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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

KENT LODGE (No. 15).—This lodge held its March meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 14th inst. Present: Bros. Pindar, W.M.; Wharman, S.W.; Cambridge, J.W.; Ginman, S.D.; Ball, J.D.; Levy, I.G.; Dukes, P.M. and Hon. Sec.; Sleeman, P.M., Treas.; and a strong muster of the brethren. The lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Rogers, Winkley, and Burford were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by Bro. Sleeman, P.M., in the absence of the W.M. On the arrival of Bro. Pindar, W.M., the installation of Bro. Wharman, W.M. elect, who is the first Hebrew Master of the Kent Lodge, was proceeded with, and worked in a very able manner. Bro. Wharman then invested the following officers: Bros. Pindar, I.P.M.; Cambridge, S.W.; Ginman, J.W.; Sleeman, P.M., Treas.; Ball, S.D.; Levy, J.D.; Lipscomb, I.G.; Barton, P.M., W.S.; Wells, D.C.; Dukes, P.M., Sec. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Mr. Walter Lipscombe and Mr. Thomas Holloway were then initiated into Freemasonry. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a sumptuous repast was partaken of. The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to, interspersed with harmony. The toast of "The Visitors," who were many, was responded to by Bros. Gotthick, Posener, Hollands, How, and J. Levy. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Holt, 928; Back, 1227; Pigo, 1228; Taylor, 172; Bailey, 1445; Hooper, 1260; Southwood, 1260, W.M. elect; Williams, 65. The meeting broke up at a late hour, after a very gratifying and harmonious evening.

PHENIX LODGE (No. 173).—An exceedingly strong meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern. There were present Bros. Massey, W.M.; Phillips, S.W.; Finch, J.W.; Wiles, I.P.M.; Matthews, Sec.; Burford, Treas.; Allen, S.D.; Blyth, J.D.; Vine, Steward; Andrews, I.G.; Speight, P.M.; Tyler, and Past Masters Wilson, Vine, Watson, Green, Salmon. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. Crouch, W.M. 857; T. C. Walls, J.W. 1381, &c.; Farquarson, 99; Foot, 1260; Holcombe, 1298; Tremer, 1309; Currey, 1425; and Jones, 1425. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bro. Fillmer most ably to the Second Degree. There being no other business before the lodge it was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The customary loyal and Craft toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M.'s health was proposed by the I.P.M., who congratulated him upon the able manner in which he had performed his duties throughout his year of office, and which term was now drawing to a close. However, he would not be idle, as he had succeeded in establishing a chapter in connection with the lodge, and of which he would be the First Principal, and, in conclusion, the speaker hoped that the consecration of the chapter on the 7th proximo would be a great success. The W.M. in reply said that he had endeavoured to do his duty, and if he had succeeded in pleasing the members of the lodge he was amply satisfied, and as long as he was blessed with health he should always endeavour to be an active member of No. 173. "The Health of the Visitors" followed, and was responded to by those present. In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. said that the "Phoenix" was to be congratulated upon possessing so very strong and talented an array of those officers. In his remarks he called attention to the appeal by one of their number, Bro. W. Watson, for the benefits of the R.M.B.I., and which solicitation he hoped would meet with their hearty support. In conclusion he called upon the brethren to receive this toast most cordially, and coupled it with the name of Bro. Watson. The veteran Past Master thus honoured in his reply stated that he was almost overpowered by the kind expressions that had fallen from the lips of the W.M. in lodge that day, and also at the banquet table. He had been connected with the Phoenix Lodge for 23 years, but his Masonic career extended over 38 years, and he had lived some years over the allotted space of man, but, thanks to the blessings of the Great Architect of the Universe, he was still hale and hearty. In conclusion, upon behalf of the Past Masters of the lodge, he thanked them sincerely for the manner in which their health had been received. The toast of "The Officers" came next, and drew from the W.M. a very high commendation upon their individual merits. This

toast having been responded to at length by those brethren, the Tyler's toast was called and the proceedings terminated. The brethren were entertained during the evening by the instrumental, dramatic, and vocal contributions of Bros. Farquarson, Walls, Tremer, and others.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—This promising lodge held an emergency meeting on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Bell and Anchor Hotel, West Kensington Gardens. The W.M., Bro. T. Knowles, who was well supported by his officers, raised three brethren, and afterwards initiated Mr. Richard Josey. The ceremonies were rendered in a faultless and most impressive manner. After the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper, which seemed to give great satisfaction to all present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, the I.P.M., Bro. Butt, gave that of "The W.M.," whom he stated had given a great deal of his valuable time in so admirably carrying out his duties. The W.M. suitably replied, adding that the lodge would always find in him one whom it could rely on to support its character. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Cumming, 534, and another, who both expressed themselves highly gratified at the kind manner in which they had been received by the brethren. The musical arrangements were carried out by Bro. Oliver, the Organist of the lodge.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 857).—The installation meeting of the above was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Tuesday, the 20th inst. There were present Bros. Crouch, W.M.; S. J. Adams, S.W., W.M. elect; Harrison, P.M., Treas.; Frances, P.P.G.S.D., Sec.; Wynn Williams, M.D., S.D.; Green, J.D.; W. Newton, I.G.; Schuck, P.M.; Scaton, M.D., P.M.; King, P.M.; also Bros. Atkins, D.C.; Hamilton, Armstrong, Lavington, Bilton, Satchell, Lloyd, Beardmore, Russell, Harris, Coeks, and Edwards, M.D. Visitors were Bros. H. de Vines, 540; Mothershead, 398; S. Turquand, P.M. 1556; Drought, 163; Keeble, P.M. 1559; Carlam, 913; Tipping, 318; Thompson, 1549; Hesklet, 1383; Birchell, 1503; Winslow, 857. The business of the evening was to pass Bro. Armstrong, and to install the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Crouch having ably performed the ceremony of passing, very kindly waived his privilege of installing Bro. Adams in favour of Bro. Harrison, as that brother had introduced the incoming Master into Freemasonry. Bro. Harrison having taken the chair, Bro. Adams was duly installed by him into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most creditably performed. Bro. Adams having made some remarks expressive of the regret he felt that Bro. Goden, the late J.W., had resigned the lodge, proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bro. Wynn Williams, M.D., S.W.; Wm. Newton, J.W.; H. G. Green, S.D.; Atkins, J.D.; Edwards, M.D., I.G.; Frances, P.P.G.D. Surrey, Sec.; and re-invested Bro. Harrison, Treas. Bro. Adams, in presenting the I.P.M., Bro. Crouch, with a Past Master's jewel, took occasion to refer to the admirable manner in which that brother had discharged the duties of his office. He was sure Bro. Crouch had merited and possessed the esteem of every brother in the lodge, and he felt his own position difficult in following the steps of so worthy a predecessor. Bro. Crouch having thanked the lodge for the valuable gift, and the routine business being disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the toasts of the W.M., I.P.M., Treasurer, and Secretary meeting with most cordial responses, the evening's enjoyment being enhanced by the excellent musical abilities of Bros. Atkins, Harris, Lavington, and Crouch.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—An excellent gathering of this lodge, including many visitors, was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel on the 21st inst. Bro. Landon was very ably raised to the Third Degree by Bro. Body, P.M. Mr. A. A. Denham was then most impressively initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. J. G. Carter, P.M., in the unavoidable temporary absence of Bro. P. Cooke, W.M. The lodge was then closed in due form, and a banquet followed. "The Queen and Craft" and other Masonic toasts were ably given by the W.M., followed by "The Health of the Initiate." This having been acknowledged, Bro. A. A. Denham responded, and thanked his brethren heartily for the honour they had conferred on him. The Tyler's toast concluded a very happy evening.

ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE (No. 1589).—This lodge held its last regular meeting of the season at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. Wellsman, P.M., W.M.; Dalwood, P.M., S.W.; Dodson, J.W.; Turner, S.D.; Woodbridge, J.D.; Manners, I.G.; Dwarber, P.M., I.P.M.; Tisley, Sec.; Low, D.C.; and Bull, S. The visitors were Bros. Williams, P.A.G.P.; Guest, W.M. 1531; T. C. Walls, J.W. 1381, &c.; the Rev. W. H. W. Casely, 625; Osmond, 890; and Egan, 890. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., with the assistance of his officers, raised Bros. R. H. Clemow, Benningfield, Bamber, and Giscard, passed Bro. Tilby, and initiated Mr. Robert Skelton. The three difficult ceremonies were exceedingly well carried out, and in the rendering of the numerous addresses appertaining to the degrees the W.M. displayed great ability. Three guineas having been voted to the testimonial of Bro. Smith, and several propositions having been handed in, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the cloth being withdrawn the W.M. gave the customary loyal and Craft toasts, briefly but pertinently. The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," dwelt at length upon his services to St. Dunstan's, which parish he described as having been from time immemorial a distinguished one. He had known Bro. Wellsman from childhood, and he was gratified at seeing him not only holding the highest position in the lodge but also in the parish. He firmly believed that

there were many advantages to be derived by establishing local lodges, and he hoped that their example would be copied by neighbouring parishes. In conclusion he called attention to the fact that Bro. Wellsman served the office of Steward recently to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, had passed the chair in another lodge, and had in every way deported himself as a good man and true. The W.M., in the course of an excellent speech, which space prevents us giving in extenso, said he felt highly gratified at the remarks which had fallen from the I.P.M., who had known him from his youth. He then, after apologising for wandering from the subject matter, went into some very interesting details upon the increase of the Craft in the metropolis. He said that since the St. Dunstan's was established two other parishes had taken the initiative, and he believed that Masonic lodges would in time supersede the old City clubs, which, in consequence of the non-residence of those engaged in trade, and who were the principal supporters of those ancient institutions, were fast dying out. Masonry was Catholic—this was evinced by the number of men of all creeds who not only eagerly joined it, but remained its steadfast supporters; and he directed their attention to the interest taken by some of the most distinguished members of the Established Church in its prosperity. In conclusion he thanked them all, and hoped that No. 1589 would continue to prosper. The W.M. then gave "The Initiate," which having been duly honoured, was acknowledged by Bro. Skelton, who briefly said that he had many times felt a desire to enter the Craft, but had lacked the opportunity; but he now felt pleased at having received that privilege from the hands of a very old friend of his in the person of their W.M., and he hoped always to be worthy the commendation of the members of his mother lodge. "The Health of the Visitors" followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Guest and Casely. In giving "The I.P.M.," the W.M. dwelt at length upon the services of Bro. Dwarber, who, in the character of first Master of the lodge, had won golden encomiums from every one. This toast having been most warmly received, elicited from the I.P.M. a very characteristic reply. "The Health of the Officers" followed in due course. The W.M., in proposing this, stated that he felt honoured at being supported by so many worthy brethren who in other Masonic fields had done good service. The Senior and Junior Wardens were most efficient officers. The Treasurer, Bro. Praed, occupied a very high social and Masonic position. The Secretary, Bro. Tisley, was a most indefatigable worker, and worthy of all praise for his general management, and the junior officers would do credit to any lodge. In conclusion he said that thus officered the lodge must flourish. The officers present having severally replied, the Tyler was called upon to discharge his duty, and the proceedings, which were throughout eminently successful, terminated. The brethren were entertained by Bros. Dodson, Tisley, Esson, Walls, Williams, Clemow, Egan, Osmond, and others.

VALPARAISO.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 1411).—The brethren of this lodge met for their annual celebration and installation of officers for the present year. The whole affair went off in a most successful manner. The officers installed are as follows:—Bros. W. R. Betteley, W.M.; James G. Rowe, S.W.; G. R. Gepp, J.W.; C. D. Rowe, Treas.; F. M. Mole, Sec.; Jas. H. Thomson, S.D.; E. W. Cowell, J.D.; S. S. Oxley, S.S.; J. T. Christie, J.S.; W. F. Bradshaw, I.G.; W. Darley, Tyler; and W. D. Vaughan, M.C.; all of whom were duly installed in the presence of a numerous attendance of brethren from the various lodges in this city on the 12th ult.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—The members of this lodge met in good numbers at the Lion Hotel on the 15th instant. There were present Bros. J. Hurst, W.M.; J. Hammond, S.W.; B. Sharp, acting J.W.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, Secretary; E. Hopwood, I.P.M., Treas.; Fox, S.D.; Jessett, J.D.; T. Ockenden, I.G.; T. C. Walls, D.C.; Gutteridge, W.S.; Kent, A.W.S. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Kraeutler, J.W. 1303, was elected a joining member. This being election night, Bro. John Hammond, P.M. 201, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. E. Hopwood, P.M. 141, I.P.M., unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The widow and family of a deceased member of the lodge was voted the sum of £5 from the funds, which amount, later in the evening, was supplemented by the private contributions of the brethren. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, well served by the host, Bro. Murphy. The toasts of "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The P.G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the G.O.'s, Past and Present," "The R.W.P.G.M. of Middlesex," "The D.P.G.M. and the rest of the P.G.O.'s of Middlesex, Past and Present," were given with most commendable brevity by the W.M. The latter toast having been duly acknowledged by Bro. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of the province, the I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, he said, had endeavoured to discharge the duties of the chair, in and out of lodge, most zealously. The W.M. in reply said that he had tried the best he could, compatible with his business requirements, to carry out his responsibilities creditably, and he hoped that his shortcomings would on that account be kindly overlooked. In concluding his remarks he said that as that perhaps was the last time he should have the opportunity of addressing them at the banquet table in the character of a Master, he wished the lodge "God speed," and hoped that Bro. John Hammond would have a most prosperous year of office. "The Health of the Visitor" followed, and was duly acknowledged by Bro. Scott, 1656. The W.M. then gave in very kindly terms "The Health of the W.M. elect." The toast having been received with most excellent "fire," Bro. J. Hammond replied. In the progress of his reply he said that he was honoured and gratified at having been unanimously

lected Master of the Hemming Lodge. He was also pleased at the kind manner in which the W.M. had proposed the toast, and with the warmth it had been responded to by the brethren. He then went on to say that throughout his life he had always endeavoured to be a man of acts and not of words, and hoped that at the expiration of his year of office the members of the lodge would be in a position to pronounce a verdict upon his capabilities in the chair, which fiat he trusted would not be an adverse one. The remaining toasts were but briefly given and responded to. They were "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and "The Masonic Charities." The latter was coupled with the name of Bro. T. W. Ockenden, I.G., Secretary 1656, who will represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival in May next, in connection with that excellent institution, the R.M.I. for Girls. Numerous contributions of harmony were given during the proceedings by Bros. Hurst, W. Hammond, Walls, Knowles, and others. The next regular meeting of this lodge will be held on the third Thursday in October next, when Bro. John Hammond, S.W., W.M. elect, will be duly installed into the chair of K.S.

SWANSEA.—Caradoc Lodge (No. 1573).—The members of this young but prosperous lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Swansea, on Monday, March 5th, when Bro. James Livingston, S.W., was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon by the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. John Rogers, P.P.G.S.B., who performed the ceremony in such a manner as to elicit great praise from the brethren present, of whom, both visitors and members, there was a goodly number. The ceremony concluded, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, offering a few words of encouragement to each. At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. rose and stated that his first duty was a most pleasant one, namely to present Bro. Rogers, I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge, with a massive Past Master's jewel, in token of the high esteem in which he (Bro. Rogers) was held, and as some slight recognition of the eminent services he had rendered the lodge during the first year of its formation. He (the W.M.) felt some anxiety in following such an able and expert Mason, who had ruled over the lodge with such tact and ability, but with the assistance of his officers and the members, he trusted to keep up the prestige of the lodge which it had attained during its first year. The jewel had been fairly earned, and he (the W.M.) trusted Bro. Rogers would be spared very many years to wear it. Bro. Rogers returned his grateful thanks to the W.M. and brethren for the handsome gift presented to him, and he assured the brethren that he should wear it with pride and satisfaction, as a memento of the kindness and good feeling which had been shown towards him during a very pleasant year. The W.M. afterwards proposed a vote of condolence to Bro. James Goodall, P.M., who was suffering from a very severe illness, and whose absence was much regretted on account of the very high regard in which Bro. Goodall is held. The I.P.M. seconded the resolution, which was unanimously carried. The lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the Cameron Arms Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served by Bro. Geo. Clark. The W.M. presided and was supported by several Past Prov. Grand Officers, W.M.'s, and Past Masters, and a goodly number of brethren. The several loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with acclamation. There were some capital speeches, and a most enjoyable evening, enhanced by some good singing, was spent by all present, the Tyler's toast being given at its close.

THAMES DITTON.—Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—At an emergency meeting of this lodge, held at the Swan Hotel, Thames Ditton, on Monday evening, the 19th inst., Bro. P.M. W. D. May, W.M., in the chair; Bros. F. Buckland, S.W.; G. Porter, J.W.; Lintors, S.D.; A. Stone, J.D.; and C. Phillips, I.G., the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. John Horne, A. Bowers, and W. A. Rock. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Oldridge, Wadbrook, and Brewster were questioned, and afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The lodge was then closed down, when Bros. Moore, Neave, and Roche were presented and passed into the Degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge then resumed to the First Degree, when Messrs. Bowers and Horne were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, which was most admirably served by the host, Bro. Harris. Among the visitors were Bros. P.M.'s Littlewood, Lockwood, Styles, and Macaulay, and several other brethren. The usual toasts having been duly responded to, the evening was enlivened by Bros. Lewellen, Winter, and several other brethren.

Royal Arch.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John of Jerusalem Chapter (No. 203).—At the last convocation of this excellent chapter, held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, there was a good attendance of companions. The Principals present were Comps. T. Evans, Z.; P. J. F. Neill, H.; J. Winsor, J.; and the other officers were Comps. T. Sergeant, P.Z.; Henry James, P.Z.; B. W. Rowson, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; E. Johnstone, S.E.; John T. Alston, P.S.; Chas. Bromley, Treas.; and P. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Comps. Kyneston, Lecomber, Birch, F. Fairclough, J. Keet, W. Whittaker, Thos. Atherton, James Tyler, J. Plag, J. Jones, A. Woolrich, R. Webster, J. Kenwright, J. Hilton, T. Halton, J. Frank, F. Mausley, A. Benton, W. Wilson, and J. R. Japha. The only visitors were Comps. Joseph Wood, Treas. 249 (*Freemason*); H. S. Alpass, P.G.S.E.; and A. Morrison, 249. The candidates on the circular for exaltation were Bros. M. Hart, W.M. 1502; S. Schönstadt, J.W. 1502; and Wm. Donnelly, 203. The work was exceedingly well

performed, the manner in which the lectures were given eliciting universal admiration.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners' Chapter (No. 249).—The members of this chapter were summoned to the performance of their duties recently at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, where there was a good attendance. The chapter was opened at 5 o'clock by M.E. Comp. Henry Pearson, Z., assisted by M.E. Comps. P. B. Gee, H.; J. E. Jackson, J.; Comps. Wm. Doyle, P.Z.; Joseph Healing, P.Z.; J. Ellis, E.; Thos. Ockleshaw, N.; Philip Haines, P.S.; and W. H. Ball, Janitor. The other companions present were Peter Robbie, James Bailey, W. R. Bernson, James Norminton, Wm. C. Webb, C. J. Jones, W. Jennings, Robert Carter, James Savage, Henry Firth, Joseph Hughes, Wm. Creak, Charles Fothergill, G. W. Webster, D. Lloyd, John S. Dixon, Edwd. Carter, A. Morrison, W. Fish, J. Archdeacon, Alexander Cotter, F. H. Davidson, Thos. H. Hall. Visitor: Comp. Hugh Williams, P.Z. 580, 1094, P. Prov. G. Swd. Bearer West Lancashire. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. T. Mason, 667; R. Black, 1264; and T. Walton, 1264, for exaltation; and for Comp. J. Cramer, Chapter 203, for joining, each of whom was unanimously elected. Bros. Black and Mason being present were duly exalted, the various lectures being given by the three Principals—Comps. Pearson, Z.; Gee, H.; and Jackson, J. The election of chiefs and other officers resulted as follows:—Comps. P. B. Gee, Z.; J. E. Jackson, H.; T. Ockleshaw, J.; J. Wood, Treas. (re-elected); J. Ellis, S.E.; H. Firth, S.N.; and A. Cotter, P.S. The bye-laws were read and approved, and Comps. Ellis, Jennings, and E. Carter were elected Auditors. The chapter was closed after a proposition for exaltation, and the companions afterwards adjourned to supper.

BARNSTAPLE.—Chapter of Loyalty and Virtue (No. 251).—A quarterly meeting of this old chapter was held on Wednesday, 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Barnstaple: Principals, M.E. Comps. Hancock, P.Z., Pr. Z.; J. T. Shapland, H.; and W. C. Oliver, J. The meeting was well attended. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read by Comp. J. Brewer, Scribe E., and confirmed, the Treasurer, Comp. J. List, P.Z., produced and read his account for the past year, which was of a most satisfactory nature. Bro. Wadham, of Lodge 251, was then balloted for, unanimously elected, and duly exalted in the Sublime Degree of H.R.A. Masonry.

HERTFORD.—Hertford Chapter (No. 403).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on the 21st inst. The companions present were Ex. Comps. R. T. Andrews, P.G. Standard Bearer, M.E.Z.; T. S. Carter, P.G.N., H.; E. A. Simon, J.; H. C. Finch, P.G.H.; J. R. Cocks, P.G.J., S.E.; Comps. David Roberts, S.N.; Willson, 1st A.S.; Hargreaves, 2nd A.S. Ex. Comps. J. Terry, P.G.D.C.; H. L. Thomas, C. C. Dick, P.Z.; Comps. Rev. L. Deedes, Warrener, and Francis. Ex. Comp. T. S. Carter was installed M.E.Z.; Simon, H.; and David Roberts, J. Comp. Cocks was appointed S.E.; J. Shilcock, S.N.; Willson, P. Soj.; the Rev. L. Deedes, 1st A.S.; E. R. P. Francis, 2nd A.S.; and Wright, Janitor, for the ensuing year. Visitors: Comps. Craven, Cobham, 1329, and J. Linzell, 174.

The sixtieth anniversary of the Stability Lodge of Instruction (No. 217) will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Friday, the 27th proximo, at 5.30 p.m., precisely. Selections from the Three Degrees will be worked by the following brethren: First Degree, 1st Section, Bro. E. H. Hewett, S.W. 235; 2nd Section, Bro. J. W. Clever, J.W. 171; 3rd Section, E. F. Storr, W.M. 22; 7th Section, A. H. Diaper, P.M. 5. Second Degree, Bro. H. Muggidge will lecture on the Six Grand Periods, and the Moral Advantages of Geometry. Third Degree, Bro. J. B. Scriven, P.G. Steward, will lecture on the Lodge Board of this degree. The banquet will take place at 8 o'clock.

EASTER AT RYE HOUSE.—Easter Monday will be the opening day of the season at this most attractive place for London and country holiday-makers. There is a change in one respect—the kindly and genial presence of the late highly esteemed proprietor, Bro. Teale, will be seen there no more; but we are glad to say that the management of the Rye House will remain in the family as hitherto, and the old familiar faces will be seen there still. All the attractions of the house, hall, gardens, and grounds will be at the service of the visitors. The country walks in the vicinity are diversified and pleasant. A display of fireworks will be given in the evening. The Great Eastern Railway Company offer facilities for visiting the Rye by issuing return tickets along the route from London, also on the Hertford and Buntingford branches, at a single fare.

In the action for compensation brought by the Rev. Bro. Gardner, Vicar of Box, near Bath, against the Great Western Railway Company, for injuries sustained while travelling to Bath in November, 1875, the Jury awarded the plaintiff £5,500 damages. Our reverend brother was returning from Chippenham, where he had been installed Provincial Grand Chaplain for Wiltshire.

There have been several art sales lately. In the pottery and porcelain belonging to Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, R.W.P.G.M. Bristol, sold at Messrs. Christie's, on Friday, the 16th, there were some interesting specimens of old English pottery, and some tolerably good specimens of Worcester and Chelsea china; and on the same day some valuable specimens of old Dresden and Oriental china were sold.

The Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England may be obtained at the Office of this Paper, 198, Fleet-st., London, price 1s. 6d.; with the Three Charges and E. A. Song, 2s.; or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of stamps value 1s. 7d. or 2s. 1d.—ADVT.

MARK MASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

Prior to the formation of the Union Lodge of Mark Masters (No. 154) at Auckland, the members of the Craft lodges under different constitutions did not visit other lodges very frequently, and a considerable amount of shyness existed among the brethren. This disinclination to visit does not now exist to nearly the same extent, and there is much cordiality between these constitutions.

At the meeting held on the 13th February, the following officers were installed into their respective chairs:—

Bros. J. H. Burns, W.M.; Robinson, S.W.; Brock, J.W.; Rev. C. M. Nelson, Chap.; Wade, P.M., Treas.; Pooley, M.O.; Levy, S.D.; J. S. Hendry, J.D.; Lombard, I.G.; Porter, Tyler.

In making the appointments the W.M. distributed the seats amongst the members of the different Craft lodges in Auckland, Lodge Manukau, Onehunga, providing one of the junior officers.

The abstract of accounts for the past year was read and considered satisfactory.

After thanks had been returned by Bro. Niccol, the I.P.M., and Burns, the W.M., Bro. Wade, P.M., made a short, humorous speech, anent the payment of dues by the members.

Some routine business was gone through, and the lodge then closed with the usual ceremonies.

JUBILEE FESTIVAL OF ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 384, BANGOR.

This lodge held its 50th anniversary on the 20th inst. The brethren present: Archibald McMillan, W.M.; Josiah Hughes, I.P.M.; Wm. Jarvis, S.W.; D. Wynn Williams, J.W.; Robert Owen, P.M., Treas.; D. Cameron, S.D.; Ellis Roberts, J.D. and Sec.; Wm. Jones, I.G.; J. T. Purvis, D.C.; J. B. Brown, S.S.; W. E. Thomas, J.S.; T. Hathaway, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Roberts, P.M.; Watson Robinson, P.M.; Henry Owen, Thos. Williams, Meshach Roberts, M. H. Roberts, Robert Edwards, Rd. Williams, W. J. Parry, E. J. Lloyd, (M.D.), John William, John Jones, Rt. Jones, J. E. Evans, R. O. Morris, J. Hughes, Jno. Pritchard. Visitors: Bros. W. L. Banks, P.M. 936, R.A.C. 404, P.P.G.S.B. N.W. and Salop, P.P. S.G.D. Eastern Div. S.W.; James Salmon, P.M. 721, 1477, P.G.J.W. N.W. and Salop; J. W. Poole, P.M. 606; G. L. Woodley, P.M. 755, P.P.G.S.D. N.W. and Salop; C. H. Rees, P.M. 606; R. J. Davids, I.P.M. 606; J. Sidney Boucher, W.M. 606; C. A. Jones, J.W. 606; R. F. Halahan, 606; W. Elliott, S.W. 597; E. Elliott, 597; R. Edwards, S.W. 597.

The lodge being opened in due form, according to ancient custom, proceeded to business according to circular.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Wm. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P.; Bros. T. C. Roden, P.M. 755, and P.P.S.G.W.; the R.W.P.G. Master East Aberdeenshire, and from several brethren. Bro. Wm. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., D.P.G.M., was unanimously elected an honorary member, and Mr. John Hughes, the son of Bro. Hughes, I.P.M., was initiated into the Craft.

The I.P.M. presented the lodge with a set of Tracing Boards, for which he received the hearty thanks of the lodge, and also Bro. R. Lloyd, P.M., for three kneeling stools.

Bro. R. Owen proposed that the sum of £16, in addition to the £5 voted in the December meeting, be voted out of the lodge funds to the North Wales and Shropshire Masonic Charitable Association, to constitute the lodge a patron of the association, with 20 votes during existence, in commemoration of the Jubilee.

Bro. R. Roberts, P.M., seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. P. M. Salmon returned thanks on behalf of the Committee of the Association.

The next business was to consider the proposition of the W.M., that P.M.'s jewels be presented to Bros. R. Roberts, P.M., and Robert Owen, P.M., for their valuable services rendered to the lodge; when the two were politely asked to retire for a short time. On their re-admission the W.M. addressed them:

Bros. Roberts and Owen, I am happy to inform you that the lodge passed unanimously that each of you be presented with a P.M.'s jewel, to show their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by you to the lodge. In the name of the lodge I have great pleasure in investing you both with P.M.'s jewels, trusting that you will have health and be long spared to wear them.

P.M. Roberts returned thanks to the W.M., officers, and brethren for their very kind consideration in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, for which he thought he was only doing his duty as a brother and a Mason; but was glad to find those humble services appreciated by the brethren; and when I consider that it is not a practice in St. David's to present Past Masters' jewels, I take it as a great honour done to me, especially when I know of only two instances that Past Masters' jewels have been presented by this lodge. W.M. and brethren, allow me once more to thank you for the manner in which it has been presented.

Bro. Owen addressed the W.M., officers, and brethren in a few words, and said he remembered well the evening he was initiated; it created in him such feeling for knowledge in the mystic art, that he resolved to lose no opportunity afforded to him for improvement, and having endorsed Bro. Roberts' sentiments, concluded by thanking the brethren one and all for their present.

The visiting brethren congratulated St. David's on its jubilee, and conveyed the hearty good wishes of their respective provinces and lodges.

The lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

The brethren retired to the Castle Hotel, where Mr. Denman had prepared a sumptuous banquet for the occasion, the W.M. being in the chair. Justice was done and the cloth removed. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. Pritchard, sang "God Save the Queen;" Bro. Brown, "God Bless the Prince of Wales," and "Can Sir Watkin." After the toast of "The Lodge W.M., P.M.'s, and Officers," the W.M. called upon Bro. R. Owen, P.M., for a short history of St. David's. The following is epitomized from the epitome. The warrant was granted by His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, the M.W.G.M., on the 19th Dec., 1826, then No. 811. The first lodge held on the 7th of March, 1827, Bro. Thos. Heywood, W.M., in the chair; the lodge closed in good harmony at 10 o'clock. Oct. 3rd, 1828, proposed and carried unanimously that the W.M. be fined 2s. 6d.; officers, 1s. 6d.; and each of the brethren, 6d. for absenting themselves from the lodge.

Also the W.M. and officers presented to the G.M. an address while staying in the neighbourhood. Being admitted to his presence, the W.M. delivered the address. The answer being in the G.M.'s own handwriting, was placed in a gold frame, and now adorns the walls of the lodge.

The number of the lodge changed from 811 to 540, 5th Sept., 1852.

March 6th, 1847.—A Committee formed to memorialise the G.L. that the St. David's Lodge, 540, be designated the P.G.L. of N. Wales.

Feb. 9th, 1852.—Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., being appointed on the 13th of Jan., 1852, the P.G.M. of North Wales and Shropshire. The lodge presented an address, engrossed on vellum, congratulating the P.G.M. on his appointment.

March 5.—A letter was received from the P.G. Sec., informing the W.M. that the R.W.P.G.M. had been pleased to appoint Bro. Pritchard, P.M., P.G.S.D., and Bro. Stevenson, P.G.J.D.

April 20th, 1858.—The P.G.M., with his Deputy and P.G.S., was received with royal honours, when an address of sympathy and condolence with the P.G.M. and Lady Williams Wynn, after the destruction of their mansion, The Wynnstay, Denbighshire, was destroyed by fire. The R.W.P.G. Master returned thanks on behalf of himself and Lady Wynn.

Oct. 20, 1863.—The Grand Lodge informed the W.M. that the number of the lodge will be 384 from this date.

The lodge has been removed from place to place thirteen times. The regular night of meeting changed eight times. The present third Tuesday was settled 3rd June, 1854.

There have been thirty W.M.'s, one served four years at different times; two served three years at different times; and seven served two years at different times.

In the year 1726 the brethren of Wales first united themselves under the banner of the Grand Lodge in London. In the following year the office of P.G. Master was instituted. The first deputation was granted by G.M. Earl Inchiquin on the 10th May, 1727, to Hugh Warburton, Esq., for North Wales, just 150 years ago, and on the 24th June following to Sir Edward Mansel, Bart., for South Wales.

On the 13th of Jan., 1852, the M.W.G.M., the Earl of Zetland, appointed the present P.G.M., Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., who has held the important office for a quarter of a century, during which time nineteen new lodges has been added to the province. And last year a brother who first saw light in St. David's Lodge, was appointed D.P.G.M.

CONSECRATION OF THE STUART LODGE, No. 1632.

This new lodge was consecrated on Saturday last, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. The consecrating officer was Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, who was assisted by Bro. W. Hyde Pullen, P.D.G.M. Isle of Wight, as S.W.; Bro. Francis, as J.W.; Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden, Prov. G. Chap. Middlesex, as Chaplain; Bro. H. A. Dubois, as D.C.; Bro. M.S. Larlham, as I.G.; and Bro. T. Poore, as Secretary.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. H. Crittenden, P.M. 503; D. J. R. Clark, 1426; Geo. Lilley, 720; A. Barfield, P.M. 511; B. Browne, 503; E. W. Braine, S.W. 1471; E. A. Francis, C. Stuart Barker, C. H. Renton, Alfred Curnover, 1426; T. Poore, P.M.; H. A. Dubois, P.G.S.D. Middlesex; C. H. Perrot, P.G. Org., West Yorks.; H. E. Francis, P.P.G.S.D.; M. S. Larlham, W.M. 1216; P. W. Reynolds, I.G. 1479; W. G. Moore, P.M. 534; C. Burley, P.M. 184; George W. F. Smeeth, jun., W. H. Hook, S.W. 186; G. W. Saul, J.W. 1201; George Moss, I.G. 1201; P. A. Nairne, W.M. 1329, P.M. 176; P. M. Holden, W.M. City of Westminster; E. Gorham, P.M. 184; H. Thompson, P.M. 177, 1158, 1426; J. W. Boote, 1426; Chas. Hines, W.M. 72; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; John Seax, W.M. 1426; M. Spiegel, J.W. 188; E. P. McKay, S.D. 720; E. B. Grabham, Prov. S.G.W. Middlesex; Chas. Sims; Sugden; H. Massey (*Freemason*); George Kenning, P.M., P.Z. 192, P.G.D. Middlesex; and Kellaway, 192.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. H. Hook, Choir Master of St. James's Church, Camberwell, who was assisted by several other musical brethren, and some of the boys of the choir.

After the lodge had been opened the Consecrating Officer, addressing the brethren, said that as his Rev. Bro. P.M. Holden would shortly deliver an oration it would not be necessary for him to address the brethren. All he would say was that he hoped the new Masonic barque would be launched successfully, and that with fair winds and good officers, in the shape of the W.M. and the Wardens, it might arrive at a haven of prosperity.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and the Rev. P. M. Holden delivered the following oration:—

As it is customary on these occasions for the Chaplain to deliver what is called an oration, and as I have been called upon by your Consecrating Officer to do so, I will detain you a few minutes while I say a few words on the principles of the Craft which we have to day assembled to take another opportunity of diffusing throughout the community. W. Sir, and brethren all, although the art and science of Freemasonry dates from the creation of man, the great subject of it, I might almost say, from the creation itself, yet the building of King Solomon's Temple is the great and all important era from whence is derived most of the Freemasonry, as it exists among us at the present day, and to the wise and glorious King of Israel, we are indebted for many of its mystic forms and hieroglyphic ceremonies. Now this Temple of King Solomon was erected in imitation of the Tabernacle of Moses, and the Court thereof from a design which his father, King David, received in a vision from the Great Architect of the Universe, but far exceeding the tabernacle in grandeur and magnificence. King Solomon dedicated this temple to the Most High by assembling all the people, by bringing thither the ark of the covenant and the holy things, by devout prayer, by music and praises, by a feast of seven days, and a vast multitude of sacrifices. Every part of the temple had a symbolic meaning; its porch, its courts, its pillars, its altars, its decorations and vessels. The services, moreover, were of a typical and symbolic character, and most admirably calculated to impress the minds of the most ignorant among the worshippers with feelings of the deepest respect, awe and reverence to the Great Creator. The highest acts of adoration were accompanied with the sounds of many instruments, with the swelling chorus of a trained multitude of singers; whilst the prayers of the faithful ascended to the Great Architect amidst the perfume of incense which flowed from golden censers. Symbolic worship has ever been used from the very earliest times by all nations in their religious rites and ceremonies; but nothing so imposing and gorgeous has ever been seen or heard of in the world's history as the celebrated temple worship of Jerusalem. Now, brethren, a Freemason's lodge is neither more nor less than a very humble representation of King Solomon's Temple; and however feeble an imitation it may be, it enjoins by its symbolic teaching such estimable tenets and principles that if Masons will only strive to the utmost to make themselves acquainted with its ceremonies and mysteries they must become better fitted for the society of their brethren of the Craft, and certainly better members of the popular world at large. So full of meaning are the simple but beautiful symbols constantly before our eyes that the very poorest memory can retain their significance and practise the principles they represent in daily life and conduct. To carry the illustration further, the human body I need scarcely remind you, has been described as "The Temple of the Most High," and as our "earthly tabernacle;" and the peculiar system of Freemasonry is such that by it we are enabled to build up body and soul "perfect in its parts," and full of "wisdom, strength, and beauty." Moreover, supported by fortitude, chastened by temperance, and guided in all our actions by faith and justice, we shall be able rightly and properly to maintain the fabric of this our earthly temple until time for us shall be no more. Then may we hope to obtain the password to eternal life, and so at last gain admittance into the glorious lodge of our Supreme Grand Master above. The outside world, I am aware, sometimes brings the charge against us that Freemasonry is inconsistent with pure religion, or, indeed, with any form of religion—a most unjust, cruel, and wicked charge; for in the ceremonial of Freemasonry, and more especially in the consecration ceremony, religion is always prominently, emphatically, and impressively brought forth. Now, the volume of the Sacred Law which always lies open in lodge, contains the unmistakable command of the great Architect himself that His name should not be taken in vain; and while we therefore in our ceremonies invariably invoke His Name and implore a Divine blessing upon all our endeavours, it must be a very great hypocrisy on our part, and hypocrisy of the very blackest description, if we do not act under the feeling of religion with a desire to please God. Freemasonry must be one thing or the other; it must either be what I firmly believe it to be, a grand system of morality, or else a form of hypocrisy of which we, as honest men, should be thoroughly and heartily ashamed. It is also with infinite pride and satisfaction that we can all bear witness and acknowledge that Freemasonry, though ranging under its banners men of every variety of creed, is wholly and entirely free from any religious controversy or bitterness. Those who are not Masons sometimes think it is a kind of religion of our own; but it is not so, for this simple reason that Freemasonry never touches on the mode or manner of the worship of God; it simply inculcates and enforces as strongly as it possibly can the one thing which must form a part of every true religion, that we should do to our neighbours as we would our neighbours should do to us, and act honourably, honestly, and unselfishly in all our dealings with mankind, not merely from the idea of doing them good, still less from the idea of getting credit to ourselves; but for the highest and grandest motive of all, to please the Most High God. I do not for one moment consider that Freemasonry is a higher principle or a loftier inducement to right action than religion. It is not a substitute for religion in this respect, and God forbid that I should say so; but at any rate Freemasonry unquestionably does this, my brethren, it includes those men who perhaps have hardly any one thing in common; whose profession, whose business, and whose position in life would naturally always keep them entirely apart; and it enables them, I say, to meet together, to know one

another, to esteem and respect one another, to love one another, and above all, to speak upon questions which probably they would never touch upon otherwise—questions as to what is right and what is wrong, as to what is noble and what is mean, and in fact, that which is the sum total of religion is the subject about which Masons can openly talk in lodge, and which they would never think of doing without that feeling of shyness and reserve which exists in a greater or lesser degree in every man's mind and bosom where there is not this open communion which Freemasons so thoroughly enjoy and appreciate. In this way I am positive that Freemasonry does an incalculable amount of good. I mention this at the establishment of a new lodge because it is of the greatest importance than these points should be more or less made known to new members before they are initiated. I say advisedly "before they are initiated," for although a candidate comes into Freemasonry blind with regard to our secrets and mysteries and our ceremonies, he should at any rate, I think, be acquainted with the grand principle upon which the ancient Order is founded, and as to what will be expected of him should he become a member of the Craft. May I venture to add Worshipful Sir, and I am sure, from what you have said, you will bear me out in the expression of this opinion, and also other distinguished Freemasons present, that the greatest care, I feel, should be taken in the admission for candidates, and I feel sure this should be strictly attended to, as I feel positive, with you, sir, that upon it depends the future prosperity and success of this lodge. It only remains for me, Worshipful Sir, to thank you and all the brethren present, for the very kind manner in which they have been pleased to listen to this very imperfect address, I admit, and which, perhaps, I cannot better conclude than, with your permission, sir, reciting the following lines, which were delivered at the installation meeting of an American Lodge:—

"When, ages back, the Temple rose,
Majestic 'neath the rising sun,
The Sacred Scroll was then unrolled,
The glorious Brotherhood begun,
And proudly down the tide of years,
Amid the rocks that frowning lay,
The vessel with Masonic flag,
Has kept its safe and steady way.

The crew are pledged to noble deeds,
To battle bravely for the right,
To hold truth's standard ever up,
To scatter darkness by the light,
To help a fallen brother rise,
To feed the poor, assist the weak,
To dry with tender pitying hand,
The tear from off the widow's cheek.

Base slander, serpent-like, and foul,
Shall die beneath Masonic heel,
The sword shall from its scabbard leap,
When woman's honour makes appeal.
When raging heat on battle field,
Strives every battered soul to smother,
The feeble foe with sinking strength,
Gives mystic sign that makes him brother.

On land or sea, in every clime,
Where'er the tongue of man is spoken,
Is found the pure and spotless square,
The Masons' ever honoured token.
Their creed holds all that's good and true,
No Christian teacher can be surer
The prayer we lip at mother's knee
In spirit is not better, purer.

Curs'd be the man who falsely takes
The sacred oath for selfish gain,
Who stains his armour caitiff like,
And brings reproach upon the name.
But blessed shall the brother be
Who purely wears the signet given
Till God, the Great High Priest, shall call
The sacred lodge above in Heaven.

The Rev. brother was much applauded as he resumed his seat on the termination of the above address.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and the manner in which it was conducted elicited the warmest approval of the brethren. Before the installation of the W.M. the Rev. P. M. Holden left the lodge, but before doing so expressed his great regret that other engagements compelled him to relinquish the pleasure of remaining longer among the brethren. The brethren expressed their thanks to him for the part he had taken in the ceremony of consecration, and with this the rev. brother left the lodge.

Bro. C. Stuart Barker, jun., was then installed, and the following brethren were appointed to office:—J. Walmsley, S.W.; Samuel Browne, J.W.; C. Stuart Barker, Treas.; Thos. Poore, P.M., Sec.; G. T. Thornes, S.D.; George Harry Gilham, J.D.; Donald J. R. Clark, I.G.; and W. Steedman, Tyler. Bro. Hyde Pullen delivered the charges, after which the thanks of the lodge were voted to the Consecrating Officer and those brethren who had assisted him, and honorary membership of the lodge was conferred upon them. Propositions for initiation and joining membership were read by the Secretary. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a beautiful banquet.

After the banquet the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and drunk. After giving "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro Grand Master," "The Dep. G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers," the W.M. called upon Bro. Hyde Pullen to respond to the last toast. The W.M. having in the course of his remarks upon this toast referred to the pleasure he experienced at the last festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, when he saw the working of the Grand Officers on that occasion, Bro. Pullen said he was one of the Grand Officers referred to, and it was always a

pleasure to them to do anything they could on behalf of Masonry. He then complimented the W.M. on having established this new lodge, and wished all prosperity to the lodge and happiness to its members.

The W.M. next gave "The Consecrating Officer," but as the brethren had seen the working of the ceremonies by Bro. Little it was not necessary for him to dwell on the fact. The brethren need not ask him for any expression of opinion as to how the ceremony was performed, but he might add that he had never seen the ceremony performed so perfectly.

Bro. Little responded. It was as much a pleasure to him to perform the ceremony of consecration as it was to the brethren to witness it. He had been ably assisted by some other brethren, and he was happy to believe that in installing Bro. Stuart Barker, jun., as W.M. he had placed in the chair of the lodge the right man. It would be the duty of the other officers to follow the W.M.'s example. As it was always a more pleasing thing to speak of others than of himself, it was with much gratification he acknowledged the able assistance of other brethren in the ceremony performed that day. He now came to a very pleasing duty, the proposal of "The Health of the W.M." The worth of the W.M. was well known. Having been placed in the chair of the lodge by the suffrages of the brethren, confirmed finally by the Grand Master, it was the duty of the brethren to support him to the utmost. To the W.M. he offered "the right hand of fellowship," and he trusted he might experience nothing but kindness and good fellowship during his year of office. Should any difficulties arise, as unfortunately they would arise in lodges sometimes, the skill and ability of the W.M. would set matters right, and the Stuart Lodge would go on to a haven of peace and prosperity that would redound to its honour. (Hear, hear.)

The W.M. in his reply said he trusted that Bro. Little's prognostications would be amply verified during his year of office. Among Masons there should be a unity of purpose, and that unity of purpose had been exemplified by the manner the brethren had responded to the toast. It augured well for the future of the Stuart Lodge, and he felt confident that in this lodge there would always be unity of purpose. He would wish to impress upon the brethren the necessity for such unity of purpose between the W.M. and the brethren. He thought they had a bright year before them. The question of admission of members to a lodge was one of great importance. They should be very particular about the brethren they admitted, and he trusted that with reference to any candidate that might be brought forward blackballing would never be known. There was a way in which blackballing could be avoided. If a brother found that there was any one proposed for initiation with whom he could not sit harmoniously and work in the lodge, or against whom he entertained the slightest feelings of animosity, or even to go further, with whom he could not sit down at the social table, let him go to the W.M. and state his case confidentially to him; he would at once advise that the name be erased from the list, rather than that the Stuart Lodge should in any case blackball any one, whether as an initiate or as a joining member. It was a matter he felt very strongly upon. When he spoke of unanimity, perhaps he might say this of his officers, that although, through circumstances which he need not mention, a considerable time had elapsed between the sending in of the petition for the Stuart Lodge and the consecration of the lodge, yet the first cast of officers was the same as it was to-night. Circumstances in the life of every man necessitated change, and circumstances in the life of every Mason gave him opportunities in his own lodge for advancement. Those advantages had been offered to officers of this lodge, who had banded themselves together as a band of brothers, to inaugurate and bring to a successful issue the Stuart Lodge. Having such officers around him, good men and true, the barque of the Stuart Lodge must of necessity be launched on the sea of prosperity. He had been that night overwhelmed with the congratulations of friends, friends with whom there were many associations he looked back upon with a great deal of pleasure; and it would ill become him now he was installed, and a brother Mason too, if he forgot his father in Masonry, a man who long since was dead and gone, but who, though not in the flesh, was in a portrait looking down upon him as the W.M. of the Stuart Lodge, a man who inducted him into Masonry—Bro. John Thomas, who initiated him in the Sphinx Lodge in 1872. Bro. Thomas watched over his progress in Masonry with pleasure, and now that he was installed as W.M. of the Stuart Lodge, his portrait was looking down upon him, as though he were anxious that in whatever he (the W.M.) did there should be the tinge of prosperity. There was also another friend of his present, the W.M. of the Sphinx Lodge, Bro. Past Master Nairne, and that brother also he greeted with the greatest sincerity as a well wisher. There was another friend present, Bro. Seex, W.M. of the Industry Lodge. He was glad to see them all gather round him, and there was nothing throughout the whole of the ceremony that impressed him so much as the adherence of his friends to him in the moment which to him was one of very great trial. (Hear, hear.) The W.M. then gave "The Visitors," and mentioned the fact that the Board of Installed Masters numbered twenty-five brethren, among whom the purple was amply represented. He hoped that on future occasions the lodge would be well supported by visitors.

Bros. Grabham, H. Thompson, John Seex, and P. A. Nairne responded, all congratulating the W.M. on the consecration of the lodge, and his own advancement to the chair, and wishing prosperity to the lodge.

Bro. Little proposed "The Charities," and thanked the W.M. for having undertaken the office of Steward for the next festival of the Girls' School. The time was short, but he hoped that by the help of numerous friends he would be able to come to the festival with generous

donations. Of the Institutions he would say, "May they all flourish," esto perpetua.

The W.M. responded, and dwelt on the principle of brotherly love, relief, and, truth. He had been pressed to become a Steward, and had refused; but, like Donna Anna, "saying she would never consent, consented." The Girls' Institution's festival was the nearest, and so he took that. The Institution was eighty-nine years of age, the oldest of the Masonic Institutions. It had been said of Scotchmen that they kept their hands in their pockets, and always shut. He did not believe it. He intended to go up for the Girls' School, and also to take with him a good list. Bro. Little saying the time was short, evidently did not expect much. He trusted he should take him by surprise, and that the Stuart Lodge should not only be a success itself, but in its support of the Institutions of the Order. The W.M. next proposed "The Joining Members." One of them he had appointed to office that evening. He had had the pleasure of investing one to office whom he was very well acquainted with—their Bro. Treasurer. He appointed him to that office for the very reason that he had long been his (the W.M.'s) Treasurer. Time after time when he wanted money he knew where to go to get it. He thought, and the other founders of the lodge also thought with him, that he could not do better than associate with the lodge his own father—a man for whom he should say nothing now—his feelings were beyond utterance in that respect, and he had a sense of delicacy about the matter. He could say this, that he had not appointed any man to office with greater feelings of pleasure than his own father, because he found his father giving countenance to his proceedings. His father was older in Masonry than he was; but it was a matter of great pride and congratulation to him to invest his father with a collar of office.

Bro. Stuart Barker (Treasurer) responded. He said he had never felt himself in a position of so much difficulty. It was not that he did not know where he was, but he was the subject of a peculiar sensation, for he did not know what he was. For thirty years he had been the father of his son; recently he had become his brother. His wife for thirty years had been his son's mother; but now, he being his son's brother, she was his sister-in-law. As he had another son, that son must be his son's nephew. He had a daughter who had been his son's sister hitherto, but who, being his brother's wife's daughter, must be his son's niece. In fact, he wanted to know the precise relationship he held to the W.M. (Laughter.) But joking apart, he must say, with a great many of the other speakers, what great pleasure he had had at being present at that day's ceremony. If it had been a pleasure and gratification to the brethren who had presided, how much greater must the pride and gratification of the W.M.'s father have been to see him presiding over the lodge, and to see gathered around him many old and dear friends. He was an older Mason than his son, and when he was made a Mason his son wanted him to tell the secrets of Freemasonry. Of course he would not do so, and his son told him that he would go and find them out for himself. He did so, and he had that day found out a secret which his father did not know. He should always take great interest in the success of the Stuart Lodge, from the fact that his son was its first W.M. In going through life it had always been his study to endeavour on all occasions to train up his son "in the way he should go," as that old book, the Book of the Law, said that when he grew up to manhood he "should not depart from it." He undertook the office of Treasurer of the lodge under somewhat different feelings to those which his son mentioned when he invested him. He had always understood that it was the duty of a Treasurer to take care of the Treasury, but he did not know that it was the duty of a Treasurer to be drawn upon. His son had been drawing upon him for a long time, and he thought he could draw on him through the lodge. (No, no.) He was delighted to hear that emphatic "No," but however that might be, there would be no difficulty on that score. The Stuart Lodge would be always able to meet any claims that might be made on it. After the successful opening of the Stuart Lodge there was no doubt what it would be in the future. He trusted that the brethren might often meet together again, and that nothing might occur to interrupt the harmony that ought to exist among the brethren of a Freemasons' lodge.

The W.M. afterwards gave "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," to which the S.W. responded. "The Press" followed, and was responded to by Bro. H. Massey (Freemason) and H. Thompson, and the Tyler's toast concluded the evening, which was most delightfully spent.

I have been asked within this week to attend a consecration of a new Masonic lodge, No. 1671. Now, less than a year ago I was present at the consecration of No. 1601. Figures are more eloquent than words in this case, and these two prove to demonstration the great increase "Modern Masonry" is making. Another and a far from pleasant proof of the spread of Masonry was furnished the other night at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. When the procession of Grand Officers entered the "Temple," the place was not simply full of "rulers of the Craft," but it was overflowing with them. If lodges continue to increase as they have done recently, some additional accommodation must be provided, or the number of those entitled to attend must be considerably reduced.—*Mayfair.*

The State apartments at Windsor Castle will be open to the public on and after Monday next.

Notice is given in the *Gazette* that her Majesty's birthday will be kept on Saturday, the 26th of May next.

Mr. Compton's benefit at the Theatre Royal, Manchester, on Monday night, realised £900.

CONSECRATION OF THE MIZPAH LODGE, No. 1671.

On Tuesday evening last the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, was consecrated at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain; Bro. Jas. Terry, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies Herts, as Director of Ceremonies, and numerous other brethren. The chair of Senior Warden was taken by Bro. J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, and the chair of Junior Warden by Bro. C. A. Murton, Past Grand Deacon. The full list of brethren comprised the following: Bros. C. Schmidt, 217; Saml. Gamman, P.M. 206; Nelson Reed, 38, 1572; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; Jas. Terry, Prov. G.D.C. Herts; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason); Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; John Hervey, G.S.; John B. Monckton, President Board of General Purposes; Mont. Scott, C. B. Payne, G.T.; W. G. Jennings, T. J. Maidwell, J.W. 27; George Kenning, Treasurer 1657; W. S. Whitaker, W.M. 1572; J. Chavey, 180; E. B. West, 142; F. H. Willcocks, 1572; N. T. Pearce, 1572; W. J. H. Klotgen, 1247; R. Pawson Hooton, 1572; Bertram Noakes, J.W. 92; Sam. Gamman, P.M. 206; John Green, P.M. 27; Geo. Carew Steele, 1572; Montagu Scott, P.M. 765; Charles J. St. Alphonse, S.D. 108; Philip Bulloch, 1572; Edward Humphrey, 538; Robert Allen, 1395; J. Brown, W.M. 765; and Rev. W. Taylor Jones, W.M. 1601.

After the lodge had been formally opened in the different degrees, the Presiding Officer, Bro. Hervey, proceeded to address the brethren on the nature of the meeting in the following terms:—

Brethren,—I need not say what we have met to do this afternoon, because you are all well aware that we have assembled here for the purpose of consecrating a new lodge, one which I trust will be a credit to the Craft and an honour to the great city in which it is about to be located. I have so often addressed the brethren upon one or two points, and it is difficult upon these occasions to find anything fresh to say, that I am not going to give you a lecture again to-day upon the necessity of being careful whom you introduce into your ranks, or to dilate upon the uncharitableness, I may say wickedness, of blackballing those of whom you know nothing, and merely for the purposes of casting a slight to or stain upon a Worshipful Master or upon the proposer of the candidate. But I would still reiterate that those are subjects, and legitimate subjects, to discuss in a Masons' lodge, and it is very desirable indeed that they should be enforced in a new lodge, which is about to be consecrated, and about to be launched into existence. Brethren, there are one or two things which I thought I would mention this afternoon, one or two statistical matters which might interest some of those present, which would make a little difference in the address, the very short address, which I am about to give you this evening. In looking over the Grand Lodge records, which I was doing the other evening for a particular object, it struck me that it might be a satisfaction to the brethren here to know how the Craft had progressed during the last few years, and going back merely to the time of the union, I jotted down one or two points which I think those here may be glad to know. I take it for granted that all those who are in this room know that, prior to 1812, or prior to 1813, rather, there were two Grand Lodges in existence in the City of London, one under the Grand Mastership of His Royal Highness the then Prince of Wales, who was afterwards Prince Regent and George IV., and the other under the Grand Mastership of the Duke of Athol, and that these two Grand Lodges went by the respective names of these distinguished persons. I find that the number of lodges in 1812, on what was termed the Prince's side, was 640; and in 1813 the Athol and Prince's Lodges joined together, and formed what is now termed the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England. I find also, that while on the Prince's side there were 640 lodges, those on the Athol side I have no means of ascertaining, because they did not keep their books in any very regular way, and they had no calendars to which reference can be made; yet when the two Grand Lodges were joined together, the Athol Grand Lodge and the Prince of Wales's Grand Lodge, although the number of lodges on the Prince's side was 640, yet when the dormant lodges were eliminated upon the two sides, the two Grand Lodges could only muster 647 lodges. This went on till 1813, therefore we started with 647 lodges, and in the year 1832 the lodges were all renumbered, the vacant places closed up, and I find that in 1832 the number appeared to be 865 lodges, or an increase on the number of 647 of 218; but as the new number began with 594 lodges, it really appears that in these 20 years there was a reduction of 53 lodges; and in 1832 we started with the last number, 594. The receipts of money in 1812 were, on the Benevolent account £970, and on the General Purposes account £1350; but we had improved in that respect, as in 1832 the Benevolent amounted to £1189, and the General Purposes to £2209. The next renumbering of the lodges was in 1863, the number of lodges being 1267, or an increase on the number in 1832 of 673 lodges in 31 years, the new numbers beginning with 574, shewing a positive increase of 380 lodges, although during the period Canada had declared itself independent. The funds also had much increased; the Fund of Benevolence being £3081, and the General Purposes £3794. Well, brethren, to shew the progress of the Craft at the present time, the last warrant granted is No. 1682, shewing a gross increase of 708 lodges; and deducting the Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and other places which have established Grand Lodges of their own, it gives a net increase of 588 lodges in fourteen years. The funds also have increased in like proportion. The receipts of the Fund of

Benevolence for the last year, 1876, were £7804, and of General Purposes £12,474. So much, brethren, for the increase in the lodges and the increase in the Craft; and I do most sincerely trust that the increase in the respectability of the Craft is in a like ratio with the increase in the number of lodges. I do not think we have any cause of complaint on that head. I think we go on increasing, and certainly, looking back to the records of Grand Lodge I do not think we have as much bickering or as much difficulty of keeping together now, at any rate, than we had in former times when the numbers were far scantier. That there is a good deal, and a great deal more dissension in the Craft than there ought to be, I am afraid my good friend, the brother who is now occupying the S.W. chair, would say was the fact, occupying as he does the very onerous position of President of the Board of General Purposes, before whom come a great many of the difficulties of the Craft; but if brethren would do their utmost in their own lodges to try and smooth difficulties down, to endeavour, when an opportunity occurs, not of fanning the flame, but of allaying any little excited feeling which may present itself, I think those difficulties would still further decrease than they do now. Brethren, I told you I would not delay you many minutes to-day, and I think I have kept my word. Probably the little detail which I have given you may not be uninteresting to you (hear, hear); but be it as it may, I think you will listen with far more gratification to my reverend friend on my left, who will presently address you, than you would to the weak and feeble words which I can put together. I will now ask the brethren to stand to order while the Grand Chaplain gives the opening prayer.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and the Rev. R. J. Simpson delivered the following address:—

Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren,—It was my privilege on a late occasion, in connection with our highly esteemed brother in the chair, to assist in consecrating the Skelmersdale Lodge, and on that occasion I took the opportunity of saying a few words upon a subject which is, and must be, of interest to all Masons—I mean the subject of Masonic unselfishness, both in the lodge and out of it. I propose on the present occasion to say a few words upon a branch of that subject, which, I think, may be highly desirable, especially at a time when, as our Master has told us in the very interesting resumé he has given us, Masonry has become so largely increased in numbers, and with those numbers there has come so large an amount of discussion. I propose to say a few words upon the subject of moral courage. There are two lights by which we, as men and Masons, are guided; one is the light of conscience, that inner light which burns within the breast of every Mason who is an educated and a civilised being; the other is the light of the Holy Law of the Great Architect of the Universe, revealed to men in his mercy and goodness. Now, in the latter we find no insignificant opportunities of remarking upon the practice of that virtue of which I have spoken. In the very earliest time we find the great preacher of righteousness standing forth amidst his fellows, and standing forth as the witness of God's most Holy Law, as delivered to mankind at that early period of our history. And he was honoured by becoming the builder, by the Divine inspiration of that by which the fragments of the human race were preserved and a new generation was left to the world. We find Moses, the great lawgiver, in like manner standing amidst his fellows as a witness for the truth. We find him followed by Joshua, the great general of the Lord, who carried out his duties in such a manner, that he was made on his death to say, "As for me and my house, whatever others do, we will serve the Lord." Job, in his generation, though tempted to "curse God and die," was likewise, though solicited in many ways to forget the Great Architect of his fortunes, as well as of his life, still manfully persevering in the course of duty. King Josiah came to the throne, young, it is true, but noble-minded, pure-hearted, and determined, amidst "a wicked and adulterous generation," to do his duty and to bring Israel in the right path. We find a little later on one of the greatest prophets standing on Mount Carmel, and, surrounded by a host of idolatrous priests, standing up as the single witness of Jehovah, a sight on which the angel hosts must have looked down with admiration to see a child of Adam doing so for Jehovah. And we may remember the three common men, neither prophets, kings, nor lawgivers, but three ordinary men like ourselves, declining to bow down to the golden image upon the plains of Dura, and willing to sacrifice life itself rather than act contrary to their conscience. This noble roll of worthies which we have handed down to us in that Holy Volume, which is given for instruction and for example, point out to us clearly, I think, our duty and our privilege as men to exercise that conscience with which God has endowed us for his high glory and the benefit of our fellow men. It is impossible that we can ignore the fact that that which essentially separates us from all the other creatures of God is this, that He gives us the power of choice. We have a will even under God's will; and if we had not the power of choice and will we must sink into mere machines. If we have that power of choice and will, what is the next clear duty of every man of independent and of noble and religious principle? It is to express it. No man has a right to take the light with which God has blessed him and put it "under a bushel." He is bound to place it on a candlestick, that he and others may see; not that he may use it for his own boastful purposes, but that he may "glorify his Father in Heaven." If that be the case, how incumbent it is upon us as men and Masons, that we should observe this rule in our dealings not only with our brethren but with the outer world; and I venture to say, sir, though it may appear a paradox, that it is the want of this honesty and independence of character and opinion that too often creates that

strong discussion and those bickerings which we all of us in common deplore. If men would speak out, not unkindly, not uncharitably, not dictatorially, but honestly, bravely, as Englishmen and Masons, and as if acting under a higher power, what they think, whether it be right or wrong, I believe that we should have much fewer discussions, bickerings, and misunderstandings than we have at present. Now, in public matters, outside of Masonry, I need not say that this is highly valued, and that, whether in one department of society or in another, the man who openly, frankly, and conscientiously states his opinion may possibly at the time meet with unpleasantness, but eventually must claim respect, nay even from those who may differ from him. And coming to Masonry itself, it is very clear, sir, that in a society which counts so many members, and, therefore, so many minds, minds constituted differently, men of temperaments very varied, which must be, when men act upon conscience, considerable difference of opinion must prevail, not in our principles, but in the application of our principles, for it is, after all in the application of principles to the acts of common life that we really find a great difficulty. Now there are many subjects in Masonry, aye, even at this moment, which demand very great consideration, and there are some which probably will come up causing considerable discussion. But I venture to think that if we wish to find a solution of those difficult problems, for some of them will be difficult, whether they be problems in connection with the subject to which allusion has been made on a recent occasion by our most respected, and I will almost say our beloved Grand Secretary, which has been taken up and made almost a world-wide question—whether that great question, or whether the smaller questions which agitate the Craft, come up, let us frankly, and clearly, and honestly state our opinions, and have the moral courage not to follow any man or any set of men, but simply and honestly to speak, and do, and think as we feel. This will avoid an immense amount of misunderstanding; for I very often find it to be the case that men utter one opinion when they are talking to their fellows in private, and when they come into public their opinions seem to have altered in a remarkable manner. I think, therefore, that consistent moral courage to speak, whether in the presence of opponents or of friends, will save an immense amount of heart-burning and of trouble. Now, I think there is a still more important field upon which we may show our moral courage—I mean our moral conduct and example as men. There are, I believe, in the heart of every man those principles of right conduct in the work of life, especially in regard to moral truth, which would often find their way to the surface were it not for the want of moral courage. A man fears, perhaps, "the finger of scorn" more than he would fear "the cannon's mouth." But why should he? Why should not every man among us, when we feel that that which is right is what we feel and wish to do, never fear to express before our fellows that which we believe in our hearts to be the right? "Be just, and fear not," says one old poet, and I am sure that the man who follows out those principles of purity, and temperance, and truthfulness, and honesty in our dealings with men and among our brother Masons, the more we shall attract their respect at any rate, and the more we shall bring upon us the smile of God. But, "bowing down to the golden image," or to mere rank, has been well portrayed by that same old poet in a remarkable passage, well known to us all, where the favourite of the king says, as a reflection at the end of life,

"Had I but serv'd my God with half the zeal
I serv'd my King, he would not in mine age
Have left me naked to mine enemies."

But, brethren, be assured that whether it be the Mizpah Lodge or any other lodge, we shall best carry out the design in our own creation, as well as the creation of that aggregate body to which we belong, by displaying the moral courage which is the immediate offspring of our good conscience, and which, I am quite sure, will lead to the happiest results. I trust that in this lodge, begun under such happy auspices, that as well as every other Masonic virtue may not only be planted but flourish, and that we may, carrying out the good example set by noble Masons who now adorn the Craft, whether in high or subordinate positions, not only look to them, but to those who have gone before, and, in the words of old Longfellow, they may feel those words, which I believe are peculiarly Masonic:

"Lives of great men all remind us
We may make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.
Footprints that, perhaps, another,
Travelling in life's troubled plain,
Some forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, may take heart again.
Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate,
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labour and to wait."

The reverend brother resumed his seat amidst loud cheers, and the ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with and concluded.

After the consecration of the lodge, Bro. Hervey installed Bro. Nelson Reed as W.M., and the following brethren were invested as his officers:—Bros. David R. Still, S.W.; Walter W. Medcalf, J.W.; James Jackson Avery, Treas.; H. G. Buss, Sec.; W. Vilven, S.D.; J. Bergmann, J.D.; Schmidt, I.G.; and Henry Shaw, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bro. C. A. Murton, James Terry, and Montagu Scott. Votes of thanks were passed to the consecrating brethren, and the honorary membership of the lodge was conferred on them. Bro. Murton acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and Bros. Hervey,

Simpson, Terry, and Monckton. Ten guineas was voted to the list of the W.M., as Steward for the next festival of the Girls' School. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The ceremonies of consecration and installation were musically accompanied by Bro. G. C. Searle, Org. 1572, who in the course of the proceedings played Bro. Seymour Smith's "Installation March."

After the banquet the usual toasts were honoured. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson responded for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Monckton, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that all the brethren would, from what they had seen of the W.M.'s working that day, agree with him in the line he quoted from Shakespeare,—*"The Master, he is a good one, and his workmen doth challenge much respect."* If one of the brethren differed from it, let him stand in his place and say so. They knew that they had met on an exceedingly interesting occasion; they knew beforehand that they would see the work well done in the youngest lodge under the British Constitution, and they were entitled to expect perfection on the part of the consecrating officer because he knew his work by heart. But they were not altogether entitled to expect such working as they had from the Master, because there was that work which a new Master need not do unless he pleased. But the W.M. had done it, and whenever he (Bro. Monckton) sat in the lodge it was remarked that the new Master was up to his work. He would be painting the lily if he said more, and he should simply ask them to agree with the great man Wm. Shakespeare, in the line he had quoted from him.

The W.M. replied, and in the course of a very brief speech said he was glad to see at the table the brethren who proposed and seconded his introduction into Freemasonry. He added that it was only two years that evening that he was raised to the degree of a M.M.

Bro. Hervey replied to the toast of "The Consecrating Officer." Bro. Filer for "The Visitors," and Bro. Terry for "The Charities." Bro. Buss responded for "The Secretary," and Bro. Still for "The Officers;" and Bro. Shaw having given the Tyler's toast, the brethren separated.

Under the direction of Bro. Searle, Bros. Willcocks, Brown, Whitaker, Bergmann, Clarricoats, Pearce, and Stevens sang some excellent songs, and Bro. Montagu Scott gave a recitation.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Bayard Lodge (No. 1615), has within twelve months of its consecration become a Vice President of the three Masonic Charities. We are also informed that its first W.M., Bro. Lieut.-Col. Somerville-Burney, will have had the gratification of initiating no less than 30 candidates, at the six meetings which have been held under his able Mastership during the year, a striking proof of the estimation in which the W.M. is held by the members of this distinguished lodge, and is an example worthy of emulation by both old and new lodges.

Bro. H. Gabb, the chairman of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum for the year 1876, was on Tuesday entertained at a banquet at St James's Hall, given him by his late colleagues on the Board of Management and a number of past officers and other friends of the institution, and presented by them with a silver epergne, in recognition of his eminent services during his year of office.—*City Press.*

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, R.W.P.G.M. Oxford, has been elected E.P. for the ensuing year of the Cœur de Lion Encampment of Knights Templar, Oxford.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor will lay the foundation stone of the National Penny Bank, which is to be erected in Shoreditch some time in May.

STATUE OF LORD CANNING.—On Saturday afternoon, at the Manor Ironworks, Chelsea, the casting of a large equestrian statue of Lord Canning took place. The original model was designed by the late Mr. Foley, R.A. When completed the statue will be shipped to Calcutta, where it is to be erected.

The funeral of Admiral Sir Edwd. Belcher, K.C.B., took place on the 23rd inst., at Brompton Cemetery.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was entertained at dinner by the members of the Dublin Lodge, No. 12 (I.C.), on Thursday, the 15th inst.

The 139th anniversary festival of the Royal Society of Musicians will take place at Freemasons' Tavern, on April 18. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, will be the president of the day.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will be holden April 5th, at Bradford, in the New Masonic Hall, Darly-street. Huddersfield, which was always in Lord Ripon's time, the place of annual meeting, gave way last year to Wakefield, and this year gave way to Bradford.

We are requested to inform our readers that the meetings of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642, are held every Friday evening at half-past seven o'clock, at the Mitre Hotel (private entrance), Goulbourn-road, North Kensington. Bro. W. F. Savage, P.M. 1425, &c, is the preceptor.

Willesden Junction, where not even a penny bun has hitherto been permitted to be sold to semi-furnished railway travellers, is at last to be furnished with the convenience of a railway buffet.—*Mayfair.*

The fifteenth annual sailing barge match will be sailed over the usual course, from Erith to the Nore Light and back, on June the 7th. Bro. J. A. Farnfield is hon. sec. to the committee.

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Answers to Correspondents.

"FIAT JUSTITIA RUAT CÆLUM."—We cannot well review a decision of Grand Lodge, which is final.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.—"Il Moto," "Keystone," "New York Dispatch," "Hajnal," "Eclectic."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

DEAN.—On the 23rd inst., at Sandgate, Kent, the wife of G. H. Dean, Esq., 12th Lancers, of a son.

EVANS.—On the 22nd inst., at Chad-road, Edgbaston, the wife of G. H. Evans, M.B., F.R.C.S., of a son.

HOWELL.—On the 20th inst., at Chaldon House, Fulham, the wife of Charles Augustus Howell, Esq., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

RYDER—MORGAN.—On the 22nd inst., at the British Embassy, Paris, by the Rev. Dr. Fordes, George W. Ryder, of 17 New Bond-street, to Lucy Mary (Lily) eldest daughter of the late Charles H. Morgan, Esq., of Paris. No cards.

DEATHS.

HOLDSWORTH.—On the 22nd inst., at Ladbroke-road, Notting-hill, Jane Bousfield, widow of the late S. Holdsworth, aged 86.

HUNT.—On the 23rd inst., at High Wycombe, Joseph Hunt, Esq., aged 71.

MAHS.—On the 22nd inst., at Durning-road, Edge-hill, Liverpool, Elizabeth Leigh, wife of H. Mahs, Esq., aged 51.

MARSH.—On the 23rd inst., Mr. John Every Marsh, at the Ordnance Arms, Woolwich-common, aged 61 years, deeply lamented.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAR. 31, 1877.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO MALTA.

Our Royal Grand Master and the Princess were to have left for Malta, via Calais, Paris, and Marseilles, on Monday, but the journey has been postponed for a few days in consequence of a slight indisposition of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. Probably when next we greet our readers, we shall have to record the departure of our Grand Master and his charming consort to the continent. As Freemasons we shall trust that this little holiday and absence may be of great benefit to the health of two persons so dear to all classes of the community, especially to our loyal Order, as all will have seen with regret that for some little time past Her Royal Highness especially has not been so often in public as an admiring people would wish, nor gone through with her usual grace and energy the routine of Court ceremonial. May all of good go with our Royal Grand Master and the Princess of Wales, and may we soon again, after a pleasant stay at Malta, that little "military hot house," and Athens, welcome them safe and sound back again to old England. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will hold levees on the 7th of May and the 2nd of June.

OUR WORSHIPFUL MASTERS.

Freemasonry, like everything else just now, has to suffer from the inroads of a morbid sensationalism. Much of our Masonic writing, the didactic twaddle of "dull dogs," the hopeless meanderings of *unbright* Masons, is marked by the prevailing tendency of the hour. Statements are made, not because they are true, but because they are startling, or spicy, or what not, and because, in fact, like a good deal of modern composition, verity and reality, are secondary considerations for those who please to write, and "write to please." Hence we see so often alike, in un-Masonic and Masonic columns the "magna indigestaque moles" of crude ideas, unveracious assertions, unsound premises, and utterly illogical conclusions. Such is a recent attack on our Worshipful Masters, which appears to have been originally a Transatlantic fault-finding with American officials, but is now transplanted to our tranquil shores. What can be the use or propriety of such a sentence as this, with reference to our Worshipful Masters, whether metropolitan or provincial? "Were there Grand Lecturers in England at this present time, we doubt if one half of the lodges would be able to acquit themselves even moderately well, much less with credit, in the labours of the lodge; while in far too many cases, the attempt at working would amount simply to a most pitiable display of absolute—we feel almost disposed to add—crass ignorance on the part of the Worshipful Masters." Now we deny this statement in toto, by whomsoever made, and declare it to be most unjust to our English Worshipful Masters, whether in the provinces or in town. We state unhesitatingly that any such representation of the ceremonial or intellectual efficiency of our Worshipful Masters is nothing better than a bit of sensational writing, utterly valueless as a correct description of our contemporary Masonic lodge work, and actually untrue as a statement. Is it in any sense an accurate description of our Worshipful Masters? We repeat that it is the very reverse of correct, or even of what is considerate. We have belonged ourselves to two most distinguished provinces, and the lodges there are all marked, some strikingly so, by the uniform thorough performance by the Worshipful Masters of the duties of the chair. This can also be said of other provinces, and of a very large proportion of the lodges in the metropolis. That here and there we find "slovenly work" in our lodges, and inefficient Worshipful Masters, we do not deny, but they are, very happily, the exception, and not the rule, and to say that in about one half of our lodges the work would be only

moderately well done, and that in far too many cases the Worshipful Master is utterly ignorant of his duties, is a parody on veracious statements, a burlesque on the facts of the case. We therefore give to any such assertion as this an unqualified contradiction, as we consider it to be most unsound in itself, and most unjust to our Worshipful Masters. Indeed, such a sentence must have been penned by a brother who has had but little experience of Lodge working, and has seen but very few lodges in London or in the provinces. But, as we said just now, the temptation is to write in that sensational style which is doing so much harm to literature on every side of us. There is, we repeat it, at this moment a recklessness of quotation, an unscrupulousness of assertion, which render so much of what we daily read utterly worthless as a trustworthy record of passing time and customs, and facts, and history. For though writers will differ, we prefer, and we fancy that our readers prefer too, what is true to what is telling, what is the naked reality without any of the meretricious adornments of paint or enamel. Above all, we detest and despise the mere sensational writers just as we turn away from, because unreal and unsatisfactorily in the highest degree, that sensational writing which is only spiced up in truth to suit the tastes of the ignorant and the credulous.

THE "MONDE MACONNIQUE" AND "THE FREEMASON."

At page 476 of the last *Monde Maçonique* Bro. Caubet returns to the charge that those who use the word "bêtise" are "mal élevés." We "au contraire," contend that such an argument is alike precisian and puritan in the highest degree, inasmuch as the word is very commonly employed, and is in itself alike forcible and expressive. The truth is that "bêtise" really was the "word" to use in respect of the remarks of our brethren Grimaux and Caubet and their little "fiasco." And Bro. Caubet felt it to be so, "Hinc illæ lachrymæ." For what other or better word could we have employed? Let our readers remember why and how we used it. Our excellent and esteemed Grand Secretary, at the consecration of the Crichton Lodge, had, as was his right and duty, alluded, not as the Grand Secretary officially, but as Bro. John Hervey, the Consecrating Officer, to some recent proceedings in France in respect to a new agitation to remove from the French Constitution the pre-requisite condition of belief, of a general assent to the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. He had remarked, that he regretted, as all must regret, the exclusion of the Bible from the French lodges, and observed, further, that if this great change took place he was afraid that it must lead to a cessation of intercourse as between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Orient of France. Very weighty and sensible words, my Masters! What is the reply that Bro. Grimaux makes to this friendly and unofficial "avertissement" of the Grand Secretary of England, a brother who always speaks plainly, manfully, modestly and moderately, and whose words are therefore always listened to with much attention and respect? Bro. Grimaux's reply, fully endorsed by Bro. Caubet, is to this effect,—that there is in England a society which will sell the French lodges Bibles at the cheapest rate, (a remark of the greatest impertinence), and that as long as Bro. Hervey continues the all-powerful Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England such opinions will probably prevail; equally to English brethren a most offensive statement. Were we not fully justified in calling such a line of argument issuing from such an animus of irritability and intolerance, a "bêtise? We think we were, add we are quite ready to be judged by the educated, the "bien élevés" of our French brethren. Such is not the way to meet a friendly remonstrance and a kindly warning when offered by so considerate and so able a Mason as Bro. Hervey, and we resented such words then, and always should resent such utterances, by whomsoever made, knowing that we shall carry with us the hearty concurrence of all our English Fraternity. Bro. Caubet amusingly declares that because we do not take his views we are not

"partizans," therefore, of "liberty of conscience," and even kindly compares us to "Ultramontane writers." We fancy that we are truer friends to real liberty of conscience than that most bigoted faction, which in France is seeking to ignore the very first principles of true liberty of conscience, by outraging the feelings of all other Masonic bodies in the world, and which is simply playing into the hands of the Jesuits and the Ultramontanes by the specious arguments it is putting forward, and the non-natural position it has assumed. We must all be struck with the fact, not singular in the history of the world, that ultra scepticism and ultramontanism seem to have shaken hands once again in this "Debâcle" alike in the hollowness of their propositions, and the utter unscrupulousness of their assertions. If that violent faction of "libres penseurs" gets the upper hand in French Freemasonry, it will only apparently relegate French Freemasonry to the barbarism of avowed unbelief, and in the interest of many French Masons of kindly sympathies, religious feelings and enlightened understanding, as well as of universal Freemasonry, we protest once more to-day against the revolutionary proceedings of a noisy Camarilla, and the violent invectives of a fanatic intolerance.

THE NEW GRAND SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND.

We recur gladly to this subject (according to our promise), to which we shortly called attention in our last. Bro. D. Murray Lyon has been elected Grand Secretary by 210 votes, as against 128 for Bro. Wylie, in the place of Bro. Laurie, resigned. As we said last week, we congratulate both parties on this result, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Bro. D. Murray Lyon. The former has shown its desire to give the office for merit sake, simply and Masonically, and has obtained, as we believe, a most skilled and admirable official. Bro. D. Murray Lyon has had his Masonic labours and high character properly appreciated by his Scottish brethren. No one could possibly stand better than Bro. Lyon's distinguished opponent, Bro. Wylie, in the favourable opinion of all who knew him, and it is indeed no little tribute to the thoroughly Masonic excellences of Bro. D. Murray Lyon, that he has, by the suffrages of his brethren and the sheer force of his own Masonic works and worth, been enabled to bear off the palm of victory from so well-known and eminent a competitor in the Masonic arena as Bro. Wylie. We feel sure that Freemasonry in Scotland will now receive an impetus which will lead it on successfully to needful changes and happy reforms. We wish all prosperity and good to our kind Scottish brethren, and we shall watch with deep and sincere interest the official career of our very able and excellent brother the new Grand Secretary for Scotland.

THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOAT RACE.

We fully sympathize with the excitement of many of our younger readers, (though we are old ourselves), in respect of this great and remarkable annual struggle. It is alike intensely interesting to the patriotic Englishman, the genial Freemason, the lover of athletic sports, and the admirer of that manly youth which adorns our great Universities. Far from us be that idle cant, that mournful "Stigginism" of the day, which seem to be bringing "Mawworm" again to the fore with a vengeance, and which apparently would revive a puritan regime, with as good effect as of old amongst us, and put an end to all national amusements and active sports, through fear of possible and probable evil. The race has been rowed, and it has been declared a dead heat, before countless thousands, and while nothing can exceed the remarkable training and rowing powers of Cambridge, so we have never read of, heard of, or seen anything more plucky or more remarkably, than the rapid stroke and tenacious endurance of Oxford. Some older boys will think of the seven oarsmen of Henley over again. We are deeply sorry to note, however, that this yearly gathering is assailed from two different points of view just now. First, it is asserted that it tends

to gather together enormous masses of people and encourages idleness, secondly, that it affords a premium to betting and the like. We quite agree with the able remarks of our contemporary the *Standard*, and reproduce them here: "The 'Varsity race has become a great holiday even among our working classes, and we are glad that it has done so—they could not choose a more healthy, more innocent, more manly, more fair, and straightforward object of interest. It is just because it is a healthy excitement that the languid intellectual ones object to it; it bores these rose-water philosophers to see that other people can feel a genuine and healthy enthusiasm—a thing that they themselves have never felt a touch of since they fairly got into their teens. We sincerely hope that it will be long before the genuine interest felt by all classes in the most manly of our national sports suffers the slightest diminution." An old University man, who, by the way, must be an old "slowcoach," horrified by the betting, proposes, that the "venue" should be changed, and the race should be rowed away from London. Bright idea! Excellent old boy! Well, will a change stop betting? We fancy not. It will, in our humble opinion, only intensify it. People do bet in England and will bet, about almost anything, and it becomes a great nuisance and greater bore, to have well intentioned but weak-minded fanatics always "testifying" against betting. We are not ignorant of the evils of the betting ring, very far from it. But the true philosopher, the real reformer, and the best religionist, in our opinion, is he who seeks to amend, not to destroy, to ameliorate, not to revolutionize. As a mere matter of abstract argument all endeavours to make any gains by means of the "factor" of chance, are, per se, objectionable on grounds of public and private morality, though we are aware that they have been most ingeniously defended. But be this as it may, we strongly hold all such persons to be most unwise and unreasonable, who attempt by some export facto legislation, whether of successful fanaticism or unwise excitement, to uproot what is so deeply implanted for good or evil in the habits of us perverse and pigheaded Anglo-Saxons. It will be seen, therefore, by our remarks, that we cannot join in any of those shallow "cries," which declare things evil which in themselves are productive of innocent enjoyment to thousands to-day. And when we remember the myriads who do not bet at all, compared with the hundreds who do, that great Public, for instance, which simply seeks for a day's outing, holiday, amusement for young and old, we cannot but lift up our voice against that worse than mistake zeal which confuses things lawful with things unlawful in themselves, which forgets that abuse never takes away the use of a thing, and that very many thousands of our countrywomen and countrymen find annually much of legitimate pride, interest, and exultation in this gallant exhibition of English skill and pluck. Long may the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race flourish, we say, on the bosom, too, of Old Father Thames.

KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLO-PÆDIA.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

When I wrote you last, I hoped to have seen the termination of my labours at the end of the last year, and the delivery of the work to the subscribers at the commencement of this, but you know what unforeseen difficulties delayed my undertaking, and for a time even stayed the work of my pen. I am now, however, hard at work again, and hope to complete the book by the end of the summer.

I append a letter from Bro. D. Murray Lyon, which will, I hope, convince the subscribers that they lose nothing by granting me a little more time to complete my laborious work on the principle on which I am conducting it, most laborious and tedious to all concerned, especially in the use of foreign words and names. I had a friendly letter from Bro. W. J. Hughan to the same effect, and have no doubt that he will kindly repeat it in the next *Freemason*. I am aware that some brethren are a little impatient at the delay, but they do not, I think, quite make

allowance if the work is to be thoroughly reliable for the time demanded to collate, extract, compare, and verify. Since I first began to study the archæology of Freemasonry, much new evidence has accrued, and old theories have to be abandoned, and new facts have to be dealt with.

As, however, you have often observed, any subscriber can have his subscription, already made returned to him if so inclined, and those who wish to withdraw their names can do so, though as a fact they all get more value for their money the less the work is hurried. I think it well to give your readers an idea of what I am now sending to the printers, asking your readers to remember that for nearly three months I gave up writing for the *Cyclopædia*, and attended to other matters.

Yours very fraternally,
March 28, 1877. A. F. A. WOODFORD.

Dear Bro. Woodford,—

I observe from the proof sheet of "Encyclopedia" with which you have favoured me, that the letter H has been reached. To some the progress that has been made may appear unnecessarily slow, but considering the nature and importance of the book, and the desirability that it should be correct and trustworthy, features which your care and diligence and extensive information will undoubtedly stamp upon the work, I regard your progress as entirely satisfactory. To hurry such a work would defeat the object for which it has been undertaken. I shall be well pleased if the "Encyclopedia" comes to me with Xmas greeting for 1877. Judging from those parts of it that I have seen, your treatment of the varied matter coming under your notice is at once succinct and exhaustive. Don't alter your pace, progress as hitherto, and in due time your work will be one in every respect worthy of the pains that have been bestowed upon it. I spent four years on the preparation of my "History of Freemasonry in Scotland!"

With kindest regards, and returning you the compliments of the season, I remain ever faithfully and fraternally,—D. MURRAY LYON.

Landmarks of Freemasonry.—The first use of these well-known words appears in Anderson's Constitutions Book of 1723, where, at No. XXXIX. of the General Regulations of 1721, we find the words, "Old Landmarks." This is repeated in the Constitutions of 1738, and henceforward the word has been in use amongst us. A landmark by itself is a stone, or line of stones, set up to mark a boundary. "What are the Landmarks of Freemasonry?"—an often used phrase—is, we apprehend, a question very difficult to answer. Oliver found it so in his time, and points out how opinions vary—how explanations of the phrase differ among Masons. Mackey, following some American writers, has laid down 25 as the Landmarks of Freemasonry, and he has been followed by others, but we regret we cannot entirely accept them as a satisfactory solution of the difficulty, as many of them certainly are not Landmarks proper of Freemasonry. A question of course comes in here:—In what sense did Anderson use these words—"Old Landmarks?" We are inclined to believe that while on the one hand he alluded to the Ancient Charges and Regulations, he also included, so to say, on the other, the truths and principles contained in those ancient formularies well-known to Masons. He understood evidently, that there were, so to say, certain leading principles of Masonic ceremonial and symbolism (though then more limited than now) which were to be regarded as essential and continual Landmarks of the Order, a defence against innovation on the one hand, and neglect on the other. Mackey's 25 Landmarks are as follows:—

1. Laws and Regulations of Recognition which may be assumed to be Landmarks of the Order.
2. The Three Grades of Freemasonry; which are certainly Landmarks of Craft Masonry, to which is added in England the Royal Arch Grade.
3. The Teaching of the Third Grade, as Mackey has it, we cannot accept as a landmark, because it is incorporated in the preceding ones.
4. The Government of the Fraternity, by a

Presiding Officer, called a Grand Master, through a Grand Lodge, is, we apprehend, fairly a standing Landmark of our Order. And the Prerogatives of the Grand Master (5), and the Privileges of Grand Lodge (6), are, we quite agree, to be considered Landmarks of the Order, though contained in No. 4.

7. Granting Dispensations at irregular Times is contained in No. 4.

8. The Power of Granting Warrants and Dispensations is also included in No. 4.

9. The Making Masons at Sight we reject.

10. The Division of the Craft into Lodges, and their government by the legal officers, is no doubt a Landmark, but the Tying of a Lodge (11) is hardly, we are inclined to think, a Landmark. Neither is the right of representation in English Lodges (12) a Landmark, as our representation is not deputational, but by ex-officio qualified officers of the particular lodge, intended, no doubt, to represent the interests of that lodge, and as such they are called "representatives." But the lodge does not elect; they sit in Grand Lodge *virtute officii*, as we said before, though they may be instructed by their own lodge. But as formerly all Grades appeared, it would seem, in Grand Lodge, we may fairly maintain that it is a Landmark, that each lodge should be represented in the Grand Lodge by delegation, pure or in part, or jurisdiction, or by official representation, as with us.

So 13. The Right of Appeal may be properly asserted to be a Landmark.

So 14. The Right of Visitation of Lodges, subject to the laws of safety and precaution laid down by the Grand Lodge.

Equally 15. The Right of Proving, is a Landmark.

As regards 16, the non-interference of one lodge with another, and not conferring Grades, except on joining members, is no doubt a Landmark. But we apprehend that by our English law, a brother may join a second lodge, and if elected, might ask to be "crafted" in the lodge in which he is affiliated, or even without joining.

17. The Amenability of all Freemasons to a Masonic Jurisdiction is no doubt a Landmark, with some needful exceptions, as we apprehend that though abstractly, a non-subscribing Mason is subjected to Masonic Authority, practically he is not so, inasmuch as 'cessat ratio cessat lex,' unless from special circumstances of an aggravated character.

18. The Qualification of Candidates may be fairly considered a Landmark of the Order.

19. A Belief in the Existence of God is a necessary Landmark. No avowed Atheist can be made a Freemason. But as regards,

20. The Immortality of the Soul, though it is clearly taught by our ritual, and though a disbeliever in it can hardly comfortably continue to attend our well-known ceremonial, yet we hardly think it safe to lay down that it is a Landmark of the Order, as every great truth inculcated by Freemasonry might be considered equally a Landmark, and there are many Masons equally impatient. The only test of admission which our Order actually require is belief in God.

21. The Holy Bible is an essential Landmark in all English lodges, and we utterly disavow the opinion that, in any English lodge, under any circumstances, any other book can take the place of the Word of God. That we receive in Mahomedan lodges, for instance, or Hindoo lodges, those who seek admittance in the way most binding on their conscience is freely admitted, but the Koran and the Vedas cannot take the place of the Bible in an English lodge, we repeat, nor can any other religious book be substituted for it. The Great Light of Freemasonry can never be banished from a lodge under the English Constitution; though perhaps another "Sacred Book" may be used, as we have already said, to meet the requirements of the candidate.

22. The Equality of all Masons, abstractedly, in the lodge, is a Landmark of the Order practically, but as in the world, grades and various steps must necessarily exist amongst us.

23. The Secrecy of Freemasonry is no doubt an imperishable Landmark of the Order, just as

24. The Speculative Character of Freemasonry, founded on an operative symbolism, is a true representation of our Order.

25. The unchangeability of our Landmarks cannot be accepted without some little qualification, as it is not quite so easy to lay down what Grand Lodge cannot do.

Thus it will be seen that we accept the greater part of the Landmarks set forth by Mackey and other writers, as a fair statement of the subject, though we cannot agree with them all; and we feel also that such a representation does not accord entirely with Anderson's original words, and some may fairly raise the question whether many of these points assumed to be Landmarks are not duties, qualifications, customs, rather than Landmarks. It is a mistake, it appears to us, to make such explanations too detailed or too complicated, and we therefore feel that it is most advisable to consider properly the "Landmarks of the Order" to be probably, those leading and essential characteristics which are generally received amongst us and so bound up with the very existence and condition of Freemasonry. But it is a subject on which much may be said, and little, after all, can be dogmatically laid down.

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 HEBREW QUESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

One point cannot be too strongly insisted upon, that we must not forget or overlay the facts of the case. In only one Grand Lodge of Germany is the exclusion of Hebrews upheld, the "Great Countries Grand Lodge," Berlin, and in that body the exclusion is only kept up by the want of a necessary two-thirds vote to pass the resolution of admission, and to bring about the befitting result, a proper and lawful toleration.

Yours fraternally,

JUSTICE.

In fact it might be a question whether the better course would not be to address the Great Countries Lodge itself directly, and in that movement Hebrews and Christians could unite.—J.

INTERESTING AND NOVEL INFORMATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I cannot help, in justice to Bro. Kenning, calling your attention to an amusing system, just now in vogue of ignoring the *Freemason*, and reproducing your information, as novel and interesting "tit bits." You received from a friendly correspondent some short time back, as you said in a leader, an extract from the *Correspondance Scandinave*, to which you called special attention, and which you wisely printed in French. This has run the round of the Masonic press, and has recently appeared in the *Monde Maçonnique* without any reference however to you, and has since been announced in England as a novel piece of intelligence, and credited to the *Monde Maçonnique*.

I cannot think this fair, though I know something of the unavoidable nature of "clippings," and the stern requirements of "padding."

"Palmam qui meruit ferat" is my motto, though I beg to subscribe myself,

IGNOTUS.

GRAND MASTERS OF THE ANCIENT MASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to "A. T.," in the *Freemason* for the 24th inst., the following is a correct list of the Grand Masters of the "Ancient Masons."

1st. Robert Turner	elected	1753
2nd. Edward Vaughan	"	1755
3rd. Earl of Blessington	"	1757
4th. Earl of Kelly	"	1761
5th. Hon. Thomas Matthew	"	1767
6th. John, 3rd Duke of Athol	"	1771
7th. John, 4th Duke of Athol	"	1775
8th. Earl of Antrim	"	1782
9th. John, 4th Duke of Athol	re-elected	1791
10th. H.R.H. the Duke of Kent	elected	1813

Yours fraternally, HENRY T. BOBART, P.M. 1085.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Many brethren have doubtless been hoping to see some authoritative reply to the letter from Bro. Tombs in the *Freemason* on the 10th, in which he distinctly says that the matron, "admitted that there were no means at her disposal whereby instruction in the art of cookery could be afforded."

"I.P.M.," it is true, in your issue of to day says of his own two sisters that "at the time of leaving the school they were both well versed in the art of cookery. He does not however tell us where their knowledge of that art was acquired.

Possibly they had the advantage of a home and friends and were enabled to profitably employ the school vacations in acquiring domestic knowledge.

Many, very many, of the girls at the school have not those advantages, and to these—to all in fact, but to

these more especially—the school ought to supply the place of the home training, of which misfortune has deprived them, that is, indeed as far as it is possible for any such an institution to do.

In this view no education can be considered complete which does not embrace that knowledge of those domestic duties, the possession of which on the part of the mistress of the household is so essential to the welfare and happiness of every home.

All these advantages could be—perhaps now are—afforded by our excellent Institution for Girls, but I feel sure that some particulars of the system of education there adopted would be hailed with general satisfaction and would awaken an interest that would not fail to shew itself to the benefit of the school on the lists for the ensuing festival.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,
WILLIAM NOTT, P.P.G. Reg Wilt.,
P.M., P.Z., P.M.M., &c.

Devizes March, 1877.

MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observe in your columns some correspondence and a notification to the effect that all receipts for payments of £2 and over are to have a penny receipt stamp attached.

As this is a matter which in the course of time will involve the payment of a good deal of money, it is very desirable we should be quite sure that we have been correctly advised.

The question answered by the government official, and reported in your paper, may not have been quite understood by him.

I have always been under the impression that friendly societies and charitable institutions are, by the Stamp Act, exempt from stamp duties. Thus building and burial societies are free, and no stamps are used on the receipts for subscriptions to our hospitals and medical charities.

The subject is worthy of consideration, and perhaps some legal brother will, in the interests of the Craft, overhaul the Stamp Act and set us on the right track.

Yours faithfully,

RICHARD BROWN,
P.M. 241, Treas. 138, &c. &c.

[We apprehend that unless a special exemption is made by the Stamp Act no society whatever can break the law. Can any legal brother give us a clause in the Stamp Act which exempts building and other societies from the receipt stamp. We doubt the exemption.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

If Bro. Case, writing to-day under above heading, will refer to Book of Constitutions, (ed. 1871), p. 84, he will I think find reason to modify his assertion that "it is irregular for any brother to be balloted for at any lodge of emergency."

The latter part of the clause (No. 2), to be there found deals expressly with the proposing and balloting for candidates out of the regular course, and provides, inter alia, that a proposition may be inserted in the "summons for a lodge of emergency" (on seven days notice), "and if the candidate be then approved he may be initiated into the First Degree.

Yours truly and fraternally,

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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to your correspondent "T. E." I have much pleasure in informing him that the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, was initiated in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, meeting at Freemasons' Hall on the 5th February, 1856, and that his lordship twice served the office of Master of the lodge, in 1857 and 1858.

Lord Carnarvon is still a member and a Past Master of the Lodge.

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

OCTAVIUS HENRY PEARSON, W.M. 10.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to part of the enquiry of "T. E." in your last issue, I can inform him that Lord Carnarvon was W.M. of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, in the year 1857.

At the same time it may also interest your correspondent to know that Lord Skelmersdale was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1856, and was W.M. of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 580, Ormskirk, in 1862.

Yours fraternally,

APOLLO.

THE DUNDEE MS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,

Bro. W. J. Hughan alludes in the *Voice of Masonry* to a curious MS., in the possession of Bro. Yarker, of which he has seen a transcript.

It seems to be a compound of Pritchard, the Great Mystery, and Essex's MS., British Museum, but it may be an independent MS., or rather a transcription of some common original. The fact of the date of 1727, being given is not by itself decisive, but, if Bro. Yarker would kindly let us publish in the *Masonic Magazine* a facsimile of any portion of the MS., we should soon obtain an approximate idea of the true date. It may be that towards the end of the last century and the beginning of this, many similar documents were printed in Scotland, as I have a copy of the *Mason's Word*, printed at Glasgow in 1803. To what ritualistic MS. in the British Museum does my good Bro. W. J. Hughan refer?

Yours fraternally,

EDITOR "MASONIC MAGAZINE."

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE GRAND MASTERS OF THE "ATHOL MASONS" OR "ANCIENTS."

In answer to Bro. A. T. I must refer him to a complete list of the Grand Masters of the Athol Masons, to be found in my "Memorials of the Masonic Union of 1813."

Should he not have access to that work, and as it is out of print, I have consented for the introduction to be reprinted in the *Rosierucian* for January, 1877, &c., the first number of which volume contains the list in question, and I hope its publication in that form will induce many brethren to subscribe for that most readable publication, edited by my learned friend and brother, Robert Wentworth Little, D. Prov. G.M. Middlesex.

I may state that the list of all the Grand Masters connected with the different Grand Lodges in England has also been reprinted in Bro. Mackenzie's excellent *Royal Masonic Cyclopaedia*, and a revised list is printed in the portion so far ready of Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford's *Cyclopaedia*, which I hope will soon be issued, for judging from the proof-sheets already submitted to me I think its publication will be hailed with delight.

Bro. Preston and other writers were misled as to the Ancients having no Grand Master until 1772, but he in his "Illustrations," and other brethren, never made the mistake, many have of late years, in thinking these Athol Masons were in reality the York Masons.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

IVY LODGE, No. 1441, AND CORRECTION BY W. BRO. R. CASE.

I am very pleased to note the correction by our indefatigable Bro. Robert Case, Prov. G. Sec. of Dorset. How sad it is that so many members will not read the laws, and that Worshipful Masters so often pledge themselves to obey and enforce the "Constitutions," which, apparently, they never take the trouble to read.

I met with an instance the other day of a brother who desired to refer to our regulations, and from his drawer produced a copy of the Constitutions of 1784 to settle the question under consideration, and as he had nothing later the matter was deferred.

I am glad to see the lodges now more generally adopting the plan, so frequently advocated by others as well as myself, to present to each initiate a copy of the Book of Constitutions, and the bye-laws of the lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge.

In time this plan will cut down many irregularities of the kind pointed out by Bro. Case, and the younger members will be able to instruct the "chair."

With respect to the office of "W.S." as a "total abstainer for life," I think I can help Bro. Case to unravel the difficulty. It is not Wine Steward.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

A meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Shire Hall, Hertford, on the 21st March. The officers present were E. Comps. H. C. Finch, P.Z. 404, Grand H.; J. R. Cocks, P.Z. 403, Grand J.; F. H. Wilson Iles, P.Z. 404, Grand S.E.; T. S. Carter, P.Z. 1385, H. 403, Grand N.; A. J. Copeland, P.Z. 404, Grand Treas.; R. T. Andrews, Z. 403, Grand Std. Br.; J. Terry, P.Z. 403, Grand D.C.; T. Thomas, 404, T. Wright, 403, Grand Janitors. A letter was read from the Grand Supt., the M.E. T. F. Halsey, M.P., regretting his inability to be present on account of his being on a Parliamentary committee, on an opposed bill which may sit until the end of April, and deputed the Grand H.E., Comp. Finch, to preside in his stead. The report of the committee upon the bye-laws was read and adopted. E. Comp. Copeland, on the proposition of Grand N., was re-elected Grand Treasurer. The following companions were appointed and invested officers of Prov. Grand Chapter, viz.: E. Comps. T. S. Carter, Z. 403, P.Z. 1385, Grand H.; the Rev. G. Finch, P.Z. 404, Grand J.; F. H. Wilson Iles, P.Z. 404, Grand S.E.; H. G. Martin, Z. 404, Grand N.; G. Ward Terry, Z. 1385, Grand P. Soj.; J. E. Dawson, 404, Grand 1st A.S.; E. A. Simson, H. 403, Grand 2nd A.S.; the Rev. H. F. H. Burchell Herne, J. 404, Grand Reg.; David Roberts, J. 403, Grand Std. Br.; J. Livingston, J. 1385, Grand Swd. Br.; J. Terry, P.Z. 403, Grand D.C.; Thomas and Wright, Grand Janitors. The companions expressed their deep regret at the unavoidable absence of the Grand Supt. Among the other companions present were Comps. Keyser, 404; the Rev. L. Deedes, 403; J. Purrott, 1385; W. Warrenner, 403; C. C. Dick, P.Z. 403; H. L. Thomas, P.Z. 403; J. B. Scriven, P.Z.; J. Linzell, 174; Craven Cobham, 1329. The companions afterwards partook of a capital dinner, served by Mr. E. M. Davis, of the Salisbury Arms Hotel. A very agreeable evening was spent.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

An important meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, on Wednesday, the 21st March, and the attendance and the proceedings were of the most gratifying nature.

Prior to the opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge the Grosvenor Mark Lodge, 144, was opened at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. W. G. Brighten, the Grand Secretary of the province, and as soon as the ordinary business of the lodge was disposed of four brethren were in regular order duly advanced, viz., Bros. Chas. Coupland, 706; F. W. Goddard, 19; A. D. Everingham, 569; and J. H. Evans, 1017; Bro. F. H. Cozens officiating as Organist, and with Bros. Theodore Distin and H. D. Martin conducting the musical and choral part of the ceremony, which was thereby rendered the more impressive.

By the time the advancements were completed the lodge-room was full in every part, on account of the Provincial Grand Officers and many visitors arriving to witness the working of the Grosvenor Mark Lodge.

The W.M. then called upon the brethren to salute the Provincial Grand Master. The same was done, and the Provincial Grand Master, Col. F. Burdett, replied in most suitable terms.

The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and Bro. W. Wigginton presented Bro. G. A. Rooks, the W.M. elect, to Bro. Brighten, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The usual questions were put and answered satisfactorily by Bro. Rooks, and Bro. Brighten then formed and declared a duly constituted Board of Installed Masters, probably one of the largest in the Mark Degree.

After the installation of Bro. Rooks in due form the brethren were re-admitted, and listened to the various addresses, delivered by the Provincial Grand Secretary in an able manner, as testified by the applause he frequently received.

The new W.M., Bro. Rooks, then presented the retiring Master with an elegant and valuable Past Master's jewel, voted to him by the brethren of the Grosvenor Mark Lodge, and that lodge was closed soon after six.

A procession of the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge was then formed and entered the lodge-room, and was received by the brethren present in Masonic form.

The officers of Provincial Grand Lodge present were the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. Burdett; the V.W. Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. F. Davison; Col. Stallard, G.S.W.; J. Baxter Langley, LL.D., G.J.W.; Rev. D. Shaboe, P.G. Chap.; E. S. Baikie, G.M.O.; Wm. Wigginton, G.S.O.; Chas. Pulman, G.J.O.; C. Hammerton, G. Treas.; J. M. Klenck, G. Reg.; W. G. Brighten, G. Sec.; G. A. Rooks, S.D.; J. T. Ritchie, J.D.; E. B. Bright, Supt. Works; J. B. Shackleton, D.C.; J. K. Pitt, Assist. D.C.; H. Court, Swd. B.; W. Taylor, Std. B.; F. H. Cozens, G. Org.; and C. H. Rogers Harrison and R. P. Spier, Stewards; and amongst the numerous brethren present were Bros. R. G. Glover, P.G.S.W.; Thomas Parker, P.S.D.; R. J. Moore, P.M., O.; H. C. Levander, G.R.; Geo. Yaxley, 198; A. Wolton, 104; John Close; H. Court, 181; E. Hopwood, 181; A. W. Hall, Chaplain 7; H. A. Pocock, 198; E. Passover, 5; A. W. Hunne, 5; H. B. Cooper Smith, 7; Thos. Distin, 104; A. D'Almanie, 1; Geo. Huddock; Major Harding, 7; Bernard Meyer, 176; Chas. Legg, 198; W. J. Nicholls, 198; S. Griffiths, 198; R. W. Brown, 198; Dr. Ramosey; Louis Beck, E. H. Thiellay, 1; and several other brethren of the Grosvenor Lodge, in all upwards of seventy at Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting, held at Richmond in July last, having been read and confirmed, the roll of lodges was called over by the Provincial Grand Secretary, whose report thereon was received with much satisfaction, the great increase in the number of members during the past year being observable, and a new lodge, the "Croydon," having been consecrated.

The Provincial Grand Master then said that the special business of the meeting was the nomination of a Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing three years. He had been already re-elected for a second period of three years, which latter period had passed by so pleasantly and quickly, that it seemed scarcely a year ago since that time. As he thought it his duty to leave the brethren free and unfettered in the full discussion of the matter, he would leave the lodge while that business was being settled, and the Rev. Bro. Shaboe at once stated that such a course was not required or wished for by the brethren present (universal applause), and in a few suitable remarks he proposed the re-election of Bro. Col. F. Burdett.

Bro. Col. Wigginton seconded the nomination. The motion being put by Bro. Col. Stallard, it was carried unanimously and with acclamation.

Col. Burdett then thanked the brethren, and congratulated them upon the great and increasing prosperity of the Order in general, and this province in particular.

The list of Provincial Grand Stewards not having been filled up last July, owing to the apathy of some of the lodges, who had failed to recommend any brother for such honours, the Provincial Grand Secretary stated how those vacancies arise, and read over certain recommendations now to hand, when the Provincial Grand Master appointed Bro. Sanderson, of the Mallet and Chisel Lodge; Bros. Legg and Pocock, of the Croydon Lodge, and a brother to be named by the Macdonald Lodge, as Prov. Grand Stewards.

The Provincial Grand Master then adverted to the great family bereavement lately sustained by the head of the Order, the Grand Mark Master of England and Wales, &c., &c., the Earl of Limerick, and proposed that a letter of condolence on the death of Lady Limerick be written by the Provincial Grand Secretary, and sent from this province to our Grand Master.

The motion having been seconded by Bro. Dr. Ramosey, it was duly put from the chair and carried unanimously.

No further business being before the lodge, the same was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet, at which the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master presided, assisted by the Provincial Grand Wardens. On his right was the Very Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and on his left was the Worshipful Master of the Grosvenor Lodge, the banquet for which was provided at the same table, and, accordingly, Bro. Brighten was assisted by the Wardens of the Grosvenor Lodge in such duties as were required of him and that lodge.

The toasts of "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales," "Prince Leopold, and the members of the Royal Family" were duly honoured, as was also that of "The Grand Master, the Earl of Limerick;" each of the above toasts, as well as the subsequent ones, were followed according to programme by suitable music, wherein the services of Bro. F. H. Cozens, the Provincial Grand Organist, and Bros. Theo. Distin and Th. D. Martin were rendered in a most agreeable and pleasant manner.

Bro. Levander responded for the Grand Mark Officers.

Then the toast of Colonel Burdett, as proposed by the Deputy Grand Master, was received with much enthusiasm, and the Grand Master replied in terms of unmixed satisfaction, not only with the progress of the province and Mark Masonry, but with the gathering round that table, and expressed his pleasure at being again nominated, for although he felt they might have nominated a better (no, no), he would not conceal the fact that he was pleased to be further associated with the province as Presiding Master now they had reached to their present height of prosperity, which promised yet to increase.

Bro. Brighten then proposed "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. F. Davison, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," and bore testimony to the manner in which they performed their duties, and all took their part in the work, and to Bro. Davison and the officers was due much of the success they then met to celebrate.

Bro. Davison at the close of his reply said he should turn the tables upon Bro. Brighten, for he was sure that all the brethren would agree with him (Bro. Davison) that Bro. Brighten had been proposing his own health in reality, for the province now owed much to him, and the brethren had this evening been able to see his work as Master of a lodge, and through the ceremony of advancement, and again as Installing Master, and the gathering this evening bore testimony to his ability as Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.

After Bro. Brighten's reply, in which he referred with regret to Bro. Rooks having been compelled to leave, he then proposed "The Past Masters of the Grosvenor Lodge, Bro. C. Hammerton, the first Master of that lodge, the first Grand Secretary of that province, and the present Grand Treasurer, also Bro. Parker, Past Grand Deacon."

Those brethren having replied, the next toast was that of "The Newly Advanced Brethren," to each of whom Bro. Brighten briefly referred, viz.: Bros. Coupland, Goddard, Everingham, and Evans, and, in reply, Bro. Goddard returned thanks in the most able and entertaining manner, surprising from one new to the Order, for it seemed that during the ceremony he had grasped the whole object thereof.

The toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Dr. Ramosey and Major Harding, was replied to by the former, and soon after concluded an evening which was frequently spoken of as one of the most pleasant and successful ever remembered.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 6, 1877.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 31.

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, APRIL 2.

Lodge 12, Fortitude & Old Cumberland, Ship & Turtle.
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's-inn.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tav.
" 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Basinghall-st.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.

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 Town.
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3.

Colonial Board, at 3.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 18, Old Dundee, Bridge House Hot.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cp. of G. Hope Tav., E.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., Regent-st.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, N.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.

LOGES 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.
Islington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., N.
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Star & Garter, Ptny.
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
Encamp. 129, Holy Palestine, Regent M.H., Regent-st.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.
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 Edgcombe, 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.
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Vill. Club Hall, Wimbledon.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., E.
Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.
" 9, Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate.
Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
L'empereur in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Libury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
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, APRIL 6.

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

LOGES 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, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav. Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Gouldborn-rd., N. Kensington.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 7, 1877.

MONDAY, APRIL 2.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, 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 Con., Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hot., Wigan.
" 673, St John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
" 1384, Equity, Walker's Hot., Widnes.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., Assembly R., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4.

Lodge 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1403, W. Lancashire, Com. Hot., Ormskirk.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Tuebrook, Liverpool.
Chap. 86, Lebanon, M.H., Prescot.
" 477, Fidelity, M.R. Birkenhead.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1475, Bootle, Assem. R., Bootle.
Chap. 758, Bridgwater, M.H., Runcorn.
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
Alpass Encamp., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—ELECTION, APRIL 14TH, 1877.—The un dermentioned Brethren earnestly solicit the Votes and Support of the Governors and Subscribers to the Masonic Institutions, on behalf of

MARIA EDITH GREGORY,

Aged 8½ Years, younger daughter of the late Bro. Edward Gregory, of Gravesend, by whose decease, and that of her Grandfather, she is left unprovided with the means of education or maintenance, and is a candidate for admission into the Royal Masonic School for Girls.

The R.W. Bro. Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Kent.

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And the Charity Committee of the Province of Kent.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked *, also by the Widow, Mrs. Gregory, 7, Wellington-street, Gravesend.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—APRIL ELECTION, 1877.—Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of HARRY WILLIAM FAIRMAN,

Aged 10 years and 6 months.

(Son of the late Bro. George Fairman), formerly of the White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, and lately of the New Golden Cross Hotel, Hastings. Bro. Fairman was initiated in the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, in December, 1864; joined the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings, in March, 1869; was S.W. the year preceding his death, and was greatly respected; he was an Arch and Mark Mason, and continued a Subscribing Member to all until his death in April, 1876. He left a widow and four young children almost unprovided for. The case is strongly recommended by the following Brethren:—

Bro. Thomas Trollope (M.D.) Prov. G.S.W. Sussex, and P.M. Derwent Lodge, 40, Hastings.

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*J. G. Bond, Vitruvian, 87.

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