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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	£120	1	8
" " " " Oct. 20th	24	8	3
" " " " Oct. 27th	17	6	0
Boys of the Royal Masonic School (Wood Green) ... ..	4	6	6

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:—

Lodge of Fidelity, 3	5	5	0
Loyalty Lodge, 243...	2	1	8
Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, 355	2	2	0
Fidelity Lodge, 555...	3	3	0
Burdett Lodge, 1293	3	3	0

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 205).**—The first regular assembly for the season of the brethren of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. J. P. Cohen, the P.M., presided, and there was a large attendance, amongst whom were Bros. A. M. Cohen, S.W. (and P.M.); A. Bassington, J.W.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., Secretary; H. J. Phillips, S.D.; T. Gemperetz, J.D.; S. M. Harris, H. M. Harris, W. A. Fittour, Morris Abrahams. Among the visitors present, were M. T. Leewenstark, W.M. 1668 (Samson); E. Gothiel, P.M. 185 (Tranquillity); W. G. Kent, 1297 (West Kent); D. Harris, 641; Rev. Dr. V. Rosenthien, 17 (Memphis); and Copter, 141 (Faith). Mr. S. A. Hogetoren, of Essex-road, Islington, was duly initiated, and Bros. J. H. Lobel and H. S. Meyers were passed. A special vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Secretary C. F. Hogard, P.M., for his services in obtaining £100 with interest extending over several years at the rate of five per cent per annum belonging to the lodge benevolent fund, which was only rescued with great difficulty and trouble, and patient perseverance. The lodge unanimously voted five guineas to the Indian Famine Relief Fund, and Bro. Francis Buckland proposed as trustee of the lodge benevolent fund. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet room, and the repast over, the usual toasts were given and most heartily responded to. The enjoyment of the evening was considerably enhanced by the excellent singing by Bros. Morris Abrahams, Phillips, Harris, Rosenthien, &c., and the brethren separated after having spent a most pleasant evening.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—The brethren of this lodge assembled in large numbers at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Thursday, the 26th ult. Bro. John Shackleton, the W.M. of the lodge, presided in the chair of K.S., and the officers were as follows: J. Lorkin, S.W.; F. Bonner, J.W.; N. Greene, S.D.; A. H. Broad, J.D.; Ernest Dietrich, J.S.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; T. Chapman, I.P.M., Treas.; G. Young, Organist; Bros. F. Brasted, and E. Dignam, acting as Wine Stewards. The business of the evening consisted of raising Bros. Beenson and Jameson, passing Bros. C. J. Olley, R. Fisher, and T. Norman, and the initiation of Mr. S. Blow, all of which ceremonies were most efficiently worked by the W.M. and his assistants. Amongst the members present were Bros. Davies, O. Dietrich, Stevenson, G. Ferrar, E. George, J. Dexter,

R. Fisher, C. Olley, R. Olley, J. Bell, T. Worman, R. Pollock, F. Beenson, W. Jameson, C. Broome, T. Bigg, A. Ferrar, R. George, J. Payne, Harding, Moon, W. Beasley, Loefflin, Robinson, C. Smvth. The visitors included Bros. J. Lorkin, 292; E. Brown, 1685; W. G. Kent, 1297; J. Marsh, 1326; B. Cowley, W.M. 917; and J. Fieldwick, 1364. The work over, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banqueting room, where a most substantial repast awaited them, which was served under the personal superintendance of Bro. George Ferrar, the host, to which the brethren did ample justice. The usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given and most heartily responded to, and the brethren separated at an early hour, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

**KILBURN LODGE (No. 1608).**—The first installation meeting of this lodge since the consecration was held on Monday last, at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn. The W.M., Bro. John Palmer, presided, and after the opening business of the lodge had been performed, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. John Coutts, P.G.P., presented Bro. George Kiallmark, S.W., and W.M. elect, to receive at the hands of Bro. Palmer the benefit of installation. Bro. Palmer then proceeded with the ceremony and duly installed Bro. Kiallmark in the W.M.'s chair. After the usual salutes in the different degrees the new W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the year:—Bros. Charles Brewer, S.W.; J. W. Cuff, J.W.; Everett, Treasurer; S. Brooks, Secretary; Geo. Fritchett, S.D.; George Goody, J.D.; A. H. Wilson, I.G.; Frederick Brewer, D.C.; Frederick Baker, Steward; and C. Thomas, Tyler. Bro. Palmer, who was invested as the P.M., delivered the addresses. Among the brethren present at the meeting of the lodge were Bros. John Palmer, W.M., George Kiallmark, S.W.; Charles Brewer, J.W.; Samuel Brooks, Sec.; J. W. Cuff, S.D.; George Fletcher, J.D.; George H. Goody, I.G.; A. H. Wilson, Steward; C. Thomas, Tyler; F. J. Blake, T. H. Hartley, A. W. Webster, W. Blackburn, James Terry, P.M.; and visitors, H. W. Nicholson, 382; W. Bourne, P.M. 1348; Walter Goss, W.M. 780; A. J. Iretton, S.W. 1348; John Coutts, P.G.P.; J. Laurence, P.M. 901; H. W. Kiallmark, 29; G. T. Carter, P.M. 145; John Hodges, S.D. 1706; Ralph Wilkinson, Union Lodge; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason). After the W.M. had been installed, he commenced the work of the year by initiating Mr. George Barclay and Mr. William Frederick Walton. When this work had been done the W.M. said he felt peculiarly gratified that the first words he should have to address to the brethren after his installation by Bro. Palmer were with reference to that brother's admirable directing of the lodge during his year of office. He esteemed it a very high privilege to hold the position of W.M., but to his mind there was none to be compared to that of asking Bro. Palmer to accept a P.M.'s jewel, as a mark of the brethren's appreciation of his services. The extent of his (the W.M.'s) own indebtedness to Bro. Palmer he could scarcely express, and he thought that most of the brethren would find it difficult to express theirs. Bro. Palmer was so well known to the brethren of the Kilburn Lodge and to other brethren that they would be able to realise what they owed him. The period during which he had presided over the lodge would be looked back upon with great pleasure and delight, and he trusted that Bro. Palmer's connection with the lodge would not cease till the day when it pleased the Almighty to remove him from the earth. Bro. Palmer, I.P.M., on whose breast the W.M. affixed the jewel, in acknowledgment said he would endeavour to wear the jewel, at least as often as the present W.M. was in the chair, and as often afterwards as he possibly could. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, and at its conclusion duly honoured the toasts. Bro. John Coutts, P.G.P., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers." Bro. Palmer, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M." said that when the founders of the lodge placed the present W.M. as S.W. they well knew he was the right man in the right place, and that he would follow on and in due time occupy the W.M. chair; and when that brother listened to the eloquence of Bro. James Terry at one of the meetings and consented to act as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and with only £25 from the lodge took up a list of £117, they had further assurance that he was the right man in the right place. Again, when the brethren heard the W.M. immediately after his installation working the initiation ceremony they were as convinced as ever they had been that they were not wrong. He (Bro. Palmer) believed the W.M. would go on and prosper, and that the lodge under his guidance would prosper, so that instead of having eight guineas to the good as they had now, when he left the chair they would have eighty-eight. The W.M. in reply said the few poor words he had strung together in order to thank Bro. Palmer for his very great kindness had been completely expelled by that kindness, and he felt quite incapable of returning thanks in a shape that might be acceptable. As he was the brethren's debtor he would only ask them to allow him to become still more their debtor, by allowing themselves to draw on their imagination what he owed them and what he felt. In thanking them for their kindness he would ask them to allow him to say no more on that subject, but to pass on to another of greater importance—the health of a man who had made him (the W.M.) what he was. He alluded to Past Master Palmer, without whom he certainly should not have been Master of the Kilburn Lodge. He had been a Mason for over twenty years, but until the last year and a half he did not regard Masonry as he did now. He trusted that under the auspices of Bro. Palmer he might become a little more serviceable to the Craft in general, and to himself as a Mason in particular. All that he was in Masonry he owed to Bro. Palmer, and he felt that what he owed to him the lodge also owed to him. This lodge could not possibly have become what it was without Bro. Palmer: it could not have flourished at all; and by no

means could it have arrived at the success it had, or have seen at its hospitable board the officers of Grand Lodge, or the Secretaries of the Institutions, and other lights of the Craft. He was very loth to say more before Bro. Palmer, because it seemed to partake very much of the nature of flattery, which of course would be as repulsive to Bro. Palmer as it would be to him (the W.M.); but this he must say, that every particle of success which had been achieved by the lodge, all promotion he had himself, every step taken by the initiates and all the members of the lodge, owed their mainspring, its impetus and its arrival, entirely to the exertions of that brother to whom the brethren had that day presented a P.M. jewel. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Palmer said he cordially thanked the W.M. for what he had said, but he was quite sure the lodge did not owe him anything, though he owed something to the lodge, for it was a great honour for any man to be called on to preside over a lodge for the first year, and especially such a lodge as the Kilburn. He should not have undertaken to fulfil such a duty had he not been sure that the brethren would look over any failings he might have. He found that they had done so, and that they were still willing so to act. He could only hope to amend his ways in future, and that there might be none of his failings to look over. He trusted that every one who succeeded him would eclipse what he had done, and if they did, this lodge in a few years would become one of the first in the Craft. (Hear, hear.) In proposing "The Initiates," the W.M. said he could not help feeling that both Bros. Walton and Barclay would become an acquisition to the lodge and to Masonry; that they would feel that the Primitive Father in the vale of allegory, the signs and symbols which at first appeared devoid of meaning, would become instinct with life, and lead at last to that path to which we all hoped to arrive. Bro. Walton said if there were times in a man's life which were more important than others it must be when he became a Freemason. From the very few words he had heard that evening he was sure if a man acted up to them he must become a decent man indeed. He did not doubt that the farther we penetrated into the mysteries of Masonry, and the more we followed them with sincerity, the better men we should become. From what he had seen he was convinced there could not be much wrong in it, and he hoped that as he went on to be able to penetrate further, and to become a much better member of the Craft than he was at that moment. Bro. Barclay concurred in the remarks of Bro. Walton. To the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Elliott responded, and the W.M. then said he now approached a toast which represented the very heart and soul of Masonry. The most flourishing vine—flourishing to all appearances with every beauty of leaf, and with every beauty of shape—was yet nothing but a barren object without the fruit. The fruit of Masonry was the charities of Masonry. The charities of Masonry, as far as he knew or could see of them, were represented by the three great Institutions which Freemasons were called upon to support. He was happy to state that they had the Secretary of one of those Institutions present, and he would call upon him to respond to the toast now about to be submitted to the brethren. This toast contained in itself so many elements that it shewed in fact what was, as he had said, the very heart and soul of Freemasonry, and it required no effort on his part to explain its meaning. (Cheers.) Bro. James Terry replied, and said that in the absence of Bro. Little, the festival of whose Institution this lodge was about to support, he would thank the brethren most heartily and sincerely. Were Bro. Little present he would respond to this toast far more eloquently than he (Bro. Terry). Bro. Everett, the Treasurer, was about to represent the lodge at the Girls' Festival, in May next, and he (Bro. Terry) could only hope and trust that Bro. Everett would have the same honourable distinction that was conferred on the present W.M. by the members of the lodge in its first year of its existence. This lodge, like many others within the last eighteen months, had accomplished far more than the Institutions had a right to expect from it. When they looked back and saw that twelve months ago this lodge was numbered 1608, and that now there was a lodge numbered 1727, it must be acknowledged that great strides had been made in a year. No greater number of lodges had ever been consecrated in the same period; and what had been the result as far as the Institutions were concerned? Why, instead of having some £5000 or £6000 a year brought in on behalf of each Institution he was certain that on the 31st December next it would be found that a sum amounting to £42,000 had been contributed to them by the Masons of this country. He thought the Grand Master had exercised the discretion conferred upon him by the Craft in a very advantageous manner by issuing warrants to brethren for new lodges. It was not always that the brethren who presented petitions for warrants had a right to expect they would be granted. It was only when those who were expert Masons, and men of position in the Order, asked the Grand Master to confer upon them the distinction of having a new warrant that they had a right to expect it. The Grand Master granted warrants to deserving Masons. Such a distinction had been conferred on the Kilburn Lodge, and the present W.M. had shown himself worthy of the distinction, and sensible of the obligation cast upon him by what he had done. The Girls' School was a very noble Institution. It was the oldest of the three Masonic Institutions, and after the election of the previous Saturday week would have 187 or 188 girls in it. What did that mean? It meant the boarding, clothing, and educating of that number of girls, from eight to sixteen years of age—girls, who, if their parents, had lived would have been entitled to an education commensurate with the position their fathers held when initiated. Therefore it was a great thing to have an institution to take the place of the fathers. The Boys' School had been in some degree increasing very much during the past sixteen years, and he was happy to say that its state of prosperity

had been progressive. In former times that Institution had no home of its own, but it paid for the education of the sons of Masons, who were placed out at day-schools in the neighbourhood in which they lived. Now they had a very large building of their own, which probably, next March, would contain 220 or 230 boys, who would be boarded, clothed, and educated from the age of eight to sixteen. How that Institution had discharged its duty was evidenced by the fact that at the last Cambridge local examination which took place, out of twenty-four boys, three gained first-class honours, and the others obtained very high distinctions. From this it was clear that the Boys' and Girls' Schools are doing their best. With respect to the Institution of (Bro. Terry) represented, that for the poor old men and old women, he could not speak of any university honours that they had gained. Many of them, however, had gained distinctions in life during the time that they had prospered. Many of them who were now pensioners on the bounty of the Craft were life governors of the Boys and Girls' Schools. There was at the present time in the Asylum at Croydon a life governor of the Boys' School, and there were many others in a similar position. There was, at least to them, a solace and a comfort in their distress and misfortune, that they had in their time done something to alleviate distress. Through the liberality of lodges like the one he was addressing, the Benevolent Institution had been enabled to do wonders during the last five or six years; and he had only to refer to what the position of the charities was in 1872 and what it was now, to show this. In 1872 a total of £18,000 was reached, but in 1877, as he had before said, he believed the total would be £42,000. That simply showed what the work of the Craft had been, and the desire of the brethren to promote the interests of the Institution. He could not help thanking the brethren for what they did for his Institution in February last. Within five months of the lodge's consecration it had subscribed £25 from its own funds, and the brethren made up the total to £117. This was something unparalleled. He could only hope that the lodge would go on and prosper. To the newly initiated brethren he could say that they had entered on a career for which there was no parallel in other societies. The step that they had taken was one fraught with an enormous amount of good to themselves, and he trusted it might be to the society that they had joined. This society was known through the length and breadth of the world for its acts of kindness and generosity to suffering humanity, and those acts were not confined only to members of the fraternity. Within the past seven months no less than £5300 had been given away by Grand Lodge to objects outside the limits of the Institution; £4000 to establish two lifeboats to commemorate the safe return of the Prince of Wales; £1000 to the Indian Famine Fund; £200 to relieve the distress caused by the fire at New Brunswick; and £100 to relieve distress in Peru. He might inform the initiates that Freemasons could not be going very far wrong when they did this, and the outside world could not say of them that they were hoarding up their money for their own limited body when they gave away money for such objects. The Freemasons were a limited body, and they could not ask any one outside the Order to contribute one farthing to their funds, but it always liberally and handsomely responded to the calls made upon it at the festivals of the three Institutions, and for that liberality he heartily and sincerely thanked them. The lodge was going to support the Girls' Institution next May, and he trusted that the absence of Bro. Little, the Secretary, would not cause the brethren to flag in their exertions on its behalf. On behalf of that Institution, in the absence of Bro. Little, he earnestly appealed. Bro. Brookes replied to the toast of "The Officers," and Bro. Massey (*Freemason*) on behalf of "The Press." The brethren separated. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened with some excellent singing by Bros. G. Carter, John Hodges, Wilford Morgan, and Wilkinson.

**PAXTON LODGE (No. 1686).**—The second regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Crystal Palace. There were present Bros. J. M. Klenck, W.M.; C. L. Benham, J.W.; J. Sawyer, S.D.; W. H. Bonsell, J.D.; E. Woodhams, I.G.; Coward, P.G.O.; Bros. Dodd, Partridge, Waker, Frances, Sec. The visitors were Bro. Mitchell, 1360; Silver, 1339. Messrs. Whitcombe, Pratt, and Graves, were initiated, and Bro. Partridge and Silver passed, the work being most creditably done by the W.M. The bye laws were then passed, and letters of regret for absence read from the P.G.M. for Middlesex, and other brethren. The members adjourned to an excellent banquet and spent an agreeable evening.

**MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).**—The first meeting of this lodge after the vacation was held at the Assheton Arms, on Thursday, Sept. 27th. Bro. G. Bradbury, W.M., presided, and was assisted by Bros. Wood, P.M., as S.W.; F. Fothergill, J.W.; J. Hatton, Sec.; F. Hooper, Organist; W. Kent, Tyler. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Mr. James Fellow was proposed for initiation. The ballot being unanimous in his favour, he was accordingly initiated by the W.M. The ancient charge was given by the J.W., Bro. Fothergill, whose excellent delivery impressed not only the candidate but the brethren present. Bros. Jowett and Smith were duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the charge in the S.R. being given and the working tools presented by the W.M. The lodge having been lowered to the First Degree, Bro. Bradbury, W.M., gave notice of his intention at the next meeting of the lodge to move "That the sum of £5 be given to the Indian Famine Relief Fund." "Hearty good wishes" having been accorded by Lodges 317, 467, 1147, 1645, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table. During the evening

the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the brethren separated shortly before ten o'clock.

**SEACOMBE.**—The Warren Lodge (No. 1276).—The members of this lodge met on Tuesday, the 16th ult., at the lodge room, Stanley Arms, Seacombe, near Birkenhead, for installation purposes. The attendance was very numerous, and indicated the necessity for more commodious premises in which to hold the meetings. The retiring W.M., Bro. Taylor, opened the lodge at four p.m., and during the course of the business there were present the following officers:—Bros. Hockey, P.P.G.S. 950; Cain, P.M. 724; Polford, W.M. 477; Fraser, P.M., Treasurer 477; R. C. Mellor, P.P.J.G.D., 605; Shaw, W.M. 605; Taylor, S.W. 605; Hignett, P.M. 537. After the minutes had been read by the Secretary, Bro. Henry Matthews, the W.M. most effectively raised three brethren to a higher degree. Bro. Dr. Spreckley then proceeded to install for the ensuing year Bro. Skinner, as the W.M., who was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. Taylor, retiring W.M., and Bro. Bainbridge. The ceremony being performed, Bro. Dr. Spreckley at once proceeded with the charges for 1877-78, to the following officers, which were also very impressively given:—Bros. Taylor, I.P.M.; Bainbridge, P.M., D.C.; W. Price, S.W.; Henry Matthews, P.G.S., J.W.; Danger, Treasurer; J. G. Parker, P.G.S., Sec.; Hindley, S.D.; G. Henderson, J.D.; Ellaby, I.G.; Yates, S.S.; Looney, J.S.; M'Murdie, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Spreckley for the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of Installing Master. It was agreed to present a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Taylor, I.P.M. The brethren subsequently banqueted in a large room specially erected for the occasion, and which reflected great credit upon Mr. Nixon, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Skinner, by whom the usual toasts were given and cordially responded to.

**WALTHAM.—King Harold Lodge (No. 1377).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Britannia Hotel, on Thursday, the 18th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Tydeman, W.M. elect; T. Rielly, W.M., and Prov. G.P. Herts; W. Gilbert, I.P.M., and P.P.G.J.W. Herts; C. Lacey, P.M., and P.P.G.J.D.; E. Parkes, P.M., P.P.G.P.; E. West, P.M. P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; W. Bradstock, Sec.; A. Malcolm, S.W., Prov. G.S.; S. Jacobs, S.D.; J. Knight, J.D.; J. Fisher, D.C. J. Robinson, I.G.; J. Noyes, W.S.; Verry, acting Tyler; B. Godsale, J. Church, W. C. Bradstock, jun., G. Holdsworth, J. Kent, E. Price, J. Lumsden, W. Hornby, M. Levy, R. Calvert, F. Hodges, J. Sheldon, J. Bull, J. M. O'Flanagan, W. A. Rogers, J. M. Newman, G. Eversfield, A. W. Goggs, W. F. Cox, J. Fuller, W. Wiggs, C. Shepherd, W. O. Bull, W. M. Creed. Visitors: Bros. T. Day, P.M. 1076, W.M. 1437, Prov. G.S. of W. Essex; F. H. Wilson Iles, Prov. G. Sec. Herts; B. B. Brayshaw, P.M. 1076, 1437, 1472, and P.G.S.B. Essex; W. Steele, W.M. 1472; A. J. Manning, S.W. 1472; F. Drummond, P.M. 217; G. W. Patmore, S.W. 1437; H. Sanders, 1437; T. Osgathorpe, 1437; S. B. Williams, G. Jones, I.G. 174; C. Wood, 700; J. Dorman, 403; T. Searle, 1604; R. T. Ingersoll, 1237; F. West, 700; S. Garrod, 754; F. Duncan, 898. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The audit report was received and adopted. The ballot was taken for Bro. J. R. Colvin, as joining member, which proved unanimous in his favour. Bro. Holdsworth was then passed to the Second Degree. The next business was the installation of the W.M. elect for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Tydeman, P.M., S.W., and P.P.G.P. Essex, having been unanimously elected at the previous meeting, was now presented and duly installed into the chair of K.S., in the presence of a full board of Installed Masters. The beautiful ceremony of installation was most ably performed by Bro. E. West, P.M. and P.P.G.S.D., the same calling forth a most hearty and unanimous vote of thanks from the brethren. The W.M. invited his officers as follows: Bros. Thomas Rielly, I.P.M.; A. Malcolm, S.W.; S. Jacob, J.W.; E. West, Treas.; W. Bradstock, Sec.; J. Knight, S.D.; J. Fisher, J.D.; J. Noyes, D.C.; J. Robinson, I.G.; J. Lumsden, W.S.; G. Eversfield, S.; W. Steedman, Tyler. The charges to the officers and brethren were given by Bro. W. Gilbert, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Bro. Tydeman, W.M., announced that he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present a gold Past Master's jewel, as well as a full dress suit of Provincial Grand Lodge clothing, to the much respected Immediate Past Master, who had so ably and well performed the duties as Master during the past year, viz Bro. Rielly. The announcement was received with hearty cheers. The W.M. then said: Bro. Past Master Rielly, in investing you with this jewel, and this suit of Prov. Grand Lodge clothing, it is not necessary for me to say how much you are respected and esteemed in this lodge. This gift, and the unanimous way in which the lodge voted it to you, is sufficient to prove what I am about to say, and that is, that you have by your kind and courteous behaviour, as well as the excellent way in which you have conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past year, won for yourself the love and respect of its every member. Bro. Rielly replied in very suitable terms. The W.M. announced that the Prov. G. Sec. (who was present) would act as Steward at the next annual festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, by whom subscriptions would be gladly received towards that charity. Several donations were at once added to Bro. Iles' list, of about thirteen pounds, and still more is expected to be added by other members of the lodge. Several letters were read expressing regret at not being able to attend the meeting, amongst which were those of Bros. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M., &c.; J. R. Colvin Wilson, W.M. 403; Carter, P.M.,

P.Z. 403; Boatwright, W.M. elect 403, and several others. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to. The meeting was enlivened by some excellent singing by Bros. Malcolm, Ingersoll, Fisher, Noyes, and others.

**HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, on the 18th ult. There were present amongst others Bros. Hurst, W.M.; J. Hammond, P.M., S.W., W.M. elect; Hill, P.M., J.W.; Hopwood, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, I.P.M.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Secretary; Fox, S.D.; Jesset, J.D.; Ockenden, I.G.; Walls, P.G.O., Middlesex, D.C.; Kent, A.W.S.; B. Sharp, P.G.S. Middx., P.M. The visitors were Bros. Frederick Walters, P.M. 780, &c., P.P.G.D. Middlesex; Captain Kain, P.M., P.P.G.S. Warwickshire; Francis, P.M. 452, P.P.G.D. Surrey; Wilson, P.M. 209; Keyzor; Crawford, 410; Hopekirk, 1586; Forge and Fitt, 1656. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. initiated Mr. H. J. Jones, and passed Bros. Forward and Tozer. The ceremony of installing Bro. John Hammond was most ably performed by Bro. Francis. The officers invested for the year were Bros. Fox, S.W.; Jesset, J.W.; W. Hammond, Sec; Hopwood, Treasurer; Ockenden, S.D.; Walls, I.D.; Kent, I.G.; Hunt, D.C.; Hiscox, W.S.; Moody, A.W.S.; Gilbert, Tyler. A long report from the Audit Committee, which body consisted of Bros. Hammond, E. Hopwood, C. W. Fox, T. W. Ockenden, T. C. Walls, and B. Sharp, was read. The principal features of the report were that the assets and uncollected dues of the lodge represented a sum of nearly sixty pounds, that ten guineas had been given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and five guineas to the distressed widow of a deceased member, and a recommendation that Bros. Raw, late Treasurer, and Hill, late Warden, should become honorary Past Masters of the lodge, as a slight recognition for their valuable services to the "Hemming" since its foundation. The most important business was the presentation of a handsome jewel, suitably inscribed, to Bro. Hurst, P.M., who returned thanks for the honour conferred. The lodge having been closed the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by Bro. Murphy and assistants. The preliminary toasts having been given, the W.M. proposed in happy terms "The Health of the D.P.G.M. of Middlesex, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present." This toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Hopwood, P.G.S.B., responded. "The Health of the W.M." was given by the I.P.M. in fitting terms, and immediately acknowledged by Bro. J. Hammond, who said that he was grateful for the very hearty manner in which they had drunk his health. He was determined to carry out the duties of his position to the best of his ability. In concluding his speech he remarked upon the great difficulty he experienced on that occasion in adequately expressing the sentiments that actuated him, but that they might rely upon his always studying the welfare and best interests of those who had placed him in that high position, namely, his brethren of the Hemming Lodge. In introducing "The Initiate," the W.M. made some very pertinent remarks. He said that it was only through introducing fresh blood into lodges that the Order was kept alive. Everything would in time die out unless replenished, and Masonry, notwithstanding its great vitality, would share a similar fate unless continually recruited by such initiates as came, like their esteemed brother that night, "well and worthily recommended." Bro. Jones having suitably replied, "The Installing Officer" followed. In giving this toast the W.M. took occasion to say that although there were members of the lodge quite capable of performing the installing "work," yet out of compliment to him they had gracefully given way, and allowed his tutor in Masonry, Bro. Francis, to officiate. It was he who had first given him (the W.M.) an impetus to pursue Masonic science, and he had felt a yearning to have Bro. Francis there that day to induct him into the chair of K.S., as a fitting climax to their long friendship and Masonic connection. In conclusion, he paid a high compliment to the splendid and impressive manner in which the whole ceremony had been conducted by the Installing Officer. Bro. Francis, in reply, said that friendship, like love, was apt to be a little purblind. He felt proud at the manner in which his health had been proposed, but the W.M. had spoken too highly of his humble attainments. He had known their W.M. twenty-five years, and their long friendship had never been broken, and he hoped it never would be. He wished to thank the Past Master of the Hemming for allowing him to instal his dear friend into the chair that day, and he also wished to express his gratitude to them and the brethren generally for having also made him an honorary member of their lodge. "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bro. Captain Kain. "The Health of the Officers" followed, to which each of them replied. "The Masonic Charities" was given, and was also responded to by Bro. Hopwood, Life Governor of each Institution. During the evening the brethren were entertained by Bros. Hurst, Crawford, Walls, Ockenden, and others.

**MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street. Bro. W. Duff, the W.M., presided, and there was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. A congratulatory vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Capt. Garnet, I.P.M., on the occasion of his being appointed Senior Warden at the recent meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, held at Southport on the 3rd inst. Bro. Moore then presented to the lodge, on behalf of Bro. H. Longman, H.M. (who was absent in the south of England) a set of square and compasses for the use of the

W.M. Both articles were of sterling silver, and on the square was the following inscription: "This square with a pair of compasses was presented to the Morecambe Lodge, No. 1561, by Bro. H. Longman, P.M., Hon. Member of the lodge, 5th Oct, 1877." The gift was accepted by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge, and a vote of thanks passed to Bro. Longman. Bro. Moore then gave a lecture on "The Duties and Privileges of the Master's Chair." The lecture was very interesting, and at the close a cordial vote of thanks was given to him. The usual proclamations were then made, and the lodge closed in peace, love and harmony. The brethren then adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, and sat down to a sumptuous repast, under the presidency of Bro. Duff. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and responded to, and the proceedings were enlivened by the harmony of Bros. H. Hartley, W. W. Wilde, S. Hall, G. Bingham, and others.

**EDMONTON.—Carnarvon Lodge (No. 1572).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Angel, Edmonton, on Wednesday, October 3rd., the W.M. Bro. J. Tanner, presided, J. H. Thompson, S.W.; C. Lovibond, J.W.; G. H. Word, S.D.; J. C. Garnett, J.D.; T. C. Oliver, Treasurer; Goddard, Tyler; Bro. Dixon, visitor, 1558. The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. W. Byers, Symmons, and W. Taylor were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the working being done in a very impressive manner by the W.M., being ably assisted by the officers. For so young a lodge (this being only the second time), it reflects credit upon the officers for the able and perfect manner they worked the degree, especially Bros. Lovibond and Word, which was everything that could be desired. It was then proposed by the S.W. that the bye-laws approved by the committee should be confirmed. Bro. Word then proposed Mr. Elenberger as a candidate, seconded by Bro. Symmons. The lodge was then closed in due form with a closing hymn.

**LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).**—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. Bro. W. J. Chapman, W.M., occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. Joseph Bell, I.P.M.; Lindo Courtenay, S.W.; J. Mackenzi, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; J. Atkinson, Sec.; W. Sandbrook, S.D.; F. Wilkinson, J.D.; H. P. Squire, acting I.G.; J. Pyer, S.S.; W. Savage, jun., J.S.; J. Skaf, P.G.O.; and R. Burgess, Organist; W. H. Ball, Tyler; W. Hildyard, Walter Williams, H. Leslie, R. J. Roberts, C. Courtenay, A. Collinson, Ballard, Cook, Reay, Carter, I. de Frece, Keet, &c. Messrs. Bond and Robertson were initiated, and Bros. Weston and Wilkinson, jun., were passed to the degree of F.C. in a most impressive manner. After several propositions for initiation and joining, the lodge was closed in perfect peace, and the brethren afterwards retired to banquet, capital songs and recitations being given by Bros. Bell, I.P.M., Cooke, Roberts, Woolrich, Leslie, L. Courtenay, Pyer, Hill, Hildyard, Williams, Dr. Johnson, &c.

**GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).**—This lodge closed its third summer season on the 3rd ult., but we have first to record a lodge of emergency held on the 5th September, to facilitate the business. The W.M. was as usual all efficient, well supported by his officers and many of the brethren. The visitors were Bros. H. G. Grish, 1541, and F. H. Fletcher, 12. The lodge was opened by the W.M. at 3.45, and after the usual preliminary business the ballot was taken for Messrs. W. Hancock and F. W. Squire as candidates for initiation, which proving unanimous in their favour, enabled the W.M. in due course to enlighten them in the first beauties of Masonry. Bros. Pontchalon and Hall, after a satisfactory examination, were further advanced to the Second Degree, and Bro. W. F. Middleton also, on proving his efficiency, was raised to the Sublime Third Degree and entrusted with the genuine secrets of a M.M. Hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren and the usual enquiries from the W.M. completed the business, and the lodge was closed at 5.25. At the last meeting on October 3rd, the W.M. was again well and worthily supported by his officers and with more than the usual gathering of brethren. Visitors, Bros. Larchie, 1541, and Drew, 733. The lodge was opened by the W.M. at 3.45 in the First Degree, to confirm the previous minutes, and afterwards in the Second Degree, when Bros. Pontchalon and Hall, on proving efficient, were entrusted with the password leading to the Third Degree. The W.M. then opened the lodge in the Third Degree, and raised the above brethren to the noble position of M.M.'s. He then resumed his lodge to the First Degree to examine Bros. Hancock and Squire prior to being passed, which proving satisfactory, after resuming his lodge he advanced both brethren to the position of F.C.'s. The lodge at this time being well attended, and the formal business completed, P.M. Helsdon was permitted to entertain the brethren with his usual lucid explanation of the tracing board of this degree. With many hearty good wishes the W.M. closed the lodge in peace and harmony at 5.50 until the first Wednesday in April, 1878. The usual enjoyable banquets followed each meeting, the W.M. as usual being equally competent at his hearty rendering of the customary toasts and compliments, and Bro. Hunt satisfying all present with his liberal management as Steward. The musical arrangements are always well sustained by the Organist and brethren; the visitors also contributed on both occasions. The fast approaching autumnal tints added the more to the enjoyment of this last meeting, and hearty was the response accorded to the W.M. for his genial good fellowship, to the host of the hotel for his satisfactory catering, and to the members in general for the great interest they were evidently taking to ensure the well-merited success of the Abercorn Lodge.

## INSTRUCTION.

**WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).**—The lodge of instruction in connection with the Wandsworth Lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Tuesday, the 30th ult. The esteemed W.M., Bro. H. R. Jones, rehearsed the First and Second Degrees. The brethren present were Bros. W. Huntley, J. G. Carter, A. Newens, and J. Frost.

**THE EARL OF CARNARVON (No. 1642).**—A meeting was held at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting-hill, on Friday, the 26th October, Bros. Poulter, W.M.; Adkins, S.W.; Wood, J.W.; Penn, S.D.; Smout, sen., J.D.; Luhtwitz, I.G.; Smout, jun., Sec. There were present Bros. Booth, Savage, P.M., Preceptor; Spiegel, Kelly, Michel, P.M.; Lonscott, Knight, P.M., and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Spiegel candidate, after which Bro. Smout, jun., having answered the usual questions for passing, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. It was then proposed that this Lodge of Instruction in future meet at half-past 7 o'clock and close punctually at half past 9 o'clock. Bro. Michel, P.M. 1107, was elected a member of this lodge. With great acclamation Bro. Adkins was elected W.M. at the meeting on Friday, the 9th November. Next Friday is the regular officers' night of the mother lodge.

## Royal Arch.

**THE CHAPTER OF UNITED STRENGTH (No. 228).**—A little time since we gave a report of the consecration of a new chapter to the old Lodge of United Strength, and from the report, given in the *Freemason*, it could be seen that the new venture had all the elements of speedy success. That the anticipations of success were well founded may be seen by the fact that the chapter could not wait for its first ordinary convocation night, the fourth Tuesday in November, but had to hold an "emergency convocation" on Tuesday week for the admission of candidates. Comp. James Terry, the M.E.Z., was in his place punctually to his time, thus acting in accordance with punctual traditions of the mother lodge, and his example was followed by his companion Principals and officers, these being Comps. John A. Winsland, H.; Robert Griggs, J.; James Hillhouse, Scribe E.; John While (*Freemason*), Scribe N.; Halford (in the absence, through a deeply regretted domestic affliction, of Comp. Snare) as Principal Sojourner, and Comp. Killick as Assistant. There were also present Comp. P.Z. Tinkler, P.Z. Hazelgrove, of Bedford, P.Z. Cordell, also of Bedfordshire; Comp. Phelps, of Nottingham; and Comp. Clark, of Ipswich. There were eleven candidates, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read by Comp. Hillhouse and unanimously confirmed, the ballot was taken for 15 candidates whose names appeared upon the summons. The first of these was Bro. Joseph Crump, the father of the mother lodge, and for upwards of a quarter of a century its urbane and loved Secretary. For the last few years the old lodge has received a great accession of strength, and mingled with the love which as worthy Masons the brethren of the United Strength have for their mother lodge and its history, is a deep veneration for the modest, kindly, soft-voiced brother who is at once its father and guardian. That in the long course of years in which he has been associated with the Craft he had not become an Arch Mason is attributable to the fact that he had long looked forward to the foundation of the chapter—in fact, as we showed in the article reporting the consecration, that when the eighteenth century was old and the nineteenth was young proposals were made for carrying out this purpose, and Bro. Crump was looking forward to the realisation of that dream of bygone times. When therefore the chapter was founded Bro. Crump's name as the first candidate to be exalted was hailed with pleasure by all, and thus a strong link of the past history of the lodge was associated with the history of the new chapter. The second was Bro. Edward Davies, twice W.M. of the lodge in the olden time. The third was Bro. Richard Percy, S.D. in the mother lodge, a thorough Master of Masonic work. The fourth was Bro. Edis, also of United Strength, who by his talents and industry is regarded as a W.M. in perspective. The fifth was Bro. F. James Hunt, of the mother lodge; the sixth Bro. H. S. Flaws, also hailing from United Strength; the seventh Bro. Joseph Lawrence, of the Ivy Lodge, No. 1445; the eighth Bro. A. J. Timothy, S.W. of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87; the ninth Bro. James Hill, the gigantic W.M. of the United Strength Lodge; the tenth Bro. Dr. William Hunter, of the United Strength Lodge, and J.W. of the Crusaders' Lodge; the eleventh Bro. George Edward Douglas, D.C. of the United Strength, whose fair fame is wide and real; the twelfth Bro. Alfred W. Fenner, well known in the cricketing world, J.D. of the Kingsland Lodge; Bro. Joseph Stock, of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge, Bro. Wm. Fysh, of the Finsbury Park Lodge, and Bro. Wm. Cook, of the Domestic Lodge, making the complete list. Of all these fifteen, eleven turned up in time for the ceremony, which was said by those who ought to know to have been perfectly rendered. Of course Comp. Terry directed the work in that precise manner which might be expected of one who has attained by his exceptional talents so high a position in the Craft, Comp. Winsland performed his duties as became an old P.Z., and Comp. R. Griggs more than fulfilled the high expectations his brethren and companions had held of him—and their expectations had been high from the fact that he had perfectly discharged his duties as W.M. in a lodge which exacts the highest service from its chief. The other officers, who, if they were speaking of themselves, would wish to rate their services in the work with all becoming modesty—with that modesty which nearly always accompanies merit, but it may not be out of place

to mention that the M.E.Z. thanked them all for their exertions, and they were kindly assisted by Comp. Newton, P.Z., who is an honorary member of the new chapter. In the course of the after dinner speeches the M.E. in his usual fluent terms proposed "The Health of the Exaltees," and said the chapter might well be congratulated upon the accession of so many well-trying Masons and brothers of high merit as had been received that day. The exaltees responded, and thanked the chapter for accepting them, and for the interest given to the ceremonies. The M.E. gave "The Visitors," and remarked that such was the fame of the old lodge that brethren came from far and wide to visit it, and the chapter was acquiring the like favour, seeing that that night its visitors came from far-off counties. A hearty welcome was especially given to Comp. Tinkler upon his recovery from a long illness. The response to these toasts being over, the officers were toasted, and in the course of the evening some pleasant ballads were chanted.

**WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).**—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 20th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, College-street. There were present Comps. J. Barr, P.G. Treas., P.Z., as Z. (in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Fearon, Z.); J. Bowes, P.Z. 119, 129, 148, 1051, 1074, P.G. Scribe N. Cumberland and Westmoreland, P.P. Grand Std. Br. West Lancashire; W. B. Gibson, P.Z., P.G.J.; W. Sandwith, H., Z. elect; Dr. Henry, H. elect; W. F. Lamonby, P.S., as J., J. elect, P.G. Std. Br. (*Freemason*); J. Rothery, First A.S., P.S. elect, as P.S. and Scribe E.; T. Dodgson, P.Z. 995; Ulverston, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire, as Scribe N.; J. W. Young, Second A.S.; J. Cooper, Org.; W. Jackson, D. Reece, W. F. Hunter, T. Atkinson, F. Hodgson, A. Hooper, R. Bailey, T. B. Roxby, A. Hardie, J. J. Atkinson, J. S. Wilson, J. S. Braithwaite, J. T. Ray, T. Dixon, G. Kirkwood, J. R. Smith, J. J. Coverdale, and G. Fitzgerald, Janitor. This, it must be confessed, was a small muster for a chapter numbering over 100 members, but several companions were absent from unavoidable causes, amongst them being the Scribe E. elect, Comp. E. Tysen, who, to general regret, two or three days previously had met with a serious accident. The chapter, when illuminated, and the splendid set of new banners posted, presented a brilliant appearance, and it is a pity the large and handsomely decorated hall was not better filled. The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the previous quarterly convocation were read and confirmed. The acting Scribe E. next read the Treasurer's statement of accounts, which was highly satisfactory, and showed a balance to the credit of the chapter amounting to £42 3s. The report was adopted unanimously. Comp. Dodgson, P.Z. 995, was then balloted for as a joining member, and accepted with acclamation. After a brother of Sun and Sector Lodge, No. 962, Workington was balloted for and approved, he was exalted to the Sublime Degree. Two others, who should also have been forward, were absent M.E. Comp. Bowes then assumed the chair of Z., as Installing Principal, when Comps. Sandwith, Dr. Henry, and Lamonby were respectively installed in the chairs of Z., H., and J., according to ancient custom. The main body of the companions being re-admitted, the following investments were made, two or three, however, being absent: Comps. E. Tyson, Scribe E. (re-elected); J. J. Robinson, Scribe N.; J. McKelvie, Treas.; J. Rothery, P.S.; T. Atkinson, 1st A.S.; W. F. Hunter, 2nd A.S.; Jas. Cooper, Organist; F. Hodgson, and J. S. Braithwaite, Stewards; and G. Fitzgerald, Janitor. Hitherto the Janitor has given his services without fee or reward, and it was unanimously resolved to pay him a salary of three guineas per annum; with the addition of three guineas for past services. This was a deserving recognition of valuable services rendered by a hard-working companion almost since the formation of the chapter in 1865. Comp. Dr. Henry next moved, in very graceful terms, and it was seconded by Comp. Lamonby, and cordially agreed to, that the thanks of the chapter be given to M.E. Comp. Bowes, for his kindness in performing the ceremony of installation. Comp. Bowes, in reply, expressed the pleasure it always afforded him to attend the annual convocation of Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, the more so that he had had the honour, along with their lamented Comp. Mott, who, he hoped, was now in the Grand Chapter above, to play some prominent part in the resuscitation of this chapter twelve years ago. Since then the chapter had in reared and prospered to a wonderful degree; but he (Comp. Bowes) must confess no little of that prosperity was due to Comp. Barr, P.Z., who from the first was a very apt, willing, and energetic pupil. He (Comp. Bowes) congratulated the Royal Arch Masons of Cumberland and Westmoreland on the formation of a province. All the chapters in the two counties had now a responsible head, and were now centralised, without which organisation they could scarcely expect the Order to be worked and carried on as it should be. In conclusion he expressed the gratification it had given him to be present, and he hoped he should be long spared to give Chapter 119 his little services. A committee was then appointed, consisting of the Past and Present Principals, the Scribes, and P.S., to revise the bye-laws of the chapter, before being submitted to M.E. Comp. the Earl of Bective, M.P., Prov. Grand Superintendent, for confirmation. This was all the business, and the chapter was closed in solemn form.

**BRIXHAM.—Chapter of Fidelity.—(No. 248).**—A convocation of this chapter was held on Monday, 8th inst. There were present: Comps. J. Johnson, M.E.Z.; Barry, H.; McLean, P.Z., as J.; Harnwick, N.; Colston, S.E.; Heath, P.S., and many other companions. The chapter was opened in solemn form by the three Principals (all below that rank having retired). The minutes of the former chapter were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Philip Gil-

lard (proposed at the last chapter), which proving unanimous, he was examined as to his proficiency in the former degree, which proving satisfactory, he was entrusted, and after due preparation was admitted to participate in the Supreme Degree of a R. A. Mason. After the imposing ceremony had been gone through, the M.E.Z. gave notice that a Provincial Grand Chapter would be held at Topsham on the 10th inst. for the purpose of consecrating a new chapter, appointing officers and trustees. At this meeting the Principals elected at the last convocation were duly installed. The ceremony was ably performed by M. E. Comp. Colston, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; assisted by M.E. Comps. McLean, P.Z., and W. E. Warren, H. of St. John's Chapter, No. 328, who placed in their respective chairs, M.E. Comps. Barry, Z.; Colston, H.; Heath, J.; and afterwards installed the following officers: Comps. Colston, E.; Hanwick, P.S.; Oldrine, N.; M.E. Comp. Johnson, P.Z.; Comps. Searle and Williams, Asst. Sojs.; Clark, Janitor. It was then proposed by Com. Heath, and seconded by Comp. Hanwick, that Bro. E. Husson, M.M. of Lodge, 797, be exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason. All business being ended the chapter was closed in solemn form.

**WIGTON.**—Two St. John's Chapter (No. 327).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Saturday afternoon, the 27th ult., at the Lion and Lamb Hotel, Wigton. There were present Comps. John Cate, M.E.Z.; H. Bewes, H.; J. Gardiner, J.; J. Bowes, P.Z. 129, Prov. G. Scribe N. Cumberland and Westmoreland; Jos. Pearson, W. H. Hoodless, J. Lazonby, W. J. Carrick, John Robinson, Banks, J. Harris, James Quay, and T. Richardson, P.Z., Janitor. The chapter having been opened by the Principals, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed, M.E. Comp. Bowes assumed the chair as Installing Principal, after the following companions were installed and invested as officers for the ensuing year:—J. Bowes, Z. and Treasurer; J. Gardiner, H.; J. Pearson, J.; W. H. Hoodless, Scribe E.; J. Lazonby, Scribe N.; W. J. Carrick, P.S.; J. Robinson, 1st. A.S.; Banks, 2nd. A.S.; J. Richardson, Janitor. After the Principals had been proclaimed and saluted in form, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to M.E. Comp. Bowes, the Installing Principal, who was likewise elected an honorary member of the chapter. After a proposition for exaltation, and the transaction of some routine business, the chapter was closed. An excellent banquet was subsequently partaken of, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Health of the Installing Principal, Comp. Bowes," was cordially drunk. Altogether the gathering was most successful and enjoyable in the highest degree.

**TREDEGAR.**—Prince of Wales Chapter (No. 1098).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at Tredegar on Thursday, the 25th ult., at 2.30 p.m., in the presence of Comp. Capt. S. George Homfray, P.G.H.; L. A. Homfray, P.P.G.J.; W. Williams, P.Z.; John Lewis, P.Z.; and a number of distinguished companions. The ceremony was performed by Comp. S. G. Homfray, P.G.S.B. of Grand Chapter, and P.G.H. of Monmouthshire, when Comp. W. Davies was installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. J. J. Morgan as H.; and Comp. N. Bradley, as J. for the ensuing year. After closing the chapter the companions adjourned to a banquet at the Castle Hotel, when a very pleasant evening was spent.

### Mark Masonry.

**MACDONALD LODGE,** (No. 104).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Friday, the 19th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. The attendance on this occasion was not so numerous as usual, the letters of apology for absence being in excess of members present. The lodge was opened by the W. Bro. Alfred Williams, P.G. Steward, assisted by the V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.G.J.O. as S.W.; the W. Bro. W. Brighton, Prov. G. Sec. Middx. and Surrey, as J.W.; the V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy, P.M., P.G.S.O., Treas.; the W. Bro. Wm. Worrell, P.M., P.G. Organist, Secretary, the W. Bro. T. W. White, P.M.; Bros. W. P. Collins and F. S. Cozens, Overseers; Bros. G. W. Verry and F. G. Ruggett, Deacons; W. Johnston, I.G.; Theodore Distin, Organist; L. Harvey, Thistle, No. 8, visitor, and others: Previous minutes having been confirmed, ballots were taken for Bros. G. H. Humphreys, and Henry Mills, which proved unanimous. Bro. F. Macdougall, previously approved of, and Bro. Mills being in attendance, were severally introduced and advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master. The Grand Secretary for the province having requested the lodge to name a brother for Grand Office, in order to comply with the requirements of Grand Lodge it was unanimously voted that the honour should be conferred on Bro. G. W. Verry, who thereupon expressed his thanks for the compliment. The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet, after which the whole of the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the proceedings of the evening were enlivened by the musical assistance of Bros. Distin and Cozens, supplemented by that of Bros. Stevens, Meggy, and Brighton. The W.M. rose at an early hour, after a most pleasant evening.

**TREDEGAR.**—Ashlar Lodge, (No. 185).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, 25th ult., when the R.W. Bro. L. Augustus Homfray, P.G.M. for Monmouthshire, paid a visit to the lodge, accompanied by his P.G. Officers, Bros. Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.G.S.W.; Jas. Horner, P.G.M.O.; A. Taylor, and others. A large number of the brethren attended, and the lodge was opened at 12.30. by Bro. Wm. Williams, W.M. A ballot was then taken for Bro. Widdowson, who was unanimously elected to become a member. Bro. John Lewis was then presented for the benefit of installation as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the ceremony was most ably performed by Capt. S. George Homfray, P.G.S.W. After appoint-

ment of officers, a vote of thanks was proposed to R.W. Bro. L. A. Homfray, P.G.M.M. of Monmouthshire, for his kind attendance, which he duly acknowledged, and the lodge was closed in harmony at 1.30.

**ALFORD.**—St. Wilfrid's Lodge (No. 209).—In the Province of Lincolnshire Mark Masonry has received an addition by the opening of a new lodge at Alford, called the "St. Wilfrid's Lodge." The name of the lodge is after that of the patron saint of the parish church. The Mark brethren residing in this thriving market town being desirous of working the Mark Degree, presented a petition to Grand Lodge, which bore the recommendation of the R.W. Prov. Grand M.M., Bro. John Sutcliffe, of Stallingborough House, near Grimsby. In due course the warrant was granted, and on the 24th September last the R.W. Prov. G.M., attended by the W.M. and officers of the "Sutcliffe" Lodge, No. 188, Grimsby, held a lodge at Alford for the purpose of advancing brethren belonging to the "Hamilton" Craft Lodge, No. 1600, and to install the W.M. named on the warrant, Bro. the Rev. B. A. Galland, M.A., 30°, rector of South Thoresby, Lincolnshire. Bro. W. W. Copeland, the W.M. of No. 188, P.G.S.W., occupied the chair of A., supported by the following officers, Bros. A. Bates, P.M. No. 188, P.P.G.J.O., as P.M.; W. Marshall, S.W.; Jack Sutcliffe, P.G. Treas., J.W.; R. Boggett, W.M. No. 182 (Hull), M.O.; R. Gough, P.G. Sec., S.O.; R. McSheen, J.O.; W. H. Roberts, S.D.; H. Barker, J.D.; R. I. Tonge, I.G., and H. Wardale, Tyler. Bros. W. Fox, J.W. 188; W. Teasdale, and W. Cullitt, were also present. The petition for the new lodge was presented by Bros. B. A. Galland, C. Smyth, Frederic Higgins, and Robert Garfit, jun., and Bros. Galland, Smyth, and Garfit were by the warrant respectively appointed W.M., S.W., and J.W. The first business was to ballot for candidates who had been duly proposed by the W.M. elect, seconded by the S.W. elect, as appeared by the circular convening the meeting, viz., Bros. T. C. Johnson, E. A. Young, J. E. Mason, R. Lanphier, T. A. Handsley, C. Brookes, and C. H. Bycroft, all of whom were duly approved. Bros. Johnson, Young, Mason, Lanphier, Handsley, and Brookes, being in attendance, were respectively advanced to the Degree of M.M.M., by the W.M., Bro. Copeland, assisted by P.M. Bates. The lodge now proceeded to the installation of the W.M., previous to which the warrant was read by Bro. Smyth, the Sec. pro tem. Bro. Galland, the W.M. elect, was thereupon presented by Bro. Bates to receive, at the hands of the W.M. presiding, the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Garland was duly installed into the chair of A., according to ancient custom. On the re-admission of the brethren, Bro. Roberts acting as D.C., the W.M. was duly saluted, and Bro. Boggett completed the beautiful ceremony of installation by giving the usual addresses in an exceedingly effective manner. The W.M. invested the officers of the St. Wilfrid's Lodge as follows:—Bros. C. Smyth, S.W.; R. Garfit, jun., J.W.; F. Higgins, M.O.; T. C. Johnson, S.O.; E. A. Young, J.O.; T. A. Handsley, S.D.; C. Brookes, J.D.; J. E. Mason, Sec.; and R. Lanphier, Registrar of Marks. In consequence of the absence of brethren no other appointments were made. The new lodge being thus duly formed, received the congratulations of the R.W. the P.G.M., who expressed his pleasure at being instrumental in adding another lodge to the province, over which it was his pleasure to preside, and trusted that it would have a very prosperous existence, of which he felt assured from the Masonic zeal of the brethren composing it. Hearty congratulations were given from lodges in the province of Yorkshire, and from the Sutcliffe Lodge, 188. The S.W., Bro. Charles Smyth, in appropriate terms referred to the great zeal and distinguished exertions of the R.W. the Prov. G.M., Bro. John Sutcliffe, both as regarded the great charities of the Order and Masonry in general, as also to the esteem and respect in which he was very justly held throughout the province, and proposed that Bro. Sutcliffe be invited to accept, and that the lodge elect him as an honorary member of the St. Wilfrid's Lodge. The motion, having been seconded by the M.O., Bro. Frederic Higgins, being put from the chair, met with every Masonic token of heartiness, and carried unanimously. Bro. Sutcliffe said that the honorary membership which the lodge had so cordially offered to him was an honour which he felt great pleasure in accepting. He was satisfied that the Masonic zeal and ability displayed by the brethren who had formed the new lodge was a sufficient guarantee that Masonry in principle as also in practice was safe in their keeping. Seven brethren of the Hamilton and Lindsey Craft Lodges were proposed for advancement, after which the lodge was duly closed. The brethren adjourned to the ante-room, where refreshment had been kindly provided by the W.M., Bro. Galland. The P.G.M. notified his intention of holding a provincial lodge at Alford during the ensuing month, when the consecration of the new lodge would be proceeded with.

The Prov. Grand Master having notified his intention to hold his provincial lodge within a short time, under the auspices of this lodge, the W.M. was desirous of advancing all the candidates on proposition, in order that they might be qualified to attend this provincial meeting; accordingly a Lodge of Emergency was held on the 8th October last. Bro. Bycroft being in attendance, was advanced to the honourable degree by the W.M., Bro. Galland, with complete ceremony, and in an able manner. Bro. Bycroft was duly invested as I.G. by the W.M. The ballot was then taken for Bro. C. Mason, and, being approved, he was also advanced to this honourable degree. The S.W. lucidly explained the degree in a lecture. The J.W. gave the address after closing.

A Lodge of Emergency was also held on the 15th Oct. inst., the W.M. Bro. Garland, being supported by all his officers. Bros. Mawer, Bosson, and Bouby were severally and separately advanced into Mark Masonry. The S.W.

gave the lecture, and the J.W. the address after closing. A committee was formed to make arrangements to receive the Provincial Grand Lodge.

### Knights Templar.

**BOOTLE.**—William de la More Encampment.—A conclave of the Knights attached to this encampment, which now seems to have entered on a new and more prosperous period of its existence, was held recently at the Town Hall, Bootle, near Liverpool. Those who were present included Sir Knights T. Ashmore, E.C.; T. Berry, Past G.S.B.; G. Turner, Past E.C.; J. W. J. Fowler, Past E.C.; Henry Nelson, 1st C.; Richard Brown, 2nd C.; E. Thomson, Prel.; J. Wood, Treas., (*Freemason*); J. W. Ballard, Registrar; Dr. E. M. Sheldon, Almoner; Dr. Costine, C. of L.; W. S. Vines, Herald; and W. Tyrer, Expert. After the minutes had been read and approved, and various other items of business transacted, Sir Knight Henry Nelson was elected E.C. for the ensuing year, and Sir Knight Joseph Wood was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The knights subsequently banqueted, and general approval was expressed regarding the convenience and increased accommodation of the new place of meeting.

**RANGOON.**—Loyal Burmah Encampment.—At a muster of this Encampment, on Monday, the 13th August, Sir Knight W. H. Porter was installed as Eminent Preceptor, the Board of Past Preceptors consisting of V.E. Sir Knights J. Dawson and H. Krauss, P.E.P. and Past Sub-Priors, and P.E.P. Sir Knights Major D. A. Patterson, Excelsior Encampment (21st Fusiliers), and G. E. L. Dawson. The following officers were appointed: Sir Knights W. Ford, Constable; Capt. H. P. Law (21st Fusiliers), Marshal; E. G. Man, Chaplain; V.E. J. Dawson, Treasurer; W. Ford, Registrar; J. Mack, Sub-Marshal; C. A. Small, Capt. of the Guards. Comp. J. H. Clarkson, of the Royal Burmah Chapter, was obligated as a serving frater, and appointed Guard.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

**SHEFFIELD.**—The White Rose of York Conclave (No. 120).—The annual festival was held on the 19th ult. There were present V. I. Sir Knight S. B. Ellis, P.G.S.G. of England, Int. Gen. unattached, M.P.S., supported by Ill. Sir Knight W. H. Britain, Int. Gen. W. Yks., P.S.; Em. Sir Knight Wm. Roddewig, P.S. as V.E., and many other Sir Knights. Amongst the visitors we noticed Em. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead, M.P.S. Eboracum Conclave, No. 137, also the V.E. and five other members of the Eboracum Conclave (York), and Em. Sir Knight Henry Preston, M.P.S. elect De La Pole Conclave, 132, and Sir Knight R. Boggett, Sen. 132 (Hull). Successful ballots were taken for three candidates and one joining member, and Bro. Leighton was elected Sentinel. Two candidates being in attendance were duly installed Red Cross Knights, and (by dispensation) Bro. Leighton was admitted to the Order as a serving brother. The St. Helena Sanctuary K.H.S., &c., was duly opened, when three candidates were received and dubbed Knights of those ineffable grades. The M.P.S. having appointed his officers for the ensuing year, letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from Sir Knights R. Wentworth Little, G. Treas.; Wm. Kelly, Chief Int. Gen. Mid. Counties; the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Int. Gen. N. and E. York, G. Sen. Gen. of England; and several others. Hearty good wishes were presented from the De La Pole and Eboracum Conclaves. The Sir Knights afterwards sat down to tea à la fourchette under the presidency of the M.P.S., when all the toasts were duly honoured, and with songs and recitations a most enjoyable evening was spent. This meeting was a notable one, in as much as it was the return visit of the other two Yorkshire Conclaves to the Sheffield Conclave, the latter having taken part in the consecration of the Hull and York Conclaves. Unanimity in the Red Cross Order is proverbial—but that is not all that is required. We like this Yorkshire plan, and it once more evinces the earnestness with which Yorkshiremen enter into every undertaking, for when we recall to mind the vast extent of their county we see at once that this exchange of visits is not exactly like "going next door." In our opinion this reciprocity of hospitality by the Yorkshire Conclaves is a move in the right direction, and we hope their example may be followed in each and every division—nothing will do more to increase and keep up the interest in any Order than where the spirit of emulation has thus (with the entente cordiale) fair play.

### THE ROYAL ORDER OF SIKHA AND THE SAT B'HAI.

An Ashayana of this Order, pursuant to arrangement, was held at the residence of one of the Censors, on the 18th inst., under the presidency of one of the Sponsors. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the Ashayana was opened in the First Degree, and successively resumed in the Seventh, Sixth, Fifth, and Fourth Degrees, the ceremonies of which were recited and approved. The Ashayana then went into Committee of Relegation and worked that ceremony, the Sponsor signifying his approval of the same. The Ceremony of Perfection, was, under reservation, considered and authorised. The form of Provincial Precept was submitted for discussion. The third, second and first degrees were referred to the ritual committee for modification. It was ordered that a further Ashayana be held in the Metropolitan district on Thursday, the 22nd November next, in full costume. After which the Ashayana dispersed.

TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE OF THE MASONIC KNIGHTS TEMPLAR IN AMERICA.

The address of the M.E. Grand Master was distributed by himself to the committees only.

All the officers were present except the Grand Captain of the Guard. All the Grand Commanderies were represented and several of the subordinates.

Report of the committee appointed at the last conclave on "The revision of the phrasology of the constitution," adopted.

The "Orders of the Temple" were exemplified under the direction of the M.E. Grand Master by Oriental Commandery, No. 12, of Cleveland, assisted by officers of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Chicago. No action had thereon.

Sir Knight James Seymour, P. Provincial G. Prior of the Great Priory of Canada, received with appropriate honours, which he recognised in a happy and fitting response.

Committees were raised to report "suitable forms for Installation of Grand Officers" and for "Templar Trials."

An elaborate and finished report in memory of the illustrious dead was submitted by Sir Knight Smythe, of South Carolina, and memorial tablets ordered.

The subject of manuscript rituals was referred to a committee of the first four Grand Officers (now Past Grand Officers) to report at next conclave.

Grand Encampment again refused to recognise the degrees of Royal and Select Master as a pre-requisite for the Orders of Knighthood.

The names of Grand Officers elected have been published in nearly every newspaper of the Union, and are for that reason omitted here.

The report on foreign relations was adopted, and a committee appointed to negotiate a treaty of amity with the Templar bodies of Europe.

A magnificent jewel was presented to Past Grand Master Fellows, for faithful services rendered, and the same was adopted as the form of jewel for Past Grand Master of Templars.

The ritual of the Order of Malta was exemplified by Sir Knts. Carson, of Ohio; Bower, of Iowa; Drummond of Maine; and Fellowes, of Louisiana; and ordered, that the Order of Malta be conferred or communicated as heretofore, or in accordance with the ritual this day reported, and that final action upon the adoption of the ritual as reported be postponed until the next triennial conclave; and

Further, that the same be disseminated under the immediate direction of the Grand Master (Hurlbut).

The report on jurisprudence, approving a majority of the decisions of the Grand Master, and overruling others, was adopted, and Sir Knight Drummond, of Maine, appointed to collate the same for publication as an appendix to the Code and Statutes.

Amendment to the Constitution and Code.—The following amendment (the only one) to the Constitution was adopted:—

To Sect. XII. (4), page 39, amendments of 1874, add, "Provided, however, that the proposed amendments may be modified in any manner by the Grand Encampment, while the same is under consideration. No modification, however, shall be made not germane to the matter contained in the original proposed amendment."

The following is the only amendment to the Code adopted by the Grand Encampment, viz.:—

"All decisions of the Grand Master as approved and modified by the Grand Encampment, and all decisions of the Grand Encampment, shall be digested and published as a supplement to the Code and Statutes."

Charters were voted to

Columbia Commandery, No. 2, Columbia, South Carolina; Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, Charlotte, North Carolina; Oregon Commandery, No. 1, Portland, Oregon. Committee on Rituals (Sir Knt. Bower, of Keokuk, Iowa, chairman) continued, to report at next conclave.

In future a sufficient number of the reports of the Grand Master and Grand Officers to be printed to supply each "member of the Grand Encampment present," as provided for in the regulation of 1871.

Distribution of Proceedings, 1877.—The law of 1871 modified so as to furnish a copy "to each member of the Grand Encampment present, and absent members who shall apply for the same." [Editors Masonic periodicals not yet provided for.] The copies for Grand and Subordinate Commanderies will be sent to each Grand Recorder by express.

Fifteen hundred copies of the proceedings ordered, printed in the same style as in 1871 and 1874, and distributed as above.

The resolution of 1874, forbidding public parades of Knights after the first day, readopted.

Report of committee adopted, showing a surplus in the Treasury, with a certainty of a larger surplus above the expenses of the next triad; wherefore the committee reported against the recommendation of the Grand Master, to increase the dues from five to ten cents per member.

Chicago, Ills., and the third Tuesday in August, A.D. 1880, were designated as the place and time for holding the next Triennial Conclave.

Cubbing the other day with the Pytchley, the pretty Mrs. ——— came to grief in a brook, from which she emerged dripping wet from the hat to the boots, "What am I to do?" she cried piteously to Captain R——, who, seeing the fall, had ridden to her assistance. The gallant captain was a lady-killer and an Irishman; "I think I must squeeze you," he said, in his happiest manner. "Thanks," said the little woman, rising to the occasion, "but I see my husband coming, and I think he would do it better than you."—*The World*.

MASONRY IN QUITE A NEW LIGHT.

What with our good friends the Romanists, our worthy neighbours the Baptists, our especial favourites the kind old maids who fill the minds of otherwise trusting wives with a heap of unworthy suspicions about our—their liege lord's—doings in lodge, there is very little that we long-suffering Masons have not been accused of. The following little peculiarities, however, of our Grand Master [very] late, we presume, may be somewhat new to a good many of us.

In an article on "Popular Superstition in France," the *Globe* of Tuesday says:—

Each branch of trade or corporation has its own peculiar traditions and superstitions, as also its patron saint. The Limousin or working mason has been told when in his apprenticeship the legend of the building of the Temple of Solomon, and of the marvellous manner in which the edifice was completed. He is told to revere the Master Mason, or the "Grand Mason," as the unknown is termed which represents the supernatural, and may by turns become a good or an evil genius.

The Grand Macon is a supernatural power, magnified by the Limousin into a being commanding a vast army of banshees and pixies. His orders are at once executed, and no human influence can overcome the iron will of the all-powerful being. An enormous block of stone, placed at the foot of the scaffolding overnight, to be hoisted into position on the morrow, is discovered in its place when the masons return to work on the following morning. The padlock which secured the windlass intact, the watchman has heard nothing, but the stone has been laid, and the mortar is more than half set! A load of bricks which, arriving at the very moment the men were leaving work, was left in the cart, has been taken out during the night; the bricks have been stacked, and the baskets at the hoists have been filled! All this has been accomplished by the "Grand Macon," who watches over and protects the men in his more serious moments, but in his leisure takes sport in letting his hobgoblins loose among the Limousins, setting them all by the ears. The familiar spirit has led two young men, the brothers Boujé, into trouble. Some hobgoblins entered into these two young men from Limoges and made them eat ten or a dozen times more than the usual allowance. Naturally, they decline to pay when the long bill was presented them by the owner of the restaurant, who, by the way, was also a Limousin and a Mason, believing in the "Grand Macon."

The landlord of the place, M. Morel, insisted on payment, a sarcastic laugh was heard, the "Grand Macon" grew irritated, and a battle-royal commenced. The brothers Boujé protested when before the magistrate that they had merely defended themselves against the onslaught led by invisible hands, and the witness, M. Morel, declares that when struggling with the two men, "the 'Grand Macon' was smashing chairs, tables, and bottle." On being asked who or what the "Grand Macon" was, the father of M. Morel, who was called as witness, said, "No one can tell the address of the 'Grand Macon.' He springs up out of the ground, eats, drinks, and goes away without paying." He then declared that while his son was holding the Boujés down the "Grand Macon," after "doing as much damage as a regiment of Prussians, took me up in the air and dropped me in the middle of the river." The waiter, Jules Berbet, also laid the blame on the "Grand Macon," to whom the commencement of the dispute should really be attributed. He corroborated the statement of his master as to dancing chairs, tables, and glasses, and added that Morel père was suddenly wafted away and left in the river by some mysterious means. The magistrates finding no legal procedure could reach the "Grand Macon," could not do otherwise than punish by fine the brothers Boujé, accused of having created a disturbance in a public-house, leaving it for the "Grand Macon" to decide whether he would pay instead of the Boujés.

THE CAPITAL OF TURKEY.

Constantinople is about thirteen miles round, and is enclosed by walls on the western or land side. The "Harbour," or Golden Horn, on the north, divides it from Galata, and the Bosphorus divides it from Scutari. These are properly but suburbs, but make up together the city of Constantinople. It would be quite impossible to imagine a site better fitted for the building of an imperial city on. Nothing would seem to be wanting; and it is no wonder that the eye of the world is every now and then fixed on it.

The population of this imperial city is about half a million, and is made up of a somewhat motley group of Greeks, Armenians, Jews, Arabs, "Europeans," and Turks; the Turks making up, as it would seem, about one-half of the population.

It must be needless to say that the city stands on the site of antique Byzantium, founded 656 B.C. But long before Byzantium even there must needs have been a colony of some sort in such a spot as this, and the first building on it of human habitations may have been of the "stone age," and by rude men who have left no record.

The Moslem divides his day and night into twenty-four hours, it is true; but his day begins with the sunset. An hour after sunset is one o'clock. It is at sunset that the "call to prayers" is made from the galleries of the mosque minarets, and not at any one stated or set hour, and is thus made not a little significant. The absence of churches and clocks must, therefore, make the city strange, if nothing else did so.

Then there is—what, indeed, was to be expected—the narrowness and tortuous character of the streets and ways, where anything in the way of plan or arrangement never could have crossed the minds of those who built the houses or dwellings which line them. They can only be compared to the irregular way across an uneven field, with

cottages built close to the edge of it, as the traffic across got year by year to be thicker and thicker. Each street of the city is a perfect zig-zag, and a straight line is not to be found. Indeed, there is a total absence of "planning" in any sense. From east to west the city is about three miles and a half, while from north to south it is about three miles.

The Golden Horn divides the main part of the city from Galata on the north, while the Bosphorus divides it from Scutari. Much is sacrificed, doubtless, to the picturesque in the streets or ways of Constantinople. An Oriental "bazaar" is but little else than a covered-in street, with goods exposed on either side of it.

In Constantinople there are four Masonic Lodges under English registry, four under French, one under Italian, one under Irish, and one under Scotch; there are three Royal Arch Chapters, one each from England, Scotland, and Ireland; one Chapter of Rose Croix from England, and a Supreme Council of Turkey, four of whose eight officers are reported to reside in the city.

So far as known there are nineteen lodges in Turkey, eleven as stated, the other eight being in Smyrna. In this latter city there are two Royal Arch Chapters, one owing allegiance to the Grand Chapter of the United States, and the other to Scotland. In Smyrna also is a Chapter of Rose Croix, hailing from England, and three of the officers of the Supreme Council reside there. We know but little of the condition of these several bodies, but we can hope that their influence may in some measure soften the rigours of war, relieve the distressed, and comfort the afflicted.—*Liberal Freemason*.

ROYAL MASONIC BOYS' SCHOOL.

MASONIC F.C. v. ALMA F.C.

The first match of the present season between these clubs was played on the ground of the Masonic, at Wood Green, on Saturday last, in wretched weather which rendered the ground in a very bad state. The home team having won the toss chose to kick with what little wind there was. The ball was kicked off by the captain of the Alma, but was soon brought back and a scrimmage was formed. Little else but scimmages occupied the first half-time which left the teams as even as at the commencement. Goals were changed, and the Masonic had to kick against the wind, but in spite of this disadvantage the Alma were sore pressed and had as much as they could do to defend their goal. A good run having been made by the Alma, caused some little discomfort to their opponents, who had to touch down in self-defence, at two minutes to the time. Time having been called, the match ended in a draw in favour of the Alma. For the Masonic, Messrs. G. Gardner, Humphrey, Parker, and Ellis, played well.

MASONIC.—Hart (back), Mr. Brocklehurst and Scurr (half backs), Parker and Ellis (quarter backs), Mr. Humphrey, Mr. G. Gardner, Godsmark (capt.), Sparkes, Molineaux, Howard, Davies, Eastland, Edg. Wood, H. Wood (forwards).

ALMA.—C. Baker (back), Jesse (capt.), F. Baker (half backs), Kingston and Bolders (quarter backs), Lawrence, Page, Kidman, Wix, Chélu, Treadway, Moon, Bramley.

MASONIC F.C. v. BRUCE CASTLE.

A match under the above title was played on Wednesday last, the 31st October, on the ground of the Masonic F.C. It being a beautifully bright day, a fair concourse of spectators assembled to watch the play. The ball was started at about 2.45 by the Bruce Castle, and was soon brought back by E.V. Gardner to the centre of the ground where some fine scimmaging took place. After some good play by the Bruce Castle and Masonic  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$ -backs a try was obtained from a splendid run by Currie; the place however failed. Soon after this half-time was called, and for some time the Bruce Castle team were completely hemmed near their goal line till Currie again got away, and carried the ball to the centre of the ground. From now till time was called two tries were obtained by Bruce Castle, each of which resulted in a goal. The Masonic F.C. thus lost the match by 2 goals and 1 try to nil. For the Bruce Castle, Winstowe and Stephens, (backs); Chamono, ( $\frac{1}{2}$ -back); Currie and Lee L., ( $\frac{3}{4}$ -backs); and Hyland, H. played well, and of the Masonic F.C., G. Gardner, Cline, Dark, Ellis, and Parker were conspicuous.

BRUCE CASTLE.—Winstowe, Stephens, (backs); Chamono, ( $\frac{1}{2}$ -back); Currie, Lee, L. ( $\frac{3}{4}$ -backs). Calkin, Gomar, Atkins, Strange, Espinosa, Hyland, J. Hyland, H. Johnson, Hill, Lee, H. (forwards).

MASONIC.—Hart, (back); Mr. E. V. Gardner, and Scurr, ( $\frac{3}{4}$ -backs); Parker, and Cline, ( $\frac{3}{4}$ -backs). G. Gardner, Dank, Corcoran, Godsmark, (capt.); Sparkes, Davies, Molineaux, Howard, H. Wood, Ellis, (forwards).

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF YORKSHIRE.

The following circular has been issued:—

"St. John's, Wakefield, Oct. 26, 1877.

"E. Companion—By command of the M. E. Companion Bentley Shaw, D.L., P.Z. 275, Provincial Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire, a convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter will be held in the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield, on Wednesday, November 7th, at 4 p.m., to which you, with the Acting Principals and Past First Principals of your chapter are hereby summoned, and at which the companions of your chapter are invited to be present.

"I am, E. Companion, yours fraternally,  
HENRY SMITH, Prov. G.S.E.

"By the kindness of the companions of Perseverance Chapter, No. 275, Huddersfield, substantial refreshment will be provided for every companion who signifies his intention to be present on the enclosed slip, which is to be returned to Henry Moseley, 42, New-street, Huddersfield, not later than Monday, November 5th."

## Public Amusements.

ST. GEORGE'S HALL.—Bro. George E. Fairchild (Urban Lodge) gave another of his readings from the poets and humourists at the above hall, on Saturday last, the 27th ult. A large and fashionable audience assembled to listen to this popular elocutionist, who, undoubtedly, is one of the best of our modern readers. Bro. Fairchild is gifted with a pleasing appearance, a clear, ringing voice, a refined and cultivated taste; the humorous and the pathetic seem to be equally at his command, and he can as easily move to tears as to laughter. The programme on the last occasion comprised readings from Sir Walter Scott, Thomas Hood, Charles Dickens, and other popular writers. "The Battle," from "Marmion," "The Bridge of Sighs," "The Story of the Faithful Soul," were beautifully rendered, and received with a storm of applause. "Mr. Smith's Brief," by Edward F. Turner, "The Great Wingham Duel," by Dickens, were read for the first time with excellent humour, causing immense laughter. In congratulating our brother his great success, we hope soon to have another opportunity of listening to his "Readings from the Poets and Humourists."

SURREY THEATRE.—The new play, entitled "Fates and Furies," is as its very title indicates, a melo-drama of the old sensational order, but it has fewer faults than the generality of transpontine pieces. The writings in places would put to shame many authors whose plays now hold the boards of West End theatres. The incidents in "Fates and Furies" are as numerous as the Fates themselves, and the situations are all, more or less, furious. Of course, work and virtue triumph, and villainy is duly punished. Bro. Ciprico, who plays the hero, would be an actor of considerable power if he would but learn to deliver himself with less rapidity. His actions are almost perfect, but he speaks in an impulsive, impetuous way, so characteristic of the Southerner and often by it mars the good lines given him by the author. If Bro. Ciprico underwent a proper course of training he would ultimately attain to a very high position as a leading dramatic actor.

THE NATIONAL THEATRE.—This house, better known as the "Queen's," opened on Saturday last with a new melodrama by Messrs. Farnie and Reece, entitled "Russia." All that could be done to insure success was done, with the exception of the most important item—a good play. The house was re-christened, the prices were lowered, an excellent company of artists was engaged, and the fair sex was allowed the privilege of exhibiting their bonnets in all parts of the building to their vanity's content, and other's inconvenience. Notwithstanding these advantages we do not think the public will be induced to patronise the establishment until Mr. Henderson can promise a better entertainment than he at present offers. "Russia" might suit a penny show at an out of the way village fair, on a wet day, with no opposition, but the authors certainly miscalculated the digestive powers of a London audience when cooking such a dramatic hash, as is their latest production. It is a sad sight to see so good a company struggling with more than human fortitude, to depict the flashy situations, and maudlin scenes that abound in this trying piece, and nothing but the respect due to old and favourite artistes prevented the good tempered audience from guying the performance throughout. As it was, now and then, wild bursts of laughter greeted some of Messrs. Reece and Farnie's bombastic dialogue; and when, with all becoming gravity, an enthusiastic revolutionist began his oration to his fellow prisoners, with "Gentlemen convicts," the screaming laughter of the "gods" threatened to shake down the green curtain long before the unhappy piece had been dragged to the "bitter end." It would be unfair to mention the names of the artistes performing in such a failure, but we would remind a well-known actor, who portrays an English officer, that a young guardsman in Her Majesty's army would not be in the habit of rudely jostling gentlemen at a court ball, nor of seizing hold of a lady's hand like an uncouth bear, especially one who would seem to so thoroughly appreciate the epithet "cad." The scenery is as far above praise as the drama is beneath criticism.

REGISTERED LETTERS.—The Post Office authorities are understood to have in contemplation several important and highly beneficial modifications in the regulations affecting the transmission of registered letters, to take effect at the commencement of next year. At present the fee for a registered letter is 4d. irrespective of the postage—that is to say, the lightest letter costs 5d. to register; and the Post Office is practically irresponsible, although great precautions are taken to secure the safety of letters of this description. The number of letters registered in the United Kingdom during 1876 was considerably in excess of five millions, and after deducting nearly a million of letters registered officially, the ratio of registered letters to ordinary letters was found to be as one to 241. During the period in question a registered letter addressed to a bank was observed passing through the post altogether unfastened, although it contained bank-notes of the value of £3000. And during the 15 months ended the 31st of March last, no fewer than 593 registered letters were returned to the countries of origin in consequence of their containing coin or jewellery, contrary to the provisions of the General Postal Union. Strange to say, more than three-fourths of the whole number so returned were from the United States.

Wednesday last completed the 18th official year of the organisation of the Volunteer Force.

"Our Boys" reached its gooth representation on Friday. Bros. James and Thorne gave additional significance to the performance by resuming, after their holiday, their original parts.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

An entertainment for the benefit of the Indian Famine Fund, under the special patronage of the Mansion House Committee, will be given by Mr. Marlande Clarke (the reader and lecturer on Shakespeare's works) in the St. James's Theatre, this (Saturday) evening. Mr. Clarke will himself appear in several Shakespearian characters, and will be supported by Miss Hallande and Mrs. Sedley. Among the other artistes who will appear are Mr. Vernon Wigby and Miss Annie Sinclair.

Emigration from Germany has increased to such an extent as to alarm the Government. Orders, therefore, have been given that at the expiration of the present contracts no advertisements of the Hamburg and Bremen Transatlantic steamers, or emigration agents, shall be allowed to be affixed in any of the stations or waiting-rooms of the German railways.—*Vanity Fair*.

R. W. Bro. George P. Cleavers, of Concord, U.S.A., has been appointed Acting Grand Secretary, in the room of Bro. John Atherton Harris, who died on September 3.

The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction (No. 1604) meets at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting-hill, every Friday, at 7.30 p.m.

CONFIDENCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—We have again to record the removal of this lodge. The meetings will be held, until further notice, at the Railway Tavern, Railway-place, Fenchurch-street, every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

STRONG MAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—The regular meetings of this Instruction Lodge are held every Monday evening throughout the year, the months of July and August alone excepted, at the Rodney's Head, Old-street, St. Luke's, at 8 o'clock. Bro. Tolmin is the Preceptor, and Bro. A. W. Fenner the Secretary.

The installation meeting of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge will be held on Thursday next, at the Ladbrooke Hall, Ladbrooke Grove-road, Notting Hill, at five o'clock. Bro. George Penn is the W.M. elect. A report will appear in our next.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by Bro. Tate, in the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, on Tuesday, the 27th inst. The place of meeting is the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn.

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.

METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1056.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the Members of this lodge at the Portugal Hotel, 155, Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 30th November, commencing at six o'clock. Bro. Tate, 862, in the chair.

FIRST LECTURE.	
1st Section .....	Bro. Kearney, 1541.
2nd " .....	Bro. Thompson, 862.
3rd " .....	Bro. Abell, J.W. 1599.
4th " .....	Bro. Squirrel, J.W. 206.
5th " .....	Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180.
6th " .....	Bro. J. S. Brown, 862.
7th " .....	Bro. Farwig, S.D. 180.

SECOND LECTURE.	
1st Section .....	Bro. Creak, S.W. 157.
2nd " .....	Bro. Larchin, J.D. 1541.
3rd " .....	Bro. Whitaker, W.M. 1572.
4th " .....	Bro. Gush, 1541.
5th " .....	Bro. Vincent, W.M. 1549.

THIRD LECTURE.	
1st Section .....	Bro. Cowan, S.W. 1572.
2nd " .....	Bro. Fox, 201.
3rd " .....	Webb, I.G. 1381.

A large attendance of brethren is expected.

ROYAL KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1627.—A report of the proceedings at the Installation meeting of this lodge, which took place on Friday, will appear in our next.

Bro. North Ritherdon was installed W.M. of the Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge, No. 1539, on Thursday. We shall give an account of the proceedings in our next.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, on Monday week, the 12th inst. The meetings of this flourishing young lodge are held at the Royal Hotel, (Bro. Yates), Mile End-road. On this particular evening, Bro. T. J. Barnes will preside as the W.M., and the ceremonies will be performed in order as follows:—

FIRST LECTURE.	
1st Section .....	Bro. Da Silva, 205.
2nd " .....	Bro. Campbell, 413, S.C.
3rd " .....	Bro. W. J. Rawley, 174.
4th " .....	Bro. Hogg, P.M. 1349.
5th " .....	Bro. Williams, 933.
6th " .....	Bro. Pinder, P.M. 15.
7th " .....	Bro. Ives, 781.

SECOND LECTURE.	
1st Section .....	Bro. Cambridge, S.W. 15.
2nd " .....	Bro. Livermore, 554.
3rd " .....	Bro. Benny, I.P.M. 554.
4th " .....	Bro. Turquand, P.M. 1556.
5th " .....	Bro. A. H. Brown, 174.

THIRD LECTURE.	
1st Section .....	Bro. Myers, W.M. 1445.
2nd " .....	Bro. J. Taylor, D.C. 554.
3rd " .....	Bro. Webb, J.D. 174, S.W. 1607.

The lodge will be opened at 7 p.m.

Lord Carnarvon entertained on Wednesday evening, at Highclere Castle, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the borough of Newbury, with the borough magistrates and the principal officials of the town.

The Manchester and Salford subscriptions to the Indian Famine Fund has amounted to nearly £39,000.

The *Derby Mercury* says:—"The proposed national testimonial to Mr. Allport, general manager of the Midland Railway, who, as the pioneer of the system of cheap travelling, has earned the thanks of every individual in the United Kingdom, is not to fall through. An influential committee, whose names will shortly be announced, is in progress of formation for the purpose of carrying it into effect. The Mayor of Derby has largely interested himself in promoting this scheme."

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

The Crown Prince of Hanover is about to pay a visit of a few weeks to this country. His Royal Highness left Gmunden on the 29th, and will stay for two or three days in London, at the Grosvenor Hotel, before going on to Sandringham.

Halloween was celebrated at Balmoral on Monday evening. The servants and tenants, carrying torches, walked in procession to the Castle, and having lighted a bonfire danced reels in the presence of the Queen, the Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family.

Advices received at New York from Lima, according to a Reuter's telegram, confirm the intelligence of the death of Mr. Henry Meiggs.

It has been proposed by Lloyd's, with the concurrence of the Admiralty, Trinity House, and Board of Trade, to establish a signal station at the Eddystone Lighthouse.

The consecration of the Centurion Lodge, No. 1718, which is to consist of volunteer officers, took place at the London Tavern, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, Major Gant is the first W.M.

On Wednesday, in the presence of many thousands of spectators, the new steam horse-ferry over the Thames, about two miles below London Bridge, was opened by the Lord Mayor. The purpose, for which the ferry has been constructed, is to relieve London bridge of some of its traffic, and it is calculated that in the double journey, between the north-east and south-east of the metropolis, a saving of about eight miles will be effected.

TRAVELLING CASUALTIES.—Some interesting statistics have been published by M. Gortiaux on the dangers of travelling by land. He states that in the old diligence days a man had one chance of being killed in 300,000 trips, and one chance of being injured in 30,000. On the railway between 1835 and 1855 there was one chance of being killed in 2,000,000 journeys, and one chance of being injured in 500,000. From 1855 to 1875 one chance of being killed in making 6,000,000 journeys, and one chance of being injured in 600,000. Now the chances of being killed are as one to 45,000,000, and of being injured one to 1,000,000. Consequently a person travelling ten hours a day at the rate of forty miles an hour, in the first period, have had a chance of escaping destruction during 321 years; during the second period during 1,014 years; and between 1872 and 1875 during 7,439 years.—*Medical Examiner*.

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.

READING MASONS.—The Masonic Eclectic and the Keystone have each one subscriber who takes nine Masonic Journals, and, as might be expected, they both reside in Indiana, where there are more reading Masons than in any other State, and both have taken the Advocate longer than it took to build King Solomon's Temple. The Keystone names Bro. W. W. Austin, of Richmond, as its reading patron, and while the Eclectic gives no name it is easy for us to guess that it refers to Bro. Wm. Snyder, of LaFontain, who in a quiet way has collected a fine Masonic library. Both of these brothers are modest gentlemen and worthy Masons, who are not seeking notoriety in their laudable enterprise, and we are presuming upon their good nature in what we have written. Indiana can boast of a larger number of reading Masons than any other State, and still she has thousands who never took a Masonic Journal. We are trying to reduce the number of the latter, and would be glad to wipe it out altogether.—*Masonic Advocate*.

We need not say that both of these excellent brethren are old and steadfast friends of the REVIEW. If Masonry only had a few thousands of such wide-awake, intelligent and enthusiastic friends, what a power it would be in the world! *Eclectic*.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Colds, Coughs, Shortness of Breath.—These corrective remedies are infallible for these pectoral complaints, which, neglected, often end in asthma, bronchitis, or consumption. The Ointment, well rubbed upon the chest and back, penetrating the skin, is carried directly to the lungs, whence it expels all impurities. All the blood in the body constantly passes through the lungs, and there all noxious particles tending to produce disease, can be quickly, thoroughly, and permanently neutralised, rendered harmless, or ejected from the system. Holloway's Ointment and Pills perfectly accomplish this purification; and through the blood, thus cleansed, the influence of these wonderful medicaments reaches the remotest parts of the human body; and thus cures all diseased actions, whether internal or external.—*ADVT.*

SKETCHES OF MASONIC CHARACTER.  
No. XI.  
BRO. TUPPER IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

Bro. Tupper, of the Lodge "Xerxes," is one of our best known Masons, his name and his opinions are often before the public, and we often read with pleasure his speeches, and pay some heed to his opinions. Some of us may think him a little too dogmatic, others a little too fond of "hearing his own voice," but we are not among those who altogether deprecate or disapprove of the mortal who does not object to self-assertion. Self-assertion within due bounds and subservient to first principles, both of teaching and action, of needful morals and proper responsibility, is not without its use, nay, its necessity in the conscious life and constant struggles of our race. There are "self-assertors" and "self-asserters," and if some no doubt do a good and pushing business in the great "Vanity Fair" of life, trading on egotism and inflated cynicism and pompous pretention, there are those who are meant to be the leaders of men as well as Masons, in whom self-assertion is but the effect of "geist," of power, and of intellectual and spiritual perception. If Bro. Tupper speaks often, he always speaks well. If we see his words constantly reported, his words after all, appear to be something more than mere words—to have a message in them for somebody, to be worth listening to and worth recording. We have often to hear the speeches, and read the utterances of those who certainly have no message to convey, whose "outcome is neither affecting nor effective, and who seem to speak not because they have anything really to say, but because either theirs is the "gift of the gab, gallopin" or they like to appear in print. Now Bro. Tupper may fairly claim an audience when he speaks, alike for what he says and what he suggests, and, if we may so put it, for what he does not say, and we can always listen to him with gratification, and not unfrequently with improvement, which is a good deal to assert in this age of mouthing windbags and cheeky impostors.

Bro. Tupper gave a most interesting lecture to the "Xerxes" Lodge, on his return from the Mediterranean. What a pity we have not more lectures in lodges! He had been to Oporto and Lisbon, had admired the Tagus and Belem, and Cintra, had drunk "Colhares," with satisfaction, and admired the Aqueduct, and White Horse Square. He says, and we agree with him, that the Tagus is one of the finest sights in the world. He had looked into white-walled Cadiz, and had seen Seville and Xeres, remembering the old Spanish proverb,

"Quien no ha vista Sevilla  
No ha vista Maravilla."

He had loitered happily at old "Gib." Had seen the monks and fortifications, and gone through the galleries and St. Michael's Cave, had admired the wondrous beauties of the bay, and had visited Algeciraz, St. Roque the Cork Wood Castellar, and Ronda. And he had also, crossed over to the other side and looked in at Ceuta, Tangiers, Pigeon Island, and had even gone up to Tetuan, and dropped down the "deep blue sea" in the French boat, touching at Malaga, Barcelona, Valencia, and landing at Marseilles. He thus had a glimpse of the "tideless sea" and realised its beauties, and its glories, its greatness, and its souvenirs, and he often talks over his voyage with pleasure, and quotes Lord Byron's lines with emphasis, which we will not do.

And now that he expatiates upon his performance, or dwells on the strange sights he has seen, do not let us consider him either a bore or a coxcomb. Some of us rather affect to dislike outlandish ways, and countries, and lingo, and are inclined to sneer at those who have had the good fortune to see a great deal of the world, and of man. Freemasonry is a Cosmopolitan and liberal brotherhood of men, who take kindly and enlarged views of the world and things. Nothing so dwarfs its views or throws doubt on its reality as the narrow intolant dogmatism of the ignorant or pig-headed. But acquaintance with other countries corrects many prejudices and dissipates many misunderstandings. For it teaches us, like our Cosmopolitan Fraternity, to look over or above this or that line of demarcation, this or that exclusive boundary, to regard every son of Adam as a brother of the dust, to be on all occasions courteous and forbearing, considerate and sympathetic, friendly and fraternal, to all one excellent brotherhood, to the sons and daughters of our common race.

### Obituary.

#### BRO. G. W. WHEELER.

Very general regret will be felt throughout the Province of Glasgow at the announcement of the death of so well-known and active a brother as George William Wheeler, which took place on Friday 26th ult., within his own house in Renfield-street. Bro. Wheeler, who was a native of London, came to Glasgow about a dozen years ago. He was not then a Mason, but soon after settling here was initiated into the order in Lodge Glasgow Thistle and Rose, No. 73. Thereafter, he advanced into the higher orders of Masonry, and attaching himself to Royal Arch Chapter, No. 73, Caledonian of Unity, was for three years First Principal of the Chapter. He was also at the time of his death Provincial Grand Scribe N. of Lanarkshire. For a short period after having taken up his residence here, he returned to England, and, with loyalty to the Nos. of his mother lodge and chapter, he sought out Lodge 73 and Chapter 73 of the English constitution, and got affiliated to both—so that, as he was wont to say, he was "73 all over." By the death of Bro. Wheeler, the Province of Glasgow has lost an able, energetic worker, who, in lodge or chapter was, moreover, always most willing to lend his experienced assistance as a worker.

### Reviews.

"Later Lyrics." By Bro. J. E. J. CARPENTER, Ph. D. London, Bro. Charles E. Hawkesley, 1878.

In our impression of the 5th May, we intimated to our readers, that the well-known author of "What are the Wild Waves Saying?" and hundreds of other popular songs, had in the press a new volume of his poems, which will include a series of "Songs for Freemasons." The book is in our hands, and we are heartily pleased with it. Dr. Carpenter, favourably known by his former works, by his fine collection of Penny Readings, and many other publications for years past, has been a great favourite. The volume, as the title indicates, contains the "Later Lyrics" of the poet, songs set to music, which in that shape acquired great popularity. Dr. Carpenter's style is always easy, his remarkable smoothness for versification renders his compositions peculiarly adapted for vocalisation. "Songs for Freemasons," belong to the Author's Earlier Lyrics, and by desire are here repeated. We have often heard them sung at the banqueting board; they comprise "The Queen and the Craft," "Masonic Anthem," "Symbol and Sign," a new version of "The Entered Apprentice," "The Junior Warden's Song," and many others. As space does not allow us to extend our notice, we give in full the following song, which breathes the true feeling of Masonry, and recommend its perusal by the younger brethren in the Craft, as it emanates from a brother who has adorned the Order, and is known as an upright and just man:

#### THE TRUTHS OF MASONRY.

When first I hail'd the Sacred Craft,  
I knew no cheering ray,  
To guide me through life's mazy path,  
Or warn me on my way;  
A pilgrim through the realm of gloom  
With careless steps I passed,  
And little cared I for my doom,  
Till light was o'er me cast.

I stood alone, and friendless there,  
And helpless as a child,  
A wanderer on an alien shore,  
Forsaken and reviled.  
A lonely lot I often knew,  
But lonelier felt I then,  
Till found I Masons, brothers, too,  
And found those brothers—men!

The mystic veil was drawn aside,  
And to my view, display'd  
The symbols that true Mason's guide,  
That precepts wise pervade.  
And never since that blessed dawn,  
Of sacred light to me,  
Did e'er I seek to slight or scorn,  
The truths of Masonry.

"Illustrated Catalogue of Dutch Flower Roots," Daniels Brothers, Norwich.

This is a very interesting and indeed charming catalogue for all who love flowers and have a taste for gardening, than which no greater enjoyment or pleasant amusement can exist. For there is something in the love of flowers both harmonizing and elevating, the reason being perhaps that the more we come in contact with Nature the more if we are sensible persons, we are attracted to Nature's God. Indeed the whole groundwork and handiwork of Nature ever seems to be witnessess of T.G.A.O.T.U. Flowers beautiful in themselves have always a voice in them which it is good for us all to listen to and to catch. Therefore we always are pleased to see and study such illustrated catalogues as those of Daniels Brothers, whose reputation stands properly so high, and whose roots and seeds and trees give, as we know, so much satisfaction to all who go to them for garden stock, to please their gardener or gratify themselves. Nothing so adorns the outside of a house as flowers, and nothing really, with moderation, is more graceful or healthy within, than those collections of floral grace, which are so fashionable, and we must add, so decorative and so welcome.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The following resolutions have been adopted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight on the initiation of candidates into Masonry:—

1st—That this Provincial Grand Lodge recommends all the lodges in the Province to unite in enforcing more stringent rules as to the admission of candidates in the Masonic Order.

2nd—That every Master and his Wardens be requested to make themselves acquainted, by private enquiry, with the moral qualities and social position of every candidate, and whether he has ever been proposed in any other Lodge.

3rd—That every brother of each lodge be requested not to propose for initiation a candidate residing at a distance from the place in which the lodge is held, until the most searching enquiries have been made and satisfactory reasons given why he was not proposed in a lodge in the town in which he resides, or one nearer to his place of residence.

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.

### NOTES ON ART, &c.

The Façade of the Duomo at Florence, so long left unfinished, is at length likely to be completed, and the Pope has duly blessed the designs. His Holiness has given a beautiful mosaic of Raphael's "Madonna di Foligno" (now in the Vatican), to be placed in the Duomo.

Season Ticket Holders at the Paris Exhibition, following the fashion of the Philadelphians last year, will all have to paste a photograph on their vouchers, a duplicate photograph being pasted in the book whence the voucher was withdrawn. The price of the season-ticket will be £4.

The Companion Obelisk to Cleopatra's Needle has been offered by the Khedive, says the *New York World*, to the American nation, and an English firm have proposed to undertake the transit operations for £20,000. American engineers, however, are anxious to manage the transport themselves, as they put in a plea for home talent.

A Second International Exhibition is to be held at Capetown next April, in consequence of the great success of the first.

The Annual Exhibition of Drawings executed by the Students of the Female School of Art, Queen Square, was held at the School on (Friday) and Saturday week.

ART IN HOSPITALS.—Bro. Dr. Lawrence Hamilton, whose praiseworthy efforts to promote cheerfulness in hospital wards by means of numerous bright pictures we have often mentioned, has designed a special picture-frame for hospitals, noticeable alike for cheapness and for hygienic advantages. Dr. Hamilton's frame is constructed of some metal such as tin, has a smooth surface, and is japanned black, and thus being non-absorbent can be cleaned by soap and water, carbolic acid, or baked in a disinfecting oven without sustaining the slightest injury. It is reversible, being made to contain two pictures, not glass-covered but varnished, one on each side of a central plate, a plan which not only abolishes the absorbent backs of porous wood and brown paper, but enables the picture to be varied at will. If each frame were reversed regularly once a week it would thus exhibit two pictures at the cost of one, and would furnish a proof that the frames had been properly dusted. Dr. Hamilton also calls attention to the usual practice of hanging pictures in private houses, by tilting the upper edge forward, and so forming an "aërial dust-bin," which remains undisturbed for months. His frames would hang flat to the wall, and would also be procurable at the moderate rate of 4s. for a frame measuring 26 in. by 20 in.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.—A letter from Lloyd's Agent at Corunna, dated the 18th inst., states that the British Vice-Consul at Ferrol has taken charge of the Cleopatra Obelisk.

SIR JOSEPH HOOKER.—Sir Joseph Hooker returned in excellent health from his three months' travel in the United States, where his reception by the leading scientific men in all parts of the country left nothing to be desired. From the results of his travel may be expected further contributions to our knowledge of the physiology of plants. Sir J. Hooker is, we believe, of opinion that the key to the botany of the United States is to be found in Colorado.—*Athenæum*.

KING' COLLEGE LONDON.—The open Science Scholarship of £100 given by the Worshipful Company of Clothworkers has been awarded to Mr. Edgar Crookshank, of the University College.

THE LIVERPOOL MUSEUM.—The return of the number of visitors to the Derby Museum in connexion with the Liverpool Free Library shows a considerable falling off for the half-year just completed. The visitors this half-year (105 days) numbered 282,715, against 313,036 in the corresponding 108 days of the previous year. The curator, in his report to the trustees, attributes this decrease to the influence of unfavourable weather and depression of trade, the visitors during the summer months consisting largely of excursionists visiting Liverpool, and these having been unusually few this year.

#### THE BEDFORD AND HALL MOONS.

We find that the suggestion which we noticed in our last issue that the Moons of Mars (discovered in August last) should bear the name of Bro. Bedford as well as that of Professor Hall (the discoverer), is fully supported by precedents.

The fact of Dr. Bedford having pointed these bodies out twenty-three years before they were found, would be a sufficient reason, as argued in our last issue, for naming them the Bedford and Hall Moons, and so divide the honour of the discovery between England and America. But we may note that the most distant known planets in our system is called the Adam's and le Verrier planet; both these astronomers having predicted its discovery, although formerly, by Dr. Galle of Berlin. Bode, also of Berlin, predicted the discovery of the planets since found between Mars and Jupiter, his philosophic reason for their existence being named Bode's law. The planet discovered by Sir William Herschel is called after his name. Comets also bear the names of their discoverers, as do the minor planets.

Among the pocket-books and diaries for the coming year which have already appeared may be mentioned the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar." As a book of reference for members of the Masonic bodies, it will be found exceedingly useful and convenient. The contents include:—A Masonic Diary, Lists of Lodges, Chapters, K. T. Encampments, Conclaves and Grand Councils, and full particulars of every Grand Masonic body throughout the globe. Such a book should be in the hands of every Freemason. Mr. George Kenning, of 198, Fleet-street, is the London Publisher.—*Christian World*.—Price post free 2s. 2d.—Advt.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

ODDY, F.F.—The additional information has unfortunately reached us too late for insertion.

T. S. G. (New Zealand).—The information reached us too late.

ERRATA.—In the report of Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503, for "the W.M. raised Bro. Clarke to the degree of M.M." read "The Immediate Past Master raised" &c.

In Notes and Queries, for Grand Lodge of "Holland" read "Scotland."

## BOOKS &amp;c. RECEIVED.

"Risorgimento" (Malta); "The Liberal Freemason" (Boston); "Grand Imperial Council Illinois"; "Sheep," by Joseph Darby; Illustrated Catalogue of Dutch Flower Roots; Daniels Brothers, Norwich; "Australian Freemason"; "New York Dispatch"; "The Scottish Freemason"; "Later Lyrics," by Bro. J. E. Carpenter, Ph.D.; Charles Hawkesley, 13, Queen Victoria-street; "Columbia and Canada," by W. F. Rae, Daldy Isbister, & Co.; Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Maine; Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; "Hebrew Leader"; "The Poet's Magazine"; "La Chaine d'Union"; "Die Bauhütte"; "The XXth Century"; "The Living shall Praise Thee"; "Hajnal"; "Lodge Hymns," Francis Burdett Lodge.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

## BIRTHS.

ELLIOT.—On the 26th inst., at Northallerton, the wife of G. W. Elliot, Esq., M.P., of a son.

HEATON.—On the 23rd inst., at Worsley, near Manchester, the wife of Capt. H. Heaton, of a son.

## MARRIAGE.

HYDE HARRIS—CARGILL.—On the 10th August, at St. Paul's Church, Dunedin, N.Z., by the Ven. Archdeacon Edwards, John Edward Hyde Harris, Barrister-at-law, eldest son of John Hyde Harris, Esq., of the Grange, Dunedin, N.Z., to Madeline, second daughter of John Cargill, Esq., of Seaview House.

## DEATHS.

COLLINGRIDGE.—On the 27th inst., at 31, Wilderness Row, Edmund Collingridge, after a lingering illness, aged 71, deeply lamented. Friends kindly accept this intimation.

HALL.—On the 23rd inst., at Lloyd-square, London, Henrietta, the beloved wife of William John Hall, formerly of Newark, Notts.

SWALLOW.—On the 19th inst., Mrs. Swallow, wife of Bro. B. H. Swallow, of Lodge 1563.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1877.

## THE "FREIMAURER" AND THE GRAND SECRETARY.

The *Freimaurer* of Vienna for October is pleased to indulge itself in a very singular and ridiculous attack on our excellent Grand Secretary, Bro. Hervey, which will be at once indignantly repelled by all English brethren. It seems that Bro. Dr. Beigel, who ought to know a good deal better, and who we are very sorry to see in such a false position, assumes in the *Freimaurer* that Bro. Hervey has something to do with the *Freemason*, and actually wrote, or "inspired" as they say abroad, a special article in this journal, which seems to have aroused the susceptibilities of Bro. Dr. Beigel to the very uttermost. We need hardly assure our readers, though it is a common mistake abroad, that Bro. Hervey has nothing to do with the *Freemason*, that he knows nothing of our articles, or that the *Freemason* belongs solely to Bro. Geo. Kenning, and is a thoroughly independent Masonic newspaper. It does happen, indeed, that some of the views we have thought well to express from time to time relative to the Grand Orient of France, and its unfortunate "Fiasco," have chimed in with the honest utterances of our hard-working Grand Secretary. But even with respect to such opinions, which brought us into collision originally with Bros. Caubet and Grimaud, they were only expressed by Bro. John Hervey as Bro. John Hervey, not officially as Grand Secretary. We pointed that fact out at the time, and are astonished to find that Bro. Dr. Beigel, with his knowledge of England and the English, and their free-spoken expression of manly independence of thought and opinion, does not realize the difference as between an official circular and a speech delivered at a private lodge. But, as regards the special expression which seems so much to have annoyed Bro. Dr. Beigel, it was not written nor spoken even by Bro. Hervey at all. He has never said anything of the kind. The remark, such as it is, is purely our own, an expression of individual Masonic opinion, and clothed with no official authority in the slightest manner, and not even with any importance, except "quantum valet," to the appreciation and intelligence of our brethren. All Englishmen and Masons are quite aware of the independence of the press in our country, and of the mistaken notions which foreigners often entertain upon the subject. The *Freemason* is peculiarly independent, as it never seeks to represent any person or any clique, or any views, but is simply the organ of our brotherhood, impartially directed and carefully edited, as far as our lights go, for the honour and welfare of our English and Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. What can Bro. Beigel mean when he says, or how can he venture to express an opinion, that Bro. Hervey ought to resign his office, because forsooth Bro. Beigel supposes him to have said something about the ill-omened position of the Grand Orient? We must say to Bro. Beigel frankly and distinctly, that such a remark constitutes a direct insult, not only to our esteemed Grand Secretary, but also to our whole English brotherhood. And the reason Bro. Dr. Beigel gives is no less curious than astonishing. He says the Grand Orient of Hungary has done the same, but he forgets that "two blacks don't make a white," and if the Grand Orient of Hungary likes to "follow suit," and equally do wrong, how does that affect us who are trying to do right and maintain the truth? If the Grand Orient of Hungary has done as Bro. Beigel avers, all we can say is, "tant pis" for the Grand Orient of Hungary, and that all our remarks relative to the Grand Orient of France and Belgium equally apply to the Grand Orient of Hungary. Indeed, "forewarned is forearmed," and if, as Bro. Dr. Beigel declares the lodges under the Grand Orient of Hungary openly reject the name of God, we English brethren must equally give its such lodges a wide berth. We, however, have doubts on the subject, as we

know there are very many worthy Hungarian brethren who will deeply grieve at such a servile and baneful imitation of the mistaken and un-Masonic proceedings of the Grand Orient of France and Belgium! As far as we ourselves are concerned, we care nothing for childish criticism, or unfounded assertion, but we leave them to the appreciation of the intelligent and the animadversion of the just, to the kind and fraternal consideration of all true Freemasons at home and abroad.

## A JUSTIFICATION OF PERSECUTION.

We live in strange times, and have often to listen to painful paradoxes. But, perhaps, one of the most distressing of theories, and the most outrageous of perversities we have recently come across, is the justification, by a certain sect amongst us, of Roman Catholic persecution. We had left behind us for ever, we had hoped, those dark and dangerous days, in which persecution was assumed to be, though ignorantly and irreligiously, the normal duty of Christianity. We had banished from amongst us, never to return, we had fondly trusted, the unhallowed sword of Dominic and the sanguinary "Auto-da-fés" of a hateful and ruthless Inquisition. Certain unsavoury allocutions and not a few silly speeches of fiery Ultramontanes seemed to bear witness that the massacre of St. Bartholomew was not objected to, "en principe" as the French say, and that the zeal was not wanting, only the power, to burn a fellow-creature, who differed from those angry exponents of Truth, in this "ism," or that "ology." Yet we confess we treated the matter as a little hasty outburst of fanaticism on the part of a few, not the result of deep conviction or abiding teaching, as regards the many. But as nothing so instructs however, as good example, so nothing is so contagious as false teaching. It seems that this revival of the basest "outcome" of Rome's darkest days has found an exponent in the Church of England. Some preacher, of more or less fame, older or younger, we know not, or care not, has not long ago preached a sermon in the good old church of St. Mary, Southampton, when he "thanked God for raising up St. Dominic and St. Francis, who, by sharp treatment, put an end to the heresy of Albin." A Dr. Sheppard, of London, objecting naturally to such "burning questions," asks for an explanation, which he does not receive; and Oh! ye shades of William and Samuel Wilberforce, such a thoroughly un-English act and irreligious proposition is neither repudiated nor reprobated by the Rector apparently, though we should be very happy to hear, for his own sake, that it is so, at once and fully. Such an expression ought never to have been permitted from a pulpit of the tolerant Church of England, which knows nothing of persecution, which favours liberty of conscience, which holds the priceless right of private judgement, and condemns alike the "fires of Smithfield" and the torture chambers of the Inquisition. Now we say this, for two reasons. First we have many enlightened brethren at Southampton, to whom this outburst of ignorant and excited Ultramontane folly in the Church of England will be productive of great grief, and not a little dismay. All we can say to them is, that such idle raving is the hopeless monomania of a "windbag" or a mountebank, who either is so fanatical as not to realize the wickedness of his own proposition, or so entirely "non-compos mentis," as to be rather a subject for pity than reproach. And we allude to it in the second place, because we have a large number of Chaplains amongst us, educated cultivated, intelligent men, nearly all members of the Church of England, who will equally regret such impertinence, and disavow such indefensible intolerance. As Freemasons, we abhor and denounce the "debasement practice of persecution," and that any one in this 19th century can deliberately, before a congregation of Christians, laud the sanguinary and pagan barbarities of the Inquisition, says a great deal for the patience of the congregation, and the perversity of the preacher. We, however, have done our duty, as before our Southampton brethren, our Anglican Craft, and our Cosmopolitan Order, in branding such words, by whomsoever spoken, as an outrage on common sense and decency, a griev-

ous blow to true religion, and an insult to the understanding, and the sympathies of the age in which we live.

#### ADVICE GRATIS.

Some people are very fond of giving, as Mr. Samuel Weller used to remark, "advice gratis," and we receive from time to time an enormous quantity of a similar commodity, which, though it is no doubt very well intended, savours to us, as a rule, of "bottled moonshine," or unadulterated "cheek." For Truth—stern uncompromising truth—compels us to say, that for the most part, those who are so good at tendering advice are the least competent to act as advisers to anybody, or in anything. Indeed, it is sometimes quite ludicrous to note, how utterly unpractical are the suggestions we receive, how utterly wide of the mark are the majority of counsels we have to wade through. We thank all such friendly counsellors alike by anticipation, and with a present sense of favours received, but we would ask them to spare themselves the trouble of penning, and us the trouble of reading their needless lucubrations on things in general, and Masonry in particular. For it must be obvious that it is not the rôle of every one to act as a sagacious adviser. It is not within the competence of every one, (even though he thinks so), to offer to us good advice. Many circumstances concur in order to render the adviser authoritative or the advice any of value. As a matter of fact, all such advice is good for very little, and all such advisers are much to be deprecated. We fancy we know our own business as well as most people, if not better, and we require neither the doubts of the doubting, nor the criticisms of the critical, or even the "advice gratis" of the sagacious and the philanthropic. At the same time, we say all this, we do not wish to appear to complain too much. As we observed before, we do not pretend to question the good intention of our self-constituted "Mentors," or the wisdom of much spontaneous and salutary exhortation, though as it is said, that a certain locality is "paved with good intentions," so we feel that the latter excellent quality may very often be conveniently, (as far as we are concerned), dispensed with altogether. Indeed it is not too much to say that, knowing our own work, and attending to our own duties, we treat all such extreme and abnormal expressions of opinion as of slight value and no moment. Just now a great deal of "advice gratis," is going on amongst us, and we cannot profess to regard it, from any point of view, either with favour or approval. If well meant, it is very officious, and if not well meant, it becomes both a bore and an impertinence. Like Mr. Samuel Weller, we confess to have little sympathy, and less patience with the "advice gratis sect." For even if you grant them the fairest intentions in the world, they become great nuisances, offering much advice which means nothing, goes for nothing, and is good for nothing. Our contemporary *The World*, as quoted by the *Times*, gives us an amusing little story, with which we will conclude this leader of ours, and which we think will serve to "point the moral and adorn the tale;—" "A stanch adherent of Lord Beaconsfield from a distant county took up his two sons to present them to the illustrious Statesman. 'Give them a word of advice, Mr. Disraeli, on their introduction into life; it would be an honour they would never forget.' Very much worried at the request, Mr. Disraeli at last consented. 'Never try to ascertain,' he said to the elder boy, 'who was the man with the iron mask, or you will be thought a terrible bore. 'Nor do you,' he added to the second, 'ask who was the author of Junius,' or you will be thought a bigger bore than your brother.'"

#### THE HAZARDS OF LIFE.

We alluded in our last to a most mournful explosion of firedamp near Glasgow, by which the lives of over 200 miners were supposed to be lost. This number may now happily be reduced by about 20, but not many under 200 have alas, ceased to be, and their bodies are gradually being disinterred by zealous and gallant survivors, from

the debris of blocked up shafts, and the obstacles of broken in galleries. How great are the hazards of life, and how wondrous its shifting scenes, its strange vicissitudes, and its awful catastrophes. Here 200 men went down in the cage cheerfully, in the early morning, little thinking that their end was nigh, and in a moment, without a note of warning, or season for preparation, they pass away from Time to Eternity. It is a very depressing fact, and painful reality, look at it as we will, pass it by as we may, amid the hum of busy traffic, and the overpowering course of trade or literature or pleasure, yes and dissipation! We must all be struck with the frequency of these explosions, and must wish that Science might step in to provide measures for if not the prevention, at least the diminution of such dreadful and wholesale destruction of valuable lives. Most of these great explosions proceeded from one great source, the use of naked lights, and the disinclination of coal miners to use the "Davy Lamp." The reason given by them is, that the light it affords is so dim that they cannot often distinguish stone and other substances from coal, and so they fill the "Corves" with valueless loads, which are condemned on reaching the surface. And hence it is, that thousands of men dare such dangers, which too often prove fatal to so many honest workers, running the risk of an explosion. Seeing, then, that the Davy lamps are so unpopular with the men, cannot some inventive individual suggest an improvement, which would meet the wants of the miners, in giving more light, and yet being safe to ordinary risks. We do not fancy that anything will be perfectly safe, but it is just possible that if the attention of the thoughtful is turned to the subject, a safety lamp might be invented which would be used by the men, and would reduce the possibility of danger from a maximum to a minimum. We always feel great sympathy for the coal mining population, and we venture to express a hope that Science, ever helpful to man, may yet intervene, so to say, and pave the way for a diminution of risks among a most laborious class of people, though alas, the "hazards of life" must always remain great and many for our poor and suffering Mortality.

#### INDIAN FAMINE FUND.

We think it well to call the attention of our readers to the fact that this fund is by no means closed at the Mansion House, as some seem to think, but on the contrary is still open, and deserves both help and support. The last accounts from Madras are far from satisfactory, and indeed are suggestive of very great sufferings, still amidst a famine-stricken people, and we hope therefore that our good brethren will continue to send in their subscriptions to the "Freemason Famine Fund," that they may be at once handed over to the Lord Mayor. We call special attention to the list published weekly in our columns. We are particularly pleased also to mention that the pupils in our Boys' School, as appears in our pages, have collected £4 6s. 6d. We think that this praiseworthy conduct on the part of "Our Boys," may well be imitated by many older Freemasons amongst us.

#### 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,—

In the *Freemason* of October 13th, in answer to a P.M., you inform the Craft that the Prov. Grand Pursuivant, like all other Prov. Grand Officers, carries past rank, in reply to which a Past Grand Pursuivant of North Wales and Shropshire, in your issue October 20th, states after serving the office for two years, he never wears the clothing, considering he has no right to do so, and thinks the Board of General Purposes should take the question into consideration. Another brother, "V. A. M.," in your last issue writes he was much surprised at your editorial note appended to a correspondent's letter in a recent number.

Upon referring to the bye laws of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cheshire, 1851, also a later edition, 1868, P.G. Pursuivants do take past rank. Should those bye-laws and your common sense view of the matter be wrong, the sooner the position of Prov. Grand Pursuivant is settled the better,

for it must be exceedingly annoying to a brother receiving that appointment, and paying ten guineas for clothing, and perhaps a large sum in addition for other expenses, to find the appointment does not carry honours.

Yours fraternally,

AN OLD P.M.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the correspondence in your columns under the above head, whatever may be the exact law, the Pursuivants of my province (Cumberland and Westmoreland) are always understood to be entitled to past rank, and I can call to mind at this moment at least half-a-dozen who wear their clothing as such. It would be as well, however, if some authoritative decision emanated from Grand Lodge, so as to settle the point at issue.

Fraternally yours,

P.G. REGISTRAR.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND PURSUIVANTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the Book of Constitutions. "Other Provincial Grand Officers" Art. 2, the law is laid down that Grand Wardens and subordinate Provincial Grand Officers, Treasurer excepted) are to be annually appointed by the Provincial Grand Master:—they shall possess in their district the rank &c. of Grand Officers:—and are entitled to wear their clothing as Provincial Grand Officers, or Past Provincial Grand Officer, in all Masonic meetings—the next paragraph but one to this, sets out that Provincial Grand Stewards do not take past rank, nor are they entitled to continue to wear their clothing when out of office. Is not this conclusive that a Provincial Grand Pursuivant becomes of right a Past Provincial Grand Pursuivant? Why further legislation?

The Bye-laws of the P.G. Lodge of North Wales and Shropshire enumerate in the list of officers of that Grand Lodge, for

Provincial Grand Pursuivant.

Past Provincial Grand Pursuivant.

Provincial Grand Standard-bearers.

Past Provincial Grand Standard-bearers.

The Book of Constitutions says Grand Standard-bearers must be Master Masons—they are not members of Grand Lodge, nor are they to wear the clothing of a Grand Officer! Further on these bye-laws provide for certain officers having the prefix of "Right Worshipful," others, "Very Worshipful" surely the remainder might adopt the old one of "Rather Worshipful," (all being equally against rule).

If "V.A.M." will again read the paragraph he refers to at the conclusion of his letter, he will see that the power given to the Grand Master to give Past Grand rank to brethren of "eminence and ability" who have not served office, as in the case of our present M.W.G.M. who, prior to his acceptance of that post, was M.W.P.G.M.

Agreeing with Bro. D. P. Owen as to the importance of the office of a Grand Pursuivant, does he not, by his own shewing, create the anomaly he refers to; and shew disrespect to his Provincial Grand Master, by being the only Grand Officer in his Province who neglects to appear in the clothing of his rank? 1. The Bye-laws of the Province provide for a P. Prov. G. Pursuivant. 2. Once a Provincial Grand Officer (Steward excepted) always, after term of office, a P. Prov. Grand Officer, (Constitutions).

I am, dear Sir and brother, yours fraternally,

VEVEY.

#### FREEMASONS AND MASONIC LITERATURE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In concluding your article in issue of 20th Oct., you invite the Craft to help you to a "solution" upon the support (or want of support) of Masonic literature, giving the number of American Masons, 700,000, those in Great Britain, 100,000. I am unable to solve your question, but it leads me to enquire if you can state the approximate number of Masons members of London lodges, for say 12 miles round? also the number in the country (England) alone? Faithfully yours,

J. E. S.

[We have no means at present of obtaining such statistics.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your remarks in last week's *Freemason* are but too true, though severe. If genuine Masons, however, take them in the fraternal spirit they are penned, and put in practice the suggestions offered, your enterprise in enlarging the *Freemason* will be amply rewarded.

I, too, have a suggestion to make. It is this—that each lodge and chapter should pass a resolution to invest a certain small amount—say £1 or £2 a year—in Masonic literature. I do not see why this idea should not be carried out. Yours fraternally,

A. A. DENHAM,  
Wandsworth, 1044.

#### LOOSE RECEPTION OF CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

As a Mason, permit me to complain of the very loose manner some London and other lodges have of initiating candidates into Masonry who are resident at a distance from the place in which the lodge is held, without enquiring why he was not proposed in a lodge in the town in which he resides, or one nearer to his place of residence, or whether he has ever been proposed in any other. If some such resolutions were in general use it would certainly conduce to the harmony of lodges and the honour of the Craft.

The following is a case in point. In my lodge last January, a gentleman of my town was proposed, and in February he was balloted for and rejected; he would not,

according to our bye-laws have been allowed to be proposed again for 12 months, but in 8 months from the date of his rejection he has been proposed and initiated in a London lodge, no enquiry having been made as to him by the town lodge of my lodge here.

How are members of the lodge in which he was rejected to receive him? Yours fraternally,  
A MASON,  
Lodge 35.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Much has been said and written of late about the ever increasing number of those who seek admission into our Order, and as to the absolute necessity which exists for making the strictest enquiry with respect to every candidate for initiation. The omission to make such enquiries becomes sometimes of serious consequence, as witness the following instance:

Not many months since—the precise date is not important, but it was some time during the present year—a person residing in this town was proposed as a candidate for initiation in the ancient lodge which holds its meetings here, and of which I have the honour to be a P.M. On a ballot the candidate was rejected. Subsequently he procured himself to be proposed in a London Lodge, without, I presume, communicating the fact of his rejection here, and great was my astonishment on taking up the *Freemason* of Saturday last, to find in your report of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, on the 17th ult., the name of the rejected candidate among those who were then initiated into our mysteries.

Who is to blame, the candidate or the lodge? Not the slightest enquiry of any kind was ever made which could have brought out the fact of the previous rejection, and my lodge, without any fault or laches of its own, will find itself in this dilemma if the brother in question should ever seek to visit or join us, that it must either admit one who is obnoxious to some of its oldest and most valued members, or it must refuse to admit one who comes to us stamped with the approval of a London lodge. This is eminently unsatisfactory, and it is a position in which we ought not to be placed. For very many years past my lodge has steadily refused to accept any non-resident candidates without first receiving ample and satisfactory information from one or more lodges in the town in which the candidate resides, and I venture to think that that is a very proper proceeding, to which no right-minded person would object. Why some such step was not adopted by the Eccleston Lodge in the case in question I am at a loss to understand, but it is perfectly evident to me that something ought to be done to obviate such unpleasant occurrences.

I am, Sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,  
A PAST MASTER.

THE SAT B'HAI.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"One of the Order," and your Scottish "Querist," may be interested in the following extract from a letter of Madame Blavatsky's, who is secretary of the New York "Theosophical Society," of which Colonel H. S. Olcott is president. She says: "If I mistake not I know the grand parents of your Sat B'hai; I also have made the acquaintance of the Seven Brothers of Look-shoor, or Luxor in vulgar terms, somewhere near the mysterious Lord of Bod, or Thibet."

I may remark that Colonel Olcott is a Royal Arch Mason; and Madame Blavatsky belongs to many societies of Eastern Masonry, and is bringing out a large book in two vols. (Quaritch, London), in which I understand Masonry will be considered as an Eastern society. The work is entitled "Isis Unveiled."

Yours fraternally,  
JOHN YARKER,  
Hon. Fellow of Theosophical Society.

### THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Grand Imperial Council of the State of Illinois assembled at their fifth Annual Conclave in the Asylum of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, K.T., 72 Monroe-street, in the city of Chicago, on Monday, the 23rd day of October, 1876. The following Grand Officers were present: M.I. Sir Robert Bingham Smith, Grand Sovereign; M.E. Sir James Hoge Miles, Grand Viceroy; V.I. Sir John Corson Smith, Grand Senior General; V.I. Sir Gilbert W. Barnard as Grand Junior General; V.I. Sir Robert Bruce Miller, Grand High Prelate; Ill. Sir Levi R. Jerome, Grand High Chancellor; Ill. Sir Charles W. Dunning, as Grand Treasurer; Ill. Sir Jonathan J. French, Grand Recorder; Ill. Sir John O. Dickerson, Grand High Almoner; Ill. Sir Gilbert W. Barnard, Grand Chamberlain; Ill. Sir Benn P. Reynolds, Grand Architect; Ill. Sir James O. Cottrell, as Grand Standard Bearer; Ill. Sir Charles W. Dunning, Grand Marshal; Ill. Sir John P. Ferns, Grand Sentinel.

The following were the officers appointed for the current year:—

M.I. Sir Robert B. Smith, Grand Sovereign; M.E. Sir James H. Miles, Grand Viceroy; V.I. Sir John C. Smith, Grand Senior General; V.I. Sir Gilbert W. Barnard, Grand Junior General; V.I. Sir Robert B. Miller, Grand High Prelate; Ill. Sir Benn P. Reynolds, Grand High Chancellor; Ill. Sir John O. Dickerson, Grand Treasurer; Ill. Sir Jonathan J. French, Grand Recorder; Ill. Sir Charles W. Dunning, Grand High Almoner; Ill. Sir James A. Hawley, Grand Chamberlain; Ill. Sir James S. McCall, Grand Architect; Ill. Sir James O. Cottrell, Grand Marshal; Ill. Sir Randolph C. Michaels, Grand Standard Bearer; Ill. Sir Levi R. Jerome, Grand Herald; Ill. Sir James A. Phillips, Grand Orator; Ill. Sir John P. Ferns, Grand Sentinel.

### CONSECRATION OF THE URBAN CHAPTER, No. 1196.

The Urban Chapter, 1196, was consecrated on Tuesday evening, at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, by Comp. John Hervey, Grand Scribe, E., who was assisted by Comp. Terry, Grand Director of Ceremonies Herts, the H. and J. chairs being occupied by Comp. George J. Palmer, P.Z., 11, as H., and Comp. W. F. Collard Moutrie, P.Z. 11, as J. Comp. Seymour Smith acted as Organist, and Comp. Donald King as Minstrel. The companions who were present were Comps. J. E. Carpenter, R. H. Pearson, J. Pearson, Donald W. King, John Hervey, G.S.E.; Jas. Terry, G.D.C. Herts; W. F. C. Moutrie, P.Z. 11; J. H. Webb, 174; C. J. Watson, P.Z. 11; W. H. Honey P.Z. 11; George J. Palmer, P.Z. 11; W. J. Hunter, 228; H. Massey, P.Z. 619, (*Freemason*); W. Stoffin, 1185; G. J. Kain, P.Z. 766; Dr. Barringer, Seymour Smith, 1269, and W. J. Vereker Bindon, 1, Edinburgh.

After the chapter had been formally opened, Comp. Hervey said the companions were aware of the reason of their assembling there that evening, and he did not think it necessary to address them in any terms, either commendatory or otherwise. He was sure however, that all the companions would feel gratification that a chapter was about to be added to the Urban Lodge, a lodge which had stood and still stood very high in the estimation of the Masons of London, and which, from the manner in which it had conducted its working and business, had commended itself to every brother who was acquainted with its mode of carrying out its principles. It was on that account that he felt so high a degree of pleasure in attending to consecrate the chapter connected with the lodge, and in bringing into existence a chapter which was an offshoot of so worthy a lodge.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, till the time had arrived when the oration is ordinarily delivered. Grand Scribe E. then called upon Comp. Terry to deliver the oration, which he did as follows:—

The beautiful ceremony prescribed to be used at the consecration of a new lodge or chapter includes as a prominent feature, an oration on the merits of Freemasonry. We should be doing the wisdom of our ancient brethren who devised this ceremony, a great injustice if we supposed that this was meant to be confined to an eulogium on the system or on those who profess it. The former is unnecessary, for the science of Freemasonry speaks for itself, neither would the latter be congenial to its spirit, for the practice of Freemasonry carries with it its own reward to those who practice it aright, and they value not the praise or flattery of men. The purpose of an Oration has a higher and a nobler aim, for as every human institution is liable to be deteriorated and corrupted by the wear and tear of ages, it is intended to carry the mind back to the first principles of the Order, to trace the stream of Freemasonry through the quicksands which beset its course, to clear away the rocks and shoals which time has accumulated until we reach the clear pellucid fountain from which flow the pure and crystal waters of charity, morality and justice.

It is intended to enforce on the members of every new chapter that they are to guard its landmarks with jealous care and to extend its principles with unflagging, self-denying zeal. Such is, I believe the object of this prescribed oration, and I could only wish that I had power of language sufficient to enforce upon you the importance of exercising this care. I pray you to remember that on you is thrown the responsibility of evincing to the Craft at large that the confidence placed in you by the Supreme Grand Chapter has not been misplaced. I trust you will never forget that this chapter should be so conducted as to improve the quality of Freemasonry rather than to increase the number of professing Freemasons. Above all that it may be a great centre for the diffusion of brotherly love, relief, and truth; brotherly love as shown in mutual forbearance and forgiveness, mutual aid and sympathy—joy in a companion's joy, and grief in a companion's grief—relief of his wants, freely and ungrudgingly given, relief not only to his bodily but to his mental wants, relief not only to himself, but to those who are nearest and dearest to him, in the persons of his widow and his orphans; and, above all this, that the hand of a brother given to a brother Mason should be the sure pledge of brotherhood, aye, and when given to any of the outer world should be received as an obligation, binding as any the law of man could devise, because given by a Mason.

Above all, let charity and benevolence be your motto, words tending to the same end, but by different means. Charity to give, when you have the power, to every one of your fellow creatures in the hour of their need, and her handmaid benevolence to wish well to and to strive well for every good cause, even as in the Apostle's case, "silver and gold we have none" to give. Remember that the noblest instinct of man, his noblest attribute, is labour, to work through the morn, to work through the noon, to work through the evening of life, until "the night cometh when no man can work." And what man is in muscular life, he should be in the higher domain of spiritual life. The highest and most complete state of man, which his nature most longs for, and in which it fulfils its most sublime instinct is work, bodily and intellectual, leading up to moral and religious work. For, as the race began with an outward paradise, which being lost, may yet offer the type of a higher paradise to be gained, so each individual life begins with muscular life that passing through the hard struggles of work, in which body, mind, and soul are alike engaged, it may carry its ideal with it, and emerge at last into a state of inspired liberty and spontaneous beauty. It may be a gigantic task that which has been sketched out for us by the wisdom and self-denial of our forefathers in the Order, but if any of the objects of human activity are worth living for at all, if on the whole, it is not the highest wisdom to say, "Let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die;" it is impossible to imagine a nobler

or more stirring object of ambition, a cause to which a man could with more complete satisfaction, or in which he would be sure to meet with a fuller or purer reward, and to which he could devote all the energies of his life as a Mason, than to carry out to their limit the principles inculcated by Freemasonry. Let each in his own sphere, each according to the talents with which God has endowed him, take up his share of the work which lies at his door waiting to be done. There is work for all, and if Masons would but do the work which they should do, then would they be fulfilling indeed what they had undertaken in the First and Second Degree to perform. Then of them it would be said, and if deserved, how sweet would it be to hear it said, "When the ear heard me then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me then it gave witness to me, because I relieved the poor that cried, and the fatherless to him that had more to help him, the blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy." God imposes on us serious duties, we must struggle in the interests of humanity against the strong when they abuse their strength, and against the powerful when they abuse their power. From time to time the struggle is interrupted to contemplate its fruits, the oppressed delivered from the tyrant, the poverty or disease-stricken man snatched from the abyss of want, and sent forward rejoicing on a new career of life; the widow encouraged, protected, and supported when she believed that she was forsaken by all the world; the orphan once wan and emaciated, now lighted up and rosy, in the splendid dawn of its young life. Thus do we pass from indignation to tenderness, and we understand the aim of life. Then may we thank God, who, giving us the task to combat the powerful and the wicked, gives us also to succour the innocent and the feeble, and who, side by side with the grave duties of life, has placed the cheerful ones, the latter to uphold the former. The man who so understands and practises Freemasonry, even if he has not progressed beyond this degree, and even if he does not care to display one single jewel, is a better Mason and better acquainted with its symbolical teaching than he who having taken every degree under the sun, has never carried into everyday life the principles and teachings which Freemasonry has perpetually enjoined upon him. He is a Mason who can, and he is not a Mason who cannot.

Grasp the whole world of reason, life, and sense,  
In one close system of benevolence;  
Happier, as feeling in what'er degree,  
The height of bliss in height of charity.

The consecration of the chapter was thereafter completed, and Comp. Terry installed Comps. Dr. Joseph Edward Carpenter, R. H. Pearson, and Jonathan Pearson, as J., and Comps. Carpenter and R. H. Pearson as H. Comp. Hervey installed Comp. Dr. Carpenter as Z.; and when the companions were admitted, Comp. Donald W. King was invested as P.S., and Comp. Steedman as Janitor. On the motion of Comp. M.E.Z., seconded by Comp. H., Comps. Hervey and Terry were elected hon. companions of the chapter, and thanks were voted to them for their performance of the consecration of the chapter.

Comp. Hervey and Comp. Terry severally returned thanks, and after a long list of brethren seeking admission to the Order had been proposed and seconded, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet.

Comp. R. H. Pearson was elected Treasurer, pro tem. The following ode was sung at the closing of the chapter:—

Almighty Sire, our heavenly king,  
Before whose sacred name we bend,  
Accept the praise which we sing,  
And to our humble prayer attend.  
All hail, great Architect Divine,  
This universal frame is thine.

That sacred place where three in one,  
Comprised Thy comprehensive name,  
And where the bright meridian sun,  
Was soon Thy glory to proclaim.  
All hail, Great Architect Divine,  
This universal frame is thine.

On Thy Omnipotence we rest,  
Secure of Thy protection here,  
And hope hereafter to be blest,  
When we have left this world of care.  
All hail, great Architect Divine,  
This universal frame is Thine.

Inspire us with Thy grace divine,  
Thy sacred law our guide shall be,  
To every good our hearts incline,  
From every evil keep us free.  
All hail, great Architect Divine,  
This universal frame is Thine.

Comp. Hervey, G.S.E., in responding to the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon and the rest of the Grand Principals," said he was not disappointed at the kind reception he had met with that evening, for having performed a very small duty. He had been much gratified and complimented by that reception, as he was not free from that weakness of the human race, a pride in finding that his efforts were appreciated, and on behalf of the nobleman who formed the principle subject of this toast he thanked the companions most cordially. He then proceeded to propose "The Health of the M.E.Z. of the Urban Chapter, and Success to that Chapter." All the companions had participated in the labours of the evening, and had all borne a share more or less in the ceremony of launching the new chapter. All the companions wished that a successful result might attend it. For himself he looked forward without any hesitation or doubt to its success. It was not to be a large chapter, as the M.E.Z. had observed in the course of the evening, and he was glad to hear it, for he did not look upon a large chapter as at all desirable. He was also glad to hear that a rule had been laid down

in this chapter that every one who was proposed as a member should be known to one or other of its members, not only well but intimately, not only feeling that he was simply a Mason, but that he was a Mason in whom they might trust and upon whom they might rely. Adhering to such a rule the chapter would become second to none in the Metropolis. The great stumbling block at the present day was for members to be anxious to enlist others in their lodges and chapters. Nothing could be more erroneous. To the companions present it was very well known that a man might be in a very respectable position in life, well to do, and in many relations perfectly trustworthy, yet when he came into a Masonic lodge he might be one who sowed dissensions, and of whom the members could not get rid. There he must remain; and it did not matter how much he interfered with the ceremonies, and set the rules and regulations of the chapter or lodge at defiance, so long as he paid his subscriptions he might remain a thorn in their sides. He hoped the Urban Chapter might never have such a member. Comp. Hervey concluded by proposing the toast.

The M.E.Z. said he hoped the companions might never have to regret the time that they had made him the First Principal of the chapter. It should be his most earnest, solemn, strict endeavour during his year as First Principal to carry out the principles of Royal Arch Masonry and to do honour and credit to that friendship which had subsisted between him and the other members ever since he had been a member of the Urban Lodge, 1196. He would be unworthy to hold the position he now held, and the position he had held for the last ten years in lodge 1196, had he not endeavoured to the best of his ability to carry out the principles of Freemasonry outside Freemasonry. If a man was a Mason merely for the purpose of saying he was a Mason, and for the purpose of attending the numerous banquets which he (the M.E.Z.) in his public position, as an author and a Mason, had the honour to be invited to, he had better keep out of Masonry. It was his earnest endeavour and inner wish so to conform his life to the spirit of Freemasonry as to remain a worthy brother among them. H. had been a Mason now for nearly 40 years. In some domestic and family circles he had been requested not to say how long he had been a Mason, because it happened that at that very time he was initiated his eldest daughter was born, and she did not altogether like it. She said "I have no doubt that you enjoy Freemasonry, and that you are very much respected; but as you were initiated when I was born, you need not mention the date." He said to her, "The date of your birth is registered in our family Bible. The Bible is the great book that guides all Freemasons in their walks of life; and when you turn to that family Bible when I am dead and gone, I hope that never will my conduct occasion you to be ashamed that on the day you were born I was made a Mason; and if so, you can refer to that Bible for the date of your birth without fear." Of course, he need not say what happened then, she said "All-right, Pa, but don't mention it." To recur to the subject of the chapter he hoped he might be forgiven for assuming the office of a prophet, and predicting for the chapter very great results. They had set out with it in a very small way. Its nucleus was very small, although they might have proposed to take in large numbers; and they would then have been able to get them, as their associates in Freemasonry were very numerous. But they said they would make a small beginning, and have only such Masons as they knew they could depend upon. They would not on the night of the consecration propose a large number of joining members and candidates for exaltation, because they felt it would be better to have only those who were sure to do honour to the Order. Hence their joining members that night were limited to six. After the next night no doubt they would have more, and the Urban Chapter would probably become all that Comp. Hervey could wish. A lodge or chapter of 20 subscribing members, independent of the P.Z.'s, was sufficiently large. This would lead to general harmony.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Consecrating Officers," and said that every companion present had been highly delighted with the ceremony and with the admirable way in which it had been performed.

Comp. Hervey responded. The M.E.Z. having proposed the "H. and J." Comps. R. H. Pearson and Jonathan Pearson replied. Dr. Barringer and other companions acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors," and Comp. Donald W. King, P.Z., replied for "The Officers." "The Janitor's Toast" was given by Comp. W. Stedman, and the companions then departed.

Comps. Seymour Smith and Donald W. King entertained the companions during the evening with some excellent singing.

LONDON MASONIC CLUB.

The members and friends held their usual monthly dinner (the first of the session for the winter season), on Wednesday, at 6.30. Bro. Joseph Langton, Chairman of Committee, in the chair, and we noticed amongst others Bros. Dabbing, Shand, Edell, Goswell, Langton, jun., Rumpff, Hornes, &c., &c. The usual loyal toasts were given, also that of the Masonic press, but as this meeting was not strictly confined to Masons the ceremonies of the Craft were of course omitted.

During the past nine months the amount of fresh meat received from abroad was 376,000 cwt; in the corresponding term of last year the receipts were only 77,584 cwt. The respective values were £1,031,025, and £211,167.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda of business for Wednesday the 7th inst.:-

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes:-

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th July to the 16th October, 1877, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance Grand Chapter ... ..	£295	18	10
" " Unappropriated Account ... ..	181	11	11
" Subsequent Receipts ... ..	307	3	0
	£784	13	9
By Purchase of £300 Consols @ 94½ and			
Commission... ..	283	17	6
" Disbursements during the quarter ... ..	185	0	4
" Balance ... ..	116	19	0
" " in Unappropriated Account ... ..	198	19	11
	£784	13	9

which Balances are in the hands of Willis, Percival and Co., Bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:-

1st. From Companions Hugh George Colvill as Z, Thomas Hawken as H, John Richard Collins as J, and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin, to be called "The Saint Petrock Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Bodmin, in the County of Cornwall.

2nd. From Comps. John Chalmers, as Z.; William Nash, as H.; Richard M. Blaker, as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge Light of the North, No. 1308, Dalhousie, to be called "The Egerton Chapter," and to meet at Dalhousie, Punjab, in the East Indies.

3rd. From Comps. Major William Edward Williams, as Z.; Henry Keeble, as H.; Thomas Perridge, as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Star Lodge, No. 1275, Greenwich, to be called "The Star Chapter," and to meet at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, in the County of Kent.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received the following Petition:-

4th. From Comps. Lieut.-Colonel Hugh Sawyer Somerville Burney, as Z.; Frank Richardson, as H.; Richard Philip Leeson, as J., and twelve others for a chapter to be attached to the Bayard Lodge, No. 1615, London, to be called "The Bayard Chapter," and to meet at No. 33, Golden Square, London.

This petition is regular in form. It is however contrary to the usual custom of the Grand Chapter Committee to recommend an application for a chapter from so young a lodge, but under the peculiar circumstances of the case the subject is referred to the Grand Chapter for its consideration.

The Committee have also to report that they have received a memorial from the Wanderers Lodge, No. 1604, praying that the petition for a chapter, to be attached to that lodge, which was negatived at the last Grand Chapter, might be again submitted to the Grand Chapter, and that the Committee would recommend Grand Chapter to reconsider its decision.

The Committee taking into consideration the peculiar and special circumstances of the case, recommend that Grand Chapter be asked to reconsider its former decision in this case.

The following notices of motion have been received for the next quarterly convocation:-

1. By Comp. John Mason, H. No. 73: (postponed from the last Grand Chapter.)

In order to harmonise the regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter with the Laws of Grand Lodge, and to accord with a recent decision of the Grand Registrar in reference to the powers of Grand Superintendents of districts or provinces,—That paragraph 37, page 12, of the R.A. Regulations, commencing at the words "they are also empowered" be expunged, and the following regulation substituted.

The Grand Superintendents may summon any Chapter or Companion within their District to attend them within the limits of such District, and to produce the Charter Books, Papers and Accounts of the Chapter, or the certificate of the Companion.

If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, the Chapter or Companion may be suspended, and the proceedings notified to the Supreme Grand Chapter. The decision of the Grand Superintendents shall be final unless an appeal shall be made therefrom to the Supreme Grand Chapter, but no appeal shall be entertained unless transmitted to the Grand Scribe E, within three calendar months from the date of the decision appealed against.

The Grand Superintendents are also empowered to visit the several subordinate Chapters in the province or district, to see that the laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter are observed.

2. By E. Comp. Benjamin Head, P. Sword Bearer— "That the sum of three hundred guineas be granted from the funds of the Grand Chapter in aid of the Indian Famine Relief Fund."

The Indian Famine Fund on Wednesday night had reached £434,000, an increase during the week of £19,000,—a very considerable falling-off.

STAND ON THE OLD PLATFORM.

This nineteenth century is termed the age of progress, and correctly, for during its continuance human intellect has made more rapid and effective strides than ever before. Art and science have been made to contribute more largely to the comfort of man than the wildest dreamer could have imagined, and the actual results far surpass what was hoped from the philosopher's stone and other subjects of inquiry by the sages of antiquity. Chaining the lightning and practically annihilating space by the iron way are the more tangible results, but we shall find that in various ways we have marched far beyond the greatest wisdom of the past, so that we may well be astonished when we compare the facilities of the present with even the state of society within a lifetime. It is within our recollection when a journey to Albany in Winter required more time than it now takes to reach Chicago, and when news only came from Europe by sailing packets, while now the daily newspapers give us the news from Europe as fully as it is found in the London papers of the same date. Nor can we suppose that we have reached the limit of human ingenuity or exhausted the capacities of science. What wonders are yet in store for us no one can say nor will the mind consent to declare anything impossible seeing what has already been accomplished, and that the forward movement never ceases. But while we commend these efforts and accept them as good gifts from the Creator, we should not forget that in some matters we cannot consistently pass beyond the lines fixed in the beginning, and to obliterate which would be to unsettle the very foundations of morality and religion. We believe in a free press, free speech free thought, but not in their abuse, for between liberty and license, there is a long distance and the making apparent this distinction is the special work of our institution. Masonry is the advocate and exemplar of free thought, but thought bounded always by the recognition of the existence of God.

One step beyond this line is to get beyond Masonry and into the domain of infidelity, where it is impossible for Masonry to follow, whatever some Masons may do. We are not, and in the very nature of things cannot be, a sect, since within our organisation all sects are represented, but we are and of no necessity must be, religious to the extent of writing on our door-posts the indispensable requirement of a pronounced belief in the Deity. We cannot tamper with this, nor allow any argument to be urged against it because it is the very corner-stone of our organisation, which we accepted when we sought initiation, and which we have agreed that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to change.

We reiterate, then, that the recent action of the Grand Orient of France in suppressing from its constitution and rituals all allusion to the existence of the Great Architect of the Universe is simply to have vaulted beyond Masonry and to recognise infidelity as an act of conscience, to be respected as an individual right. As a man we utterly deny any such right, and as a Mason our vocabulary fails, to furnish us words sufficiently strong to express our sense of the wrong done the craft by the act of those professing to represent it in France. This is not a mere matter of opinion on their part because it is one positively and strictly forbidden by the foundation principles of the order and hence we claim that, Masonry has ceased to have an organised existence in that country, for though the Grand Orient still continues to exist, and there are lodges and other organisations there, they are not Masonic because there can be no Masonry without God.

We are all the more inclined to reiterate our views on this subject because they are those of all English speaking Masons, and because we do not intend that so far as we can help it they shall be held responsible for the infidelity of others. Doubtless the attempt will be made to hold us responsible, but if the press is true to its mission, the attempt will fail, for by its aid and influence we shall be enabled to isolate the Grand Orient and its adherents from the loyal and true. Let us stand on the old ways and have it understood that the free thought that forgets God is not Masonry.

There is something very ruthless about the shafts of wit occasionally discharged from the gallery. Charles Matthews has recently been on a tour in the north, playing "My Awful Dad." The lively farce was preceded by a melodrama, long drawn out, at the prolongation of which the gallery, anxious for the appearance of their favourite, showed much impatience; at length a voice from above was heard to say—"Look sharp, or Charley will be too old to play."—*Mayfair*.

THE DAVENPORT BROTHERS.—The death of William Davenport, the younger of the two Davenport Brothers, the pretended spiritualists, is announced by the *Sydney (Australian) News*, which states that he died there of pulmonary consumption.

THE STRIKE OF RAILWAY MEN IN IRELAND.—The ordinary night passenger trains on the Great Southern and Western Railway have commenced to run again the strike being over.

The foundation stone of a new mission hall at Silverdale, (Hastings), was laid by Bro. T. Brassey, M.P., on Wednesday.

It is officially announced that Admiral Wellesley, C.B., will succeed Sir Hastings Yelverton as Senior Naval Lord of the Admiralty.

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.

### CONSECRATION OF THE CENTURION LODGE, No. 1718.

On Wednesday the 31st, ult., a new lodge called "The Centurion" Lodge, No. 1718, to be held at the "London" Fleet-street, for the convenience of officers of the Auxilliary Forces of the City of London, was consecrated by the V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, assisted by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. Ambrose Wm. Hall, P.M. 416, P.G. Chaplain and P.G.S.W., Surrey, and Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary. The following brethren were also present:—The R.W. Bro. Lieut.-General Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master, Surrey; V.W. Bro. Greenwood, P.G. Secretary, Surrey; Bros. Majors Gant, (P.M. 899, and 1362); and Williams, (P.M. 1275); Bros. Captain S. B. Williams, and Dr. Sandwell, all of the 2nd London Rifles; Major Venn, P.M. 90; and Whitmore, 3rd London Rifles; Captains Walker and Hicks, and Lieut. Holland, 1st London Rifles; Capt. T. Daires Sewell, (P.M. 21, and P.G.S.), Royal London Militia; Bro. H. J. Green, P.M. 158 and 1275; Bro. Capt. N. W. Williams, W.M. 1275; Bro. C. W. Williams, S.W. 1275; Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; Bro. Griffin, P.M. 90; Bro. Rodday, No. 6; Bro. Henderson, 90; and several other brethren.

The ceremony of consecration having been performed, Bro. Hervey installed Bro. Major Gant into the chair as first W.M., who invested Bro. Major Venn, S.W., and Bro. Capt. T. B. Williams, J.W., and appointed and invested the other officers.

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

The usual patriotic and Masonic toasts, including "Success to the New Lodge," having been given and duly responded to, the Tyler's toast brought the business of the evening to an end.

### A NOBLE DEED. By Bro. ROB MORRIS.

The following statement of facts was communicated to me some years since by the Grand Lecturer of Connecticut, Bro. Chauncey R. Hatch. They occurred on Falkner's Island, about five miles off the shore opposite Guilford, Conn. Many rocky shoals are there, much dreaded by mariners, and the lighthouse erected by government, is occupied by Brooks and his family, the former a member of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 38, at Guilford. At the time of the event narrated, the family consisted of a wife and two daughters, the latter being only eight and ten years of age respectively.

Bro. Brooks is known as a true-hearted Mason, full of manly impulses and so faithful to his trust that he has been retained in his place during several administrations. It is true that upon the inauguration of Mr. Lincoln, another man was substituted as a reward for political services; but upon a strong presentation of facts Bro. Brooks was replaced. The following incident had much to do with his re-installment.

A vessel had gone ashore upon the rocks, about half a mile from the island. The crew and the Captain's wife were in the rigging. A furious gale prevailed, and the destruction of the whole party appeared inevitable. The lighthouse keeper was compelled to remain with his light, or the safety of scores of other vessels might have been compromised. Mrs. Brooks was absent on shore and no persons were on the island with whom he could leave the house, save the two girls. He looked at the poor, perishing creatures in plain view in the rigging of the wrecked vessel. The sight was intolerable. Taking his children up into the lantern, he showed them how to keep the lamps burning, and giving them what might have been a farewell kiss, hurried to the wreck at the imminent peril of his own life.

His exertions were successful, and all were saved except an infant. To show the violence of the gale, it is said that the long hair of the lady had become so entangled in the rigging that he was compelled to cut it away with his knife before she could be released; so the brave keeper got the half-frozen company into his lighthouse, warmed, fed and sheltered them, and the memory of the good deed constitutes a part of the priceless treasures of Masonic history.

The two planets, Mars and Saturn, are gradually approaching each other, and on the early morning of November 4, they will be within 12', and consequently can be observed together in a telescope with a moderately large field of view.

On Wednesday last the Long Vacation ended, and on Friday the Michaelmas sittings commence. On the first day of the sitting the Lord Chancellor will receive the Judges, who will afterwards proceed to Westminster Hall in procession.

The Gresham Lecturer in Divinity (Dean of Chichester) will lecture at Gresham College, Basinghall-street, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th November) at 6 p.m. The subject of his lectures will be "St. Paul at Athens."

Last Sunday was "Hospital Sunday" at Birmingham. The returns hitherto received show a total of nearly £2800, which is about £200 below the corresponding total last year, the falling off being generally attributed to the depression of trade and the collection recently made for the Indian Famine Fund.

One of the lighthouse keepers named Bayle, of the Longships Lighthouse, near the Land's End, was washed off the rock on Thursday last and drowned. News was only ascertained yesterday by signalling, as the rough weather has prevented any communication with the lighthouse. The deceased was a young man, and unmarried.

### FREEMASONRY IN KANSAS.

The following letter appears in the *Masonic Review* for October.

LEAVENWORTH, KAN. Sept. 7, 1877.

EDITOR "MASONIC REVIEW."—There are those among our brethren here who are disposed to take a discouraging view of the condition of Masonry, as well as every where else. That too with perhaps some good reasons. But the general condition of the different Masonic grand and subordinate bodies appears to be better than the average, and I believe there are not to be found in our eastern cities more zealous and well-informed Masons than in these western cities. They have more opportunity for the putting into practice the tenets of the Order. The demands for charity in these border western cities are large and frequent. Kansas City, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Topeka are all railroad centres, and in such positions that they catch more stragglers—more dead broke brethren—from either direction than any other cities on the Continent. At these points travellers from the East wanting to continue West, and from the West who must be sent on East, find themselves compelled to appeal to the Masonic bodies for assistance, and it is always rendered when deserved. In this way our brethren are heavily taxed, and no doubt in a large proportion of cases aid is given to unworthy tramps. I would suggest to the relief committee of these cities that they use the telegraph in case of all applicants. A few dollars spent in this way often saves a deal of money, and the lodges from imposition.

At Kansas City, I met with Bro. John H. Brown, Gr. Sec. of Kan. He is a capital good fellow whom you have perhaps met. The universal objection to John Brown by his intimate friends is that he don't talk enough, otherwise he is the most popular man in the Fraternity.

At Lawrence, Bros. Lindsay and Steele showed me courtesies, and afforded me the best opportunities for seeing the sights and personal enjoyments. The notabilities of this place were absent, so I could not pay them my compliments.

I had the pleasure last night of meeting with the brethren of Hiram Lodge of this city, also of seeing through the new Masonic Hall which is occupied by Lodges No. 2, (Leavenworth), and No. 10, (King Solomon) and by the Charter, Council, and Commandery. I cannot give you a description of the lodge-rooms and commandery-rooms that would give you an adequate idea of them. They are superb, not only as to decorations, frescoing, painting, etc., but for convenient arrangement of the rooms and all the first-class appointments for work in all the bodies, and cannot be excelled anywhere. To give you some idea of the luxurious style in which they are fitted up, the carpets alone cost 3202 dols. The other outfits, furniture, painting, etc., added to the carpets, run the cost of the rooms to between five and six thousand dollars.

The commandery has an elegant banquet room, and a silver service for sixty Sir Knights. From these items you get some idea of the splendour of the rooms, and also of the liberality of Leavenworth Masons. Their charity is as large as their liberality, and no worthy appeal is ever made to them in vain. One of the most popular men in the Kansas brotherhood is Dwight Byington, General ticket agent at the Union Depot, a man full of business and genial manner, and at present Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, and Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Kansas. Bro. E. T. Carr, G. Sec. of the Grand Chapter, also lives at Leavenworth, and is highly esteemed by all. I regretted not meeting him, especially as I bore a letter to him from that prince of good fellows, Fred Webber. Christian Beck, G. Treas., of all the Grand bodies of Kan., also heads his letters at Leavenworth.

Fraternally, BEN CHASE.

Some interesting discoveries have been made in connection with excavations which are being conducted under the auspices of the archaeologists of Sheffield and Rotherham in a cornfield which now occupies the site of an old Roman camp, about a mile from the latter town. A road 21 ft. wide, and running due north and south through the camp, has been uncovered. On the west of this the foundations of a square building, measuring 73 ft. each way, have been laid bare. The walls, 3 ft. thick, are found standing to the height of from 1 ft. to 3 ft. 6 in. Numerous short buttresses occur at intervals along the sides, the bases of six columns of an eastern portico have also been found. At the north-west corner of the building, there have been disinterred the remains of a hypocaust, and at the south-east angle of the camp a well, surrounded by the foundations of a circular tower with walls 8 ft. thick, has been found. After being cleared to the depth of 12 ft., water became so abundant that operations were for a time suspended. Of the pottery that has been found during the excavations, the articles of most interest consist of several inscribed tiles bearing the stamp C: III.; (*Cohors quarta Gallorum*); a mortarium, or bowl of light brown earthenware, with potters' marks on the rim and a lip or spout, 1 3/4 in. in diameter and 3 1/2 in. deep. There have also been discovered in unglazed black ware a vase and a curiously grooved saucer-shaped article, 7 in. in diameter, the outer hollow being pierced with holes, which is supposed to have been the cover of an incense vase.

As the congregation in Stinchley Church, Shropshire, were assembling on Sunday morning, the church suddenly parted down the side walls, as well as across the ceiling and roof, causing the greatest consternation. The quaint old church, dedicated to St. James, was built in the year 1100, and consequently over 700 years old.—*Globe*.

The night of meeting of the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction has been altered from Friday to Thursday evenings.

### THE YOUNG PRINCES ON BOARD THE "BRITANNIA."

Princes Albert Victor and George, the sons of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, having the characteristic British liking for a seafaring life, have just commenced their professional studies on board H.M.S. "Britannia," which is now stationed at Dartmouth. The vessel is used as an academy or college for naval cadets, and the young princes are in no way privileged above their fellow students except in being accommodated with private apartments, which have been especially fitted up for them in the poop of the vessel. The ages of the cadets vary from thirteen to sixteen, and the daily routine of their life is as follows:—They rise at 6.30 a.m., winter and summer alike, and, after taking a morning bath and drilling from 7.15 to 8 o'clock, assemble for prayers and breakfast. At 8.45 the muster roll is called over, and the rest of the forenoon is devoted to study. They dine at 12.15, after which they have an hour on shore, and then resume study at 4 p.m., when they again go ashore to indulge in cricket or other games until 6.30, when they return on board to tea, which is served at seven o'clock. This is followed by another hour's tuition, and is followed by prayer, and retire to rest at 9.30. Their diet is of a liberal and wholesome kind, the menu being varied on certain days of the week, and such little luxuries as blancmange, jellies, &c., appearing on the table on Sundays. The private apartments of the young Princes are fitted up and furnished in a very plain but comfortable manner, the statement that their decoration cost £2000 being of course an absurd exaggeration. The young Princes, who are now in their fourteenth and fifteenth years, joined the "Britannia" on Thursday last week, having been taken down to Dartmouth by the Prince of Wales himself, who was cordially welcomed by the inhabitants and corporation of the town, and who remained the guest of Captain Fairfax until the following day. The town was gaily decorated during the day, and brilliantly illuminated at night. The uniform worn by the "Britannia" cadets is of the usual Navy blue, with buttons and capbands of gold. The Royal cadets are shown no special favour in consequence of their rank, but have been placed in the starboard watch and in the lowest class, from which they will rise like their fellow students, with greater or less rapidity, according to the progress which they may make in their studies. That they may be successful in those studies, and one day become distinguished members of the profession they have chosen, must be the fervent hope of every loyal British heart.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 9, 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 day of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

Gen. Com., Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, Lewisham-rd.  
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1622, Rose, S.M.H.  
Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.  
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

Lodge 12, Fortitude & Old Cumberland, Leadenhall-st.  
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.  
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 144, St. Luke's, Mason's Hall, Basinghall-st.  
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.  
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.  
" 1610, Northern Bar, F.M.H.  
" 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Court.  
" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H.  
" 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi Terrace, Strand.  
Mark Lodge, 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
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.  
Leopold, 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, NOVEMBER 6.

Colonial Board, at 3.  
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.  
" 9, Albion, F.M.H.  
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.  
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.  
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., Air-st., W.  
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st. N.

Lodge 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club H., Kenngtn. Oval.  
 " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Ancrley.  
 " 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Henley.  
 " 1668, Samson, F.M.H.  
 " 1693, Kingsland, 113, Southgate-road, N.  
 Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H.  
 Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Mas. R., 175, Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
 Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
 Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-street, Woolwich  
 Constitutional, Bedford Ho., Shampton Blds.  
 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.  
 Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

Grand Chapter, at 6 for 7.  
 Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1491, Athenæum, The Athenæum, Camden-road.  
 " 1585, Royal Commemoration, Star & Garter, Putney.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.  
 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.  
 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, NOVEMBER 8.

Lodge 18, Old Dundee, Bridge House Hot.  
 " 91, Regularity, F.M.H.  
 " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgt.-st.  
 " 534, Polish National, F.M.H.  
 " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 866, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 879, Southwark, Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
 " 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Docks.  
 " 1278, Burdett-Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Pk.  
 " 1288, Finsbury-park, Finsbury-park Tav., Holloway.  
 " 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.  
 " 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., W.  
 " 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.  
 " 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H.  
 " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
 " 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
 " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ntng.-hill.  
 Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.  
 " 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.  
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 K.T. Encamp. 45, Temple Cressing, Bridge House Hot.  
 " 117, New Temple, the Inner Temple.  
 Rose Croix Chap., St. George's, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 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.  
 Liberty, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M. Tav.  
 " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 157, Bedford, F.M.H.  
 " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 Rose Croix Chap., Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 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.  
 Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
 Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
 Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
 Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.

William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
 Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.  
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.  
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Ho., London-st., Greenwich.  
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.  
**MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.**

For the Week ending Saturday, November 10, 1877.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.  
 " 1045, Stamford, T.H., Altrincham.  
 " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.  
 " 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.  
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.  
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.  
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

Lodge 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st., Wigan.  
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.  
 " 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 447, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.  
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 De Grey and Ripon, do., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
 " 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.  
 " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.  
 " 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.  
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
 Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferr y.

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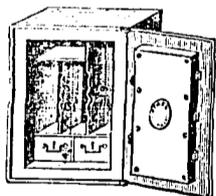
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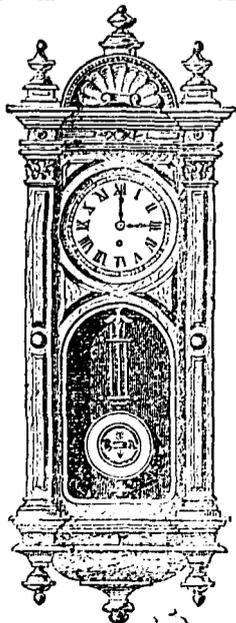
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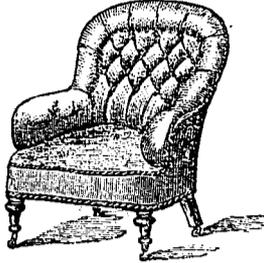
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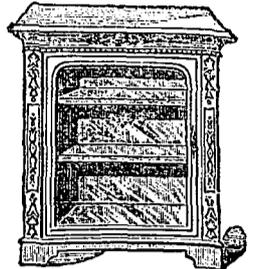


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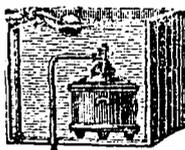
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