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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**UNITED MARINERS LODGE (No. 30).—**The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Coffee-house, Gresham-street, on Tuesday, the 15th ult. Bro. Thomas Smith, W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge, supported by Bros. A. T. Gladwell, S.W.; and Charles Davey, J.W. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. then vacated the chair to Bro. Joseph Driscoll, P.M., who gave the brethren a rich treat by the very impressive manner in which he installed Bro. A. T. Gladwell, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following brethren were then inducted and invested to the offices annexed to their names: Bros. Charles Davey, S.W.; J. Clark, J.W.; the Rev. J. Sugden, Chaplain; Jesse Turner, P.M., Treas.; Joseph Driscoll, P.M., Hon. Sec.; J. Clark, S.D.; W. Crossley, J.D.; A. Coudrey, Organist; W. C. Nickinson, D.C.; Lewis, Steward; Wm. Grant, Tyler. Unanimously Resolved—"That the best thanks of the lodge are especially due and are hereby tendered to Bro. Joseph Driscoll, P.M., for the very able and efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of Installing Master, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. Bro. Charles Davey, W.M., having kindly consented to represent the lodge at the ensuing festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the sum of fifteen pounds was voted from the funds. Bro. J. Driscoll, P.M., then severally addressed the W.M. and his principal officers in his usual effective manner, and the brethren pledged the health of their new W.M., who in a few appropriate remarks thanked them for placing him in such an exalted position, and trusted at the end of his year of office they would have no occasion to regret the choice they had made. The members present were: Bros. Thomas Smith, W.M.; A. T. Gladwell, S.W.; Charles Davey, J.W.; the Rev. James Sugden, Chaplain; Jesse Turner, P.M. and Treas.; R. E. Barnes, P.M., Hon. Sec.; J. Clark, S.D.; H. Cosedge, J.D.; S. Hoare, D.C.; J. W. Crossley, I.G.; A. Coudrey, Org.; also Past Masters W. Ansell, G. J. C. Smith, Joseph Driscoll, A. Lefaux, I.P.M.; J. Harling, A. F. Ablitt, and H. Bethell; and Bros. T. E. Davey, C. A. Cosedge, J. Shipley, W. C. Nickinson, John Lewis, Thomas Oblein, S. Sturkop, Thomas Woodgate, P. J. Marks, B. Olendorf, J. Hildreth, F. Campbell, and E. Bailey. The visitors present were Bros. F. C. Cozens, Org. No. 907; H. D. Martin, 1309; George Musgrave, 1507; H. W. Gladwell, W.M.; J. Pownceby, J.W. 55; W. Bonsor, W.M. elect, 1580; H. Manger, P.M. 1314; W. J. Miller, P.M. 766; J. B. Crossley, 1673; T. C. Dibdin, H. W. Blake, 834; R. Tosey, 834; E. Rolfe, 317; James Aston, 946; Thos. W. Naylor, 697; W. D. Way, J. Linscott, 1042; W. J. Farthing, P.M. 55; G. H. Hunter, 1298; A. E. Gladwell, S.D. 172; John Hills, P.M. 157; H. Potter, 55; T. Noton, 1509; S. Goddin, S.D. 862. After some routine business the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The grace was exquisitely rendered by our professional Bros. H. D. Martin, A. Thompson, F. Cozens, and G. Musgrave. The W.M. after the dinner gave the usual loyal toasts with an expression of the combined loyal sentiments towards "The Queen and the Craft." Bro. P.M. T. Smith proposed "The Newly-installed Master, Bro. A. T. Gladwell," advertising especially to his punctual attendance to the duties of the lodge and the interest he evinced for the welfare of the Craft. Bro. Gladwell in reply observed that as there were so many sweeter voices than his present on the occasion he would use as few words as possible—he felt very proud and grateful to the lodge for the unanimity displayed in the honour they had paid him, and he trusted that when

his year of office should expire that, notwithstanding his many shortcomings, the unanimous verdict of the brethren would be "he has done his best, he deserves well of us." The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," which toast was duly received and acknowledged. The next toast was "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Thos. Smith." The W.M. observed that he felt great pleasure in seeing him in the high position of I.P.M. The zeal and assiduity he evinced in the welfare of the lodge had gained the approbation of his brethren, and he felt assured the same zeal which had characterised his year of office would be continued as one of the pillars of the lodge. Bro. Past Master Thos. Smith, in reply, said he could scarcely find words to express his thanks to the brethren for the kind manner in which they had responded to the toast as proposed by the W.M. He could assure them that his year of office has been one of very great pleasure to him, consequent upon the many acts of brotherly kindness which the brethren had evinced towards him, and he would take this opportunity of thanking them one and all for the same, and also to express his gratification to the officers for their able assistance. He also desired to tender his thanks to the lodge for the Life Subscribership which they had presented him with in place of the usual P.M.'s jewel. The W.M. next proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge," coupling the name of Bro. Harling. Bro. Harling, P.M., expressed his acknowledgements for associating his name with the Past Masters, of which he was very proud, but having a Prov. Grand Officer to follow him, he would not say more than express his thanks to the W.M. and brethren. Bro. Driscoll, P.M., said: I thank you sincerely for your reception of "The Past Masters," and notwithstanding the proceedings of the evening have been most harmonious, I feel the necessity of alluding to P.M. Harling's good humoured badinage on my promotion to Provincial Grand honours. I am sure no one is more pleased than himself at the distinction, and coming from one who so highly distinguished himself while in the chair is encouraging to myself, but brethren there is a better and higher motive, I conceive, to be considered in what our W.M. called the "good old toast" of "The Past Masters." It should remind the younger brethren that by worthily aspiring to the seat of honour in their lodge they not only become better qualified to take part in the future debates and general business, but when they are relegated to what has been called the "Upper House," they will be held in remembrance on such occasions as the present. I would therefore, as an old P.M., encourage them, and if possible beg of them to make themselves proficient in their duty as minor officers, that when by the suffrages of the brethren they should be called to discharge the higher duties of W.M. they may feel at home, and not find their seat uneasy from diffidence, only to feel as comfortable at the close of their year. I therefore beg of them not only in their own interest and the welfare of the Craft, but in the interest of the P.M.'s themselves, to try and excel their predecessors, which will not only be remembered and respected, but will convey a "halo" over the older P.M.'s, hiding as it were all their shortcomings in forgetfulness, and keeping only in memory those brighter glories reflected on them by their younger and more distinguished successors. We shall hail with pleasure such additions to our ranks, and will all join to maintain that unanimity which has so long characterised the United Mariners Lodge. "The Health of the Officers" was duly received and responded to. The toast of "Prosperity to the United Mariners Lodge, No. 30" was next given. The Tyler's toast closed a very enjoyable and interesting Masonic gathering. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. H. D. Martin, and the selections chosen met with great "ec'at."

**FITZROY LODGE (No. 569).—**There was an unusually large attendance of members and visitors at the installation meeting of this lodge, which was held on Friday, the 25 ult., at the Head-Quarters of the Hon. Artillery Company, Finsbury, under the presidency of Bro. Ensign W. J. Spicer, W.M. Mr. Lewis Ratto was then balloted for, and having been unanimously elected, was initiated by the W.M. into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. R. G. Webster, late S.W., and W.M. elect, was then impressively installed by Bro. Captain J. Egles, P.M., into the chair of K.S., after which the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Captain Helsham, P.M., Treasurer; Captain J. Egles, P.M., Secretary; A. D. Everingham, S.W.; J. C. Sanderson, J.W.; Ensign F. J. Stohwasser, S.D.; Quarter-Master W. G. Brighton, P.M., J.D.; W. Birdseye, P.M., I.G.; and W. Jolliffe, D.C. In presenting a jewel to Bro. Spicer on his retirement, the W.M. congratulated him on having fairly earned it by the praiseworthy and satisfactory manner in which he had performed his duties during his year of office, and in a few appropriate words Bro. Spicer expressed his acknowledgements. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and three brethren for joining, after which the lodge was closed and a banquet followed, where everything passed off with the greatest harmony. During the evening Bros. A. Thomas, J. Ion. Cattle, F. H. Cozens, and H. P. Matthews, enlivened the entertainment with some capital songs. As there were upwards of forty visitors present, we can only record a few of the names we noticed among them, viz., Bros. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.; P. De Long, S.G.D.; J. Coutts, P.G.P.; R. Gooding, W.M. (Grand Master's Lodge); Major Venn, P.M. (St. John's); R. H. Pearson, P.M. (Urban); J. Bingham, P.M. (Constitutional); F. Binckes, P.G.S.; Henderson, W.M. (St. John's); Harfield, P.M. (Tranquillity); Cattle, P.M. (Ivy); Gould, P.M. (Maira); Farnan, P.M. (St. Albans); E. Miroy, and Sir Thomas Kirkpatrick, Bart.

**WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—**The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Cannon-street Hotel, on the 24th ult. Bros. S. D. Ewins, occupied the chair of W.M.; C. R. Cutmore, S.W.; E. Kidman, J.W.; W. Worrell, P.M., Secretary; Captain G. J. Kain,

P.M., Treasurer; W. Drake, S.D.; W. J. Roberts, J.D.; W. J. Collens, D.C.; G. Newman, P.M., Steward; W. F. Smart, I.G.; W. Grant, Tyler. There were also present Bros. W. J. Miller, P.M.; B. Abbott, P.M.; A. Brann, P.M.; J. Pringle, P.M.; A. C. Rees, P.M., and several visitors. Bro. J. Turle Lee was raised, and Bros. C. Pay, E. Wood, and W. J. Heath, were passed, the ceremonies being performed by the W.M. in an impressive manner. After the transaction of some business, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, at which the W.M. presided, and proposed the usual toasts, which were suitably responded to, especially by Bros. Captain G. J. Kain, P.M. and Treasurer, and W. J. Miller, P.M. The charity-box having been passed round, and liberally contributed to, the contents, on the proposition of the W.M. were voted to the Tyler. The vocal efforts of several brethren augmented the pleasures of a most agreeable meeting.

**ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—**The election meeting of this well-established lodge was held at the White Swan Hotel, 217, High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, January 24th. Bro. J. J. Pakes, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes of the previous and an emergency meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The work, done in a careful and impressive manner, was the raising of Bro. T. Weston, passing Bros. G. Hill and J. Stanley; the bye-laws were then read. The elections were all unanimous, Bros. G. T. Limn, S.W., for W.M.; Wm. Andrews, P.M., Treas., re-elected; J. Bavin, P.M. 147, Tyler, re-elected. The elected Auditors, in addition to those provided for by the bye-laws, are Bros. J. G. Thomas, J. Buhler, and W. Harris, I.G. The usual five-guinea Past Master's Jewel was voted from the lodge funds to be given to the W.M., Bro. J. J. Pakes. On the motion of Bro. F. Walters, P.G.D. Midx., P.M., seconded by Bro. G. Andrews, P.M., D.C., and unanimously resolved: "That ten pounds be taken from the lodge funds and be given to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, in the name of the J.W. for the time being, in memoriam of Bro. W. Myatt, P.M." The lodge was closed, and adjourned to Friday, February 28th, 1878, to meet at 4.0 p.m. There were present besides those named, Bros. R. Harman, J.W.; J. G. Vohmann, S.D.; G. Harvey, J.D.; W. Harris, I.G.; H. J. Fisher, Org.; H. J. Tison, P.M.; and about forty members. The visitors were Bros. W. Keeble, 913; T. H. Seaton, 384; J. A. Smith, 548; and others. The usual good banquet followed.

**EBURY LODGE (No. 1348).—**The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Tuesday, 22nd ult., at the Morpeth Arms, Grosvenor-road. Bro. A. J. Ireton, W.M., presided, assisted by Bros. E. Jacobs, S.W.; W. J. Edmunds, J.W.; J. Coutts, P.G.P., P.M., and Treas.; W. Bourne, P.M. and Sec.; T. Foinelle, J.D.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; Simeon Jacobs, W.S.; W. H. Richardson, I.G.; J. Verity, P.M.; J. Elliott, I.P.M.; J. Palmer, P.G. S.W. Bucks and Berks; and about forty of the brethren. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. W. H. Gulliford, W.M. 1017; F. White, P.M. 22; J. Edgar, 1287; S. Harrison, Org. 386; R. Michell, 1614; George Coleman, 1614; T. A. Dickson, 1614; and H. Moort, 1329. The lodge having been opened in due form and with solemn prayer, the minutes of the previous meeting were read confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. J. Frame, W. H. Read, and R. H. Johnson being candidates for raising, and having answered the usual questions, were entrusted and retired to be prepared. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bros. Frame, Read, and Johnson raised in a most faultless manner by the W.M., who then proceeded to explain the traditionary history, which he did in a very impressive manner. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and Bros. W. E. Thomson, J. H. Tilney, E. Moody, and E. D. Hook being candidates for passing, and having answered the questions satisfactorily, retired to be prepared. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and they were duly passed. The W.M. then explained the tracing board in the Second Degree in a very efficient manner, not requiring one word of prompting. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. A ballot then took place for the following gentlemen for initiation, viz., Messrs. J. Stacey, C. Wigley, H. Fincham, and J. C. Hall, which being unanimous in their favour, and they being in attendance, were initiated into Ancient Freemasonry, when the W.M. delivered the ancient charge to them in a very faultless and impressive manner, indeed, it is impossible to praise the excellent working of the W.M. too much. Another gentleman was proposed for initiation. The W.M. intimated his intention to represent the lodge at the next festival of the Aged Freemasons, as Steward, and the lodge having voted £10 to his list, the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment, which they well deserved after four hours' beautiful and faultless work. "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Pro G.M.," and "The D.G.M." toasts having been proposed, Bro. J. Coutts, P.G.P., responded. "The W.M.'s" health was proposed by the I.P.M., in which he very deservedly praised him for his working of the ceremonies that evening and considering this was the first meeting since he, the W.M., was installed, it showed how hard he must have worked, and that whoever succeeded him must look to his laurels. "The Initiates," and "The Visitors," who, one and all, complimented the W.M. on his excellent working; "The P.M.s," "The Officers," and "The Tyler," all of which were most enthusiastically responded to, and one of the most pleasant evenings we have ever enjoyed was spent.

**HAMPTON.—**Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This lodge met at the Lion Hotel, on the 17th ult. There were present Bros. John Hammond, W.M.; C. W. Fox, S.W.; J. C. Jessitt, J.W.; W. Hammond, P.G.D. Midx., Sec.; T. W. Ockenden, S.D.; F. W. Kent, I.G.; J. Huist, I.P.M.; B. Sharp, P.M. 84, &c.; J. E. Hunt,

D.C.; J.W. Hiscox, W.S.; T. Moody, A.W.S.; and Bros. Tozer, Forwood, Murphy, Hole, Knowles, H. Jones, H. Tagg, Aston, T. G. Tagg, Chilcott, Andrews. The visitors were Bros. J. Long, W.M. Westbourne, Lodge; C. H. Stokes, No. 2, (Irish Constitution). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. initiated Messrs. Cole, Crunden, and Davey, and raised Bros. Hole, Forwood, and Jones, both ceremonies being well performed. Several propositions were brought forward and apologies for absence read; amongst them was one from the P.G.M., Bro. Col. Burdett, expressing his regret at his inability to attend. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast, well catered for by Bro. Murphy. The toasts were duly proposed by the W.M. with his customary spirit and commendable brevity. Bros. W. Hammond and B. Sharp responded for "The P.G.O.'s," Bros. Stokes and Long for "The Visitors," and Bro. Hurst for "The Masonic Charities." The proceedings were agreeably enlivened by the vocal contributions of several of the brethren. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the third Thursday in the present month.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE (No. 1589).**—A meeting of this flourishing local lodge was held on the 18th ult., at Anderson's Hotel, when there were present Bros. Wellsman, W.M.; Dalwood, S.W.; Dodson, J.W.; Dwarber, I.P.M.; A. Tisley, Secretary; Turner, S.D.; Woodbridge, J.D.; Manners, I.G.; Low, D.C.; Bull, S. The visitors were Bros. V. Sarti, 180; Stiles, Sec. 1507; Rogers, 1670. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. most ably passed Bro. A. N. Clemow and Bro. Robinson to the degree of F.C. The election of W.M. resulted in favour of Bro. Dalwood, S.W. The choice of the lodge again unanimously fell upon Bro. Praed, G.S.L., for the position of Treasurer, and Bro. Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middlesex, was also unanimously re-elected Tyler. It was proposed by the I.P.M., seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously, that a Past Master's jewel of the value of five guineas should be presented to Bro. Wellsman. This lodge vote was afterwards supplemented by the members present to the extent also of five guineas. Bros. Beningfield and W. E. Farrington were appointed to audit the lodge accounts on the 4th of February. There being no other business before the lodge it was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by Bro. Clemow and assistants. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were duly proposed and responded to. The brethren after passing a most agreeable evening separated at an early hour, until the third Friday in the present month, when Bro. Dalwood, S.W., P.M. of the "Dalhousie," will be duly installed W.M. for the year ensuing.

**SCARBOROUGH.**—Old Globe Lodge (No. 200).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th ult., when Bro. W. A. Tomlinson was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., assisted by Bros. W. H. Smyth, P.M., D.P.G.M. Lincolnshire; J. W. Taylor, P.M.; D. Fletcher, P.M.; and G. H. Walshaw, P.M., P.P.G., D.C. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as officers: R. Y. Powley, I.P.M.; C. Emerson, S.W.; W. B. Richardson, J.W.; J. W. Woodall, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Dippie, Secretary; G. Dippie, S.D.; C. Roberts, J.D.; B. Shaw, Org.; E. Cooper, I.G.; S. Middleton, D.C.; R. Hume and W. S. Meek, Stewards; J. Verity, Tyler. There was a large muster of members and visiting brethren. The usual annual banquet afterwards took place.

**TRURO.**—The Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence (No. 331).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John at their Masonic Hall, Public Rooms, on the 21st ult. There was a very large attendance to do honour to the occasion of installing Bro. John Jose, of Mellingey, W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most impressively conducted by Bro. J. F. Penrose, P.M., P.S.G.D., assisted by an Installing Board of twenty-six P.M.'s of the "Phoenix" and other lodges. The newly installed W.M. then invested as his officers Bros. W. Sharp, I.P.M.; John Jeffery, S.W.; J. H. Ferris, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Blackmore, Chaplain; S. Sarpell, P.M., Treasurer; S. Stephens, Secretary; J. J. Hawken, S.D.; F. Christoe, J.D.; J. Reynolds, D.C.; W. Michell, Organist; J. Christoe, S.S.; R. H. Carter, J.B. S. Harvey, I.G.; and W. Rooks, Tyler. After business; the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Red Lion Hotel, and the re-union was the largest and most successful since 1861, over sixty guests being seated, under the able presidency of the W.M., supported by Bros. W. Sharp, I.P.M.; E. Trewbody Carlyon, P.M.; J. F. Penrose, P.M.; Captain W. E. Michell, P.M.; W. Tweedy, P.M.; E. D. Anderson, P.M.; W. H. Jenkins, P.M.; W. J. Hughan, P.M., W.M. 131; John Jeffery, jun., W.M. 318; T. Oliver, jun., P.M.; N. B. Bullen, P.M.; W. H. Kinsman, P.M., &c., the vice-chair being filled by the S.W., supported by Bros. H. F. Whitefield, P.M.; Thos. Hicks, P.M.; John Thomas, P.M.; W. H. Treseder, W.M. 589; John Paull, P.M., W.M. 699; W. P. Hugoe, P.M.; John Niness, P.M.; J. F. Hooper, W.M. elect 699, and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, interspersed with songs, and a very convivial evening was spent.

**HALIFAX.**—St. James's Lodge (No. 448).—On Tuesday the 22nd ult., the St. James's Lodge met at the Freemasons' Hall, St. John's place, at 3.30 p.m., to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, and to install the W.M., and appoint the officers for the ensuing year. There was a large gathering of the brethren, and Bro. C. T. Rhodes, the retiring W.M., was the installing officer. Bro. Thos. Whitaker, S.W., was duly installed into the office, and he then proceeded to invest his officers with their collars, as follows: Bros. Austin Roberts, S.W.; Wm. Swale, J.W.; Wm. F. Wilkinson, P.M., Treas.;

Councillor Richard Worsick, Secretary; Geo. H. Radcliffe, S.D.; Walter Walshaw, J.D.; A. H. Booth, M.C.; James G. Lec, I.G.; John C. Crocker, C. T. Kendall, Stanley Dickenson, and J. Holroyd, Stewards; and John Greenwood, P.M., Tyler. After the conclusion of business in the lodge before closing, Bro. Richard Jessop, P.M., stepped forward and handed to Bro. Licut. Col. Sir Hy. Edwards, Bart., and asked that he would present to Bro. C. T. Rhodes, the installing officer and retiring W.M., on behalf of the lodge an exceedingly chaste P.M.'s jewel in gold, which the R.W. Prov. Grand Master did in highly complimentary and eulogistic terms, observing that he never saw the ceremony better performed, it being all gone through in a manner most impressive, and without the slightest hesitation. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the brethren of St. James's Lodge to Bro. C. T. Rhodes, as a mark of their esteem and in recognition of his services as W.M." The presentation was highly prized and warmly accepted by Bro. Rhodes, who stated that he should always look upon the jewel as one of the most valuable of his treasures. The lodge was then closed, and 76 brethren sat down in the dining hall to a splendid banquet, served in excellent style by Bro. Crocker, of the White Swan Hotel. The menu and toast list, beautifully got up, were interspersed with apposite Shakespearian quotations. During dinner, Bro. W. Hemingway's band played selections of excellent music. Bro. Thomas Whitaker, the newly-installed W.M., presided, and was supported on his right by R.W. Prov. G.M. Bro. Licut. Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart.; J. Fisher, P.P.G.T.; T. Perkinson, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Booth, Prov. G.S.W.; Councillor F. Whitaker, P.P.G.J.D.; G. Normanton, P.P.G.J.D.; Edwina Walshaw, Prov. G.S.B.; W. Gaukroger, W.M.; H. Waghorn, S.W.; G. Scarborough, J.W., of Probity (61). On the left of the chairman were Bros. C. T. Rhodes, I.P.M.; Richard Jessop, P.M.; J. Gaukroger, P.M. 61; J. Menzies, P.M. 61; Nelson, Heckmondwike; Hartley, P.P.G.J.D. East Lancashire; Bro. Siddal, Todmorden; Tilley, Bradford; and the W.M.'s of Savile (Elland), Prince Frederick (Hebden Bridge), The Three Graces (Haworth), Rhyburn (Sowerby Bridge), Amphibious (Heckmondwike), Zetland; (Cleckheaton), and several other distinguished brethren. The Chairman, who conducted the business of the evening with more than ordinary ability, and in his usual happy style, was greeted with enthusiasm on rising to give the toast of "The Queen, the Royal Family, and the Craft," which was honoured as only Masons know how, and followed by the National Anthem. The second toast was "The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present." This was given from the chair in complimentary terms, and having been cordially received, was responded to by Sir H. Edwards. The Chairman gave "The R.W. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. Licut. Col. Sir H. Edwards, Bart.; the W. Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Thos. Wm. Tew, J.P., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present." Sir H. Edwards also responded to this, and was followed by Bro. C. T. Rhodes, I.P.M., who warmly proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master of St. James's Lodge," which was drunk with exceptional heartiness. The Chairman feelingly replied, and proposed in eulogistic terms "The Health of the Installing Officer," which Bro. C. T. Rhodes acknowledged. "The Visiting Brethren" was given by Bro. Edwin Walshaw, Prov. G.S.B., and responded to by the W.M.'s of the different lodges represented. The Chairman then gave "The Health of the Senior and Junior Wardens and Officers of St. James's Lodge," which having been well received, was acknowledged by Bros. Austin Roberts, S.W. Bros. G. Normanton, as the oldest P.M., and C. T. Rhodes, as the youngest, responded to the toast of the "Past Masters and Past Officers of St. James's Lodge," and Bros. W. Gaukroger and F. Whitaker replied to "The Health of the W.M.'s and P.M.'s, Officers, and Brethren of the Sister Lodges in Halifax." Bro. Sir H. Edwards proposed "The Masonic Charities," and after Bro. G. Scarborough had replied, Bro. Walter Walshaw, J.D., in graceful terms proposed "Lady Edwards and the Ladies," on behalf of whom Sir Henry Edwards responded. The last toast, "To all poor and distressed Masons throughout the Universe, and speedy relief to them," was given by the Chairman. The proceedings were very enjoyable, being enlivened by songs, &c., by Bros. Sir Henry Edwards, Siddal (288), Todmorden; F. Whitaker, E. Walshaw, and others.

**BIRKENHEAD.**—Zetland Lodge No. 537).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th ult., when the W.M., Bro. Sutton, installed his successor, Bro. Walter Milner, who had been unanimously elected to the office of W.M. at the previous meeting. After the various officers had been invested, the Treasurer's accounts were duly passed, and the interest of the evening was enhanced by the retiring Master being presented with a P.M.'s jewel, a life-governorship of one of the Masonic charities, and a handsome silver goblet with an appropriate inscription, as a mark of the high esteem in which he has been held by his brethren during his two years of Mastership of the lodge.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Derby Lodge (No. 724).—The brethren of this highly successful lodge met on Wednesday evening, the 23rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-st., Liverpool, for the purpose of assisting at the annual installation of the W.M. Bro. G. Beeken, W.M., occupied the chair at the opening of the lodge, and amongst an attendance which numbered upwards of 100 were the following:—Bros. Stedford, P.M.; J. W. Ballard, P.M.; R. Cairn, P.M.; Davison, P.M.; A. Hart, Sec.; R. Cruspe, J.W.; T. Chesworth, P.M. 1502, Secretary; H. Trevitt, S.D.; P. Armstrong, J.D.; W. Vaughan, P.M., I.G.; M. Williamson, Tyler; J. Jacobs, G. Gordon, E. McSwiney

H. Ellis, J. Comins, T. Hunt, W. H. Kerr, J.W. Edwards, W. Ellis, H. T. Evans, H. J. Morris, J. Sharples, F. Groom, G. Galbraith, E. Gadd, T. T. Smith, G. Hutchin, P.M. 241; H. Galway, A. Emanuel, J. Humphreys, W. McGauley, T. Hole, E. R. Hoblyn, T. D. Carr, J. Parkinson, J. W. Chadwick, J. Miller, M. Hynes, J. D. Griffiths, R. Sherrington, J. Pendleton, J. E. Ellis, H. Jones, E. Foxall, A. Foote, R. Prichard, and others. The visitors included Bros. J. W. Burgess, W.M. 1325; H. Ashmore, P.M. 1325, S.W. 823; E. Jones, P.M. and Sec., 477; D. Fraser, P.M., and Treas., 477; L. Hart, 1502; G. Dicken, D.C. 477; J. G. Adam, P.M. 477; H. G. Ellis; 1021; J. Saber, 1502; W. G. West, 1356; W. Walker, 1086; R. Beckett, 1086; Henochberg, 1502; J. Holden, 1356; J. P. Bryan, 1035, 203; A. C. Forshaw, 1635; Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. Cotter, I.P.M. 1264; J. Douglas, 823; J. Holden, 853; G. J. Townsend, W.M. 1086; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673, 1505; H. Fairclough, 1276; T. Shaw, P.M. 923; H. Burrows, W.M. 673; J. P. Helan, 594; W. Brassey, 823; W. T. May, P.M. 673, and 1393; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Lecomber, W.M. 594; J. D. Thomas, 594; W. H. Jewitt, S.S. 1393; W. Jones, P.M. 220, 1299, 1675; R. Williams, 594; J. Dietz, 673; J. Davidson, 332; C. Waterson, 1035; J. B. Mackenzie, J.W. 1609; A. J. Henochberg, P.M. 1502; and S. J. Henochberg, J.D. 1502. Brother George Beeken, W.M., after the transaction of some formal business, proceeded to install Bro. Asher Hart as his successor in the chair. The ceremony was well performed by Bro. Beeken, who also gave the charges to the officers invested:—Bros. G. Beeken, I.P.M.; J. W. Ballard, P.M., D.C.; R. Crispe, S.W.; H. Trevitt, J.W.; T. Chesworth, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected for the tenth time); M. Hart, Sec. (re-appointed for the second time); P. Armstrong, S.D.; W. Hawksworth, J.D.; G. Gordon, I.G.; Gadd, S.S.; Pendleton, J.S.; J. Comins, A.S.; and M. Williams, Tyler. Before the closing of the lodge, a valuable P.M.'s jewel and apron were presented to Bro. Beeken, I.P.M. The brethren subsequently dined under the presidency of Bro. A. Hart, the newly chaired W.M., and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and cordially responded to.

**KESWICK.**—Greta Lodge (No. 1073).—The installation festival of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at an emergency meeting, the day after the ordinary meeting, when the minutes of the December lodge were read and confirmed. The summons stated the hour as "high twelve precisely," but it was a quarter-past one before the door was tyled. There was only a moderate attendance of members, from a variety of reasons, principally business and sickness, amongst those coming under the latter category being Bro. Rev. R. Rutherford, P.M. and Chaplain, P.P.G. Chaplain, who to general regret, has been confined to his room for many months. Bro. T. D. Wivell, W.M., took the chair, and opened the lodge, assisted by as many of his officers as were present, the principal positions, however, being filled by visitors. Subsequently, Bro. W. H. Levthwaite, P.M. Lodge 1002, Cockermouth, P.G. Organist, assumed the presiding officer's duties, when Bro. William Lamonby, W.M. elect, P.P.G. Reg., was presented for installation. After the lodge had been raised to the Third Degree, and all below the rank of I.M. having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was duly opened by the proper officers. The W.M. elect was then re-admitted, and, after the obligation, Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. Lodge 1002, P.G. Reg. (*Freemason*), took up the remainder of the ceremony, including the proclamation, the presentation of the working tools, investment of officers, and addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. The following officers were invested in person or by proxy:—Bros. J. D. Wivell, I.P.M.; D. Pape, S.W.; R. P. Hunter, J.W.; Rev. R. Rutherford, Chaplain; Jos. Barron, Treasurer; W. Wilson, Secretary; J. Scott, S.D.; W. Hodgson, J.D.; J. Armstrong, I.G.; G. P. Abraham, Organist; W. Gaspey, M.C.; J. Martin, and T. Mayson, Stewards; C. Thompson, Tyler. The lodge being closed in form, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Oak Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet, provided in Bro. Wilson's best style, awaited them. Bro. W. Lamonby, W.M., presided, faced by Bro. D. Pape, S.W. The W.M. having given the usual loyal toasts, Bro. T. Mayson proposed "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces," coupled with the name of Bro. Corporal Thompson, 3rd C.R.V., who replied. Bro. Gaspey then gave "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," with which he associated in, feeling terms, Bro. the Rev. R. Rutherford, P.M. and Chaplain, and on whose behalf Bro. J. Wood, P.M. 1073, P.P.G. Org., returned thanks. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the M.W. Grand Master of England," which was followed by that of "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," by Bro. W. F. Lamonby. Bro. R. Bailey, Lodge 1002, gave "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, the Earl of Bective, M.P." and Bro. A. Pettitt, 1073, proposed "The R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Whitwell, M.P., and the Provincial Officers, Past and Present." Bros. A. Taylor, P.M. Lodge 310, Carlisle, P.P.G.S.B.; and J. Wood, P.M. 1073, P.P.G. Org., replied, followed by Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg.; who said his office, though really that of legal adviser to the province, one of his predecessors having been Her Majesty's present Judge Advocate General, seemed nothing more or less than a sinecure. However, since he came to Keswick that day, his legal opinion had been asked as to whether the installation meeting of Greta Lodge, not being held on the regular lodge night, was en regle. His opinion therefore was, that the installation meeting of that day was simply a lodge of emergency, duly convened for that special purpose. He (Bro. Lamonby), on the other hand, had been informed that a brother of Greta Lodge was so satisfied in his own mind that it was un-

constitutional to instal the W.M. on any other day than the regular meeting, that he had placed himself in communication with the Grand Secretary. He trusted that the brother named would find his (Bro. Lamony's) dictum correct. His advice was freely given, and though he had not exacted any fee for the same, as was the custom of other men in the legal profession, it was none the less sincere. (Laughter.) Bro. Lewthwaite, P.G. Organist, likewise returned thanks. Bro. J. Wood, P.M. 1073, then proposed, in complimentary terms, "The Health of the Newly-installed Master of Greta Lodge," who was the oldest member—in fact, his was the only name now left on the warrant. The W.M., in response, said he thoroughly appreciated the high honour and the responsibility attached thereto, which had been conferred on him that day, and it should be his firm intention during the ensuing year to endeavour to bring back a return to that prosperity and importance which characterised Greta Lodge some years since. The W.M., having given "The Immediate Past Master," to which Bro. Wivell replied, he proposed "The Newly-invested Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Pape, Barron, Wilson, and Gaspey, who responded. Bro. Wivell gave "The Retiring Officers," in a very lugubrious strain, and trusted that the new W.M. would be better supported than he was. Not one of the retiring officers was present to give an account of himself. The W.M. then proposed "The Installing Masters," Bros. Lewthwaite and W. F. Lamony, both of whom replied, the latter adding that the W.M. and he first saw light within a couple of months of each other in Skiddaw Lodge, thirteen years ago, and that was one good and sufficient reason for being present. Bro. Pape proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which he coupled with the names of Bros. Lamony, Bailey, Robinson, Peacock, and Lewthwaite, of Lodge 1002, and Bro. J. Quay, of Lodge 1400. Bro. Lamony, in reply, enlarged on the great advantages resulting to brethren visiting lodges when travelling from town to town,—in fact, it was a sort of duty, and one that could not fail to make them better acquainted with the principles of Masonry, and more thoroughly "au fait," in working. Such could not be acquired by limiting attendance to one's mother lodge alone. A deal of stiffness, bashfulness, and reserve got worn off; there was always something new to learn in visiting strange lodges; whilst they could always expect the warmest welcome and hospitality, whether in English or Scotch lodges. He would mention a little circumstance, which had arisen out of his visiting a lodge in Scotland some three months ago. Being shown the archives of a now defunct lodge, a brief perusal of which was most interesting to him as a Masonic student, it had occurred to him that there was abundance of material in the history and associations of the older lodges in Cumberland and Westmorland, over the heads of two of which more than a century of time had rolled, to compile a very interesting and instructive book, and he had therefore conceived the idea of collecting the points of interest in connection with the whole of the nineteen lodges in the province. That was one result of visiting other lodges, and whenever he started the compilation of his literary venture it would prove a labour of love. The remainder of the visiting brethren having returned thanks, Bro. Gaspey proposed "The Masonic Charities" "The Tyler's toast," followed by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," brought to a close every enjoyable meeting. Bro. Lewthwaite, P.G. Organist, presided at the pianoforte, and excellent harmony was contributed by that brother, as also Bros. Brash (Lodge 1002), (Usher 1073), W. F. Lamony, and others.

**LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—**The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-st. Bro. W. J. Chapman, W.M., occupied his seat in the East, and amongst those present were Bros. J. Bennett, I.P.M.; B. B. Marson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; J. B. Mackenzie, J.W. (acting as S.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Lindo Courtenay, S.W.); J. Skeaf Prov. G. Org., Acting J.W.; J. Atkinson, Secretary; A. Woodbruck, Treasurer; W. Sandbrook, S.D.; W. Savage, J.D.; H. P. Squire, Acting S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; H. Leslie, A. G. Leslie, C. Courtenay, W. Hildyard, R. Brough, Williams, P. Buck, Mattison, Penny, R. F. Carter, R. Evers, J. C. Duckworth, J. Brown, Dr. Johnson, J. S. Macbeth, Berleur, Turvey, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Professor Brown, Hemming, J. Lecomber, W.M. 594; and others. Messrs. Cornish and Wilkinson were initiated into the mysteries of the Order, and Bros. Bond, Duckworth, and Robertson were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons, both degrees being given with much efficiency by the W.M.. Bro. Joseph Bell gave notice that at the next meeting of the lodge he would propose that the initiation fee for non-professional brethren should be raised to eight guineas. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the banqueting room, and after a plentiful supply of "creature comforts" several loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to; several excellent vocal and recitative items being given by Bros. Woolrich, Hemming, Robert Brough, Turvey, Cook, Penny, Dr. Johnson, Mattison, and others.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—**The first meeting of this Lodge, at its new quarters, Mr. Hyde's, the Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street, took place on Wednesday, January 30th. Bro. Marston, W.M. Skelmersdale, in the chair. Bro. Fate, S.W., I. S. Brown, J.W., Thompson, S.D., Abell, J.D., Fox, J.G., Long, P.M., 435, Preceptor, and a good number of brethren. The third ceremony and lecture were very ably performed by the W.M. It was generally felt that this old-established Lodge was commencing a new career of prosperity.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—**A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held

on Friday, the 25th ult., at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting-hill. Present: Bros. W. J. Murlis, P.M.; W.M.; Penn, S.W.; Adkins, J.W.; Tenterboro, S.D.; Spiegel, J.D.; Smout, jun., I.G.; Savage, P.M., Preceptor; Crabb, Wood, Hutton, Newland, Sutton, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, then Bro. Savage worked the First and Second Degrees. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hutton being candidate. Bro. Sutton, Excelsior, No. 161, Dublin, was elected member of the lodge. Bro. Savage announced that the Bye-laws did not arrive from the printer, as promised, last week, but they will be in hand next Friday for the members. Bro. Penn, S.W. was elected W.M. for next week.

**Royal Arch.**

**LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Chapter (No. 249).—**The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 17th January. The chapter was opened at 5 o'clock by Comps. P. B. Gee, M.E.Z.; J. E. Jackson, H.; and T. Ockleshaw, J. The companions were admitted, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Before commencing the balloting, the M.E.Z. alluded to the loss sustained by the death of the late Comp. W. Doyle, P.Z. of that chapter, a loss he said, which would long be felt by every companion in that chapter.—They little thought at the last meeting that he would never be in their midst again, and therefore the stroke came with all the greater force. Those companions who knew him best would mourn his loss the most, but it was a great consolation to hope that he had gone to the Grand Lodge above. Although it was a loss to them who remained, still let them hope it was a gain to him who was gone, and benefit by the sad event. The ballot was then taken for Bros. T. Peake, 667; J. S. Warden, 1264; G. Crute, 1264; and W. Peter, 1264; each of whom was unanimously elected. Comps. John Hayes, H. Wynne Parry, and Robt. Collings, from the Temple Chapter, 1094, were also unanimously elected joining members. Bros. Peake, Warden, Crute, and Peter were then exalted, Comps. Gee, M.E.Z., giving the signs; J. E. Jackson, H., the symbolic lecture; and T. Ockleshaw, J., the first historic lecture. Comp. Gee, M.E.Z., again drew attention to the death of the late Comp. P.Z. Doyle, and moved that a letter of condolence should be sent from that chapter to his nearest relatives. He also proposed that a minute be recorded in the minute book, expressive of the heartfelt loss sustained by the companions. M.E. Comp. Jackson, H., seconded, and M.E. Comp. Ockleshaw, J., supported the motion, which was carried in silence. Comp. Gregory proposed Bro. James Lees, 667, for exaltation; this was seconded by Comp. Ellis, S.E. The chapter was then closed.

**Mark Masonry.**

**HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 211).—**The first meeting of this lodge since its consecration last December was held on Saturday, January 19th, at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street West, Hammersmith. Bro. John Mason, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes of the consecration meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots taken separately were unanimous in favour of the admission of Bros. E. Gilbert, 22; E. J. Harty, Bon Accord; J. Barney, 133; and A. Haynes, 198, as joining members. Bros. J. Austine, 1567; T. Goodall, 1567; A. Tisley, 1275; J. Graham, 1567; J. H. Pearson, 1423; T. Lamb, 1567; S. Page, 1326; M. Clark, 1423; J. Bartlett, 1423; and R. F. Potter, as candidates for advancement. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O., P.M., took the chair, and in his usual admirable manner he advanced Bros. J. Austine, T. Goodall, A. Tisley, J. Graham, J. H. Pearson, S. Page, and R. F. Potter to the ancient and honourable degree of Mark Master Masons; Bro. T. Poore, G.I.G., rendering good suit and service during the ceremony. Several names were given in both for joining and advancement. Business being ended, the lodge was closed, and adjourned to meet on the third Saturday in April. The officers were all appointed where any vacancy wanted filling, and are now, Bros. J. W. Baldwin, S.W.; T. C. Walls, J.W.; W. Dunham, M.O.; E. J. Harty, S.O.; A. Tisley, J.O.; F. Walters, P.G.I.G., P.M., Sec.; D. Smith, A.S.; J. Austine, R. of M.; A. Haynes, J.D.; T. Goodall, I.G.; J. H. Pearson, D.C.; S. Page, W.S.; J. Graham, C.S.; R. F. Potter, Tyler. A splendid banquet and dessert followed, which reflected the greatest credit on mine host, Bro. E. Gilbert. The usual toasts were given and responded to. Songs and recitations brought a pleasant meeting to an agreeable close. There was only one visitor present, Bro. W. Wigginton, G.S. of W., P.M. 181.

**HAYLE.—Cornubian Lodge (No. 87).—**The annual festival of this lodge took place in the Freemasons' Hall, and was well attended. Bro. N. J. West, P.P.G.J.W., installed Bro. James Pool, P.P.G.J.O., as W.M., and he afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. F. H. Pool, I.P.M. and Treas.; G. B. Pearce, S.W.; J. G. Osborn, J.W.; H. Warren, Chap.; J. P. Smith, Sec., and Reg. of Marks; F. W. Pool, M.O.; J. J. Taylor, S.O.; B. Spray, S.O.; T. Mills, S.D.; J. Wearne, J.D.; J. Lovell, I.G.; John Coombe, P.M., Steward of the Cornwall Annuity Fund; and J. V. Bray, Tyler.

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**THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE IN IRELAND.**

**INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AS GREAT PRIOR.**

On Monday last, 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Dublin, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was installed Great Prior of the Order of the Temple in Ireland, in presence of a large assembly of Knights, including several from England. The Earl of Skelmersdale, Great Prior of England, who had been deputed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, to represent him on the occasion, and to assist at the ceremony, was unable to be present owing to the crisis in Parliament. However, there were at their posts Viscount Powerscourt, Great Constable of the Order; Lord Dunboyne, the Grand Master's Standard Bearer; the Earl of Huntingdon, the Great Prior's Standard Bearer; together with Lord Edward Pelham Clinton, Sir David Roche, Bart.; Captain Fitzgerald, Captain Percy Bernard, and Captain Newenham, and a host of Knights from the city and provinces, including the following:—Captain N. G. Phillips, G.D. of England, Holt W. Archer, James Allen, Dr. Browne, Major Bayly, John A. Baker, George Bell, Jessop Browne, Samuel Benner, Major Bailey, James Baird, H. H. Bottomley, John F. Bewley, Captain Cosby, D.L.; Thomas J. S. Casey, Davenport Crosthwaite, LL.D., Pro Chancellor, Wm. Comyns, Dr. Cameron, Rev. Dr. Cresswell, M. J. McCoy, Andrew Carleton, Major Cooper, George Crowe, William Curtis, Thomas Dockrell, George Drury, Captain Dawes, Major Davoren, Samuel Dobbin, Thomas Drought, W. P. O'Donoghue, Mus. Doc.; John D. Elliott, Major Elliott, James W. Fair, Joshua Fay, Dr. Finney, Wm. Boyle Fitzsimons, of White Abbey, county Antrim; C. Foot, H. Florence, H. Flavelle, junr., James Flynne, John Forsyth, St. George Freemason, of Waterford; Rev. Joseph A. Galbraith, F.T.C.D.; Henry Gibson, Robert Wm. Griffin, LL.D.; Charles O. Grandison, Richard Garnett, Dr. Hamilton, Wm. J. Hepburn, M.D.; Harry Hodges, John Hodges, Captain George Huband, Richard Harvey, Wm. G. Huband, John H. Jessop, Alexander D. Kennedy, H. C. Kelly, Thomas Kennan, H. G. B. Kane, Wm. B. Kelly, Edward H. Kinahan, D.L.; Thomas W. Kinahan, John V. Legge, John A. Lee, W. B. Leonard, Rev. J. J. MacSorley, James H. Macaulay, James Creed Meredith, LL.D.; George Mitchell, Wm. Henry Newenham, James H. North, Samuel B. Oldham, A.G. Sec, Plato Oulton, Wm. D. Pattison, Phillip R. Patman, Henry E. Phillipson, Joseph Phillips, Robert Reeves, Wm. H. Reilly, Wm. Saunderson, M.D.; Wm. Shaw, George Speer, Wm. D. Sharpe, Arthur St. George, Colonel St. George, Theophilus E. St. George, Edward D. Thorpe, Robert Warren, D.L.; Joseph S. Wilson, Thomas George Wills Sandford, D.L.; Wm. Whyte, Richard L. Whitty, Joseph Wonfor, George Woodworth, Joseph H. Woodworth, David Wood, A. K. Young, and others.

At four o'clock the knights assembled in the Grand Lodge Room arrayed in their panoply. Each wore a tunic with a red cross on the left breast, and a mantle with the cross of the Order on the left shoulder. They were armed with swords in black scabbards, the hilts also black, and fashioned into a skull and crossbones. The Preceptors of the various encampments were distinguished by crimson hoods. On the right hand side next the dais the Knights Commanders formed up, and opposite to these the Great Prior's Council, while the Preceptors and their Knights clustered around. They had not long to wait surveying each other or the splendid decorations of the Grand Lodge Room when a flourish of trumpets and a rataplan on the drums proclaimed the arrival of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Grand Prior Designate, and who was received by Captain Huband, Acting Great Prior, and conducted to the robing room. A special Great Priory was opened in the Prince Mason's Chapter Room, Capt. Huband, Acting Great Prior, on the throne. Thither the Duke of Connaught was conducted by Viscount Powerscourt, Great Constable of the Order, and having halted at the foot of the throne, the Acting Great Prior presented to the Great Prior Elect the Grand Master's patent of his appointment, and asked him the usual questions, which His Royal Highness answered in a very satisfactory manner. The Primate—represented in the absence of the Most Rev. Lord Plunket, Bishop of Meath, by the Rev. John James MacSorley—recited the prayer for the occasion. The Acting Great Prior then asked the Great Prior Designate whether he was willing to take the obligation of the office, H.R.H. replying in the affirmative, was conducted to the Priory Chapel, which, with its stained glass windows in mullions and tracery, and the altar lit up with tapers, and the assembly of the Knights, recalled the days of the Crusades and tournaments. Here the Prelate administered the obligation, which was announced to the Knights without by a roll on the drums and a flourish of trumpets. A procession having been formed in the following order, conducted H.R.H., the Great Prior, to the Grand Lodge Room, where the main body of the Knights waited to witness his installation, and express their fealty:—

- Two Guards, carrying halberts.
- Choristers.
- Knights Commanders.
- The Sub-Marshal.
- Great Prior's Standard. Grand Master's Standard.
- Captain of the Guard. Captain of the Guard.
- Great Marshal of the Order. Great Constable of the Order.
- Arch-Chancellor of the Order. Primate of the Order.
- Capt. of the Guard. Convent General.
- The Vexillum Belli. The Brauseant.
- Captain of the Guard. Captain of the Guard.
- The Herald. The Sword Bearer.

THE GREAT PRIOR DESIGNATE.

The Great Prior of England. The Acting Great Prior of Ireland.

Aide-de-Camp. Aide-de-Camp.  
Knights Grand Crosses.

The Great Officers of the Great Priory of Ireland.

Col. Howard St. George acted as Sub-Marshal; Lord Huntingdon carried the Great Prior's standard; Lord Dunboyne the Grand Master's standard; Captain Richard Donovan and Captain Willes-Sandford acting as Captain of the Guard; and Bro. Maxwell Close, M.P., D.L., Capt. of the Guard of the Convent-General. Sir David Roche, Bart., bore the Vexillum Belli, and Capt. Percy Bernard the Beauscant; Capt. Cosby, D.L., and Capt. Newenham respectively acting as Captains of the Guard, while Mr. Theophilus E. St. George was Herald, and Capt. Byng, A.D.C., Sword-bearer, the Aides-de-Camp being Lord Edward Pelham Clinton and Capt. Fitzgerald. During the procession the following hymn, composed expressly for the occasion by Bro. John Francis Waller, LL.D., V.P.R.D.S., member of the Order of the Temple, was chanted to the music of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," composed by Arthur Sullivan, Mus. D.:—

Raise we hearts and voices  
In glad minstrelsy,  
Brothers of our Order,  
Christian Chivalry.  
Ours the mightiest Captain,  
Worshipped and adored,  
Sin and Death He vanquished—  
Christ, our King and Lord.  
Raise we hearts and voices,  
In glad minstrelsy,  
Brothers of our Order,  
Christian Chivalry.

Ours no earthly Temple—  
That is past and gone—  
Ours the Temple mystic,  
Christ, chief corner stone.  
Prophets and Apostles  
Its foundation sure,  
Fittingly framed, the building  
Living stones secure.  
Raise we hearts and voices, &c.

Loyal homage give we  
To our Patron-Queen,  
Long, o'er widespread nations,  
Be her happy reign,  
Where the Arctic regions  
Freeze in icy chains,  
Where the Indies burning,  
There Victoria reigns.  
Raise we hearts and voices, &c.

Honour the Grand Master  
Whom those nations own,  
Through her vast dominions  
Heir to England's throne.  
May he count it ever  
Knighthliest place to be  
Master of our Order,  
Christian Chivalry.  
Raise we hearts and voices, &c.

Greet with heartiest welcome  
Him who bears each name\*  
Dear to Christian Ireland,  
Dear to England's fame.  
May those names their splendour  
Round our Prior fling—  
Holliest saint of Erin,  
Briton's knightliest king.  
Patron, Master, Prior,  
Love to each accord;  
Glory, honour, worship  
Unto Christ our Lord.

Amen!

The accompaniment was played on the organ by Bro. Charles O. Grandison. At the conclusion of the hymn the Great Officers and Grand Crosses took the positions assigned to them on the dias by the Sub-Marshal, and the Acting Great Prior assumed the throne. The Great Prior Designate was then led to the foot of the throne, supported by two Knights. His warrant of appointment having been produced, the Acting Great Prior installed His Royal Highness as Great Prior, assisted by Viscount Powerscourt, who, on behalf of the Grand Master, invested the Great Prior with the Grand Cross and Ribbon of the Order. The Herald (Bro. Theophilus E. St. George) then proclaimed, after a flourish of trumpets and roll of drums, the titles of His Royal Highness in the east, in the south-west, and in the north-east, viz.:—"By the authority and in the name of the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, I proclaim H.R.H. Prince Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, and Earl of Sussex in the peerage of the United Kingdom; Duke of Saxony and Prince of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, and Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, one of her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Councillors, personal A.D.C. to her Majesty the Queen, Lieut.-Col. of the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade, Hon. Col. of the Isle of Wight Artillery Militia, Hon.-Col. of the East Kent Mounted Rifles, and Col. of the London Irish Rifle Volunteers, Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Temple and Great Prior of Ireland."

\*Arthur Patrick.

The drums again rolled and the trumpets sounded, after which the organ pealed forth an accompaniment to the National Anthem, which was sung by Dr. O'Donoghue, and joined in with one accord by all present.

The Great Prior, as his first official act, appointed Capt. Huband Sub-Prior, and installed him to that office, presenting him with his abacus and warrant.

The Great Officers then passed by the foot of the throne one after another, and having promised fealty and obedience to the Great Prior, returned to their places.

All the Knights, with drawn swords, also marched past the Great Prior, the officers saluting him with their swords. Having returned to their places, the procession of the Great Officers was re-formed, and conducted the Great Prior to the chapel, where, having assumed the throne, he ordered the Great Priory to be closed.

#### H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE IN IRELAND.

The ancient and illustrious Order of Freemasons have promptly availed themselves of the opportunity afforded by the death of the late Marquis of Conyngham to testify their loyal respect and esteem for the Duke of Connaught, by electing him to the vacant office of Great Prior of Ireland. We give in another page an account of the interesting and impressive ceremonial which took place on the occasion, and we feel sure that no more gratifying or acceptable proof of the popularity of His Royal Highness has been given since the Prince became a sojourner amongst us. In every part of the country which His Royal Highness has visited he has been received with the utmost cordiality by all classes of the people. The warmth of the reception is, no doubt, due not only to the attachment felt for his Royal mother, but to his personal qualities, which conciliated the good-will of all parties. While such is the feeling with which His Royal Highness is regarded throughout Ireland, which claims him as her own, the Order of Freemasons were glad to be enabled to offer a special token of respect, which the Prince would be likely to appreciate. To those who are uninitiated in the mysteries of the distinguished Craft the names which the officers bear will appear singularly quaint, but they possess a significance which every member understands, and the proceedings are stamped with a solemn character which is intelligible to every one. The assailants of Freemasonry, who bring reckless charges against it, may well be perplexed and disappointed when they come to read the details of the imposing ritual which was performed. His Royal Highness is now the Great Prior of Ireland, the head of a flourishing branch of the grand array of Masonry. The ceremony, which was gone through with stately and reverential pomp, was no idle pageant, but suggestive of religious impressions. The services of the Prelate of the Order were gone through with becoming solemnity in presence of the Preceptories who took part in the scene, representing the great body of Freemasons throughout the whole country. The obligation which was administered to His Royal Highness, the solemn prayer which was offered up, the hymn of praise which was sung as the brethren marched in procession amidst the pealing of the grand organ—the whole ritual of expressive forms and symbols conveyed to the mind of the spectator impressions worthy of an Order of sacred chivalry, in which even Royalty itself might feel honoured in being allowed to bear an official part. Every brother will join in congratulating the Great Prior on his installation, and the whole Masonic body in having its highest offices filled with such distinction. If any incentive were needed to stimulate their loyalty it would be supplied by the fact that they have enrolled in their highest ranks the Heir Apparent to the Throne and another son of their beloved Queen.—*Dublin Daily Express.*

#### RESIGNATION OF THE EARL OF CARNARVON.

(From a Correspondent.)

All England must have heard with profound regret the announcement that our respected Pro Grand Master had resigned into the hands of the Sovereign his office of Secretary of State for the Colonies. Needless to say that we regret it too; not more for that our fellow-countrymen, many of them too brethren in a double sense, in the colonies will have lost the services of an administrator no less conscientious than farsighted, one too, whose guiding hand was especially needful in the case of one colony just passing through the trial of a great crisis in her history, than that we ourselves have lost a firm hand, a clear head, and a warm heart, just in that critical moment whereon hangs either peace or war. Remembering how one great conflict was prevented, how lives were spared, how money took the place of precious blood, in the Transatlantic dispute that was so happily settled by a brother, now active amongst us no more, we deeply deplore that in this hour of difficulty, doubt, and danger, another of our brethren has resigned his command in the ship of the State.

With the political aspect of the question we have, of course, nothing whatever to do, but as an attack has been made upon our distinguished brother in certain of the public prints, it is our bounden duty, as his brethren, to say to his brethren and ours a word in his defence. One such paper, retailing a sorry anecdote, represents Lord Carnarvon as the one dissentient and persistent juror who looks upon the other eleven as the most obstinate men he ever met; now this is exactly the reverse of the present case, for his lordship—we do not say being a Mason—but we do say, being possessed of a feeling heart which every Mason should possess—whilst jealous of the honour of his

Sovereign and his country, is still jealous of his brothers' lifeblood; he therefore has not been able to agree with his colleagues in taking as immediate action as they have done. In this he felt that he stood alone. Once more—not because he is a Mason but because he is imbued with that Masonic instinct that tells him that Unity is Strength—he perceives that one halting voice would weaken the hands of his colleagues, whose action in such a crisis as this should be unanimous, and he has withdrawn—a noble action, from which his fine spirit will doubtless reap satisfaction, although a sorrowful one, a noble action that fills us as Masons with admiration, whilst as Englishmen it overwhelms us with regret.

#### FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

St. John's Day was celebrated by the Bangalore Lodge, No. 1043, in good old Masonic style. The lodge opened at 7 a.m. for the installation of the W.M. Bro. Captain McCleverty was inducted into the chair by the out-going W.M., Bro. Pratt, ably supported by a Board of Installed Masters, consisting of Bros. Nepean Smith, J. W. Hayes, Champion, Balour, Cockburn, Brindley, and Morrison. After the appointment and investiture of the officers, the lodge was adjourned, and the brethren repaired to the dining-hall, where an excellent breakfast was laid out, to which ample justice was done. At 6 p.m. the labours of the day were resumed, and after some formal business the lodge was closed.

In the evening, a grand Masonic ball was given at the Cubbon Hotel by the lodge, which was most numerous attended, not alone by one clique or class, but by the best representatives of every class forming the European community of the cantonment. We must congratulate most heartily the Bangalore Lodge on the zeal and energy which have been manifested in its management during the past year. Financially, the lodge is in a most flourishing condition, and it has recently taken rapid strides towards commanding the respect and support of all who are interested in the welfare of Freemasonry.

It is a subject of regret that the W.M., Bro. McCleverty, will be unable to remain in possession of the chair very long, as his regiment, the 45th, the gallant Sherwood Foresters, leaves for England towards the end of this trooping season, but the greatest discretion has been evinced in the selection of the officers, and we are quite certain the interests of the lodge and the welfare of the Craft in the Mysore Province will not suffer under the care of Bro. Balour Cockburn, 31°, the Immediate Past Master, and Bros. A. M. Hayes and Burr, the Senior and Junior Wardens.

It is but scant praise to remark that as regards the ball and its great success, the highest credit must be accorded to Past Master J. W. Hayes, the indefatigable Honorary Secretary of the Ball Committee. We have also to notice that at the last regular meeting of this lodge, a Past Master's jewel was voted to the retiring W.M., who has indeed well earned this token of the brethren's appreciation of the excellent manner in which he has conducted the duties of the lodge. A pretty design for this jewel, Oriental in character, and appropriate to the Province of Mysore, was suggested by his Immediate Past Master, and this has been forwarded to Bro. Kenning of London, who doubtless, will carry out the idea into a practical form with his usual taste and skill. We recommend our Masonic friends now home on furlough, to look in at Bro. Kenning's and take a wrinkle from this jewel. There are numerous lodges all over India that might get up exceedingly pretty and appropriate designs for their P.M.'s jewel. All we have visited so far as we know have been content to go in for the old stereotyped pattern. A little novelty in those affairs is always desirable.

#### FREEMASONRY IN JAPAN.

A meeting of more than the usual interest to Freemasons took place on Saturday evening, the 19th Nov., when the brethren of the Rising Sun Lodge, No. 1401, E.C., met to instal the W.M. and officers for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony is one that always brings together a goodly number of the Craft, but in this case the interests was enhanced by the honour paid to the lodge by the presence, at the special invitation of the brethren, of the District Grand Master for Japan, Bro. Chas. H. Dallas, who holds that office under patent from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of the English Constitution, had never before paid the Rising Sun Lodge a visit, although he has held the office for four years, but the occasion will be long remembered by the Freemasons of Kobe. The meeting took place in the Masonic Hall, kindly placed at the service of the Rising Sun Lodge by the brethren of the Hiogo and Osaka Lodge, 498, S.C. and the installation ceremony was performed by the R.W.D.G.M. Bro. Dallas, at the desire of W.M. Bro. Hughes, assisted by no less than ten P.M.'s, viz.:—Bros. A. Mitchell of the Yokohama Lodge; A. Longfeldt of the Ototosama Lodge; W. H. Stone and A. Weiler, of the Nippon Lodge, H. St. J. Browne and D. H. Tillson, of the Hiogo and Osaka Lodge, S.C., and W. G. Sands, (D.D.G.M.), J. Marshall, G. Whymark and R. Hughes of the Rising Sun Lodge.

The following officers were installed for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. J. Larkin, W.M.; R. Hughes, I.P.M.; G. Whymark, P.M., Treasurer and Hon. Sec.; T. C. Thornicroft, S.W.; T. M. Rymer-Jones, J.W.; P. A. Nicolle, S.D.; J. Gillingham, J.D.; W. Bristow, I.G.; A. Hazlett, Tyler.

After the meeting the brethren partook of an excellent supper, which had been provided at their own room, No. 16, Mae Machi, at the conclusion of which, after the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been given from the chair,

the following were proposed and responded to in the order named: "The R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Dallas," by Bro. Larkin, responded to by Bro. Dallas; "The R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Sands, and the rest of the D.G. Officers," by Bro. Larkin, responded to by Bros. Sands and Weiller; "The Newly-Installed Master," by Bro. Hughes, responded to by Bro. Larkin; "The I.P.M.," by Bro. Larkin, responded to by Bro. Hughes; "The P.M. of the Rising Sun Lodge," by Bro. Dallas, responded to by Bro. Marshall; "The Officers of the Rising Sun Lodge," by Bro. Stone, responded to by Bro. Thornicraft; "The Sister Lodges of the District," by Bro. Thornicraft, responded to by Bros. Mitchell, Langfeldt, and Weiller; "The Sister Lodge Hiogo and Osaka," by Bro. Rymer-Jones, responded to by Bro. Tillson; "The Rising Sun Lodge," by Bro. Tillson, responded to by Bro. Larkin; "The Visitors," by Bro. Marshall, responded to by Bro. Browne; "The Ladies," by Bro. Browne, responded to by Bro. Eaton; "The Masonic Charities," by Bro. Whymark, responded to by Bro. Stone; the Tyler's toast, by Bro. Hazlett.

The brethren spent a most enjoyable evening, the slight intervals between the toasts being enlivened by a few good songs.

**SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.**

The following is the agenda for Wednesday, 6th February, 1878:—

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 17th October, 1877, to the 15th January, 1878, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter	...	£116 19 0
" " Unappropriated Account	...	198 16 11
" " Subsequent Receipts	...	452 4 9
		£768 0 8
By Disbursements during the Quarter	...	£280 18 10
" " Balance	...	274 19 11
" " in Unappropriated Account	...	212 1 11
		£768 0 8

which balances are in the hands of Messrs. 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 James Mander as Z.; Edward James Harty as H.; John Henry Watts as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201, London, to be called the Eclectic Chapter, and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

2nd. From Comps. the Rev. Charles William Arnold as Z.; Thomas Cawley Eager as H.; Harry Will Charrington as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Weyside Lodge, No. 1395, Woking, to be called the Weyside Chapter, and to meet at the Crown and Anchor Inn, Woking, in the county of Surrey.

3rd. From Comps. Richard Thomas Elsam as Z.; Francis Buckland as H.; Richard Cartwright as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Dobie Lodge, No. 889, Kingston-on-Thames, to be called the Dobie Chapter, and to meet at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, in the county of Surrey.

4th. From Comps. Joseph Christopher Lambert as Z.; Richard Dowling as H.; Thomas Charles Storer as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Helena Lodge, No. 488, St. Helena, to be called the St. John's Chapter, and to meet at James Town, in the Island of St. Helena.

5th. From Comps. Joseph Copeland Gillman as Z.; Edwin Banks Harding as H.; Henry Parker Jones, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Trafford Lodge, No. 1496, Moss Side, to be called the Trafford Chapter, and to meet at the Alexandra Hotel, Moss Side, in the Western Division of the county of Lancaster.

6th. From Comps. James Glaiser as Z.; Ernst Emil Wendt as H.; George Brooke as J.; and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 63, London, to be called the St. Mary's Chapter, and to meet at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, in the Parish of Ealing, in the county of Middlesex.

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

The Committee beg further to report, that there now stands to the credit of the Grand Chapter, invested in the Three per Cent. Consols, a sum of £3,400, and they recommend, as no immediate claim is likely to be made on the funds of Grand Chapter beyond the ordinary current expenses, that the following grants be made to each of the Masonic Charities, and be transferred to their respective Trustees, viz:—

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls	...	£500 Consols
The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys	...	500 "
The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution,		
Male Fund	...	500 "
Do. do. Female Fund	...	500 "

(Signed) JOHN CREATOR, President.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—A certain remedy for diseases of the skin. Ringworm, scurvy, scrofula, or king's evil, sore heads, and the most inveterate skin diseases to which the human race is subject, cannot be treated with a more safe and speedy remedy than Holloway's Ointment and Pills, which act so peculiarly on the constitution, and so purify the blood that those diseases are eradicated from the system, and a lasting cure is obtained. They are efficacious in the cure of tumours, burns, scalds, glandular swellings, ulcerous wounds, rheumatism, contracted and stiff joints. These medicines operate mildly and surely. The cure effected by them is not temporary or apparent only, but complete and permanent.—*Adv.*

**CONSECRATION OF THE STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.**

The Star Chapter, No. 1275, was consecrated on Wednesday, the 23rd January, 1878, at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, by Comp. James Terry, P.Z., G.D.C. Herts., who was assisted by Comps. Bumstead, P.Z., and Halsey, P.Z., as H. and J. Comp. R. W. Williams acted as Minstrel, and Comp. Kipps as Organist. The companions who were present were Comps. Dr. Moore, P.Z.; Tattershall, P.Z. 140, (one of the founders of Star Lodge); Roberts, 79; Trill, 79; Jardine, 140; Dr. Gooding, 259; General Roddey, 26; Green, 79; Major Gant, 890; Brown, Gibbs, Manners, 197, and the following petitioners, Major W. E. Williams, H. Keeble, T. Perridge, P.Z.; C. W. Williams, R. W. Williams, A. Tisley, H. J. Green.

The chapter was formally opened, and the beautiful ceremony of consecration proceeded with, in the course of which Comp. Terry gave the following oration:—

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 advised 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 unflinching, 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 tomorrow 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 none 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 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 practices 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 every-day 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 whate'er degree,  
The height of bliss in height of charity.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and at the conclusion of the consecration Comp. Terry installed Comps. Major W. E. Williams, H. Keeble, and Perridge P.Z., as J.; Comps. Major W. E. Williams and H. Keeble, as H.; and Comp. Major E. Williams as Z.; and when the companions were admitted, Comp. R. W. Williams, (W.M. Star, 1275), was installed S.N.; Comp. C. W. Williams (S.W. Star, 1275), was installed S.E.; and Comp. Tisley, P.S.

On the motion of Comp. M.E.Z., seconded by Comp. H., a vote of thanks to Comp. Terry, the Consecrating Officer, and his election as honorary member of the chapter, were carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Comp. Terry having returned thanks, a long list of brethren seeking admission to the Order was then proposed and seconded, the chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, when the usual Royal Arch toasts were given.

In responding to the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," Comp. Terry said that he was only too pleased to be the means of bringing into life the Star Chapter, and he heartily wished it to succeed, and as the charities had so well and nobly succeeded under the patronage of our Gracious Majesty the Queen, who had three sons Freemasons, so ought this chapter to succeed in its station, as the M.E.Z. also had three sons Freemasons.

The evening was much enlivened by the brilliant piano-forte playing of Comp. Kipps, and the excellent singing of Comps. Williams, Brown, Trill, Gibbs, and others.

**MOZART A FREEMASON.**

Music is not only charming to the senses, and one of the highest arts, but it is especially contained in the "liberal arts and sciences inculcated in the Second Degree." It is gratifying, therefore, to find that one of the greatest composers of his day, Bro. Wolfgang Mozart, belonged to, and loved our Order. At the present day many musicians of high standing, both as executants and composers, are numbered in our ranks—Sir Michael Costa, Dr. William Sparks, and others. We now turn to a most interesting address, delivered after the initiation of two brethren, of distinguished musical ability, in the Lodge Astræa, "Tur grünen Raute," and "Der drie Schwerter." What brother would not, on hearing that noble song of the Masons, "In diessen hed'gen Hallen," "In these Sacred Walls," be reminded of Bro. Mozart? When we find associated with this great name those of Lessing, Herder, Wieland, and Goethe, some of the greatest and noblest minds of the day may well exclaim, "Wonderful Masons!" To his connection with Masons Mozart is indebted for many impulses, in as much as the "Zauberflöte" (the Magic Flute) was not only in plan and text founded on Masonry, but the musical ideas also were essentially controlled by it. Mozart also wrote music for the lodge, among which we may mention the following, viz., the "Gessellenreise," composed March 29, 1785; another song composed earlier, is accompanied by the organ, and has a chorus for tenor and bass voices. He composed a cantata in honour of Bro. Born, in 1785 which was published and sold for the benefit of the poor. Again, another cantata in 1794, under the title of "Lob der Freundschaft" (Praise of Friendship). Another composition of wonderful beauty is the Masonic funeral services, written in 1785, for orchestra, on the occasion of the death of Princes Mecklenburg and Esterhazy, both Masons. That Mozart was an enthusiastic Mason is evidenced by his writing on the subject of "Death." This was a letter to his father. He says: "Since death is the true end of our life I have for a few years past made myself so well acquainted with this best friend of man, that its image has not only nothing terrible for me, but is full of rest and comfort! and I thank my God that He has granted me the good fortune to provide for me the opportunity you understand me) to learn to know Him as the key of our true happiness." We may return to this subject again at another time.—*Scottish Freemason.*

The Queen, according to the present arrangements, is expected to remain at Osborne till about the middle of next month, keeping the anniversary of her wedding day, the 10th February, in the Isle of Wight.

## Reviews.

"Popery: What It Is." By LEON DELBOS.—F. Cass, 12, Booksellers' Row.

It is always very difficult for Masonic scribes to review a professedly polemical work in a Masonic journal. Those for whom we write proclaim allegiance to an Order which specially deprecates the "odium theologium," which equally ignores controversy and believes emphatically that the world is, after all said and done, wide enough for us all. And though we give Mr. Leon Delbos (Bro. are we to term him?) all credit for good intentions, sincere opinions, and much energy and emphasis of expression, the pamphlet he has been so good as to send us for review is practically "unreviewable" by us. For we could not treat it properly, or even partially, without finding ourselves at once in a very "debateable land" indeed of incrimination and recrimination. We agree with the writer, that anything more childish, and useless, or more unwise in itself than the anathematizing spirit of the Church of Rome, as against persons, doctrines, books, Freemasons &c., never was exhibited in the history of the world, and that it is one which for sane and religiously minded persons is alike painful and humiliating to realize and remember. But having said this, we stop here. We are not justified as Freemasons in attacking Rome, qua Rome, nor is it part of our duty as Masonic reviewers to dilate upon charges many and great, which go to impugn the constitution, the tenets, the practices of the Church of Rome as such. There are plenty of newspapers in which such accusations can be reproduced, in which the honest and indignant opinions of Leon Delbos could find vent, but they have no place properly in the pages of the *Freemason*. We have said thus much for fear of being misunderstood. Our Masonic motto is always, "Defence, not Defiance," and we Masonically object to all embittered controversies, as it would be most contrary to all our kindly teaching, if we allowed our pages to become the medium of the angry inculpation of this or that religious body, however hostile that body may be to Freemasonry. Even supposing that the Church acts unfairly by us Freemasons, as it clearly does, condemning all Freemasonry, though ignorant of our true principles, and unable to appreciate our good work, that is no reason why we should turn our peaceful *Freemason* into a polemical or religious journal. Moreover we confess that we have, as Freemasons especially, little sympathy with that sensational literature just now which deals largely in "spicy" and vehement railing against all religious organizations. These intrepid, and excited penmen often seem to remind us of the old waiter at Vauxhall, who when asked what orders his "missus" had given him replied, "Says she to me, Robert, she says, keep on perpetually a cutting ham sandwiches." Seriously, while we deprecate angry logomachies in the *Freemason* we are quite aware, that there is a most important side to the question, but it must be settled elsewhere, and certainly not in the *Freemason*.

"Der Bund;" edited by Hugo Mandello and Dr. Ludwig Rosenberg, Pesth.

This is a new Masonic serial, edited by two well-known Hungarian brethren, one of whom has for some time past been the editor of the "Hajnal," an Hungarian Masonic paper. There are splits in editorial as well as ministerial cabinets and some equally meaningless, and it seems that Bro. Dr. Rosenberg has set up an opposition paper to the "Hajnal," or rather a rival paper, with the assistance of a co-editor. We do not exactly discover the point of difference or the aim of our learned conferees; but we think it well to note the appearance of "Der Bund." It appears to be ably edited, is well printed, and has a good deal of Masonic information.

"Scripture Extracts; compiled and pointed as a Musical Service for the various Masonic Ceremonies;" by Bro. DAVID PRICE OWEN. Simpkin, and Marshall, London. Agreeing as we do with the proposition that music may most fitly be introduced into our Masonic Ceremonial, and acknowledging gladly the efforts of some able musical writers in this direction, we are not quite prepared to say that we can conscientiously approve of the present work. It seems to us to print too much. Its points and rubrics are too plain to be misunderstood, and much which is so complacently given to the profane world, ought to be reserved in our humble opinion for the lodge, and the lodge alone; but then we belong to the old school. We think the idea of the writer not a bad one, and had it only been carried out in due subordination to the dictates of Masonic reserve, we should have been ready to welcome it and glad to commend it. As it is, we fancy our humble criticism will be the one which will occur to Masons generally on running through it. At the same time we wish to encourage the great and goodly use of music in Masonic Ritualism, and call the attention of all brother organists and "sweet singers" to the work.

ICELANDIC LAW.—Mr. Jón Jonsson the secretary to the Governor of Iceland, is now industriously occupied in the study of trials by juries in England, and in the pursuit of records bearing on the early history of this subject. Iceland seems to be waking up to the memory of her former self. In her laws and literature are found the earliest and at the same time the fullest records of "trial by jury." Certain antiquaries hold it to be an institution brought into England by the Danes, which in itself is very likely—indeed, extremely so—although it does not prove its prior non-existence among the Anglo-Saxons, kith and kin of the Danes themselves. After the union with Norway in the latter half of the 13th century trial by jury fell into desuetude in Iceland. Now that the Danes are, after laborious inquiries, on the point of adopting the English mode of procedure with regard to the jury, Iceland wants to inquire for herself, too, on the point.—*Athenæum*.

## NOTES ON ART, &amp;c.

ROYAL INSTITUTION.—Professor Dewar commenced on Friday week a course of lectures on the chemistry of the organic world. The special scope of the course is to bring together all the work on the subject done most recently by observers in many countries, but yesterday's lecture was occupied with a preliminary sketch, commencing with Priestley's observations from 1771 onwards. The Professor has collected and printed extracts from Priestley's writings, which show the sequence of his experiments, and these notes, put in chronological order for the first time, we believe, are of value to students of the subject. Priestley found that air in a confined space, while vitiated by the burning of candles, was restored by plants under certain conditions, and this condition he found after many experiments was that the plant was in a vegetative state. Jegen-Housz, interested in Priestley's work, found in 1779 that the meaning of plants having this effect was that "this wonderful operation is by no means owing to the vegetation of the plant, but to the influence of the light of the sun upon the plant." Jean Scheber, in 1792, communicated a paper to the "Journal de Physique," in which he pointed out the probability that carbonic acid gas is decomposed by plants in vegetation. Many of the historical experiments were reproduced, and the action of light on phosphorescent bodies was shown, illustrating a phenomenon which set the minds of the early observers at work in connexion with the influence of light on vegetation. From this starting-point the subject is to be worked out in the subsequent lectures. Its development has latterly been so rapid that frequent issues of text books have hardly kept pace with it.

The first cocoa house belonging to the Public Cocoa House Company was opened at Leeds the week before last.

Some very successful experiments with the telephone have been carried on lately at St. Peter-burg, the result being an order from the Government to establish telephonic communications between the Exchange and the Telegraph Department. Arrangements have also been made for the extensive use of the telephone on the Warsaw Railway.

Marble identical with the famous yellow Italian Marble—the Giallo Antico—has been found in California, at Tehacepa, Kern County. The Californian stone is white, with amber-coloured veins, and the discovery is highly prized, as the quarry from which the yellow Italian marble was procured has been unknown for centuries.

Mayfair states that in a biography of Jacob Böhme, contributed to the "Dictionnaire de la Conversation," M. Bouchitte has credited him with the authorship of certain "Reflections sur les Bottes d'Isaie"—a title which is all the more comical from the fact that Böhme was a shoemaker. It appears, however, that the work was really an essay on a theological dissertation of Professor Isaia Stiefel, "Stiefel" being German for boots.

Literature in Germany, which has languished considerably since the Franco-Prussian War, bids fair to recover itself. Last year 16,437 new books were published throughout the Empire, an increase of 2000 on the average of the past eight years.

DAMP.—The rainfall at Portree, Skye, during 1877 was 93.26 in. The least rainfall in any month occurred in April—viz., 1.77 in. The heaviest was in November, 15.69 in. On October 14th 4.98 in. fell within 24 hours. Rain fell on 283 days during the year.—*British Medical Journal*.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.—The English Opera Season at Her Majesty's Theatre will soon close, as the Italian Opera Season will this year commence at an unusually early period. During the brief recess the house is to be redecorated, and, among other structural improvements, additional staircases are to be constructed on both sides of the house, improving the already spacious access to both the pit tier and the grand tier.

Fires in London during 1877, to which the Fire Brigade were called, numbered 1708, of which 106 were false alarms; while 14,057,165 gallons, or about 65,400 tons, of water were used for extinguishing conflagrations. There were 165 persons endangered by fire, but only twenty-nine lost their lives.

THE CLEOPATRA.—The monolith ship with her precious freight is still lying in the East India Docks, only a few minutes' walk from the Blackwall Railway Station. Many thousands of persons have visited her since her arrival.

A public meeting has been held at Oxford, at which resolutions in support of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Railway Accidents, that compensation be given to railway servants for accidents, were passed. Both Sir W. Harcourt and Mr. Hall, the members for the city expressed their sympathy with the cause. Sir William Harcourt said he could not understand why a guard or other railway servant who was injured while travelling in a train which met with an accident should be the only one amongst the passengers who was not entitled to compensation.

The Fashionable Bracelets worn by Transatlantic Belles this season must be serious weights to the wrist. Oriental bangles are the favourite style, and appended from them is a miscellaneous collection of miniature articles in gold or silver, relieved by black and red enamel, such as kettles, opera glasses, trapezes, goblets, skulls with ruby or diamond eyes, mice, horses, dogs, eggs, keys, scissors, shoes, Cupids, and harlequins, columbines, clowns, and pantaloons in striped enamel or silver encrusted with gems. The necklace to match is made of Japanese amber, with a transparent locket containing a fly apparently alive.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday last, at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, Bro. Bernard Meyer being installed W.M. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross Order, has appointed Bro. the Rev. J. Marsden, B.D., M.P.S. of the *Masonic Conclave*, 112, and P.M. of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 476, to succeed as Lieutenant General for Carmarthenshire, the lamented Bro. Rev. Latimer Maurice Jones, B.D., Deputy Grand Master for the Western Division of South Wales, a very distinguished Mason, and large-hearted brother, whose loss will be long deplored.

On Monday last Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, S.G.W., was installed Great Prior of Ireland, in the room of the late Marquis Conyngham. The ceremony took place at the Masonic Hall, Dublin, in the presence of a large assembly of the brethren representing the City and Provincial preceptories of the Great Priory of Ireland. Amongst those taking a prominent part in the proceedings were Viscount Powerscourt, the Earl of Huntingdon, Capt. Hubard, and Capt. N. G. Phillips.

The annual ball of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, takes place on the 22nd inst., at Ladbrooke Hall, Ladbrooke Grove-road, Notting-hill. The whole of the proceeds will be devoted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS.

—At a meeting of the Court of Examiners held on Saturday, the 12th ult., under the provisions of the new Supplemental Charter granted by her Majesty on the 23rd of October, 1876, in order more effectually to promote and encourage the study of veterinary medicine and surgery, it was ordered that a new class of members, to be called "Fellows," should be created, making it imperative for each candidate, prior to such examination, to pass a higher order of examination and to produce a certificate of graduation in arts at a university, or certificate of liberal education after an examination by the College of Preceptors, under the direction and supervision of the Council. The examination for fellowship to be oral and written, and the subjects to be on physiology and comparative anatomy, pathology, therapeutics, surgery, sanitary science, dietetics, and epizootiology. We are pleased to notice among seven successful candidates the name of our late respected citizen, Bro. Robert Ward, of Golds-worth Lodge, Woking, as having passed a successful examination, admitted to the Fellowship Degree, and received the diploma.—*Hampshire Chronicle*.

The meetings of the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278, will in future be held at the Salmon and Ball (Bro. H. Smith's), Bethnal Green-road, every Wednesday evening, instead of Friday, at half-past eight o'clock.

We are in a position to state that the Queen will hold a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace on Thursday, Feb. 28, at three o'clock, on which occasion Her Majesty will also receive the Corps Diplomatique, under the usual regulations of the Diplomatic Court.

Her Majesty will also hold Drawing Rooms on Thursday, March 21; Tuesday, May 7; and Thursday, May 9.

Bro. Emra Holmes is bringing out a new tale in *The Masonic Magazine*, commenced in the Christmas number, called "Amabel Vaughan,"—the author takes the side of the boys as to the administration of Christ's Hospital—and the editor, in a foot note to the first chapter, says:—"We are among those who much regret the sensational excitement about Christ's Hospital, but we have thought well to let our brother speak for himself." The story, as containing the reminiscences of an "Old Blue," promises to be interesting.—*Civilian*.

THE RECORDERSHIP OF LONDON.—The announcement of the resignation, through ill-health, of the Right Hon. Russell Gurney, M.P., as Recorder of London, though not unexpected, has caused sincere regret throughout the corporation. There are, already two candidates in the field—namely, Sir Thomas Chambers, M.P., who has filled the office of Common Serjeant for 20 years, and who acted as Recorder during Mr. Gurney's absence in Jamaica and the United States, and Mr. Robert Malcom Kerr, LL.D., the Judge of the City of London Court, and one of the Commissioners of the Central Criminal Court. The names of Sir James Fitzjames Stephen, Q.C., and Mr. W. Digby Seymour, Q.C., Recorder of Newcastle-upon-Tyne are also mentioned. The appointment is in the gift of the Court of Aldermen, a body of 26 members. The first known Recorder of London was Jeffrey de Norton, who held the office in 1298. Sir Edward Coke was Recorder in 1591, and the notorious Judge Jeffreys was elected Common Serjeant in 1670, being then only 23 years of age, and Recorder of London in 1678. Lord Chancellor King was Recorder in 1708. Stow says that the Recorder of London must be "a grave and learned lawyer skilful in the customs of the City," and qualified to be "the chief assistant of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen for their better direction in matters of justice and law."

Lord Hartington has given £500 towards the extension of the University of Edinburgh.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will hold a Levée on her Majesty's behalf at St. James's Palace on Saturday, the 9th February, at 2 o'clock, and another at the beginning of March.

Will any brother kindly send to the Editor of the *Freemason* a copy of Loomis's Musical and Masonic Miscellany for November and December.

THE ÆSTHETICS OF MASONRY.

The initiation of a candidate to Freemasonry is one of the most important duties of a Lodge; and, though the first great requisite is, that the R.W.M. and his office-bearers should be able to conduct the ceremony correctly and decorously, there are other matters by no means to be forgotten. It is the impression then made on the mind of the neophyte that induces him to become "a bright Mason," or a listless, idle drone. The R.W.M. must not only be word perfect, but he must confer the degree solemnly and impressively. The ritual is illustrated by symbols, those then should not be wanting, but should be present to the eye of the candidate. The floorcloth, the jewels of both kinds, the whole lodge furniture, should be in their appointed places. Instead of rude tables, the Master and his Wardens should have their pedestals of proper form and shape, surmounted with the three pillars, "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty," and the grand pedestal with the Sacred Volume in the centre. Many of our brethren may say that this is being hypercritical, others that their lodges could not afford the expense. To these we would reply, the expense need not be great, in fact, a very few pounds would pay for every requisite. Moreover, it is better to do a thing well and properly, or not to do it at all. Without the symbols how can the candidate understand one-half of what is told him? and, without the tracing board before him how could he possibly understand the lecture thereon? Even a good Mason would get confused if he had to trust to his memory alone; at all events he would be unable to impart the necessary instruction impressively. Here again it will be said by some, Oh, the lectures are very rarely given! Others might even say, What are the lectures on the tracing boards? To the former we would reply, "More shame for you!" to the latter, "They are the means of imparting instruction to the candidate in the teachings and lessons of the degree he has received, and of assisting him in the examination that he will have to pass before being advanced to a higher." Here again we know we shall be met by the question, Is there any examination used in our Lodges? In many, very many, no doubt, None! But when such is the case, it is forgotten that "degrees are not conferred as a right, but to mark the proficiency and merit of the candidate." To render the ritual more perfect add suitable music. This not only renders the ceremonies more impressive but more enjoyable, especially to the cultivated mind. The introduction of music is not only applicable to the candidates, but to every member of the Lodge. To all our services and ceremonials the addition of music is a charm.

How often is it that we hear of brethren staying away from their lodge meetings, because they understood that no work was to be done! This should never be the case. If there are no Initiations, Passings, Raisings, Installations, or Finance debates, something else must be provided, some instruction, some food for the mind. Lectures on Masonry, its history, antiquity, symbolism, the grand architectural works of our operative prototypes, should be delivered by duly qualified brethren. Music should add charms to what, to the satiated, might appear a bald ceremony. Of music there is no lack; the great masters of that art were brethren of ours: even at the present day we number in our ranks many of the leading composers and musicians. The toasts, songs, and general music at our festivals should be conducted in an enjoyable and musicianly manner—we have means to do this also. Again, before we close our article, Has it never struck you, brethren, that an open night, free from business, might be of the greatest value? We have accounted for the impression to be made on the candidate; we have laid out our lodge in perfect form—jewels of both kinds, furniture, symbols, everything in place; the R.W.M. perfect and impressive in his work, and his officers zealously aiding him; we have charmed the ear of the cultivated with music. But before we can attain to perfect excellence, "one thing yet remains." Even though office-bearers may be perfect in their work, may indeed have not been long appointed, still you must look for a supply for the future. Death may enter your ranks, sickness may break up the happy home of Masonry, the call of duty may deprive you of some of your best workers, above all, a few should not monopolise the sweets of office—a healthy emulation should be excited as to who can best work and best agree. Need a regular meeting night ever come round, and end in nothing but the mere opening and closing? We think not. Rather should we gladly hail a free night for the instruction of our younger brethren in the duties of office, and helping those forward who are now on the lowest rung of the lodge ladder, so that they may hope in time to achieve their highest aim, the greatest honour their lodge can bestow on them, "the chair of K.S.!" Lodges so acting, and attending to apparent minutiae, will be filled with active workers, and true Masonic students, glorying in their Order, and a credit to their lodge and to themselves; and adding a vitality, a healthy and living vitality, to our Craft.

We are glad to hear that Lodge No. 2, "Canongate Kilwinning," has laid down such a programme of work, let them add the last of our recommendations—instruction of office-bearers—"and keep it up," then their existence will continue to time immemorial.—*The Scottish Freemason.*

AN AWKWARD SPLIT.

We regret to hear of a very awkward and unfortunate division in the old Lodge of Loyalty (86), meeting at Prescott, in Lancashire—a division which we fear, without some friendly settlement can speedily be arrived at, may injure the old lodge very seriously. So far as we can get at the facts, the dispute appears to have originated in some little misunderstanding which might easily have been settled, if the matter had been properly brought forward, but the breach has now widened to such an extent that much un-

pleasantness if not permanent ill-feeling will, in all probability, be the result, unless an "armistice" be proclaimed, and some friendly mediation takes place. At present, we regret to say, the feeling which exists is anything but one of a brotherly and Masonic character. The lodge, as most of our Lancashire readers will know, is held at Prescott, an old watch-making town about eight miles out of Liverpool, and it has existed there for upwards of a century. Of late years it has admitted many members from Liverpool, and most of the Prescott brethren, having passed through the chair, have gradually fallen off in their attendance, until practically the lodge became almost a Liverpool lodge, and certainly could not have been kept up if it had not been for the very regular attendance of the Liverpool brethren. In this state of things one of the more recent admissions, not having perhaps as much veneration for the town of Prescott as he had for the lodge, whispered a suggestion that it would be more convenient to remove the lodge to Liverpool. This seems at once to have aroused the Prescott brethren, who, if they rarely entered the lodge-room except at the annual installation, still retained their membership and a nominal interest in its association with the town. Therefore the Prescott brethren to a man naturally opposed the removal of the lodge from their town, and the S.W. for the past year being a Liverpool brother, it was secretly resolved to oppose his election as W.M. Accordingly at the October meeting, when the election was to take place, the Liverpool brethren, never dreaming there would be the slightest opposition to the ordinary course of progression in the lodge, and there being only formal business on the circular, mustered but few in number, whilst, to their great surprise, they saw a strong gathering of their Prescott conferees. When the election came on the S.W., who had passed through all the lower offices, and is personally much respected, was rejected in favour of a Prescott brother, an old P.M. of the lodge, but who had left years ago, and who, had only been re-admitted during the year as a joining member, after a strong opposition for some time, on the ground that when he resigned before he had been returned as a defaulter. As may be supposed, the Liverpool brethren were very much annoyed, especially as it was whispered that not only the S.W., but all the other officers who had been working the lodge for years, were to be entirely thrust aside in favour of Prescott brethren. So matters stood when the November meeting came on, all the arrangements having been made for the election of the W.M. elect, including a grand banquet and the invitation of visiting brethren from a distance. They had reckoned without their host, however, for at this meeting the Liverpool brethren, being in a majority, refused to confirm the minutes of the previous meeting, and so a fresh election had to take place. At the December meeting the Prescott brethren made a vigorous whip, bringing in even an old brother just on the verge of the grave, and others who had not been in the lodge-room for a twelve-month or more. Of course they carried their man again, and now at the January meeting, pursuing the same tactics, they have secured the confirmation of the proceedings, but no notice of the installation appearing this time on the circular, the ceremony could not take place. But the matter did not end even here, for a P.M. of the lodge, though not himself a Liverpool brother, gave notice for the next meeting of a resolution condemning in the strongest manner the way in which the S.W. had been passed over, without the slightest reason being assigned, and without any possible objection to him personally, seeing that he bore an irreproachable character, had creditably served all the lower offices, and was one of the most regular attendants at the lodge meetings. The resolution further expresses strong sympathy with him, protests against the election of one who is said to have been a defaulter to the lodge, and who is in point of fact the most recently joined member, and it calls upon him to withdraw, "in order that the harmony of the lodge may be restored."

This is how the matter stands, and this is the resolution which will appear, we suppose, on the circulars calling the next meeting, when the W.M. elect is to be installed. We can only say, in the interest not simply of this old Lancashire lodge, but of the Craft, we hope some friendly counsel will prevail to prevent such a scandal upon our Order.

THE OBELISK.

We congratulated Bro. Erasmus Wilson in our last on the successful result of his munificent enterprise, and we think it well to remind our readers of what has actually taken place.

The "Cleopatra" left Ferrol on the 15th inst. in tow of a paddle-tug, and the voyage to London was performed in six days and eight hours. The cylindrical ship, the ballast of which had been rearranged during her detention at Ferrol, behaved admirably during the passage, and, though some rough weather was encountered, no mishap occurred, and Captain Austin's opinion is that she had not made a wineglassful of water. The vessel anchored on the 20th at night off the Chapman Light, and early on Monday, the 21st inst., steamed up the river to Gravesend, where Mr. Dixon went on board, and where a telegram was received from the Queen announcing Her Majesty's gratification at hearing of the safe arrival of the Obelisk. As they passed up the Thames the steam-tug and the cylinder vessel which she had in tow attracted much attention, the wharves and piers on each side of the river being thronged with spectators, who cheered lustily, and the boys of the training ships "Cornwall" and "Chichester" manned the yards—a greeting which was acknowledged by the dipping of the ensigns on board the "Anglia" and "Cleopatra." Blackwall was reached by four o'clock on the 21st, and an hour later the Obelisk was safely moored in the East India Dock, the Company giving her a berth free of charge. The next thing will be to bring the

"Cleopatra" up to the Thames Embankment, where she will be made fast to one of the landing stages, and, after being relieved of her freight, will remain for some weeks in order to give the public an opportunity of inspecting her, after which she will be broken up and sold as old iron.

We have reason to believe that the Obelisk will be permanently located in Parliament-square.

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## BIRTHS.

HEAD.—On the 26th ult., at Wood-lane, Shepherd's-bush, the wife of G. Head, of a son.

MORTIMER.—On the 24th ult., at Gainsborough-villas, Leytonstone, the wife of O. E. Mortimer, of a daughter.

JOHNSON.—On the 21st ult., at 20, Moira-street, Liverpool, the wife of William Johnson, Merchants Lodge, No. 241, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGE.

GRAMSHAW—TALBOT.—On the 23rd inst., at St. James's, Piccadilly, William Henry Gramshaw, of Warrington, to Harriet Cecil, daughter of the late C. A. Talbot.

## DEATHS.

DENTON.—On the 24th ult., at Acorn Lodge, Keswick, Cumberland, William Denton, Esq., J.P.

LOCKWOOD.—On Sunday evening, the 27th ult., Elizabeth, the beloved wife of Crosby Lockwood, of 139, Highbury New Park, N., and Stationers' Hall-court, E.C., aged 46.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1878.

## PROVINCIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

We have for some time been animated by the conviction that these valuable and useful Institutions have a great part to play in the future for the welfare of the orphan children of our brethren. It must, we think, have struck all our readers, that our great Metropolitan Masonic Charities, especially our Educational Institutions, have nearly reached the limit of their capabilities and possible accommodation. By the autumn of 1878 we shall be educating 500 orphans, 300 boys, 200 girls, and though it is possible, that we might increase each Institution by another 100 inmates, at considerable expense, yet such increase must be final—on our present sites. What then are we to do? Our fraternity continues to expand, and we behold around us unmistakeable signs that the demands upon our charities augment "pari passu," with the augmentation of our members. It seems to us that the answer to this query is to be found in the development of the "Provincial Educational Institutions." Not that we think that such in their present form can ever be of much avail as true Educational Institutions, but we are of opinion that in an altered direction and with an improved organization they may be rendered productive of great good and utility to our Order. What we mean is this. Let all such become subsidiary and preparatory Institutions for the Metropolitan Schools. We believe, and we feel sure, that Bro. Dr. Morris will agree with us when we state, that by the use of similar primers and school books, by the adoption of a common "factor," of education, the boys in the Provincial Institutions might be prepared on one uniform system throughout England, and thus gradually drafted by election as at present, or by scholarships, into the larger central Institutes. We are convinced also that the system of the Girls' School can equally be adapted to and adopted in provincial preparatory schools. Thus we should have a network, so to say, of good preparatory schools in our provinces, (two or three provinces may support one), all sending up year by year, as now under one efficient system, prepared pupils for the central schools. An objection will be raised at once, (as objections always are raised to any proposal of change), that this scheme seems to foreshadow a still greater extension of our Metropolitan Schools. But that, we beg to remark, is not under the present suggestion a necessity for some years to come, at any rate, and the object of this proposal is to obviate the need of any very large immediate further increase of our Metropolitan Schools. But we cannot and ought not to shut our eyes to the increasing demands upon the Schools, demands which if they continue at their present rate of increase, point unmistakably to still augmented accommodation, large as the present is, and far above any we should have contemplated as likely or needful a few years ago. We are disposed to think, on the contrary, that the education may be so good in our provincial schools, that only a small proportion of the pupils will go up to the Metropolitan Institutions, not much larger, in fact, than at present comes yearly from the provinces; but then we should not witness to us that always sad spectacle of so many orphans being disqualified by "over age," as they would be educated at home. And even if our plan did eventually lead to enlarged schools in the metropolis, that may well be left to the future, which often settles things better than we dream of in the present. But the plan we have hastily and roughly sketched out has this one merit in our eyes, that it will relieve the pressure on our central Institutions, and leave them as they are for some years to come. We are aware that the financial question, as regards the provinces, comes in here, but if the present educational institutions can be made available, they are a "nucleus" of a greater and more perfect organization. And we are quite certain of this, that the energy of our provincial brethren would

soon raise sufficient funds for the purpose of carrying on such needful institutions. Our present provincial institutions, though good as far as they go, do not go far enough, and if they become the "start," so to say, of our provincial organizations, (saving, of course, the rights of subscribers to them in their present shape), they would eventually become a real blessing to many a poor orphan child in Masonry. The Leeds Educational Benevolent Institution has been in existence twelve months. It has already accumulated £536 7s. 8d., and has aided to educate six children. Its income is £51. This may seem a small beginning, but we look on it as the omen of better things, and greater things yet to be accomplished. It is a good step in the right direction, but can well go a step further. If then our educational institutions in Lancashire, Cheshire, Devonshire, Leeds, and elsewhere, can become the initial levers of a great provincial movement, we think that we can give our central Institutions rest for a few years to come, as regards building expenditure, and confine our efforts to raise the large sums required for their maintenance, and so prepare for the future. And if in the meantime our provincial brethren will connect their provincial Institutions with the central ones, a great and goodly work of Masonic education might be inaugurated and developed, alike for the credit of the Craft and the welfare and happiness of those poor orphans to whom as Freemasons we stand "in loco parentis."

## ANOTHER SIDE TO THE PICTURE.

We said in our last, that we should call attention to another side of the picture, which a careful contemplation of the subject of rapid increase of numbers had suggested to our minds, and so we proceed to fulfil our promise to-day. It is a great mistake ever to take a too gloomy or morbid view of things, of events, of persons. Time has few "hard lines" which cannot be ameliorated, few dark days which are not followed by sunshine, no possible evils without a possible counterbalancing good. That there is a compensatory process always going on we, in the good Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., firmly hold, and it is unwise in any of us ever to believe or to teach, that there is any heavy cloud without a "silver lining," any actual contingency of life, which has not some consolation for us! When then we lately denounced the too rapid increase of our numbers, and extended demands inevitably upon our charities in consequence, we felt, as we feel now, that having manfully protested against a great evil, we might find that with care and patience there was a brighter side yet to it all. If, for instance, increasing members led up to enlarged exertions for our Charities, what then? The very material prosperity of our great Order was a witness to us, that more would be demanded of us all in the best of all causes, Masonic Charity. Let us suppose that with new members come vastly increased demands on our charitable resources. Well! we must rise to the occasion, we must act up to the level of our duty and our privileges. It is a good thing for us all to bear in mind, that there is hardly anything on earth which cannot be mended if wrong—no gloomy situation which cannot be lightened up, no crooked path which cannot be made straight. Our mission here seems to be always to work on, and never to despair of anything, trying to improve, to amplify, to perfect, and to "leave the world better than we found it." If we may naturally regret, as regret we may and must, that our lodges are weakened by the admission of any incongruous element, if too many new members are "rushing in" to please us, yet as it is useless to "cry over spilt milk," let us seek to "make the best of a bad bargain," and increase our efforts to keep our Charity as nearly as we can up to the level of the wants of our fraternity. If some ideas thrown out in another column meet with approval, we have in them, perhaps, a means of obviating undue pressure upon and needless extension of our great Metropolitan Educational Institutions, and at any rate we may console ourselves with the recollection and the belief, that, if things are not going well, according to our pet notions,



no good ever has come to any in this world by adopting a cynical or lachrymose tone, and that our duty and mission seem to be never to forget our professions, and above all, to endeavour to carry into practice those truths we declare that we admire, and which in the concrete as in the abstract, undoubtedly are for the happiness and comfort of our race.

### PEACE.

We have always been among those, who sincerely hoped that a stop some time might be put, to a barbarous and mournful war. But though we are anxious for Peace, and though we deplore War, yet we are not "Peace-at-any-price" men. We quite admit that at times in the history of our race, War is patriotic, War is honourable, War is absolutely needful to vindicate the rights of a people, or to uphold the true interests of humanity. We rejoice to be able now to advert to the fact that the War in the East is for the time at an end, that an armistice has been agreed to, and that we may ere long expect the assurance of happier Peace? It is no part of our duty, nor does it consort with our inclination, to dilate here upon the political aspects of the case, the controversies of Governments, or the "pourparlers" of statesmen? We simply as patient and not uninterested observers, Freemasons that we be, of the world's progress and the world's affairs, record the fact, that a state of War in the far Orient has been exchanged, happily, for prospect of Peace. Such a fact deserves to be noted and commended in our pages. Peace is a good thing for the world and for all, for trade and industry, and as peaceful Freemasons, rejoicing in the onward tranquil march of our race, we are bound as it appears to us to rejoice when we are told to-day that War, with all its attendant horrors, is about to give way to the vivifying blessings of Peace.

### THE PRO GRAND MASTER.

All our brethren will have heard with deep regret of the resignation of our distinguished brother of his high office in the service of the Crown. We are all well aware of his many qualities of head and heart, his statesmanlike views, and his sincere honesty, and we shall all deplore that at such a crisis the country is deprived of his great abilities and that the councils of the Sovereign have lost his presence. We know enough of him, however, to be sure that he has acted most conscientiously, and we feel that we cannot well say more to day. We call attention to a communication on the same subject elsewhere.

### THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

We publish this letter with great pleasure. We heartily sympathize with Bros. Hubert and Lechant and those seventy-six brethren who voted in the minority. Any help that we can give them with be gladly offered, and any representations of theirs will always find place in the *Freemason*. We are with them heart and soul. All honour to Bro. Hubert.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*,"

Respected Sir and Brother,—

Knowing, as I do, the deep and brotherly interest you bear towards those French Masons who will not abandon the strength and "raison d'être" of our noble and humanitarian Institution, and feeling sure that you will sustain us in our legal and loyal fight against the revolutionary intruders that made so disastrous work last September, I take the liberty to address you and I hasten to inform you, that last Monday, the 21st inst., our esteemed Bro. Hubert, the able and devoted editor of the "Chaîne d'Union," although unanimously elected W.M. of the Lodge "Le Temple des Amis de l'Honneur Français," over which he has presided so efficiently during many consecutive years, has declined to accept the proffered honour, on account of his principles, and the utter impossibility for his conscience to adhere to the Grand Orient of France, in its departure from the great and universal principles that lay at the foundation of our Order, and give to it strength, wisdom, and beauty.

In taking such a resolution Bro. Hubert was deeply and sadly moved, and so were all the brethren present, but duty spoke and its stern dictates had to be obeyed.

As we mean to stay with our brethren of the mystic tie all over the civilized and religious world, we hope and pray that you will not forsake us in this dutiful, but hard and painful contest.

With much respect, I remain dear brother, fraternally yours,

LUDOVIC LECHAUT.

16, Rue de Grammont, Paris.

January, 24th, 1878.

### 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.]

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am much obliged to you for your report of the proceedings arising out of my motion at the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School, and for your comments thereupon. My remarks, however, were not intended to convey that "too much attention was paid to the elementary education," on the contrary, I said, or intended to say, that there were people—subscribers—who objected to the growing tendency to make fine ladies of the pupils, by teaching them Latin, geometry, French, drawing, &c., &c., and to disregard such essentials as plain needlework, cutting out, getting up linen, cooking, &c.

I was glad to find from the observations of the Chairman that all these receive due attention, and I trust, therefore, that those who carp at the system of education will now cease to animadvert. I am glad also to know through you that the girls get on creditably after they leave the school, but I have often asked myself what kind of positions do the majority procure.

I feel sure that good must result from the discussion upon the motion; indeed, I think it has already done good, as witness your suggestion that the pupils should have instruction by a qualified cook.

We all know how difficult it is to get domestic servants in these days, and I believe it arises in a great measure—not because they are educated morally, religiously, or intellectually—but because they are educated above their position in life.

I was sorry that my remarks were supposed to be directed against the House Committee, nothing was farther from my intention. My sole object was to call attention to the fact that there were people who entertained the idea that accomplishments, and not practical instruction in housewifery duties were the aim of those who conducted the education at the school, and I am glad to have the assurance of the Chairman and yourself that this is not so.

Yours faithfully,

RAYNHAM W. STEWART.

#### THE ANCIENT CHIVALRIC ORDER OF CONSTANTINE.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I have recently been perusing the "General Statutes of the Imperial Ecclesiastical and Military Order of Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine," and as I feel strongly that certain "points" in such statutes might be greatly amended, for the good of the Order, I think it well to trouble you with my ideas, valuable or worthless it matters not, on the subject. I know you are quite alive to the necessity now-a-days, every thing being "realistic" in the highest degree, and equally with myself, would object to anything which might cause an appearance of incongruity or absurdity to attach to our own Masonic, or any quasi-Masonic Order! I do not see in the first place that it need be contended that any Masonic connection exists as between the Order of Constantine and Craft Masonry. There certainly is none properly, neither need any be assumed, as each has its own object, so to say, of work and utility.

If we concede, as I think we fairly may, the consistency of a Christian Order, with a partly Masonic organization, the whole controversy is at an end. It may indeed, be said that the universal theory and the limited theory are not consistent. No more they are, but all that can be alleged after all, is a greater or less degree of inconsistency in us most consistent mortals.

I object, imprimis, to the assumption of the knightly character. The assertion that any knighthood can be conferred in a council or conclave is absurd. As all the old heraldic writers would tell you, (ask our distinguished Bro. Sir Albert Woods), the "Soverayne is the only true fountayne of honour." And though it is true that the sovereign can delegate the power of conferring knighthood to a vice roy or special representative, yet that is an exception to the rule. In olden times knighthood was conferred on the field of battle, by sovereigns or great commanders, whether under the banners (hence Knights Banneret), merely as Knights Military. But beyond this no creation of knighthood was known. In the days of chivalry, distinguished knights conferred the honour on young aspirants with the sovereign's permission, but that habit by degrees passed away. The statement that the Grand Masters of the Military Orders conferred knighthood is not or as far as we know, correct. No one could be admitted into those Orders, except knights as such, and if esquires were ever raised to the knighthood, it was in Palestine on the field of battle, for great deeds of daring, and then they must be of knightly birth.

If the history of this Order can be traced back to the Abbé Giustiniani, it is quite clear that his claim as a Grand Cross, to confer the Red Cross, is very doubtful indeed, and I know of no collection of "statutes" which gives any such power.

I for one cannot believe, therefore, that any such authority exists, except by express sanction of the Sovereign, and certainly I cannot understand how Sir Knight Thomas Tipperton, excellent man as he is, can affect to confer the honour of Knighthood on our worthy brother, Samuel Higginbotham. I fear that the assertion of such unfounded claims, and the fact of such questionable usurpation of sovereign power, excites the risibility of the serious, and perpetuates the tendency in the outer world, to laugh at many worthy brethren who continue such usages, however much within "two walls."

But the gist of my long letter is, that I do not see why the Order may not be made very useful and still more expansive. Sweep away all the paraphernalia of alleged knighthood. Make it a chapter of the companions of the resuscitated Order of the Red Cross. Do away with the Sovereign, leave the ruling authority to the Grand Master, and declare the object of the fraternity to be the perpetuation of the promulgation of Christianity by Constantine, and the relief of decayed companions and their widows, and the Christian education of their orphan children of both sexes. Such an order would have both a definite aim and a distinct status, it would be divested of all unreality, and would commend itself to many who now keep aloof from it, in consequence of doubts as to its historical, its authentic, and its veritable character. I think I see how it can become a world-wide Christian order of great utility. I may be wrong, but I venture to submit my humble opinion to you to-day, and am, dear Brother Kenning, yours,

A LOVER OF REALITY AND TRUTH.

#### A QUESTION OF LAW.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the case referred to in this week's *Freemason* I should have remarked that the W.M.'s contention was "that he acted in accordance with the wish of the proposer of the candidate." I presume that even were this the case it would not alter the legality of the action, and that his decision would be equally unjustifiable as their (the proposer) wish cannot be allowed to cancel and supersede the lodge's prerogative to act on the proposition in regular course. Is this view correct?

The constitution is simply this—that under no circumstances can a proposition for membership that has been duly received by a lodge, be withheld from the usual course of procedure by the mere dictum of the W. Master. With many apologies for again troubling you.

I am, yours fraternally, A MEMBER OF THE LODGE.

[In principle we agree with our worthy correspondent; practically if the W.M. acted in accordance with the wishes of the proposer and seconder, it no doubt does somewhat affect the main question.—Ed.]

#### A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Would you be kind enough to inform me

1. What is the meaning of "Mark" Mason?
2. Is there any means of joining an English Lodge and so obtain the Royal Arch or Rose Croix Degree under the English Grand Lodge, without going to England?

It is understood that I have my honourable discharge from Cadiz Lodge working under the Sup. Con. of France as M.M., and possess the necessary qualifications and knowledge for the degrees alluded to.

Yours very truly and fraternally,

SEVILLE.

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#### THE GRAND LODGE OF CUBA.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I forward per book post to your address a collection of our Official Masonic Review "The Voice of Hiram."

This paper will post you fully regarding the situation and prospects of the fraternity in this country. The Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, founded on the 6th Aug., 1876, by the thirteen lodges of Havana, Matanzas and Cardenas, which were tired of a fruitless life under the rule of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite, has been recognised by the Grand Lodges of New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Rhode Island, Colorado, Idaho and Manitoba.

I am, dear Sir, fraternally yours,

JUAN DE LA C. PEREZ,

Grand Lecturer.

[We are glad to publish this letter from our esteemed correspondent.—Ed.]

#### TRURO CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor of the "*Royal Cornwall Gazette*."

Sir,—I have read with great interest the account of the meeting held at Truro last week on the subject of the Cathedral.

It has struck me that it would be well to try and rouse the feeling of the whole diocese, so as to build an edifice worthy of Cornwall.

I venture to suggest, therefore, that each parish should be separately canvassed for subscriptions, and that every beneficed clergyman should be appointed local secretary for his own particular district. The Bishop's generous proposal to give himself £100 a year for ten years, I trust, will be met by many like offers, and I, for one, should be very happy to give £5 a year for the same period towards so good an object. Another idea suggests itself to me as worthy of consideration. The Freemasons are a large and, I suppose, influential body. They have done some

thing of late years in the south and west of England in the restoration of Cathedrals, although the Grand Lodge could not see its way clear to give a penny towards the restoration of St. Paul's, though one of its earliest Grand Masters, Sir Christopher Wren, was the architect of the building, which some call the glory of London. But provincial Masons have proved themselves large-hearted or more mindful of the fact that our historic fane were built by their ancestors, the travelling Freemasons of the middle ages. Worcester Cathedral, Bath Abbey, Gloucester Cathedral, St. Mary Redcliffe Church, Bristol, and the Cathedral there, all bear witness to the fact that Freemasons, if they cannot work with their hands as operative masons, can at all events give of their means to beautify and adorn such noble structures. Let the Freemasons of Cornwall take the matter up, and with a little of the zeal they can show in supporting their own charities, much may be done to make the Cornish Cathedral, now a dream, into a reality.

Pardon these ideas for they come from a stranger, a zealous Churchman, and

A POOR CIVIL SERVANT.

#### A COMPLAINT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Whilst the question of "jobbery" is on the tapis, might I ask if there is not a little too much of it going on with regard to the election of officers of our lodges? For instance, a brother refuses to pay up unless he has the promise of being made I.G. next year, another says he thinks he shall resign; but the W.M. elect has a friend of his own whom he intends to put in, merit being altogether left out of the question. I have spoken to several old Masons, inquiring if it was usual to have so much backstairs work to get into office; the answer I got was, "They are all alike." I hope it is not true. Would it not be just as well that we had a lottery of all those who were competent, and wished to take office? Hoping you will think this worthy of insertion in the *Freemason*,

I remain, yours fraternally, A Young M.M.  
[Our young brother seems to have fallen among the "Philistines." We do not think that any such complaints are justified, except in very particular cases.—Ed.]

#### "DER JUDE WIRD VERBRONNT."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Findel's words refer to Bro. Lessing's Dramatic Poem of "Nathan the Wise," act four scene two where the patriarch of the Christians is talking with the Templar about Nathan, and says that under any circumstances the Jew will be burnt, because he has committed an offence against the Christians. Bro. Lessing meant, and Bro. Findel applies it in the sense that however worthy the individual, the law must take its course—and in reply to the arguments of the Templar, his invariable remark is "Thut nichts! du jude wird verbrannt." "It matters not! we'll burn the Jew." Meaning that however really good and noble, precedent is greater than virtue.

On the main question I do not agree with Bro. Findel. I hope this will reach in time for Saturday's number. I write in haste as my *Freemason* has been delayed.

Yours truly and fraternally,

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE.

#### THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE IN IRELAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As it is probable that you will take some notice in your paper, the *Freemason*, of the installation of the Duke of Connaught as "Great Prior of the Order of the Temple in Ireland," of which you may see notice taken by all the Dublin newspapers, I enclose you a cutting from the *Dublin Evening Mail* of the 29th inst. (last evening). It is the only correct report which has been published, as you will, no doubt, perceive (if you be a member of the Order of the Temple) from the phraseology and the erroneous terms used in all other Dublin newspapers.

Should you think fit to take any notice of this matter in your publication, you may as well have a correct version of the ceremonies which took place, and with this object I enclose the cutting.

I am, Sir,

A SUBSCRIBER TO YOUR PAPER FROM ITS COMMENCEMENT UNTIL THE PRESENT TIME.

[Many thanks; we had already received the account.—Ed.]

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

We have seen an official account of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire on the 10th of January, which was a largely attended one, and we think it well to notice the following points in it.

The lodge was opened in the three degrees by the W.M. and officers of Sincerity Lodge, No. 1019, at 1.15 p.m., and at 1.30 p.m., the R.W. Prov. G. Master, the W.D.P.G.M., and the Prov. G. Officers entered, and Prov. G. Lodge was opened in due form; solemn prayer was offered, and a portion of Holy Scripture read by the Prov. G. Chaplains.

The R.W. Prov. G. Master was then saluted according to ancient custom, and delivered an address, of which we give the main portion:—

Brethren,—In compliance with established custom, I embrace the opportunity of meeting you thus assembled in this Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, to address to you a few words on topics of interest. I need only briefly express to you the pleasure I experience in being

present with you to-day. In acknowledging your salutation, I appreciate most highly the reception again accorded to me, and, let me assure you, I am proud not only of belonging to your body as Freemasons, but that I am called upon to preside over these quarterly gatherings. Allow me to offer the congratulations of the new year to every brother in this hall, and to express the hope that as new year succeeds new year, our distinguishing characteristics may still tend to bind us together in those bonds of brotherly communication for the promotion of peace and the extension of charity which have existed for so many centuries, as principles of the Craft. It is our good fortune to meet under the banner of the Lodge of Sincerity, in Wakefield, at this wintery season of the year. We have an agreeable recollection of a previous occasion when, under the banner of Unanimity, April, 1876, we assembled in this same most hospitable town. I observe that Freemasonry is on the increase in Wakefield, and that Sincerity Lodge, the youngest of the three, founded in 1864, is growing up into a wide-spreading tree. Under its banner have been enlisted brethren of personal influence, who will carry the principles of the Craft wherever they go, so that wherever the name of Sincerity Lodge is mentioned, and wherever the names of its Worshipful Masters are spoken of, there also will this lodge be respected. Sincerity Lodge numbers in its ranks 50 members, some of them active business men of the town. It is, I am informed by my Deputy, a popular lodge, and of which the present Ex-Mayor of Wakefield had the honour of being elected the first Master. From the annual returns, I learn this lodge has had a steady course of prosperity. Bro. Wm. Clayton has earned the highest honour his brethren could confer upon him, viz.,—electing him W. Master for 1878. We thank him for the excellency of the arrangements to receive the brethren of this Provincial Grand Lodge to-day. The prosperity of Wakefield appears to follow the prosperity of its three lodges. A visitor coming to the town now, after the lapse of a few years, would at once notice the change which is taking place in the architectural appearance of the streets. Wakefield will not be behind other towns in the Riding, and will shortly possess a magnificent Town Hall, a necessity which has long been felt. On Saturday, the 25th November, 1876, under the auspices of Lodge No. 495, I was present on that wet November day, at the commencement of a noble pile of buildings for the relief of suffering humanity—the Clayton Hospital, a credit to the town and its principal contributors, amongst others, Bro. Col. Charlesworth, and the family of our respected D.P.G.M., Bro. Tew, and which is approaching completion under its able architect, Bro. Bakewell, of Leeds. Much of this architectural extension and educational expansion of Wakefield is due to the individual efforts of the Freemasons of the three lodges, and more particularly acting under the untiring exertions of Bro. W. H. Gill, who has shown himself to be, not only an eminent speculative Mason in the science of jurisprudence, either Masonic or legal, but we may venture to call him also a scientific operative master builder.

I must make a brief remark upon the recent proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England relative to the position which that body has taken up towards the Grand Orient of France and the Berlin Grand Lodge. This Provincial Grand Lodge must endorse the individual opinion of the Pro Grand Master of England in regretting the course which the Grand Lodge of the "Three Globes," of Berlin, has followed. But we have faith in the wisdom and expediency of the course which our Grand Lodge has taken, lest we should be interfering with the internal regulations of an independent Masonic body, with which perhaps English Freemasons have not at present an opportune time to bring to the notice of the Emperor of Germany, through our Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, certain recommendations, having for their object the removal from its constitutions of what may be most fittingly described as the "Jewish Disabilities."

The Grand Orient had proposed a startling innovation, which would be repugnant to the human mind and startling to the general intellect. It would be impossible for English Freemasons to act in harmony with those who would base their system of ethics upon such a doctrine as that of negation, a doctrine which has ever tended to retard the progress of the French nation, and which, in its very essence, must always mar the universal spread of those truly humanitarian ideas which include the exercise of every virtue, and by which the principles upon which the government of the Craft has been founded can only be effectually and logically inculcated, in conjunction with a firm and unhesitating faith in the Grand Geometrician of the Universe.

W. Bro. Tew, D.P.G.M., then offered, for the acceptance of Provincial G. Lodge, a complete set of Masonic clothing for all its officers, now laid before them, as some little token of the respect and esteem in which he held the brethren of the province (applause), as well as a slight acknowledgment of their hospitality. The clothing which now adorned the officers of the lodge had been in use since the establishment of that Provincial Grand Lodge, in 1823, and he ventured to hope that the emblems on the new clothing would also continue to be emblems of the beautiful principles of charity and brotherly love which West Yorkshire had advocated during the fifty-four years of its existence. He would offer one suggestion, that the old clothing, which has been repaired, should be preserved for public ceremonies outside the lodge, and the new clothing used for Prov. G. Lodge meetings only. (Applause.)

R. W. Bro. Sir Henry Edwards in feeling terms accepted the handsome gift, and thanked the W. Deputy Prov. G. Master in behalf of all the brethren for his unostentatious and munificent act. (Applause.)

Bro. W. H. B. Tomlinson, Chairman of the Charity Committee, stated that there were no petitions for relief but several candidates for the April and May elections,

in which he hoped to be as successful as during the past year, when all were elected; he spoke in the warmest terms of the ability and energy of his Vice-Chairman, Bro. John Wordsworth, and embraced the opportunity to inform Prov. G. Lodge how much he esteemed and appreciated the voluntary assistance of Bro. Thomas Hill, his predecessor in the chair, who had scarcely ever failed to be present in London at the elections and give him the benefit of his knowledge and experience on those important occasions. He concluded his remarks by stating how highly he valued the office his brethren had conferred upon him.

An invitation from the seven Leeds lodges for the annual meeting in April was accepted by the Prov. G. Master.

Prov. G. Lodge was then closed in form at 3 p.m.

The banquet was served at the Bull Hotel, at 3 o'clock, the D.P.G.M., Bro. Tew, presiding. Owing to indisposition, the R.W.P.G.M. had been obliged to return home early.

[We are pleased to add that our brethren of West Yorkshire are as usual bestirring themselves for the various charities, and that while for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Festival they are preparing to send up eighteen Stewards and £330 in round numbers, they are also preparing to be represented at the Girls' School with twenty-seven Stewards and £335, and at the Boys' School with thirty Stewards and £450. These sums are in round numbers, and will probably be much increased. Let others go and do likewise.—Ed.]

#### MASONIC CHARITY BALL AT BOOTLE.

The fourth annual ball, organised and carried out chiefly through the instrumentality of the Masonic brethren connected with the Bootle Lodge, No. 1473, took place on Thursday evening, the 24th January, at the Town Hall, Bootle, and as the grand element of charity was again a conspicuous idea in connection with the festive gathering, the active brethren must be congratulated on the spirit which actuated, and the success which crowned their laudable efforts for the fourth time. The benefit of the funds of the Bootle Borough Hospital, an institution which has done and is still doing a very great deal of admirable work—was the object in view in giving the ball. No less a sum than £33 was realised by means of the ball last year, and it is expected that the seventy-eighth Masonic assembly of the brethren in the comparatively juvenile Borough of Bootle will realise nearly £40. All the arrangements were of the most admirable and satisfactory nature, and therefore genuine enjoyment went hand-in-hand with the highly successful and commendable charitable efforts.

The Lady Patronesses were the Right Hon the Countess Bective, and the Right Hon. Lady Skelmersdale. The Patrons of the ball were his Worship the Mayor of Bootle, (Mr. Al'erman Heintz, who was present); Bro. Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. England, R.W.P.G.M. West Lancashire; Bro. Earl Bective, R.W.P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland; Bro. Hon. Frederick A. Stanley, W.D., Prov. G.M. West Lancashire; W. Geves, Esq., T. P. Danson, Esq., and Geo. Barnes, Esq.

The ball was entirely organised and carried out by the following Committee, most of whom were present:—Bros. Richard Roberts, W.M. 1473, (Chairman); Councillor S. E. Ibbs, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Harold Wyatt, (Vice-Chairman); J. W. Turley, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; Bros. John Duncan, S.W.; W. H. Clemmy, J.W.; J. C. Paterson, S.; Robert A. Hough, F. J. Mortleman, J. Leomber, W.M. 594; S. Stott, Dr. Young, Dr. Willis, J. J. Doling, Dr. Hill, W. Humphreys, R. Harley, and Jos. Sharpe.

Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823, was Master of the Ceremonies, and the onerous duties of Honorary Secretaries were most efficiently discharged by Bros. Councillor J. P. McArthur, J.P., and T. Pierce, town clerk of the borough.

The council chamber which was tastefully decorated, was used for the purpose of dancing (Mr. Martin's band supplying the music), and the lower apartments were used as supper, card, and smoke rooms. There were nearly 200 ladies and brethren present; and as the latter wore their Masonic jewels and clothing, the assembly was one of the most attractive kind. Bro. Dowling, of the Derby Arms Hotel, was again entrusted with the catering, and this gave the greatest satisfaction to all who attended the ball.

#### Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

##### ROSLIN CASTLE.

Referring to Bro. Chirnsides letter under this heading in the *Freemason* of 19th January last, I take the liberty to ask him to be so good as mention the authority for stating that the dignity of Grand Master Mason of Scotland was conferred on William St. Clair, by James II., in 1455; and where that authority can be seen. From my knowledge of the subject, I am afraid Bro. Chirnside has no reliable authority for the statement in question. I will, however, be gratified to learn that he has, and what it is.

If Bro. Chirnside would take the trouble to look into Bro. Murray Lyon's history of the "Rise and Progress of Freemasonry in Scotland," he will find the subject ably and authoritatively treated by that learned Masonic author.

The name of the brother to whom Bro. Chirnside refers in his letter is not "Sker" but "Kerr," a well known and much respected member of the Scotch Craft.

Yours fraternally,

A P.M. of No. 1, S. C.

We learn that the Queen was graciously pleased to express her wish to confer the vacant Garter on the Earl of Beaconsfield, but the offer was, with Her Majesty's permission, declined.

### CONSECRATION OF THE KING'S CROSS LODGE, No. 1732.

On Wednesday evening this new lodge was consecrated at the rooms of the Metropolitan Club, Pentonville-road. The consecrating officer appointed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, was Bro. James Terry, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Herts, who is well-known as one of the most efficient consecrating officers in the Craft. It is needless therefore to say that the ceremony was most admirably performed, especially when we mention that he had the able assistance of Bro. W. Clarke, P.M., 114, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Suffolk; who took the office of Director of Ceremonies; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P., as S.W.; T. W. Knight, Past Prov. Director of Ceremonies, Kent, as J.W.; and Charles Reuter, P.M. 1107. Lodge was opened at half-past three, and the complete list of the brethren present at the consecration and installation were Bros. J. Terry, Prov. G.D.C. Herts; J. J. Michael, P.M. 1507; Wm. Stiles, J. T. Briggs, F. Saintsbury, Henry Stiles, H. J. Higgins, Lewis Solomon, Geo. Musgrave, 1507; J. Willis, P.M. 175; Thos. Puzey, W.M. 1107; A. G. Creak, S.W. 157; R. J. Tubb, 1305; B. Kingham, W.M. 1507; Morgan, 1385; J. G. Humphrey, 167; C. Buckhurst, 157; Louis Bamberger, 1366; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Thos. Walton, W.M. 157; T. W. Knight, P.M. 1107, 914, 615, P.Z. 824, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; W. Clarke, P.M. 114; Arthur Thomas, 1319; Charles Reuter, P.M. 1107; Burgess Perry, 1185; Edwin Moss, 1706; F. W. Sillis, 177; Charles Solomon, 23, U.S.A.; Henry Lovegrove, 1507; J. G. Edmonds, 1507; W. J. Murlis, P.M. 1642 and 1499; George Penn, W.M. 1642; Thomas Francis Peacock, 21; C. P. Kempe, 1615; H. Massey, P.M. 619, (*Freemason*); S. Beattie, 1507.

The ceremony of consecration having been performed Bro. Terry installed Bros. J. J. Michael, P.M. 1107, and P.M. 1507, in the W.M. chair; and the following brethren were invested as officers for the year: Bro. W. M. Stiles, Secretary 1507, S.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M. 157, J.W.; Rose, Treas.; F. Saintsbury, Sec.; H. Stiles, S.D.; Higgins, P.M., J.D.; Lewis Solomon, I.G.; and J. Darby, T. Bro. Terry delivered the charge to the W.M. and the brethren, and Bro. Clarke delivered the charge to the Wardens. Votes of thanks and the honorary membership of the lodge were conferred on Bros. Terry, Cubitt, Knight, and Reuter, and in returning thanks for the compliment, Bro. Terry acknowledged in graceful terms the great assistance that had been afforded him by Bro. Clarke, who had acted as Director of Ceremonies. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a splendid banquet, supplied by Bro. Cox, the chef of the Metropolitan Club. After dinner grace was sung, and the usual toasts were proposed, between which excellent harmony was rendered by the celebrated Masovian quartette, Bros. Burgess Perry, Edwin Moss, Arthur Thomas, and George Musgrave.

Bro. Thomas Cubitt P.G.P., replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and in doing so referred to the great ability displayed by the Earl of Carnarvon whenever he appeared in Grand Lodge. Alluding to the Grand Officers he reminded the brethren that the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold held in the present year the offices of Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and mentioned it as an instance of the great interest which the Royal Family of Great Britain took in the affairs of the ancient and honourable Craft.

Bro. James Terry proposed "The Health of the W.M." and trusted that the brethren would drink with all heartiness and sincerity the health of a brother who was the first W.M. of the King's Cross Lodge. The new W.M. would certainly not have been called upon to fill that high office unless he had been able actually, fully and conscientiously to discharge the duties appertaining to that office. He was a brother who had been tried in the Metropolitan Lodge and whom the brethren present knew how to appreciate. During the time he presided over the Metropolitan Lodge and the Cornwallis Lodge he acted with credit to those lodges and honour to himself. It was no light matter to be the first W.M. of a lodge, and it was Bro. Michael's distinguished privilege to be selected for that high office. There was a great responsibility attaching to the office, especially when it was a new lodge a brother was called upon to preside over. He had to consolidate the whole of the various interests which were combined in the formation of a new lodge, and to harmonise all jealousies which might exist. He had to bring all these into combination and to unite them for the general interests of the lodge. If he could not do this his year of office would not be a happy one. He was happy to say that Bro. Michael had the ability to do this, and he consequently looked on the future of this lodge as a glorious one. If it was his (Bro. Terry's) good fortune to be present at the end of the next twelve months he thought he might prophesy that he would then see that the brethren would accord to Bro. Michael their universal approbation of the way in which he had discharged his duties. He was certain he would never tolerate anything which was not in strict accordance with the Book of Constitutions, and that he would never permit the slightest deviation from the ancient landmarks of the Order. Following this course it would be found that the brethren would not regret having among them any brethren. He advised the brethren to exercise great caution in the admission of members, and that they should know something of them before they introduced them. Let them first ask themselves the simple question whether the man they were about to introduce was a man whom they would admit to their own private table, and if they could conscientiously answer that question in the affirmative they might admit him to Freemasonry, provided he was willing to come. On the other hand, if the man seeking admission was one they would

not like to speak to if they met him in the street, or would not like to recognise them when they were walking with a friend, by all means let them not introduce him to Freemasonry. This course he thought would be of great value to them, and if they followed it in this lodge they would find they would have a good working lodge and one which would be a credit and honour to the Order.

The W.M. in reply, said Bro. Terry had alluded to the fact that he (the W.M.) had sat in the W.M. chair in two other lodges, but that he was for the first time the first W.M. of a lodge on this occasion. That alone was enough to make a man a little off his head, and he hoped the brethren would excuse him if he made any mistakes. Bro. Terry had spoken of the responsibilities of a W.M., and Bro. Terry being that evening in the same position as the G.M. he was really his mouthpiece. With respect to his (the W.M.) responsibilities there was no brother in the Craft that held them more than he. However much a Master might satisfy the brethren he would not satisfy himself, and although he (the W.M.) had twice before filled the office of W.M. he was not satisfied with the way he performed his duties. He had striven hard to please the brethren, but though they said he had done so it was not up to his own mark. There was something outside Freemasonry which he had never yet been able to arrive at. Strive as he would there was always something in Freemasonry that was not in him. There was something outside it better than himself. However he would strive to get at that still better position, and he hoped when he left that chair, he hoped he would leave it as he was sure he would, to a worthy successor. He trusted he should have instilled into his mind something he did not know, and that there was something which he might attain to. With regard to the admission of brethren to the lodge, he had often thought it was all very well for a Master to say he would do this or that, and admit only gentlemen who were A. I. If they ever departed from that principle, he thought it was on account of the great impetus given to Freemasonry, but if they did, it was the fault of Freemasons. A great many of the outside world were anxious to know what Freemasons knew, but why should this knowledge be sold for mere pence, and not given only to those who were worthy to receive it? The brethren forming this lodge were few in number, and why should they lose the power to exclude those whose introduction to Freemasonry might be inimical to its interests? Was it not their bounden duty from this night to see that only those who would care for the interests of Freemasonry should be admitted? Freemasonry was different to other institutions where pounds, shillings, and pence had great sway. Freemasons did not subscribe £40,000 in one year without an object in view. From the highest in the land to the lowest, they asked only for the admission of those who would be an ornament to the Craft, and it was not the man who had money only they wanted, but the man who had a great and noble heart. It was the object of the King's Cross Lodge to admit only such men. At present they had no initiate, and they would not introduce any with whom they were not satisfied. Let them keep that grand object in view, and only admit those who were fit to become members of the Masonic body.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officer Bro. Terry," and said he did not know that he had ever listened with greater pleasure to the delivery of the charges on the nature and principles of the institution which Bro. Terry delivered. If the brethren carried those principles home and acted upon them, they would never disgrace the noble Order to which they belonged. Bro. Terry had had more eloquence than he (the W.M.). With this toast he included the names of Bros. Cubitt, Knight, Clarke, and Reuter.

Bro. James Terry, in reply said it would ill become him and would be a mere act of affectation, were he to say that he did not expect that his health would be proposed that evening, but to tell the brethren that he had any prepared form of words in which to return thanks would also be a piece of affectation. He would rather speak as he felt, than prepare any words and repeat them parrot-like. He was deeply thankful for the compliment they had paid him and the older brethren who had assisted him, and he appreciated very, very highly indeed the compliment of electing him an honorary member of the lodge. To have to be present as a consecrating officer was of itself a very high compliment, more especially when it was the 102nd lodge, and more of which he was an honorary member. It was, therefore, not a novel thing for him to have to respond to this toast. He was pleased to see this lodge launched under such auspices, and he hoped it would be conducted, as he was sure it would be after what the W.M. had said on the broadest and fairest Masonic principles; and that there would not be the least desire to rush into Freemasonry any person who might present himself; but that there would be thought, judgment and discretion exercised. Under such circumstances he had no doubt that when it came to the ballot the candidate would be admitted. There could not be a more painful thing than for a gentleman to be blackballed. His own opinion was that when the summons came out if any of the members knew anything of the candidate named on it which would be prejudicial to the lodge the proposer and seconder of the candidate should be communicated with and asked to withdraw him, that he might not be subjected to the pain of being blackballed. He could only wish this Lodge God speed and that it might be a continuation of a long line of successes which during the time of the present Grand Master had occurred. During that time 500 or 600 lodges had been consecrated, and all of them were doing well and had made their mark in Freemasonry. No doubt the King's Cross Lodge under the rule of Bro. Michael would prosper; but he would most earnestly

impress upon the brethren not to make undue haste in enlarging the number of their members. It was far better to have one good member introduced into it in one year than to find at the end of it that there were ten or a dozen they did not care for. Bro. Terry then passed a very high compliment on Bro. Clarke for the admirable way in which he discharged the duties of Directors of Ceremonies. The present was his first appearance in London in a Masonic character and he hoped sincerely it would not be his last. When he asked Bro. Clarke to attend and perform the duties of D.C., he knew he would have a brother to help him who thoroughly well understood the duties entrusted to him.

Bro. Clarke also replied. He had done the best that lay in his power. He had come simply out of love for Masonry, to do his duty so long as Masonry was conducted in the way it now was, with the volume of the Sacred Law open in the lodges, so long would it continue to succeed. The W.M. had said he was deeply impressed with the ceremonies that evening, and all the brethren must have been impressed who had listened attentively to Bro. Terry. He asked the brethren to take Bro. Terry's words home and carry them out with them in the world tomorrow. Let them practice the principles and tenets of the Craft, and say that Masonry taught them not only what to do in lodge, but what to do in every-day life.

Bros. Walton, Penn, Kingham, and Puzey responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bros. W. M. Stiles, Briggs, Saintsbury, and other brethren for "The Officers." Bro. James Terry in reply for "the Masonic Institutions," said that if every Mason would subscribe 5s. a year, and every lodge £1. they would not require an annual festival, or turn away any candidate who presented himself. What a grand spectacle would Masonry then present to the outer world. They would do away with the Charity Organization Society, and our friends who were so loud in our praise would defeat their own plans and would have nothing at all to speak about. One point however the brethren could not look over, and that was that they were not going to hand over to an irresponsible body the duties and responsibilities imposed upon them by those who had thought fit to place their money with the institution for the purchase of privileges which nobody could take away from them. He trusted that the day was very distant indeed when amidst all the voting charities of England the brethren of the Craft would give up the privileges to an irresponsible body. Bro. Terry then explained the progress the other Masonic Institutions had made, and the increased and still increasing number of candidates they were taking on their funds in order to keep pace with the great increase in the body of the Order, and the enlarged support which the Institutions were receiving. He afterwards made a stirring appeal on behalf of all the Institutions, and said although they could not ask for a Steward in a new lodge like the present, they yet hoped for the support of the brethren.

The brethren shortly afterwards separated.

### OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER AT CAMBRIDGE.

The following very appropriate remarks from our esteemed contemporary the *Graphic* will be read with pleasure by all Freemasons:—

"The visit of the Prince of Wales to Cambridge passed off very successfully. The University gave him a genuine hearty welcome, and the inhabitants were, if anything, a little too enthusiastic in their demonstrations. This may be accounted for not only by the personal popularity of the Prince, but by the feeling still generally entertained for his father. There are few things more remarkable in our recent history than the admiration for the Prince Consort which is still steadily maintained. While he lived, it cannot be said that he was a universal favourite. His manner was somewhat cold, and John Bull, who is rather suspicious, did not relish the idea of a foreigner interfering with British affairs, even when the foreigner was the Queen's husband. We have gradually learned, however, that it would not have been possible for any one in his difficult position to act with greater wisdom; and, now that the importance of Art as an element of the national life is better understood, people are beginning to see how admirable were his attempts to cultivate the artistic sympathies of the very unartistic community in which he lived. His efforts to encourage music were especially enthusiastic, and it is only now that we are reaping the full benefit of them. Within the last few weeks public attention has been drawn in a very marked manner to his opinions on the Eastern Question, and it certainly has not lessened the general esteem for him that he so thoroughly comprehended the interests of his adopted country, and so ardently associated himself with them. Altogether, his career affords a striking proof of the influence which, even in these days of Constitutional Government, may still be exerted by the Court. If it is excluded from direct political action, it may wield power of a far more subtle kind, power that will make itself felt long after temporary political excitement is forgotten.

Bro. Dr. Rhys Williams, of Bethlehem Hospital, attended a meeting of officers of the Stuart Lodge, Bedford, of which he is W. Master, and met with a rather serious accident at Bedford Railway Station, by which one of the small bones in his leg was broken, several of the officers of the lodge being medical men, every thing was done for him that could be done.

The meetings of the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862, are now held at the Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street, every Wednesday, at 8 p.m., Bro. W. Long, P.M. 435, Preceptor.

## FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

The ceremony of installing Bro. G. S. Graham, P.M. the District Grand Master elect of the English Constitution, and Bro. F. Whitaker as Provincial Grand Master of the Scotch Constitution in the North Island of New Zealand, which had been looked forward to with so much eagerness by the Craft, was performed on the 30th Nov., in the Choral Hall, Symonds-street. Nothing in the annals of Masonry in Auckland can compare with the grandeur of the spectacle, the solemn precision and regularity of the proceedings, and the evident sense of deep responsibility under which the prominent actors in the ceremony laboured. The success which has attended the entire ceremony, together with the great number of prominent and influential citizens who attended as members of the Craft—comprising representatives of trade and commerce in all their branches, of the learned professions, the arts and sciences, literature, and wealth and influence—could not but be struck with this proof of the great progress which Masonry has made in Auckland during the past few years. Old settlers, like Bros. Lazar and Whitaker, and many others, assembled in the Choral Hall, whose experience in Masonry ranges back to the extent of an ordinary life-time, could not but be gratified at the extension of that universal brotherhood, which, above all other human institutions, is calculated to disseminate and maintain the highest principles of social morality, to support law and order, to lift the soul to the contemplation of great and ennobling studies, and to combine men of all races, nationalities, and creeds in a common bond of sympathy, and to promote universal charity and benevolence. A great philosopher and thinker has remarked that, if another wave of barbarism were to sweep over the civilised globe, throwing down shrines and temples, and destroying the great public libraries and museums of art, and suppressing religious creeds, Freemasonry, from its universality, and its tenacious uniformity, would still preserve in its bosom the Book of the Sacred Law—the Holy Scriptures—an unsullied code of pure morality, and an imperishable standard of truth. For already Freemasonry has outlived monuments, empires, and creeds, which have "become the sport of doubt."

Yes, Nature's truths, extending through the past,  
As through the present, change man's changeful tale;  
And ancient landmarks, grounded deep, to last,  
Those primal truths in graven symbols veil,  
Our allegory claims them for its own,  
Echoing a voice, which, laden with the lore  
Through ages gone, repeats in earnest tone,  
Their solemn formulæ for evermore;  
And teaches Masons, an immortal lot,  
In "Universal Charity" to found,  
Whose centre may be struck at every spot,  
And whose circumference no space can bound.  
Those truths to us in allegory told,  
With light in the beginning had their birth;  
The banded wisdom of the Wise of old  
Their moral treasure guarded for the earth.  
And ever with the sun that from the East,  
Will towards the West its living radiance shed,  
The sacred flame to glow has never ceased,  
Which for our use departed brethren fed,  
That we might tend it in our turn; the while  
They numbered years in stone on Carnac's bed,  
Recorded seasons on Stonehenge's pile,  
Or named the Stars from off the Pyramid.

Formerly, through the dim period of the middle ages Freemasonry carved its records upon the great public buildings of Europe, upon the tracery of the cathedral windows and the ornamentation of palaces, and in our day it is achieving work equally noble, comprehensive, and far-reaching. The sun never sets on its lodges, spread as they are over the whole habitable globe, among every race and in every clime.

But not only has Freemasonry embraced in its ample fold all climes, and tongues and families of the earth, but it has numbered in its ranks from the days of its foundation the highest and noblest. The grand principles of loyalty which it teaches have attracted Princes and Monarchs to the Order. Hence the intimate and constant connections of Sovereigns and members of the Royal Family with the Masonic Order. James I. of Scotland presided over the lodges in his kingdom, and was very regular in his attendance at their meetings. James II., of Scotland, appointed William St. Clair, of Roslin, Earl of Orkney and Caithness, Grand Master. In 1502, Henry VII., of England, presided over the lodges of his kingdom. He assembled a Grand Lodge in his palace, and with his own hands laid the foundation-stone of "Henry VII.'s Chapel" in Westminster Abbey. The Good Queen Elizabeth was "the most attached friend" of the Order. James I. was "a great friend" of Masons. Charles I., by the help of Freemasons, laid the foundation-stone of St. Paul's Cathedral. George IV. was patron. William IV. was patron for Scotland and Grand Master for England. At the present day four crowned heads of Europe are honorary members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. At the great Masonic meeting held at the Hague in celebration of the sixteenth anniversary of the installation of Prince Frederick of the Netherlands, as Grand Master of the Dutch Freemasons, the Crown Prince of Germany delivered a speech, in the course of which he said:—"Nationalities have created frontiers; Freemasonry desires charity, tolerance and liberty, without distinction of frontiers. I am happy on this day, which I never shall forget, to be able to raise my voice in Holland to testify my adhesion to the principles of the order, and to express the hope that in the struggle engaged for the free development of the peoples and the liberty of the human mind, the final victory will remain with the order. The Crown Prince's speech was received with the greatest enthusiasm. In 1852, her Majesty the Queen

(God bless her) became Patroness of the Freemasons' Boys' School. In 1831, Queen Adelaide became Patroness of the Freemasons' Girls' School. In 1838, a piece of plate weighing 1800 ounces was presented to the Duke of Sussex by the English Freemasons on his completing twenty-five years as their Grand Master (the same period as was served by the late Earl of Zetland), and this same piece of plate was sent to the Grand Lodge as a gift by the Duchess of Inverness after the Duke of Sussex's death. During the Duke of Sussex's Grand Mastership, the foundation stones of the following buildings were laid by him, accompanied by the Duke of Leicestershire as Grand Master of Ireland, with full Masonic ceremonial:—The Hammersmith Suspension Bridge, in 1825; the London University and the Caledonian Asylum, in 1827; the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, in 1828; and the Charing Cross Hospital in 1831. In 1822, the Duke of York laid the foundation stone of the Eton and Windsor Bridge; and in 1808, the foundation stone of Covent Garden Theatre was laid by the then Prince of Wales, both with full Masonic honours. The late King of Hanover was initiated into Freemasonry as Duke of Cumberland in 1796. His Royal Highness Prince William of Gloucester was initiated in 1795, and Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, was elected Grand Master in 1781. Their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of York and Gloucester were initiated in 1766. The Crown Prince of Prussia (Frederick the Great), was initiated in 1738, Frederick Prince of Wales in 1737, Emperor of Germany in 1735, and William the Third of England was initiated in 1690. So much for facts which are patent and well-known. According to a manual which is authorised by the Grand Lodge, and revised by a committee of skilled brethren every year, the connection between Freemasonry and the reigning family goes much further back still, for we read in it that Henry IV. was initiated in 1840; that Edward III. revised the Constitution of Masonry in 1358; and that Prince Edwin formed a Grand Lodge at York in 926, the year in which King Athelstan granted the Freemasons a Charter. So far back as A.D. 690 King Edgar was an illustrious Protector. In 826, Alfred the Great took a leading part in Masonry. At the present day, to us loyal Masons, it is a matter of deep gratitude to "The Most High," that the "Royal Princes" of England—the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Leopold are members of the Craft, and that the "Heir Apparent" now honours himself by occupying "The Throne of King Solomon," as H.R.H. is the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

Precisely at noon, Lodge Waitemata, E.C., was opened by Bro. Warren, W.M. The Secretary then stated the object of the meeting. The choir then sang—  
Ode—"Hail, Eternal!"

Hail, Eternal! by whose aid  
All created things were made;  
Heav'n and earth Thy vast design;  
Hear us Architect Divine.  
May our work begun in Thee,  
Ever blest with order be.  
And may we, when labours cease,  
Part in harmony and peace,  
By Thy glorious Majesty,  
By the trust we place in Thee,  
By the badge and mystic sign,  
Hear us, Architect Divine.

The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, after which the choir sang in a very tasteful manner. "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, etc."

The District Grand Master (elect) Bro. G. S. Graham, was then received with the customary honours, Brother J. Brown playing an organ march. Brother Lazar, R.W.D.G.M. of Westland, and Installing Master, was next received, and addressed the lodge as follows:—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons, having been pleased, in the exercise of his prerogative, to grant a warrant for the District of Auckland to constitute a Grand Lodge, to be governed and presided over by Bro. George Samuel Graham, P.M., the honour has devolved upon me to consecrate and dedicate this Lodge to the honour and glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. Let us, therefore, in solemn prayer supplicate the Author of our Being to bless and prosper our undertaking.

The lodge was then solemnly consecrated, Bro. Moat spreading the corn of plenty, Bro. Leers the wine of joy, and Bro. Warren the oil of gladness. The choir then sang an

Ode to Virtue,  
Come, holy Virtue, by whose aid,  
In heavenward steps we long to tread,  
Bring love, bring truth, bring friendship here,  
Bring peace and unity sincere.

Ode to Charity.  
Come, Charity, with good crown'd.  
Encircle in thy heav'nly robe.  
Diffuse thy blessings all around,  
To every corner of the globe.

Anthem.  
To Heaven's High Architect all praise,  
All praise, all gratitude be given,  
Who deigned the human soul to raise,  
By mystic secret sprung from Heaven.  
Sound all the Great Jehovah's praise,  
To Him the Dome, the Temple raise.

The Installing Master then addressed the lodge and formally constituted it a Grand Lodge. The D.G.M. elect then retired to prepare for investiture. The installing Master then appointed the following officers pro tem:—Bros. E. T. Wildman, Deputy D.G.M.; J. Doull, D.G.S.W.; Rev. C. M. Nelson, D. G. Chaplain; W. Sloane, D.G. Treasurer; Heather, D.G. Register; W. L. Mitchell, D.G.,

Secretary; A. Brock, D.G.S.D.; W. W. Batt, D.G.J.D.; J. H. Burns, D.G.D. of Ceremonies; Hydes, D.G. Sword-Bearer; Redfern, D.G. Pursuivant; C. Porter, D.G. Tyler. The Installing Master having declared the Grand Lodge duly opened, the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson, offered up the following impressive prayer:

O, Most Glorious and Eternal God, the Infinitely Wise Architect of the Universe, we, thy servants, assembled in District Grand Lodge, would extol thy power and wisdom. Thou saidst, Let there be light, and there was light. The heavens opened and declared Thy glory, and the firmament spangled with thy handiwork. The Sun, who rules the night, surrounded with the Stars, so that there is one glory of the Sun, another glory of the Moon, and one Star differs from another Star in glory, and all by most wondrous signs and tokens, without voice, sound or language, solemnly proclaim Thy Divine mysteries. We adore Thee for our creation, for the breath of life, for the light of reason and conscience, and for all the noble and useful faculties of our souls which give so exalted a rank in the order of being, enable us to live answerably to our exalted privileges and happy destination. We beseech Thee to give us, Thy servants, at this and at all times, wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications with one another. Grant that Thy servant, who has been solemnly invested with authority and rule over these lodges, may be endued with knowledge and wisdom, and may we, and all our brethren under his jurisdiction, understand, learn, and keep all the Statutes and Commandments of the Lord pure and undefiled. May brotherly love and charity always abound among us, and when we have finished our work here below, let our transition be from this earthly tabernacle to the Heavenly Temple above, there among Thy jewels may we appear in Thy glory for ever and ever. Bless and prosper, we pray Thee, every branch and member of this fraternity throughout the habitable earth. May Thy kingdom of peace, love, and harmony come. May Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven, and the whole world filled with Thy glory. So mote it be. Bro. Goldsbro' was elected D.G. Treas., and Bro. Charles Porter, D.G. Tyler for the ensuing 12 months. The D.G.M. Bro. Graham then re-entered, and was received under a splendid canopy of crimson velvet with gold mountings and the arched wands of the Stewards; and presented by Bros. P.M.'s Philips and Goldsboro' to the Installing Master, who delivered an impressive address and administered the usual obligation. Choir, "Glory be to God on High." The Installing Master then invested Bro. Graham with the magnificent regalia of a D.G. Master, and conducted him to the chair.

Choir.  
Hail Masonry Divine!  
Glory of ages shine,  
Long may'st thou reign.  
Where'er thy Lodges stand,  
May they have great command,  
And always grace the land,  
Thou art divine.  
Hiram the Architect,  
Did all the Craft direct,  
How they should build.  
Solomon, great Israel's king,  
Did mighty blessings bring,  
And left us cause to sing,  
Hail! Royal Art!

The newly installed Grand Master was then proclaimed by Bros. Wildman, Brassey, and Kissling in the East, West, South respectively, after which the Installing Master delivered a solemn and impressive charge.

The investiture of the following officers of the R.W. D.G. Lodge was next proceeded with: Bros. W. Lodder, P.M. 679, W.M. Lodge Remuera, D.G.S.W.; J. Warren, W.M. 689, D.G.J.W.; C. M. Nelson, W.M. 1338, D.G. Chap.; C. F. Goldsbro' P.M., D.G.T.; W. H. Kissling, P.M. 1338, D.G. Reg.; H. G. Wade, P.M. 689, D.G. Sec.; W. H. Skinner, P.M. 1338, D.G.S.D.; W. P. Moat, W.M. Rodney, D.G.J.D.; G. N. Brassey, P.M. 1338, D.G.S. of W.; D. S. Wilcocks, D. of C. 1338, D.G.D. of C.; F. W. E. Dawson, S.W. 1335, D.G.D.C.; T. Cole, W.M. elect, 686, D.G.S.B.; C. Hesketh, Remuera, D.G. Org.; S. C. Dyer, J.W. 1338, D.G. Purs.; W. Rattray, Remuera, D.G. Purs.; L. D. Nathan, W. T. J. Bell, S. George, and J. Martin, D.G. Stewards; C. Porter, D.G. Tyler.

The Installing Master then delivered an address to the D.G.M. and brethren, after which

Bro. Graham, the newly-installed District Grand Master, addressed the assembled brethren in the following terms:

Right Worshipful Sir, and Brethren,—I have to thank you for the high and honourable dignity that has been conferred upon me, and it will be my constant endeavour by zeal and assiduity to discharge the duties of the office so as to reflect credit upon my choice. Gratitude is due to the Most Worshipful His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales our Grand Master in having so cheerfully granted the prayer of your petition, tending to prove that even in this remote part of Her Majesty's dominions the wishes and interests of the Craft have due attention. In the selection of my officers I have endeavoured to entrust the affairs of District Grand Lodge into the hands of brethren, who, by their eminence, merits, and abilities, will be conducive to the welfare of Masonry in general, and this D.G.L. in particular. It is gratifying to see around me such a distinguished and large gathering of brethren from all parts of the colony, and I have to tender my hearty thanks to the R.W.G.D.M. Westland E. C. Bro. Lazar, for the able manner in which he has conducted the Installation, and the visiting brethren for their attendance. It is also particularly pleasing to see in our midst the R.W.P.G.M., the Honourable Frederick Whitaker, his Officers, and the members of the Scottish Constitution who have met this day with a similar object in view themselves, and have

extended to us the right hand of fellowship by joining in the ceremony. Time will not permit me to address you at any great length. To give an outline of such an ancient institution as Freemasonry, would be like repeating the history of the world, its area is so vast, its subject so multifarious, and the treasures gathered for ages into its archives are so numerous. The intellectual man is struck with Freemasonry as comprehending in all its varieties the whole of human life, the contemplation of which is inexhaustible. Suffice it to say, that a Mason, no matter what his creed may be, must be a believer in the Grand Architect of the Universe, he must be a law-abiding citizen, and he is taught to measure his actions by the rule of morality, as also to retain in their fullest splendour those truly Masonic ornaments which are the distinguishing characteristics of the Order, "Benevolence and Charity." From the earliest ages Freemasonry has been subject to opposition, but firm in its rectitude it has successfully withstood it, and even to this day there are those who decry it—knowing nothing of it, and from their ignorance, cannot comprehend its intellectual and moral development. It is that sacred bond that teaches us the immortality of the soul, that binds men of the most discordant opinions into one band of brothers, gives one language to all nations, and one altar to men of all religions. There are those who pretend to deny the existence of a Supreme Governor of the Universe, and death to them would be but an eternal sleep. What a faith for a rational being to hold in a world teeming with wonders of animal and vegetable life. We behold the waters of a noble river flowing ceaselessly onward to swell the mighty ocean; there they do not remain. The glorious sun, in its bright career, attracts the pure elements again to the skies, where, waited by evening zephyrs over distant hills, silently at night it descends in gentle dew to cool the arid plain, or condensed in heavy clouds, in dark horizon and in lightning's lurid glare, proclaims the approaching storm, pouring the treasures of heaven in liberal profusion over the vast field of human labour—causing the grass to grow, the grain to swell, the trees to bud, and the heart of man to rejoice. They cannot discern in this the handiwork of the Creator. The Freemason, however, learns that, when he has performed his allotted task, when this life is ended, it closes to open upon a newer and a higher one, where in a second temple and purer lodge, he will find "Eternal Truth."

For on Him he will calmly rely  
To whom alone  
All secrets are known,  
Who reigns supreme on high.

At the conclusion of the address, Bro. Lazar offered up prayer.

Ode—"Now the Evening Shadows."  
Now the evening shadows closing,  
Warn from toil to peaceful rest;  
Mystic arts and rites reposing,  
Sacred in each faithful breast,  
God of Light! whose love unceasing,  
Doth to all Thy works attend,  
Crown our order with Thy blessing:  
Build, sustain us to the end.  
Humbly now we bow before Thee,  
Grateful for Thy aid Divine;  
Everlasting power and glory,  
Mighty Architect! be Thine.

At 3 o'clock, the officers and brethren of Lodge St. Andrew assembled in the Hall, and the W.M., Bro. Walker, having raised the Lodge to the Third Degree, Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, Provincial Grand Master (elect), was received with the customary Masonic honours. The ceremony of the installation differed very slightly from that in the case of Bro. Graham, D.G.M., E.C. The consecration of the Lodge was performed by the Installing Master and Bro. Walker, W.M.; Bro. Murray, W.M., Sir Walter Scott; and Bro. Brodie, P.H., Sir Walter Scott, sprinkled the corn, wine, and oil.

After the consecration, a very beautiful opening prayer was offered up by the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. F. Gould, P.G. Chaplain.

After the investiture of P.G.M., Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, the following officers were invested:—P.G.S.M., Bro. Anderson, P.M.; P.G.S.W., Bro. Brodie, P.M.; P.G.J.W., Bro. A. Dewar, P.M.; P.G. Treasurer, Bro. T. L. Murray, W.M.; P.G. Secretary, Bro. E. K. Tyler, P.M.; A.P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. F. Gould; (in the absence of the Chaplain elect); A.P.G.S.D., Bro. Martin; P.G.J.D., Bro. T. Ellison; P.G. Director of Ceremonies, Bro. W. Fraser; P.G.A., Bro. W. Wilkinson; P.G.A., Bro. Errington; P.G.S.R., Bro. Captain Goldsmith; Director of Music, Bro. Henry Brett; P.G. President of Board of Stewards, Bro. James Reid Hendry; P.G.I.G., Bro. Horne; P.G. Tyler, Bro. Rawdon.

In investing Bro. H. Brett as P.G.D. of Music, the Installing Master took occasion to say that, though he had conducted many installations, he had never attended one at which the musical portion of the ceremonies had been more tastefully and efficiently rendered than at this, and no where had he more enjoyed the singing and organ performances.

After the investiture Bro. F. Whitaker, Provincial Grand Master, S.C., then addressed the lodge as follows:—Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and brethren: The time has now come when it is customary that I should address you as Master of this lodge, but I shall endeavour to be exceedingly brief, because we have already gone through two ceremonies which have detained you a great length of time, and therefore I do not think this is a proper occasion on which I should occupy much more of your time. I will, however, avail myself of saying a few words, which I deem appropriate to the occasion, and then I will dismiss you and close for the first time this Provincial Grand Lodge.

Brethren, you are all aware that Freemasonry has two great characteristics—Operative Masonry and Symbolical Masonry. The foundation of our lodges, no doubt, in its origin, was operative. It commenced with the building of the Temple of King Solomon, but now a great change had taken place in Masonry, so far as relates to its operative character, for we have become symbolical or speculative Masons; we have abandoned operative Masonry altogether, and I daresay to a certain extent we have derived a large amount of advantage from the change. I hardly think it would suit me at the present time to perform the duties of Hiram, the Builder, or that it would suit you to cut timber on Mount Lebanon, or to quarry stones in Tyre. But what have we established in the place of that operative Masonry which, as regards our Order, no longer exists? We have established an institution of the grandest possible character upon that foundation of 3000 years ago; an institution which is flourishing in every clime, and among every race; there is none other like it in the whole world an institution whose greatness the brethren acknowledge with pride, an institution which all can seek entrance into with only two qualifications requisite—one being purity of character, and the other the acknowledgment of a Supreme Being. These are the only two qualifications required. Freemasonry is as wide as the world itself. It extends over Asia, Europe, America, Africa, and even Oceania and New Zealand, the most distant part of the world from ancient civilization. Over the whole civilized globe, and wherever civilized man sets his foot there we find Freemasonry in all its glory. The great principle of Freemasonry is that we are all equal as Freemasons. In this lodge every man is equal, except in so far as any of us may be put in authority over the others for the purpose of regulating the conduct of the brethren, and guiding the management of the institution. Freemasonry makes no distinctions as to creed or colour, Jew or Gentile, whoever they may be, all are equally acceptable; and as to religious belief, the recognition of a Divine Being as the Great Architect of the Universe is the only qualification necessary for admission to the brotherhood. Of course, brethren, this is a theme upon which I might descend at great length, but as I have already promised to make my remarks as brief as possible, I will fulfil that promise. But there are a few matters with regard to myself which I should like to refer to, because there are some members of the Craft who have recently arrived in this colony, who are not aware of the position I formerly held in connection with Freemasonry and how long I have been a brother—indeed many of you were not born when I first became a member of the Craft. I hold in my hand a document which reminds me of the 23rd of July 1839, when I was initiated as an apprentice in the mysteries of Freemasonry. I was in due course raised to the degree of a Master Mason, and in October, 1839, I was enrolled as a member of the Grand Lodge of England, on the records of which my name stands at the present time. Now during that time it has devolved upon me to perform some of the most important Masonic acts. In the first place having arrived in New Zealand, I assisted in 1842 in instituting Lodge Ara, existing up to the present time, and I was elected as its first Master. I recollect that at that period a gentleman of the Jewish persuasion came down from Sydney. I do not know how it is that the gentlemen of that persuasion seem to be more intimately acquainted with our ceremonies than anyone else. I recollect that fact, and it reminds me of the perfect and regular way in which Bro. Lazar conducted the ceremony to-day. You see St. Paul's Church there on the hill; I assisted subsequently to the ceremony in laying the foundation stone of that church. Five and thirty years ago is a long time, brethren, a very long time to look back upon. Again, you see the Supreme Court, and I dare say many of you will recollect that I laid the foundation stone of that building myself as a Master Mason in 1865. In 1877, one of the most pleasing incidents of my career in Masonry occurred, when I was invited to the Thames by brother Masons. You must understand that being an English Freemason, I had not yet become connected with any Scotch Lodge.

[The continuation of the above report will be given in our next.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DERBY.

This new Provincial Grand Chapter was consecrated at the Masonic Hall Derby, on Thursday, 1877. Comp. Terry, P.Z., Prov. G.D.C. Herts, installed the Right Hon. The Marquis of Hartington, M.P., as Grand Superintendent, H. C. Okover Esq., R.W.P.G.D. of England as Grand H., and John Gasby Esq., as Grand J.

The following companions were appointed as the Prov. G. Officers:—  
W. Naylor, P.Z. 253..... Prov. G.S.E.  
J. Campion, P.Z. 253..... Prov. G.S.N.  
Thos. Horsley, P.Z. 253 ..... Prov. G.P.S.  
F. Iliffe, P.Z. 731..... Prov. G. 1st.A.Soj.  
R. R. Duke, P.Z. 1235..... Prov. G. 2nd.A.Soj.  
Thos. Cox, P.Z. 731..... Prov. G. Treas.  
Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, M.A. P.Z. 1235 Prov. G. Reg.  
R. Grundey, Z. 625..... Prov. G. Sw., B.  
T. Turner, P.Z. 1235..... Prov. G. Sta. B.  
G. T. Wright, P.Z. 731..... Prov. G.D. of C.  
W. H. Marston, Z. 253..... Prov. G. Org.  
T. Slinn, 253..... Prov. G. Janitor.

Comp. Terry performed the ceremony in an admirable manner. In the evening there was a banquet, at which the R.W.P.G.M. presided and was most cordially welcomed.

[This report, unavoidably delayed, is printed by special request.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of the subscribers to this institution held their monthly meeting on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. Col. James Peters in the chair. There were also present Bros. John Faulkner, S. Rawson, Thomas W. White, A. H. Tattershall, John Boyd, F. G. Baker, E. Spooner, W. F. C. Moutrie, H. Massey (Freemason), J. A. Rucker, Edward Cox, Thomas Cubitt, C. J. Rushworth, Thomas Massa, Joseph Smith, and F. R. W. Hedges for Secretary.

The motion of the last meeting and of the House Committee, Quarterly Court, and Building Committee and Audit Committee, having been read, authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques.

Bro. Rawson asked whether a Chairman had been secured for the next festival, as the time was running short.

The Chairman said there had not, but this subject had engaged his attention, as well as the subject of the opening of the new building; and he suggested that Lord Suffield should be applied to with respect to it.

It was then arranged that Lord Suffield should be written to, to enquire what time would be convenient to Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, to open the building.

The Chairman said he had been informed by Bro. Hedges that there were already 100 Stewards for the next festival.

After some petitions had been received, the Committee granted permission to Bro. Little, Secretary, to conduct the business of the Institution at his home, on account of his ill-health, and the inclement state of the weather.

An addition of £10 a year was made to the salary of G. S. Peachey, the clerk in the Secretary's office, and the Committee then adjourned.

MASONIC CONCERT AT ABERAVON.

The pretty assembly room of the Aberavon Public Hall was well patronised on Thursday, the 24th ult., to hear a concert given under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity, and under the patronage of R.W. Prov. Grand Master (Eastern Division of South Wales), Sir George Elliot, M.P., and of the W. Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. M. Tennant, and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. A number of distinguished Masons appeared in full Masonic costume, and a procession formed from the lodge room to the concert hall, the brethren of the Afan Lodge, and the W.M., Bro. David, leading, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master bringing up the rear. An excellent programme was provided, but from some reason at present unexplained, the Misses Gert-rude and Jenny Lewis, who were engaged to sing, did not attend. As the matter somewhat effects the professional status of these popular artistes we trust that they will be able to satisfactorily explain their position in the matter. Their non-attendance caused much vexation and anxiety to the committee who had arranged the concert, and the circumstance was disappointing to an expectant audience. The latter showed much sympathy with the promoters, and their indulgence did not go unrewarded. The gentlemen who kindly gave their services redoubled their efforts to fill up the blank caused, and with a good measure of success. We have not space for lengthened details, but we may say the fine strong tenor voice of Bro. Videon Harding (Carmarthen) was heard to great advantage; Bro. David Rosser's (Aberdare) pleasing style and musical voice gained him a full share of popular favour. The cornet solos of Bro. Blake (Llanely) and Mr. Levy were artistic performances, and the flute solo by Mr. Hall received appreciative applause. Bro. Ratcliffe, of Llanely, and Mr. Taliesin Richards (Cwmavon) did good service as accompanists. The choruses by members of Afan Lodge were nicely rendered, and notwithstanding the drawback alluded to, the concert was a musical and, we hope, a financial success.

Public Amusements.

GERMAN REED'S ENTERTAINMENT.—There is no entertainment in London more pleasing, more innocent, and yet withal more mirth moving than German Reed's. The present programme includes a musical comediotta entitled "Once in a century," the plot of which turns upon a very happy conceit. We shall not tell the story, for the main charm of the piece consists of the surprise in store for the audience. The comediotta is followed by a new musical sketch entitled "The Musical Almanack," by Corney Grain. The musical sketches by this excellent singer, clever actor and thorough artist need no comment, their fame is universal, and of this new musical sketch we can only say that its one fault is its brevity; we longed for more, and this perhaps was the reason why the concluding piece "Our New Doll's House" pleased us not. We understand that a new piece will shortly take the place of the "Doll's House."

LYCEUM.—At this theatre Mr. Irving plays alternately in "The Bells," "The Lyons Mail," and "Charles the First." Of these plays the last named is by far the best, though the scope for the great actor is narrower than in either of the other two. Besides Mr. Irving never could play a good man very well, his forte is a villain, or at least a semi-villain. He made the character of Digby Grand, in "Two Roses," by the extra spice of hypocrisy which he threw into it. In "Charles the First" Mr. Irving does not even look the upright, noble, open gentleman that Mr. Wills depicts; he looks more like the Charles of protestant history. We do not know whether Mr. Wills or Protestant history is in the right as to "Charles the First," but we do know that Mr. Irving would have played the part of Cromwell to perfection.

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS**  
 For the Week ending Friday, February 8, 1878.

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, FEBRUARY 2.**  
 Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, Lewisham.  
 " 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H.  
 Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
 Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
 Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
 Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.  
 Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4.**  
 Lodge 12, Fortitude and Cumberland, Ship and Turtle.  
 " 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.  
 " 60, Peace and Harmony, F.M.H.  
 " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot.  
 " 83, United L. of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-st.  
 " 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
 " 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 256, Unions, F.M.H.  
 " 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.  
 " 1610, Northern Bar, F.M.H.  
 " 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-road.  
 " 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Wick.  
 " 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H.  
 " 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi-terrace.  
 Chap. 91, Regularity, F.M.H.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
 Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
 Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.  
 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.  
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
 London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.,  
 2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5.**  
 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., W.  
 " 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington-st., N.  
 " 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.  
 " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
 " 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.  
 " 1668, Samson, F.M.H.  
 " 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd.  
 Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.  
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
 Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
 Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
 Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.  
 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-st.  
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
 Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.**  
 Grand Chapter, at 6 for 7.  
 Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1491, Athenaeum, Camden-rd., Holloway, N.  
 " 1485, Royal Commemoration, Star & Garter, Putney.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
 Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.  
 Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8  
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.  
 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, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7.**  
 Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.  
 " 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 45, Strong Man, M.H., Mason's Avenue.  
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.  
 " 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.  
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.  
 " 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.  
 " 1531, St. Clement's Dancs, 265, Strand.  
 " 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., E.  
 " 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey M.H.  
 Chap. 9, Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
 Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
 Firsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
 Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
 Ebury, 12, Pensonby-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, FEBRUARY 8.**  
 Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.  
 " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 157, Bedford, F.M.H.  
 " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.  
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hot., S.W.  
 Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's R., King-st. W.  
 " 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.  
 Rose Croix, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
 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., at 7.  
 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, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.  
 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.  
 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, February 9, 1878.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4.**  
 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.  
 Red Cross Conclave, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5.**  
 Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.  
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.  
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Mark Lodge, Walton, M.H., Kirkdale.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.**  
 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. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.  
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 De Grey and Ripon, do., M.H., Liverpool.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7.**  
 Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1472, Bootle, A.R., Bootle.  
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.  
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8.**  
 Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

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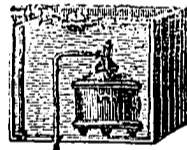
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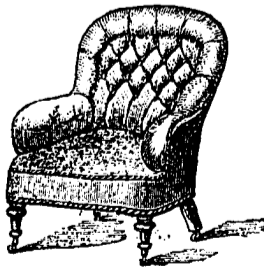


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