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THE "FREEMASON" INDIAN FAMINE FUND.

Bro. George Kenning having consented on request to act as Treasurer to the above important Fund, has the great pleasure of announcing the following subscriptions received up to the time of going to press:

Amount paid to the Lord Mayor,	
Oct., 6th 1877.....	£120 1 8
Sandgate Lodge, 1436.....	1 3 6
Bro. J. Cole, High-street, Petersfield ...	1 1 0

Intending subscribers (lodges or individual members) to this fund are earnestly requested, to send in their subscriptions, large or small, at as early a date as convenient. A list will be published each week of all amounts received at the Office, (198, Fleet-street), up to 6 o'clock, p.m., on Thursday.

INDIAN FAMINE FUND.

The Lord Mayor acknowledges the receipt of the following subscriptions in aid of the Indian Famine Fund:—

Prov. Grand Lodge of W. Lancashire ...	£200 0 0
Supreme Council, A. and A. Rite .....	100 0 0
Prov. Grand Lodge of Westmoreland and Cumberland .....	20 0 0
Egyptian Lodge, No. 27.....	10 10 0
Prosperity Lodge, No. 65 .....	10 18 0
Adam's Lodge, No. 158.....	3 3 0
Hundred of Ellor, No. 469 .....	15 15 0
Triumph Lodge, 1061 .....	10 10 0
Wharnclyffe Lodge, No. 1462 .....	5 5 0
Athenæum Lodge, No. 1491 .....	10 10 0
Watling St. Lodge, No. 1635 .....	5 0 0

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The October meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Brethren present: Bros. Edward Jones, W.M.; Henry Legge, S.W.; Frank Fellows, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treasurer; J. G. Marsh, P.M. Secretary; W. T. Rickwood, S.D.; Henry Child, I.G.; E. J. Kellaway, D.C.; George Newman, P.M.; Thomas Cohn, P.M.; George Abbott, P.M.; W. F. Bates, Thomas Agutter, W. Darnell, R. J. Dart, C. Gale Sparrow, J. Copelin, H. A. Pratt, W. F. Poulton, George Taylor, W. Figs, Thomas Fisher, Charles Cann, H. A. Canter, J. Cook, B. Perkins, W. Allfat, G. Borer, R. H. Goddard, E. Hunter, J. G. Chillingworth, J. Lorkin, W. Waring, R. J. Sutherland, John Kent, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. E. Newton, W.M. William Preston Lodge; Worrell, P.M. and Sec. William Preston Lodge; Watkins, P.M.; J. B. Huxtable, 1135; J. B. Lee, 1328; G. W. Chapman, 1328; A. Rowley, W.M. 917; W. Jobson, 147; R. Rimpoint, 77; T. W. Farthing, and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. H. L. Davies was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. It was proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by the J.W., that £10 10s. be paid out of the lodge funds to the Muggeridge Testimonial,—carried unanimously. It was proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by Bro. George Newman, P.M., that £10 10s. be voted to Mrs Allatson, widow of the late Bro. Allatson, a member of the lodge, carried unanimously. It was proposed by the Treasurer, and seconded by Bro. George Abbott, P.M., that £10 be voted to the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—carried unanimously. It was proposed by Bro. George New-

man, and seconded by Bro. George Abbott, P.M., that the bye-laws be revised, printed, and circulated among the members of the lodge—carried unanimously. Four gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren numbering about 40 then adjourned to a well-served banquet, under the able superintendence of Bro. E. H. Rand. The usual toasts were ably given by the W.M., and heartily responded to by the brethren. Bros. Newton, Worrell, Farthing, and Watkin, replied for "The Visitors." The W.M. made an earnest appeal to the brethren on behalf of the Indian Famine Fund, resulting in the collection of £4, which was handed to the Treasurer of the Freemason Fund.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the hall of the Metropolitan Benefit Societies' Asylum, Ball's-pond-road. The lodge was summoned for four o'clock, and shortly after that hour Bro. William Stephens, P.M., in the absence of Bro. Thomas Edward Jessett, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes were first confirmed. The Audit Committee's report, showing receipts for past year of £139 os. 9d., and a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of £37 15s. 7d., was read by Bro. Murlis, the Secretary, and adopted. Bro. John Edward Walford, C.C., S.W. and W.M. elect, P.M. 177, and P.Z. 145, was then presented to Bro. William Stephens, and by him formally installed in the chair of the lodge for the ensuing year. The officers invested were Bros. Dr. John Symonds, S.W.; John High, J.W.; W. Stephens, P.M., Treasurer; W. J. Murlis, P.M., Secretary; T. Hastings Miller, P.G. Organist, Middlesex, S.D.; J. Glaskin, J.D.; W. Grist, I.G.; Charles Smith, D.C.; A. J. Stanton, W.S.; John Tovell, Assistant W.S.; P. A. Coard, Organist, and W. Gilchrist, Tyler. Bro. Stephens afterwards delivered the charges, and completed a very able performance of the ceremonies amidst the hearty cheers of the brethren. A vote of thanks was subsequently passed to him for his performance, and in returning his acknowledgments for the vote Bro. Stephens said he was proud to be the father of the lodge, although it was not an old lodge, and he trusted he would be spared for many years to be amongst the brethren. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a choice banquet, supplied in Bro. Grist's best style. After the dinner had been disposed of, and grace said, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts. In proposing "The Earl of Carnarvon," &c., the W.M. said it was very pleasing to him to know that several of the Grand Officers had honoured him with a visit that evening, and he thanked them on behalf of the lodge for their kindness and consideration in coming. Bro. John Boyd, P.G.P., replied. He said he was present when the lodge was consecrated, and he was much pleased at the way in which Bro. Stephens had performed the installation ceremony in inducting Bro. Walford in the chair. There was a large amount of credit due to Bro. Stephens for doing so. There were in some lodges men who took a lead, and those men were looked up to, and he advised the brethren to look up to such brethren if they were capable of imparting instruction and to be guided by them. In Bro. Stephens they had a brother whom they could look up to and be guided by. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Boyd concluded by passing a high compliment to the lodge on the manner in which the banquet had been placed on the table. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," offering them a hearty welcome to the lodge and thanking them very sincerely for the honour they had done him by coming among the brethren to witness his installation. He was very pleased to see Bro. Michael Haydon present, who saw him installed in Lodge 177, his mother lodge. Bro. Haydon having said a few words in reply, Bro. Pearson, P.M. 196, also replied, and said he always felt when he went into a Freemasons' lodge as if he went into a haven of rest. Other brethren no doubt had the same feeling, and would acknowledge that after the great strain there was upon everybody in business it was a great relaxation and a great treat to spend a few hours with the Masonic brotherhood. He had had much pleasure in accepting Bro. Murlis's invitation, and he hoped sincerely that this would not be the last occasion when he might have an opportunity of witnessing the working. He felt sure that the W.M. would have a pleasant year of office. Bro. Stephens proposed "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Walford, he said, was an old Past Master of a very old lodge, which he believed was the most numerous as to members of any of the lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge. He had occupied the position of W.M. in years gone by; he had ably fulfilled his duties, and he was quite capable of discharging them again to the satisfaction of the brethren of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge. Bro. Walford was a founder of this lodge, and he had worked through the offices till he had attained the position he now filled. Bro. Walford was well connected with the City of London, and might be looked upon as a future Lord Mayor. (Cheers.) The W.M., in acknowledging the toast, which was most heartily received, said that though Bro. Stephens had spoken of him in far too flattering terms, he hoped at the end of the year he would be found in a measure deserving of them. Bro. Stephens had said that he (the W.M.) was an old P.M., and this was the real truth; consequently he was acquainted with the way in which lodges should be conducted, and he should ask the brethren to be particularly attentive to the sound of his gavel, and to respond to it as all good Masons should. Having been one of the founders of the lodge, it was his ambition to become its Master and one of the P.M.'s. Twelve months hence he hoped to be enrolled amongst those brethren, should it be the pleasure of Providence to spare him to go through his year of office. He thanked the brethren for having elected him to the high position of W.M., and while he was in possession of the chair he would endeavour to do his duty. He hoped that all matters comin before the lodge would be conducted in a judicial way; that the initiations, passings, and raisings would be performed in such business-like style as to be generally approved of; and that at the termination of his Mastership no brother would have reason to complain. He was not going to extend his remarks; he would simply say he would try to do his duty, and he trusted that the result of the year would show that the brethren had put the right man in the right place, and that he had won their confidence. (Hear, hear.) In proposing "The Health of the P.M.'s," the W.M. regretted the absence of Bro. Jessett, for whom they had a Past Master's jewel for presentation. Bro. Murlis, P.M., having replied, "The Health of Bro. Stephens, P.M., Treasurer, and Installing Master," was proposed by the W.M. Bro. Stephens, in reply, said that although the lodge was not a very old one they had endeavoured to do something for the good of the Craft. During his year they did something. £300 was collected in one year for the Masonic Charities, and he should always look upon that with a great deal of pride. Since then they had done something further, and they had sent up a Steward each year. Next time he hoped to represent the Girls, and having served the other Institutions, he would have reached the climax of his Masonic career. He should call on all the brethren to support him, and he should be satisfied if he took up £100, not like Bro. Murlis, who was not satisfied with less than £300. (Hear, hear.) After proposing the Masonic Press, the W.M. proposed "The Officers," who he felt sure would be zealous in the discharge of their important duties. In appointing the officers he had followed the wish of the lodge, but he had satisfied himself first of all that they were not only capable but anxious, and that they would faithfully and efficiently discharge their duties. He looked upon these brethren as aspiring to the chair to which he had been that night honourably elected and installed, and he could assure them that the only way to attain that dignity was by the efficient performance of the duties of their several offices. He would give the Wardens a word of advice. Let them be attentive and punctual, always at their posts at the commencement of business; and if they were they would be co-operating with the Master, giving pleasure to him, satisfaction to themselves, at the same time that they would be forwarding the interests of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge. Bro. Dr. Symonds, S.W., replied, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday last, at the Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street. Brethren present: Bros. John Derby Allcroft, W.M.; Dr. Ernest Brette, S.W.; Dr. Charles Hogg, J.W.; George Kenning, Treasurer; P. Saillard, S.D.; Wm. H. Froom, J.D.; Thomas Benkskin, D.C.; A. J. Altman, I.G.; W. Landell, S. Benton, E. Jolliffe, W. S. Chapman, Alfred Brookman, John Hervey, Grand Secretary; Hyde Pullen, Richard Lee. Visitors: Bros. S. Martel Davies, Fidelity, 231; Henry J. Reynolds, P.M. Temple, 101; A. J. Prothero, Neptune, 22; Ernest W. Ledger, P.M. Moira, 92; G. J. Atkins, P.M. Moira, 92; J. Bergmann, Mizpah, 1671; and W. Steedman, P.M., Tyler. The minutes of the regular meeting, held March 12th, were read and confirmed. The minutes of the lodge of emergency, held May 7th, were read and confirmed. Bro. Alfred Brookman was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Bro. Dr. Samuel Benton was passed to the Second Degree. Bros. Lee, Dr. Smith, and Chapman were elected for the Committee of Finance, after which the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday the 2nd inst., the attendance of members and visitors numbering about 100. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Henry Burrows, assisted by the whole of his officers, and a considerable number of P.M.'s. After the minutes had been read and the balloting completed, the W.M. gave the First and Second Degrees in a very effective manner. During the general business a vote of £5 5s. was passed to the Indian Famine Fund, supplemented by private subscriptions, making the sum up to £8 8s. After business, the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being given and responded to. The most important one of the evening, viz., the I.P.M., Bro. Thomas Roberts, was accompanied by a presentation (subscribed for solely by the members), consisting of a very handsome time-piece and vases, and an illuminated address. The toast and presentation were entrusted to Bro. W. T. Merry, senior, P.M., who, in illustrating the career of Bro. Roberts in Masonry, earnestly pointed out to the younger members the importance of observing the tenets of Masonry, and strictly obeying all its precepts, by which means there was ample scope for obtaining the highest lodge honours that could be conferred. The toast and presentation having been heartily received by the brethren, were felicitously acknowledged by Bro. Roberts. The remaining toasts having been given, the proceedings were closed, and the brethren departed at an early hour.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of the Rowley Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster, on Monday, 1st October, 1877. There were present: Bros. T. Jackson, W.M.; N. W. Heerne, S.W.; Alfred Sherriff, J.W.; J. Daniel Moore, P.G.S.B. of England; J. T. Jackson, J.D., and others. After the preliminary business had been transacted Bro. Moore delivered a short lecture "On the Ethics of Freemasonry," briefly touching on the more salient points connected with the subject. On the proposition of the S.W., a hearty vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Moore, accompanied by a request that he would favour the lodge with another short lecture at the next meeting.

**CHIPPING SODBURY.**—Tyndal Lodge (No. 1363.)—The usual monthly meeting was held at the lodge room, Town Hall, on Wednesday, 4th inst., when there were present Bros. Algernon Ludlow, W.M.; J. P. Curtis, S.W.; Wm. Jones, S. D.; T. Thompson, J.D.; W. H. H. Hartley and Wm. Taylor, Stewards; J. D. B. Treufeld, D.C., and P.P.G.S.B.; C. A. Bush, J.P.M., Secretary and P.G.D.C., and a good number of brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. the Revd. Alfred Scott Thompson was passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Beaman and Attwood raised. Bro. J. Treufeld was then elected Treasurer, a post ably filled by him for some years. Bro. C. Iles was also again elected Tyler. The W.M. then proceeded with the election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. James Payne Curtis, S.W., was unanimously elected. The W.M. congratulated Bro. Curtis highly, he having been initiated in the lodge only five years ago. Bro. Sudlow, W.M., was then complimented on the admirable manner in which he had governed the lodge during his year of office. The lodge was then closed in due form.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Emulation Lodge, (No. 1505).—The annual celebration of St. John's festival, by the brethren of the above lodge, took place on Friday afternoon, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The attendance was very numerous, and the whole of the pleasant proceedings was greatly enjoyed by both members and visitors. Bro. Henry Morris, the retiring W.M. opened the lodge promptly at the appointed hour, and during the course of business there were present the following officers: Bros. J. T. Callow, P.M.; N. Nelson, P.M.; W. Quale, S.W.; W. H. Corbin, J.W.; J. Hocken, P.M., Treas.; J. Capell, Sec.; H. Coulson, J.D.; R. Fooks, I.G.; A. McKenzie, S.S.; H. H. Smith, J.S.; J. Skeaf, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members included Bros. W. H. Taubman, R. E. Fulton, E. Thomas, M. Strong, C. Wyune, J. Orford, E. Jones, J. Shelly, P. Thomas, W. H. Chapman, T. Wilson, G. Atkinson, C. Ackman, J. J. Hodges, J. Purvis, M. Drake, W. Parry, H. H. Peter, R. Lytham, A. Child, J. Irving, E. Jarvis, W. Roan, G. Murcott, R. Croft, D. T. Walby, J. Carmichael, &c. The visitors' list contained names of Bros. J. C. Lunt, P.M. 1086; D. Jackson, S.W. 673; R. Prance, P.M. 594; W. F. May, P.M. 673; J. Busfield, 216; J. Williams, W.M. 1182; H. Jackson, P.G.A.D.C.; J. A. Mitchell, 1276; J. Ellis, S.W. 667; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Burgess, Organist; 1609; A. Gillfillan, 1393; J. W. Ballard, P.M. 724; H. Burrows, W.M. 673; R. Martin, I.P.M. 1182; H. Ashmore, P.M. 1325; T. Yeats, J.D. 1296; W. H. Hignett, 1547; M. Lightbourn, 1620; J. Thompson, S.W. 1013; J. Morris, 1264; P. W. Oglerby, Sec. 823. After the minutes had been read and unanimously confirmed, the W.M. (Bro. H. Morris) most effectively initiated one brother into the Order. Bro. J. Hocken, P.M., Treasurer, then took the chair, and he proceeded to instal Bro. W. E. Quayle as the W.M. for the ensuing year, the presentation for that purpose being made by Bro. J. T. Callow, P.M., and Bro. R. Martin, jun., P.M. 1182. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Hocken, and the charges to the following officers for 1877-8 were also impressively given:—Bros. H. Morris, I.P.M.; W. H. Corbin, S.W.; J. Capell, J.W.; J. Hocken, P.M., Treas. (re-appointed); J. T. Callow, P.M. D.C.; Rev. G. H. Vernon, P.P.G. Chap., Hon. Chaplain (re-appointed by proxy); H. Coulson, Secretary; R. Foote, S.D.; H. H. Smith, J.D.; R. Lytham, I.G.; M. Strong, S.S.; J. Irving, J.S.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O. Organist; and W. H. Ball, Tyler (re-elected). A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Hocken P.M., for his excellent services as Installing Master. The brethren then unanimously voted the sum of five guineas from the funds of the lodge in aid of the Liverpool Indian Famine Relief Fund, and this was further increased by the private contributions of the brethren to ten guineas. It was also agreed to vote a sum of money for the purchase of a P.M.'s jewel for Bro. H. Morris, I.P.M. The brethren subsequently banquetted in the large dining-room, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. E. Quayle, by whom the usual toasts were given and cordially responded to. The toast of "Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale and his Officers," was responded to by Bro. H. Jackson, P.G.A.D.C.; Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; and Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Bro. H. Morris, I.P.M., in giving "The Worshipful Master," said there was no better Mason in Liverpool that day than Bro. Quayle, and after having steadily ascended the Masonic ladder he (Bro. Morris) felt that their W.M. would most amply fulfil all the expectations concerning him. The toast was received with great cordiality, and the W.M., in acknowledging it, expressed a hope that harmony and enthusiasm would prevail during his year of office, and that he would be able to fulfil all the obligations which he had that day entered into. Bro. J. T. Callow gave "The I.P.M.," which was suitably responded to by Bro. H. Morris; the W.M. proposed "The Installing Master," acknowledged by Bro. Hocken; and the other toasts were "The Officers of the Lodge," to which the S.W. and J.W. responded. "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," acknowledged in an interesting speech by Bro. J. R. Goepel, and "The Visitors," with which the names of Bros. Martin, May, H. Ashmore, France, Busfield, Burrows, and J. McKenzie were coupled. Bro. J. Busfield introduced a pleasant novelty into the programme in the form of a well played violin solo, besides giving several songs in his usual telling manner. The other musical brethren were Bros. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., and R. Burgess, Organist 1609, the piano accompaniments.

**CHISLEHURST.**—Chislehurst Lodge (No. 1531).—The last regular meeting for the season of this lodge was held on Saturday week, at the Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst, Bro. W. Kipps, W.M., P.G.O. Kent, presiding. There were also present: Bros. Gloster, S.W.;

Mason, J.W.; Goldsmith, Secretary; Griffin, S.D.; Hutchings, J.D.; and Hunt, as I.G. The following brethren also attended: Bros. Masters, Drinkwater, Luck, Dowsett, Behenna, Hollis, Seager, Russell, P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent, Dana, and Ford, the visitors being Bros. Munyon, P.M. 79; Harding, 1526; and Clark 1423. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and signed. Bro. Bond, of the Sydney Lodge, was then elected a joining member, and several names were submitted for joining and initiation at the next meeting. Bro. Dowsett presented a very handsome charity box, which the W.M. gracefully accepted on behalf of the lodge, and a very cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Dowsett, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, for his gift, which we need hardly say was fully appreciated. Lodge was then closed and the brethren afterwards partook of refreshments. The customary toasts were proposed and honoured, and it should be stated that Bro. Hutchings, J.D., accepted the office, with the unanimous voice of the lodge, of Steward for the next festival of the Institution for Girls.

**MORECAMBE.**—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, in this favourite watering-place, on Friday, 5th October. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. W. Duff, who was supported by Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England, as I.P.M.; E. Cardwell as S.W.; Wm. Longmire, J.W.; Brigham, as S.D.; W. W. Wilde, J.D.; W. Stephenson, Sec.; H. W. Johnston, Prov. G.J.D., and a large number of brethren. After the usual business of the lodge had been transacted, a vote of congratulation was unanimously passed to the I.P.M. of the lodge, Bro. Captain C. H. Garnett, on his recent appointment to the office of Prov. G.S.W. of West Lancashire. A handsome chased hall-marked silver square and compasses was presented to the lodge by Bro. H. Longman, P.M., to whom the thanks of the lodge were given. The W.M. then called upon Dr. Moore to deliver a lecture, as announced, "On the duties and privileges of the Master's Chair," which was listened to with great attention by the brethren, and a hearty vote of thanks awarded to the lecturer on its close.

**PUTNEY.**—Royal Commemoration Lodge (No. 1585).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel. Amongst the officers and brethren present were the following:—Bros. J. W. Robinson, W.M.; J. Wright, I.P.M.; H. Smith, P.M., Sec.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; W. T. Morphew, S.W.; F. J. Holland, S.D.; A. Boehr, J.D.; T. Collings, I.G.; and S. Steed, Tyler. The brethren were Bros. J. W. Holland, L. Eykn, S. Pardoe, J. Rowe, F. Forss, W. Maddox, H. J. Carter, E. Goodman, R. S. Russell, J. Harrison, A. B. Weston, E. Stokes, and G. Cook. The following were visitors:—Bros. R. T. Whitley, P.P.G.A.D.C. Middx.; W. D. May, P.M. 1638; J. Featherstone, 1656; W. Allan, 1158; S. Fane, 1158; J. Hoey, P.M. 316; R. T. Sumner, 1360; and A. A. Denham, 1044. The minutes of the last meeting having been duly confirmed, Bros. Carter, Maddox, Goodman, and Ferris were ably passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the I.P.M., Bro. J. Wright, being in the chair. The W.M. having now taken the chair, invested Bro. F. Holland as J.W., the Junior Warden appointed at the last meeting having removed to an inconvenient distance from the lodge. The W.M., in an eulogistic speech, proposed Bro. R. T. Whitley, P.P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, as a joining member; Bro. Past Master Wright seconded, and the ballot proved unanimous. Bro. H. Smith, Sec., read a letter sent to the W.M. from Bro. Slinn, of the Star and Garter Hotel (where the lodge is now held), stating that he found the business of the lodge clashed with his own, and therefore he wished the brethren to change their place of meeting as soon as possible. At the same time he wished the lodge every success and prosperity. The W.M. said he only received that letter after the summons had been issued for convening the present meeting. Of course the brethren did not wish to burden Bro. Slinn by interfering with his own business by having the meetings at his house, but he (the W.M.) would say that £150, in round numbers, had been spent at Bro. Slinn's hotel during the last seven times the lodge had met. (Hear, hear.) He should propose that a committee be formed to consider at what hotel the lodge should be held. Bro. J. Rowe thought there would be a difficulty in finding a suitable place in Putney. There were several houses convenient for holding inquests (laughter), but none suitable for a Masonic rendezvous. Bro. H. Smith, Sec., said he had seen Bro. Slinn that afternoon, and he said he had no wish to hasten the brethren, and was not willing to hurry them away. A committee was then formed to consider the question. Mr. W. Smith, of Upper Norwood, was proposed by Bro. Breach, and seconded by Bro. Past Master Wright, and Mr. W. Court, was also proposed by Bro. Harrison, seconded by Bro. Maddox. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Half Moon Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. E. Stokes. The usual toasts were proposed by the W.M., and received with Masonic honours. That of "The Visitors" was replied to by Bros. Past Masters W. D. May, Whitley, Hoey, and Bros. J. Featherstone, W. Allan, S. Fane, R. T. Sumner, and A. A. Denham. A very pleasant evening was spent.

The Freemasons' Tavern Company have disposed of their interest in the tavern to Mr. Best, of the Horse Shoe Restaurant, who is effecting considerable improvements in the property.

Messrs. Oetzmann and Co. announced an extensive sale for Monday and Tuesday next, the 15th and 16th inst., of Flannels, Calicoes, Serges, &c., under specially advantageous circumstances, and much below the usual prices. These occasional sales are never announced without the goods offered are much under the usual price.

## THE MOONS OF MARS.

Our readers have often heard of the "new moon," and seen what is called the "new moon; but now we have a veritable new moon, although as old as the creation of our solar system; but in consequence of its great distance, the insufficiency of telescopic power, and unbelief in Dr. Bedford's prediction, these "new moons" have not been discovered till now.

Up to this time the planet Mars was considered to have no moon, but on August 16th last, Professor Hall, of the Washington Observatory, U.S.A., observed what he took to be a small star following Mars, and made an estimate of its distance; two hours afterward—that is about one on Friday morning—he was surprised to find that the star was still following the planet, and accordingly he made a careful series of measures, and found the supposed "star" to be eighty seconds of arc from Mars. On Friday the notes were submitted to Professor Newcomb, who was so confident as to the character of the object that he congratulated Professor Hall, and calculating roughly the time of revolution at thirty two hours predicted that if the satellite was not seen the same evening (August 17), it would be behind the planet, and would appear on the following morning. The prediction was correct, for about one o'clock in the morning the satellite appeared with a suspected companion. The discovery was then officially reported to Admiral Rogers, the superintendent, and on the following evening, the 18th, several astronomers were present to verify the observation, and the second satellite was seen, but not with sufficient certainty to determine its period of revolution. The first satellite (for we know there are two now) was discovered at 11.42 p.m. on August 16 as a faint object resembling a star of the 13.14 magnitude, but it had been previously observed by Prof. Hall on Aug. 11.

The Americans are justly very proud of this discovery, and our country may justly claim a share of the honour, for Bro. Dr. Bedford, the founder of the "Bedfordian system of Astronomy," has been urging upon astronomers who possess powerful telescopes, for the last twenty-three years, to look for these satellites in the following words (copied from page 13 of his "New Theories of the Universe," published in 1854, bearing date Oct. 17); "The earth having a satellite, and its mass when projected from the sun being less fluid than Mars, and yet capable of projecting her moon, I am confident that such appendage will also be found to Mars; in fact, I should not be surprised if Venus and Mercury completed the uniformity throughout our system of primaries and satellites, although their satellites would be very small." The author of these theories also predicted the discovery of cometic systems—comets revolving around comets years before any telescope discovered them; and among other startling announcements, asserted that our world in its infancy was a cometic system; and this is now acknowledged by Mr. Lockyer and other eminent astronomers.

## FRIARS V. FREEMASONS.

There lately appeared in the *Civiltà Cattolica* a profession of the principles of Freemasonry, in the form of a creed asserted to have been revealed by a penitent Freemason on his deathbed. It consists of twelve Articles, all the shameful particulars of which, however, may be said to be comprehended in the two last:—

"11. Possumus omnia facere que volumus absque levitiam culpa."

"12. Ergo semper liberi sumus."

If the liberty to commit every possible crime at pleasure is what constitutes the freedom of Freemasonry, what a horrible state of immorality and impiety Freemasonry must be, and what miscreants in theory, if not in practice, are all Freemasons! Freemasonry, at that rate, may well call itself a craft—the worst of all the crafts and snares of the Enemy. Holy Church is quite right in condemning it, and her Popes and her prelates cannot but choose to declare any and everyone of her sons connected with it a heretic, and do, or would do, well to excommunicated him with bell, book, and candle. Of course, Cardina Manning could not possibly suffer the Marquis of Ripon to retain the chair wherein his successor is the Prince of Wales. If, that is—much virtue in an "if"—if the creed above quoted from the *Civiltà Cattolica* is a bona fide belief; and, if again, it is not a solecism to call fides in connection with such a belief bona. But is that Belief genuine? and, if not, is it a hoax on the *Civiltà Cattolica*? or is that Journal a cometic clerical paper, capable of rather unscrupulous satire? or are its conductors enthusiasts who, on behalf of their religion, don't mind bearing false witness against their neighbours.—*Punch*.

Reports of the following, received too late for the present publication, will appear in our next:—Royal Cumberland Lodge, 41; St. Luke's Lodge, 144; Etonian Lodge, 209; St. Cybi Lodge, 597; Amherst Lodge, 1223; Kennington Lodge, 1381; Carnarvon Lodge, 1572; Jerusalem Chapter, 185.

We are desired to state that the meetings of the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, will in future be held at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, Holborn, on Tuesday evenings, at 7 o'clock.

A pigeon proprietor has, it is said, been charged in one of the French frontier towns with having systematically evaded the duty on imported tobacco by flying them across the boundary each with a packet of the article tied to its body.

Bro. William Malthouse, Liveryman of the Butchers' Company (Lodge 1623) offers himself to the electors of the Ward of Farringdon Without, as a representative of that ward, in the room of the late Mr. Howell.

**ANNUAL DINNER OF THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**

The annual dinner of the members and friends of this, which is fast becoming one of the best lodges of instruction in Hackney, was celebrated on Wednesday evening, at Bro. G. Ferrar's, the Havelock Tavern, Albion Road.

Bro. Shackleton, P.G.P. Middlesex, the present W.M. of the parent lodge, presided, and was supported by Bros. Woolly, as S.W. (of the Wanderers' Lodge); Francis, J.W.; Braisted, S.D.; Dignam, J.D.; Lorkin, I.G.; Preceptor Fieldwick; Ernest Dietrich, Sec.; Geo. Ferrar, Treas.; and a number of brethren.

The lodge having been duly opened in the First Degree, and the sections worked, the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where full justice was done to the excellent repast set before them.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.**

The greatest gathering of Freemasons connected with the Western Division of Lancashire, which has ever been witnessed was held at Southport on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., where and when the annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held. The weather was most delightful, and the whole of the day's proceedings passed off without the slightest unpleasantness. The Liverpool contingent, numbering between 300 and 400 brethren, started from the Exchange Station about half-past 10 o'clock by special train, while the ordinary trains brought their contribution to the great and striking assembly from every corner of this Masonic division.

The brethren first assembled at the Town Hall for the purpose of robing, and then proceeded to the Cambridge Hall, where the business of the day was to be transacted. Even before the entrance of the members of Grand Lodge the whole floor of the large hall was well filled by the Craft, and many had to seek places in the galleries, it being calculated that there were even then from 700 to 800 brethren present. The total attendance could not have been much fewer than 1000. The Craft Lodge was opened shortly after twelve o'clock, Bro. Spenceley, W.M. 32, occupying the W.M.'s chair, assisted by the following other officers:—Bros. John Vaughan, W.M. 32 (Prescot), P.M.; Cotton, W.M. 113, S.W.; Captain Berry, W.M. 155, J.W.; and Davies, W.M. 216, I.G.

The lodge having been duly opened in the various degrees, the Provincial Grand Lodge was announced, and Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Dept. G.M., and the R.W.P.G.M., was saluted with the usual honours. His lordship having taken the chair, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and the business was at once proceeded with, Bro. Horner occupying the chair of the P.G.S.W., and Bro. Sharp that of the P.G.J.W.

Amongst those present, besides the R.W.P.G.M., were Bros. W. Horner, P.G.S.W., W. Sharp, P.G.J.W., the Rev. H. Bethell Jones, M.A., P.G.C.; G. D. Pochin, P.G.R.; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; E. W. Harding, P.G.S.D.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; P. Macmurdrow, P.G.P.; W. S. Vines, P.G.S.; H. Jackson, P.G.S.; B. B. Marson, P.G.S.; J. McKune, P.G.S.; T. W. Serjeant, P.G.S.; Dr. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. England; E. Pierpoint, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Doyle, P.P.G.J.D.; F. B. Fishwick, P.P.G.J.D., E.L.; C. E. N. Beswick-Royds, P.G.S.W.; W. Rigby, P.G.P., Cheshire, R. Wilson, P.P.G.S.D.; G. Cornfield, P.P.G.S.B.; Councillor S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Bowes, P.P.G.J.W. Cum. and West; W. Laidlaw, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Bowden, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Turner, P.G. Treas.; T. Armstrong, P.P.G. Treas.; C. J. Smith, P.P.G.S.D.; J. W. Turley, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Pemberton, P.G.S. of W.; J. C. Gillman, P.P.G.S.D.; J. B. Lambert, P.P.G.J.D.; W. C. D. Deeley, P.P.G.J.W.; R. Butterworth, P.P.G.P.; J. Lunt, P.P.G.D.C.; the Rev. Goggin, P.P.G.C.; J. Pickering, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Baxendale, P.P.G.S. of W.; Colonel T. Birchall, P.G.S.D., P.P.G.J.W.; H. W. Johnston, P.G.S., J.W.; J. Fowler, P.P.G.A.D.C., W. Leather, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. Goodacre, P.P.G.P. Cheshire; J. F. Roberts, P.G.A.D.C.; R. Pearson, P.P.G. Reg.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., E.L.; J. Barker, P.P.G. Treas., E.L.; G. Rennington, P.P.G.J.W.; P. Ball, P.G. Tyler.

There were also present a very numerous assemblage of W. Masters, Past Masters, Officers, and brethren representing the various lodges in the province.

After the P.G. lodge had been opened, the roll of lodges of the province was read by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., when it appeared that the whole of the 77 lodges in this division were represented, with one exception (the Hesketh Lodge, No. 950, Fleetwood). The minutes of the previous P.G. meeting, held in Liverpool last October, were read by the P.G. Secretary, and unanimously confirmed.

The P.G. Treasurer's statement, which was taken as read, and passed, showed that the total balance from last year in connection with the Charity Fund, Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, and Fund of Benevolence, amounted to £1962 12s. 3d. With the past year's income, the Charity Fund stood at £361 1s. 6d.; Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, £580 2s. 2d.; and Fund of Benevolence, £1187 8s.; total £2728 11s. 8d. The total disbursements amounted to £413 13s. 6d. There were £1700 in the savings bank, and £614 18s. 2d. remained in the hands of the P.G. Treasurer. The amounts also showed that £1776 15s. had been paid to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution up to the close of last year, and during the past year 50 guineas had been expended.

On the motion of Bro. G. Armstrong, P.P.G. Treas., seconded by Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.D., Bro. Major Turner was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer. Bro. Turner acknowledged the honour which had been twice con-

ferred on him—an honour which he prized all the more because it was the only one which lay with the brethren of the province to bestow.

The Prov. G.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—

- C. H. Garnett ..... Prov. G.S.W.
- L. Rowbottom ..... Prov. G.J.W.
- Rev. H. Bethell Jones (re-elected) ... Prov. G. Chap.
- Dr. M'George ..... Prov. G. Reg.
- G. Turner (re-elected) ..... Prov. G. Treas.
- H. S. Alpass (re-appointed) ..... Prov. G. Sec.
- P. Macmurdrow ..... Prov. G.S.D.
- Johnstone ..... Prov. G.J.D.
- W. Tyrer ..... Prov. G.S.W.
- W. S. Vines ..... Prov. G.D.C.
- H. Jackson ..... Prov. G.A.D.C.
- B. B. Marson ..... Prov. G.S.B
- J. Skeaf (re-appointed) ..... Prov. G. Org.
- T. W. Serjeant ..... Prov. G. Purs.
- E. Simpson, Cooper, H. Pearson, Wells, Wainwright, J. E. Jackson ..... Prov. G. Stwds.
- P. Ball ..... Prov. G. Tyler.
- W. H. Ball ..... Prov. G.A. Tyler.

The P.G.M. then presented Bro. T. Armstrong, P.P.G. Treas., with a jewel of that office, in recognition of his valuable services to the Prov. G. Lodge while in that position. The gift was briefly acknowledged by Bro. Armstrong.

The sum of 50 guineas was voted for the assistance of six widows and one distressed brother.

Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., submitted his annual report, which stated that since the last annual meeting two new lodges had been consecrated—the Ancient Briton, No. 1675, meeting in Liverpool, and the Arthur John Brogden, meeting at Grange. There had been 15 dispensations issued during the year. The province had been successful in electing two annuitants of the Royal Masonic Institution, and it was matter for regret that the official votes of nine lodges were lost in consequence of their neglecting to pay their Grand Lodge dues. The total number of defaulters in England was 62, and West Lancashire supplied about 14 per cent. of them. Such neglect involved the risk of the warrants of these lodges being recalled. The province had a candidate for the Girls' School on the 13th instant, and voting papers, signed, should be at once sent to him (Bro. Alpass) or to Bro. Wylie, 54, Castle-street. There were already two candidates from this province to be elected annuitants at the next election of the Royal Masonic Boys' School in May, for which purpose all the votes the province was entitled to would be required. After referring to certain breaches of the Book of Constitutions by several lodges, Bro. Alpass further stated that the progress of Masonry in the province was uninterrupted, but he hoped that with an increase of numbers the greatest caution would be exercised in the admission of candidates to the Order. This, however, was not always done, as facts had lately unfortunately proved. The appeal directed to be made to the lodges for funds for the erection of the sedilia in Chester Cathedral produced £466 19s. 1d.—(applause)—which after paying £450 to the Rev. D. L. Deacle, left a balance of £16 19s. 1d., which had been handed to the P.G. Treas. All the lodges, with one exception, had sent in their returns for the year. Since the last meeting, the brethren of the various lodges had to deplore the loss sustained by the death of Bro. T. Wylie, P.P.G. Reg. and P.P.G. Sec. His zeal for the Craft and earnest exertions for the extension of its great principles, brotherly love, relief, and truth, rendered his memory dear to every brother who had the honour of his acquaintance. (Loud applause.)

In the absence of Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P. Prov. G. Reg., who had recently met with an accident, (as recorded in the *Freemason*), which the Prov. G. Sec. said they must all regret, Bro. R. Wylie, P. Prov. G.D., moved, "That all primary applications to the P.G. Lodge of Benevolence may be relieved to the extent of not more than £15, and that all subsequent applications may be relieved to the extent of not more than £10."

Bro. the Rev. J. R. Jenkins, S.W. 216, seconded the resolution, which was carried.

On the motion of Bro. R. Wylie, seconded by Bro. Armstrong, it was resolved that the sum of £1000 of the P.G. Lodge of Benevolence be invested in the bonds of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board at 4½ per cent.

Bro. R. Brown, P.M. 241, in the absence, through illness, of Bro. Broadridge, P.P.D.G.C., moved that the sum of 100 guineas be voted from the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund to the Indian Famine Fund. The motion was seconded by Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.D.G.C., and carried by acclamation. The P.G.M. explained that in thus voting money for the famine fund they were not merely following the example set in Cheshire, as this matter had been previously agreed upon in the Province of West Lancashire. (Hear, hear.)

It was also agreed, on the motion of Bro. Wylie, seconded by Bro. Goepel, that £100 be voted from the charity fund to the R.M. Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows, and that 100 guineas be voted from the same fund to the West Lancashire Educational Institution in the name of the P.G. Master.

P.G.L. next proceeded to consider the business in connection with the Hamer Benevolent Fund. The fourth annual report said there had yet been no application for assistance from the funds of the charity, which was a gratifying fact, as showing to some extent the absence of destitution among the aged brethren of the province. This satisfactory state of matters, however, could not be expected to continue, and as applications would probably be made, the continued support of the brethren for the charity was earnestly solicited. The adoption of the report was

moved by Bro. Wylie and seconded by Bro. J. T. Callow, P.M. 673 and 1506, and carried unanimously. Five P.M.'s were nominated as members of the committee, and the auditors, secretary, and treasurer were afterwards appointed.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then constituted a Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. The minutes of the meetings were read by Bro. R. Brown, P.M. 241, Hon. Sec. of the Institution, and he incidentally stated that there were now 78 children on the foundation of the Institution. No less a sum than £700 had been voted during the year for the purpose of education.

On the motion of Bro. W. L. Deeley, P. Prov. G.J.W., it was resolved—

That instead of the proceedings of the Court of Governors and General Committee being read in extenso, and in order to save the time of the Provincial Grand Lodge, a report from the honorary secretary, approved by the general committee of the Institution, giving a resumé of the past year's proceedings, shall be presented and read at the annual special court of governors, and a vote taken to confirm the same.

Bro. John Houlding, W.M. 823, moved, and Bro. W. T. May, P.M. 673, seconded the following motion:—

That the sum of £5 per annum be expended by the committee for the education and assistance of each child of deceased or distressed Freemasons who may be placed on the foundation of the West Lancashire Educational Institution.

The motion, after some discussion, was carried, and the officers and committee for the ensuing year were then appointed.

The Prov. G. Lodge and Craft Lodge were then closed in accordance with ancient custom.

At two o'clock the lodge was closed, and the brethren formed into order and marched in fours, by way of East-bank-street, Chapel-street, and Houghton-street, to Holy Trinity Church. There could not have been fewer than 800 present, and it was seen from the official programme that all the lodges in the district were represented, with one exception.

The sight was interesting and attractive to the thousands who lined the streets. First there was the band of the 13th L.R.V., a blaze of colour in their scarlet uniforms, and their brass instruments glittering in the sunshine. Then came the members of the various lodges, headed in some cases by gay banners, and in others by Tylers with drawn swords. The white aprons, the majority edged with light-blue silk and trimmed with silver bullion, the broad blue cuffs, and the scarves of the same colour, and the jewels and decorations shewed in striking contrast to the black coats and tall hats which it is considered de rigueur for Masons to wear on such occasions of state. The procession closed with those who hold high office in the Provincial Lodge, and they were distinguished by "imperial purple" in their scarves and aprons. Almost last of all came the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale. The procession attracted a large number of spectators, who lined the streets, and took a lively interest in the proceedings.

Arrived at the church, the brethren opened up right and left to allow the P.G. Master to pass up the centre, he being preceded by the Standard and Sword Bearer. The P.G. Officers and brethren followed in succession from the rear, so as to invert the order of procession.

The prayers were intoned by the rector of North Meols; Bro. the Rev. C. H. Knowlly, and the lessons were read by the Vicar of Holy Trinity, Bro. the Rev. C. S. Hope. The following anthem was admirably sung by the choir: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them: While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain. In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease, because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened; and the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low; and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird; and all the daughters of music shall be brought low; then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity." The hymns were also well chosen.

The Rev. Bethell Jones took for his text the sixth chapter of St. Luke, 36th verse—"Be ye also merciful, as your Father in heaven"—from which text he preached a most eloquent and appropriate sermon.

A collection amounting to £91 10s. was made at the close for the Indian Famine Fund.

On leaving the Church the brethren reversed the order of the procession, with the exception that the band maintained its original position. The line of march was Houghton-street, London-street, and Lord-street, to the Winter Gardens. At the Town Hall, however, there were large desertions from the ranks, indeed, quite one-half the brethren "fell out," and having speedily divested themselves of aprons, cuffs, scarves, and jewels, proceeded to explore the town. Those left in the procession numbered about four hundred, and as soon as they had reached the Winter Gardens, they found Bro. F. F. Baker, manager of the Victoria Hotel Company, had made most excellent preparations for the banquet.

The Pavilion was decorated with flags, and in the course of the evening Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, who presided, and who was supported by a large number of Provincial Grand Officers, spoke in very complimentary terms of it as a dining room for so large a party. The gallery was filled with ladies, and what with the brightness of their dresses, the regalia worn by the brethren, the

flags and decorations, the fruit, flowers, plate, and glass so tastefully arranged on the tables, the scene was altogether such as can seldom be witnessed at a Masonic gathering. To add to the enjoyment of the banquet, a glee party, under the direction of Bro. Skeaf, the P.G. Organist, occupied the stage, and during the evening performed in capital style a selection of vocal music. The band played during dinner.

The first toast was the "Health of Her Majesty the Queen," and the R.W.P.G.M. in proposing it spoke of her Majesty as a patron of the Craft.

The noble Chairman next gave "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family." (Applause.) The R.W.P.G.M. said he had before now told them how much he honoured his Royal Highness as their Worshipful Grand Master, and how he looked upon him as a very good Mason. He need not repeat that nor say that his Royal Highness continued so still. He hoped, however they would join with him in congratulating their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess upon the restoration to health of their eldest son. He could assure them that though little had been said of the Prince's illness in the daily papers it had been greatly felt by the Royal parents, and had been the cause of great anxiety. (Hear, hear.)

The health of the "Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon and the other officers of the Grand Lodge" was the next given, coupled with the name of Bro. Colonel Birchall, Past G.D.

Bro. Birchall responded, and proposed the "Health of the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the R.W.P.G.M.," which was received with great enthusiasm.

His Lordship, in responding, said Masonry in his province had grown, was growing, and would continue to grow. It was a great responsibility for any single brother to hold, but he was thankful to say that his work was rendered comparatively pleasant by the harmony which universally prevailed in the province. (Hear, hear, and applause.) Unless this harmony prevailed it would be impossible for him to conduct the 77 lodges which were under his direction. He referred with pleasure to the glorious gathering that day, and announced that the sum granted on that occasion to the Indian famine relief fund would be made up to £200. (Applause.)

"The Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present" was next given, and was followed by "The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province," proposed by Bro. H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec.; and responded to by Bro. John Vaughan, W.M. 86 (Prescot), the oldest lodge in the province represented at the banquet.

The "Charities of the Province," proposed by Bro. Robert Wilson, P.P.G.J.D.; and responded to by Bro. Robert Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; and Richard Brown, P.M. 241; whose names had been coupled with the toast in a very complimentary manner, was next honoured, and the proceedings were brought to a close with the usual toast—"To all poor and distressed Masons."

A charming variety to the musical programme was furnished by Bro. H. Gill, 1086, whose fairy bell performance was loudly applauded. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; and those who assisted were Bros. C. Haswell, J. P. Bryan, J. T. Pogmire, W. H. Quayle, J. Queen, G. A. W. Phillippis, W. Forrester, and R. N. Hobart.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

On Wednesday the brethren of West Yorkshire assembled in large force in the ancient ecclesiastical diocese of Ripon. Bro. Wm. Paley, M.D., W.M., and officers of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, (837), opened the preliminary Lodge, after which the Provincial Grand Lodge entered, and was presided over by the Right Hon. Sir. H. Edwards, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire.

The usual preliminaries having been gone through, the brethren cordially saluted the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master in ancient form.

In acknowledging the compliment, Sir Henry Edwards said,

Brethren,—Accept my acknowledgments for the warmth of your salutation and the cordiality of your reception. My address to day must be brief, but there are a few remarks I desire to press upon your attention on the circumstances which have marshalled the Masonic body of West Yorkshire under the banner of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, and occasioned this meeting in the Town Hall of the capital of the Ecclesiastical Diocese of Ripon. I find the first visit of Provincial Grand Lodge to this city, was in July, 1863, under the presidency of Bro. Bentley Shaw, when the brethren proceeded to Fountain Abbey in Masonic costume. The next visit here, was in October, 1856, when the Marquis of Ripon, then Lord de Grey and Ripon, was the occupant of my chair, and whose retirement from the Craft, which he greatly adorned, we must ever regret. A third visit was paid in July, 1871, and Bro. Bentley Shaw again presided over your deliberations, and the brethren of the province were again entertained at Fountain Abbey through the kindness of the late Provincial Grand Master. Again the fourth time, after an interval of six years, the province has been invited to hold its last quarterly meeting this year, in this romantic and interesting locality. We thank the Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren of the Ripon Lodge, for this day's invitation and oft repeated hospitality. Whilst we acknowledge the gratification in the renewal of our interest with the architectural edifices, ecclesiastical memories and ancient historic associations which the Royal Archaeological Institute of Great Britain brought to our notice in 1874, we are reminded by the presence amongst us of the well travelled Mayor of this city, the Worshipful Master of this lodge, the Chaplain, author of the "Guide to Chambered Barrows and Pre-

Historic Monuments," and other members of No. 837, with whom we now claim to a more intimate acquaintance, as well as with their written discoveries in the hidden mysteries of nature and art. As might be expected in a city full of the works of our ancient operative brethren in Masonry, and equally famous in its relations to the ecclesiastical history of Yorkshire, we find amongst its most prominent institutions those relating to charitable endowments. I shall only touch briefly on their merits. There are three on which our operative brethren bestowed some care, and which in constructive skill testify to us of their genius as master builders as well as to their charity. The "Maison de Dieu," an old asylum for eight poor women; "the Hospital of St. Mary Magdalene," for lepers, which Leland asserts, was, in the 12th century, built by our brethren from Rome. The third which interests us to-day is "Jepson's Hospital." On behalf of this charity Bro. the Rev. Canon Burfield, of St. Mark's, Leicester, and Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of this province, has most kindly responded to my invitation to preach, with the sanction of the dean and chapter, in the cathedral, both of our much respected Provincial Grand Chaplains, who were otherwise quite willing to undertake that duty, being prevented by ancient statutes now in force, from occupying the pulpit in Ripon Cathedral on this occasion, being below the dignity of canon. To the Bishop of the Dioceses our obligations are due for placing his cathedral at the disposal of the authorities for a special service for this charity. This hospital was founded in 1672, by Zacharias Jepson, a Freemason and apothecary at York, but a native of Ripon. This brother bequeathed to feepees the sum of £3000 to purchase land for the maintenance and education of twenty orphan boys, sons of poor, but respectable freemen of Ripon. These boys were to be admitted at the age of seven years or upwards, and to continue in the hospital until they should be fifteen and a-half years old. This benefactor desired that, as the master of the Free School of Ripon should judge fit, certain boys were to be sent to Cambridge and to have £20 a year for seven years to maintain them, whilst certain others, having been above four years in the hospital, might have £5 to bind each as "an entered apprentice" to a trade in Ripon. You must remember our London Masonic Charities were not in existence in the days of this founder, and I am informed that this first effort of Bro. Zacharias Jepson to establish a hospital of this kind, the want of which was so much felt by the Craft in his time, but now so well endowed as he intended, for upon an inquisition taken on the 1st May, in the 26th year of King Charles the Second, before commissioners it was discovered that "the clear remainder of the testator's personal estate, above his debts discharged and a moiety thereof, which his widow, Isabel Jepson, had taken to herself, amounted to £2275 3s. 9d.," which was paid to the trustees. The number of boys in the hospital was consequently reduced to twelve, and the number of scholars to be maintained at the University reduced to one. Owing to injudicious investments of the original trustees, the number of boys was reduced to ten, which is the number at present on the foundation, and it is to enable the present feepees to carry out the original Masonic scheme that the Dean and Chapter, and the De Grey and Ripon Lodge have invited the brethren to day, and will solicit your contributions in the Cathedral this afternoon. Allow me to mention another circumstance in illustration of the charity and benevolence of our Order. The famine in Southern India is a calamity on a scale to which European experience supplies no parallel. The Grand Lodge of England at its last quarterly meeting, believing that one of the principles of Freemasonry is that virtue which never faileth—Charity—and that Freemasons are ever ready to recognise the claims of the poor and distressed, and stay not to inquire as to creed, colour, or clime, and that this fearful famine came within the sphere of their fraternity, made a grant of £1050 to the Indian Relief Fund, £210 towards the relief of the sufferers by fire at St. John's, New Brunswick, and £105 for the sufferers from the cataclysm on the coast of Peru. It gives me pleasure to mention that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset has supplemented the munificence of Grand Lodge by £120, Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire by £100, and our own Lodge of Excelesior, Leeds, £25, and Philanthropic £20 to the Indian Relief Fund. During the present year, so far as it has gone, £40,000 have been collected for our London Masonic Charities. The report of our charity committee informs us that this province has one boy for the October election, and I do assure you, brethren, it will take every vote the province can muster to carry him. Let me impress upon the charity representatives of each lodge to place the votes of their lodge without delay of a post, in the hands of the charity committee. Charity towards both combatants fighting in the valley of the Danube must find a response from Freemasons. The savageness of the warfare is fast rivalling in bitterness the thirty years' war. Blood is poured out like water. We must weigh the day that will follow this tremendous struggle. Let us hope that the harvest to be reaped will not be one of intensified mutual hatred and mistrust, that philosophers, diplomatists, and statesmen may sow over those now desolated regions, ere we again meet on the advent of a new year, "on earth peace, and good will towards men." Charity induces Freemasons, at least, to believe that the Turks, out of their great efforts of national defence, will strive after a purer and more earnest spirit of life, which may lead them to assume a respectable place among the nations of the civilized world, and a more hopeful future in which the principles of Freemasonry can have full force, for two portions of the human race to whom has been committed the dominion of so large a share of the earth. I appeal to your sympathies for our suffering and distressed brethren wheresoever they may be, and that you will give to the Dean and Chapter your cheerful help for this hospital, and

to mark to-days' proceedings as a starting point of its increased usefulness.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, (Bro. T. W. Tew), after thanking the brethren for their cordial reception of himself, that as the year was fast drawing to a close, the Secretaries of lodges should use all endeavours to make up their return as early as possible, so that a complete statement of the province might be presented at the annual meeting.

The roll of lodges was then called, when it was ascertained that out of 69 lodges in the province all were represented but six, the brethren present numbering about 300.

The brethren were then marshalled in order of procession, and being joined by the Mayor and Corporation of Ripon (in their robes), and headed by the Ripon Volunteer Rifle Band, proceeded to the cathedral, parading on their way round the Market-place, and presenting quite a gay and unusual appearance.

The Rev. Canon Burfield, M.A., vicar of St. Mark's, Leicester, P.P.G. Chaplain of West Yorkshire, was the preacher, and selected for his text 1st Corinthians, xiii. 8. "Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be language, it shall vanish away." It is extremely unusual, (the Rev. Canon said) to find any contrast drawn in the canons of the sacred law between the various gifts and graces which are to distinguish the character of the believer. Every grace should be cultivated, and there should be no envy or regret displayed because of some irregularity in the divine distribution. All have not the same office, and in that Providence whose arrangements none can dare gainsay there is a divinity of order and privilege; to one is given the word of knowledge, to another the word of prophecy, to another divers kinds of tongues; but all worketh that one and the self-same spirit dividing to every one severally as the will. The latter part of the text is of the nature of a contrast. It selects three of the chief gifts of the Almighty, and shows that in one important particular charity infinitely surpasses the rest. Charity never faileth. In the current language of the day our general idea of failure is associated with disaster; but the interpretation put upon the word of the text is that of death. Charity never dieth. After an elaborate argument of this interpretation, and on the grace of charity preponderating in excellence over the other graces, in the course of which the rev. gentlemen made a touching allusion to the late M. Thiers, he said: the channel with which he had ventured to direct the thoughts of his Masonic brethren was not a novel one. Assembled from all parts of the province in this city of Ripon, the very name of which for many years struck the chords of a loyal attachment in every Masonic heart, and of which no Mason, he fancied, even at this moment, thought without sympathies which are most closely allied to a tenderly regret. We shall miss to-day the cherished presence of one whose counsel it was constantly our happiness to follow, and who, without revealing our Masonic secrets could bear witness, if he was allowed, that loyalty to the powers that be, benevolence to man, and reverence to the word of God are among the foundation stones on which every true Masonic edifice must always repose. Not to destroy, but to preserve the temple do they combine. Not to promote disorder but to foster unity and truth are the lodges convened. Following out their noble principles, they had assembled, by permission of the Dean of Ripon, to signalise this unity by a religious service, and to hallow an offering, not to one of their own charities, but for the support of a local charity. The rev. canon then made a stirring appeal for the Jepson's Charity, urging them to place their offering for God's acceptance, under a conviction of its perpetuity; for when the earthly lodges should be closed in harmony for ever, when one greater than Solomon shall reappear, this spirit of charity shall survive.

After service, the procession returned to the Town-hall in reverse order, when the lodge was duly closed.

A banquet, an account of which will appear in our next, held at the Unicorn Hotel, followed the lodge, at which the Dean and Chapter of Ripon were present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the day was thus brought to a happy close.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of the Boys' School held their monthly meeting last Saturday, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Benjamin Head, V.P., presided; and there were also present Bros. S. Rawson, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, S. Rosenthal, John W. Dennison, J. Wm. Dossell, George J. Row, A. P. Lilley, J. G. Chancellor, Wm. Roebuck, W. F. C. Moutrie, John Boyd, Joyce Murray, H. C. Levander, W. Mann, W. Paas, Jesse Turner, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and F. Binckes (Secretary).

When the minutes were read, those of the House Committee informed the General Committee that a vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Bertram and Roberts for having on the occasion of the late cricket match between the boys of this Institution and those of the Grocers' School, generously admitted all the boys to the Palace and grounds free of expense, and also provided them with a bountiful tea and other refreshments gratuitously.

The report of the Special Committee on increased accommodation was read, received, and adopted, the committee having reported that they had accepted the tender of Mr. C. Prout for the new buildings for £2497. Thirteen tenders were received, viz.: Thomas Brooks, £3768; G. S. Pritchard, £3548; C. Fish, £3526; James Morter, £3280; M. Patrick and Son, £3248; Andrew Killby, £3172; Waldram & Co., £3075; Higgs and Hill, £3040; W. Brass, £2917; M. Larter & Son, £2885; H. A. Wagner,

£2749; Mattock Bros. £2671; and Charles Prout, £2497. One petition for a Grimsby boy was read and accepted; and an outfit of £5 was granted to a boy who had left the Institution and obtained a situation.

The request of Mrs. Cunnah to have her son, who was a successful candidate at the April election, educated out of the school, was after some discussion complied with, and the usual annual grant of £12 for the purpose was ordered to be made.

Bro. W. Roebuck gave notice of motion for the Quarterly Court of next Monday, "That ten boys be elected instead of nine."

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., gave notice of motion to alter Law 30 of the Institution by adding after the words "elect boys," the words "and also shall have power to accept or reject any recommendation of the General Committee." In giving this notice of motion the rev. brother said there were several brethren who were very anxious on the subject which gave rise to his bringing the matter to the notice of the Craft. There was a great blot on the list of candidates for the next election, one case which appeared to him to be a most flagrant breach of the laws of the Institution that had ever occurred, though he felt all pity for the poor orphans. There was one candidate down for election whose late father was supposed to have paid two and a half years' subscription to his lodge, but who was not certified to having paid more than one year; actually, he believed, he then went out of Masonry, remained out of it for five or six years, and then died out of Masonry. The law of the Institution bearing out the subject required that the father of a candidate should have subscribed five years, unless he died before having subscribed so long, or was prevented from subscribing by some accident or infirmity. When a case like the one he was alluding to was before the Quarterly Court Committee, Bro. Symonds took an exception to it in point of law; but Bro. Clabon ruled, and he was no doubt perfectly correct, that by the expression "elect boys," in the 30th rule, the Quarterly Court was stopped from rejecting a boy, and the General Committee having recommended him to the Quarterly Court, they had no power to reject him. He held by this ruling that the action of the General Committee was final, and that the Quarterly Court had nothing to do but to elect. Another Quarterly Court had since been held, and one or two cases had occurred which showed the necessity there was of there being a power of appealing. Facts might come to the knowledge, for instance, of the Committee itself, and circumstances might arise which would alter the position of the candidate and the opinion of the brethren. At present there was no power of rejection which might be desirable under such altered circumstances. As he had said before, on the list for the next Quarterly Court was one case which was in absolute defiance of the laws of the Institution. The rule of the Institution was that the father of a candidate should, except prevented by death, or accident, or affliction, have subscribed five years to his lodge. In this case there was no accident alleged as the cause of the boy's father having been out of Masonry for five or six years, and dying out of Masonry. There was a strong feeling in the Craft with respect to the children of those brethren who died out of Masonry getting into the schools, when the children of those who had died in Masonry could not get in. He thought it was a great abuse, and in order to meet it he proposed in the first instance to amend Law 30 in the manner he had mentioned; other legislation might subsequently be necessary. He was, however, in the hands of the Committee, for it was an important point, and he did not like to make a hasty change in such good rules as those of the Freemasons' Institutions were, without giving due and proper notice thereof to all the brethren. He would however give notice of motion to alter the 30th rule by adding the words "and also shall have power to accept or reject any recommendation of the General Committee." Under such a rule, if between the General Committee meeting and that of the Quarterly Court the Secretary had information given to him which rendered it possible that the case might be a doubtful case, or the members of the Court received information which made them think that they had a little too hastily accepted, a petition, there was power to the Quarterly Court to alter their determination. It would do no harm to any-one, and the Institution would then be really on the same footing as other Institutions. He would however be guided by the views of the Committee whether they thought there was time between now and the meeting of the Quarterly Court for the brethren to consider the matter sufficiently to discuss fairly such an important change at the next Quarterly Court.

Bro. Binckes remarked that the case alluded to was a very unfortunate case, and the subject had been fully discussed by the General Committee before.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford said the case, however unfortunate one, was a very flagrant breach of the rules of the Institution in his humble opinion, which were necessary to prevent abuse. Sentiment was very well, but it was necessary to adhere to laws.

Bro. Binckes observed that two or three brethren bore testimony to the unfortunate nature of the case, which was undoubtedly a very painful one.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford remarked that he was one of those who thought, and there were many brethren who thought with him, that all brethren who died in Masonry had a prior claim to those who died out of Masonry. There were several cases which had occurred lately that had been animadverted upon, where the children of brethren who had died out of Masonry had succeeded in their candidature, while the children of those who had died in Masonry had been unsuccessful.

Bro. W. Roebuck said that putting a child on the list

of candidates was not electing him; that remained with the Craft.

Bro. Woodford asked what was the use of having laws if they were not to be acted upon, and they ought not to be governed by sentiment.

In accordance with what seemed to be the acquiescence of many present, Bro. Woodford then gave the formal notice, and with this the meeting of the Committee, after thanks to the chairman, was brought to a close.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of this Institution held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creation in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. S. Rawson, Benjamin Head, Dr. John Hogg, H. G. Warren, A. H. Tattershall, L. Stean, John Constable, W. Hilton, J. Sabine, Thos. White, E. J. Barron, J. A. Stidwell, J. A. Farnfield, W. Stephens, Jas. Brett, J. M. Case, C. A. Cottebrune, John Newton, Raynham W. Stewart, Charles Lacey, Thomas Cubitt, H. Massey, (Freemason); and J. Terry, Secretary.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. James Terry read the following report of the Finance Committee.

MALE FUND.	
	£ s. d.
Balance 30th June, 1877 ...	2068 16 0
Receipts:-	
Dividends on £14,200 3 per Cent. Consols, half year...	210 6 9
Grand Chapter, one quarter...	25 0 0
Grand Lodge ...	125 0 0
Donations from Lodges and from individuals ...	311 15 0
Annual Subscriptions ...	65 13 6
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	737 15 3
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	2806 11 3
Disbursements:	
Including Annuitants, expenses of Officers, Secretary's salary, Clerks' salaries, Collectors' commission, repairs to Asylum, rent, rates and taxes ..	1860 10 2
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Balance on this account	946 1 1
WIDOW'S FUND.	
Balance 30th June, 1877 ...	2483 1 8
Receipts:	
Dividends on £8250, 3 per cent.	122 4 1
Grand Chapter one quarter...	12 10 0
Grand Lodge ...	75 0 0
Donations from Lodges and individuals ...	302 10 0
Annual Subscriptions ...	91 8 6
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	603 12 7
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	3086 14 3
Disbursements:	
As on Male Fund	1481 11 7
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Balance on this account	1605 2 8
SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.	
Balance 30th June, 1877 ...	22 2 9
Dividends in £1000 3 per cent. consols 1/2 year ...	15 0 0
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	37 2 9
Disbursements:	
Repairs half year ...	1 6 0
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Balance on this account	35 16 9
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Total Balance	£2587 0 6

Cheques were ordered to be signed for the Quarter's current expenses.	
Bro. Terry reported the death of some annuitants, and named the sum the deceased had received in annuities.	
Bro. J. M. Case asked if it was necessary to name the amount received.	
The Chairman said it was only done for the information of the Committee. It used not to be done at one time, but he thought this information was now furnished in consequence of a motion made about four years ago by Bro. Hemsworth.	
The subject then dropped.	
Bro. Terry said the vacant apartments in the Asylum at Croydon had been opened to all the successful candidates at last election in May, and two male annuitants and one female annuitant had accepted the offer. There was still one set of apartments vacant.	
Before the Committee separated Bro. John Constable said that at a former meeting the Committee had conferred on him the distinction of honorary Vice President of the Institution. He begged now to thank them for that honour, and he trusted he might many years have the opportunity of assisting the Institution in any way that lay in his power.	
The Committee then adjourned.	

SURREY MASONIC HALL.—Monday Popular entertainments. An entire change of programme is announced for Monday next.	
The executors of the late Mr. James Graham, of No. 11, Cornwall-terrace, Regent's Park, state that the first distribution of the residue of his personal estate, amounting to £100,000, has been made to various schools, Hospitals, &c.	

Ireland.

The Duke of Connaught visited Monaghan, on the 5th inst., for the purpose of inaugurating a public fountain erected to the memory of Lord Rossmore, who was killed while riding in a steeplechase at Croydon. His Royal Highness was received with enthusiasm. After luncheon at Rossmore-castle, the ceremony, which was very simple, was witnessed by from 4000 to 5000 people. Among the spectators were Lady Rossmore and Lord Rossmore, brother to the deceased, the Earl of Darnley, and other guests at the castle. A silver goblet was handed to his Royal Highness, who took the first draught from the fountain amid the cheers of the assembled people. An account of the circumstance under which it was erected having been read by Mr. Young, J.P., the monument was formally handed over to the Town Commissioners. The Duke of Connaught and the Memorial Committee were afterwards entertained by Colonel Lindsay in the Court-house. The Prince is the guest of Lord Rossmore.

HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

We have to congratulate Ill. Bro. Judge Townsend, S.G.C., of the Supreme Council of Ireland, on the very handsome compliment paid him, not only by the honour conferred on him at the meeting held on the 18th ult., of the S.C. of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States by his election as an Hon. Member of that S.C., but also for the fraternal and most complimentary manner in which our Ill. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, S.G.C. of that S.E., introduced our Ill. Bro. Townsend's name and proposed that the compliment should be paid him. This is the second honour conferred this year on our Ill. Bro. Townsend, he having within the last few months been appointed as representative to the Supreme Council of Ireland by the S.C. of Scotland. We are glad to be able to state we are informed that ere long other honours will be conferred on our Ill. Bro. We are sure it will interest our Irish readers to know that Ill. Bro. Judge Townsend is now the second (Masonically) oldest Bro. in Ireland. He having been initiated in Lodge 167, I. C., Castle Townsend on the 24th November, 1830, being then only of age, on the 8th July, 1835, our Ill. Bro. was affiliated to Lodge 27, of which lodge he is still an hon. member.

Obituary.

BRO. EDWARD HARRIS.

Our readers will no doubt hear with some surprise the announcement that Bro. Edward Harris, the late collector of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, is dead. Following so closely on his being awarded a pension on his retirement from the active duties of his calling, the event will excite a general feeling of regret among the numerous brethren to whom he was so well known, and by whom he was sincerely and universally respected. On Wednesday morning he quietly breathed his last, the immediate cause of his death being dropsy. Some mention of the circumstance will probably be made at the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School on Monday, and though no notice of a motion expressive of the regret of the brethren has been given the brethren may be excused an informality in their proceedings, if they, before separating agree upon such a motion. Only a few months have passed since they voted Bro. Harris a pension, and it was with warm shakes of the hand that a crowd of them wished him many years of health and strength to enjoy it. At that time he appeared to be strong and vigorous, and it was not from any want of physical power to perform his duties that he relinquished his employment. Although the office of collector to the Institution entails much personal exertion, Bro. Harris was fully capable of undergoing it; but it is no exaggeration to say that some brethren had made a dead set at the payment of commission on subscriptions, and consequent on that a resolution was come to to abolish the office of collector in the Boys' and Girls' Institutions. Under such circumstances it may appear to be irony to follow up this statement with another, the two old and venerated collectors voluntarily tendered their resignation. Bro. Harris was one, and the small pension he was granted has not been enjoyed by him more than nine months. The case of Bro. Harris is by no means a singular one. Retirement from the active duties of every calling of life is frequently followed within a very short period of health, more particularly perhaps among the learned professions; and it constantly gives rise to the observation that office was held too long. It is difficult to persuade any one that his powers are failing, and Gil Blas' Bishop, and Madame Piozzi's farmer, are true types of men in general. Still, Bro. Harris had not the appearance of a feeble man, and it was not on account of feebleness that he retired. It would be difficult to find a brother of whom fewer people could speak ill. "Along the cool sequestered vale of life he kept the noiseless tenor of his way;" he was never obtrusive; was always able to give advice, and always ready to do so when called upon; he was a kind friend, a genial companion, and as honest and straightforward a man as any one would wish to count amongst his acquaintances.

The paragraphs which have appeared in this column during the last two weeks, setting forth Lord Suffield's intention of temporarily quitting Gunton Hall, reducing his establishment, giving up the harriers, &c., are wholly without foundation. The rumour seems to have arisen from the fact that his lordship has let his shooting for the season; and this, magnified by local gossip, has been ungenerously perverted and unwarrantably commented on. For my share in spreading this report, I take occasion to express unfeigned regret.—The World.

## Public Amusements.

## DRURY LANE.

That the audiences who nightly crowd what is properly called our National Theatre, should be pleased with the new play, and should demonstrate their pleasure in a way that must be highly gratifying to the author, is no matter for surprise, for the performance is in every way very satisfactory. Nor is there much cause for wonder that the large majority of critics have found fault with Mr. Wills's last drama; they appear to think that an historical drama should be analysed on its historical, not its dramatic merits, the improbable incidents they confound with, or rather declare to be the impossible. They allude to history as if it were a second gospel, and altogether lose sight of the fact that there are no lies more monstrous than the traditional. We regret that this is no great cause for wonder, since the critical mind to-day is for the most part preservative, and to preserve too long is to grow musty, and to lessen in quality and quantity. If Shakspeare's Richard III. is to be judged by the received historical facts, and its power of language, its force in incident, its breadth and depth of character to go for nothing, it would never hold the stage, and in a lesser degree, what does not however, lessen the strength of the argument, the same may be said of Mr. Wills's "England." The late Mr. Hayward in his essay entitled "Pearls and Mock Pearls of History," must have rudely shocked many a lover of this branch of literature, and even to a greater extent must George Lewes Cornwall have done so, when in his satirical but pleasant way he played at historical nine-pins and bowled over so many of our pet facts. What these gentlemen accomplished in essays, is perhaps, what Mr. Wills now essays in drama. From a purely literary point of view "England" is a perfect gem. Mr. Wills never worked in better style, and the little song, admirably sung by Mr. Collard, as Sir Geoffrey Hudson, is almost Shaksperian. From a theatrical point of view the play is a great success, and fulfils all the requirements of Drury Lane. With the exception of the parts of Charles II. and Buckingham, minor parts in the story, the acting was satisfactory, and the scenery being by Mr. W. Beverley, we need not tell our readers that twice two makes four.

## OLYMPIC THEATRE.

By far the best domestic drama put up on the stage in modern times is the "Moonstone" of Mr. Wilkie Collins. In novel form "The Moonstone" was regarded by able critics as the best of Mr. Collins many good stories; there was a weird charm surrounding the superstitious mysteries connected with the precious eye of the heathen god that fascinated the reader. Sometimes in spite of himself, there was a strange and powerful interest excited in following the various movements, so to speak, of the wonderful stone which had so great an influence upon the lives and destinies of those in whom the reader was interested, that often thrilled one with an admixture of pleasure and pain, and finally when the book was finished and put on one side with a sigh of relief that all suspense was over, and yet with another and deeper sigh of regret that there were no more such stories to turn to, the impression left upon the mind was one of keen admiration and deep gratitude to the talented author. Much of the weirdness that fascinated and of the interest that excited us in the novel is of necessity lost in the drama, yet such is the dramatic and artistic power of the author that not for one moment is the interest of the audience allowed to flag, nor their sympathies to lie dormant. It has long since passed into a kind of theatrical proverb, "that the better the novel the worse the play;" and if this be so, to Mr. Wilkie Collins must be awarded the exceptional praise of having discovered the exception that somehow or somewhere exists from every rule. Having said so much for the play, it is painful to be compelled to add our conviction that it will not be a monetary success. Mr. Collins has written "over the heads" of most playgoers, and above the level of not a few critics, there is no claptrap "to stricken the ears of the groundlings," no overdoing nor tardiness to "make the unskilful laugh," no feasible abuse for those whose plague it is to be "critical or nothing" to spy in its acting, it is sufficient to say that all the clever actors and actresses engaged did their best, and that their best was excellent. As to Miss Bella Pateman we confess that until we saw her, as Rachel bewilder, we did not think her capable of so much grand and tragic power; in the scene where she accuses her lover of having stolen the diamond, she is simply perfect. We wish Mr. Neville would adopt the excellent example set by the management of "The Gaiety," "The Prince of Wales," "The Court," and "The Princess's," of abolishing all fees.

The installation meeting of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1558, took place on Thursday last, when Bro. Sleep was installed W.M. by Bro. W. Cackett, the outgoing W.M. A report will appear in our next.

At a court of the Needle-makers' Company held on Thursday week, Bro. Dr. Ramsey was elected master of the company, and Bro. Aeneas J. McIntyre, G.C., and Mr. E. B. Webb were elected wardens of the said company for the year ensuing.—*City Press.*

The Lord Mayor has received a telegram from the Madras Committee, acknowledging the receipt of a further remittance of £50,000 for the Indian Famine Fund, and stating that the committees and agencies are at work all over the presidency with most satisfactory results; that the prospects are improving; and that, should the north-east monsoon, due in a few days, prove good, the famine will end in four months. During that period, however, the relief must continue.

A licence for music and dancing was granted to the Freemasons' Tavern, by the licensing magistrates at the Guildhall, Westminster, on Friday, the 5th inst.

## CONSECRATION OF THE PRINCE'S LODGE AT GLASGOW.

The consecration of the new Lodge, No. 607, the "Prince's," for which a charter was granted at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in May last, took place on Thursday week in the Pillar Hall of the Queen's Rooms, Glasgow. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at six o'clock, when the chair was taken by Col. Walter Montgomerie Neilson, R.W.P.G. Master, who was supported on the dais by Bros. H. Inglis, of Torsonce, R.W. Dep. Grand Master; the Lord Provost; Sheriff Clark; D. M. Neilson, Senior Grand Deacon, &c. The Senior Warden's chair was filled by Dr. M'Innes, R.W.M. No. 27, and Bro. John Kinnaird, R.W.M. No. 73, discharged the duties of Junior Warden. Among the other Prov. Office bearers present were Bros. the Rev. J. W. W. Penney, D.D. Chap.; W. H. Bickerton, Secy; J. Morgan, S.D.; Alex. Bain, B.B.; James Balfour, D. of C.; Thomas Halket, D. of M.; J. Robb, Marshal, &c.; and in addition almost every Lodge in the Province was represented. The Lodge having been opened in the E.A. degree and raised to that of the M.M., the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with in the usual form.

Bro. Rev. J. W. W. Penney delivered the oration. He said—The consecration of every new lodge, brethren, is an indication of a desire to spread the principle of brotherly love. The apostle makes this the chief of three graces. Faith will end with the realisation of our hope in the future, but charity shall have no termination in the eternal temple of love. Be it ours, then, in our life and conversation never to lose sight of the distinctive features of that charity which must glow within each Mason's breast. As it "suffereth long," there is no virtue which undergoes greater probation. He who would rightly practice it has indeed much to suffer, long to suffer, for there is hardly an hour which does not bring with it something to ruffle and vex in the outer world, and even at our homes, from our very familiar friends. What a noble attribute is that which checks the angry word, expels the angry thought. If charity is long suffering, we are also told that it is kind. Alike slow at taking and giving offence, it does not return evil for evil, but contrariwise, good—ever anxious to benefit and contribute to the happiness of all. It envieth not the success of others, and how liable are we all to envy prosperity and other blessings denied to us. We must learn to be content in whatever state God has placed us. Charity does not even seek her own. There is, then, ever a self denying spirit in the truly charitable, which may yet be of an unostentatious kind. Another characteristic being humility, in that it vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up. As thinking no evil, a brother's character is held sacred, and slander frowned upon. Finally, charity, in the vulgar sense of the word, must actuate every Mason. If wealthy, there are many channels for benevolence; if not wealthy, there are few who cannot do something to relieve and comfort the distressed. As then, under the all seeing eye of Him unto whom all hearts are open, may brotherly love continue in our midst, with all its hallowing influence.

The Lodge was afterwards again lowered to the E.A. degree, when the Office bearers of the Prince's were installed as follows:—Right Worshipful Master—Sheriff Clark; Deputy Master—The Hon. James Bain, Lord Provost; Substitute Master—W. J. Easton; Senior Warden—Wm. H. Hill; Junior Warden—Councillor J. Salmon; Senior Deacon—Bro. Burnet; Junior Deacon—Bro. Provan; Secretary—William M'Lean, West George street; Steward—Bro. John Forrester.

Bro. Inglis afterwards addressed the brethren, and in the course of his remarks said that he had worked patiently and waited long for the position he was now placed in. (Applause.) A good many of those present, and especially the elder part of the brilliant assemblage, knew perfectly well that this was not the first time that he had the honour of appearing before his Glasgow brethren, nor would it be his first appearance in the Provincial Grand Lodge. Many of his visits had been very pleasant, while in others sorrow was mingled. He had appeared once, he was sorry to say, at a Funeral Lodge of the Provincial Lodge, held in the City Hall, on the demise of Bro. Spiers, and against this he had to set a very pleasant visit when he installed the present Grand Master. (Applause.) The most interesting ceremony, however, was that in which he had just taken part, and he hailed with satisfaction the inauguration of the new Glasgow Lodge, being he thought the 31st in this great province. (Applause.) They all knew their patron was the Prince of Wales, and the lodge called the Prince's he accepted as a hopeful sign of Freemasonry. (Applause.) He was proud to see the Lord Provost present, and the Sheriff of the county, along with the other office bearers, and wished them every prosperity in the new and youngest lodge in the province. (Applause.) He trusted that the principles which had been laid down so well, both by the Provincial Grand Master, while conducting the ceremony, and the other brethren, would be carried out, as they were the basis of Christianity and Freemasonry. He hoped, and he believed that the office bearers would discharge their duties in such a way as to show their sister lodges in the province, by their example, a cordial co-operation that they were worthy of the position they had attained. (Applause.)

Bro. the Lord Provost said he was most struck with the solemnity of, as well as the eloquence, sobriety, and kindly feeling which had characterised all the proceedings. He felt that truly he was among brethren. (Applause.) Freemasonry in Glasgow was a very old institution, and for a long time it was very successful, but since the death of Sir Archibald Allison, though he did not precisely say that it had declined, it had not been so prominent before the public as it might have been. By the assistance of his brethren, and that of the learned Sheriff, he hoped the palmy days of Freemasonry were to be revived, and

that Masonry would again rise in Glasgow—(applause.)—and that many of her best citizens—men of character and position—would embrace the opportunity held out to them, and take part in the work. (Applause.) He was comparatively a young brother to speak on such a subject at any length, but he felt proud as Lord Provost to have been received among such a band of gentlemen he was proud to call his brothers. (Loud Applause.)

Sheriff Clark said that since he came among them from Edinburgh, he had not felt so proud of being received in any public meeting such as the one he was then addressing. He had been very fond of Masonry, but his other avocations had prevented him from attending Masonic Lodges in Glasgow. He was also fond of the City of Glasgow and the longer he remained in it, the stronger grew his attachment, so that he almost forgot he had been born outside of its smoke. (Laughter and applause.) He, therefore, saw with keen pleasure that both as a Mason and a Glasgow man he was proud to find himself installed in the way he had been. (Applause.) For this honour he returned his sincere thanks, and hoped that during the time he retained office he would endeavour to do something for Masonry in that great Capital of the West. (Applause.) Scotland, from the beginning of last century had taken a prominent place in regard to Masonry, but sometime afterwards, as had been remarked by Bro. Bain (the Lord Provost), the Craft had not taken the prominent place in Glasgow and the West, which they should like to see it doing. With the aid of those associated with him in this new lodge, and by the aid of their Brethren they hoped to do all they could to make the light blaze out in the West. (Applause.) Masonry was older than he himself believed until recently. When in view of delivering a lecture on the subject (which he should have delivered had it been in his power) he examined into all the most authentic records that he could find as to the ancient history of the Craft. From these he had come to the conclusion that Freemasonry, although not to-day what it was in earlier ages, yet they found it beginning to flourish and take root in Europe immediately after the downfall of the Roman Empire. When that important revolution took place and the Northern hordes were fast destroying art and science, those who wished to preserve the arts of antiquity, and principally the glorious art of architecture, bound up as it was in those days in engineering, from the ruin that was coming over Europe, formed themselves into societies which were undoubtedly forms of the Masonic Craft. It was by the aid of these societies that the arts were carried down through the middle ages, and preserved till dawn of letters. These secrets of architecture and engineering which has come down to our times, link us with the past, and form the true explanation of what Masonry has done for Europe. (Applause.) There were other instances, beyond doubt, which he would have liked to enlarge upon, but he reserved the subject for another occasion. In the course of his investigations he was struck by one instance, that all over Europe, and out in the far East, and other parts of the world, bodies of Masons were to be found, using symbols so similar that there was no doubt whatever that they owed their origin to a common cause and at the same time, he was satisfied that these societies could not have originated within the compass of the present or last century, but must owe their origin to a much earlier period. That similar signs were used in Great Britain, in India, in the Himalaya Mountains, and in America, proved, beyond doubt, the claims to antiquity of our Order. (Loud Applause.) In conclusion, the learned sheriff again returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him.

Bro. Easton returned thanks to the Office Bearers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, for the kind manner in which they had consecrated the lodge, and received and installed the Office Bearers of the Prince's. A similar compliment was paid to the Choir under the conductorship of Bro. Pentland, who rendered the vocal part of the ceremony in a most effective manner.

The Lodge was afterwards closed, and an adjournment made for refreshments, when prosperity to the new lodge was deeply pledged.

At half past eight o'clock labour was resumed, when the Provincial Lodge was again opened by the Grand Master, assisted by the same office bearers. The minutes of the committee meetings were read and approved, after which Brother Sheriff Clarke was installed as D.P.G.M.; Bro. W. J. Easton, S.P.G.M.; Bro. Wm. Kyle, R.W.M. No. 31; P.G.S.W.; and Bro. John Monro, S.W.M. No. 360, P.G.J.W.

Bro. Monro then submitted his motion, to the effect that a test of membership be paid annually to the Provincial Benevolent Fund in the following ratio:—Prov. G.M., £2; Depute and Substitute Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Chaplain, £1; other office bearers, 10s. each; Masters of Lodges, 5s; Wardens and Immediate Past Masters, 2s. 6d. each.

Bro. D. M'Dougal, R.W.M. of Lodge St. Vincent, No. 553, seconded the motion.

Bro. Balfour, seconded by Bro. Gillies, moved as an amendment the previous question, but on a vote being taken 28 declared themselves in favour of the motion and 15 for the previous question. The motion was therefore declared carried.

The Provincial Grand Committee recommended that Lodge Clyde No. 408 should be reinstated to working order, which was agreed to.

The Prov. Grand Master intimated that he would subscribe the sum of £100 to the Provincial Grand Benevolent Fund on condition that each Lodge in the Province would pay the sum of £30 in the course of the next three years to the same fund. The proposal was enthusiastically received, and an indication was given that a strong effort will be made to earn this grant. The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Bro. G. M. Tweddell's "North of England Illustrated Annual Commercial Almanack and Diary for 1878;" will shortly be published, price 3d. It will contain, in addition to the usual information of a good almanack, several original and select pieces on North of England subjects, or by North of England writers, illustrated by a fine steel engraving, and by several good woodcuts. All orders, and books for review, should be sent to George Markham Tweddell, author and publisher, Rose Cottage, Stokesley, Yorkshire.

**ART AT WARRINGTON.**—On Monday last Lord Winmarleigh formally presented to the Mayor and Corporation of Warrington Mr. Warrington Wood's colossal statue of St. Michael overcoming Satan, which has been subscribed for at a cost of 1000 guineas, as a monument of this sculptor's genius in his native town. The occasion was also taken to open an art gallery, that has been erected to receive the statue, which is regarded as Mr. Wood's masterpiece. At the same time, Mr. Robson, of Lymm, presented the valuable collection of oil paintings collected by his brother. This collection includes works of Titian, Correggio, Murillo, Gainsborough, and Reynolds. At a luncheon which followed, Lord Winmarleigh, Sir Gilbert Greenall, M.P., Colonel Blackburne, M.P., Mr. Rylands, M.P., and other gentlemen, addressed the meeting.

The Grosvenor Gallery will re-open with a collection of drawings by old masters in addition to the exhibition of water colours by deceased painters. The Queen will contribute a number of drawings from the Windsor Library.

The Dundee Fine Art Exhibition opened on Monday week. It includes about 1100 pictures, some valuable sculpture with busts of numerous celebrities, and other objects of art. The Queen's contribution is Landseer's painting of "Sir Francis Chantrey's Studio."

A new cooking apparatus has been invented for the Russian troops. It is fitted on a two-wheeled cart, and consists of a cylindrical pot with furnace and chimney, so arranged as to be always upright in spite of the severest joltings. The food is cooked by steam, and a single apparatus, in three hours, will supply a company of 250 men with ample "stchi" and oatmeal soup. As the kitchen only occupies half of the cart, uncooked food, plates, cups, &c., can be carried at the other end. Condensed forage is also supplied by three Russian manufacturing, one at St. Petersburg turning out 30,000 lbs. per diem. The forage is composed of small biscuits of oatmeal, pea flour, rye meal, and ground linseed, and 28 biscuits form a single ration for a horse, containing as much nutriment as 12lb of oats, and being about one-fifth of the bulk.

**THE LATE M. LE VERRIER.**—We understand that M. Le Verrier's name had been proposed for the Copley medal on the eve of the long vacation, a proceeding by which the Council of the Royal Society manifested their high opinion of the merits of their distinguished foreign member. The instances in which the same medal and that the highest honour in the society's gift, has been twice conferred on the same individual are rare, Stephen Gray, Dr. Desaguliers, who by the way had the medal three times, Sir John Herschel, and Faraday. The Copley medal was awarded to Le Verrier in 1846, and had he lived until the Royal Society's anniversary meeting on St. Andrew's day next, he would have been warmly welcomed to a repetition of the honour.—*Athenæum*.

Herr Wagner has not lost faith in his Bayreuth performances. He now proposes to found a School of Music at Bayreuth to educate the performers, and a "Patronage Association" has been formed to endow the school with a permanent fund of £5000. Members of this association are to pay a minimum annual subscription of 15s., and will alone have the right of presentation to the school and of participation in the performances. Branch associations are also to be formed.

**THE BARNARDO INQUIRY.**—The *Record* says that the arbitrators in this case, Mr. J. B. Maule, Q.C., Canon Miller, D.D., and Mr. W. Graham, held two meetings last week, and agreed upon the substance of their reward. The protracted length of the inquiry, the number and variety of the issues raised, and the vast mass of evidence laid before them; have necessitated long and careful deliberation. The actual terms of the award will now be soon agreed upon, and the documents will be ready to be "taken up" by the parties as soon as possible.

Fresh Relics of Sir John Franklin are reported by the American Consul at St. John's, Newfoundland, who has bought from a sailor lately wrecked in Hudson's Bay two spoons marked "J. G. F." Some Esquimaux living near Repulse Bay had obtained the spoons from a chief, at whose camp their owner, a white man, had died of scurvy.

Cleopatra's Needle may be expected to reach England at the end of next week or the beginning of the following, if the weather prove favourable. The Cleopatra, in tow of the Olga, passed Malta on Thursday week, and was met afterwards by the Poonah, when seven miles east of the Island of Pantellaria. The Olga and her charge subsequently put into Algiers for coals. It is stated that the Cleopatra does not seem to answer her helm well, and will probably roll heavily in a high sea. On reaching Falmouth, she will be taken in charge by a Channel tug.

**A NEW COMET.**—The *Paris Bulletin International* of the 4th inst. announce the discovery of a comet by M. Tempel, at Florence, on the 2nd. Right ascension 23h. 5m., declination 10 deg. 19 min., south; diurnal motion in R.A. 5 min., in declination 63 min. both diminishing. It is described as small, bright, and with tail.

Masonic and General Tidings.

**NEW LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**—Through the exertions of the W.M., Bro. H. R. Jones, a Lodge of Instruction has been opened in connection with the Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044. At present it meets every Wednesday evening (the third Wednesday in the month excepted), at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth. Bro. J. G. Carter, P.M., and Bro. J. G. Kewney, P.M., occasionally assisted by Bro. Past Master Boddy, are the Preceptors. It is proposed to change the night of meeting for the instruction, as Wednesday is an inconvenient day for several members.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight held an Emergency Meeting at Winchester on Wednesday week, under the presidency of the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., when £100 was voted to the Mansion House Indian Famine Fund.

It has been officially announced at all the Metropolitan Police-stations that the sanction of Colonel Henderson has been given for the police to contribute towards the Indian Famine Fund. Reports from the superintendents of the different divisions are to be made as to the amounts realised.

Weston, the American pedestrian, appeared in the character of a lecturer at Hull on Saturday. His subject was "Will Power," and he had a crowded audience. In the evening he gave an address on "Some of the results of Temperance."

The largest catch of mackerel known for years at Dawlish was made on Friday, when it was computed that over 100,000 were taken.

Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore, P.G.S.W., left town on Tuesday last for Knocklofty Castle, his seat in Ireland.

The visit of General Grant to Birmingham has been fixed for the 16th and 17th insts. A committee has been formed to give the general a suitable reception, and on the 17th a public dinner to welcome him will take place at the town hall.

The receipts of the Great Western Railway of Canada for the last week show an increase of £2700, and the Brighton an increase of £3200.

**CAFE MONICO.**—The Cafe Monico, Piccadilly Circus, leaves nothing to be desired. Situated in the most central part of the Metropolis, it offers unusual advantages, whilst the appointments are chaste, perfect, and unequalled. The Grand Cafe Saloon is most elegant in its fittings and surroundings, and the Grand Billiard Saloon, with its twelve tables, furnished with great taste, is complete in every detail. In addition, there is a very capital Grill Room. Of the excellence of the articles supplied and the careful attention and attendance it is unnecessary to say a word; the Bros. Monico have so long established themselves in the good graces of the public that commendation would be superfluous.

**A CENTENARIAN.**—Living and in the enjoyment of all her faculties, in the town of Luton, in Bedfordshire, is a woman named Sarah Ward, who is said to have attained the great age of 105 years. She has two daughters, both living in Luton, one being 78, and the other 66, and there were two older. There were three sons, who all entered the Army and died in the service.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, No. 879, on Wednesday evening, 31st October inst., by Bro. Charles W. Kent, P.M. and Preceptor. Lodge opens at 7 p.m. precisely.

**MESSRS. REID AND CO.'S BREWERY.**—This stupendous new building, extending from Gray's Inn-road on the west to within a few yards of Farringdon-road to the east, is now drawing near its completion. The fixing of the enormous machinery, prodigious vats, and general plant, which is on a scale of great magnitude, has been already disposed of. The magnificent new thoroughfare from the west to the east of London through Bloomsbury has its most imposing feature thrown open to the eye for nearly half its entire length, and the difficulty hitherto experienced in getting from the West-end to Clerkenwell is now removed. The builders of this great structure are Messrs. Cubitt and Co., of Gray's Inn-road. The whole of the telegraph work at this brewery—embracing as it does ordinary electric communication throughout, a complete system of fire alarms, lightning conductors, indicating instruments, and electric bells for various purposes—has been placed in the hands of the eminent telegraph engineers, Messrs. Francis and Co., of the Eagle Telegraph Works, whose offices are at 52 and 85, Hatton Garden, E.C.

The *Broad Arrow* states that notice has been given that the distribution of the slave bounty awarded for eight slavers captured on the 25th of October, 1876, by Her Majesty's ship London, will commence on Friday, the 12th inst., in the Prize Branch of the Department of the "Accountant-General of the Navy and Comptroller of Navy Pay, Admiralty, New Street, Spring Gardens, S.W." The following are the shares due to an individual in the several classes.—Flag, £1 1s. 3d.; captain, £3 1s. 9d.; second class, 10s. 2d.; third class, 8s. 8d.; fourth class, 5s. 10d.; fifth class, 3s. 6d.; sixth class, 2s. 11d.; seventh class, 2s. 1d.; eighth class, 1s. 2d.; ninth class, 6d.; tenth class, 3d.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

**STRAND THEATRE.**—Under the patronage of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, a special morning performance will take place on Saturday, the 27th inst., in aid of the Indian Famine Fund, when the members of the company will give their services.

The town of Milton, near Sittingbourne, has suffered considerably from the effects of the extraordinary high tide. Several of the streets in the lower parts of the town were rendered impassable, the houses being inundated and the residents being obliged to take refuge in upper chambers.

A report of the meeting of the West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, which takes place this (Saturday) afternoon, will appear in our next.

We are requested to inform our readers that the meetings of the Islington Lodge of Instruction, hitherto held at the Coopers' Arms, Falcon Square, will, on and after the 9th October, be held at 23, Gresham-street, every Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock.

**NEW SOUTH WALES.**—The brethren who have experienced so much difficulty in procuring the *Freemason* in this distant colony, will be pleased to learn that owing to arrangements made with Messrs. T. J. Jones and Son, "The Four Masonic Publications" may now be obtained at their offices, No. 330, George street, Sydney, on the arrival of the mail.

The Tower of London is to be added to the list of stations at which the Union Jack is ordered to be hoisted daily.

The installation meeting of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, takes place this day (Saturday), at 3.30 p.m., at the Cannon-street Hotel. A full report will appear in our next.

A convocation of the Frederick Chapter of Unity will be held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at half-past four. The business of the evening will include the installation of Bro. H. E. Francis as M.E.Z.

**ECCLESTON LODGE (No. 1624).**—The Installation meeting of this young and flourishing lodge will be held on Wednesday next, at the Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-street, Pimlico. The lodge will be opened at five o'clock punctually. Bro. Daniel H. McLeod is the W.M. elect. A full report will appear in our next.

**MANCHESTER.**—For the information of the fraternity in Manchester, the publisher begs to state that the *Freemason* may now be obtained at Overall's, 47, Bridge street, Manchester, on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock.

The preparations on board the *Britannia*, where the two sons of the Prince of Wales are to pass the next three years, are complete. The upper deck for fifty feet from the stern, is screened off by canvas, and within this space are three rooms, one a well furnished sitting-room, another a sleeping-room, in which the Princes will sleep in hammocks suspended in the usual way, and the third a tutor's apartment. There are also a bath-room and offices. The suite communicates by a staircase to the schoolrooms below, as the Princes, with the exception of their apartments, will be treated as other cadets.

**HEALTH RESORTS AND HEALTH RESORTERS.**—John Jones, clerk in a warehouse, has nasty headaches, liver out of order, wants rest and quiet and bracing atmosphere. Sent to Margate for a week. Treatment:—Rise 9.30 (bed room 6ft. by 4ft.); out for a rum and milk. Breakfast—sausages, tea, and a nip of brandy, shrimps and new bread. Out on jetty. Strong clay pipe. Two hours' billiards. Two cigars. Two pints bitter. Dinner—veal and ham pie, cucumber, jam puffs, pint bitter. Cigars on jetty. Two hours' billiards. Strong clay pipe. Dose in billiard room. Tea and shrimps. Four hours' hot music hall. Brandy cold. Four strong pipes. Toss for liquors. Spree. Home. Bed 1.30 a.m. Returned quite cured in seven days.—*Punch*.

**LIVERPOOL.**—In answer to the numerous letters that the publisher has received from brethren in Liverpool, we beg to state that the *Freemason* is to be obtained in Liverpool on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, at the Office, 2, Monument-place; at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street; and at the Landing Stage.

**GALE'S WALK.**—After walking for six weeks, William Gale completed on Saturday last the self-imposed task of walking 1500 miles in 1000 consecutive hours. Within a few minutes after he left the track he was examined by Mr. Gant, Dr. Farr, and Dr. McOscar. His pulse was then found to be about 88, and corresponded with the action of the heart. There was no murmur at the apex or base. The thermometer placed in the mouth registered a temperature of 106° 1'. The expression of the face did not give any signs of fatigue, and he appeared rational and collected. Several varicose veins were noticed on the left leg, but the feet were quite sound, excepting a blister under the ball of the right great toe. On being weighed it was found that he had lost only 10 lbs. in the course of his long and dreary walk.—*Medical Examiner*.

**MASONIC SONGS.**—A selection of Masonic Songs set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—ADVT.

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"Freemasons' Repository;" "Westminster Papers;" "Canada Craftsman;" "National Anti-Flaw and Warble League;" "A Defence of Russia," by W. Tollemache Sinclair, Bart., M.P., (2 vols.); "El Cincel," Habana.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

## BIRTHS.

BARTON.—On the 4th inst., at St. George's Vicarage Millom, the wife of the Rev. W. Barton, M.A., of a son.  
EDWARDS.—On the 6th inst., at Quemerford, aged 72 years, Elizabeth Edwards, relict of Benjamin Edwards and daughter of John and Frances Gundry, of Quemerford, near Calne, Wilts.

SAILLARD.—On the 1st inst., at Russell-square, the wife of P. Saillard, of a son.

WIGRAM.—On the 6th inst., at The Gables, Wirksworth, Derbyshire, the wife of G. Wigram, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

CISTA—TERRELL.—On the 2nd inst., at the parish church, Claines, Worcester, by the Rev. F. G. Cutler, Vicar of St. Stephens, Augustus T. De Cista, of Worcester, to Julia, youngest daughter of the late William T. Terrill, of Alcester, Warwickshire.

NICOL—ALLEN.—On the 2nd inst., at the Church of the Holy Trinity, St. Mary's, Newington, John, son of the late J. Nicol, M.D., of New-cross, formerly of La Paz, Peru, to Sarah Jane, daughter of W. Allen, of Brentford, and Clapham.

## DEATHS.

BROOKE.—On the 8th inst., at 36, St. Philips-road, Dalston, Frances Read, wife of Thomas Farnell Brooke, of 11 and 12 Goldsmith-street, E.C., aged 56 years.

HARRIS.—On the 10th inst., of dropsy, E. Harris, for many years collector to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

RUTHERFORD.—On the 7th inst., at Aberdeen, Major Alexander Maxwell Rutherford, late of the Ceylon Rifle Regiment.

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## ENLARGEMENT.

OF

## "The Freemason."

The Proprietor has much pleasure in announcing his intention of enlarging the *Freemason* to 20 pages, during the London Masonic Season.

This improvement commences with the present issue.

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## THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE "FREEMASON."

It will have been noticed in our last impression that our Publisher has made the important announcement that from the 13th inst. the *Freemason* will be enlarged to twenty pages. This addition to the paper, proposed solely for the convenience of correspondents, whose kind communications weekly, in the "season," overflow our modest limits, and for the convenience of the Order generally, will, we think, be greatly appreciated and approved of by a constantly augmenting and most numerous circle of readers. To that Masonic public of ours, alike critical and yet considerate, Publisher and Editor tender their best thanks once again, for that rapidly increasing patronage, which they believe is unprecedented in the history of Masonic journalism, and beg to assure them that no efforts will be spared in future, as in past and present, to render the *Freemason* alike worthy of their approbation, their perusal, and their support. It may be interesting to remember to-day the successive stages through which the *Freemason* has passed, from the time, when at first, like a person learning to bathe, it entered timidly and shrinkingly into the great ocean of journalism, until now it boasts of a place in Anglican and cosmopolitan Masonic literature, which no previous representative of the Masonic press has probably ever enjoyed—thanks to the sound judgement of a discerning Craft, and the zeal of friendly subscribers. The *Freemason* first began with 8 pages, then it advanced to 12, then it issued 16, and now it announces 20. Each of these episodes in its career marks a step in its progress—honestly arrived at, resolutely attained by much hard work, and careful if toilsome endeavours to merit and retain public approval! Indeed, on this basis,—and this basis alone,—the Publisher has built up all his proposals and all his undertakings. He has always felt that the *Freemason*, like any other ware, could only retain the "market," if it was both of good material and sound manufacture, warranted to "wear well," and he has never appealed to any other court than that of the public opinion of his Order, to obtain support for his efforts to please, to instruct, to improve his brother Freemasons. If the *Freemason* was worth reading, it would find both an indulgent and well-disposed circle of readers; if it was not he felt sure it would meet the proper fate of all worthless literary productions. Such has been his unshaken belief, and the result has proved the soundness of his judgment, and the correctness of his anticipations. Never, at any time in the history of Masonic journalism has so much true and spontaneous support been tendered to any serial production as the *Freemason*, and emboldened by past and present sympathy, The Publisher looks forward confidently (D.V.) to a still more prosperous future. At this moment the *Freemason* is read and quoted from all over the world, and it has in Great Britain a numerous and intelligent body of continuous subscribers. But still, curiously enough, despite its real and great success, the margin between Freemasons and readers is far too wide and too significant, not to attract observation and suggest amend-

ment. In some towns of England, in some districts, amid our 100,000 brethren, the *Freemason* is only taken in by two or three, and the large majority of our brethren seem content with a casual glance at it, in club rooms and lodge libraries, where such proper adjuncts of Masonic life exist. In order then to increase the usefulness of Masonic literature, and Masonic intellectuality, in order to add a few thousand additional subscribers to our rapidly increasing list, in order to advance, and for the purposes of facilitating further efforts for the improvement and enlargement of the *Freemason*, we shall be glad to receive from any of our numerous and able correspondents, suggestions for the possible and probable increase of the circulation of the *Freemason*, in localities where for some cause or another its issue is limited, and its subscribers few. For without saying too much in favour of ourselves, we can at any rate assert this much, that by conscientious reports, and carefully edited pages, we set before our Order a paper in every respect worthy of our ancient brotherhood, and which amid many obstacles, personal antipathies, and childish oppositions, has succeeded in winning the public ear, and maintaining an independent and unprecedented position as a true Masonic journal, before English and Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. All such friendly advice will be received and acknowledged, we need hardly say, with fraternal thankfulness, and we think that much good may arise from such a friendly interchange of opinions to all concerned.

## THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

A very important notice was given at the meeting of the General Committee on Saturday to amend Law XXX., so as to give the Quarterly Court the power of accepting or negating any recommendation by the General Committee. At present by the wording of Law XXX. the Quarterly Court is "estopped" from reconsidering any recommendation by the General Committee of a candidate, and must elect, even though the case be technically inadmissible, and recommended by the General Committee under error even. As there is no power of alteration, no possibility of appeal under these circumstances, the amendment seems to be absolutely necessary, to put the Quarterly Court in its proper position, and also for the welfare of the Boys' School itself. One other question was raised, incidentally, on Saturday, namely that which relates to the children of those dying in Freemasonry and out of Freemasonry. But as this is a very large question, and requires careful consideration, we do not deal with it to-day, further than to promise to discuss it, subsequently, but we confine ourselves with expressing a hope that the needful and modest amendment may be unanimously agreed to on Monday next, as a step in the right direction, and a very valuable reform.

## LODGE ARREARS.

Our attention having been called to this matter, we think it well to allude to it to-day. It seems that in some lodges there is a habit of allowing arrears to accumulate for some years, to the great discomfort of the Treasurer, and oblivion of the Lodge Bye-laws. A Treasurer to whom the lodge is always in debt, is placed in a very difficult position, as in the first place, all charitable action of the lodge is checked, and in the next the whole aspect of lodge life is changed, its labours impeded, and its objects marred, in a manner more easily conceived than expressed. What, for instance, can be the position of that lodge where the arrears have become so large that they may be counted by hundreds? And when in consequence, any call that is made, practically comes out of the pocket of the Treasurer? We believe that we have only to advert to this topic, to lead to remedial measures, as we feel pretty sure that much of this delay of payment of lodge subscriptions arises more from inadvertence than anything else. We do not wish to seem to lay down too "hard and fast" a line on the subject, much less to dogmatize or venture to denounce. We simply state an evil, and fraternally suggest an

amendment. There is a "locus penitentiae" always here for all, even for tardy lodge subscribers, and as it is "never too late to mend." Here below, let us hope and believe, while time and opportunity are ours, so it is always possible for the most backward of members to regain the good opinion and satisfied consideration of the lodge Treasurer. But we have thought it well, just delicately to hint what our Treasurers expect, and we feel sure that we may safely leave the "conclusion of the whole matter" in the hands of those who are principally concerned in these "premises," and who will understand alike, better than any one else, the force of our appeal, and the meaning of our remarks.

**"IT'S A QUEER WORLD, MY MASTERS."**

It is indeed, and as Mr. Samuel Weller would have condescendingly observed—"werry queer indeed." Between material scepticism and material impropriety just now, things seem going along at a pretty rate. In fact, if affairs proceed at their present "ratio" of impulsive absurdity, as a young friend of ours observes, "there will be no knowing what a fellah is to believe or do!" Let us take these two positions "seriatim," into consideration, with the carefulness which their importance demands, and their "prevailing presence" suggests. First as to material scepticism, if we are to believe some writers, we are on the eve of a great period of material unbelief. Lecturers and essayists on science, many of them mere "wind bags," by the way, full of "bottled moonshine," not to say "bottled Bass," amuse themselves from time to time by startling common-place people, and humble believers, by the assertion of some audacious paradox, some bold enunciation of sceptical aggressiveness. To them, the teachers of "Science," which rests properly on the inductive process of right reason, or the careful authority of proved facts, nothing is apparently so agreeable as to start metaphysical doubts, psychological difficulties, and even, though we should not have expected it, theological controversies. All such theories and reveries, however and by whomsoever put forward, are beyond, we make bold to say, their "proper pale" altogether; and though, on matters of science, in the abstract or in the concrete, we are quite prepared to accept their "dicta," we decline to pay any attention whatever to their "dogmata" on things concerning which they are imperfectly acquainted, and are in no way authorised or able to constitute themselves "ductores dubitantium." We had gotten over, we had hoped, the ill-omened egotism of Popes and Popedom, but from all evils, which may afflict us in this nether world may a kind Providence preserve us, namely, scientific, metaphysical, professional Popes of every kind and category. Now we are among those who don't believe in the success of any "coup de main" on the part of material scepticism. We have no fear of Positivism or Voltairianism, of the "Independent Morality" or material immorality. We have not the slightest objection to meet them and confront them one and all, not merely as firm believers in revealed religion, but on the common-sense ground of right reason. We feel assured that any argument which rests on a supposed perfectibility of human nature per se, and on the necessary untruth and unreality of Divine revelation will be short-lived and shattered for ever, on that great Rock of Truth which Divine inspiration has hallowed and which Divine wisdom has sanctioned for the guidance and salvation of mankind! And then what shall we say as regards material impropriety. Evidence abounds on every side of us, as to the laxity of morals which pervades society, literature, the public and private life of many of us all, and without taking the too gloomy line in anything, though we are not "Given to howling

And deprecating croaking,"

we yet must fairly admit that there is much in the present position of affairs, to alarm the serious, and render anxious the religious. We take up a popular magazine and we note amid a profusion of luxuriant verbiage and defensive sentiment that one man's wife coolly leaves home and

friends, and runs away with a notorious profligate and seducer. This is the "pabulum mentis" for our young generation. We open a much-read novel and we find descriptions so forced, language so sensational, and situations so peculiar, that we can only suppose that the writer, reversing good old Dr. Johnson's dictum, seeks to make virtue blush, and to render vice triumphant, to overcome innocence, and to laud immorality! It is not without deep concern and humiliation that we have to realize daily that "garbage" of the worst description still finds among us a ready sale, in which morality is laughed at, dishonour disregarded, and all those habits which tend to the danger and degradation of society are considered as of no moment, because of habitual occurrence, fashionable, frequent, ever the "order of the day." It is impossible, but that as, honest journalists and believing Freemasons, we must deprecate truly and denounce honestly such a state of things, foreboding as it does, alike national decadence and personal degradation! We shall be mer, of course, by the old saw, "things are pretty much as they always were," and no doubt there is great truth in such an axiom, as an answer to unnecessary exaggeration or hyper-alarmlist prophecies, and probably we have in the present "cloud," which seems to darken the foreground of society, and humanity, only the return of that gloomier cycle of events and teaching, which in successive ages has always stood in the way of the advance of all true religion in the world! Believing as we do, that John Wesley's apothegm still holds good that "we are to try and leave the world better than we found it," and which axiom, by the way, entirely agrees with all our Masonic teaching, we can only openly express our deep regret, that this nineteenth century of ours has to contend with two such serious and startling obstacles as material scepticism and material impropriety. But though we say this, we do not for one moment credit the success of the one or the other. On the contrary, we hold firmly that they are only some of those mental trials to which "flesh is heir to," as well as bodily complaints, and we have, as we stated above, no apprehension but that revealed religion and Divine Morality will eventually come out "more than conquerors" over all hurtful delusions, and over all opposing foes.

**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.]

**PAST GRAND RANK.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
I have heard many brethren of late discussing the question as to whether or not the office of "Provincial Grand Pursuivant" carries with it Past Rank. I see that the Grand Lodge circular has generally half a dozen names with P.G.P. affixed, and I have always understood that Provincial Grand Lodges follow the Grand Lodge in their rules and regulations as nearly as possible, but still there is no mention of Past Grand Pursuivant in the Book of Constitutions. If you can give or obtain an authoritative decision on this point, you will oblige many brethren in the provinces. Yours fraternally,  
P. M.  
[The Prov. Grand Pursuivant, like all other Prov. Grand Offices, carries Past Rank.]

**LODGES AT TAVERNS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
Can any brother inform me how it happens that so many lodges are held at hotels and taverns? In London and other parts of the country we find many lodges so held. At present many who know nothing of Freemasonry think that the "banquet" is the chief attraction for Masons. Is it not possible, as Freemasonry is acknowledged to be on the increase, to found Masonic Halls, or to rent rooms to be used for Masonic purposes only, so that the Masonic ritual may be used in places solely used and consecrated for Masonic ceremonies? I am, yours fraternally,  
SIGMA.

**A QUERY.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
Is it quite the Q.T. for the Grand Registrar of England to accept (a subordinate) office in a Province? I see by your report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire that Bro. McIntyre has been invested as S.W. of that province. By your permission one other question, what would be our worthy brother's position should unfortunately a vacancy occur during his year of office in the Provincial

Grand Mastership of that particular province? See Book of Constitutions, page 36, paragraph 4.

"The Grand Master may by a written document direct the Grand Registrar to take charge of any province for which there is not a Grand Master, &c., &c., &c."

True the Grand Master might not so appoint, but there being no other provision for a temporary vacancy, a difficulty would in such an event occur; besides has not the acceptance by Bro. McIntyre of the office referred to (which is a retrograde post of honour) possibly deprived some deserving and aspiring brother of advancement in his province from blue to purple?

Yours fraternally,

A LONDON MASON, NOT INTERESTED BUT OF AN INQUIRING MIND

**WAR VICTIMS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you give me space to appeal briefly to the Craft for their support in a cause which unhappily has not yet received due advocacy. The cause of more poor creatures, war victims on the side of the Russians, who lie in thousands, wounded, sick and dying, without bare necessities, without attention, and in a condition so deplorable, that it is impossible in any degree to realise their misery and helplessness. I will quote from a letter which I received only a few days ago. "I have had a despairing appeal from the Roumanian ambulance, the poor Princess of Roumania is quite helpless, as all, absolutely all surgeons are at the front, and not one left at Bucharest to receive the 3000 wounded from Gieviza; and fresh cases come in every hour. The great cry is "Surgeons." The gangrene has already appeared, as the wounded were four days without any dressing."

The Special Correspondent of the *Daily News* writes from before Plevna, "Great numbers of the wounded are literally rotting and festering, unfed, their wounds undressed, their cleanliness disregarded, with these terrible pictures before them, the public should remember that these poor "victims" for whom I plead had no hand in bringing about the war, on them no blame can rest, and our common humanity demands that we recognise no difference in those who lie wounded, whether on the side of the Turks or Russians.

If your readers will refer to your advertising columns they will see that an influential committee has been formed under the presidency of the Duke of Westminster. Contributions will be gladly received by members of this committee, by the Honorary Secretaries, by Lady Selina Bidwell, 91, Onslow-square, S.W., or by

Yours faithfully and fraternally,  
CHARLES P. SMITH, P.M. 1466.  
36, Albany Villas, Brighton.

**CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

If ever there was a time in our own day when Freemasons could appropriately assist in the public application of that excellent working tool, the plumb rule, to try and adjust all uprights while fixed on their proper basis, such an opportunity is likely soon to be afforded to the members of the Craft in London, when the wonderful monument of ancient Egypt—which towered aloft far up the Nile ere Moses led the children of Israel out of bondage, ere one book of the volume of the Sacred Law was written, when the mysteries of Isis and Osiris were carefully imparted to the chosen initiates sworn to secrecy—and when the point within a circle, the square, the level, the trowel, the triangle, the ladder, the mallet, the chisel, the five-pointed star, and the triple tau, are all said to have had their symbolical as well as their literal meanings for the Masons of that remote era—after having lain as so much rubbish on the sea shore at Alexandria for centuries, is to be erected on the banks of the Thames, through the munificence of our truly worthy Bro. Erasmus Wilson, long known as a Freemason, who really carries his researches into the hidden mysteries of nature and science, our gifted brother will now for ever be equally honoured for his noble public spirit; and I trust that the occasion of the erection of this famous old-world obelisk—would that it could tell us the scenes it has witnessed—will not be allowed to pass over without such an imposing Masonic gathering as has never hitherto taken place in the streets of our great metropolis. It is one of those rare occasions which once missed will never occur again to the present generation, and which not to honour will stamp us with eternal disgrace.

Allow me to suggest too, that every Grand Lodge "that speaks the tongue which Shakspeare spake" should show our gifted and noble-spirited brother some special marks of their favour for his truly Masonic conduct.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours very fraternally,  
GEORGE MARRHAM TWEDDELL.

Rose Cottage, Stokesley, October 3rd, 1877.

[This interesting letter of Bro. E. Wilson has appeared in the *Times*.]

Sir,—Lord Harrowby's admirable letter will, I hope, settle the question of site in reference to Cleopatra's Needle. Mr. Dixon I know to be in favour of Parliament-square, and he has convinced me that the obelisk will be thoroughly safe—as safe as London itself—in that situation. After this assurance I should be sorry to see it placed anywhere else. The manes of the Pharaohs, Ptolemies, and Rameses will, if they are able, feel proud of the honourable position which has been allotted to their monument by an enlightened people; and London will have done herself credit by her appreciation and veneration of so choice a relic of ancient Egyptian art.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
October 4.

ERASMUS WILSON.

## LONDON ROUGHS.

[The following important but unsigned letter appeared in the *Times* of Oct. 4. It deserves perusal.—Ed.]

Sir,—I have read with infinite disgust a paragraph in your paper headed "London Roughts," containing a complaint by a lady that a ruffian followed her and spat on her repeatedly, and that a cabman wilfully splashed her sister, spoiling a valuable dress. The lady asks what legal redress could be had for these injuries. The answer is this:—

1. As to the spitting, to spit on a person's dress is an assault and battery, the punishment for which, if the offender were proceeded against by indictment, might be a year's imprisonment and hard labour; or, if he is proceeded against in a summary way before a magistrate (the person assaulted being a woman), six months' imprisonment and hard labour, if the magistrate considers the assault aggravated; two months if he does not (see 24 and 25 Vict., c. 100, ss. 47, 43, 42).

2. As to the cabman, he also was guilty of an assault and battery, and, moreover, of "unlawfully and maliciously committing damage, injury, or spoil to personal property," for which last offence he might have been sentenced, on indictment, to two years' imprisonment and hard labour, if the damage exceeded £5, or to two months' imprisonment and hard labour if he were prosecuted in a summary way (24 and 25 Vict., c. 97, ss. 51, 52).

I am, your obedient servant.

Temple, Oct. 3.

[NO SIGNATURE APPENDED]

## CONSECRATION OF THE WILBRAHAM LODGE, No. 1713.

The already long roll of lodges in the Western Division of the County of Lancaster was extended on Saturday last, the 6th inst., when the Wilbraham Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, numbered 1713 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, was solemnly consecrated at the Walton Institute, Sefton-road, Walton, one of the suburbs of Liverpool. The consecration, a ceremony which is always interesting to a Freemason, was rendered more so on this occasion by the presence of Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.P.G.M. of England, and R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire, who kindly and courteously consented to preside at and perform the ceremony of consecration in connection with the founding of a lodge which bears his honoured family name. The interest evinced by our noble brother in the progress and prosperity of the Craft was thus evinced twice during the week—his presence at the glorious gathering of the fraternity at Southport on the previous Wednesday, and his active labour as the Consecrating Officer of the Wilbraham Lodge. His lordship's attendance on this occasion was certainly an honour to the brethren of the new lodge, an evidence of how much he esteems Freemasonry, even in the midst of pressing Parliamentary duties, and naturally attracted a very large and influential attendance. The brethren present included, besides his lordship, Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; the Rev. H. Bethell Jones, M.A., P.G. Chap.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., P.P.G.D.C.; P. Macmurdrow, P.P.G.S.D.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. W. Turley, P.P. G.J.D.; P. Maddox, P.P.G.S.W.; F. J. Pentin, 823; W. Archer, P.M. 1086; E. Smith, 1086; R. C. Yelland, W.M. 1094; W. B. Ackerley, P.M. 680; Rev. T. W. Richardson, W.M. 1380; R. H. Exton, Hon. Sec. 1380; J. Almond, Organist, 1380; F. W. Barnes, S.D. 1380; Richard Brown, P.M. 241; Joseph Wood, Treasurer, 1094, (*Freemason*); J. Busfield, 216; Richard Burgess, Organist 1609; H. Bigley, 154 (Belfast); J. McKenzie, J.W. 1609; J. F. Cowdell, 1609; W. Hill, 1473; E. Ford, jun., S.W. 1380; J. Winder, 667; R. Dunderdale, 721; S. Tebbutt, 279; R. M. Anderson, 1335; J. Hunter, 823; Wallace Smith, 1380; W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823; R. N. Hobart, 1505; T. Foulkes, Sec. 1325; L. Gore, 667; T. M. Walton, 673; J. R. Kewley, 162; J. P. Bryan, 203 and 1035; W. Wilson, I.P.M. 823; J. Barlow, 440; Robert Price, 1393; R. H. Evans, P.M. 202 and 1393; T. Evans, W.M. 1570, P.M. 1356; Richard Roberts, W.M. 1473; W. Templeton, 1086; C. Sayer, 220; J. J. Rose, P.M. 249; E. E. Swallow, 1547; W. Kersopp, 1547; J. Houlding, W.M. 823; and A. Gilfillan, 1393.

The commencement of the consecration ceremony was fixed for one o'clock, and shortly after that hour the whole of the above named brethren had assembled. The upper room of the Walton Institute, in which the usual meetings will be held, was gaily decorated with flags and banners, and the very handsome furniture and other lodge paraphernalia was the subject of general admiration.

At the opening of the Craft lodge the chair of the W.M. was occupied by Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; the S.W.'s by Bro. W. B. Ackerley, P.M. 680; the J.W.'s by Bro. R. C. Yelland, W.M. 1094; and the position of I.G. was filled by Bro. F. W. Barnes, S.D. 1380. The Prov. G.M. was then received with his officers, and, after he had taken the throne, he was saluted according to ancient form. His lordship then appointed his officers pro tem. as follows:—Bros. P. Macmurdrow, P.G.S.D., as S.W.; J. W. Turley, P.P.G.J.D., as J.W.; the Rev. H. Bethell Jones, M.A., P.G.C., as P.M. and Chaplain; P. Maddox, P.P.G.S.W., as S.D.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., as J.D.; and G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., as I.G. Before proceeding with the consecration ceremony, which was most impressively performed throughout, the P.G.M. expressed the great pleasure he felt in attending that day for the purpose of consecrating the new lodge. Masonry, he said, was progressing very rapidly throughout the country, as scarcely a day passed without a warrant for consecration being applied for. He congratulated the brethren on their success in securing their warrant of constitution for the new lodge, and hoped they would have a prosperous future.

Brother the Rev. H. Bethell Jones, P.G.C., delivered an oration in the course of the ceremony of consecration. He said it was usual for the P.G. Chaplain to say a few words on interesting occasions like that. It seemed appropriate that he, a minister of God, should remind them that the first principle in Masonry was belief in the Most High. It would be well for all Masons to remember this, and act in accordance with that belief, never mentioning God's name but with awe and reverence, and looking up to Him in every emergency of life. If the brethren acted thus they would stop the mouths of those who charged Freemasonry as a system which was destitute of religion. He need not tell them that this charge was most unjust and cruel, as in every ceremonial, especially that of consecration, religion was emphatically brought forward as the chief sanction of the whole. Alas! that he should have to tell it that in France an agitation was now going on to eliminate the name of God from all Masonic lodges, and already the volume of the Sacred Law was excluded from some of the lodges there. A noble protest has been borne against this by Bro. Hervey, the Grand Secretary of England, and intimation that such an exclusion will lead to an interruption of the intercourse between Grand Lodge of English Freemasons and the Grand Orient of France. How could the temple of Masonry stand if its foundation—the name of God and His holy law—were removed? Nothing would be so calculated to give a handle to the enemies of Freemasonry, or justify the fulminations of the Pope and others against the order, as a system of political conspiracy and atheism, as conduct like this. Of this charge, thank God! the Masons of England were free; and long may they remain so. Now, a Mason must be either a moral man or a hypocrite. There was no medium between the two. He is enjoined to be exemplary in all his conduct, and by a well-regulated discipline to preserve his bodily and mental faculties in their fullest energy; to be a good citizen, by paying due obedience to the laws of the country in which he resides, and never to forget the loyalty which is due to the land which gave him birth, to practise every domestic as well as public virtue, thereby enabling him to be a good father, husband, brother, and son, and never to forget the pre-eminent virtues of benevolence and charity to the distressed. In one word, a Mason was taught to do good to all mankind, to the honour and glory of God. Founded thus on religion and morality, Freemasonry opened its arms to all varieties of sects and creeds—included men of different habits, professions, nationality, &c.; and while it insists in all cases in a belief in the Most High God of heaven and earth, asks no questions as to the particular mode in which each brother may conduct his worship. It is pure as the mountain breeze, open as the expanse above us, and liberal in its theological tenets as the Bible itself. It allows no controversies on religion or politics, while it insists on love to our country and God. Freemasonry did not conceal from the world the great principles on which it is founded, principles which every Mason was expected to exhibit in his life and conduct; while it demands most inviolable fidelity on the part of its members with respect to those special marks and symbols by means of which Masons, and Masons only, may share the benefits of our ancient society, and discountenancing most strongly that reprehensible thoughtlessness which would discourse of matters occurring in the lodge in the ear of the world, and which ought not to go beyond the sacred walls of the lodge room, especially if calculated to hurt the fair fame and name of brother Masons. Those great principles he (the P.G.C.) had so briefly enunciated should be known to every intending Mason before his initiation; for while Masonry was undoubtedly spreading with singular and unprecedented rapidity, this rapid increase itself might carry with it its own danger. All W.M.'s and Masons could not therefore be too cautious in their efforts to admit worthy men—and worthy men alone—within the bounds of our ancient and honourable Order. In conclusion he wished success to the new lodge, and prayed that the whole brotherhood might so live and so die that they might come at last with joy to take their places in the Grand Lodge above, when T.G.A.O.T.U. should summon them from this sublunary scene to the life of rest and peace and joy for evermore.

The various portions of the ceremony were most impressively performed by Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, who was assisted by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; Bros. the Rev. H. Bethell Jones, J. R. Goepel, J. W. Turley, P. Macmurdrow, and R. Wylie, who ably fulfilled the duties of D.C. Skeaf's effectively written musical service was rendered during the ceremony with fine spirit by Bros. J. Busfield, 216; A. Gilfillan, 1393; J. P. Bryan, 1035; and R. N. Hobart, 1505. Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., presided at the harmonium.

Immediately after the consecration, Bro. Charles W. Cayzer (presented by Bros. Alpass and Broadbridge) was installed the first W.M. of the Wilbraham Lodge, No. 1713, by Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., under the presidency of Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M. The second portion of the ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. R. Brown, P.M. 241. The following officers were appointed and invested:—Bros. F. J. Pentin, S.W.; F. G. Fry, J.W.; Edwin Smith, Treasurer; E. Ford, S.D.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler; the remainder of the appointments being left over till next meeting. A great number of propositions for joining and initiation having been made, and hearty congratulations given by upwards of a dozen representatives of other lodges, the business was brought to a close.

The brethren were afterwards conveyed by special saloon carriage to Liverpool, where a sumptuous banquet was served at the Royal Hotel, to which about fifty sat down. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale" was proposed by Bro. R. Wylie, who spoke in eulogistic terms of the devotion to Masonry shown by their P.G.M., and stated that he would have been with them that evening but for the indisposition of Lady Skelmersdale.

Bro. Alpass, in replying, also dwelt on the fact that, notwithstanding the numerous and important duties attached to Lord Skelmersdale's public position, he never was wanting when asked to come forward in any way to promote the interests of Masonry in the province. He spoke very highly of the zeal and discretion of their new W.M., and concluded by giving some excellent advice as to the future conduct of their lodge, reminding them that the very fact of its having been consecrated by the Prov. Grand Master would cause him to regard it with feelings of more than ordinary interest.

"The Health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (the Right Hon. F. A. Stanley) and Officers of the Province Past and Present," was proposed by Bro. R. Brown, and responded to by Bros. Maddox and Goepel.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Pentin, S.W., and enthusiastically received.

In reply, Bro. Cayzer, W.M., said that he fully realised the important trust they had confided to him, and he hoped to hand over the lodge to his successor at the end of his year of office in a prosperous condition.

"The Installing Masters" was given by the W.M., and responded to in suitable terms by Bros. R. Wylie and R. Brown. "The Visiting Brethren" was duly honoured, and coupled with the names of Bros. the Rev. T. W. Richardson, W.M. 1380, and R. Roberts, W.M. 1473, who expressed their hearty good wishes for the success of the Wilbraham Lodge. "The Officers" followed, and was responded to by Bros. Pentin, S.W.; Fry, J.W.; and E. Smith, Treas.

In responding to the "Masonic Charities," Bro. R. Brown, in the course of his remarks, spoke of the responsibility connected with a new lodge, in having to furnish a precedent for those who came after them, and stated that it was a fact that those lodges which were most charitable were most prosperous.

"The Musical Brethren" was acknowledged by Bro. Burgess, 1609, and the "Prov. Grand Organist" by Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O.

Bro. Gill, of Lodge 1086, delighted the whole assembly by his unique and attractive fairy bell performances, and songs were given by Bros. Busfield, Brown, Wylie, E. Smith, Gilfillan, Hobart, Bryan, T. J. Hughes, Forrester, Tebbutt, &c., the pianoforte accompaniments being well played by Bro. R. Burgess, Organist 1609, and Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.

After a most enjoyable evening the brethren separated, wishing the Wilbraham Lodge all prosperity.

## CONSECRATION OF THE ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, NO. 1714.

This new lodge, which has been established for the convenience of brethren in the neighbourhood of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, was consecrated on the 2nd inst., at the Duke of York Hotel, York Town, Surrey, by the G.M. of the province, Lieut. General Brownrigg, C.B. The gallant brother was assisted in the performance of his duties by the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and several other Grand Officers of the province. Assisting also in the ceremony were nearly eighty brethren, among whom were Bros. Art. Staines, P.M. Shakespeare Lodge, No. 99; H. Freeman, W.M. South Saxon Lodge, 311; J. M. Dormor, M.M., and T. J. Pulley, Alfred Lodge, 340; H. Gerald Leigh, M.M. Apollo Lodge, 357; R. Fisher, M.M., and J. Olds, P.M., Royal Standard Lodge, 398; J. W. Sugg, P.M. Frederick Lodge of Unity, 452; Captain Cooper King, M.M. Zetland, Hong Kong, 525; Richard Eve, P.P.S.G.W. 395, 569, and 723; Colonel Middleton, P.M. Lodge of Auckland; W. Sheldrake, W.M.; W. Snowdon, P.P.G.J.D.; T. Benham, S.W.; G. Godfrey, J.W.; W. Sellwood, M.M.; F. Adnett, M.M.; H. W. J. Mayne, M.M.; C. C. Gold, P.M.; and R. Glasspool, M.M.; Panmure Lodge, 723; W. D. Jones, M.M., Isaac Newton Lodge, 859; Chas. Keen, P.J.G.W.; W. Vine, P.I.G.D.; H. W. Dean, M.M.; and H. J. Taylor, S.W.; St. Andrew's Lodge, 1046; E. Margrett, W.M.; J. Robinson, and H. Creed, M.M.; Grey Friars Lodge, 1101; F. West, P.G.R., Granite Lodge, 1328; John Smith, W.M.; Capt. Richardson, P.P.S.G.D.; Usher Lucas, S.W.; F. Arrow-smith, M.M.; W. Roy, M.M.; J. Abotts, M.M.; W. R. Theobalds, M.M.; W. Kennedy, P.M.; H. Newman, M.M.; G. Douglas, Secretary; and S. Cole, P.M., Aldershot Camp Lodge, 1331; John Webster, P.D.G.J.W.; W. Stacey, S.W.; J. McGowan, J.W.; W. Weller, Sec.; W. Male, M.M.; W. Knight, M.M.; and W. Chapman, M.M.; St. John's Lodge, 1564; J. R. Nicholls, J.W., and S. R. Nicholls, M.M., Elliot Lodge, 1567; W. Parish, W.M.; and James Mount, Wanderer's Lodge, 1604; Capt. S. C. Pratt, M.M.; Compton, D.C.; and F. Compton, J.D. Bayard Lodge, 1615.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, to perform the ceremony of installation, and the Rev. Bro. having assumed the chair, the installation was proceeded with. Bro. Henry Hacker, P.M. Panmure, No. 723, Past Prov. J. G. Deacon Hants and Isle of Wight, was then presented, and in due form installed as W.M. of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1714. The new W.M. thereupon appointed Bro. Samuel Gerrard Kirchoffer Past Prov. G.J.D. Cambridgeshire, as his immediate Past Master. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the brethren below the rank of Installed Masters were admitted, and after the customary salutes in the three degrees, the W.M. invested as officers for the year, Bro. James Mount (Senior Warden), Bro. William Jas. Lendrim (Junior Warden), Bro. Edwin Nicholls (Treasurer), Bro. William McLaughlin (Secretary), Bro. Thomas Jell Pulley (Senior Deacon), Bro. George Henry Martin (Junior Deacon), Bro. Henry John Price (Inner Guard), and Bro. David Payne (Tyler).

On the motion of the W.M., seconded by the I.P.M., a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master and Deputy Prov. Grand Master for attending to consecrate the lodge. The vote was acknowledged by Bro. Lieut.-General Brownrigg, C.B., who expressed the pleasure it afforded him to attend, and said it was particularly gratifying to him as an old soldier to see so many military brethren present, and also to see the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs occupied by military men.

The brethren then retired to banquet, which was presided over by the W.M.

After the cloth had been removed grace was rendered, and the toasts were proceeded with. The loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England," and this toast was responded to by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., Grand Chaplain.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Lt.-General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master," and the gallant officer having replied, the W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master."

The Rev. C. W. Arnold, D.P.G.M., in the course of his reply, stated that it afforded him both pleasure and pride to serve under such a distinguished Prov. Grand Master as General Brownrigg.

The Provincial Grand Master proposed "The Health of the W.M. and brethren of the Albert Edward Lodge, 1714," and after reiterating the sentiments he had already expressed, stated that it was exceedingly gratifying to him, as it must be to the W.M., to see such a large and influential assemblage of brethren present that evening, and it augured well for the future of the lodge. In the first place it showed that the W.M. was very popular, and in the next place that the interest which was felt in Freemasonry was widely extended and deep. Therefore, with a popular Master, and an interest in Masonry, the lodge might be expected to prosper. He had the greatest confidence in the ability of Bro. Hacker to rule the lodge, and he felt sure that while he did so with firmness the brethren would find it would be done with urbanity and kindness. He concluded by wishing the lodge every success, and the W.M. health and a prosperous and happy year of office.

The toast having been drunk with all the honours, Bro. Hacker, in responding, said he could not sufficiently express the pleasure he felt at the manner in which the toast had been proposed by the Prov. G.M., and received by the brethren present. The brethren forming that lodge had tried for years to establish a lodge in that neighbourhood, as from the fact of the nearest lodge being at Aldershot, they were practically debarred from all Masonic enjoyment. He thanked the Prov. Grand Master for the kindly expressions of confidence in his abilities to rule the lodge, and trusted that, with the assistance of the officers who had been appointed, he should at the end of his term of office have proved to have merited their confidence.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "Prosperity to the Masonic Charities," and said it was the custom of many people who knew nothing of Masonry to state that Masons did nothing but eat and drink. The brethren, however, had only to point to those splendid institutions, the Boys and Girls' Schools, and the Institution for Aged Freemasons, and the Widows of Freemasons, which Institutions were voluntarily supported by the brethren last year to the amount of £40,000, to show the fallacy of such statements. He would not take up the time of the brethren by expatiating on the merits of these institutions, as they would be told by the distinguished brethren who represented these institutions the good that was being done. He concluded by proposing the toast, coupling with it the names of Bros. Binckes and Terry.

Bro. Binckes, in responding on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, said that his was an oft-told tale, and as a rule his mission was a begging one; but to-day he appeared principally at that festive board to express his gratitude for the support he had invariably received at the hands of many of the brethren present. He would tell them briefly that the support given to those glorious Institutions was being utilised to the fullest extent, and he would point to the Girls' Institution, which had made such an addition to their establishment as would enable them at the election this month to receive thirty-five additional girls.

Bro. Terry, in a very energetic speech, urged the brethren to support the Masonic Institutions, which were all doing so much good. He hoped that when the brethren had subscribed to the Boys' and Girls' Schools they would not forget those poor old folks who had borne the heat and burden of the day, and then from old age, or other causes, were incapacitated from earning a livelihood. He called upon them to extend to these poor people the same generous support as they accorded to the helpless children, and he concluded by thanking the Province of Surrey for the generous support it had hitherto annually afforded, asking the members of the Albert Edward Lodge to follow the example set by their W.M., who had worked for the benefit of all the Masonic Institutions.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," expressing the pleasure it had afforded him to see so many brethren present, with most of whom he was well acquainted. He believed that the interchange of hospitalities by lodges was conducive to great good. He concluded by proposing the toast, coupling with it the names of Bros. Colonel Middleton and R. Eve.

Bro. Colonel Middleton, who was the first to respond, stated that the pleasure he felt at being present was enhanced by finding so many of his staff there. He was always glad to meet a military man who was a Freemason. He was sure that the Albert Edward Lodge would prosper, as a lodge in a province under such a distinguished officer and Freemason as Lieutenant General Brownrigg was bound to do.

Bro. R. Eve thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast and the brethren in the manner in which they received it. He spoke in eulogistic terms of Bro. Hacker's ability as a Master, stating that from the manner in which he had seen him perform his duty in the Panmure Lodge he was quite sure that the Albert Edward Lodge would not fail for want of proper instruction.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. Several excellent songs were sung in the course of the evening, by Bros. Eve, Robinson, Hacker, Martin, Mount, Tendrim, Sellwood, Adnett, and others.

The banquet was served in splendid style by Bro. H. Whale.

CONSECRATION OF THE ARTHUR JOHN BROGDEN LODGE, No. 1715.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 26th ult., a new lodge was consecrated at Grange-over-Sands, the want of which has long been felt by the members of the Craft in that locality, as they had no lodge-room nearer than Ulverston or Dalton on the one hand, and Lancaster on the other. The project of instituting a new lodge was discussed amongst those interested, Bro. Arthur John Brogden—himself an ardent Mason, although we believe not belonging to the Province of West Lancashire—entering heartily into the project. There seeming every probability of a successful lodge being established, the necessary steps were taken, and a petition was presented to the Grand Lodge of England praying that a lodge might be formed. The petition was acceded, and a warrant under the sign-manual of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, was issued authorising the formation of the lodge. The lodge is named the "Arthur John Brogden Lodge"—so called after its first Master—and is No. 1715 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. The building selected for the lodge-room is situated at the southern side of Grange, on a small plot of land lying between the railway and the bay, and was formerly used, we believe, as a Methodist Chapel. It is a delightfully secluded spot, and has been elaborately furnished and fitted up for the purpose for which it will henceforth be used. Owing to the inability of Lord Skelmersdale, the Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, to be present, his lordship deputed Bro. Dr. Moore, of this town, to act as Consecrating Officer.

The ceremony took place in the lodge-room shortly after two o'clock, the following Provincial Grand Officers being present:—Bros. Dr. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England (Consecrating Officer); H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Skeaf, Prov. G. Organist; C. Fryer, P. Prov. G.S.W.; Geo. Remington, P. Prov. G.J.W.; R. Pearson, P. Prov. G. Registrar; R. Wylie, P. Prov. G.S.D. (Grand Director of Ceremonies); R. Dodgson, P. Prov. G.J.D.; John Case, P. Prov. M.E.J.; G. Cornfield, P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. M. Morgan, P. Prov. G. Chaplain; and H. W. Johnson, Prov. G. Steward. In addition to the above the following brethren were also present:—R. Taylor, W.M.; E. Simpson, P.M.; John Bell, P.M.; J. J. Crokell, J.D.; J. Atkinson, I.G. (Freemason); R. Stanton, T. T. Thompson, Lodge of Fortitude; T. Jackson, W.M.; H. Longman, I.P.M.; Thomas Bell, Rowley Lodge; H. Hartley, J.D.; J. D. Bell, S.S.; and C. A. Beckett, Duke of Lancaster Lodge; W. Duff, W.M.; A. Poole, S.S. Morecambe Lodge; W. Baldwin, P.M.; Francis H. Clark, P.M., Baldwin Lodge; S. Hartley, J.W.; W. Harrison, P.M.; James Robinson, W.M.; John Robinson, J. B. MacQuire, A. Slater, S. C. Affleck, J. R. Casson, S.W., Furness Lodge; D. Smyth, W.M.; G. B. Nalder, S.W., Hindpool Lodge; J. Huartson, W.M.; T. McKnight, S.W.; M. Haslam, P.M. Hartington Lodge; James Sumner, P.M. Preston; R. N. Hobart, Emulation, 1505; Charles Haswell, 203; A. Gilfillan, 1392; G. McKay, S.W. 129; and A. J. Brogden, H. C. Davis, Thomas Ashley, W. Postlethwaite, J. Mossop, T. Westwood, and J. Haworth, members of the new lodge.

The brethren above mentioned having assembled in the lodge-room, the Consecrating Officer (Bro. Moore) took the chair, appointing Bro. Remington, S.W., and Bro. Pearson, J.W. The lodge was then opened in the Three Degrees with the usual formalities, and the brethren of the lodge being ranged in order, the Consecrating Officer addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, and called on the Prov. G. Sec. to state their wishes. This being complied with, the P.G.S. read the petition and warrant. The brethren of the new lodge having signified their approval of the officers who were nominated in the warrant to preside over them,

The Rev. J. M. Morgan then delivered a suitable oration as follows: Worshipful Consecrating Master, Provincial Grand Officers, Worshipful Past Masters, and brethren,—Standing on some tall cliffs beside the shores of this lovely bay, I look seaward. Beneath my feet, perhaps, children play; a little further, boats are passing to and fro, the busy fisherman slowly brings to shore what the ebbing tide has left for his share of God's bounty; and yet a little further the trawler sweeps along, seeking, too, his daily bread. On the dim horizon, some tall ship, freighted with merchandise, perchance bound to some distant country, cleaves through bright foam her joyous way, her captain and crew high in hope, and looking forward to a prosperous voyage and a happy return to home and country. I look out again to where sea and sky meet; my vision fails me, and all is dark and void, and yet I know that far beyond the busy world still moves on. On distant shores the children play, the fisherman pursues his craft, tall ships sail on, and yet these things are all hid to my gaze. And yet still I know that scenes like these form a portion of that beautiful world in which we take our part. Worshipful Sir and brethren, we are engaged here this day in adding another link to the golden chain of Masonry which binds the brethren of every clime

and race in bonds of fraternal affection. For all we know, perhaps close beside the sea, on India's sunny shore, members of our most ancient and venerable society are engaged as we are this day, in the consecration of a new lodge, to promote the further glory and benefits of Masonry to the human race. Although so far, far away, we cannot see them, but we seem in acts like these to stretch forth the hand of good fellowship across the stormy ocean and the desert, to grasp the hand of a brother, although his race is not ours, nor his mode of life such as we enjoy. Before his eyes there are like scenes with ours. He may look out on to the ocean till sea and sky melt into one; as we cannot see these our brethren, so they cannot see us; and yet there is a chain of love and brotherhood which bridges the ocean and spans the desert, which binds us together in the bonds of sacred, holy friendship. The principles of our Craft soared high in the past—what do I say?—in the long, long past. Masonry flourished 4000 years ago. Mayhap those more advanced in our honourable science could tell you more—that it is older still; but I speak according to my lights, and to what I have learned of the mystic art. In the most glorious days of architecture, our Craft was a pioneer to the student in theory, and a guide to the craftsman who built the work. It inspired the artist with sublime thoughts and raised his very soul. The spirit of poetry was taught, too, in the truths and varied beauties of Masonic lore, and it must be so, as everything that is true and beautiful proceeds from above, from the Father of Light and Great Architect of the Universe. So our glorious science, pointing heavenward, directed the poet's thoughts to the very fountain of all that is lovely, true, and good. The painter, too, owes much to what Masonry teaches. What could he do without the light that descends, as it were, from heaven? The shifting shadow of the landscape were unknown to him; the moonlit lake, the shining ocean, the dream of an autumn day, but for the light would have been unknown and unheard. Genius, guided by the teachings of our Craft, grasped these beauties as they went, and waned, and they are ours, though the painter has sunk into dust, and perhaps lies unknown in yonder valley. Masonry pointed again upward to Him who said, "Let there be light, and there was light." "I had hope, when violence had ceased, and war on earth, all would have then gone well, peace would have crowned with length of happy days the race of man." No, the world is still the same. War may not, as far as we can see, cease from inflicting on mankind its horrors and its crimes; and here again Masonry comes to the front, and says, "Ye are brethren—forebear, and sin no more. Is it not your brother you are striking at in yonder gory field?" For these, and many, many other reasons, which I may not now enlarge or even touch upon, Masonry of itself commands our highest and noblest regard. Does not Masonry teach us to be faithful to our Queen and our country; to submit cheerfully to the powers that be, which the volume of the Sacred Law tells us are of God, and to live peaceably with all men? Worshipful, Sir—unhappily, brethren may and do transgress; there are bad Masons and bad neighbours to be found, but in our noble Craft they are few in number; nor can any wise man draw any argument from it against our society; for if the wicked lives of men, or their evil deeds, was an argument against the religion they profess, Christianity itself could not be true. Does not then our Craft claim at our hands our greatest esteem? How does it recommend universal benevolence and every virtue which can make one brother dear to another; for Masons are brethren pursuing the same object, and seekers after the same great truths. Hail, then, to the progress of Masonry! Hail to the memory of the Craftsmen of olden days! Hail to our Grand Master and our gracious Sovereign the Queen! Welcome every fresh benefactor to our Craft! Welcome the Arthur John Brogden Lodge to a place in our time-honoured roll! And what more shall I say? May the brethren have peace here, and a happy future hereafter.

An anthem was afterwards sung, which was followed by the consecration prayer, and the remaining portion of the interesting ceremony was gone through in a very impressive manner, the Consecrating Officer finally constituting the lodge in ancient form.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the presiding officer proceeded to install Bro. Arthur John Brogden as the first Worshipful Master of the new lodge, the Board of Installed Masters numbering twenty-five members. The newly-elected W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—Henry Champney Davis, S.W.; Thomas Ashley, J.W.; William Postlethwaite, Sec.; J. Mossop, S.D.; Thomas Westwood, J.D.; and Joseph Haworth, Tyler. Several joining members and candidates for initiation were proposed, amongst the former being the Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., and A. Brogden, M.P. The musical arrangements of the ceremony were under the direction of Bro. Skeaf (who presided at the harmonium), assisted by Bros. Gilfillan, Hobart, and Haswell, the following anthems being sung in the course of the consecration:—"Psalm cxxxii," "Glory be to God on high," and "Hail, universal Lord," as well as several chants, the whole being set to music by Bro. Skeaf.

A banquet was held in the Working Men's Institute, under the presidency of the newly-elected Worshipful Master, Brother Arthur John Brogden, who was supported right and left by the Provincial Grand Officers—about fifty brethren being present altogether.

On the removal of the cloth, The Chairman proposed in succession the healths of "The Queen," "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. G.M.; Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M.; and other Officers of Grand Lodge," which were duly honoured. The last-named toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Moore, who briefly responded,

The Chairman said the next toast he had to submit for their approval was that of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire." (Applause.) It had not been his privilege to have been acquainted with the workings of Masonry for a long time; he was, so to speak, a stranger in the province, but from what he had seen, and from what he had heard, he had never known the working in provinces carried on with such zeal, such accuracy, and with such satisfaction in every way, as in the province of West Lancashire. (Hear, hear.) It was due, no doubt, to its head, Lord Skelmersdale, and in a great measure, not the less so, to the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Alpass. (Applause.) Anybody who was a Mason in that part of the county knew very well what his qualities were—and what attention, zeal, and energy he brought to bear on the duties of his office. He (the Chairman) was sure no better man could be found for his place, because if the principal officers were not secured in their efforts by men as able in their respective positions as themselves, things could not be carried on as well as they were. They all knew how well Bro. Alpass carried out his portion of the work, and he begged to couple his name with the toast. (Applause.)

Bro. Alpass, in responding, expressed the great pleasure it had been to him to visit that beautiful district for the first time. He had heard people from Liverpool praise it very much, and though he had been past it several times in the train, he had no idea of the beauty of the district till that day. From all he had seen he thought it a most delightful spot. (Applause.) He thought if they only had a building large enough they might have the Grand Lodge meeting there, but he had not seen a place there large enough that day. (Laughter.) Lord Skelmersdale's zeal in the cause of Masonry was known and appreciated in his own county and in London also, for amongst all the Masons in London not one was so popular as Lord Skelmersdale. He had also achieved the same popularity in his own county, where many of them had known him from a boy. (Applause.) His (Bro. Alpass's) duties were very onerous, and took up a great deal of time; but it was a great pleasure to him to do the work, as he had always been a working Mason since he first joined the Craft. It had always been his aim to do his duty in the best manner possible, and next to the approval of his own conscience the approval of the brethren was the greatest reward he would aim at. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Alpass concluded by giving some salutary advice to the brethren as to the admission of new members.

The Chairman said the next toast he had to put before them he wished very much to commend to their notice—their approval, he knew, would follow, as a matter of course, as they could not help approving of it—it was the health of the Consecrating and Installing Officer, Bro. Moore. (Applause.) Many of them had had the pleasure of Bro. Moore's acquaintance much longer than he had, and he only wished to speak of him as he found him. Nothing could have exceeded the admirable, the most perfect manner, in which the whole ceremony had been gone through that day in every particular—in fact, he could not find an adjective appropriate enough to express his own gratification, and he must leave the brethren present to apply their adjective in their own way. On behalf of the members of the lodge and himself he wished express their feeling of gratification that Bro. Moore should have been chosen by the Deputy Grand Master to consecrate their lodge, as he was well known in the district, not only as a Mason, but as a professional gentleman, and when he (the Chairman) received a letter from Bro. Alpass, intimating that he had been appointed Installing Officer, he was exceedingly delighted, as his merits were as well known to them as himself. The Chairman concluded by proposing "The Health of Bro. Dr. Moore, the Consecrating and Installing Officer." (Applause.)

Bro. Moore, who was received with hearty manifestations on rising to respond, said he begged to thank the Chairman for the very flattering way in which he had introduced his name to the meeting, and also the company for the hearty welcome they had accorded to it. He had felt himself conscious of many defects that day, but he certainly looked upon it as a proud honour when he received a letter from the Grand Secretary, asking him to undertake the duties which he had performed that day, and which he had done with very great pleasure. (Applause.) Some little time ago he heard it mentioned that a lodge was very much needed, if they could only find a building and get proper men to take the various offices. Now that idea had become a fact—they had got good men in their various offices, the lodge was formed, and he hoped it would go on prosperously. After referring to the safeguards to be adopted in the admission of members, and alluding to the quiet, secluded spot in which their lodge room was situated, Bro. Moore said that if the brethren found the least difficulty in working the lodge, which must necessarily be found in a new lodge, he had no doubt that brethren in Lancaster could be found who would be very glad to come and give them every assistance they might require. (Hear, hear.) Before he sat down he wished to propose the health of one whom he hoped would ever be remembered in Grange—certainly it would never be forgotten in the Grange Lodge, as it was called after him—and that was their Worshipful Master. (Applause.) Bro. Brogden was obliged to leave them for a short time, but he had no doubt the lodge would be well looked after by its officers during his temporary absence. He begged to give them "The Health of the Worshipful Master of the Grange Lodge, Bro. Arthur John Brogden."

The Chairman on rising to respond was received with loud applause. After thanking them for the way in which the toast had been introduced and received, he said it was now a fact that they had a Masonic lodge in Grange. The idea did not exactly start with him, though he felt when he came to live there that it was just the place for

forming a lodge, and when he communicated that idea to other brethren he found they were in the same mind as himself. So they went to work and found others out, and eventually they succeeded in getting sufficient to sign the petition, and the consummation of their labour had been witnessed that day. (Applause.) He did not wish to take all the credit of that work, or for the success that had that day crowned their efforts. There were others as well as himself who would have the gratification of knowing that their zeal and energy had been well spoken of and approved. He referred particularly to Bros. Mossop and Ashley—(hear, hear)—who had taken a great share of the work consequent on forming a new lodge. He was glad to see the successful circumstances under which their new lodge had been opened, but was sorry that temporary absence from home would prevent him working the lodge for a short time. His absence at such a time was much to be regretted, but it was unavoidable. He could, however, rely on his officers to work with zeal and energy during his absence, and was satisfied that the lodge would lose nothing at their hands. In conclusion he begged to thank them once more for the hearty manner in which they had received the mention of his name. (Applause.)

Other toasts followed, the proceedings being enlivened by the harmony of several brethren.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE NEW CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 813.

On Thursday, the 27th ult., the New Concord Chapter, No. 813, was consecrated by Ex. Comp. James Terry, P.G.D.C., Herts., at the Rosemary Branch Tavern, Southgate-road, Islington. He was assisted by Comp. Wm. Smeed as H., and Comp. Brazier as J., Comp. R. E. Barnes as E., and Comp. A. Wootton as D.C.

A goodly array of visiting companions were present on the occasion.

After the chapter had been opened, the introductory portion of the ceremony performed, Ex. Comp. James Terry delivered an oration, and the ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, Comps. Seymour Smith and F. H. Cozens performing the musical portion. When the chapter had been duly constituted, Comp. J. R. Gallant was installed M.E.Z.; W. Crawford, H.; J. Wright J.; and T. J. Cusworth, Scribe, E. The whole of the ceremony was most fluently and impressively performed.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies the M.E.Z. proposed that Comps. Jas. Terry, Wm. Smeed, and Brazier be elected hon. members of the chapter. The motion being duly seconded, the M.E.Z. said the chapter was greatly indebted to those companions for having so kindly given their time and evinced their great ability in consecrating the chapter; it was a very small return to elect them honorary members of the chapter and he felt assured the companions wished them every happiness, and hoped as often as they could use their privileges and visit the chapter they would receive a hearty welcome. A vote of thanks was passed to E. Comp. James Terry for performing the ceremony of consecration with such distinguished ability. Ex. Comp. Terry, in acknowledging the compliment, said it was a labour of love to him to perform such a work, and he was very much pleased that his efforts had given satisfaction to the companions. Comps. Smeed and Brasier also acknowledged the vote. The M.E.Z. then proposed the names of several brethren as exalted at the next convocation of the chapter. The banquet was then partaken of, after which the M.E.Z. proposed the customary R.A. toasts, viz., "The Queen and the Grand Z., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." He then proposed "The Health of the Pro Grand Z., the Earl of Carnarvon; Lord Skelmersdale, H.; and Lord de Tabley, J., and the rest of the Grand Officers," which were received with great eclat. Ex. Comp. Terry proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z." (Ex. Comp. J. R. Gallant), and observed that he had run his course thus far very rapidly, and they found him now at the head of a new chapter, which he hoped was destined to play an important part in the Masonic body of the northern part of the metropolis; he had been personally acquainted with the M.E.Z. for some considerable time, and he had given ample proof of his zeal for the Order by constituting himself a Life Governor to the Masonic Charities, and felt assured he would use his utmost endeavours not only to further the interests of the chapter, but for the welfare of the Craft in general.

The M.E.Z. in reply said, for the confidence the companions had shown him he hoped he should prove himself grateful. He trusted he should not abuse that confidence, and that the chapter would even exceed the anticipations which he had entertained of it. They had an excellent example set them by the lodge to which the chapter was attached, and begged to assure the companions that the honour conferred on him would be a stimulus to future exertions.

Several other toasts having been given and responded to, the Jauitor's toast brought to a close the proceedings of an evening agreeably spent.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE HOLMESDALE CHAPTER, No. 874.

On Monday, the 1st inst., a new Royal Arch Chapter, attached to the Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874, was solemnly dedicated and consecrated at the Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, by Comp. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, P.Z., Prov. G.J. Kent, P. Prov. G.H. Jamaica; assisted by Comps. J. S. Eastes, P.Z., Prov. G.H. Kent; the Rev. W. A. Hill, and H. Ward, P.Z., Prov. G.H. Wilts, Director of Ceremonies.

After the Chapter had been formally opened, an oration on the principles of the Order was delivered by Comp. W. A. Hill.

A convocation of Installed Principals was then formed, when Comp. the Rev. Thomas Robinson severally installed Comps. B. S. Willson, W. Delves, and W. Stephens, P.Z., into the Third Chair. Comp. W. Stephens, then installed Comps. B. S. Wilmott, and W. Delves separately into the Second Chair, after which Comp. B. S. Wilmott was installed into the First Principal's Chair, according to ancient and solemn custom.

Upon the admission of the companions the three Principals were duly proclaimed and saluted, and the following brethren were then elected and invested:—Comps. R. W. Delves, Scribe E.; W. Bacon, Scribe N.; H. D. M. Williams, Prin. Soj.; J. Bass, First Asst. Soj.; C. Graham, Second Asst. Soj.; T. H. Spencer, Janitor.

The consecrating officers, as well as Comp. Viscount Holmesdale, Grand Superintendent of Kent, were elected honorary members, and the convocation was closed.

An excellent banquet followed, at which Comp. Willmott presided, and at which the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were proposed and duly responded to.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE ISLINGTON CHAPTER, No. 1471.

The consecration of this new chapter which is attached to the Islington Lodge, No. 1471, meeting at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, took place on Monday last, the 8th inst. The consecrating and installing officer was Comp. J. Terry, P.Z., P.M., &c., G.D.C. Herts. After the ceremony of consecrating had been proceeded with, Comp. Terry installed Comp. E. Bowyer as M.E.Z., who thereupon invested Comp. Mather as H., and T. A. Lewis, J. The banquet followed and a very pleasant evening was spent by the companions present.

#### SKETCHES OF MASONIC CHARACTER No. VIII. BRO. SMYTHE AT PARIS.

Bro. Smythe is the well-known W.M. of the Affability Lodge, always one of the pleasantest of assemblies of our brotherhood. His tact and taste are well-known; he does things always so remarkably well, that the gatherings of the "Affability" have been declared to be "feasts of reason and flow of soul," and when you add to this that no more hospitable reception and no more hearty welcome are to be found in any lodge within the Bills of Mortality, or perhaps, more properly, the "area of the Metropolitan Police," you place the excellence of Bro. Smythe's lodge and the good qualities of Bro. Smythe himself on a truly Masonic pedestal beyond the possibility of doubt or dispute.

Bro. Smythe, who has been spending the long vacation in Switzerland, has returned home, via Paris, and as Bro. Smythe, (not Smith), is a bachelor, he left some agreeable artist friends at Lucerne, and went to Paris, via Pontarlier, from Berne, on his homeward journey. So as he is not strong in French, though very good at English, and despite his eloquent speeches at the "Affability," like a great many more of the John Bull genus, he gets very soon fast when speaking French. Despite his "Conversation Book," he soon becomes, "hors de combat," when he has to "trip it" in Parisian accents, and curiously enough he says he never can talk to a French lady without making a dreadful blunder, though, as he observes, they are too polite to "laugh at a fellow."

"I was crossing," he says "from the place Vendome," to get into the Rue Rivoli, when as I went across, it was raining, and a lady stepped out of a shop without an umbrella. As a Freemason and a man of the world, accustomed to good society, I thought it only my duty to be civil, and so I said, "Madame, (it is always safe to say Madame in France), Voulez vous preter mon parapluie?" I thought I saw a smile pass over her face, as she replied with the greatest grace in the world, "Oh, Merci, monsieur, mille remerciements," and having seen her into her brougham, and received a most charming bow, I fancy I struck some French people who were looking on, both with the style of my dress, and the way I took off and put on my hat." "It is always advisable" adds Smythe, "especially when you are abroad, to be civil to women, and they tell you all sorts of stories, at Paris, what civility has done for men. I don't think I should do it in Regent-street, for an English woman, because it is not our habit. We leave them to themselves; but abroad, one must always remember the axiom 'you are to do as Rome, as Rome does.' I think that's it, or something like it."

Smythe, it appeared, walked in one evening to "Brentant's," also called "Vachette," to order his dinner, and as Bro. Wilkinson, of our lodge, saw the little scene, and heard the little colloquy which followed, I think it well to give them in his own graphic words, for he was an amused spectator, being unknown to Bro. Smythe, and could not help maliciously laughing at the embarrassment of our good friend. Smythe lounged in, and said in a stately way to Jean, "Je vous diner." Jean, always civil to everybody, and always in a great hurry, only replied "Bientôt, Monsieur," but another waiter coming up, Smythe repeated his wish "Je vous diner." So the civil waiter brought him the carte, and after some difficulty Smythe managed to order, Soupe Bisque, Turbot à la Hollandaise, Cotelettes à la Soubise, Roast Bif Anglais, Omelette à l'abricot, Merlingues Glacés and some Gruyère Cheese. He ordered a bottle of Champagne and did very well, though the waiter could not understand for some little time what he meant by "Frappé Mote" though at last he realized that it was "Moët Frappé." Bro. Wilkinson assures us that Bro. Smythe, with the best intentions in the world, though the worst French, continued to weary out at last the most complaisant of French waiters, until he said in despair, "parley Anglais, sil vous plait, Monsieur. I understands you besser!"

However, Smythe much enjoyed his dinner, but two little episodes deserves recording. He said to the waiter, after Cheese, &c. "Je vous ice." The waiter replied, "Glace, Monsieur," "No," said Smythe, loftily, "I said ice, not a glass." At length, turning to his "Conversation Book," he found that "Glace" was "ice." So he said condescendingly, "Ah, I see! You have strange words in France Glass means ice. Oui, du glass."

Smythe, in a letter to a friend, said he liked Paris very much indeed, small blame to him, but that he thought the French used such strange expressions for English words. Had he remembered Theodore Hook's famous lines, he might have quoted them with great effect,

"And chaises they call chairs,  
And letters they call billies;  
They call their mothers mares,  
And all their daughters fillies."

But not remembering them he merely remarked that he could not understand why a knife was called "couteau," or a fork "fourchette," or a spoon "cuiller," (a very hard word), or gloves "gauts," beer "Bock," or a carriage a "fiacre," and above all a policeman, a "commissaire."

After coffee, the very good-humoured "Napoleon," as he used to be termed, offered him as a chasse, "Fin Champagne." "No," said Smythe almost indignantly, "not at this time of day—a ce point du jour, si je le connais; pas pour Joseph. Je bois seulement Cognac!"

Napoleon, with infinite grace, bowed and smiled, and returned with the "petit verre." Smythe for a long time could not get over "that great mistake of a French waiter at Paris."

Now, why have I told this story, and what do I want to impress upon all our readers—the young ones especially? Only this, that of all the helpless beings abroad, he is the most helpless who does not understand the vernacular of the country in which he is travelling.

I know, and Mrs. Balasso remarks, that while the young men can smoke and nip, and spit and chew,—yes, chew to perfection, they will not take the trouble of studying foreign languages. Some say "English is enough for them;" others they don't care for a "foreign lingo;" others remark that "you can get on with English anywhere now;" and some even declare that it is a "baw." But we would recommend all to apply themselves to foreign languages, as rendering them more of a man, and certainly more of a Mason, inasmuch as no greater amusement, and no better employment can be found by any, than the study of French and German, Italian and Spanish.

A very distinguished diplomatist once said, and we heartily agree with him, "The more languages a man has mastered, the more truly he becomes a useful citizen of the world," and we can only urge, especially on young Freemasons, the advantage and utility of studying foreign languages and mastering them sufficiently for the comfort, of travelling and the interchange of mutual kindness sympathy, and good-will.

**THE QUEEN AND THE ROYAL FAMILY.**

The Queen is at Balmoral with Prince Leopold and Princess Beatrice.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are at Abergeldie.

Their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein have been the guests of the Earl and Countess of Dudley, at Black Mount, N.B.

H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge has been inspecting the troops at Aldershot and Portsmouth.

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.**  
For the Week ending Friday, October 19, 1877.

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

- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13.**  
Quart. Court and Election Girls' School at 12.  
Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond  
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
" 1423, Era, Island Hot., Hampton-court.  
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, N.  
" 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.  
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.

- 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.  
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

- MONDAY, OCTOBER 15.**  
Quart. Court and Election Boys' School, at 12.—See Advt.  
Lodge 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.  
" 862, Whittington, F.M. Tav.  
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 907, Royal Alfred, F.M.H.  
Chap. 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Young Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.

- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-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.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Geopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.  
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.  
2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16.**  
Board of Gen. Purposes, at 3.  
Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., City.  
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.  
" 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 435, Salisbury, M.H. 68, Regent-st., W.  
" 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
" 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H.  
" 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav.  
Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.  
" 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.  
Rose Croix, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, 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, Bedford Ho., Shampton Bldgs.  
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, 23, Gresham-street.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17.**  
Gen. Com. Grand Chapter, at 3.  
Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.  
" 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.  
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.  
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.  
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.  
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-st., S.W.  
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.  
Mark Lodge, 144, Grosvenor, M.H., Air-st., Regent-st.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Confidence, Greyhound Tav., Milton-street, Cripple-gate.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgcumbe, 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, OCTOBER 18.**  
House Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.  
" 160, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 181, Universal, F.M.H.  
" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot. St. John's Wood.  
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.  
" 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.  
" 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.  
" 1475, Peckham, Surrey M.H.  
" 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.  
Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsobny-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.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19.**  
House Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
Rose Croix, Invicta, 33, Golden-square.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
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, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
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.  
Duric, 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.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Ho., London-st., Greenwich.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.**  
For the Week ending Saturday, October 20, 1877.

- MONDAY, OCTOBER 15.**  
Lodge 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
" 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16.**  
Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 897, St. Helen's Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.  
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croxteth.  
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Ho., Barrow.  
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Ho., Poulton-le-Fylde.  
" 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Seacombe.  
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17.**  
Lodge 86, Loyalty, Prescott.  
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.  
" 537, Zetland, M.R. Birkenhead.  
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.  
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.  
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Kirkdale.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.

- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18.**  
Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 343, Concord, Militia Rooms, Preston.  
" 425, Cestrian, Eastgate-row, Chester.  
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.  
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle.  
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.  
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.  
" 1576, Dec, Union Hot., Parkgate.

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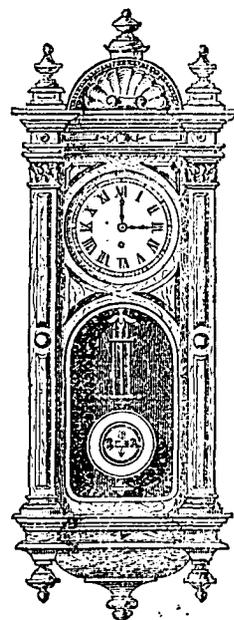
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