, as the minutes of the lodge containing his own signature amply testify, and at this time he seems to have taken a warm interest in everything relating to the Craft.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge St. George (No. 333).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, 10th inst., Bro. J. Findley, W.M., President; supported by Bros. Alexander Thomson, I.P.M.; Jas. Forsyth, D.M.; Robt. Anderson, S.W.; R. Fairbairn, J.W.; Andrew Dunn, Treasurer; and Archibald McIntyre, Secretary. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. James Booth W.M. No. 87 (Thistle); John Law, D.M. No. 571 (Dramatic), &c. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of last regular and one emergency meeting read and approved of, the application of a candidate for admission into the Order and the lodge was submitted, and he having been balloted for, and the ballot appearing clear, it was sustained accordingly. Previous to the work of initiation, the question of the annual festival of the lodge came up, and a short conversational discussion ensued as to whether it should this year take the form of a soiree or a supper. Ultimately, it was moved by Bro. Archibald McIntyre (Secretary), seconded by Bro. James Miller, and agreed to nem. con., that it be a supper and ball, open to ladies and friends of members, whether in or out of the Order, and to come off as near as possible to the end of next month. The candidate, having been duly prepared, was then admitted, and received the E.A. Degree at the hands of the W.M. Thereafter the lodge was raised to the Degree of Fellow Craft, when a brother, formerly initiated, was passed to that Degree also by the Master. There being no further business the lodge was then closed.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Caledonian Railway (No. 354).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 17th inst., within the Masonic Hall, at No. 30 Hope-st.

The W.M., Bro. Adam B. Ferguson, presided, supported by Bros. D. Buchanan, D.M.; John Harley, S.W.; Wm. Anderson, J.W., and other office-bearers. The meeting was more numerously attended than any one of this lodge that has been held for a considerable period, there being in all no fewer than about 120 brethren present, including many visiting brethren. Amongst the latter were Bros. D. M. Nelson, I.P.M., Lodge St. John, No. 32, and Senr. Deacon Grand Lodge of Scotland; Jas. Findlay, W.M. Lodge St. George, No. 333; John McInnes, W.M. Lodge Clyde, No. 408; David Reid, W.M. Lodge St. Andrew, No. 465; William Phillips, W.M. Lodge Clydesdale, No. 556, and others. The lodge having been duly opened, two approved candidates for admission into the order received the E.A. Degree at the hands of the W.M., Bro. Ferguson. The lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, and a pleasant evening ensued. The toast "Prosperity to Lodge Caledonian Railway, No. 354," was proposed by Bro. D. M. Nelson, cordially pledged by the unusually numerous visiting brethren present, and acknowledged by the W.M. Thereafter the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

## Ireland.

**WATERFORD.**—Waterford Lodge (No. 5).—The members of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall, the Mall, on New Year's Day, for the installation of officers for the ensuing year. Bro. T. Calendre was installed W.M. After transacting business, the lodge adjourned.

**WATERFORD.**—Royal Shamrock Lodge (No. 32).—The members of this lodge assembled at their lodge-rooms, Olive's Place, on Thursday evening, for the purpose of installing officers for the ensuing year, and to celebrate the festival of St. John. There was a large attendance of members and visitors from other lodges present. Bro. E. Brooks was installed W.M. After the transaction of business, the brethren partook of a sumptuous dinner, and having enjoyed a pleasant evening, separated in peace, love, and harmony.

**CLONMEL.**—Donoughmore Lodge (No. 44).—The members of this lodge, met at their lodge rooms, Nelson-street, Clonmel, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. Bro. Stephen Moore, M.P., Worshipful Master, presided. There was a full attendance of brethren. The lodge opened in E.A. Degree, and after the initiation of a candidate, proceeded to the installation of officers for the ensuing year. Bro. Hugh T. Sayers was installed W.M.; E. Smyth, S.W.; and L. Leachman, J.W. After the ceremony of installation, Bro. C. Ffennell, as Senior P.M., proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. S. Moore for his very efficient services and successful efforts to promote the cause of Masonry during his year of office as W.M., and, at the same time, on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented him with a golden Past Master's jewel as a token of their esteem and approbation. The vote was seconded by Bro. Gerald Fitzgerald, and carried by acclamation. Bro. Moore returned thanks in suitable language, and expressed himself as willing and anxious at all times to do what he could for the welfare of Masonry in general, and Lodge 44 in particular. After the transaction of some further ordinary business, lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony.

**WATERFORD.**—Abercorn Lodge (No. 297), held their first communication in the new year on Monday evening, when there was one of the largest lodge meetings held in Waterford for several years. The Rev. J. DeRenny, W.M., presided. There were about forty brethren present, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Rea, S.W.; Nelson, J.W.; Barr, J.D.; Lumsden, J.D.; Stevenson, I.G.; Behm, P.M.; Pearne, P.M.; Moreland, P.M.; Whalley, P.P.G.J.W.; Dart, J.P.M.; Cherry, P.M. 5; McLean, P.M. 32; Davis, P.M.; Smith; Rev. J. W. Bell, Rev. G. Phair, Sinclair, Davidson, Rev. J. Hickson, Carden, Carr, 53; Palmer, P.M. 32; Trigg, Meredith, A. Smith. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and after some routine business had been transacted, another stone was laid in the Masonic Temple, in a superior workmanlike way; after this Bro. Price was duly installed as W.M. for the current year. The newly-installed Master, in the most kind and hearty language, gave expression to the feelings of personal regard and esteem in which the lodge holds its late Master, and on their part thanked him for the able manner in which he presided over them during his year of office, and then presented him from the lodge with a life governorship in the Boys' Masonic Orphan School, for which the I.P.M. heartily thanked his brethren. The whole work of the evening reflected the greatest credit on the new lodge, which promises to be one of the best worked and most popular in the province.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Peters in the chair. There were also present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, the Rev. Dr. Morris, H. Browne, H. W. Hemsworth, E. H. Finney, Thos. W. White, George Kenning, John Boyd, J. A. Rucker, Collard Moutrie, H. A. Dubois, H. M. Levy, Griffiths Smith, H. Massey (Freemason), J. C. Peacock, W. Stephen, S. Rosenthal, F. Binckes, H. Potter, E. C. Mather (65), and R. W. Little, Secretary.

With respect to the subject mentioned by Bro. Symonds at last meeting, as to the test of the reading of candidates being the same as that of the Educational Department of the Privy Council, it was mentioned that the subject might be remitted to a sub-committee, but Bro. Browne thought that the previous test was sufficient for the Girls' School. The children were nine or ten years of age when admitted, and at that age they ought to read well.

The Secretary informed the brethren that a legacy had been left to the Institution by a Mr. Matthews, who be-

queathed his patent for concentrated liquid lime to this Institution, and two others, to be equally divided between the three.

The Secretary then read the balance sheet of the Institution for the last year, which showed receipts to the amount of over £13,000.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

**ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).**—The consecration of this Lodge will take place on Monday next, at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at half-past four o'clock. The ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be performed by V.W. Bro. J. Hervey, P.G.D. Grand Secretary, assisted by V.W. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; Bro. Hyde-Pullen, P.D. Prov. G.M.I. of W., and P.G.S.B.; and Bro. Henry Gustavus Buss, Prov. Grand Junior Warden, Middlesex. Bro. John Derby-Alcroft, as previously stated, is the W.M. designate. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

A Stockholm correspondent of the *Gottenburg Handels-Tidende* states (evidently in error) that the Prince of Wales is expected on the 21st inst. at Stockholm, to assist at the opening of their new Masonic lodge, a ceremony which will take place on that day, which is the birthday of King Oscar II. The new lodge has cost 1,600,000 crowns. Great preparations are being made for the banquet, where more than a thousand brethren are expected to meet; and for the ball which the King gives on the 22nd, and to which 2000 invitations have been sent out.

**ART AND OUR HOSPITALS.**—Dr. J. Lawrence Hamilton writes from 34, Gloucester-terrace, Hyde Park:—"Save for a sea of dreary whitewash, dull temper, or cheerless paint, most of our hospitals are completely bare and destitute of ornament. If a few philanthropists would each send a spare scrap of art now and again, something would be done to lighten the gloom of the sick ward. A hint in your columns ought to be sufficient to stimulate the munificence of many an art collector, as also the liberality of painters in such a direction.—The Times, 23, January, 1877.

On Wednesday morning Eton College opened at the close of the Christmas vacation with the return of the lower boys, the opening of the school having been deferred in consequence of the floods, which even now cover some parts of the grounds near the College.

A report of the Installation Meeting of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, which took place on Thursday last, will appear in our next.

The house No. 25, George Square, Edinburgh, which was occupied by Bro. Sir Walter Scott, has been sold by auction for £2725.

We understand that Mr. Augustus Savile Lumley has been appointed her Majesty's Marshal of the Ceremonies in the room of the Honourable Spencer Lyttelton, who has resigned.

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland has appointed Bro. Capt. H. C. Norris (Lodge 599), to be Aide-de-Camp.

The Corporation of Belfast, at a special meeting, appointed a deputation to present a congratulatory address to the Duke of Marlborough, on the occasion of his appointment to the Lord-Lieutenancy of Ireland.

We learn with sincere regret of the death of Mrs. Williams, wife of Bro. Montagu Williams, the eminent barrister, which sad event took place on Wednesday, 24th inst. Much sympathy has been expressed with Bro. Williams by both Bench and Bar at the Middlesex Court on hearing the melancholy intelligence.

At a meeting of the Cherwell Lodge, No. 599, held at the Red Lion Hotel, Banbury, on Monday last, Bro. the Rev. J. Spittal, Vicar of Christchurch, South Banbury, the present Senior Warden, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. R. Havers, P.G.D. of England, was again elected to the office of Treasurer, an office he has held with great benefit to the lodge for a long series of years; Bros. Chamberlin and Fowler were elected Stewards, and Bro. T. Moss, Tyler. The installation of the new W.M. will take place on the 26th of February.

We are requested to state that the next three meetings of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, will be held on February 21st, March 21st, and April 18th, at the Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-square, Pimlico. The Lodge of Instruction meets every Saturday evening in the Grosvenor Club, (not Hall.)

**FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE.**—Lady Guendalene Talbot, second daughter of the Earl of Shrewsbury, R.W. Prov. Grand Master Staffordshire, was married on Thursday week at Ingestre Church to Colonel Chaplin, M.P. The Bishop of Lichfield performed the ceremony, and was assisted by the Hon. and Rev. A. C. Talbot and the Hon. Rev. W. Talbot, great uncles of the bride. Amongst the distinguished persons present were the Duchess of Sutherland, the Marchioness of Waterford, Lord and Lady Castle-reagh, Lord and Lady Folkestone, Lord and Lady Hather-ton, Mr. H. Chaplin, M.P., and Lady Florence Chaplin. Attending on the bridegroom was the Hon. Evelyn Bos-cowen; and the bridesmaids were Miss F. Chetwynd, Miss Noth, and the Hon. Marian Thelluson. Lady Guendalene was attired in a cream-coloured dress with Brussels lace trimmings, and the bridesmaids in grey cashmere with scarlet trimmings, and hats to match. After the wedding breakfast at Ingestre Hall, the newly-wedded pair left for Alton Towers.

We deeply regret to have to announce the death of the Countess of Limerick, which took place on Wednesday in London.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

The following stand over:—

Reports of Lodges: St. Mark's Lodge, 857; Globe Lodge, 23; United Lodge of Benevolence, 184; City of London Lodge, 901; West Smithfield Lodge, 1623; Hemming Lodge, 1512; St. Dunstan's Lodge, 1589; Fortescue Mark Lodge, No. 9. A Masonic Ball at Brigg. New Masonic Hall at Bournemouth.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

## BIRTHS.

ATKINS.—On the 23rd inst., at Lordship-road, N., the wife of A. C. Atkins, of a son.

LEWIS.—On the 23rd inst., at Ashford Lodge, Putney, the wife of F. T. Lewis, of a son.

MURRAY.—On the 20th inst., at Bournemouth, Lady Keith Murray, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

MOORE—MONTAGUE.—On the 21st ult., at San Francisco, U.S.A., J. Murray Moore, M.D., M.R.C.S., &c., (late of Liverpool), to Elizabeth Boardman Montague, of Hartford, Conn.

## DEATHS.

DYSON.—On the 23rd inst., at Denmark-hill, Wimbledon, Jane Hinde, widow of the late Capt. Dyson, aged 66.

HUMPHRIES.—On the 12th inst., at his residence, Garston, Lancashire, Bro. Charles Humphries, W.M. 220, P.M. 1015.

LIMERICK.—On the 24th inst., Caroline Maria, Countess of Limerick, at 36, Queen's-gate-terrace, South Kensington.

VEAL.—On the 22nd inst., at Stanmore, Eliza, sister of Bro. Veal, in her 41st year.

WILLIAMS.—On the 24th inst., at 44, Upper Brook-street, aged 42, Louise Annie Montagu Williams, the beloved wife of Bro. Montagu Williams.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JAN. 27, 1877.

## IS FREEMASONRY MATERIALISM?

In recurring to this subject, we find that we have a good deal to say upon it. The more we consider Archbishop Vaughan's statement and charge alluded to in our last, the more strongly we feel the importance and depth of the whole subject matter, the more we regret that this Roman Catholic Prelate should have permitted his unreasoning fear of Freemasons, and his burning desire to shoot out his "*epea pteroenta*" to overmaster alike his common sense and his critical perception. And not only this, but in the position he has assumed Archbishop Vaughan is actually laying down the first canon of materialistic infidelity himself as the premise of his entire argument. So let us bring before us the statement he has openly made, "*ad fideles*," and to the public generally. The history of the world, according to him, has been governed by two potential systems in the past and the present, and the future is to be controlled by a third. And these he places in this order:—1, Paganism; 2, Supernaturalism; 3, Materialism. Hence, according to this distinguished member of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, the principle involved in each of the two first systems or "*isms*" has successively governed the world; they are pretty much on a level, emanations from the internal and external consciousness of the human psychology, which may be dealt with, and have to be dealt with, philosophically, as fair subjects for human thought and scholastic treatment. Nothing so illogical, so perversely false, or so unhistorical—no position so unreal has ever before been propounded by any but the most destructive of sceptical writers. What will such thinkers as John Henry Newman say to such a specimen of the Roman Catholic teachings of the modern dogmatism of Rome? Have we in this mournful and distorted collocation of historical facts, of religious progress in the world, a scheme of a new alliance between Roman Catholics and material infidelity? It looks very like it, inasmuch as this outburst of positivism is made the "*fulcrum*" to attack Freemasonry. Now we should like to ask Archbishop Vaughan two other questions. Does he accept the Sacred Record? Does he believe in it? If so, how can he venture to say to a startled audience at Sydney that paganism and supernaturalism governed the past? Long before paganism, as he calls it, existed, was supernaturalism; for paganism is but the perversion of the teaching of the "*Theodidaktoi*." All the mysteries originally proclaimed without doubt either the whole or a portion of the primeval truth, but which became distorted and perverted in the lapse of ages, and overlooked and forgotten in the childish inventions of men, while their foolish hearts were darkened and they accepted fables instead of truth. But all this time the world saw and received the religion of supernaturalism, and the history of the Jewish people from the call of Abraham, is nothing but a record of the supernatural. To place paganism and supernaturalism on a level, or to make the latter the sequel to the former, to treat them as coequal or correlative systems in the administration of the general government of the world, is a travesty alike of the history of religion and of man, such as we might have expected to find to proceed from the pen of some materialistic writer, but not from the armoury of a Roman Catholic Archbishop. We have never perused any statement with more pain, or greater repugnance. It is about as unscientific and as unfounded as anything we have ever seen, and when this proceeds from a writer, who professes to represent an infallible church, and to be protecting the interests of true religion against the assaults of a materialistic infidelity, we are like the sleepers awakened, we can only rub our eyes, and shrug our shoulders, and wonder where we are, and what it all means. If such is in future to be the "*modus procedendi*" of Roman Catholic historians, professors, philosophers, and critics, then all that Religion can say is, "*Save me from my friends*," as a

more treacherous and unsafe defence of religion itself cannot be made by any who assume to be its defenders and avow themselves its upholders. It has not escaped the notice of the observant and the critical, that in her destructive policy, in order to build up her infallible theory, the Roman Catholic Church has more than once in her history seemed to make an alliance in her propositions and teachings "*ad populum*," with a so-called philosophical unbelief. Romanism is to be the refuge of the weak, the distressed, the weary, the hesitating, the doubting, the depressed; and this coquetting with a pseudo liberalism of thought and declaration, may be made to subserve the cause of a corrective and a victorious infallibility. We write all this in no feeling of denominational controversy, nor with any wish to dilate upon Romanism, quia Romanism, inasmuch as we are Freemasons, and have nothing to do with the contentions of Christians, or the doubts and debates of churches or sects. But, when a distinguished member of a denominational body, for the purpose mainly of assailing a perfectly peaceful and harmless, and loyal, and religious Order, like our own, proceeds coolly to give us "*history in ruins*," and to rend in pieces the whole framework of the religious witness, of the moral government of T.G.A.O.T.U., we feel it to be our duty calmly to point out the hopeless and illogical nature of his arguments, and the utter fallacy of his baneful conclusions. But in saying what we have said, hastily and imperfectly at the best, we have but fringed, so to speak, the outside of the question, and as it is a very important one per se, and in its relation to us all, we shall proceed to consider in our next what is this materialism of which Archbishop Vaughan speaks so glibly and so dogmatically. The subject has grown, as our readers will note, upon our hands, but such is not our fault, but the fault of the hasty and unsound inductions of, no doubt an honest, but mistaken and irate controversialist.

## THE DISAPPOINTMENTS OF LIFE.

That life is full of disappointments we all of us are well aware. Indeed, if there is one word more than another inscribed on all the edifices of man it is this—disappointment. Our hopes are falsified, our dreams fade away, realization is not anticipation, plans fail, bright visions change into darkness, and too often the joyous hours of youth are clouded over by the sterner experiences of manhood, by the sadder sensibilities of old age. Perhaps the most remarkable feature of this world's hopes, and promises, and pursuits, and gifts, is the character of disappointment which clings to them from first to last, never leaves them nor forsakes them, and speaks with full-voiced, if solemn pathos, alike to the inexperienced as well as the experienced, the young as well as the old, the prosperous as well as the unfortunate, the grave as well as the gay. Go where we will, do what we may, whatever, in fact, may be the labour of our hands or of our minds, disappointment lurks, as it were, like a worm beneath the luxuriant foliage, within the grateful fruit, tainting, cankering, destroying all. No station in life, no rank, no calling, no wealth, no power, is exempt from disappointment's chilling grasp, and amidst our highest happiness or greatest success, disappointment confronts us all on the way, often marring noblest plans, breaking fondest hearts, and throwing its gloomy shade over the exulting trust of youth, the calm assurance of maturity, the serene imbecility of old age. Sad often it is as life passes on, and time and we both grow old, to note how disappointment ever interferes with our gentlest aspirations, or turns into nothingness our most faithful strivings. No life is exempt from its withering influence, no lot is free from its deadening powers, from first to last, from our cradles to our graves, we still are doomed to disappointment. The happiness we strive for eludes our grasp, the blessings we enjoy perish with the using, the hopes we entertain come to nothing, the affections we cherish are blighted in the bud, and day by day, and hour by hour, the experience of the past is the experience of the present, "*vanity of vanities, all is vanity*." The houses we build, the homes



we make, the ends we seek, the children we train, the countless sympathies, affections, longings, efforts of our own imperfect nature, all fail us and all fade from us, in some sad hour of earthly trial, and disappointment leaves us often nothing behind but the sad dull decay of morbid suffering years, the wreck of earthly happiness, the crumbling array of our own poor little castle in the air, which we have taken such pains to raise, which to-day is, and to-morrow is not, the hopeless sense of an unfillable void. If we look beneath the surface of things, and note the inner currents of human struggles, we shall find that disappointment is the ceaseless condition of humanity, inseparably attendant on everything of earth, and intended, no doubt in the good providence of God, as a wholesome medicine, a needful corrective, to warn us, control us, restrain us, to lift up our hearts and minds, amid passing and temporal things, to those which are enduring, nay eternal. We have been led into these reflections by the sad intelligence, officially reported in another page, of the death of Lillian Mary Nelson, one of the most promising girls in our noble Institution, and daughter of our late lamented and most zealous Bro. R. R. Nelson, P.G.S. for West Yorkshire. To all Freemasons the premature demise of this young and intelligent pupil will be a subject of deep fraternal regret, but to those of us who knew Bro. R. R. Nelson in the flesh, and appreciated his energy, and shared in his work, the matter will appeal most forcibly and warmly to our hearts as well as to our memories. For we shall recall at once his many years of earnest labour for the Charities, first under our lamented Bro. Dr. Fearnley, and then under our esteemed Bro. Bentley Shaw, in the happier days of Lord Ripon's constitutional rule, and we shall feel deeply for the twice afflicted widow, and truly condole with her, on her irreparable bereavement. It is always saddening to the human mind to realize the passing away of early promise, bright hopes, high excellences, abounding graces; and there are none of us who will not mourn to hear to-day of a happy career thus sadly closed, and of those disappointed hopes, those natural expectations which have ended in time, but not, we will believe, in eternity, both for that widowed mother and that mourning family. The best wishes and hopes of the Craft go with them all.

#### A BIT OF NEWS.

The *Westminster Gazette*, that respectable Roman Catholic paper, is just now greatly moved internally. From "Roma la Santa" comes to that well-informed journal, from its special and accurate correspondent, the startling and ill-timed bit of news that Prince Humbert has received Prince Louis Napoleon into Freemasonry. Thereupon the *Westminster Gazette* waxes virtuously indignant at such a very improper proceeding, and proceeds to point out how very ticklish is the position in which the Empress Eugénie and her son stand in respect of the Sovereign Pontiff, and how displeased he is with their sayings and doings at home, their visits to the Quirinale, their friendly relation above all with the Italian Royal family. Will the editor of the *Westminster Gazette* allow excommunicated Freemasons to tender to him a humble morsel of advice? Will he kindly permit us to suggest that he had far better leave the Empress Eugénie and her son alone? They have both earned for themselves the good will and kindly regards of our English people, and we venture to deem it a great act of impertinence on anybody's part to spy into their movements, either with the hateful malevolence of party, or the baneful slander of cackling geese. Curiously enough, as Freemasons, we do not believe the story. In the first place we are not aware that Prince Humbert is a Freemason, and secondly, we are ignorant of any authority given to him to admit Prince Louis Napoleon into Freemasonry. Had the ceremony been performed, the Grand Lodge of Rome would probably have something to do with it, and our esteemed Bro. J. C. Parkinson would have informed us of it also, and, with his usual kindness towards us, have sent us an account of it. We fancy that the story is a pretty little Roman Catholic Canard, concocted in London, and put forth in that amiable frame of mind by which Roman Catholics just now

seem animated towards Freemasons and Freemasonry everywhere. Anything, however foolish or grotesque, however ludicrous or unlikely, as regards Freemasons, is sufficient to frighten the Ultramontanes into hysterics, and we believe that in their present state of nervousness and agitation, clearly approximating to "delicious trimmings," they will credit anything of our innocent and peaceful fraternity. Happy for us it is that "hard words butter no parsnips and break no bones," otherwise, who can say what the consequences would be to our Masonic Confraternity, in our hours of work, or our moments of refreshment? Luckily for us, there is a limit for abuse, a turning point for slander, and we can only trust that our dear Ultramontane friends and brethren will speedily reach the one and the other. As it is we wish them kindlier sentiments, more reasonable theories, and above all, a more polite and Christian vocabulary.

#### WHAT HAPPENED AT MARPINGEN?

Can any brother tell us? The *Univers*, the well-known Parisian Ultramontane paper, states, it seems, in its issue of the 27th December, 1876, that the entire affairs of Marpingen have turned, to the greatest confusion of the Prussian police, and of the entire Masonic press of the world, "que toute l'affaire de Marpingen à tourné à la plus grand confusion de la police Prussienne et de la presse Maçonnique du monde entier." Bro. Hubert, the editor of the *Chaine d'Union*, declares himself "bien curieux" to know to what affair these words relate, as he sees most Masonic papers, and he has never heard of Marpingen. We can only re-echo Bro. Hubert's words. We see weekly, daily, Masonic papers from almost every country, and in almost every European language, and we have never heard of Marpingen. So perhaps some "bright Mason" will kindly enlighten us; though after all the old adage may be true, "where ignorance is bliss, 'twere folly to be wise."

#### 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.]

#### HOW CAN WE IMPROVE MASONRY IN SCOTLAND?

SEC. I.—GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

PREFATORY.—The first thing for Grand Lodge of Scotland to do in the case before us is "to consolidate its debt," and to devise means for paying off the same within a certain time.

The next is to arrange a workable system, whereby the estimated annual expenditure and receipts can be made to balance, and at the same time pay interest of consolidated debt, and form a sinking fund for the redemption of the same.

When I first looked into this subject I was in great hopes that by a few good measures properly brought forward in Grand Lodge our object might be accomplished, but in going deeper into the matter I found that a partial re-construction at least of Grand Lodge was necessary—that isolated motions would be of little avail—that, in fact, suggestions would be required from the Craft at large, and the whole matter brought before a few good and earnest brethren to be developed into shape.

Why, then, you may say, do I not bring my measures and proposals before Grand Committee? I will give you three reasons. 1st. Grand Committee has enough to do at the present time in arranging the financial and other arrears, and in carrying on the regular work; 2ndly. Members of Grand Committee (as well as executive officers of Grand Lodge) may be required to give evidence, may in fact be on their trial; 3rdly. Because in all cases of like import, and where many points have to be considered appertaining to one subject, or one branch of subjects, we have the precedent of our National Legislature, which appoints "Royal Commissions," "with full powers," to enquire into every detail of the subject in hand, and "to report thereon."

For these reasons, then, I think, in our present condition Grand Lodge should appoint a "Special Committee."

The present average sum per annum paid as interest by Grand Lodge of Scotland is about £700; the interest on £14,000 at 4 per cent. is £560. These few figures speak for themselves.

The incubus, then, that weighs us down, that impedes the action of every executive officer we have had or ever may have, is the Grand Lodge debt and floating balances; till this can be arranged little can be done.

I would propose then to meet this, "that all outstanding balances against Grand Lodge be consolidated into one Debenture Stock (held amongst ourselves, viz., the

Masons of Scotland), issued in bonds of £5 or £10 at par, bearing interest at 4 per cent. per annum, to be redeemable yearly or half-yearly from the sinking fund."

There should be no difficulty in this, if brethren who have money would consider the matter in its proper light. Four per cent. is a good interest, "even at the present time, if properly and safely secured," so that it would be in the power of any brother who had £5 or £10 to invest, to do good to the Craft, and yet be at no loss himself; Grand Lodge now borrows its loans at 4 per cent., 5 per cent., and the existing bank rate of interest. If the loans are consolidated into one at 4 per cent., Grand Lodge would be immeasurably the gainer.

TABLE I.—ACCORDING TO PRESENT SYSTEM.  
Table of Receipts per Annum as it should be without Deducting Arrears.

SEC. I.—Annual Payments:	
Certificates of 458 Lodges at 5s. each	£458
Annual Subscription of 450 R.W.M.'s or their Proxies at 5s. each	
Annual Subscription 916 Warden's, or their Proxies at 5s. each*	
Liquidation Fund 458 Lodges, at £1 each per annum	£458
Annual Rent of Shops and other properties in George-street	about 480
Total fixed charges	£1396

SEC. II. Variable Incomes:	
† Intransits, say 4000 at 4s. 6d.	£900
Diplomas, say 4000 at 5s.	1000
Charities and Prov.G.M.'s Commissions at £10 10s. each, say	105
Rents of Masonic Lodges and other bodies, say	80
Rents for Grand Hall	150
Miscellaneous receipts, say	50

Brought forward Sec. I fixed charges	£1396
	£3681

This measure would seem feasible and easily arranged by one motion, but we have to consider the securities, and while assuring this interest, and securing it upon certain proceeds of Grand Lodge, we have to provide also for a sufficiency to maintain our current receipts and cover expenditure, leaving, if possible, a margin in each case, 1st. for the sinking fund for debt, and 2nd. for arrears in general receipts: this leads us then to consider the question of "Reconstruction or re-arrangement of Grand Lodge."

The income of Grand Lodge is derived from various sources, some permanent and annual fixed charges, some variable. 1st. The fixed charges are the annual certificates from every daughter lodge, the annual dues of the representative members of G.L., being the R.W.M.'s, and their Wardens or their respective Proxy Masters and Wardens, the annual sum of £1 chargeable on every daughter lodge towards liquidation of debt, fixed by G.L. three or four years ago, and the rent of the shops and other properties let on lease.

2nd. The variable charges are, intransits' fees, diplomas, charters to daughter lodges, Provincial Grand Masters' commissions, rents payable by Masonic Lodges, &c., for holding meetings within Grand Lodge precincts, rents for large Masonic Hall, and miscellaneous receipts.

There are 458 working lodges on the books of Grand Lodge, therefore the annual payment by each lodge, either in itself, its representatives, or proxies, should be £2 each, or a total of £916 per annum. The table above shows what should be the sum of the fixed charges and proper number of members of Grand Lodge under the existing system, but unfortunately the arrears are very great: the last published Grand Lodge Reporter is of November, 1873. I can get no information beyond that period, so must base my figures on previous statements of accounts, but making all reasonable allowance for arrears under this head, a fair sum should be realized if the Constitutions be strictly enforced, but the arrears are vastly in excess of all that could be imagined. Under the head of Liquidation Fund, I am informed there is a deficiency of £1500; again, on referring to the various Reporters in my possession, I find that the average number of subscribing members of Grand Lodge, out of a total of 1374, is considerably under 500: space will not permit me to quote chapters and sections of Constitutions by which these deficiencies could be made good, suffice it for me to say, "that unless Grand Lodge duly enforces its rules, and the brethren and lodges at large respond to the call, no system can be devised to place Grand Lodge on a proper basis; it can only go on from bad to worse."

Let us now consider the 2nd class, or variable income of Grand Lodge. The intransits and diplomas can be considered together, at present the number is pretty high in proportion, and is the mainstay of the general income; but here again I must warn the brethren, that though Masonry is now "fashionable," and sought after, "we cannot depend on increasing prosperity in the same ratio." I would in this case have given a lower average to work upon, but here

\* Giving thus a membership to Grand Lodge of 1374.

† Intransits are here charged 4s. 6d. for enrollment, but I have not included in this table 1s. per head that goes to the Fund of Benevolence, thus making up total enrollment fee 5s. 6d. (see Constitutions).

Total income "due!"	£3681
Deduct for liquidation fund	1458

Balance for general uses..... £2223

again I must remind our country R.W.M.'s and Secretaries "that the annual return of intrants is very incomplete," so that if due care is taken "to make full returns" and payments to Grand Lodge the numbers of intrants and diplomas, may for long keep up the average: here is another opportunity for making up arrears and helping Grand Lodge in the future.

Charters and Prov. G. Masters' commissions must ever be variable; the same may be said of rents of Masonic lodges, &c., and rents of Grand Hall (save that in this latter case I think I have under-estimated its true value. Miscellaneous receipts speak for themselves. According to Chap. 20, Sec. xxxiv., fees for diplomas (minus actual cost of same) and the dues to the liquidation fund are to be set aside to extinguish the debt. [This is taking a large sum—no less than £1458, "if all dues are paid up," but after deducting under this head arrears of liquidation fund and cost of diplomas, this is materially decreased. Again, the Grand Lodge current account is greatly reduced by arrears, &c., as well as increasing expenditure.

Grand Lodge, then, must be strengthened in purse, and while so doing we should strengthen it in deliberative power, and knowledge of the working of the Craft. All Grand Officers who have served their time of office should be qualified thereby to remain members of Grand Lodge so long as they contribute their test fee of membership, viz., 5s. per annum, and are subscribing members of a daughter lodge; and be entitled to all precedence of their past rank, wearing a distinguishing mark on their aprons in lieu of the collar and jewel of office, "which is movable."

This same to apply to Provincial Grand Lodges in their respective districts.

Again, all Masters of lodges "who have served their appointed time in the chair" should, so long as they continue subscribing members of a lodge holding of Grand Lodge of Scotland, be entitled to be kept on the roll of Grand Lodge as "Past Masters," and be entitled to vote and speak therein, and in their several Provincial Grand Lodges, so long as they pay Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge dues.

Both Grand Lodge and the Provincial Grand Lodge would thus be greatly improved.

Again, I would urge as to Proxy M.'s and Wardens, that they "should be duly qualified" before they can be admitted to Grand Lodge, viz., "that they should be subscribing members of a lodge holding of Grand Lodge of Scotland, and have been installed in and served (at least) the office of Warden for the appointed time.

It should be made compulsory that every lodge holding of G.L. of Scotland should have an annual subscription from its members, however small that subscription might be. The table of dues to Grand Lodge, Prov. Grand Lodge, &c., as regards intrants, &c., should be revised. (vide next article).

These are matters immediately relating to G.L., and here I shall stop at present, keeping over to my next communication, the questions of "Amended tables of receipts, &c., Fund of Benevolence, Provincial Grand Lodges, and daughter lodges, as well as a more extended view of the question as to Proxies and Past Masters.

Copy of Motion proposed by Bro. G. R. Harriott, P.G.M. Wigtown and Kirkcudbright; seconded by Bro. Adam Thomson, S.P.G.M. Peebles and Selkirk; moved before Grand of Scotland Nov., 1876, to be brought up Feb. 1877.

That a "Special Committee" be appointed to consider the two following points in all their bearings:—

1st. The state of the funded debt and "floating balance," amounting to £13,188 4s. 2d., and other items as per Reporter for 1873 "the last published."

2nd. The increasing excess of expenditure per annum over receipts.

Said "Special Committee" to be empowered, 1st to summon witnesses, and collect all evidence as may seem necessary to it; 2nd. To consider the question of the general financial system of Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to suggest any improvements thereon which may seem to them to tend to ameliorate the present state of affairs and place Grand Lodge on a "sound financial basis." 3rd. That it be empowered to call accountants and other professional advisers, "when and wherever required," and that it be empowered to demand production of all books, accounts, vouchers, &c., from the executive officers, Grand Committee, or the daughter lodges.

#### MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I must thank "A.T." for replying to my queries, though his No. 5 does not in any way meet my difficulty, and 4 is needlessly uncourteous.

He seems to imagine that when he has quoted the Constitutions he has settled the matter beyond dispute. And this, perhaps, is true, for that large class of brethren who have neither time nor inclination for inquiry into the reasons of things. To others, however, the mere fact of a particular statement being printed in that august volume is not by any means a conclusive argument or convincing proof that it must therefore of necessity be right, but only a reason for regarding it with respectful consideration, since Grand Lodge is not infallible, and its exponents or publishers may make mistakes like any one else, by way of either omission, commission, or transposition. Of the first of these we have a signal example in Section 9 of "Masters and Wardens," as "A.T." himself acknowledges, and of the last, I believe we have an equally striking instance in his Regalia quotation, where the words, "Horizontal" and "Perpendicular" are misplaced.

My reason for saying so is this. "Masonry is a beautiful system, illustrated by symbols," which hide its mysteries from the outside world, but reveal them to the initiated Craftsman. Unless, therefore, the symbols employed are

of such a significant character as to "illustrate," i.e., elucidate or throw light upon the office, degree, or secret to which they are attached, they not only fail to serve their intended purpose, but become ridiculous in themselves, and the cause of ridicule to those who use them.

Now, the true "Apron Symbol" of a W.M. is undoubtedly the Greek TAU, as representing the cross-handled staff of Patriarch Jacob, the hammer of Saxon Thor, and the gavel of King Solomon, which is the "Master's implement and emblem of power," and I still desire to know why the regulations turn it upside down, so as to convert it into a Level, which, as applied to the W.M., is both meaningless and misleading, inasmuch as it does not "illustrate" his official character and distinctive magisterial duties, but sends him back, as it were, to the S.W., from which he has just emerged.

Perhaps some brother, older and wiser than "A.T.," will be kind enough to tell what he knows about this matter, and also about the date and origin of the ritual of the Board of Installed Masters.

W.M. C.N.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"A.T.," in his answer to "W.M. C.N., No. 4," quotes from the Constitutions on regalia.

Permit me to call the attention of W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and Directors of Ceremonies, to the remainder of the Constitution from which "A.T." made his quotation (pp. 125-6, ed. 1873):—"The length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a-half each, and of the perpendicular lines, one each; these emblems to be of ribbon half an inch broad, and of the same colour as the lining and edging of the apron. If Grand Officers, similar emblems of garter-blue or gold."

In all lodges I have visited this Constitution is more or less violated, and emblems of white metal, plate, or silver, substituted. I think this very general violation arises from a misconception of a previous Constitution on aprons—p. 124—headed "Master Masons," in which occurs the following passage:—"No other colour or ornament shall be allowed except to officers and past officers of lodges, who may have the emblems of their offices in silver or white in the centre of the apron."

The emblem of the W.M.'s office is the Sq.; that of the P.M., the Sq. and 47th prop. 1st Bk. Euclid; S.W., Level; J.W., Plumb; Treas., Key; Sec., Cross Pens; Deacons, Dove; I.G., Cross Swords; Tyler, Sword. And these emblems, typical of office, may be worn by officers and past officers of lodges in the centre of the apron, in the same manner as by Grand and Prov. Grand Officers.

There seems no authority whatever for W.M.'s and P.M.'s to wear other than blue L levels on their aprons. If there be any authority, I have failed to trace it in the Constitutions.

I am, yours fraternally,

P.P.M.

#### THE POLISH NATIONAL LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As one of your readers you must excuse me if the interest which I take in your paper and in the cause of Freemasonry prompts me to make some remarks on a meeting of the Polish National Lodge, reported in your number of the 13th inst.

I happened to be a visitor on that occasion, and I must say that seldom if ever was I more agreeably and more pleasantly surprised than I was by the proceedings of that night, both on account of the truly harmonious and brotherly tone that pervaded the atmosphere, as well as by the loftiness of character that elevated and braced the too often stale and commonplace gatherings of the every day performances of this kind. Bro. Rath, the W.M., with a freshness of aim and a thoroughness of purpose, gave us one of those mental feasts ever memorable to those who, like myself, were privileged to partake in it.

I am sure you must feel with me the distressing shallowness and unthinking meaninglessness with which all the best and purest principles and incidents of our Order are too often treated by those whose ennobling office it ought to be, to raise the spirit of the mass of the followers of our standard to something that should be worthy of the grand cause which we uphold, and which ought to be of a nature to shew good cause why we should not be considered merely as "fruges consumere nati." Then, if I begin my letter to you by such a wailing over the degeneracy of the age, it is not because I think that there are not many amongst us who are really worthy of the high trust reposed in them to be the standard-bearers of humanity, or because I thought that your valuable paper, as the organ of such a great brotherhood like ours, does not do its very best to guide the fraternity in the true path of the spirit of our ancient landmarks, but because I think that our best endeavours should certainly always be directed to raise up the sluggish, half-thinking, and half-eating members amongst us to that perfection which is the only "raison d'être" of our society.

Certainly I must say that the brother who took upon himself the responsibility of reporting on the proceedings of the Polish National Lodge of the evening in question cannot possibly have been aware of the gravity of the duties the execution of which he so lightly undertook.

If you had been, like myself, present at that memorable meeting you must have been discouraged in reading the senseless and distorted heap of illogical, unconnected, and thoroughly ungrammatical word-whirlwind, to say nothing of the sad fate that befel the Queen's English—which disfigured such a large space of your paper.

I can make every allowance for you, whose manifold duties will not always permit of every communication being thoroughly sifted, particularly when it comes, as it often does, from influential brothers, who are supposed to

know what they assume in bringing matters of this kind before the public. But not being able to address myself to any one but the responsible Editor, I am in that position that what I have to say I must submit to you.

Nothing helps truth better than truth, and, acting on this ever true principle, I trust that you will accept my communication in the spirit in which it is tendered.

Publicity is a well known "nostrum" for all errors, and if you will take my well-meant criticism in that sense you will once more convince me, as I always was, of your love of truth and progress and of your impartiality.

I enclose my card, and remain, Sir and Brother, yours very obediently,

A VISITOR.

[We do not understand to what "A Visitor" refers.—Ed.]

#### BRO. MAJOR BURGESS.

[We have been requested by Bro. Major Burgess to publish the following correspondence; we have done so, suppressing one or two passages which appear to us personal. We express no further opinion on the matter, but think it right to find space for a complaint on the part of a brother, if couched in proper terms.—Ed.]

Office of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters,

2, Red Lion Square,

12th January, 1877.

Sir and Brother,—

Your letter under date 2nd Dec., 1876, addressed "To the Secretary of the Mark Master Masons, London," was read at a meeting of the General Board of this Grand Lodge yesterday, when the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"That the General Board is unable to entertain, or to recommend Grand Lodge to entertain, the communication from Major Burgess, dated 2nd Dec., 1876, the same not being couched in 'proper and respectful language,' as required by Clause 96 of the Book of Constitutions."

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

(Signed) FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.J.W., G.S.

16th January, 1877.

Sir,—

I have received your letter of the 12th instant.

In reply I desire that you will inform the General Board of the Mark Master Masons that they cannot expect from other people obedience to the clauses of the Book of Constitutions until they themselves set an example of such obedience. By expelling me they have distinctly freed me from all obedience to those Constitutions; and until they cancel the expulsion which in June, 1875, they caused to be passed against me, in defiance of Clause 13 of the Constitutions ("No brother shall be expelled until he shall have been summoned to show cause in the Grand Lodge why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced"), they leave me free to express, how and when I please, an opinion of their conduct.

I am, your obedient servant,

(Signed) CHAS. J. BURGESS.

The Secretary of  
the Mark Master Masons, London.

#### DUTIES OF STEWARDS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the letter of "One of the Stewards" in your last week's issue, upon matters relating to the above, I find you did not accord to him a reply—so usual to your customary courtesy—but possibly you were at a loss to quite understand the drift of his question, and I confess I don't clearly see it, unless it is that he, with others, are told off in turns to perform a menial office by a private rule of the lodge, at which it appears our worthy brother has very naturally, and I think excusably, taken umbrage, for it must be evident to the Craft generally that such a custom—which, by the way, I will venture to think is quite an exception—is a lowering of self-respect, not to say derogatory to a Masonic body. No brother, I feel sure, would object voluntarily to render his personal assistance at tea or banquet table, providing it was a necessity, but to be told off for it as a "duty," to assist in conjunction with the waiters of the establishment, and to partake of the after dinner-viands, amounts, I think, to plebeianism, and a blow to Masonic dignity. And for a brother to make "an ill-natured public remark" completes the picture. I trust our brother will feel it due to withdraw the remark that "One of the Stewards" complains of, and thus show that he has not an entire disregard of Masonic feeling, if he has of its obligations.

It is evidently not a part of a brother's duty to perform the menial office complained of. The latter part of our brother's letter was to the point, and in accordance, I believe, with the custom of the Craft generally.

Yours fraternally,

EXCELSIOR.

#### THE ECLECTIC LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been most pleased to read the account of the installation of Bro. E. J. Harty as W.M. of the Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201, and especially because it is a lodge in which I take a special interest. Not because our good friend and Worshipful Bro. Fenn could only procure a glass of water on its constitution, though as a life-long total abstainer I might be excused if such had been the case, but in consequence of my believing its basis is a truly sound and Masonic one.

I presume that the only departure inaugurated by Bro. Harty is the provision for Masonic banquets, and so far as I can see there was no regulation against such under the old regime, so long as the cost thereof did not fall upon



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the ordinary funds of the lodge. I think the members of a lodge have a perfect right to do as they think proper with their funds, within certain bounds, but unless banquets are provided for by additional or separate subscriptions, (either exclusive or inclusive as to the usual annual payments), I consider it most unmasonic to use the funds for such purposes. To make my meaning plain it is as follows. If the lodge members subscribe only about a pound annually to meet the current incidental expenses, clearly there are no funds for banqueting purposes, and those who partake should pay. If, however, sufficient additional payments are made for that object, no one has a right to complain. Now many lodges with such a small annual payment have refreshments at every lodge meeting at the expense of the lodge funds, and the consequence is that, unless new members are being made frequently, the financial state is bad, and to provide the means for the feasts the tempting offers of candidates' fees are necessarily often considered before the "moral qualifications." No. 1201, I think, provides for this in a most satisfactory manner. The law virtually says, "Have what you like, brethren, but pay—nothing from the ordinary funds, remember!" Law 1 is as follows: "No part of the moneys received by this lodge can or shall be used or spent in any other manner than the requirements of the lodge, the Order, or charity may permit, and shall not be appropriated for tavern expenses or refreshments in any form; and that this law is irrevocable so long as the charter of said lodge exists and is in force."

I presume that this peculiarity of the lodge is still its distinguishing feature, and to make sure I fraternally invite the respected W.M. to state in the columns of the *Freemason* whether my belief is a correct one or not.

Fraternally yours,

WM. JAMES HUGHAN,  
P.G.D.

Truro, 22nd January, 1877.

#### DEDICATION OF THE NEW TEMPLE OF THE ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 492, ANTIGUA.

On Friday afternoon, the 1st ult., the good citizens witnessed a scene which but one generation out of ten might ever hope to witness. At half-past four the brethren of the above lodge met by appointment at the old premises on the Parade, preliminary to the consecration and dedication of their New Temple in Nevis-street.

By five o'clock fifty-three Masons of attached and unattached brethren were assembled in the full regalia of Craft Masonry. The lodge then opened up to the Third Degree, and the W.M. having formally announced the object of the gathering, the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Este, D. of C., formed outside, and moved in Masonic procession up Long-street, through Market-street, down Nevis-street, and in due order entered the building that was ready for consecration and dedication.

Besides the charter and the rest of the paraphernalia of Masonry, carried along, the S.W., J.W., and P.S.W. bore respectively three silver vessels with corn, wine, and oil.

There were numerous spectators from the windows and balconies enjoying the scene; and all along the procession there was the usual crowd—but it was to their credit that nothing on their part transpired to mar the occasion; and the charity of Masonry is sufficiently expansive to excuse the rude eagerness of the sight-loving rabble.

The brethren moved on without the usual noise of fife and drum. The quietness and solemnity of the procession was quite in keeping with the mission on which they were bent—the solemn consecration and dedication of their Temple.

And here we beg our readers to pardon the few remarks which we are constrained to make on the subject of Masonry. We deem this a fit opportunity for an attempt at dispelling the illusions which the outer world have of Masonry. Masonry is a society extended over the world; and to those who scoff at its claims to antiquity, let its universality be sufficient presumptive evidence of it. The principles of Masonry are the same wherever professed; its origin must therefore be one and the same. This necessity carries us back, in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, to a period when the various branches of the human race had not yet branched off from the centre, but were in close union with each other. Or if that position be untenable, we fall back on this other, that the principles of Masonry were diffused by the Phœnician merchants, whose traffic extended in the remotest antiquity over the whole world, before the learning and refinement of Greece, or the might of Rome, was heard of; or that they were propagated by those Jews who formed a portion of the retinue of Alexander the Great in his career of conquests extending from the Ægean Sea to the Indian Ocean, and from the Granicus to the Indus.

But whatever the antiquity of Masonry, it must be conceded that as a society it must have something to distinguish it from other societies; something to serve as a mark by which the members might discover each other wherever they meet, and as a link to weld the scattered units of the society into one homogeneous whole; and the link that does this is the landmarks, which it follows, as a matter of course, must be known only by Masons. But because those landmarks are jealously guarded by all faithful Masons, and are emphatically the mysteries of the Craft, the outside world puts the worst construction on them, and associates them with diablerie and impiety. But this is the fate of everything mysterious; and the brethren must console themselves with that reflection.

Yet if the outer world would suspend judgment on what is unknown to them, and observe the visible manifestations of Masonry—its works of charity and benevolence—they would conclude that a society with that sublime virtue as its practical feature is incapable of nursing within its

bosom anything subversive of morality or religion. Far from being so, Masonry is the essence of all religion; its mission is—"To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and keep himself unspotted from the world." Hence speaking as a P.M. of the Craft, I have always considered that Masonry has this in its favour, whatever else might be said against it, that it most nearly approaches practical Christianity in theory and spirit. It has the Supreme Being for the object of its worship, mankind without distinction of class, clime, or colour for its subjects, and the universe for its temple. It places all men on the same platform of fraternity and equality, and thus eclipses fashionable and conventional Christianity. For while this seldom surmounts the prejudices of class or race, and, like the Jews, has "no dealings with the Samaritans," that, swayed by the fact that God has made all men of one blood to dwell on the face of the earth, eagerly rushes with Christ-like spirit to give the right hand of fellowship to every brother, whatever his race or station, and solemnly pledged to works of virtue and benevolence is equally pledged to keep itself free from the debilitating effects of immorality. That all Masons are not true to their colours is as little a fault of Masonry as the inconsistencies of professing Christians are the faults of Christianity.

To return to our subject. The new lodge is a three-storeyed building. The entrance is on the second storey by a stone platform at the north door with two flights of steps, east and west respectively. The upper storey is reached by a winding gallery at the south-west corner of the building. Ascending this gallery the brethren arrived on a landing, commanding a fine view of the south. To the east of this landing is an ante-room, which the Building Committee designed the Master's room. Opening before them on the north is the most magnificent hall, the upper storey of the Court-house excepted, in the city. To consecrate and dedicate this hall was the business of the evening.

It is rectangular, and is 35 feet by 29, with a tiny piazza looking towards the rising sun. It is spacious, in thorough repair, nicely ceiled, painted and decorated with the usual Masonic furniture and symbols. The yellow venetian blinds increase its charms within and add to its appearance without. In the centre the ceiling has a fine gilt design by Bro. Thibou, with engravings of some of the tools of the Craft.

Writing as one who, quorum pars fui, I still experience the feeling of pride and delight which possessed me, standing with the brethren in their own neat, beautiful, and spacious temple. The spirit which pervaded us all brought to my mind the feeling of the beautiful and sublime which makes poets adorn the fountain, grove, mountain, and sea; on the one hand and on the other minstrelsy, painting, sculpture, and poetry, each with its presiding nymph, muse, or genius. I felt as if some genius was scattering its favours around. Call it if you like, "the Genius of Masonry," as I would have done if asked to define it. But there cannot be the least doubt that it was the tout ensemble of architectural success in the planning, and artistic skill in the furnishing and decorating of the temple, together with the splendid appearance which the brethren presented, calling up to my mind one of those august assemblies of knights that met in the days of yore in their temple at Rhodes or Malta in the interests of Masonry and humanity.

Another interesting feature in the picture was the soft and mellow radiance of moon—or twilight—which the three lesser lights diffused around.

Such then is the temple, the condition in which the brethren found it, and such the feeling that animated all.

While the rest were taking their seats Bros. Halliday and Nibbs, who respectively bore the Charter and Constitutions, proceeded to the centre and there deposited them, while Bros. S.W., J.W., and P.S.W., deposited towards the rising sun the three silver cups with corn, oil, and wine respectively.

Bro. Athill then addressed the W.M., informing him that it was the desire of the brethren that the building should be consecrated and dedicated. Bro. Chaplain then read the scripture for the occasion. The brethren next sang an ode, accompanied by the harmonium, praying for the blessing and protection of the G.A.O.T.U., and other ceremonies were gone through, after the Chaplain delivered an excellent speech on Masonry, embracing its claims, its principles and its antiquity. A procession round the centre, by the office-bearing brethren, led by the W.M. and Chaplain, then went through the ceremony, sprinkling with corn, wine, and oil, accompanied with music. An ode then followed, and this closed the consecration and dedication. The brethren then retired to refreshment downstairs.

In the course of several speeches we gathered the following facts concerning the origin of the temple. Some time ago the late Bro. Mann, W.M. had occasion to refer to the finances of the lodge, and stated that up to then the brethren had paid £500 for rent, and that to divert such a large amount from works of charity was not carrying out the principles of Masonry. That though the times were difficult and it was rather late in the day to think of getting their own lodge, this scheme should be entertained, if for no other object, for that of preventing so large an expenditure for rent. Bro. Higham then took the matter in hand, and by his own efforts raised £100 as the nucleus of a building fund. By means of a bazaar and concert the brethren soon raised it to £200, and in this manner they soon felt themselves strong enough to negotiate with the attorney of the present premises about its purchase. The negotiation was successful. As soon as the place was purchased the repairs were undertaken under the kind direction of Mr. J. Mathew and the Building Committee. As a result of it all, the brethren now possess a substantial, commodious, and elegant temple, second to none, we are told, in the West Indies. May they all long

remain to occupy it, and when their last trial approaches, may they be cheered by the prospect of leaving an earthly temple for one not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.—*Antigua Journal*.

#### LAMARTINE ON FREEMASONRY.

The Freemasons of Macon, M. De Lamartine's native town, presented him with a list of subscriptions to relieve him from encumbrances. The illustrious poet and statesman thanked them in the following letter, which will be held precious by every Mason in the wide world: "I have the honour to return you the list (so honourable both to you and to me) of subscribers from French and foreign Masonic Lodges. Pray assure all your Brothers of my gratitude. I do not speak the language, and am unacquainted with the rites of your fraternal institution, but through you I know its heart and its works. I see not only in the secrets of the Lodges a veil of modesty thrown upon truth and charity, to heighten their beauty in the eyes of God and man. But for this modesty you would not conceal from men the secret which your actions reveal. You are, in my opinion, the greatest eclectics of the modern world. You cull from all time, all countries, all systems, all philosophies, the evident, eternal and immutable principles of universal morality, and you blend them into an infallible and unanimously accepted dogma of fraternity. You reject everything that divides minds, and profess everything that unites hearts, you are the manufacturers of concord. With your trowels you spread the cement of virtue about the foundation of society. Your symbols are but figures. If I am not mistaken in the interpretation of your dogmas the curtain of your mysteries might be drawn without the fear of revealing anything but services rendered to humanity. The tribute of esteem and sympathy which the Masonic Lodges of France and foreign countries have been kind enough to send to me through you gives me a right of confraternity with them. I did not require this right to esteem them; but this honorary conformity now entitles me to love them as Brothers. Receive and convey to your honorable correspondents of all countries the assurance of my gratitude and respectful consideration."

#### CAPITULAR MASONRY IN CANADA.

On the 12th ult., in the Royal Albert Chapter Rooms, Montreal, a duly assembled convention of representative Royal Arch Masons harmoniously united in forming a Supreme Royal Arch Chapter for the province of Quebec. This important action was taken with the hearty fraternal concurrence of the Grand Chapter of Canada, whose exclusive jurisdiction will hereafter be over the flourishing province of Ontario. The following are the first principal officers of the newly organised Grand Chapter of Quebec: John H. Graham, LL.D., &c., Richmond, Most Excellent First Principal, Z.; George H. Borlase, Q.C., Montreal, Right Excellent Second Principal, H.; James Dunbar, Q.C., Quebec, Right Excellent Third Principal, J.; R.E. Comp. Thomas Milton, Supt. Montreal District; R.E. Comp. Christopher Staveland, Quebec District; R.E. Comp. H. W. Wood, M.D., E. T. District; R.E. Comp. T. J. McMinn, Montreal, Scribe E.; R.E. Comp. John McLean, Scribe N.; R.E. Comp. Isaac Henry Stearns, Montreal, Grand Treas.; R.E. Comp. C. W. Woodford, Grand Reg.; R.E. Comp. James Gibson, G. Principal Sojourner, The Montreal companions manifested a most commendable interest in this new movement. The Grand Chapter of Quebec has been inaugurated under most favourable auspices.

#### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice President, occupied the President's chair, and Bro. J. M. Case, G.D., that of Junior Vice President. There were also present, Bros. S. Rawson, C. A. Cottebrune, Thos. Cubitt, S. G. Foxall, Joseph Smith, W. Smith, W. H. Myers, H. Bartlett, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, H. Garrod, Benj. Head, R. H. Marsh, H. Muggeridge, Griffiths Smith, William Stevens, Herbert Dicketts, John Constable, W. T. Howe, E. J. McIntyre, W. J. Murlis, F. Binckes, H. Massey, (Freemason), W. R. Marsh, W. Mann, T. W. Allen, P.M. 733, Ireland, K. Bergmann, Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; W. B. Heath, P.G.W. Herts; Thos. Moring, T. W. Whitmarsh, John Denton, John Green, John Dyte, James Newell, Richard Shander, John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, W. Dodd, W. Lecker, John Herman, Charles B. Bennett, Thomas Butt, George Allen, Frederick B. Pownall, and C. P. Cobham.

Grants of £180 made at last Lodge of Benevolence were confirmed.

The brethren then proceeded with the consideration of the new cases, of which there were 31 on the list. Three cases were deferred, and one case was dismissed. The remaining cases were relieved with a total sum of £628, which was made up of the following items: one of £200, one £50, one £40, one £25, eight £20, three £15, ten £10, one £5, and one £3.

After sitting three hours and a half, the brethren closed the lodge.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—When inclement weather checks to a considerable extent the natural exhalations of the skin, an alterative is required to expel them entirely from the body through some other channel. Holloway's Pills can be confidently recommended as the easiest, surest, and safest means of attaining this desirable end without weakening the most delicate or incommencing the most feeble. When from frequent chills or impure air, the blood becomes foul and the secretions vitiated, these Pills present a ready efficient means of cleansing the former and correcting the latter. By this salutary proceeding disease is arrested at its outset, its pain and inconveniences averted, and the nervous structures saved from the depressing effects entailed upon them by an illness.—*Advr.*

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death, on the 3rd inst., of Lillian Mary, third daughter of the late Bro. R. R. Nelson, who was for thirteen years Prov. G. Sec. of West Yorkshire, and held in the highest esteem throughout the whole of that province. The Prov. G. Master, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., at the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Leeds on the 10th inst., in referring to her demise, said he could not allow that opportunity to pass of informing the brethren of the high estimation in which Miss Nelson was held by her fellow pupils, and of the great affection felt for her by them. Sir Henry also stated that on the occasion when he recently presided at the Girls' School Festival, when the prizes were distributed, the pupils awarded her the best beloved prize, and mentioned the many other prizes she had won for her great ability. Miss Nelson won the highest honours in, and was the pride of the school, as well as the delight of the brethren of the province of West Yorkshire.

Bro. Govan Macdonald, W.M. 1158, Preceptor of the Star Lodge of Instruction, will work the Fifteen Sections in that lodge this (Saturday) evening, at 7. The lodge meets at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY, AND POCKET BOOK is of course almost indispensable for every Freemason who wishes to keep himself properly posted up in the business of the Craft. It contains much valuable information of a special character, and is well arranged.—*Pictorial World*.

HUNT'S PLAYING CARDS.—We have received samples of the new Enamelled-Faced Club Card, of the present season's patterns, which we candidly think are unsurpassed in elegance and variety. They certainly reflect great credit on the artists engaged upon their production. The premises of the original firm of Hunt and Sons were destroyed by fire in 1874, but the valuable designs and electrots were fortunately saved, and ultimately purchased by "Hunt's Playing Card Manufacturing Company, Limited," under which title the business is now successfully carried on, and of which Bro. W. F. Taunton, of the Gladsmuir Lodge, 1385, is the manager.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February 2, 1877.

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

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 27.

Presentation to Bro. Fredk. Walters, P.M., &c., Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton-ct.  
Red Cross Con. 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 29.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.  
" 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon Hot., Aldersgate-st. (Consecration).

Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-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-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 30.

Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Canberwell 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., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatheaf 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.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31.

Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.  
Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Malmsore 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, FEBRUARY 1.

Lodge 45, Strong Man, M.H., Mason's Avenue.  
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.  
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.  
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.  
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.  
" 1351, St. Clement's Danes, 265, Strand.  
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Wimbledon Club, Lecture Hall.  
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., E.  
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey M.H.  
Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.  
" 9, Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-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, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, 111, Cheapside.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.  
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Balls-Pond-road, N.  
" 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.  
Chap. 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
Mark 8, Thistle, 2, Westminster Chambers, S.W.

## 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.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Princes Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 3, 1877.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 29.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.  
" 613, Unity, Palatine Buildings, Southport.  
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hot., Blackpool.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 30.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hot., Wigan.  
" 1384, Equity, Com. Hot., Widnes.

Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.

Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31.

Lodge 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.  
" 1473, W. Lancashire, Com. Hot., Ormskirk.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1475, Bootle, Assm. R., Bootle.

Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.

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

Alpass Encampment, 123, M.H., Liverpool.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.  
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.  
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.  
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 3, 1877.  
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 29.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.  
" 292, St. John, Bishop-st., Rothesay.

Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James-st., S.S., Glasgow.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31.

Chap. 73, Caledonian of Unity, 213, Buchanan-st.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

Lodge 11, St. John, King's Arms, Maybole.  
" 22, St. John, George H., Kilmarnock.  
" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

Lodge 149, St. Andrew, Masonic Arms, Irvine.  
" 157, St. John Kilwinning, M.H., Beith.  
" 165, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.  
" 290, Blair, White Hart Hot., Dalry.  
" 320, St. John, R.A., M.H., Ardrossan.  
" 370, Renfrew Kilw., 8, High-st., Paisley.  
" 465, St. Andrew, 69, Garngad-rd., Glasgow.  
" 547, Stewart, M.H., Kilsyth.  
Chap. 114, Baron of Renfrew, M.H., High-st., Renfrew.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

Lodge 7, Hamilton Kilwinning, M.H., Hamilton.  
" 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.  
" 135, St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.  
" 175, St. John, St. John's Hall, Greenock.  
" 217, Cumberland Kilw., Old T.H., Port Glasgow.  
" 242, Houston St. Johnstone, Cross Keys, Johnstone.  
" 275, Shamrock & Thistle, 22, Struthers-st., Glsqw.  
" 335, Argyle, Drill Hall, Dunoon.  
" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.  
" 408, Clyde, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 459, Kelburne, Cumbræ Hot., Millport.  
" 512, Thorntree, School House, Thornliebank.  
" 557, Clydesdale, Royal Hot., Larkall.  
" 553, St. Vincent, 221, Dumbarton-rd.  
Chap. 112, Paisley, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

Lodge 458, St. John, Wilson's Hall, Busby (6 p.m.).

" 544, St. Andrew, M.H., Coatbridge.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 3, 1877.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

Lodge 97, St. James, St. James's Hall, Writers'-court.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

Lodge 291, Celtic of E. and L., E. Register-st.

TO LET.—The upper part of a House in Little Britain (three Floors). Address Office of this paper.

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URGENT APPEAL.—A Widow, whose Husband, Father, and Father-in-law were Freemasons, is a Candidate for the Benefits of the "Governments' Benevolent Institution," and takes this method of soliciting the Votes and Interest of these Brethren who may be Subscribers to the above Institution. She is Sixty-four Years of Age, is in great need, and in consequence of a severe accident is unable to earn a maintenance by her own unaided exertions. Reference is kindly allowed to the Rev. John C. K. Saunders, M.A., P.M. 1286, P.P.G.C., Priesthorpe Rectory, Market Rasen, Lincolnshire.

## THIRD APPLICATION.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—APRIL ELECTION, 1877.—The favour of your Votes and Interest are most respectfully and earnestly solicited on behalf of

## ANNIE SUSANNAH CATES,

Aged 8 years, whose father, the late Bro. Henry Cates, P.M. of the "Lion and Lamb" Lodge, No. 192, died September, 1870, leaving a Wife and Three Children unprovided for. The case is strongly recommended by the following Brethren:—  
Bro. George Kenning, Vice Patron, P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M. and Treasurer, 192, Up. Sydenham.  
Bro. Z. D. Berry, P.M. 179, 10, Buckingham Palace-road.  
Bro. E. Roberts, P.M. 192, 76, Wood-st., E.C.  
Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.M. and Secretary 192, 842, Old Kent-road.  
\* Bro. G. T. Smith, 172 and 192, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, S.W.  
Bro. W. J. Jones, 145 and 1257, 28, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W.  
\* Bro. G. de Maid, P.M. 1328, May Cottage, Endlesham-road, Balham, S.W.

Bro. Scanes, 1257, 37, Sussex-street, S.W.  
Bro. E. L. Price, 619, 193, Ebury-street, S.W.  
Bro. J. W. Hiccock, P.M. and Secretary, 1420, 2, Attenburg Terrace, Lavender Hill, S.W.  
Bro. G. T. Carter, P.M. 382, Heath Villa, Wandsworth Common.  
\* Bro. J. T. Pidditch, 1257, 187, Bridge-road, Battersea.  
Bro. J. J. Williams, 179, Jubilee Place, Chelsea.  
Bro. Kirke, P.M., 144, 2, Montpelier-street, Brompton-road.  
Bro. Thos. D. Tulley, Hervey Lodge, 22, Queen's-square, Battersea Park.  
\* Bro. Elliott, 1257 and 1348, Secretary 1567, 70, Vincent-square, Westminster.  
\* Bro. T. R. Parker, P.M. 185 and 1257, 18, Parliament-street.  
\* Bro. C. J. Pringle, 145, 2, Hilperton Villa, Broderick-road, Upper Tooting.  
\* Bro. H. Smith, 1257, Adrian House, Tregunter Road, Brompton.  
Those marked with an asterisk will be glad to receive Proxies, and also by the Widow, Infant Orphan Asylum, Wanstead.

## MAY ELECTION, 1877.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.—The generous support and influence of the Governors and Subscribers to the above Institution is earnestly and respectfully solicited at the ensuing Election in May on behalf of

## BRO. RICHARD EDWARD BARNES,

P.M. 15, and P.Z. 13, aged 63 Years, of 58, Hoxton Square: The said Bro. R. E. Barnes was initiated in the Kent Lodge, No. 15, on the 17th day of November, 1835, and has subscribed thereto 41 years; he has also acted as Honorary Secretary to the same for 35 years; served the office of W.M.; and is now the Father of the Lodge. He joined the United Mariners Lodge, No. 30, on the 4th day of November, 1845; subscribed thereto 31 years; and is also the Father of that Lodge. He was exalted in the Union Waterloo Chapter, No. 13, on the 26th day of July, 1842; served the office of M.E.Z.; has acted as Scribe E. for 30 years; and is now the Father of the Chapter. He was for upwards of 30 years Master and Proprietor of Hoxton Educational Institution, Hoxton Square, a profession and position he was gradually compelled to relinquish in consequence of the Erection by Public Subscription, within a few hundred yards of his own Establishment, of a large Middle-class School, capable of accommodating 1200 Boys, with which he was totally unable to compete. Has a family consisting of a wife and three children, entirely dependent upon him for support, and failing sight is a source of great anxiety.

## PAID DUES TO BENEVOLENT FUND 72 YEARS.

\* Bro. Barnes, being P.M. and P.Z., would be glad to act, as Tyler to a Lodge, or Janitor to a Chapter.