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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—On Thursday evening, the 25th ult., the brethren of this famous old lodge held their annual installation meeting at the Guildhall Tavern. Adopting a practice which now obtains in the Craft, they had no other ceremonial business before them but the installation of the new W.M., having held an emergency meeting some short time previously for conferring degrees on brethren. The convenience of this practice is now generally admitted, as it spares the brethren a long and arduous sitting, and also secures a goodly attendance at the opening of the lodge. The W.M., Bro. A. Partridge, presided, and on presentation made to him of Bro. Edward F. Storr, installed that worthy brother as Master of the Neptune Lodge for the present year. On the completion of the installation ceremony the following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. A. Partridge, I.P.M.; Edward F. Storr, W.M.; George Phythian, S.W.; Wm. Ashwell, J.W.; Isaac Wilcox, P.M., Treas.; Thomas R. Eames, P.M., Hon. Sec.; John Holman, S.D.; Thos. P. Collings, J.D.; Geo. B. Gates, I.G.; John E. Russell, P.M., D.C.; Wm. Neats, W.S.; and Parkinson, Tyler. Immediately afterwards the W.M. rose and said that he had much pleasure in presenting Bro. Partridge with a P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the members of the lodge. It had been honestly earned by hard and excellent working, and he himself hoped during his year of office to tread in the footsteps of so worthy a brother. Bro. Partridge in reply, said he could scarcely find words suitable to express his feelings of gratitude and thankfulness for the brethren's kindness. He thanked the brethren, however, sincerely, from the bottom of his heart, for their recognition of his services. He hoped that he might be spared for many years to come to be with the brethren of the Neptune Lodge, with which he had been already many years connected. (Cheers.) The brethren then elected the W.M., Bros. Harcourt, A. Partridge, and Phythian, Trustees of the Neptune Lodge Benevolent Fund. The audit report, which was read by Bro. Eames, showed a very prosperous condition of affairs for the lodge; and on the motion of Bro. Gray, seconded by Bro. Neats, ten guineas were voted to the Boys' School, ten guineas to the Girls' School, and £10 to the Benevolent Institution. £5 was voted to a distressed brother from the Benevolent Fund; and at the request of Bro. Thomas White, P.M., the W.M. granted a warrant for the Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, to be held in Cold Harbour Lane, Camberwell. Bro. Gray informed the lodge that he was standing as Steward for this lodge at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when H.R.H. Prince Leopold would preside, and he solicited the assistance of the brethren in adding to his list of subscriptions. He wished to impress upon them particularly that he did not so much ask for their donations as that they should become annual subscribers, for Bro. Terry had told him that it was in the annual subscriptions that the great strength of the Institution lay. The W.M. added to these observations that he was going to represent the lodge at the next festival of the Girls' School, and he hoped that the brethren would support him on that occasion, and enable him to take up a list worthy of the Neptune Lodge. The business of the evening being now over, lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the banquetting hall, where a splendid repast awaited them. With visitors and members the lodge sat down about sixty; and when they had done ample justice to the good things set before them, grace was sung, and the list of toasts was duly honoured. The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said that as there was a beautiful selection of music provided for the brethren's delectation, he should not place himself between them and their enjoyment, and he should therefore make no speeches in proposing the toasts, but simply announce them in their order. The loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, an innovation was made in the ordinary list by the toast of "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces" being introduced. To this Captain Lathbury responded, and in doing so he said that in 1848 he was in Canada, when he held his first commission under the Queen; and when he said that he had been in the service one way and another, in volunteers and different branches of the service, from that day to this, he thought he had some little right to respond to this toast. He was quite sure of this, that although we had School Boards and different educational schemes springing up, they would not interfere with the old English soldier. They might, to a greater extent than we gave them credit for, interfere with the getting of servants

to work for us; that, however, was not for him to mention. But the heart of England was such that every man was a soldier in the truest sense of the word—a volunteer. We wanted every man to be a soldier, and we should not be afraid to say we were doing our duty; we were capable of doing it as we had done it before. It did not require any remark from him to assure them that as we had done our duty in the past we should do it in the future. (Applause.) Bro. Partridge proposed "The W.M." It was a great many years since they had one so young in Masonry occupying the chair. He (Bro. Partridge) assisted in bringing him into Masonry. It was while he was I.G. that Bro. Storr was initiated. Whenever it happened that a brother followed so closely through all the offices of the lodge the I.G. who introduced him to the lodge as to be W.M. when the I.G. arrived at the post of I.P.M., it proved that he must have had his heart in Masonry. He only hoped that Bro. Storr would have health and strength to perform the duties of his high office with satisfaction to the Neptune Lodge. The W.M., in his reply, said the I.P.M. had referred to his (the W.M.'s) youth in Masonry. Well, this was his sixth anniversary. Six years that night P.M. White (his father in Masonry) initiated him at the old place, Radley's Hotel. P.M. Waterall sat in his chair, and the remark he made to him (Bro. Storr) was that then for the first and last time in his life he would occupy the position on the immediate right of the Master; he might go round and get to the W.M. chair, but he could not again sit in that place. Well, he had gone round, and that night—his sixth anniversary—he was in the exalted position of Master of the Neptune Lodge. He thought when he was initiated that that was the proudest night of his life; but now he thought this night it was prouder still that he so young a Mason should have got to the chair. He could say one thing, that since his initiation he had not missed one regular meeting or one emergency of the lodge, and he trusted that he had fulfilled every duty in his station as an officer of the lodge from I.G. upwards. Certainly he had jumped over two, but he trusted that in the offices he had filled he had performed his duties to the brethren's satisfaction. He felt sure he had, or the brethren would not have elected him unanimously to be their W.M. In return for their confidence, he could assure them that nothing should be wanting on his part to do his duty in the onerous position of Master of the lodge. He felt himself in a somewhat peculiar position in having to follow a brother like Bro. Partridge, who, as the brethren and visitors could testify from what they had seen of his working that night, was a very superior Master. Bro. Partridge had treated him in such a kind and affectionate manner, and had performed his part so nobly and well, that he felt he owed him a debt of gratitude. He hoped that if spared he should prove his gratitude and give up the gavel unsullied to his successor; and that though the past year had been very successful, the present might be even more so. Bro. Saillard responded for "The Joining Member, and Prosperity to the Neptune Lodge." Bro. Partridge, replying to the toast of "The Installing Master," said it had given him great pleasure to instal his successor. As he had always said in the Neptune Lodge, when he undertook the different offices he undertook to discharge the duties of those offices to the best of his ability. When he was installed in the chair himself he saw the able manner in which Bro. Gray performed the ceremony, and he felt that he ought to qualify himself to instal his successor. He therefore set to work and tried to do it. If the brethren had discovered any want of ability on his part he hoped they would forgive him. Bros. Paviour, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and Davis replied to the toast of "The Visitors." Bro. Townend responded for "The P.M.'s," and explained how he and Bro. Muggeridge, twenty-seven years ago, finding the lodge at a very low ebb, resuscitated it. He felt sure that the junior members of the lodge would emulate those who had preceded them. Bros. Wilcox and Eames responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," both of whom referred with pride to the present prosperous state of the lodge. Bro. Phythian replied to the toast of "The Officers," and Bro. H. Muggeridge for "The Charities," and in the course of his address advocated the cause of the three Masonic Institutions, and urged upon the brethren the duty of supporting them as much as they could. The Tyler's toast was given by Bro. Parkinson before the brethren closed the evening, which had been rendered additionally charming by some delightful singing by Bros. Perry, Lathbury, Hubbard and Povey, under the direction of Bro. William C. Greaves, Org. Among the brethren present were the following Past Masters:—Bros. Isaac Wilcox, Treas.; Theophilus Goodwin, Joseph H. Batty, Joseph Ashwell, Alfred Pratt, Clarence Harcourt, James Norman, Augustus Great Rex, James H. Allingham, Charles L. Marshall, George Salter, Thomas White, George Waterall, Henry S. Crawford, Charles W. Gray, John E. Russell, Thomas R. Eames, and Hon. Sec.; Alfred Partridge. The visitors were Bros. F. Mercer, 507; R. E. Barnes, 15; W. Paviour, 442; D. H. Redhead, 442; S. J. Davie, 1208; A. Standage, 241; A. W. Furber, 27; A. Crawford, 738; J. Harris, 657; W. J. Spicer, 569; H. Povey, late of Neptune, 22; H. Leslie, 171; F. Fellowes, 192; J. C. Reynolds, 1329; W. Buszard, 1287; E. Bumpus, 28; J. A. Lathbury, 320; T. Grove, 55; B. Perry, 1185; C. C. Forbes, 548; H. Massey (*Freemason*), 619; A. Whittle, 72; J. Brown, 820.

GLOBE LODGE (No. 23).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 18th ult., when a very old member of the Craft (Bro. John Boyd) was installed W.M. The Globe Lodge is one of the few favoured lodges distinguished by the Royal colour, and as there are only eighteen who have the privilege of sending a red collar and apron to Grand Lodge every year, we need scarcely say the honour is not only highly prized, but frequently eagerly sought after. Bro. Boyd being one of the Grand

Stewards for the year, must have been very gratified to find himself also W.M. of his lodge. The installation ceremony was ably and impressively rendered by Bro. Chas. Martin, the retiring W.M., who, though comparatively a young Mason, was quite equal to the occasion, and had evidently been in good hands for instruction. Some slight portions of the ceremony were omitted, Bro. Boyd having already the privilege of wearing the three *taus* (or levels) on his apron. The banquet was all that could be desired—well served, very fair wines in abundance. There was also a magnificent dessert; and here we may record the fact that there is a decidedly marked improvement in the management of the Freemasons' Tavern. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Carter, assisted by several well-known artists, there was also some very good amateur singing, contributed by Bros. G. Gumbleton, J. L. Thomas, Jermyn Boyd, and others. The toasts and speeches, apparently, gave great satisfaction, being short and to the purpose (very desirable where there is plenty of harmony). Altogether, the brethren spent a most enjoyable evening. Besides our respected Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, the visitors comprised a large number of Provincial Grand Officers, one of whom, Bro. George Thompson, had come from Newcastle-on-Tyne to be present. The London lodges were also well represented. We shall conclude our notice with a list of the officers for the year:—Bros. R. Douglas, S.W.; J. Parkins, J.W.; J. Bennett, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; H. Dicketts, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; E. C. Davies, S.D.; J. Reinhard, J.D.; J. Palmer, I.G.; A. S. Wildy, D.C.; H. Venn, Steward.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 25th January, when a large number of members and visitors were present, amongst whom were Bros. W. E. Newton, W.M.; S. D. Ewins, S.W.; Dr. Cutmore, J.W.; Capt. Kain, P.M., Treas.; W. Worrell, P.M., Sec.; E. Kidman, S.D.; W. J. Roberts, I.G.; G. Newman, P.M.; A. Braun, P.M.; B. Abbott, P.M.; A. C. Rees, P.M.; also Bros. G. Castle, J. R. Williams, H. F. Partridge, J. A. S. Mathews, G. Smithers, jun., Dr. Atwood, H. J. Roberts, B. Broomhall, R. Sutcliffe, R. Lyon, A. Le Grand, H. Reissmann, W. J. Collens, W. Johnston, R. Gunner, W. F. Smart, F. G. Barnes, &c. Visitors: Bros. M. M. Irving, 477; J. E. Carpenter, P.M. 284; H. E. Frances, P.M., P.P.G.D. Surrey; H. Ledger, 1586; Donald King, P.M. 12, &c. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken for Mr. B. Thompson Lowne and Mr. J. H. Brookes, and were unanimous in each case; both those gentlemen being in attendance, they were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. J. A. S. Mathews was also raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, the ceremonies in each case being done by Bro. William Worrell, P.M. and Secretary, at the special request of the W.M. All Masonic business being ended, the brethren adjourned to a well served banquet, presided over by the W.M., and during the evening a most excellent selection of music was given by those two distinguished and well-known Freemasons, Bros. Dr. Carpenter and Donald King.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 857).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Tuesday, January 16. There were present Bros. Crouch, W.M.; Adams, S.W.; Goalen, J.W.; Harrison, P.M. Treas.; Frances, P.P.G.D., Sec.; Wynn Williams, M.D., S.D.; H. G. Green, J.D.; W. Newton, I.G.; also Bros. Scaton, M.D., P.M.; King P.M.; Schinck, P.M.; Bilton, Fryer, Harris, Loyd Tatcher, Hamilton, Mellick, Edwards, M.D., Russel, Raven. The visitors were Bros. Renshaw, Himalaya, Nathan, Earl Spencer. The business of the evening was to initiate Mr. Christopher Armstrong, to raise Bros. Raven, Bilton, and Satchell, and to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremonies were admirably performed by Bro. Crouch. The election resulted in the S.W. being unanimously chosen. Bro. Harrison was also re-elected Treasurer. On the motion of Bro. Frances, that a jewel be presented to the retiring Master, Bro. Frances took occasion to revert to the excellent manner in which the duties of the chair had been performed during the past year, and the prosperous condition of the lodge, for which they were mainly indebted to the exertions of Bro. Crouch. The jewel was unanimously awarded. The Audit Committee being appointed, the lodge adjourned to banquet.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 15th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, under the presidency of Bro. Henry D'Arcy, the W.M. In addition to the large muster of the members there was a goodly number of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Francis Buckland, P.M. 205; James Mitchell, J.W. 231; W. G. Kent, 1297; W. J. Haycock, P.M. 901; Geo. Potter, 177; John E. Frede, 193; Charles Arkell, W.M. elect 192; Thomas J. Turner, 193; and Thomas C. Coope, 1558. The lodge minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Smith was passed to the Second Degree and Bro. Micklefield raised to the Third. Messrs. H. Hurst and W. Waller were duly balloted for and initiated. The W.M. next proceeded to instal his successor into the chair of K.S. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. George Porter, appointed his officers as follows:—George D'Arcy, S.W.; W. C. Rubardt, J.W.; A. Parker, S.D.; A. Marshall, J.D.; Henry D'Arcy, I.P.M., Treas.; W. Alder, Sec.; A. Ginger, I.G.; E. Berner, D.C.; T. Wallis, W.S.; and Woodstock, Tyler. The work over, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, where an excellent banquet was served. The cloth cleared, the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. During the proceedings Bro. George Porter, the newly-installed W.M., invested Bro. Henry D'Arcy with a Past Master's jewel, the unanimous gift of the lodge, observing that it

afforded him very great pleasure to present the token of the brethren in recognition of the services rendered by the recipient to the lodge during his term of office. The very able and efficient manner in which he had worked made it a difficult matter for his successors to give the same amount of satisfaction to the brethren; but difficulty was a thing to be overcome, and he trusted he should be able to prove himself a not unworthy successor. Bro. Henry D'Arcy, in a few choice sentences, thanked the brethren for the jewel, observing that he should value it not for its intrinsic worth, but as a token of the regard of the brethren generally, and for the kindly expressions with which the W.M. had accompanied the gift. Bro. Lawrence, P.M., in responding to the toast of "The P.M.'s," urged upon the brethren the absolute necessity of attending lodges of instruction if they desired to attain to any degree of eminence in the Craft. A very excellent lodge of instruction had been established at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, worked under the City of London charter, and he trusted that the younger members of the lodge, as well as the present officers, would make a point of attending it every Thursday evening. Bro. James Mitchell thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had been entertained, and said that hospitality was a characteristic of Freemasonry, and it was in no lodge exercised more worthily than in that of the City of London. The pleasure of his visit had been greatly enhanced by the admirable manner in which the whole of the lodge working of the evening (and it had been very heavy) had been conducted. Other speakers and toasts followed, and the brethren separated, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE (No. 1589).**—A meeting of this lodge was convened on the 19th ult. at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. There were present Bros. Dwarber, P.M., W.M.; Wellsman, P.M., S.W.; Dalwood, P.M., J.W.; Maxwell, P.M., P.G.S., acting I.P.M.; A. Tisley, Secretary; Dodson, S.D.; Turner, J.D.; Woodbridge, I.G. The minutes of the November meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. Lewis, passed Bro. Pearce, and initiated Messrs. Giscard, Clemow, Beningfield, and Bamber. The three arduous ceremonies were exceedingly well performed. A resolution was unanimously passed that the sum of 10 pounds should be voted from the lodge funds to head the list of Bro. Wellsman, S.W., as Steward to the R.M.B.I. for Aged Women. This being election night, Bro. Wellsman, S.W., was unanimously elected to fill the high position of W.M. for the year ensuing. Bro. Praed was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middlesex, re-appointed Tyler. Bros. Manners and Bull were elected Auditors. Upon the motion of Bro. Maxwell, P.M., a jewel was unanimously voted to the outgoing Master, Bro. Dwarber, who returned thanks. Mr. Tilby, Organist of St. Dunstan's, having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, well catered for by the Bros. Clemow, under the superintendence of Bro. Smith. The visitors were Bros. Senecal, P.M. Dalhousie; T. C. Walls, S.D. Kennington; Dillon, 141, Ireland, and F. Clemow. The customary loyal and Craft toasts were given from the chair briefly but to the purpose. Bro. Maxwell, P.G.S., having responded upon behalf of the Grand Officers, immediately proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that he, as an old Mason, was delighted with the admirable way in which the W.M. had executed all his duties, and as that was the last night of Bro. Dwarber's presidentship, he (Bro. Maxwell) hoped that they would receive the toast with enthusiasm. This toast having been duly honoured, the W.M., in the course of a very eloquent reply, said that he was under great obligations to Bro. Maxwell for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health. Masonry, he said, not only conferred great benefits upon its members, but also was the means of doing good to mankind in general. Many of its greatest enemies in the past were now its best friends. Freemasonry of late years had made rapid strides, and was still going forward, but they must not forget what their late brother and Grand Master, Lord Zetland, had often observed, that "quality, not quantity," was the thing to be desired. With regard to the St. Dunstan's Lodge, he was proud at occupying the position of first Master, for more reasons than one. Firstly, because it was founded upon hallowed ground, not only rich in historic and literary lore, but associated with many glorious episodes of the Masonic past; and secondly, by reason of his having spent 44 years in the parish. The very name of the lodge roused in him feelings that he could not trust himself to speak about, but suffice it to say that all his thoughts were centred in it, and in conclusion he thanked them very warmly for the manner that they had always received him, and the recollection of their cheerful countenances, open hands, and kindly hearts, during his year of office would be ever pleasing to him. The W.M. then proposed "The Initiates," in which he stated that during the fifteen years he had been a Mason he had never once regretted having entered its portals. During his connection with the St. Dunstan's Lodge he had initiated twelve gentlemen, whom he hoped would never disgrace those glorious tenets of Freemasonry, "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." In concluding his remarks to the newly-admitted brethren, he forcibly desired them to recollect "that a Mason's charity should know no bounds, save those of prudence." This toast having been duly honoured, and Bro. Tisley having contributed the song of "The Entered Apprentice," the initiates severally replied. "The Health of the Visitors" followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Senecal, Walls, and F. Clemow. In proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. dwelt at length upon the great services the brethren holding those offices had rendered the lodge. The former occupied a very high social and Masonic position, and consequently the members of 1889 ought to be proud—and he believed that

they all were—of Bro. Praed's connection with the lodge. With regard to the Secretary, who also held the important post of vestry clerk of the parish, every credit was due to him for the zeal and ability he had displayed in enhancing the interests of the lodge, and in conclusion he charged them to receive the toast with all honour. Bro. Tisley, the Secretary, in the absence of the Treasurer, responded. In the course of his reply he told them that in consequence of many other engagements which pressed upon the Treasurer, they could not hope to see him (Bro. Praed) very often, but the fact of his consenting to act in that capacity was very flattering to the lodge. The W.M. had made some very kind and complimentary allusions to his services as Secretary. He could only repeat what he had said upon former occasions, that he would do his best for the brethren whilst acting in that capacity. In conclusion he mentioned that the lodge mustered forty-seven all told, and that at the end of the financial year there would be a balance in hand of fifty pounds, and further that the voluntary benevolent fund was in a very flourishing condition. The toast of "The Officers" followed. Bro. Wellsman, S.W., W.M. elect, said that he was exceedingly pleased at the manner in which his name had been mentioned in connection with the toast. He was very gratified at having been unanimously elected to fill the chair for the ensuing year, but he should reserve his remarks upon that subject until the next meeting. It was also a source of great delight to him, as well as surprise, to hear from the Secretary that the lodge was in such a prosperous condition, and he hoped that his year of office would be characterised by results equally good. He had chosen a good staff of officers, whom he believed would reflect great credit upon the lodge. Bros. Dallwood, J.W.; Dodson, S.D.; and Turner, J.D., also replied. In the intervals of the toasts and replies, Bros. Platts, Walls, Dodson, Senecal, and others entertained the brethren. The Tyler's toast at half-past ten terminated the proceedings, which were throughout highly successful. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the third Friday in February.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on the 22nd ult. Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., P.M., W.M., opened the lodge, and presided over the meeting. Punctually at 2.30 p.m. the lodge was opened. Minutes read and unanimously confirmed. In an able manner the W.M. initiated Messrs. W. Smyth, W. C. Watts, and C. Davis; passed Bros. R. Leggett, A. Macfarlane, and F. W. Evans; raised Bro. T. Mc Cluer Butt, W. B. Delafons, and W. Snow. The ballot was unanimous in favour of the admission of Bro. W. Sugg, P.M., 452, as a joining member. A brother was proposed as a joining member, and some gentlemen as candidates for initiation. The lodge was closed and adjourned until March. The usual superior banquet followed labour. The regular toasts were given and responded to. An agreeable afternoon and evening was happily spent. There were present during the afternoon and evening Bros. T. W. Adams, S.W.; G.S. Elliott, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; J. Howes, P.M., S.D.; J. Johnson, J.D.; G. S. Wintle, P.M., I.G.; A. Black, D.C.; W. Pennefather, P.M., W.S., &c. We noticed amongst the visitors Bros. J. W. Baldwin, P.A.G.P., Middlesex, P.M. 1423; R. P. Hooton, P.M., 765, &c.; F. W. Evans, 1423; A. Macfarlane, 1423, and several others.

**KENDAL.**—Union Lodge (No. 129).—The annual meeting of this ancient, flourishing, and well-worked lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Stramondgate, on Thursday, January 25th, at three o'clock in the afternoon. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. F. C. Grayson, assisted by Bros. Nelson, S.W.; Bell, as J.W.; and Holme, P.M., P.P.G.W.; John Talbot, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Joseph Bintley, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works; Titus Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; John Bowes, P.M., Prov. G.J.W.; and so many other brethren, that the room was crowded to inconvenience. The minutes having been confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes to undertake the duty of Installing Master, which he did, and discharged his obligations in a manner that elicited the warmest approval of the brethren. The W.M. elect, Bro. R. J. Nelson, was presented by the W.M., and after he had been installed in ample form, he appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year; and then the Installing Master called upon Bro. John Talbot to deliver the usual addresses. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Bowes for his services, £5 voted to Bro. McKay's list, several candidates proposed, and other routine business transacted, when the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a dinner of a recherché character awaited them. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and was supported on the right and left by Bros. Bowes, Holme, Talbot, Bintley, W. Cartmel, G. Cartmel, John Bintley (London), Tattersal, F. C. Grayson, C. Gardner-Thomson, Medcalf, Cragg, Hunter, J. Ottley Atkinson, and others. The Wardens occupied their usual positions. After the cloth was withdrawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts received every care. Bro. Bowes responded for the Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland. Bro. J. Holme, P.M., P.P.G.W., proposed the W.M.'s health, and in so doing referred to the rapid progress he had made in the art since he had the pleasure of initiating him. Bro. Bowes proposed "The Masonic Charities," and coupled Bro. McKay's name with the toast, and on a collecting card being sent round the tables, it was returned to Bro. McKay, and he found his list augmented by above £5. Bro. Hogg, in responding for "The Older Members of the Lodge," referred to the time when they were indebted to the Carlisle brethren for their existence as a lodge, and contrasted that state of things with the present time, when they had a large body of working members, and their number was constantly increasing. Some excellent songs were admirably rendered during the evening by Bros.

Gooding, Sissons, Nelson, Scales, John Bintley, and others, and the brethren separated in harmony before ten o'clock. One pleasing, though melancholy, feature of the day's proceedings was the unveiling of a memorial portrait of the late Bro. Henry Rauthmel, who had been unexpectedly called to the Grand Lodge above in the prime of life. Bro. Hogg was the artist, and his effort was one of unqualified success.

**CHATHAM.**—United Lodge of Benevolence (No. 184).—The members of this large and flourishing lodge held their annual festival in their commodious lodge-room, at the Assembly rooms, Middle-st., Brompton, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., on which occasion there was a numerous attendance, including a number of the Provincial Grand Officers of Kent, together with brethren from many metropolitan lodges, as well as the lodges in the province. The installation of Bro. Simon Young, who had been unanimously elected the W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, was performed in an able manner by Bro. Redman, P.M., P.P.D.C., the Board of Installed Masters being composed, among others, of Bros. Ashdown, P.P.G.P.; Noah Mantin, P.P.G.S.B.; Warne, P.P.G.A.S.; Wood, P.P.G.S.W.; Barley, P.P.G.D.C.; Hicks, P.P.G.S.B.; Neall, P.P.D.C.; Goldfinch, P.P.G.S.D.; and others, who gave the usual salutations on the newly-elected Master being inducted with the usual solemnities in the chair of King Solomon. The following were appointed the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year, each of whom were duly invested: Bros. Gorham, P.M.; Rankine, S.W.; the Rev. — Fielding, J.W.; Redman, Treas.; Clarke, Sec.; Middleton, S.D.; Rudd, J.D.; Laren, I.G.; Finnis, D.C.; Challender, Org.; Hewitt, Chap.; Trice and Wood, Stwds. The customary banquet at the close of the Masonic proceedings took place in the large room of the Mitre Hotel, Chatham, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and proposed the usual Masonic and other toasts. The principal feature, and one of a more than usually interesting character, of the proceedings at the termination of the banquet, was the presentation, on the part of the lodge, of a testimonial to Bro. John Michael Strowse, an old and deservedly respected Past Master of the lodge, in recognition of his lengthened connection with the lodge. Bro. Strowse has been a member of the Craft for the long period of fifty-seven years, he having been initiated in the island of Guernsey. He has been a member of the United Lodge of Benevolence, No. 184, fifty-four years, during the whole of which time he has never once been absent from the installation of the W.M., while for a great number of years he was the Secretary, and also the Treasurer of the lodge. The presentation of the testimonial, which took the form of a handsomely painted portrait of the worthy brother, was presented, on the part of the lodge, by Bro. Wood, P.P.G.S.W., who alluded, in felicitous terms, to Bro. Strowse's lengthened connection with Freemasonry, and the deservedly high estimation in which he was held throughout the province of Kent. Bro. Strowse, who was deeply affected, briefly acknowledged the high compliment paid him, and the honour conferred on him, in a few forcible expressions, his feelings altogether preventing his replying at any greater length. In a subsequent portion of the evening a valuable Past Master's jewel was presented on the part of the lodge to Bro. Gorham, the Immediate Past Master. In addition to the portrait presented to Bro. Strowse, an excellently painted likeness of that distinguished and venerable brother adorns the lodge-room, and is highly prized.

**LEICESTER.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall on the 3rd ult. Ever since it was first opened, on the 11th November, 1790, until the present date, this old lodge has enjoyed a fair measure of uninterrupted success, and the roll of its members contains the names of many of the mayors, aldermen, and others occupying a prominent position in our municipal history, and also those of many of the nobility and leading men of the county, as the first and second Lord Rancliffe, P.G.M.'s, the eighth Earl Ferrers, for many years P.G.M. for Warwickshire (who presented to the lodge the Luminaries now in use), and our excellent and deeply-regretted Provincial Grand Masters—Sir F. G. Fowke, Bart., and the Right Hon. the Earl Howe,—all of whom have in their time passed the chair of the lodge. Many other events of interest are to be found in the minute books of the Lodge which have been recorded in the recently published "History of Freemasonry in Leicestershire," compiled by our Past Prov. Grand Master, Bro. William Kelly, F.R. Hist. S. On this the eighty-fifth festival of the lodge, the attendance of the brethren was both numerous and influential, comprising brethren from the north, east, south, and west, decorated with the insignia of the different grades of office, from the Past Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Kelly, Past Grand Steward, Bro. Binckes, to the newly initiated Entered Apprentice, with his badge of innocence and bond of friendship. Among those present were also Bros. Clement Stretton, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. W. Smith, P.M.; A. Palmer, P.M.; S. S. Partridge, P.G.S.W.; F. J. Baines, P.M.; J. G. Thorp, P.M.; W. B. Smith, P.M., P.G. Treas.; and W. T. Rowlett, W.M. 523; Edwin Mason, W.M., and Geo. Clifton, P.M.; R. A. Barber, P.M.; B. Moore, S.W.; S. Knight and C. McBride, Secs. 1391, Mackay, 97; and W. Stuart McAllister, 21, S.C. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., and the first part of the business, including the voting of considerable sums for various purposes, was dispatched with a unanimity of feeling and action indicative of the perfect harmony and good fellowship which has always been a distinguishing feature of St. John's Lodge. The ceremony of installing Bro. Clement Edwin Stretton, P.G., Supt. of Works, was admirably performed by the veteran Past Master, Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M., who has been

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present at every festival of the lodge since his initiation in 1838. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers, and invested those present: Bros. J. M. McAllister, I.P.M.; S. Cleaver, S.W.; Dr. W. E. Buck, J.W.; Chief Constable J. Farndale, Secretary; Rev. J. H. Smith, M.A., Chaplain; C. Gurden (unanimously elected), Treasurer; J. O. Law, S.D.; E. Newton, jun., J.D.; J. Jessop, D.C.; Thos. Coltman, I.G.; G. H. Stonchall and M. A. Cook, Stewards; C. Bembridge and Thos. Dunn, Tylers. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. J. M. McAllister for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during the past year, and subsequently a sum of money was voted for two P.M. jewels, one to be presented to Bro. McAllister, and one to Bro. J. W. Smith, P.M., for similar services during the year 1875. Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M., also received a cordial vote of thanks for his eminent services as Installing Master; likewise Bro. Gurden, as Treasurer, and Bro. S. Cleaver, as Steward. About sixty brethren were present at the banquet which followed, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. C. E. Stretton, who, notwithstanding his youth (he being the youngest Master who has held office in the lodge), yet acquitted himself with such dignity and ability as to give entire satisfaction. Bro. McAllister, in giving the toast of "the W.M.," alluded to Bro. Stretton as a brother whose independent position in life enabled him to make the liberal arts and sciences his particular study, and the articles which he contributed to various scientific journals not only proved that Bro. Stretton had carefully availed himself of such opportunities, but also in the spirit of a true Mason he had not withheld the knowledge thus acquired from his less informed brethren and fellow men. As a Mason the W.M. had carefully prepared himself for his present position, by a strict and regular discharge of the duties of the subordinate offices. His amiability and knowledge of the ceremonies, will enable him to earn the reputation of a worthy and intelligent Master, a credit to Masonry, and an honour to the lodge. Bro. Binckes, in an eloquent speech of some length, awakened the generous and benevolent feelings of the brethren in favour of the claims of the Boys' School, which was promptly taken advantage of by Bro. S. S. Partridge, the representative Charity Steward passing round the list for subscriptions. Bros. Mackay, R. Taylor, C. Gerdm, L. L. Attwood, and others, sang some excellent songs during the evening, and the Tyler's toast terminated a most enjoyable meeting.

**SEACOMBE.**—Combermere Lodge (No. 605).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, near Birkenhead, on Thursday, the 18th ult., when there was a very large gathering of the "mystic tie" representatives. Bro. M. McNeerney, W.M., presided at the opening, and among others present were, Bros. E. Davies, P.M.; Thomas Shaw, S.W. (W.M. elect); E. Jones, J.W.; J. Sillitoe, P.M., Treasurer; T. Leighton, P.M., Secretary; J. Jones, S.D.; T. Gregory, J.D.; H. Roberts, I.G.; H. Williams, P.M. 249; R. Gracie, P.M. 477; J. J. Rose, P.M. 249; C. Leighton, P.M. 1325; D. Fraser, P.M. and Treas. 477; J. Dutton, S.W. 477; H. Martin, P.M. 477; W. Jones, S.W. 1276; W. M. Asher, 477; T. Chesworth, W.M. 1576; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W., and others. Bro. R. Gracie, P.M. 477, efficiently occupied the position of Installing Master, and during the evening he placed Bro. Thomas Shaw in the chair of W.M. for the coming year. The following brethren were subsequently invested as officers: Bros. McNeerney, I.P.M.; C. Staley, S.W.; J. Jones, J.W.; J. Sillitoe, Lecturer and Treasurer; T. Leighton, Secretary; R. C. Mellor, P.M., D.C.; T. Gregory, S.D.; R. Foulkes, J.D.; A. E. Coveney, I.G.; R. Kettle, S.S.; J. Davis, J.S.; W. Parry, Organist and Steward; Owen Jones, S.; and J.H. Holloway, Tyler. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors, and the whole of the afternoon's proceedings passed off with much success. At the banquet which followed, over which Bro. Shaw, W.M., presided, there was also a large attendance, and among the most interesting features of the evening was the presentation of two rings to Bro. Sillitoe and Bro. T. Leighton, in recognition of their excellent services as Treasurer and Secretary; and a Past Master's jewel to Bro. McNeerney, I.P.M., in token of the esteem of the brethren for his many fine Masonic qualities.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Derby Lodge (No. 724).—The annual festival of St. John, in connection with this favourite lodge, was celebrated on Wednesday afternoon, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The lodge was opened at two o'clock by Bro. W. Vaughan, W.M., and amongst the brethren who were present during the more serious business of the lodge were Bros. J. W. Ballard, I.P.M.; W. Shortis, P.M.; R. Cain, P.M.; J. Davison, P.M.; W. Stedford, P.M.; G. Becken, S.W.; A. Hart, J.W.; T. Chesworth, P.M., Treasurer; R. Crispe, Sec.; Maurice Hart, W.M. 1502, S.D.; H. Trevitt, J.D.; P. Armstrong, I.G.; M. Williamson, Tyler; J. Jacobs, T. Heaton, T. Hunt, A. Emmanuel, J. Sharples, M. Hines, D. Arnot, H. Ellis, J. Pendleton, E. McSwiney, J. Blenkinsop, W. Gatty, F. Groom, E. Ellis, and others. The visitors' list contained the names of Bros. R. P. France, W.M. 594; J. Fox, P.M. 202; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C.; T. Shaw, I.P.M. 823; T. Dilcock, P.M. 594; J. Lecomber, S.W. 594; W. Wilson, W.M. 823; J. Dutton, S.W. 477; and others. After the minutes had been confirmed, and the retiring W.M. had given several degrees in capital form, he (Bro. Vaughan, as the last act of his official year) proceeded to install Bro. G. Becken as his successor in the chair in the East. The following brethren were subsequently invested as the next year's officers: Bros. W. Vaughan, I.P.M.; A. Hart, S.W.; R. Crispe, J.W.; T. Chesworth, P.M., Treas. (re-elected for the ninth time); Maurice Hart, Sec.; H. Trevitt, S.D.; P. Armstrong, J.D.; W. Hawksworth, I.G.; G. Gordon, S.S.; A. R. Large, J.S.; W. J. Naylor, A.S.; H. Ellis, Org.; and M. Williamson, Tyler. During the business proceedings a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. W. Vaughan, I.P.M., as a token of

the esteem and admiration of the "Derby" members. At the banquet which followed business, where Bro. Becken, W.M., presided, there was an attendance of about 100. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair with much point, and during the evening the I.P.M. gave "The Health of the W.M.," to whose many excellent qualities he referred in highly eulogistic terms. The W.M., in response, assured the brethren that he felt the responsibility of the position he had taken that day, but he would endeavour to do its duties to the very best of his ability, and try to follow in the footsteps of many worthy brethren who had preceded him in the chair. Harmony, both musical and brotherly, prevailed, and an exceedingly pleasant St. John's Festival came to a close at a seasonable hour.

**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.**—Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—On Wednesday 17th ult., the members of this lodge assembled in strong force at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, to assist at the installation of Bro. F. Buckland, P.M. 205, as W.M. in succession to Bro. J. Bond. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Elsam, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, and at its close the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, the company then numbering about fifty. Under the personal superintendence of Bro. Hardy, son of the host, an elegant repast was served, over which the newly elected Master presided. The officers appointed by the W.M. are Bros. Gaunders, S.W.; Porter, J.W.; Cartwright, P.M., Treas.; J. Squire, P.M., Sec.; Miton, S.D.; H. Lonton, J.D.; A. Nuthall, I.G.; Long, P.M., D.C.; and Honeywell, P.M., Org. Among the visitors were Bros. Bateman, W.M. 820; May, W.M. 1628; Sharpe, P.M.; and Weaver, S.W. 820.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Truth (No. 1458).—This lodge assembled at private rooms, Newton Heath, on Saturday, 6th ult., and was opened at 3 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. J. Batchelder. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Robert Brown and Mr. Richard Holt Robinson, and was in each case declared favourable. The W.M. then received into the "mystic circle" Bro. Brown, and in such a correct manner as not to be surpassed by our veteran Past Masters, who have performed many ceremonies of initiation. Mr. Robinson was unable to present himself on account of a family bereavement. The lodge having been worked into the necessary degree, Bro. Duckworth expressed a desire to be raised to the Degree of Degrees, that of a Master Mason, which wish was complied with, Bro. Tyers, P.M. and Treas., performing the ceremony in a manner creditable to any lodge. The lodge was then reduced, and propositions for initiation were received from Bros. Batchelder, W.M., and Kleinmann, J.S. Bro. J. W. Turner, P.M., also proposed as a joining member Bro. T. H. Hall, of Lodge Boscawen, No. 699, Chacewater, Cornwall, and also proposed, in accordance with notice given, "That the sum of five pounds be given from the Charity Fund to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, such amount being to endow the Worshipful Master's chair in perpetuity." Bro. W. J. Kinder, S.W., seconded the motion, and the same was carried. Bro. Batchelder, W.M., proposed "That hearty good wishes and a vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Tyers, P.M. and Treas., for the handsome present he gave to the lodge on St. John's Day, December 2nd, 1876, consisting of a choice set of wine and spirit decanters, with the name and number of the lodge engraved thereon." Bro. John Kinder, P.M., seconded the proposition, which received unanimous support, and instructions were given for it to be recorded on the lodge minutes. Charity having been exercised, representations from Lodges 667, 669, 1011, and 1077 tendered their "Hearty good wishes," and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, after which the brethren sat down to indulge in "the cup that cheers but not inebriates," followed by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, interspersed with vocal element. This being the first meeting after the installation of Bro. Batchelder as W.M., each officer in his turn replied to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge of Truth, No. 1458." The fact that it possesses good and efficient officers cannot be disputed. Two important offices in a lodge are those of "the Deacons," which, when well filled, reiterate the symbols of true Masonry. Bro. Cox, S.D., substantiated this fact last year, when Junior Deacon, and doubtless he will evince it in the Senior grade, with Bro. Taylor following in his footsteps. We close our report by wishing the "Lodge of Truth" a happy and prosperous new year, but must not omit the fact, that the brethren separated at a seasonable hour, 10 p.m. "Their labour o'er, their rest was won."

**MOLD.**—The Sir Watkin Lodge (No. 1477).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Mold, on Monday, the 15th January, Bro. Corbett, the W.M., presided, and passed Bro. Howard to the Second Degree, the lecture being delivered by Bro. J. Salmon, P.P.G.J.W. The installation will take place in March.

**HAMPTON.**—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—A strong muster of the members of this lodge took place at the Lion Hotel on Thursday, the 18th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. Hurst, W.M.; J. Hammond, P.M., S.W.; S. Hill, P.M., J.W.; W. Hammond, P.M., P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, &c., Secretary; E. Hopwood, P.M. 141, I.P.M., Treasurer; Fox, S.D.; Jessett, J.D.; I. Ockenden, I.G.; T. C. Walls, D.C.; B. Sharp, P.M.; and others. The visitors were Bros. Wilson, P.M. Etonian; Güterbock, Phoenix; Lamb, J.D. Lily of Richmond. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., assisted by his officers, in a careful manner passed Bros. Messenger, Phillips, and Schmitz to the Second Degree. It was unanimously resolved that the sum of ten guineas should be voted to the Girls' School, and be placed on the list of Bro. Ockenden, I.G., who will represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the institution in May next. A discussion having taken place upon the necessity of establishing a lodge or club of instruction in connection with the "Hemming,"

the lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren partook of a collation, well provided for by Bro. Murphy. As the hour was far advanced before the cloth was cleared, the toasts were but briefly given, and the replies, from the same cause, were necessarily very terse. "The Health of the R.W.D.P.G.M. of Middlesex, and the rest of the P.G.O.'s, Past and Present," was acknowledged by Bro. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., in which he complimented him upon the rapid progress he had made in Masonic working. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the W.M. replied very neatly, and immediately proposed "The Visitors." Bro. Wilson, P.M. Etonian, in acknowledging the toast, expressed his thanks, and stated that the "Hemming" Lodge was progressing in a manner that left little to be desired, even by its most ardent supporters. Bros. Lamb and Güterbock also responded. "The Health of the Past Masters," Bros. Hopwood and W. Hammond, followed, and gave the W.M. an opportunity of thanking those worthy and indefatigable officers for the great support that they had not only given to him, but to the entire lodge. This toast having been very warmly received, Bros. Hopwood, I.P.M., and W. Hammond, P.M., replied by stating that they, as founders, were gratified at witnessing the prosperity and position the lodge had achieved in the short time that had elapsed since its foundation. As long as they held the honourable positions of Treasurer and Secretary to No. 1512, it would always be their pride to further the interests of its members in every conceivable way. "The Officers'" toast came next. Bro. John Hammond, P.M., S.W., in the course of his reply, stated that he also endorsed the remarks passed by previous speakers upon the rapid progress made by the lodge. There was one thing, however, which should not be overlooked, and that was the necessity of there being an uniformity of "working." The work was fairly done, but he should like to see it better, and he hoped that the members would occasionally meet for the purpose of mutual instruction, and that any scheme to promote that end would meet with his hearty co-operation. Bros. Hill, J.W., and Fox, S.D., also replied. In proposing the next toast, that of "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. hoped that the members of the lodge would privately supplement the sum voted that day in lodge, to make their Steward's list at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls a good one. Bro. Ockenden made a most powerful appeal on behalf of all the benevolent institutions connected with the Craft. He stated that the year 1876 would be Masonically remembered as a very prosperous one, inasmuch as the large sum of £40,000 had been subscribed for the benefit of the widow, the orphan, and the distressed. This amount was an increase of £7,000 over any previous year's contribution, and spoke volumes for the philanthropic principles eliminated by their noble Craft. In conclusion, he stated that he had been very fortunate last year as Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but he hoped to be more successful this year in the cause of the Institution for Girls. During the evening vocal contributions were given by Bros. Hurst, Hammond, Hill, Walls, Jessett, Schmitz, Knowles, and others. Previously to the Tyler's toast, "The Health of Bro. B. Sharp, P.M., &c.," was proposed, and having been responded to, the brethren shortly afterwards separated until the third Thursday in February next.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of this young and prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, and the very large attendance of officers, members, and visitors demonstrated clearly the great interest which is felt in the "Dramatic," which has rapidly attained an acknowledged eminent position in the Craft. With experienced and intelligent brethren to guide the affairs of No. 1609, it has started on a career of the greatest brilliancy and promise. Bro. Joseph Bell, P.M., was in his place, and was supported by Bros B. Marson, P.M.; W. J. Chapman, S.W.; Lindo Courtenay, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; H. J. Loveday, Sec.; J. Atkinson, I.G.; A. Pyer, S.S.; A. Collinson, J.S.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Org.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; L. Lablache, G. Martin, F. Wilkinson, Dale, Shrapnell, R. Burgess, J. Hill, Frank Emery, H. Leslie, G. Mears, I. Levy, 667; Dr. Whittle, Sephton, P.M. 1086; J. Capell, Buck, Williams, Stafford, J. F. Cowdell, and others. The ballot having been taken for Mr. Sidney Fritz Smith, of the Royal Alexandra Theatre, which proved unanimously in his favour, he was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Eight brethren presented themselves for the purpose of being raised—Bros. Leslie, Emery, Cowdell, Lablache, Hill, Shrapnell, Dale, and Martin, and the W.M., taking them in two sections of four each, performed the impressive ceremonies in a manner which it would have been difficult to excel. Several propositions for joining and initiation having been made, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room. After the repast the standard loyal and Craft toasts were proposed; and during the evening Bro. J. Bell, W.M., referred to the early departure of Bro. H. J. Loveday, Sec., to take the stage management of the Lyceum Theatre in London. He alluded to the loss which the lodge would sustain by his absence, spoke of the many genial and brotherly traits of character which he possessed, and asked the brethren to drink his health and prosperity in his metropolitan sphere of professional work. The toast was honoured with enthusiasm, and Bro. Loveday thanked the brethren for their invariable courtesy and kindness, assuring them that he would carry with him to London the liveliest recollections of the Dramatic Lodge, with which he had been identified since its beginning. Various other toasts followed, and the brethren separated shortly after seven o'clock. It may be stated that Bro. Loveday has been connected with the Royal Alexandra Theatre, Liverpool, for the last seven years, as musical and stage director, where he has gained the esteem and admiration of a large circle of friends, about 100 of whom entertained him at supper at the

Adelphi Hotel last week, and cordially wished him success in his new undertaking. The gathering was the largest musical, dramatic, and literary gathering ever seen in Liverpool; and probably no place out of London could have shown such an assembly.

### Royal Arch.

**LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 102).**—The companions of this young but rapidly increasing chapter (not only in numbers but prosperity) met at Cannon-street Hotel, on January 17th, 1877. Present:—Comps. Geo. Newman, M.E.Z.; F. D. Copestick, H.; Henry Birdseye, J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Francis Fellows, S.E.; Edward Jones, S.N.; Charles Arkell, P.S.; T. C. Chapman, 1st Asst. Soj.; R. P. Hooton, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Henry Muggeridge, P.G.S.B.; Ed. King, P.Z.; Thos. Cohn, W. E. Newton, G. Phythian, Geo. Potter, G. Bartholomew, Henry Cox, J. Curle, J. Greenway, J. Kent, and other companions. The ballot was taken for Bros. Medwin and Brand. Afterwards Bros. J. Larkin, Grocott, Medwin, and Brand were exalted to the Supreme Degree of H.R.A.M. A conclave of Installed Principals was then formed, and Comp. Henry Muggeridge, Past Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Chapter of England, duly installed Comps. F. D. R. Copestick, M.E.Z.; Henry Birdseye, H.; T. C. Chapman, J. The conclave was then closed, and the following companions inducted into their different offices:—Comps. George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Francis Fellows, S.E.; Charles Arkell, S.N.; George Phythian, P.S. Comp. Geo. Phythian appointed Comps. R. P. Hooton and J. Copestick, 1st and 2nd Assistants. The visitors, as usual in this excellent chapter, mustered strong, viz.: Comps. F. G. White, 22; F. H. Wilson, P.Z. and S.E. 404, D.G.S.F. Herts.; Geo. Row, H. 1185; T. W. Carnell, 1216; R. E. Bright, J. C. H. Bailey, and J. G. Marsh, 954; G. Clarke, 177. The installation ceremony was beautifully rendered by Comp. Henry Muggeridge. It is at all times very pleasing to be present at the working of this great veteran in either Craft or Royal Arch Masonry, and this occasion was the more pleasing inasmuch that an impromptu present was given to the much respected old Mason (arranged in a few days by members of the chapter). The present consisted of a very handsome clock with suitable inscription. The M.E.Z., Comp. Copestick, in presenting, spoke in a very able manner, referring to Comp. Henry Muggeridge's great services to the Lion and Lamb Chapter, not only in obtaining warrant but in working so excellently for some years, and observed that the present was small, from a few, and was given for special services to the chapter only, but he hoped that Comp. Muggeridge would receive at the hands of the Craft and Royal Arch Masons, including those hundreds that had been taught by him, some greater mark of their esteem for a lifetime devoted so purely to Masonry. The chapter after closing adjourned to the supper-room, where a very happy evening was spent by the companions; supper, songs, jokes, and fraternal exchanges of civilities all good.

### Mark Masonry.

**SOUTH MOLTON.**—Fortescue Lodge (No. 9).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 22nd ult., and in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Wood, Bro. J. T. Shapland, I.P.M. and P.G.J.W., took the chair, assisted by the Wardens, Bros. J. Brewer, P.G.J.O., and Wm. Cole, and the other officers of the lodge. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, the Treasurer then produced and read his last year's account, which was very satisfactory. A very worthy brother having been proposed for advancement the lodge was closed in due form. This old lodge in its working is second to none in the province. It was established by our much respected P.G. Master, Lieut.-Col. Tanner Davey, in 1857, who has continued to support it ever since.

### Knights Templar.

**MANCHESTER.**—St. Joseph Encampment.—The annual meeting of this encampment was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, 12th ult. The encampment was opened at six o'clock by the Deputy Provincial Grand Commander, Sir Knt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, in due form. Sir Knt. Beswicke-Royds then installed as the Eminent Commander Sir Knt. Thos. David Nelson, and in doing so impressed on him the importance of his attending Convent General and Grand Conclave whenever he could make it convenient, and especially when business of importance is to be considered so that the St. Joseph Encampment might not suffer by not being represented. The Eminent Commander appointed and invested his officers:—Sir Knts. Mestajer, First Captain; Flowers, Second Captain; Brooks, Reg.; Warren, Treas.; Pike, Expert; Taylor, Captain of Lines. The fact that Convent General resolved on the 8th December last to restore Past Rank and return to the old names and privileges enjoyed prior to 1872 has given great and general satisfaction in this province, and was practically evinced in this encampment by the proposal of five companions for installation. The Eminent Commander having received hearty good wishes of visiting Knights from De Tabley, Province of Cheshire; Albert, and Jerusalem, Province of Lancashire, the encampment was closed with solemn prayer, and the Knights adjourned to banquet, after which the usual toasts were proposed and responded to,—“The Queen, Patron of our Order,” “The Prince of Wales, Grand Master,” “The Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family,” “The Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Very High and Eminent Grand

Commander of England and the Colonies,” “Very Eminent Sir Knt. Albert Hudson Royds, Grand Commander of Lancashire,” and “The Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, and the rest of the Officers of this Province.” Sir Knt. Ashworth, Prov. Chancellor, in responding, alluded to the serious indisposition of the Provincial Grand Commander, but was pleased to find that his son and deputy was so ably walking in his footsteps—working hard, and making himself useful in every part of the province for the good of the Order. Sir Knt. Ashworth also alluded to his having so frequently asked those who had votes to attend the Convent General and Great Priory, and to the persistent opposition of several Very Eminent Knights to the propositions of Sir Knt. Royds, which were passed and made law at the last Convent General. He knew the great inconvenience it was to the majority of Knights in the province to be called away from business, but hoped if any occasion required the whole 150 P.E.C.'s would make it a point of duty to attend and help the Grand Commander of this and other provinces in preserving the established constitutions and landmarks of the Order. “The Eminent Commander St. Joseph's Encampment.” Sir Knt. Nelson, in responding to this toast, said he was very much pleased three months ago when they elected him the Preceptor; but he was much more pleased now they had installed him as the Eminent Commander. He thanked the Deputy Grand Commander for having come from Lytham, a distance of forty miles, to instal him, and hoped he should always be found at his post ready to answer the call of duty. “The Visitors” was responded to by Sir Knt. Sykes, E.C., and Sir Knt. Beresford, P.E.C. of De Tabley, and Sir Knt. Dr. Royle, of Jerusalem, each of whom expressed the pleasure he had in being present to witness the installation by Sir Knt. Beswicke-Royds. They rejoiced at his success at last Convent General, and promised him support if he requires it in future, but hoped the Grand Master and the Grand Commander would not be again troubled by any one attempting to alter what had just been done, or again take away rank that had been justly earned and conferred. “The P.E.C.” Sir Knt. Bennett, in responding, expressed his regret at not being able to attend all the meetings, being now resident in London. He was pleased at being able to attend Convent General, and take part in passing the propositions of the Provincial Grand Commander, and would at all times do what he could to benefit St. Joseph's Encampment. “The Officers” was responded to by the First Captain, Sir Knt. Mestajer, who preferred that title to being called Constable. The officers appointed would do all they could to support the E.C. and to benefit the St. Joseph's Encampment.

### Scotland.

**CONSECRATION OF THE ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, POLMADIE, RENFREWSHIRE (No. 592).**—The consecration of a new lodge at Polmadie, named Albert Edward, took place on Thursday, 25th January. Previous to the consecration ceremony the Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire East, Bro. Colonel Campbell of Blythswood, the office-bearers of the P.G. Lodge, and a number of other brethren, were entertained at dinner at Eastfield House by Bro. Robert Nisbet, the W.M. of the new lodge. The Albert Edward Lodge hall is situated at Polmadie-street, Polmadie, and is newly constructed. On the present occasion it was elaborately and tastefully decorated with evergreens, bannerets, &c. Shortly before six o'clock in the evening the lodge was opened in the E.A. Degree, and immediately raised to the Sublime Degree under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Nisbet. The W.M. having requested the P.G. Master to consecrate the lodge, the latter took the chair. The solemn and impressive ceremony of consecration was then gone through, the brethren heartily joining in the responses, a choir of the brethren sustaining with considerable ability the musical portions. In the course of the proceedings the P.G. Secretary read the charter of constitution, and the following office-bearers of the Albert Edward Lodge were installed by the P.G. Master: Bros. Robert Nisbet, W.M.; Thos. White, D.M.; Wm. Clark, S.M.; A. C. Killock, S.W.; Jas. Grieg, J.W.; J. C. Shand, Treas.; Robert Wash, Sec.; Walter Gunn, S.D.; Geo. Catto, J.D.; Robt. McMillan, S.S.; Wm. Gourlay, S.B.; Geo. Stein, I.G.; Geo. Reid, Tyler. At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony, the P.G. Master delivered an eloquent oration, in which he pointed out the beauties of Masonry, and particularly the brotherly love that was engendered amongst all those who were initiated into its mysteries. The proceedings were closed by the brethren giving grand honours, and the P.G. Chaplain pronouncing the benediction. The P.G. Master having vacated the chair, the W.M. again presided, and the newly consecrated lodge was placed under the charge of the J.W., the brethren being hospitably entertained by the W.M.

**PAISLEY.**—Lodge St. Mirrens (No. 129).—The meeting of this lodge for the election of office bearers took place on Monday, the 18th ult., in the Masonic Hall, 5, Moss-street. The office bearers present were Bros. H. S. Edmonds, W.M.; T. Bustard, D.M.; A. McLeod, I.P.M.; W. Gemmill, S.W.; G. Fisher, J.W.; P. Blair, Treas.; A. McPherson, Sec.; B. McLeod, S.D.; H. Baxter, J.D.; W. Craig, I.G., and others. The attendance of brethren was the largest that ever assembled in this lodge—over 160 having signed the Sedurant Book. After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes read and adopted, the Auditors appointed at last meeting read their report, which showed the funds of the lodge to be in a very satisfactory condition, there being a balance this year of £37 to the credit. The election of office bearers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—G. Fisher, W.M.; H. S. Edmonds, I.P.M.; T. Bustard, D.M.; T. J. Bustard, S.W.;

B. C. McLeod, J.W.; P. Blair, Treas.; B. C. Kilgour, Sec.; Rev. W. F. Mills, Chap.; P. Moir, S.D.; W. Russell, J.D.; A. Morrison, S.S.; W. Wotherspoon, J.S.; J. Barnet, S.S.B.; A. Moffatt, J.S.B.; W. Scott, Jeweller; W. Robin, Architect; C. A. Hardie, D. of M.; W. Craig, I.G.; W. Alexander, Tyler. The installation of the newly-elected office bearers was thereafter proceeded with, Bro. Edmonds, P.M., officiating. The lodge voted unanimously a sum of £10 to the retiring Secretary, Bro. McPherson, in recognition of his highly appreciated services whilst holding that office. Some business of minor importance having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Athole (No. 413).—The bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 23rd January, in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street. The W.M., Bro. Walter Neilson, presided, the other office-bearers present being Bros. James Louttit, P.M.; Andrew Holms, S.M.; George Bennett, S.W.; William O'Brien, J.W.; Peter Agnew, Treas.; George Struthers, Sec.; and David Hodge, S.D. There was a very fair attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and passed, the subject of the ensuing annual festival of the lodge was brought up and the question as to whether it should take the form of a supper or soiree discussed. Ultimately, it was resolved upon that it should be the former, and that ladies should be eligible to be present. A committee having been appointed to make the necessary arrangements, the lodge proceeded to discuss some private business, after which it was closed in due and ancient form.

**SCOTLAND.**—St. Andrew's Chapter (No. 69).—A meeting of the Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge attached to this chapter was held on Monday, 15th ult. The lodge was opened by T. M. Campbell, F.N.; J. McInnes, J.; R. Brand, S. Comp. William H. Stark received the Degree. A Council of Red Cross Knights was opened afterwards, when Comps. John H. Fash, John McInnes, Wm. H. Stark, Robert Brand, Thomas Cowan, and William Pascoe were duly received and dubbed as Knights of the Sword, Knights of the East, or Princes of Jerusalem, and Knights of the East and West, by Thomas M. Campbell, King, C. and D., and M.E.C., assisted by Sir Knt. James O. Park. The ceremonies of the several degrees were performed in a very efficient and instructive manner, the Most Excellent Chief being more impressive (if possible) than we have seen him on former occasions. He was kindly granted a dispensation for the Knights by the Depute Grand Principal Z., Harry Inglis of Torsorce, for the purpose of resuscitating this degree. This chapter has now fixed four regular meetings in the year for working the above degrees, viz., last Fridays in January, April, July, and October. Their first regular meeting will be held in the Masonic Hall, 25, Robertson-street, on 26th inst., at 7.30 p.m., for the election of office-bearers.

### LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A MASONIC HALL AT BOURNEMOUTH.

The Order of Free and Accepted Masons, if not “as old as the hills,” is, at all events, so ancient that we have no authentic account of the time when it was first instituted; indeed, in a treatise on Masonry, published in 1792, by William Preston, Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, it is traced from the creation: “Ever since symmetry began, and harmony displayed her charms,” says he, “our Order has had a being.” By other accounts the history of Masonry is only carried up to the building of Solomon's Temple. Be this as it may, Freemasonry ranks amongst things most ancient and venerable; and it may be interesting to some of our readers to know that its introduction to this country has been fixed at the year 674; though the most ancient lodge in England—the Grand Lodge of Masons at York—dates its foundation in 626; and by virtue of a charter granted by King Athelstane, all the Masons in the kingdom were convened at a general assembly in that city, where they established their government; and until with the last century no general meetings were held anywhere else. Masonry has suffered many vicissitudes since then, but in those days, and for many centuries after, Masonry really meant *masonry*, and its monuments are to be found in the old Cathedrals of Canterbury, Rochester, St. Paul's and many others; in the re-building of Westminster Abbey in the eleventh century; in the Tower of London, the Palace of Westminster, London Bridge, and a host of other buildings comprising our national architecture. Working Masons banded themselves together in lodges, presided over by the greatest architects of the day, patronised by kings and princes, and making their mark upon every age, in grand old piles which we of the nineteenth century love to gaze upon and never tire of admiring. Then Masonry, as we all know, includes the pleasing feature—first proposed by the Duke of Buccleugh, who in 1723 succeeded the Duke of Wharton as Grand Master—of raising a general fund for distressed Masons; and although the profound secrecy in which its proceedings are studiously wrapped, prevents the particularising of its uses, the society undoubtedly promotes philanthropy, friendship and morality. Its signs to serve as a kind and universal language, so that by means of them most distant nations may become acquainted and enter into friendship with each other.

And as Masonry may thus be said to be one of the oldest institutions in the country, and indeed in the world, so we can claim that it is one of the oldest institutions in Bournemouth. Lodge Hengist, No. 19, was founded Nov. 23rd, 1770, at the ancient borough-town Christchurch, under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, on the petition of Henry Dagg, Thomas Jeans, and another. On the 9th of May, 1851, the lodge was removed to Bournemouth, and prosperity has characterised it ever since. The

centenary festival was held on the 23rd November, 1870, when the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire, and the Provincial Officers attended, and decorated the then Worshipful Master—Bro. E. W. Rebbeck—with the centenary jewel. The Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. P. H. Newnham, read a very interesting history of the lodge, and the R.W. P.G.M. congratulated the members on their continued success. Now, the lodge-room at the Belle Vue Assembly Rooms has become too small for the members, and it has been found necessary to seek more convenient quarters, and we congratulate the lodge on the excellent site chosen for a new hall, the first stone of which was laid on Monday, and a description of which we append.

The new Masonic Hall is to contain on the ground floor a hall 45ft. by 21ft. 6in., which will afford accommodation for from 50 to 80 brethren. The ante-rooms being placed in front of the building, will ensure perfect privacy to the hall. On this floor are also a retiring room and other conveniences. In the basement are a refreshment room and kitchen. The front of the building is to be faced with white brick and Bere freestone, and will be after the Tuscan order of architecture. The contract for the building, amounting to £896, is to be carried out by Mr. J. McWilliam; the time for completion being fixed as the 1st of May next. The architect is Bro. T. Stevens, of this town, who appears to have been successful in producing a design which will utilise the somewhat limited space to its utmost extent, and the general style of which will, we think, be much appreciated when completed, and be a welcome addition to the public buildings of the town.

The weather on this auspicious occasion was unusually fine. The lodge assembled at the Pembroke Hotel at two o'clock, and was close tyled at 2.30. Shortly after three o'clock a grand procession was formed in the following order:

Two P.G. Tylers (Bros. Green and Graham), with drawn swords.

Band of the 4th Hants Artillery.

Visiting Brethren, not members of any Lodge, two and two.

The Lodges of the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, according to their numbers, preceded by their banner, Juniors going first.

Architect (Bro. T. Stevens) and builder (J. McWilliam, P.M.) with the plans.

Cornucopia with corn, borne by Bro. Halliday, 132.

Ewer with wine, borne by G. Gouch, P.M. 195.

Ewer with oil, borne by W.M., Blandford Lodge.

P.G. Pursuivant (Bro. Rawlins).

Organist (Bro. T. Arthur Burton).

P.G. Secretary (Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre) with book of Constitutions on a cushion.

Treasurer of Lodge Hengist (Bro. C. R. Plank), bearing a phial containing the coins to be deposited in the stone.

Visitors of distinction

The Corinthian Light borne by Bro. Merson, S.W.

P.J.G. Warden (Brother Dyer, W.M. 132), with plumb rule.

P. G. Steward (Bro. Legge).

The Doric Light, borne by Bro. W. J. Worth, J.W.

P.S.G. Warden (Bro. Captain West) with level.

The P. Junior Grand Deacon (Bro. Atkinson).

Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. Gordon Browne) with the Volume of the Sacred Law.

P.G. Superintendent of Works with the plate bearing the inscription.

D.P.G. Master (Bro. Hickman) with square.

Brother of eminence (Bro. Cartwright, P.D.M. West India, S.C.), bearing the mallet and the trowel.

Sword bearer (Bro. E. W. Rebbeck, P.M.).

R.W. Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Beach).

Bro. J. Druitt, jun., W.M. Lodge Hengist.

There was a very large attendance of spectators, the line of route being thronged, whilst from the windows in the vicinity of the site of the proposed structure, and from every spot of vantage ground near, crowds of men, women, and children witnessed the proceedings. Police officers guarded the hoarding in front of the works, which are situate on St. Michael's-rise, Commercial-road. On arriving at the site, the brethren halted, divided right and left, turning inwards for the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master and his officers to passup the centre, preceded by his Sword Bearer, and followed by the various lodges in inverted order from the bottom of the procession. The basement of the new structure has already been partly erected, and over the rafters had been placed loose planks for the convenience of the brethren. Here was placed an American organ, and the procession formed a semi-circle about it, leaving space for the P.G.M. and chief officers to perform the ceremony connected with the laying of the stone. When all had taken their places, Organist T. A. Burton took his position at the organ and the anthem was sung, "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The stone was then raised, and the Chaplain, the Rev. C. G. Browne, M.A., intoned the well-known prayer, commencing, "Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings." The P.G. Treas., C. R. Plank, by command of the R.W.P.G.M., then deposited in a cavity in the stone a bottle containing coins of the present reign, a newspaper of the day, and a list of the officers and members of the lodge. The cement was laid on the lower stone, and the upper one slowly lowered, solemn music playing the while. The P.G.M. then came forward, and received the plumb rule from the P.J.G.W., the level from the P.S.G.W., and the square from the D.P.G.M. After testing the stone, the P.G.M. said, It is a well wrought stone, square, level, perpendicular, and fitted to form the foundation of the intended work. The plans were next submitted by the P.G. Supt. of Works, and examined by the P.G.M., who said: They are accurately defined, well executed, and well fitted for the design of the intended work. The mallet, square, &c., being handed to the

architect, the following hymn was sung to the tune of the Old Hundredth:

This first foundation now we've made,  
Level and square, upright and true,  
Firm may it rest upon its bed,  
For months, and years, long ages through.  
Grand Architect on Heaven's high span,  
Pass Thou our work, our efforts aid;  
Permit Thy lowly creature, man,  
To praise Thee who hast all things made.  
This house we dedicate to Thee,  
To truth, and purity and love,  
Fill thou our hearts with charity,  
And raise our souls to Thee above.  
By faith, Lord, level Thou our steps:  
By love adjust our every deed:  
With hope enlighten Thou the depths  
Of our great, never-ending, need.  
And when at last our work is done,  
As stones prepared and shaped by Thee,  
Our battle's o'er, our victories won,  
Build us, O Lord, a house to Thee.—*So mote it be.*

P.G.M. Beach then said:—Ladies and gentlemen, and brethren, at the erection of all stately and superb edifices there is a necessity for wisdom and skill in the design for solidity and strength in the execution. In order to carry out these qualities efficiently and well, in former days workmen were formed into guilds and societies, and attained an excellence in the work which probably has never been surpassed. They passed away from their generation, but they left behind them no mean record of their skill and ability in those magnificent buildings which have existed from mediæval ages. These bring to the latter age the record of the skill and the unity which animated them. By means of that unity and skill, they were enabled to bring to successful execution some of the most magnificent buildings which have ever existed on the face of the earth, and we know very well from certain tokens which are engraven thereon that in their day they were Masons, and have left impressed upon them a record of the fact. Those buildings form a sort of bridge by which we are enabled to gulf over the distance of time which has existed between their age and ours. We have succeeded to some extent as their successors. We do not in the present time emulate their example as operative Masons, but we have adopted them from certain principles, up to which we try to act. We have adopted their utility as one rule of our conduct, and it is by our unity as brethren that we exist as a large and powerful society. We adopted also their principles of self-assistance. They in their day assisted each other, and the principles therefore of benevolence has never failed to exist amongst us. The principle, too, of charity we also emulate, and try to follow out to its fullest extent; and while we adopt these principles, and apply them as far as we can to our conduct, we do not relinquish the interest we feel in the operative work of our ancestors. We still try to take the greatest interest in all works of Masonry, in all works of architecture, in all building operations, and setting ourselves, as we do, in their place, we try in our generation to encourage them as far as we can. We are indeed a peaceful Society. We try to practice within ourselves those virtues which I have stated, and we try to give assistance, not only to ourselves, but to others in the practice of virtue, and the practice of everything which is social and moral. I trust that the practice of moral and social virtues may ever exist among us, and that whilst we have the opportunity of conducting to the support of any useful work, we shall try to do our duty as far as in us lies. I trust that the work which we have had the pleasure of facilitating and inaugurating this day may be successful. I trust that the building, in harmony with the plans which have been submitted to me, will be an ornament to the town of Bournemouth. In a town, existing and thriving like Bournemouth does, it will be strange, indeed, if the many Freemasons who reside here did not wish to have a hall of their own to carry out their rites and ceremonies. I congratulate them upon the fact. May that work be crowned with success, and may we all who attend here this day have reason to congratulate ourselves upon the work which we have inaugurated! (Loud cheers.)

The procession then returned to the Pembroke Hotel, when the lodge was closed.

In the evening a grand banquet was given at the Pembroke Hotel, to which a large number of brethren sat down, under the presidency of the R.W.P.G.M. Bro. Beech, who was supported by many influential members of the Craft, including Bros. Sir H. D. Wolff, M.P., K.G.M.C., Bro. Sir Molyneux Nepean, Bart., most of the brethren of the Hengist Lodge, and many visitors from other lodges.

### Obituary.

#### BRO. JOSEPH GUNDRY.

It is our melancholy duty to announce, which we do with sincere regret, the death of our much esteemed Bro. Joseph Gundry, R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Dorsetshire, Justice of the Peace. The sad intelligence reached us late on Thursday evening, prior to going to press. Bro. Gundry died on Thursday morning at his residence, The Hyde, Bridport.

**BOW AND BROMLEY INSTITUTE.**—We have been asked by Bro. Charles Blain to announce to such of our readers who assisted him in the disposal of one guinea's worth of tickets for the concert given at the Bow and Bromley Institute, in aid of Masonic Institutions, on 14th Dec. last, that the ballot for one Life Governorship and one Life Subscription will take place at Bro. Seaton's, Fenchurch-street Tavern, on Monday evening next, the 5th February, at 7 o'clock precisely.

### Masonic and General Tidings.

We are informed that Bro. John Lazar, R.W. District Grand Master of Westland, New Zealand, has been pleased to grant a dispensation for a new lodge at Kumara, to be called the "Lazar." It is interesting to learn that Kumara is a newly discovered gold field, about eighteen miles from Hokitika, possessing a population of upwards of 7,000 inhabitants, of whom over fifty are members of the Craft.

Captain Hamber, for some time editor of the *Standard*, and who was recently connected with the now defunct *How*, has been elected editor of the *Morning Advertiser* by the Committee of the Incorporated Society of Licensed Victuallers.

Bro. His Grace the Duke of Marlborough held his first Levée on Tuesday, which was more numerously attended than any for several years past. The superior Courts did not sit, in order to give the Judges an opportunity of attending the Levée.

The Company of Goldsmiths have given a donation of £100 in aid of the funds of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum.

His Royal Highness Prince Leopold will shortly be created Duke of Sussex.—*Yorkick.*

His Royal Highness Prince Leopold George Duncan Albert, Duke of Saxony, Prince of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, K.G., K.T., has been appointed an extra Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India.—*Gazette.*

A promise has been formally given by the Metropolitan Board of Works that a site will be found on the Thames Embankment for "Cleopatra's Needle." Most people will think this a mere matter of routine, seeing that the monument lies buried in the sands of Egypt, and that it has been repeatedly declared, on official authority, that the nation is too poor to pay for its transport to this country. The French were able to defray the cost of transporting a similar monument from Egypt to Paris, and it forms the most striking object in the Place de la Concorde. A distinguished and public-spirited surgeon has determined to defray the expense of bringing "Cleopatra's Needle" to London, so that the application to the Metropolitan Board of Works was no empty form. With a modesty which he would hardly have displayed had he been not an unassuming professional man, but a Birmingham capitalist or a retired East India merchant, he does not wish his name made public till the work be accomplished. When the work is done he will have amply earned the hearty thanks of the nation.—*The World.*—[We may add that the gentleman alluded to is a distinguished Mason.]

**CRYSTAL PALACE.**—The arrangements for the forthcoming show of artificial flowers and fruit at the Crystal Palace are rapidly progressing, and the promises of support encourage the belief that the undertaking will result in an attractive exhibition. It is expected that many of the principal wholesale and retail dealers in artificial flowers, both for personal use and also for room and corridor decorations, will take advantage of the exhibition to bring their goods prominently before the public, and these classes will, of course, add very considerably to the general effect of the whole display. But independently of the ordinary commercial aspect of this novel show, its success is a matter of interest to many home workers in the art of flower making who have at present no means of obtaining a market for their productions, and are debarred from turning their abilities to pecuniary advantage.

The private ball of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, will be given on the 9th inst., at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill. Dancing will commence at eight o'clock. The whole of the proceeds will be devoted to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, at whose festival, on the 12th inst., Bro. Murlis, W.M., will be the Steward.

**FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**—We understand that the musical direction for the above, which will be held on the 12th February, at the Freemasons' Hall, has been entrusted to Bro. T. Lawler, jun., of 62, Saltoun-road, Brixton, S.W. Mesdames Sherrington, Larkcom, Helen Heath, Bros. Henry Parker, P.P.G. Org. Middx., Baxter, Thornton, Caravoglia, and Messrs. Lewis Thomas and T. Harper, have been engaged for the occasion.

**MARK MASONRY.**—The lodge of Mark Masons, which was recently opened in Chester, is progressing satisfactorily. At the last meeting 22 candidates were balloted for, and 14 of the number advanced. It promises to become one of the most influential lodges in the province.

**FREEMASONRY AT RHYL.**—We understand that the Mastership of the Masonic lodge which is about to be formed in Rhyll has been offered to Bro. James Salmon, P.J.G.W. of North Wales and Salop.

Bro. Sir Watkin W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of North Wales and Shropshire, is still confined to his room at Wynnstay, with a serious attack of complicated bronchitis, but he is said to be progressing favourably towards recovery.

His Worship the Mayor of Liverpool, Mr. Alderman A. B. Walker, entertained nearly 3000 poor people at dinner, on the evenings of the 22nd and 23rd ult., at St. George's Hall. Each of the recipients of the mayoral bounty was upwards of 60 years old. This is the second occasion on which his worship has acted with the same true nobility, and amongst his other princely acts, may be named the gift of an Art Gallery to the town, worth £40,000, and the presentation of a jewelled badge of office for future chief magistrates, worth £2000.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

The following unavoidably stand over until next week:—Bro. Harriott's Second Letter; Letter from Bro. R. de Vervega; Testimonial to Bro. W. Smith. Reports of Prince Frederick William Lodge, 753; Great Northern Lodge, 1287; Fitzroy Lodge, 509; Ellesmere Lodge, 750; Priory Lodge, 1000; Hope and Unity Lodge, 214; Hartington Lodge, 1021; Kendal Castle Chapter, 129; Temple Chapter, 1064; Swedenborgian Rite.

To hand:—Banquet of the Southwark Lodge of Instruction; Belgrave Lodge of Instruction; Star Lodge of Instruction; St. Andrew's Chapter and Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners; Masonic Ball at Barrow.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

## BIRTHS.

BELL.—On the 26th ult., at Frickheim, Forfarshire, the wife of the Rev. Benjamin Bell, of a daughter.

DOWSON.—On the 29th ult., at Hereford-square, South Kensington, the wife of A. C. Dowson, of a son.

## MARRIAGE.

COOPER—HILL.—On Nov. 18, 1876, at St. John's Church, Sydenham, N.S.W., William Charles, son of Sir D. Cooper, Bart., to Alice Helen, daughter of G. Hill, Esq.

## DEATHS.

COUTTS.—On the 27th ult., at 30, James-street, Covent-garden, Anna, the beloved wife of Bro. John Coutts, P.G.P. Deeply regretted.

ELLIS.—On the 14th ult., at Banara, Mount Gambier, South Australia, Mary, wife of T. C. Ellis, Esq., aged 20.

GUNDRY.—On the 1st inst., at his residence, The Hyde, Bridport, Bro. J. Gundry, R.W. Prov. G. Master of Dorsetshire.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEB. 3, 1877.

## THE CONSECRATION OF THE ALDERSGATE LODGE.

This ceremony, which took place on Monday last, suggests many important considerations. We need hardly assure our readers, that our excellent Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, spoke, as he always does, both with impressiveness and practical common sense, or that his remarks were duly appreciated, as they deserved to be, by the meeting. Neither need we dilate on the ceremonial, as that is well known to our readers, and "mutatis mutandis," is pretty much the same on all occasions. It is also unnecessary for us to call attention to the excellent and eloquent addresses at the festive board of the Grand Secretary, the W.M., our Rev. Bro. P. M. Holden, and others, for they speak for themselves in our lucid and careful report. The gathering was a highly successful one, and will long be remembered by those who were privileged to be present. But what we are anxious to call our readers' attention to is this. Here is a lodge confessedly composed of men of distinct social worth and high scholastic acquirements, set up before the world for the purpose and aims alone of our venerable Order. It contains in it men of business, members of the medical profession, clergymen, brethren of high intellectual culture, as well as most respectable citizens of the Aldersgate Ward, and as such it seeks to conform to and uphold the tenets and practice of Freemasonry. Its first initiate is to be the Master of Christ's Hospital, and we are glad to remember to-day, and happy to point out the fact to our readers, that in the heart of the City of London a lodge so calculated to do good, and be so useful and improving to its members, is now, happily, formally set up. May all of prosperity attend it, and may its labours thus happily begin conduce to the glory of God, the welfare of the Craft, and the happiness of mankind. Our Rev. and able Bro. Brette's pleasant announcement at the close that the list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution anniversary had reached £91 is a good augury of the future for the Aldersgate Lodge.

## IS FREEMASONRY MATERIALISM?

It has occurred to us, that, as we hear so often just now of "materialism," and "materialistic," some of our readers may like to know what is the meaning of words so often thrown at our heads, crammed down our throats, used by the sciolist and "windbag," "usque ad nauseam." Materialism comes, no doubt, either from material, as Johnson says, "consisting of matter corporeal, not spiritual," or from the French word "materiel," made up of matter; and just as the good old Doctor defines materialist "as one who denies spiritual substances," so Napoleon Landais declares "materialisme" to be the "système de ceux qui n'admettent que la matière," and "materialiste" to be a "partisan du materialisme." And then the question comes in here, What is matter? Well, we need not, as we cannot, go into the discussions which this subject has originated and still entails. We need not even trouble ourselves with the discordant views of learned writers or fashionable empirics on the subject. It is still "non-proven." The reviewer of a "Life of Kingsley," a short time ago, said in one of our leading weekly journals, that Kingsley had changed his mind on the subject, and seemed latterly to lean to another view of "matter." And as scientificists are not yet agreed as to what matter really is, we, as Freemasons, may be content simply to take for granted the existence of matter, without too closely enquiring either into its "raison d'être," or its "modus vivendi," its conditions of existence, so to say. But in an abstract sense we all are aware of the tangible and impinging properties of "matter," whatever form it assumes, or we like to give it in this visible world, and in this mundane life of ours. But with that, as Freemasons, we have nothing to do, more than

any one else, and it is not in this sense that Archbishop Vaughan, and the numerous crowd of cackling geese used the word "material" to-day. It is in the meaning, rather as opposed to spiritual, and hence we often apply it in common parlance to those who, denying the spiritual kingdom of the great dispensation of the Most High, or the "eternal fitness of things," or the promise of futurity, or the hopes of a better country, the gift of an immortal soul, an undying body, and everlasting life, bound all their expectations, and limit all their endeavours, to this present, earthly, material, dying existence. There are some to whom this world is everything—the future, nothing. Its joys, its pleasure, its plan, its promises, its gifts, its happiness, its wealth, are all in all to them. They have no better aspirations, no purer emotion; their *to kalon* and *to agathon* are comprised in the life that now is, and when it passes away, their being is either annihilated for them in the grave of animal death, or they disappear like little atoms of space and time, absorbed into the infinity of atomism. It is to this class of dreary sceptics, of materialistic unbelievers, that Archbishop Vaughan is alluding, and as he classes Freemasons one and all in this category, he means politely, but impressively, to say that we are as bad as bad can be, and in his opinion, like the famous turncock, who incurred the aqueous wrath of the "Shepherd" in Pickwick, "booked for something uncomfortable." Let us observe in passing that all this plethora of invective and excommunication has something very ludicrous and very low in itself. In our humble opinion, in this his hasty and uncritical position, Archbishop Vaughan, (though quite on a par with his un-historical achievements), has committed three grave errors, one of act, another of assertion, a third of prophecy. It is not the fact, *imprimis*, that materialism in its worst sense is the ruling principle of the age in which we live. There is no doubt a noisy and unbelieving school, and if you will, materialistic, but it is completely overbalanced by that mass of sound thinking men, who are not ashamed to stand up as grave and reverent believers in the work, the revelation, the providence, the moral government, the retributive justice of God. If here and there we see proofs abounding, as in all ages, of evil living, of hurtful doctrines, of base minds and deeds, of the deceivers and the deceived, of the seducers and the seduced; if around us the Juggernaut of worldly luxury, profligacy, shame, and infidelity lifts its hideous head, still we can console ourselves with the thought that never in the history of the world were so many noble sacrifices being made, so many truly philanthropic labours carried on for the temporal and eternal welfare of mankind, as to-day. All such utterances, then, are but the meaningless inarticulate cries of those, who, like parrots, have learnt a few stock sentences by rote. The world has its evils and its wrongs, God knows; its social errors, and its pernicious influences many and alarming. But it is not all bad, and certainly not God-forsaken. On the contrary, there are those, the salt of the earth, still striving as ever to shine as lights in the world, and aiding nobly by every good word and work, to pull down the strongholds of human crime, tyranny, iniquity, and to raise in their stead the outwork and the battlements of the great and eternal city of our God. Even to-day none of us need doubt for one moment as to which side will prevail in this mighty "Armageddon," or hesitate for one moment to anticipate the eventual victory of God's truth, God's majesty, God's goodness, and God's right in the world. And so too as regards us Freemasons. We are not, and never can be, materialistic in any sense of the word. Archbishop Vaughan knows nothing of us, our true teachings, our real principles, our living life, our actual actings, or he would not make so silly and false an accusation! We are so, of all men, alike most spiritual and religious, in our ceaseless realization of the presence of one governing, living, true, omniscient, ever present God Most High. All our Masonic work begins and ends in prayer to Him, and acknowledgment of His presence and power, and goodness and greatness, and as far as words and acts can testify of opposition to materialistic teaching, everything

in Freemasonry from first to last is most creditable to the fraternity, and most antagonistic to the perverse incriminations of an illogical accuser like Archbishop Vaughan. And, lastly, we deplore Archbishop Vaughan's appearance in the character of a false prophet. Let it be, we conjure him, his last appearance on the stage in that rôle; let him become any other "petit sujet" that he likes, but not a "Pseudomantis." Materialism is not like the "ism" of the future, whatever else may be, neither is ultramontaniam, for materialism has in it its own element of destruction, mole ruit sua. It upholds everything that is most opposed to the intellectual appreciations of humanity, to the best and tenderest sympathies of the "Homo." In its low and levelling and destructive and worthless assurances, it deprives man alike of his affection and his dignity, his expectations and his aspirations, his longings and his emotions, his love of the beautiful, his sense of the divine, and his trust in the eternal. Condemned alike by the voice of nature within man, by the syllogisms of reason, and the witness of inspiration, its fate is certain, its fall is inevitable. As a system it has never had any real influence in the world, except over certain eccentric individualities, and a few blatant talkers. Of the earth purely earthy—it is alike evanescent and mortal, and though, perhaps, a few lingering disciples may last in the ages to come, to point to a forgotten phantasi, to tell of a deserted shrine, we can well leave it to the triumphant onward march of our educated race, under the good providence of Almighty God.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE ECLECTIC LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to the letter of my esteemed friend, Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., that appeared in your columns of the 27th January, relative to the change in the constitution of the Eclectic Lodge, which was inaugurated at my installation as W.M., permit me to state that it also includes the bye-law quoted by Bro. Hughan, which (with others appertaining thereto) has been abrogated by nine-tenths of the members of the lodge—in fact we have revised the bye-laws completely, and considerably raised the initiation fee and annual subscription. The system on which the Eclectic Lodge was originally founded, although seemingly very excellent in theory, proved completely the reverse in practice. There was no opportunity of the brethren becoming acquainted with each other. It is an absolute fact that up to the last meeting several brethren never exchanged a word, while others not approving of the system, became members of other lodges. Now, I am happy to say all is changed for the better. We shall not meet so often, but when we do we hope to partake of the good things that Providence has bestowed on mankind, with rational and moderate enjoyment, and shall always be happy to see friends at our social board as well as in the lodge-room, (which was all we could do formerly).

As a proof of the success of the "change," I may state that nearly £20 was collected at the last meeting for charitable purposes.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,  
EDWARD J. HARTY, W.M. 1201.  
213, Regent-street, W., January 30th.

HONORARY PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The interesting correspondence which has from time to time appeared in your valuable paper on the subject of wearing jewels, has given rise to a discussion here, that I think of sufficient importance to merit a place in your columns. But it is not as to jewels, but as to the conferring the rank of Past Master on an eminent brother on the floor of the lodge.

On referring to Dr. Oliver's "Masonic Jurisprudence," page 105, we find these words. "Any lodge may elect a brother who has rendered some essential service to the lodge, or distinguished himself by eminence in the Craft, as honorary member; and may confer upon him, not an actual, but a past rank;" and the fact is quoted that on the Prince of Wales returning to England, after having been initiated abroad, the United Grand Lodge of England elected him to the rank of Past Grand Master. It is therefore contended that a private lodge can elect a Master Mason, who has never been installed into any office, to the rank of a Past Master, give him a seat in the East, and receive him with Masonic honours whenever he visits the lodge. Can you say whether there is any wrong in such a course of action, and if so, the law it violates? Your opinion would very much oblige a large number of the brethren, of whom I subscribe myself one.

Yours fraternally,  
A CONSTANT READER.

MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

W.M.C.N. thinks my answer to his fourth query "needlessly uncourteous," although I only used towards him the epithet (quoted from his own letter) which he applied to his brethren generally. In his former letter he inquired whether levels were worn from ignorance or design. He now asks why the regulations authorise them, which is quite different.

Indeed as a matter of fact, the Constitutions say nothing about levels, which, I believe, is a word used chiefly in advertisements.

It is quite possible that W.M.C.N.'s idea of the *tau* may be correct, but his assertion to that effect is of little value unless he can show that the lines were ever worn as *taus*.

I quite agree with P.P.M. when he condemns faulty emblems on the apron, and I always, myself, wear ribbon of the dimensions authorised, as the Constitutions are very plain on that matter.

I will add that there is no authority for light blue gauntlets, nor for a P.M.'s jewels being worn on the breast.

Yours fraternally,  
A. T.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

1. Are Past Principals of a Provincial Grand Chapter entitled to wear a jewel of their past rank, and by what ribbon?

2. Are other Past Officers of a Provincial Grand Chapter entitled to wear a Past jewel, and with what ribbon?

I am induced to ask these questions as I see some Past Officers of a Provincial Grand Chapter wear the jewel of past rank suspended by a tri-colour ribbon, the same as Grand Chapter; and have also seen a Past Principal wear his by a tri-colour ribbon suspended round his neck.

In wearing the sash of the R.A. Degree ought the red or purple to be in the centre?

Yours truly,  
Z.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you or any of your readers give me the date of the editions of the Constitutions which were published between 1784 and 1815?

Yours fraternally,  
A. T.

"HIGH FALUTIN."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was not surprised to read the foot-note to the letter of "A Visitor" in your last number, (page 38), but I wondered very much indeed how you could have given such a letter insertion. It is one of that kind which I think "no fellow can understand."

Before I take further notice of the communication and the report to which "A Visitor" refers, permit me to state, with all respect and deference, that I represent many of your subscribers in remarking that, as a rule, your notices of meetings are not so grammatically constructed by some of your reporters, nor so well read by your official staff, as they might be. At the same time it must be admitted that "verbatim et literatim" reports of the speeches we often hear at lodge meetings would not only make the speakers most ridiculous before their brethren, but would overtax the most able and energetic of "readers," and even puzzle a "Philadelphia lawyer" himself, to reduce to common sense.

Now, in the case before us fault is found with you, as "responsible editor," for inserting a *senseless and distorted heap of illogical, unconnected, and thoroughly ungrammatical word-whirlwind*, representing the speeches made at a well-known lodge on the 14th December last. It is evident that this meeting might have been better reported, and the "gravity of the duties," and the "responsibility" attaching to the same, better recognised by your reporter; but really there seems to have been enough nonsense spoken to have disturbed the equanimity of any chronicler, and upset all notions of gravity in respect of context. Passing over the addresses to candidates, and allowing for a natural and justifiable pride in possessing a distinguishing symbol (which, however, appears to have rather a national than a Masonic signification), and also the introductions to the loyal toasts, which it would be bad taste to criticise too closely, what do we read but a very "farrago" of ridiculous similes and mis-applications? *Grand Lodge a Paradise, with a colossus having one foot in that exalted region, and the other heaven knows where*, is a "staggerer," say what you will, and I don't wonder at the poor reporter becoming, from the moment of hearing that remark, practically imbecile. I will not criticise further, for there can be no doubt as to the "warm and impulsive nature" of the principal speaker, and his "post-prandial" endeavours to discharge fully and ably the onerous duties of his office deserve encouragement rather than animadversion. In justice to your reporter, however, pray read the replies of the "Colossus," and the "laureate visitor," both of which, being addressed to an ordinary assemblage in ordinary language, were kept without the circle of the "word-whirlwind," and so are evidently fairly recorded and comprehended.

The moral of all this is, that speakers should rather descend to the capacity of their hearers than attempt flights of imagination with "wings expanding," and, because apparently grandiloquent, believe they are expressing "thoughts that breathe, and words that burn."

But now as to your correspondent and his disparagement of your report. Was there ever a more *senseless and distorted heap of illogical, unconnected, and thoroughly ungrammatical word-whirlwind* than that contained in the third paragraph of his letter? What does it all mean? What is "unthinking meaninglessness"? Are any of us really "drones in the social hive, devouring the fruits of

other men's labour," for that is the literal interpretation of his quotation? Does the writer thoroughly understand himself? Can he be "supposed to know what he assumes," and how is that mental operation performed? And as to errors in grammar, are there not those in his "well-meant criticism" which should have been carefully eliminated before he rushed into print to condemn another? Oh! the beam and the mote!

And, oh! please do tell, what is a "word-whirlwind"? It is a dreadfully alliterative compound word, but stupendously above my comprehension!

Excuse anonymity on this occasion. You know me, and no doubt will once more convince me, as I always was, of your believing me to be, yours truly and fraternally,  
Jan. 29th, 1877.  
J. S.

ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM AND THE HOLY SEPULCHRE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can any High Grade brother answer these two queries?

I see in the accurate "Almanac de Gotha," that as regards the "Ordre Souverain de St. Jean de Jerusalem," the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, since the death of its late Grand Master, Fra Tommasi de Castara, in 1805, it has been administered at Rome by a Lieutenant of the Grand Mastership and a Sacred College, residing there. As regards the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, I see that in 1868 the present Pope of Rome divided the Order into three classes, but confirmed to the Patriarch of the Latin Rite at Jerusalem the right of conferring the signs of the Order in the name of the Pope.

According to this statement, the right of conferring this Order since the creation of the Franciscan Order has been confined to the Patriarch of Jerusalem, who was always a Franciscan.

Now what I want to know is, on what authority and under what powers the alleged Knighthood of St. John of Jerusalem and the Holy Sepulchre is conferred in our High Grades? Is it in fact a harmless adaptation or imitation of a real Order? or is it a pious fraud?

ESQUIRE.

Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

LORD CHESTERFIELD.

I have thought it well to give this account of Lord Chesterfield, in answer to Bro. Lord Limerick, from the forthcoming "Cyclopædia."—A.F.A.W.

CHESTERFIELD, PHILIP DORNER, EARL OF.—Born in 1694, and died in 1773. He was a distinguished diplomatist, statesman, and "littérateur," and while Ambassador at the Hague in the year 1731, was present at the "Lodge of Emergency," or special lodge convened under a dispensation from Lord Lovel, Grand Master, to initiate Francis Franes, Grand Duke of Lorraine and Tuscany. This prince was advanced to the Third Degree the same year, Preston tells us, at a special Lodge convened at Houghton Hall, Norfolk, as he had visited England in the meantime. Preston says that Lord Chesterfield presided on the occasion with a Bro. Strickland as Deputy-Master, and with Bro. Benjamin Hadley and a Dutch brother as Wardens. Oliver, in his edition of Preston, 1861, repeats the statement. Kloss and Mackey, however, assert that Dr. Désaguliers was in Holland at that time and presided, and not Lord Chesterfield. Lenning follows Preston and Oliver. The "Handbuch" leans to Kloss. There are no records in the archives of the English Grand Lodge with respect to this event, nor any official traces of the dispensation said to be granted by Lord Lovel.

CONSECRATION OF THE ALDERSGATE LODGE, No. 1657.

The Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, was consecrated on Monday evening, at the Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, by Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was assisted in the performance of his duties by Bros. Hyde Pullen, Past Grand Sword Bearer, as S.W.; H. C. Levander, as J.W.; the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Past Grand Chaplain, as Chaplain; the Rev. P.M. Holden, Prov. G. Chaplain Middlesex; and Bro. H. G. Buss, Prov. J.G.W. of Middlesex, as D.C. A select party of brethren took part in the proceedings of the day, the others who were present besides those named being Bros. John Derby-Allcroft, Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, Dr. Charles Hogg, George Kenning, Thomas Jones, P. Saillard, W. H. Froom, Thos. Benskin, A. J. Altman, H. Massey (Freemason), John Stedman, 172; Nelson Reed, 765, 1572, 1601; Samuel White, 101; Joseph Brown, P.M. 723; W. W. Landell, 99; George G. E. Fox; H. C. Levander, 142; F. Binckes, Dr. A. Greatrex, P.M. 22; A. J. Protheroe; Constable; and E. J. Jolliffe. The lodge-room, though small, presented a very pleasing appearance, everything being beautifully arranged, and all the furniture, which was quite new and made expressly for this lodge, being of the best and most expensive material. The pedestals and candlesticks were of mahogany, the tracing boards of oak, and a massive setting maul for the W.M. was of ivory. The gavel was of mahogany, and the lodge books were elegantly bound. The design of the members is to make the lodge one of the best in the Craft, and no means have been spared, so far, to carry out this intention. The list of officers which is given below will satisfy the brethren that this is not an empty boast.

After the lodge had been opened in the different degrees, Grand Secretary read an address. In doing so he said: Brethren, on these occasions it is usually the custom for

the Consecrating Officer to make some few observations to the lodge. On the present occasion those observations will be very few on my part, because this is somewhat an exceptional lodge, and the oft-told tale, if I may so call it, recommending care to the members of the lodge as to whom they should admit I need scarcely recommend to the members of this lodge, because from those who compose the body of petitioners they are an army whom I am sure will all take care that none but proper members of the Craft are admitted, and I need not at all dilate on that head. Brethren, it has been for some time past a matter of congratulation among Masons that the Craft is so rapidly extending its members, and I hope at the same time its influence; but although I may rejoice to see that extension in numbers and influence, I think there are some doubts as to whether we are not going rather too fast at the present moment, and whether we are not adding to our numbers too hastily. I do not wish of course to throw anything like cold water upon the efforts that the Craft is making to extend its numbers, but at the same time it is not an unmixed benefit, inasmuch as a great many are coming into the Craft at the present moment who I expect may, from those causes which affect all men who are mixed up in commercial concerns and in matters of business—who may from some calamity or misfortune have to resort to us in years which are coming for assistance in time of need and help when they require it. We of course do not hold ourselves out as a benefit society; but at the same time it is difficult to sever the position of Freemasonry from in some respects a benefit society, and I have some apprehension that many are now entering our ranks who look to the advantages of the Craft more than the real object of the Craft, which is to assist others and not ourselves. It may be that I may be wrong in my conjecture; but at any rate, as such I cannot but view it. We have many charities connected with the Order. We have our Schools and our Benevolent Institution. We have our benevolent fund also, to which Masons have recourse when they require help, and it is to that benevolent fund which I now more especially allude in the observations I am making to you. We must naturally look to an increase in the claims upon that fund, and unless we leave to our successors something like a large fund to fall back upon (we have a good fund; it is well known to those round this room), if we do not leave to our successors a large fund to fall back upon in times to come they may find themselves in a difficulty, considering the rate at which we are giving away our moneys at the present time to meet the demands upon them. I therefore say it, and say it advisedly, that the extension of Freemasonry is not an unmixed benefit, because we must also look to our responsibilities in future times. I trust that the time is far distant when we may not be able to render that assistance to our brother Masons which they urgently require. I do trust that, considering the numbers that join our ranks, there are sufficient among them who will not require assistance to enable the funds of the Order to meet the claims of those who require assistance, and I, for one, like to see funds which are invested, as some sort of a guarantee fund for the future. Some do not view it in that light, and think we ought to spend all the money we have at the present moment. I always like to look forward, not to a rainy day, but at any rate, to a day when we shall have responsibilities to meet, which I think we are likely to have for many years to come. As I said before, brethren, I do not wish to detain you long, because it is first of all unnecessary, and, again, because I am at all times unwilling to intrude my opinions too forcibly on those about me, but if the Craft would consider for one moment the responsibilities they incur when they admit a Mason into the Order, I think it would be well for lodges in general. I am quite satisfied that I need not inculcate that duty on those petitioners that I see around me. I know, if I may so term it, this is intended to be rather an aristocratic lodge than otherwise, and therefore it will be confined, or very considerably, not only to the parishioners of the Aldersgate Ward, but to the parishioners of that portion of the buildings which lie between here and West Smithfield and Newgate-street. If that is to be the case, I need not say that this lodge will be an advantage to the Craft, and I congratulate the members of the Ward of Aldersgate on having such a lodge established amongst them. I trust it will flourish now and hereafter, and that when I am long gathered to my fathers, somebody may look back to this time, and say that the then Grand Secretary of England consecrated the Aldersgate Lodge. (Great applause.)

The ceremony then proceeded in due course, and, at the proper time, the Chaplain, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, favoured the brethren with the following powerful and eloquent oration:—

V.W. Consecrating Officer, Wardens, and brethren all. As you, sir, have been good enough to ask me to say a few words to day by way of customary oration, I beg to assure you, that I esteem it both a favour and a privilege to be present on this interesting occasion, and to be permitted to assist, however humbly, at the consecration of the Aldersgate Lodge, to be an assistant of one who like yourself, so fitly presides over this distinguished gathering with the skill and urbanity for which you are well known in the Craft. But yet, sir, when I sat down to put my thoughts in order, there cropped up at once this not unnatural query, "What have you to say worthy of the occasion, worthy of your assembled brethren, worthy of the Craft to which you belong?" So much has been advanced by other Masons, and more eloquent orators on other occasions, I have so often myself trespassed on the forbearance of my brethren, that to many of us the word "Oration" is only suggestive of an oft-told tale, which wears by repetition or tires us by its duration. It is unavoidable, indeed, but that a certain sameness must be the characteristic of all our Masonic addresses, and,

therefore, if in anything I am going to say to-day, I may seem to any to travel over ground well trodden before, I must ask you to extend towards me that fraternal consideration and friendly criticism which, after a long Masonic membership, I know full well are never appealed to by any brother in vain. We live at a time, sir, when, so to say, the worth of every earthly institution is questioned by the often inquisitive rashness and restless criticism of modern thought, and when on all sides of us we often hear the enquiry, "What is the *raison d'être* of this or that?" It may, perhaps, also be fairly said that no institution which is not "per se" good and useful for man can withstand either the "encroaching hand of time," or can confront the captious objections of the hour, much less conform to the wants of humanity, or advance the temporal and eternal welfare of our race. I do not say that such carping contentions are always just, for they are not, or that such critical objections are always sound—very far from it—but they exist, and we have to meet them, and deal with them as best we may. When, then, as to-day, Freemasonry, as you have just well observed, sir, is extending her status on every side, when new temples are built up here, and new lodges are consecrated there, when Freemasonry is alike the subject of pious calumny, and of popular curiosity, of religious condemnation, and of unhesitating eulogism at the same time, we naturally ask ourselves "What is the real worth of a society which has such an antagonistic character for many, which some contend has only a claim for the open contempt, and others for the zealous sympathy of mankind?" It has been the peculiar fate of Freemasons from the very first to have had bitter, irreconcilable foes, and warm and enthusiastic friends. Its history, Mr. Hallam has said, has been "written by panegyrists and calumniators, each equally mendacious." And at this very hour, when we are all assembled here, to consecrate this Aldersgate Lodge according to our ancient rites, if we go to the world without, and take up a daily paper, we see that praise and blame, admiration and excommunication, approval and condemnation, are dealt out, as it were, from the opposing points of the compass, in almost equal measure, with abounding fervour and vigorous calumination. Monsignore Nardi, for instance, some time back at Rome, kindly said we were "Goose Clubs." The Roman Catholic Archbishop Vaughan at the Antipodes declares that we are "materialists," that Freemasonry is "materialism," and that we are members of a wide-spread secret society, which is seeking to dominate mankind for base purposes, for sinister ends. A Reformed Presbyterian minister in Scotland some short time ago, declared that we were anti-Christian and irreligious; and some foolish fanatics held lately an anti-Masonic congress in the United States, in order to oppose the growth of that Masonic Order, which in a little above 100 years, from a few hundreds has risen in America and Canada to the wondrous number of nearly 600,000 intelligent and zealous Freemasons. Under such circumstances what can we say or do? It appears to me, sir, that the best answer we can make to all such assailants especially is by our acts—the very work which this maligned Order of ours calmly and continuously carries on year by year. Perhaps the happiest reply of Freemasonry to its perverse calumniators, is the epitaph—of its brother, and alleged Grand Master, Sir Christopher Wren, the builder of St. Paul's—"Si quaeris circumpice." Do you want to know what Freemasonry is really doing in this world of ours? Regard its unselfish labours of love. It aids the needy and educates the orphan, it supports the decrepid, it cheers the widow, it dries up the tears of the sorrowing, and relieves the burdens of the oppressed; it zealously endeavours to pour into the wounds of our common suffering humanity the loving wine and oil of the good Samaritan. Do you demand what are its true principles? Listen! Freemasonry is a loyal, peaceful, patriotic, charitable, philanthropic, religious sodality, based on reverence for God and love for man, whose moral teaching is derived, and derived alone (never forget), from the inspired page, for Freemasonry in England, as well as in Scotland, Ireland, the United States, and Canada, stands avowedly built up on the ennobling sanction and sacred laws of the Revelation and Will of God. In all our lodges, happily, as to-day, sir, that sacred volume lies open before us all as now, and we need not doubt, but that all of the sterling, stable, peaceful, religious character of English—nay, I will add, Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry—arises from this very fact, that as Freemasons we have never been, and never will be ashamed, to declare openly our reverence and regard for the Best of Books, that great and wondrous storehouse of wisdom, morality, mercy, love, and truth. There is, as some of us well know, in another country a mournful struggle going on just now, which we all of us sincerely deplore. In that fair land, for which as Freemasons and Englishmen we wish most heartily all national happiness, and peaceful progress, unfortunately the Bible has already been banished from its lodges, and a proposal is now being discussed to erase from their Book of Constitutions all mention of belief in God, and the immortality of the soul. If any such unfortunate resolution should be finally adopted by the Grand Orient of France, such an act must tend to isolate French Freemasonry from the great family of Freemasonry—inasmuch as the Grand Orient will have abjured one of the fundamental landmarks of our Cosmopolitan Craft. In England we never can or will let go the very bulwark of our Masonic profession, and in my humble opinion, as true Freemasons, we cannot lawfully enter any lodge abroad in which the sacred name of God is neither acknowledged nor invoked. But in this old island of ours Freemasonry happily goes on the "even tenour of its way," undisturbed by hurtful chimeras, unmoved by hateful factions. It opens the portals of its lodges to all who ac-

cept loyally the fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man, and whether it is right or wrong in so doing, it does so deliberately, asking no questions and imposing no test. It keeps itself aloof from all religious differences and all denominational difficulties, and welcomes all within its pale, except the atheist and the libertine, who can combine together in reverence to God, the Great Maker of us all, and in works of humanity, and the sympathies of social friendship. And within its lodges, happily, all is peace, all is good will, all is unity. No baneful passions from the outer world are or ought to be admitted there, for there the clamours of sect and party are hushed, there the shibboleths of contending factions are unknown. The lodge is meant to be an assembly of high-minded, kindly, true-hearted brethren, good men, patriotic citizens, discharging all their domestic duties according to the dictates of conscience and the laws of God. The lodge may be likened to a family, which should be a unity in itself, and where, as we know, one unruly or discordant member often introduces lasting discord, trouble, and sorrow. Hence, as Freemasons, we cannot be too cautious as to whom we admit into our lodges. It is not enough that because a man is well to do in the world, and able to pay his fees and subscriptions, that therefore he has a claim to be admitted into a lodge; nor is it right that brethren, in their desire to swell their lodge funds, should overlook the counter-vailing defects which render too many, hastily received, "ab initio," utterly unfit for Masonic fellowship. For the lodge, let me remind you once more, is intended to be a gathering for us of innocent sociality, of refined pleasure, as well as a meeting for customary work or charitable effort. We meet there, many of us differing from each other in the world without, but we meet and part in mutual harmony and good will. We follow different pursuits in life, and ours are varied callings in the world, and yet we congregate as members of one and the same Order. The lawyer, the soldier, the sailor, the merchant, the clergyman, the employer of labour, the writer for the public press, the man of wealth, ease, intellect, literary labours, artistic tastes, and scholastic acquirements, the prosperous and worthy citizen of this great metropolis—from these classes Freemasonry is recruited and men in fact of all professions and all pursuits here assemble, bound together by one great tie, reverence of God, love of our brethren, and with a capacity for generous friendship and an anxiety for general beneficence. We banish from us all those lower and often sordid motives, which confront us in the way, and often warp alike our feelings and strivings in the common daily pathway of the world. We are here a band of brethren, rejoicing in each other's prosperity, grieving at each other's calamity, with hearts tender for suffering, and minds disposed to pity, and as we seek to make all our reunions pleasant and profitable, attractive and agreeable, so we endeavour to remove from all any deteriorating associations which might detract from their pleasantness or mar their good. As Freemasons we hate calumny and abjure detraction. We offer the kind offices of a generous friendship gladly to our brother, we uphold a brother's character in his absence as in his presence, and we seek to realise more and more what is certainly one of the distinguishing features of Freemasonry, the friendly association of those who are happy to meet, sorry to part, and glad, most glad, to meet again. Surely then, sir, our great society has its uses, its need and value for us all? I, for one, like many more now present, can speak from many years' experience of it, and I feel sure we shall all agree in this, that some of our happiest hours have been spent, and some of our fastest friends have been made, in the peaceful sanctum of some humble Masonic Lodge. I do not hesitate to avow, and in this you will all, I know, sympathize with me, that I have for Freemasonry as an association of us mortal men, the deepest feelings of regard and affection. It is, indeed, a noble Institution, based on the most sacred principles calculated to bring into play all the truest sympathies of the human mind and will, and is and may be of the greatest use, importance, and blessing for mankind. If it had nothing else to offer us, its lessons of toleration, kindness, hatred of persecution and bigotry, would supply us with an example much needed at the present day. It resembles in this the good old clergyman, portrayed by the happy muse of W. M. Praed, of whom it is recorded,

"That when religious sects ran mad,  
He held, in spite of all his learning,  
That if a man's belief is bad,  
It will not be improved by burning."

For Freemasonry, then, sir, let us sincerely wish to-day all prosperity and success in this world, and, like the Psalmist, let us add, "May peace be within its walls, and plenteousness within its palaces." In the words of a good old Masonic prologue, I would also say,—

"Oh brethren, still pursue the task divine,  
For us has Rectitude mark'd out the line,  
Behold Humility the level bear,  
And Justice, steady-handed, fix the square.  
Within our lodge has Friendship placed her throne,  
There Unity has knit her sacred zone,  
There Reason, with humility of soul,  
There modest Mirth and Temperance guard the bowl.  
There moral Music lifts her tuneful lore,  
And Secrecy sits smiling at the door,  
Conscious, tho' not to prying mortals given,  
That all our actions are approved by heaven,  
Conscious, that all who aim at Virtue's goal,  
Bear our essential mysteries in their soul."

V.W. Sir and Brethren, one word more, and I have done. For this new lodge, now to be consecrated, we will all of us offer our hearty good wishes. If the public character and Masonic merits of those who are to preside over it and direct it be any criterion of success, then we may safely leave its future in their hands, confident of this, that the honour of the Craft will be up

held by them, and the wishes of the founders of the Aldersgate Lodge fulfilled. May this new lodge obtain a high character among the lodges of the metropolis, may it be distinguished by its adherence to Masonic principles, by its support of our great Metropolitan Charities, and by its faithful development of those unchanging characteristics of our Order, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Brethren, I thank you heartily for the kindness with which you have listened, and to you, Very Worshipful Sir, I now once more offer you my best acknowledgments, for associating me with yourself, in labours which are always agreeable, and in duties which are always welcome.

The delivery of this oration was followed by hearty applause.

The ceremony of consecration was then completed, and Bro. John Derby Allcroft, Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, was presented by Bro. Buss to Bro. Hervey for installation. Bro. Allcroft having been duly installed, the following brethren were invested with the collars and jewels of their respective offices:—

The Rev. P. H. Ernest Brette, D.D. (Christ's Hospital).....	S.W.
Dr. Charles Hogg.....	J.W.
George Kenning .....	Treas.
Thos. Jones .....	Sec.
P. Saillard .....	S.D.
W. H. Froom .....	J.D.
Thos. Benskin .....	D.C.
A. J. Altman .....	I.G.
W. Steedman.....	Tyler.

The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by Bros. John Hervey and Hyde Pullen; after which a vote of thanks, accompanied by the honorary membership of the lodge, was passed unanimously to all the brethren who had acted as officers in the consecration of the lodge. This was moved by Bro. Dr. Brette and seconded by Bro. Dr. Hogg. The Rev. Richard Lee, M.A., Head Master of Christ's Hospital; Dr. Herbert Alder Smith, M.B. London, resident Medical Officer Christ's Hospital; and Mr. Walter S. Chapman, of Aldersgate-street, were proposed as initiates at next meeting. Bros. L. White, 101; Edward Young Jolliffe, 22; and W. Wright Landell, 99, were proposed as joining members. The Secretary afterwards read letters of apology for not being able to attend, from Sir Albert Woods, (Garter), G.D.C.; Major Shadwell Clerke, and Sir Benj. Phillips. The lodge was thereupon closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, provided by Bro. Benskin, of which the following is the menu:—

Potages:—Tortue, fausse lié, Consommé à la Monaco, Potage aux Huitres; Poissons:—Côtelettes de Saumon à la Génoise, Filets de Soles à la Normande, Turbot, Sauce de Homard, Eperlans frits; Entrées:—Riz de Veau aux Petits Pois, Sauté de Poulet aux Truffes, Filets de Bœuf Chateaubriand; Relevés:—Dindons braisés, Langue de Bœuf, Jambon d'York à l'Essence, Selle de Mouton, Asperges, Céleri à l'Étuvée; Rôts:—Faisans, Canards Sauvages, Perdreaux; Relevés de Rôts:—Hultres à la Tartare, Homards au Gratin; Entremets:—Gâteau de Noel, Gelée aux Conserve, Macédoines de Fruits, Mince Pies, Pâtisserie Française, Pouding à la Nesselrode. Dessert. Milk Punch, Sherry, Hock, Champagne, Port, Claret, Liqueurs.

After the cloth had been removed, the usual toasts were proposed.

After the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been honoured, that of "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," received its usual share of enthusiasm.

Bro. Hyde Pullen responded to the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers," and expressed the gratitude he had felt in being called upon to assist in the consecration of the Aldersgate Lodge. He could not sufficiently express in words the feelings which he had in this respect, but he felt so much interest in this new lodge that he trusted and hoped that it would go on prospering from year to year for many years to come, and that every happiness might attend all its members. He hoped they would all be a happy band of brothers. He saw in the lodge all the elements of success and all the component parts which would conduce to the unity which was necessary in a Masonic lodge. He would impress upon the brethren the necessity for unity of action and purpose. He might not be able at all times to come and visit the lodge, but he would do so on all convenient occasions, and he was quite sure that whenever he did he should have the gratification of finding the unity of purpose and action among the brethren of which he had spoken.

The W.M. next proposed "Bro. Hervey, the Consecrating Officer," whom the brethren had seen performing his duties in that very happy manner and with that correctness and efficiency which was characteristic of Grand Officers. He, as well as all the brethren of the lodge, thanked Bro. Hervey very much for the example he had set them, and which they would all like to copy. To Bro. Hyde Pullen also, and Bro. Woodford, they were equally obliged and he might refer to the admirable oration which the latter brother had delivered, which afforded so much pleasure and gratification to the whole of the brethren who had the good fortune to hear it. For himself he had had a most pleasant and happy evening, but it was not the first time that he enjoyed an evening under Bro. Hervey's working; for he had the pleasure to be present at the last annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, when Lord Carnarvon was pleased to take the chair and present a testimonial to Bro. Hervey. The brethren were proud to have him an honorary member of this lodge, and they thanked him for having come in the midst of his multitudinous duties to consecrate the Aldersgate Lodge.

Bro. Hervey responded. As he had said in the lodge, he had had great pleasure in coming to consecrate this lodge and float the barque on the wide ocean. He hoped it would be well piloted—indeed, he had not a doubt that

it would, and that it would come into port with a good cargo when the present W.M. vacated the chair. When he transmitted the gavel to his successor he would have a good account to give of his Mastership. On the part of himself and the other consecrating officers he begged to return his sincere thanks. Enough of himself. He now desired the pleasure of proposing "The Health of the W.M.," a toast which would be much more acceptable to the brethren present, and especially to the members of the Aldersgate Lodge. When he came to the lodge he probably had a large store of good things to say, but Bro. Pullen, who had just spoken, had said everything which he (Bro. Hervey) had desired to say. It had been his pleasure to offer this toast in a great many lodges, but he did not think he had ever offered it with more gratification than on the present occasion. Every lodge he consecrated seemed to enhance his respect for the Craft, and his respect for the W.M. at his side. It so happened that the W.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge, and some of his officers were known perfectly well to him, and he could not help observing that they were all men for whom he had the most sincere respect and admiration. It would be difficult to find a brother more worthy to fill the S.W. chair than the Rev. Dr. Brette, or than Dr. Hogg, for the J.W. chair. Then there was the Treasurer, Bro. Kenning, whom he had also known a long time, and who he knew would do honour to the office he held. He trusted when he handed over his office to a successor he would be able to show that the funds were in a prosperous condition: certain he was that no better Treasurer could have been found for the lodge. For a small per centage he (Bro. Hervey) would not mind guaranteeing, if the brethren would accept his guarantee, the lodge against any loss by Bro. Kenning being Treasurer. (Laughter.) However, he would not go into that subject too seriously, because it was a serious subject. (Laughter.) He would propose "The Health of the W.M.," adding at the same time that the lodge was well officered.

The W.M., in reply, said he felt in an awkward position, because he entertained the conviction that he was in one sense where he ought not to be. (No, no.) It was 30 years ago next June that he was initiated, and he was afraid to say whether it was only three years or less that he was in a lodge. From that day to this he had had nothing to do with Masonry. He certainly did go to the Lodge of Emulation, and, as he had said, he was very much interested there. On that occasion Dr. Brette, angling about, thought he would catch a fish, and he hooked him (the W.M.), and landed him in the Aldersgate Lodge. (Laughter.) Therefore, he thought if the brethren got a Master such as that they must feel disposed to scold him. He should have liked very much if he had had a little time beforehand to go to other lodges, and enable himself to shine a little in work, as well as at the banquet table. He was quite inexperienced at present. But he had accepted the office of W.M., and he should do his best to improve himself, and carry out his duties properly. At his age he could not be expected to have so good a memory for learning the ritual as he had in his younger days. Probably if he had not been the wandering sheep that he had been, he would have been better qualified to discharge his duties, and would have carried more wool than he did now. However that might be, brethren like himself must envy those who had the ability to perform the ceremonies. He had got among the briars, and had lost his wool, and he would ask the brethren to bear that in mind whenever he did not come up to the mark. He would strive to the utmost to be a good W.M. He would do his best to carry out the duties of Master creditably, and sustain the character of the lodge which had commenced so favourably. Then he might look forward to having a lodge which would be a credit to the whole Craft. The brethren's aim in starting this lodge was that they should have a lodge that should be a good lodge, a lodge of high standing, the members of which should be of such a character that the lodge would always maintain its high respectability. He would hope that those brethren who had candidates to propose would keep what the Grand Secretary had said in lodge strictly in mind. They were conscious that they should have in the City a lodge which, if possible, should rise and be a pattern to all other lodges. In the course of two or three years they might have a better Master, and if the right material was brought in in the meantime, they would have a lodge that would be looked up to by the surrounding lodges in the City of London, which would be no disgrace to the Craft, and might be of immense service in supporting the charitable institutions. He took the opportunity now of thanking the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him by selecting him as their first W.M., and, in return, he could only promise them that he would do the best he could in that position.

The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," and in calling upon Bro. Holden to reply, expressed the great pleasure he had had in hearing that brother give the different prayers at the consecration. Speaking again of the consecration, he said he had never seen one before, and it had struck him as an extremely interesting and impressive ceremony. Again he begged to thank the brethren who had assisted.

The Rev. P. M. Holden responded. It was a matter of surprise to him when he came into the lodge to be asked to take part in the Chaplain's duties, but Bro. Woodford had kindly honoured him by asking him to assist when he knew he was present. He was very grateful to Bro. Woodford for having given him a share in the ceremony, for he certainly had spent one of the most pleasant evenings he had ever spent in his life.

The W.M. next gave "The Masonic Charities," and said what a pleasure it was to him when he saw on New Year's Day, in the morning papers, that over £39,000 had been collected by the three Institutions in the past year. It was an enormous sum to raise, but it was very creditable to the Craft, as it shewed the unanimity of feeling there was on the subject throughout the country. He then said that Dr. Brette was the Steward for this

lodge at the Benevolent Institution next festival, and he hoped the brethren would support him liberally. A list would be sent round the table for brethren to fill up.

Dr. Brette replied, and said he had already got £34 on his list. (In a few minutes he announced that he had received the brethren's names for the total amount of £91.) (Cheers.)

The W.M. then gave "The Officers of the Lodge."

Dr. Hogg, J.W., replied. He felt like a Mason of the past. Twenty-five years ago he was a member of the Moira Lodge, and was then a hard-working Mason. He then endeavoured to bring that lodge into working order, and in a short time it was raised to a position of being second to none in the Craft. He should endeavour to do his part in the Aldersgate Lodge, and he hoped all the other brethren would assist him in carrying out his object.

The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

During the evening the following selection of vocal music was performed under the direction of Bro. Henry Parker, P.P.G. Org. Middlesex:—Grace, "For these and all Thy mercies," A.D. 1564; National Anthem, (Dr. John Bull); "God bless the Prince of Wales," (B. Richards); Song, "The Anchor's Weighed," (Braham), Bro. John Stedman; Ballad, "It was a dream," (Cowan), Miss Jessie Royd; Song, "The Village Blacksmith," (Weiss), Bro. George Fox; Duet, "Love and War," (Cooke), Bros. Stedman and Fox; Scotch Song, Miss Jessie Royd; Ballad, "O come in thy Beauty," (G. Fox), Bro. George Fox; Trio, "This Magic Wove Scarf," (Barnett), Miss Jessie Royd, Bros. Stedman and Fox.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. F. WALTERS, P.G.J.D. MIDDX., P.M. 73, &c.

On Saturday evening, January 27th, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, a few friends met, under the able presidency of Bro. John Baxter Langley, W.M. 1423, to do honour to Bro. F. Walters, who was invited to the dinner. Punctually at the time named the dinner was commenced. After partaking of it the cloth was removed. The first toast, "The Queen," was well given and earnestly responded to. Then followed "The Health of Bro. Frederick Walters," whose great services in the cause of Freemasonry, extending over 21 years, and especially to the Masonic Charities, were fully dwelt upon in an able speech by the chairman. He asked Bro. F. Walters to accept a handsome purse (the purse being a gift of Bro. George Kenning), in which was a sum of £180, and an elaborate handsome silver inkstand, the cost of which brought up the value of the testimonial to nearly £200, the amounts being subscribed by several lodges and chapters to which the brother belongs, also by many members of his various lodges, &c. Bro. F. Walters thanked the brethren for the handsome testimonial given him, stating he had in his life and during his Masonic career given him by a relative (a brother Mason) three hundred guineas, so he must feel he had received quite five hundred guineas in worth over his testimonial. He expressed his gratitude for the presents they were bestowing on him. The toasts of "The Chairman, Bro. J. B. Langley," "The Secretary of the Fund, Bro. J. W. Baldwin, A.G.P. Middx., P.M. 1423, &c.," "J. T. Moss, P.P.G.R. Middx. P.M. 169," were given and cordially responded to. The final toast, "To our Next Merry Meeting," brought a pleasant evening to an agreeable close. Bro. J. T. Moss, T. J. Sabine, P.P.G.St.B. Middx., P.M. 73, &c. (an old initiate of Bro. F. Walters), and E. H. Thiellay, made excellent speeches in favour of Bro. F. Walters. There were present besides those named, Bros. E. W. Devereux, S.D. 1423; B. Wright, A. Sec. 1423; J. Johnson; J. Pearson, 1423; H. Gloster; J. V. Watkins; A. Rolington, 1326; G. J. Loe, P.M. 1309; and some few others. The testimonial originated from the Era Lodge, 1423, and was well carried out by them. Bro. Frederick Walters is the son and grandson of Masons. His father and grandfather were initiated in Ireland.

MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The brethren of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182, held their seventh annual ball at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Thursday evening, the 25th ult., and, as usual, proved of the most enjoyable character. The proceeds, as usual, will be given in aid of the Masonic Charities, a considerable sum having in previous years been realised from the annual festive gatherings of a like purpose. There were about 100 ladies and brethren present, and the admirable arrangements were entirely due to the efforts of a hard-working committee, composed of Bros. R. Martin, jun., W.M.; T. B. Myers, I.P.M.; J. Williams, P.M.; T. Davies, J.W.; W. Brown, Treas.; J. Thornton, P.M., D.C.; J. Bartley, Org.; A. D. Heskett, S.D.; A. Barclay, J.D.; T. G. Dutton, I.G.; J. Weston, S.S.; J. O. Rea, J.S.; H. C. Haynes, A.S.; R. Hargreaves, J. Cur-lender, T. Ward, T. Holden, T. H. Pierce, S. Wilk inson, R. Hargreaves, H. Savage, and G. Musker, Secretary, who also fulfilled the same office in connection with the ball. Mr. Martin's quadrille band occupied the orchestra, and supper was served during the evening in one of the large rooms.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—No one should treat the present changes in the weather with indifference, for they undoubtedly have a great effect upon the human body. It is necessary for every one to be cautious and watchful; caution as regards clothing and exposure, and watchfulness as regards the effects on the body. The skin, nervous system, and breathing organs often suffer severely, as is evinced by erysipelas, rheumatism, cold, sore throats, &c. When, therefore, symptoms of any of the above diseases show themselves they should be at once attended to. The Ointment should be rubbed into the parts affected, and the Pills taken according to the printed directions; this treatment soon eradicates the disease and restores the general health.—ADVT.

**MASONIC CHARITY BALL.**—A Masonic Charity ball was held in the Corn Exchange, Brigg, on Tuesday, the 16th ult., under the patronage of his Grace the Duke of St. Alban's, Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire; Major Smyth, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; and Bro. Captain R. N. Sutton, of Scawby Hall. The room was beautifully decorated with Masonic banners and devices, reflecting great credit on the taste and skill of the committee of Management. Bros. W. Piggott, P.M. 1282, P.G.S.W.; W. A. Field, W.M., 1282, P.G.S.; T. Fryer, W.M. 1282, P.P. G.S.; F.R. Sutton, J.W. 1282, &c. A most sumptuous supper was served by Mr Kirkman, in the club rooms adjoining. Bro. Acey's band was in attendance, and played a very choice selection. The dancing commenced at 9 p.m., and was kept up with spirit until 4 a.m. The ladies were richly attired. The brethren wore their Masonic clothing and jewels. Indeed, the entire company, numbering about 210 (amongst which we noticed the elite of the neighbourhood), with the ornamentation of the room, presented a magnificent appearance. The ball was in every respect a great success, and perfect satisfaction was universally expressed by the visitors.

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.**

For the Week ending Friday, February 9, 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, FEBRUARY 3.**

- Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, Lewisham-rd.
- " 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
- " 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H.
- Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.

**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, FEBRUARY 5.**

- Lodge 12, Fortitude and Cumberland, Ship and Turtle.
- " 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
- " 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.
- " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot.
- " 83, United L. of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
- " 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Mason's Avenue.
- " 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 256, Unions, F.M.H.
- " 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
- " 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-road.

**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, Pe mbury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.**

- Colonial Board, at 3.
- Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
- " 18, Old Dundee, Bridge House Hot., Southwark.
- " 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
- " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.
- " 1257, Grosvenor, Westminster Pal. Hot., Victoria-st.
- " 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., W.
- " 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington-st., N.
- " 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.
- " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
- " 1472, Henley Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
- Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Deptford.
- " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
- Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
- Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.
- Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
- Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
- St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
- Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
- West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
- Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7.**

- Grand Chapter, at 7.
  - Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
  - " 1491, Athenæum, Camden-rd., Holloway, N.
  - " 1585, Royal Commemoration, Star & Garter, Putney.
- 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 Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8.**

- Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
- " 19, R. Athelstan.
- " 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
- " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 263, Bank of England, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
- " 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
- " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
- " 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Docks.
- " 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qtrs. 1st Surrey Rifles.
- " 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., Paddington.
- " 1457, Bagshaw, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill.
- " 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
- " 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.
- " 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- Chap. 140, St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
- " 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
- " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- K.T. Encamp. 45, Temple Cressing, Bridge House Hot.
- " " 117, New Temple, the Inner Temple, City.

**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 9.**

- Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
- " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
- " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hot., S.W.
- Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's R., King-st., W.
- " 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
- Rose Croix, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq.

**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-1d.
- 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 10, 1877.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5.**

- Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
- " 1045, Stamford, Town Hot. Altrincham.
- " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
- " 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
- Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
- Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Red Cross Conclave 77, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.**

- Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
- " 1476, Blakpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
- Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Bootle L. of I., Assembly R., Bootle.
- Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
- Mark Lodge 11, Joppa, M.R., Birkenhead.
- " " 161, Walton, Assembly R., St. Ann's-st., Livpl.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7.**

- Lodge 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st., Wigan.
- " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
- " 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Tuebrook, Liverpool.
- Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
- Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8.**

- Lodge 216, Harmony, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- " 333, Royal Preston, Vio. Garrison Hot., Fulwood.
- " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
- " 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale, Liverpool.
- " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.
- Mariners' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9.**

- Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.**

For the Week ending Saturday, February 10, 1877.  
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5.**

- Lodge 124, Kilwinning, Union Tav., Ayr.
- " 129, St. Mirren, 5, Moss-st., Paisley.
- " 138, Operative, Blue Bell Hot., Ayr.
- " 237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.
- " 332, Union, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
- " 581, Plantation, Craighall-st., S.S., Glasgow.
- Chap. 53, Dumbarton, Elephant Hot., Dumbarton.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.**

- Lodge 32, St. John, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
- " 68, Doric Kilwinning, 44, Church-st., Port Glsqw.
- " 73, Thistle and Rose, 213, Buchanan-st., Glsqw.
- " 87, Thistle, 30, Cathedral-st., Glasgow.
- " 173, St. John Kilwinning, M.H., Largs.
- " 177, St. James, Old Monkland, M.H., Coatbridge.
- " 406, St. John Dalziel, M.H., Motherwell.
- " 433, St. Thomas, Eglinton Hot. Dalmellington,
- " 437, Govandale, M.H., Portland Buildings, Govan.
- " 442, Neptune, M.H., Princes Lane, Ardrossan.
- " 497, St. John, Brewery Lesser Hall, Catrine.
- " 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose-st., S.S., Glasgow.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7.**

- Lodge 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 221, Dumbarton-rd.
- " 21, Old St. John, M.H., Lanark.
- " 86, Navigation, Navigation Arms Hot., Troon.
- " 117, St. Mary, M.H., Douglas-st., Partick.
- " 126, St. Andrew, George Hot., Kilmarnock.
- " 128, St. John, M.H., Shettleston.
- " 166, St. John, M.H., Airdrie.
- " 198, Royal Arch, King's Arms Hot., Maybole.
- " 202, St. Clements, Cem.H., Croft-st., Kilmarnock.
- " 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hot., Hamilton.
- " 331, St. Peter, Portland Arms, Galston.
- " 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
- " 571, Dramatic, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow (3).
- Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate, Glasgw.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8.**

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

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9.**

- Lodge 18, Dumbarton, Church-st., Dumbarton.
- " 147, Cadder Argyle, M.H., Chryston.
- " 153, Royal Arch, M.H., Cogan-st., Pollokshaws.
- " 170, Leven St. John, Black Bull Inn, Renton.
- " 427, St. Clair, M.H., Cambusnethan.
- Chap. 79, Commercial, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.**

For the Week ending Saturday, February 10, 1877.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.**

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8.**

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

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9.**

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

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