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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. E. Mallett, W.M.; C. Dairy, S.W.; Rumball, J.W.; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Morrison, J.D.; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, W.S. (*Freemason*); Clark, D.C.; and Past Masters Hopwood, P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, Green, Thomas, Kennett. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. with the assistance of his officers raised Bro. Abrahams and passed Bro. Holmes, both ceremonies being most carefully performed. The communication from the Grand Lodge in the matter of the Grand Orient of France having been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a slight collation. The only toasts proposed were "The Queen and the Craft," "The W.M.," and "The Past Masters." The brethren having passed an agreeable evening separated at an early hour. An emergency meeting was held on the Friday following, to initiate: Mr. Jannion, which ceremony was ably carried out by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Dairy, S.W.; Themans, P.M., acting J.W.; Stuart, Secretary; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; Walls, acting J.D.; Titley, acting I.G.; Clark, D.C. The next meeting, and last of the season, will be held on the 30th inst.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—On Wednesday evening, the 27th ult., this lodge held its first meeting of the season at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, Bro. Graham Pringle, W.M. All Masonic business being ended the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was admirably put on the table, one feature being that every brother had a choice flower placed before him, to put, if he pleased, in his button hole. The evening was enlivened by several songs, violin solos, &c.; and among the musical brethren were Bros. Wilford Morgan, Thaddeus Wells, and E. Evans. Bro. Maclean (*Gaiety Theatre*), besides singing a song or two, gave a capital delineation of the character of "Sir Pertinax," in the "Man of the World," which was loudly applauded, and last but by no means least in any way Bro. Dr. Pope, P.M., after singing a very humorous song, said "Good evening." Bro. P. M. Caulcher (the Treasurer of the lodge) in responding to "The Health of the Past Masters," made a capital speech, in which he said the brethren could not fail to appreciate the excellent manner the Worshipful Master had performed his duties. The visitors were Bros. Ramsey, P.M. 165; Col. Trevelyan, P.M.; Long, P.M. 733; Dr. Pope, P.M.; Andrews, 25; Cox, 1441; Jacques, 1441; Wells, 205; Wilford Morgan, 34; and J. Maclean.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Flavelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on Thursday, the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. B. Meyer, W.M.; N. Green, S.W.; H. Meyer, J.W.; J. B. Shackleton, I.P.M.; E. Dignam, S.D.; E. Dietrich, J.D.; J. Payne, I.G.; J. Varney, C. Lorkin, F. Brasted, G. Ferrar, O. Dietrich, R. Polak, G. Davies, H. G. Moon, A. Loeffler, S. Blow, C. T. Brame, E. George, G. M. Stevenson, C. J. Olley, A. R. Olley, W. Beasley, J. Bonner, T. Bigg, W. T. Ford, and J. Hill. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Loeffler and Ford were interrogated, entrusted, and withdrew. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bros. Loeffler and Ford were raised to the degree of a M.M. Bro. Brand proposed Bro. Smythe as Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Shackleton, and on the ballot being taken, it proved unanimous in his favour. There being no further business, lodge was closed and adjourned till the last Thursday in May. Refreshment followed labour. "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of

Wales," "The Pro and Deputy G.M.," were ably proposed and heartily responded to. The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," congratulating him on the very excellent manner in which he had worked the ceremony, and the pleasure the lodge felt in having at the head of affairs a brother so well qualified to govern and rule. The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty way they had responded to the toast. During his year of office he would endeavour to discharge his duties to their satisfaction. He had travelled over 200 miles to be present at the lodge meeting. Their cordial reception was very gratifying to him, and he would always, either at labour or refreshment, endeavour to promote the prosperity of the lodge and happiness of its members. In proposing "The Officers," the W.M. congratulated each one on the excellency of his working, and had no doubt when called on to assist him in the other degrees they would do so to the satisfaction of himself and the members of the lodge. The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Charities," adding that Bro. E. Dietrich was Steward for the Boys' School, and would call on Bros. Shackleton and Dietrich to respond. In replying to the toast, Bro. Shackleton stated the objects of the Institutions, especially the Boys' School, reminding the brethren that the lodge had sent Stewards to the Girls and Benevolent Institutions, Bro. P.M. Lee having served the one and himself the other; the W.M. also was a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and concluded by urging the brethren to support Bro. Dietrich in his endeavour to take up as large an amount as possible. Bro. Dietrich had hoped to have three figures for his sum total, but if he could not get three he hoped the brethren would help him to come very near it. He was very glad Bro. Shackleton had been called on to reply, and would submit his list to the brethren at once. The result was that although there was only a very small attendance of the members the sum of £35 was subscribed. The W.M. regretted that he was unable at present to add anything from the lodge funds, but as they would have another meeting before the festival he hoped the lodge would be able to vote £10 10s. Some capital songs and recitations were given by several members of the lodge, and the Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening.

**SKELMERSDALE LODGE (No. 1658).**—The installation meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, March 28th, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell-new-road. Bro. Samuel James Harvey, W.M. (whom we were glad to see present after his very severe affliction), occupied the chair; Bro. Edmonston, S.W. (W.M. elect); Bro. Cass, J.W.; and all the assistant officers, with Bro. Dann, P.M., Secretary, were present, and a long list of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Hastie, P.M. 1216; N. Brydges, P.M. 1216; Middlemass, W.M. 1641; De Viner, 1569; Gilham, 295; H. Thompson, 1426, and P.M. 177 and 1158; Chapman, 781; Long, 1196; and many others. The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the communication from the Grand Lodge of England in reference to the proceedings of the Grand Orient of France was also read, according to the directions of the last Quarterly Communication. The next business on the paper was the installation of Bro. Edmonston, W.M. elect, into the chair. In consequence of Bro. Harvey's indifferent state of health, he was obliged to forego the pleasure he had anticipated, and which duty he would doubtless have discharged with his usual ability, and that was the installing of his successor into the chair of K.S., and therefore that part of the business was performed by Past Masters Dann and Larham, in the presence of a Board of Installing Masters. On the re-admission of the brethren below the chair, and the customary salutes in the different degrees given, the new Master appointed his officers as follows:—Cass, S.W.; Earney, J.W.; Harvey, P.M., Treasurer; Dann, P.M., Secretary; Danford, S.D.; Thorp, J.D.; Storr, I.G.; Cox, D.C.; Boys, W.S. Bro. Larham gave the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, and immediately afterwards the new W. Master commenced upon his active duties by initiating Mr. Ebenezer Shrimpton into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. An appeal was made to the brethren, and the cause of charity was not forgotten, as it was unanimously resolved that the sum of five guineas should be drawn from the funds of the lodge for the widow of the late Bro. Gardener, who died suddenly about a week ago. The W.M. then presented Bro. Harvey, I.P.M., with the jewel which had been voted to him by the lodge at their last meeting. It is of most beautiful design, and bears in enamel the arms of Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, from whom the name of the lodge is derived, and who had been invited to be present on this occasion, but who was prevented from attending on account of a prior engagement. His lordship, however acknowledged the compliment conferred upon him, and although unable to be present he congratulated the lodge on the prosperity it had attained and expressed his most ardent wishes for its success in the future. The lodge was then closed in due form and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, at which the W. Master presided, on his left being Bro. Harvey, I.P.M.; on his right the newly initiated brother, and a large muster of visitors. The repast was complete in every respect; the viands were choice and well served, and the wines, from the cellars of the lodge, left nothing to be desired. On the removal of the cloth the W. Master, in terse and appropriate terms, gave "The Health of the Queen," coupling with it, to make it Masonic, "The Craft," which was of course heartily responded to, followed by two verses of the National Anthem. The W. Master said the next toast was that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master." He felt sure that it could not be denied that since the accession of their Most Worshipful Grand Master to the Throne Freemasonry had been much strengthened, notwithstanding what had been promulgated by some persons that its teachings were calculated to bring about matters opposed to the welfare of states; but the falsehood of that assertion must be ap-

parent when it was known that the Prince of Wales had not only taken the position of presiding over the Craft, but had appointed his two brothers to take office in the Order. As a secret society they were forbidden to take notice and demonstrate the falsehoods of certain foolish people, and it was quite sufficient for them to know that their Grand Master was the Prince of Wales, and that he was also the heir apparent to the Throne of England. The toast was most enthusiastically responded to. The W. Master said the next toast in order was that of the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon. Within a very short time he had occupied a high position in the Cabinet of England, and it appeared to him (the W. Master) that it was a most fortunate circumstance that he should have held so high a position in the service of a Sovereign on whose dominion the sun never sets. That position he had left; and he thought they would hardly find a worthy successor, and although it was outside the arcana of the Craft and they were forbidden to speak of politics, yet he thought he might say that Lord Carnarvon was one of the most able ministers who ever held the seals of office; and how he presided in the absence of the Prince of Wales was well-known and satisfactory to every one who had the privilege of attending the Grand Lodge of England. He therefore asked the brethren to rise and drink with him "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of English Freemasons." Bro. Cranch, of the Macdonald Lodge, sung in an exquisite style "Speed on my barque." The W. Master said that the next toast in order was one that he was sure would be received with the warmest enthusiasm, as it was "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master." He (the W.M.) had written to him asking him to be present, but he had returned him a very kind note, excusing his absence on account of a previous engagement, and wishing the lodge every success in the future. In all the communications he had had with Lord Skelmersdale he had been treated with the utmost courtesy, and he was sure that he had earned amongst Masons the highest opinions of goodwill as much as he had amongst the upper ten thousand to which he belonged. He thought that it was fortunate for No. 1658 that they had such a godfather, and he hoped that on some future occasion they would have Lord Skelmersdale among them, as he had the warmest wishes for the success of their lodge. The W. Master next gave "The Grand Officers of England, Past and Present." Bro. Dann, P.M., said he had the honour to propose the next toast, which was that of "The Worshipful Master." The brethren had already experienced a sample of his working that evening, which gave good earnest in the future, and he asked the brethren to drink his health in bumpers. The toast was most cordially responded to. The W. Master, in reply, said he was very pleased for the manner in which they had received the toast proposed by Bro. Dann, in the absence of Bro. Harvey, their Immediate Past Master, but he felt that he had taken too flattering a view of his capabilities. The second year of a lodge was the most critical period of its existence, but he promised them that he would give his best efforts to promote the interests of the lodge and in carrying out all he could to secure the high position it ought to obtain. He was not then up to the Master's work as he ought to be and as they expected of him, but he trusted to their forbearance of him, and with their help and adjuncts he hoped to carry the Skelmersdale Lodge through its second year with equal success to that achieved in its first. The W.M. said the next toast in order was a very important one, as it was "The Health of their Brother Initiate," and he hoped he would work hard, so that in time he might occupy the chair in which he (the W.M.) was then sitting. Bro. Shrimpton said he was but a young brother, and was not in the habit of public speaking, but he must say that he was much pleased with the ceremony he had passed through, and was also much gratified at the manner in which he had been received amongst them. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was "The Health of Bros. Dann and Larham, the Installing Masters," to whom they owed a deep debt of gratitude for the services they had rendered to the lodge as well as in lodges of instruction. He (the W.M.) had been to Bro. Larham's school, and under his tuition in the lodge of instruction over which he presided he had been able to acquire that knowledge by which he was enabled to undertake the duties of W.M. of the Skelmersdale Lodge. Bro. Larham was a most able Mason, as their Preceptor and instructor, and if he was absent they all knew that he was otherwise employed in doing good suit and service to the Craft. Having also warmly complimented Bro. Dann for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of Secretary, Treasurer, and W.M., he called upon the brethren to drink with cordiality the toast he had proposed. Bros. Larham and Dann severally returned thanks. The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," and said the lodge offered them a hearty welcome. Bros. Thompson and Middlemass returned thanks, expressing the great pleasure they had derived in witnessing the excellent working of the lodge, and the way in which the W.M. had commenced his active duties by initiating Bro. Shrimpton into the Order gave the brethren an earnest of his ability, and during his year of office, when he became more used to his duties, there was no telling to what excellence the lodge might attain; but there was no fear that the dignity of the lodge would suffer in his hands. "The Health of Immediate Past Master Bro. Harvey" (who had been compelled to retire) was then given; the W.M. expressing a hope that he would have strength to perform his duties hereafter, and to whom they all owed a debt of gratitude. Some other toasts were given, and the evening was spent in complete harmony.

**BEDFORD.**—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).—The March meeting of this lodge was held at its rooms, at the Swan Hotel, on Wednesday, March 27th, when there were

present Bros. Dr. Rhys William, W.M.; Capt. Colburne, S.W.; R. H. Coombs, J.W.; J. Allan, S.D.; H. Thody, J.D.; E. Billson, P.M., acting I.G.; Prior, P.M., Secretary; Sergeant, P.M.; Treasurer; Rev. R. Fawcitt Warde, P.M., acting Chaplain; and the following brethren:—Nash, P.M.; Cookson, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Thompson, Warren, Pick, Stafford, Jarvis, H. Young, Kilpin, Jessopp, A. H. Allen, Vincent de Denne, and others; and as visitors: Bros. Rogers, of the Chicheley Lodge, Thrapston Sinclair; of Euphrates, 212; and Cumberland. After the usual routine business, Bro. Foster was passed to the degree of F.C., the ceremony being admirably performed by all concerned. The votes of the lodge for the Boys' School were then disposed of, and the lodge having been closed, the brethren, to the number of nearly 30, sat down. An excellent supper and a most pleasant evening was spent, enlivened by the excellent singing of Bro. Cumberland, as well as Bros. Allen, Rysant, and Cookson, of the Stuart Lodge. The other visitor, Bro. Sinclair, who was on a professional visit to Bedford, highly entertained the brethren by his skilful ventriloquism.

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS.**—Royal St. Edmunds Lodge (No. 1003).—On Friday, the 22nd ult., the 14th anniversary of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Angel Hotel. There was a very numerous attendance, brethren from Ipswich, Stowmarket, Newmarket, Sudbury, &c., being present. The brethren were summoned for 3.30, and the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. Patnick, at 4 o'clock. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the preceding meeting Bro. T. F. Lucia, who had been unanimously elected, was presented for installation as W.M. for the ensuing year by P.M. Bro. D. J. Huddleston, Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. J. N. York, P. Prov. S.W. Cambs, acting as Installing Master, assisted by P.M. Bro. W. H. Lucia, Secretary to the lodge. At its conclusion the W.M. invested his officers—viz., Bros. E. King, S.W.; J. R. Thompson, J.W.; J. G. Oliver, S.D.; G. J. Paine, J.D.; H. Thompson, I.G.; W. F. Joy, Chap.; W. H. Lucia, Secretary; W. Armstrong, D.C.; W. J. Nunn, Organist; George Cornish, Steward. Bro. T. J. Huddleston was unanimously elected Treasurer. After the business of the lodge was concluded, the brethren, numbering nearly 50, sat down to an elegant banquet, served in Bro. W. G. Guy's best style. Several of the brethren had arranged and carried out some capital glee singing. Various excellent songs were sung, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent. During the dinner the W.M. received a telegram from the D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, expressing his regret at being unable to attend. We must not forget to state that the tables were beautifully decorated with choice flowers, and a charming design of the square and compasses, composed of camellias, azaleas, &c., was placed at the head of the table, the whole being the gift of friends, whose kind thoughtfulness was much appreciated by all present. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and none more so than the W.M.'s and the Charities. Bro. Bobby, P.M., and visitor from Lodge Union, 114, in eloquent terms advocated the desirability and usefulness of every brother subscribing to the Charities of the Order, and Bro. W. H. Lucia added to the remarks of Bro. Bobby, saying that he purposed serving his sixth Stewardship upon the occasion of the next festival of the Boys' School, and hoped that his appeal to the brethren and the lodges of the provinces would be met with by a hearty and liberal response.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge, which was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, was specially remarkable as attracting a large number of visitors, amongst whom were several worthy and distinguished brethren from East Lancashire, to whom a hearty greeting was given by the W.M., Bro. Walter J. Chapman, who was, as usual, at his post of honour and duty. Amongst those who supported were Bros. Joseph Bell, I.P.M.; Lindo Courtenay, J.W.; J. B. MacKenzie, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treasurer; J. Atkinson, Secretary; W. Sandbrook, S.D.; Frank Emery, I.G.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; W. Burgess, Organist; J. Pryer, S.S.; H. P. Squire, Acting P.S.; Bros. W. Annand, Cowdell, Brown, Duckworth, Hill, Hillyard, Evans, Williams, Keet, Buck, Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, Macbeth, Berlew, Eyres, Wilkinson, Captain Turvey, &c. After the lodge had been duly opened and the minutes confirmed, the W.M. most efficiently initiated Messrs. W. A. Whittle, William Martin, William Herp, and F. J. Osborne into the mysteries and privileges of the Fraternity, and raised four brethren to the sublime degree of M.M. The members and visitors, numbering altogether about 70, subsequently dined in the large hall, and during the evening the musical and histrionic efforts of Bros. J. Hill, A. Woolrich, H. D. Burton, Captain Harvey, Berlew, Burgess, Skeaf, and others, contributed largely to the general enjoyment.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**ISLINGTON LODGE** (No. 1471).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., on Tuesday, 26th March, 1878. Present—Bro. I. L. Mather, P.M. 65, 1227, 1471, W.M. 1580, W.M.; W. Corner, W.M. 1139, S.W.; Cotton, 192, J.W.; D. P. Holness, 1471, Sec., Treasurer; E. W. Braine, W.M. 1471, S.D. 65, Secretary; Sparrow, 192, S.D.; Le Crew, 1364, I.G.; G. Corner, P.M. 1139; Seaman, P.M. 619, 1314; Bausor, S.W. 1471, W.M. elect 1580; Millar, 858; Shipley, 30; Hunt, 1471; Petch, 1471; Matthews, 65; Medwin, 742; Thompson, P.M. 742; Orme, 742; Maunsey, 1139; and Hall, 57. The lodge was opened in the First Degree and the minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. Shipley answered the questions for passing. The

lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by Bro. Preceptor Mather, Bro. Shipley acting as candidate. The lodge was afterwards opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of installation in its entirety was rehearsed by Bro. Mather in his usual effective style. Bro. W. Corner was installed and duly invested his officers. On the lodge resuming in the First Degree Bros. Seaman, Thompson, Orme, and Mounsey were duly elected as members, and Bro. Shipley was elected as the W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Braine and duly seconded to Bro. Mather for the great amount of pleasure and instruction the brethren had derived from his masterly way of rehearsing the installation ceremony, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Seaman, P.M. 919, 1314, tendered his personal thanks to Bro. Mather for the great pleasure he had derived which induced him to become a member.

#### Royal Arch.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Mariners' Chapter (No. 249).—The companions of this chapter were summoned to the performance of their Masonic duties at the Masonic Hall, Hope-st., on the 21st ult. There were present Comp. P. B. Gee, M.E.Z.; Comp. John H. Jackson, H.; Comp. H. Pearson, P.Z., acting J.; Comp. John Ellis, S.E.; Comp. H. Firth, S.N.; Comp. Joseph Wood, Treasurer; and Comp. Cotter, P.S., along with a good muster of members and visitors. Four candidates, Bros. J. Lees, 697; R. Edwards, 1264; J. Smith, 249; and J. Simpson, 249; were balloted for and duly elected. Bros. Lees and Edwards, being in attendance, were exalted according to ancient custom, in a highly satisfactory style. Comp. John E. Jackson, H., was unanimously chosen as the M.E.Z.; Comp. T. Ockleshaw, H.; Comp. Cotter, J.; and Comp. Joseph Wood (Freemason), was unanimously re-elected to the office of Treasurer for the eighth time. Comp. H. Firth was chosen S.E.; Comp. Korn, S.N.; and Comp. J. Ellis, P. S. Banquet was subsequently served, and everything passed off most pleasantly.

**LEWES.**—South Saxon Chapter, (No. 311).—At a convocation held at Freemasons' Hall, Lewes, on Wednesday, March 27th, the officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:—Comp. R. Crosskey, M.E.Z. and Treasurer; Comp. R. H. Elman, H.; Comp. Jos. Farncombe, J.; Comp. S. Tanner, S.E.; Comp. G. Stone, S.N.; Comp. W. Hodgkin, P.S.; H. Hall, Janitor. It was unanimously resolved to present a P.Z. jewel to Comp. James Adames for his efficient discharge of the duties of First Principal during the present year. A resolution was also passed expressing the great regret of the companions that Comp. Rev. S. A. M. Litte, who has been mainly instrumental in resuscitating the chapter, has been compelled to resign his appointment as Chaplain of Lewes Naval Prison, through failing health, and that his consequent removal from Lewes would be a great loss to Freemasonry in the district.

**TY WARDREATH.**—Unity Chapter (No. 1151).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on the 19th ult., for the usual quarterly convocation. There were present on the occasion Comps. W. Polkinghorne, Z.; H. Tonkin, H.; T. C. Stephens, P.Z., as J.; Rev. Dr. Treffry, P.Z.; Dr. Davies, P.Z.; Emma Holmes, P.Z.; N. Lamb, Scribe E.; S. Trevail, Scribe N.; Row, Treasurer; J. Polkinghorne, Abbott, Williams, and others. The minutes of last chapter were read and confirmed, and Bro. Dr. De Legh was balloted for, and elected a joining member. This being the annual meeting for the election of officers the following companions were duly nominated and elected for office during the ensuing year: Comps. Tonkin, Z.; Captain Colvill, H.; T. Polkinghorne, J.; Rowe, Treasurer; Ruddle, Scribe E.; F. Williams, Scribe N.; Smith, Prin. Soj.; Comps. Smith nominated and appointed Comps. Wellington and Howe as Assistant Sojs. Comp. Elliot was elected Janitor. The other business of the evening having been concluded, the chapter was closed in solemn form.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—The first meeting of this chapter since its consecration was held at the Albany Hotel, on the 25th ult., when there were present Comps. W. Wigginton, P.G.N. of Middlesex, M.E.Z.; Horsley, P.P.G.P.S. of Middlesex, acting H.; Cama, P.G.D.C. of Middlesex, J.; H. Court, S.E.; Taylor, P.S.; H. Court, jun., A. Taylor, Harrison, Janitor. The visitors were Comps. Knaggs, Royal York; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, Jerusalem; and Platts, P.Z. Prudent Brethren. The minutes of the consecration meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken as joining members on behalf of Comps. Horsley, P.Z. Royal Middlesex; Knaggs, Royal York; Walls, Jerusalem and Era, and proved to be unanimous. The ballot was also taken on behalf of Bros. Saunders, P.M. 1503, P.G.S. Middlesex; Rogers, 1503; Briggs, Steward 1503, and Rutherford, I.P.M. Acacia and P.G.S. of Middlesex, and being unanimous those brethren were duly exalted. The election of S.N. was unanimously in favour of Comp. Knaggs; and Comps. Court, jun., and Walls were appointed respectively as First and Second Assistants. There being no other business of importance before the convocation it was duly closed, and the companions partook of an excellent collation. The cloth having been withdrawn, the customary and long array of toasts were duly honoured. The next meeting of this chapter will be held on the fourth Wednesday in July next.

**WANDERERS' CHAPTER** (No. 1604).—On Monday evening last this new military chapter held its first meeting for work at Freemasons' Hall, having on its programme for the night a list of no less than nine names of brethren seeking admission to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch. The following companions were present:—Comps. T. H. Meredith, Z.; W. J. Parish, H.; T. McIl-

wham, J.; Chas. Fuller, Treasurer; W. H. Bird, S.E.; George Boulton, S.W.; C. A. Cottebrune, as P.S.; Matthew Leslie, 1st A.S.; B. Baiton, 2nd A.S.; F. W. Andrews, H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (Freemason), and the Rev. R. C. L. Halpin, Chaplain to the Forces. Eight of the Nine brethren on the list presented themselves for exaltation—Bros. W. H. Baker, E. Coles, Horace White, J. W. Duncan, C. Tayler, J. Gibson, W. Richards, and C. H. Y. Godwin, (Surgeon Major). When the ceremony of exaltation had been performed, the names of three other brethren were given in as proposed exaltees; after which the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where an elegant little supper was provided by Bro. Best. The usual Royal Arch toasts followed supper. Comp. Cottebrune proposed "The M.E.Z.," who, he said, was very well known to all the companions. He (Comp. Cottebrune) had known him many years, although it seemed but a few days, and he was much pleased to see him installed M.E.Z. of a chapter destined to be so eminent a chapter as the Wanderers' Chapter was. The M.E.Z., in reply, said it gave him great delight to be associated with the Wanderers' Chapter, and he trusted it would be a great success. It also gave him great pleasure to have his health proposed by his old friend, Comp. Cottebrune, who about eleven years ago exalted him in the degree. He was afraid he had been but a poor scholar, but still he hoped by the time his year of office came to a close the companions would be satisfied with him. The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Health of the H. and J." Comp. Parish, H., said it was a source of great pleasure to him to see this chapter inaugurated and in good working order. It had commenced under favourable auspices, and very few chapters had opened so favourably, having, as it had, nine candidates, of whom they had exalted eight the first night of meeting, and three more having been proposed. Most of the companions were aware that when the Wanderers' Lodge was consecrated it was the intention and earnest desire of those of its founders who were Royal Arch Masons that a Royal Arch Chapter should be attached to it; and although they had had a good deal of work in following up that intention they had at last been successful. Now that the chapter was started he hoped it would have continued prosperity. Comp. McIlwham, J., said he would only repeat what Comp. Parish had said, with the addition, however, of the remark that if the chapter worked on the same lines as the lodge it must be a success. He had that evening seen the balance-sheet of the lodge, and it was surprising to observe what the lodge had done in two years. He had been a Mason sixteen years, and in all that time he had never seen a lodge work so well and so economically, and put so much away for the charities, as the Wanderers' Lodge. The chapter intended to work on the same lines. "The Exaltees" was the next toast. Comp. Godwin in reply said that Masons, as a rule, when they joined the Craft, became desirous to see more of Masonry than the Craft Degree disclosed. They desired to pass into the secret reserves of the chamber, which was in the hands of Royal Arch Masons. He and his co-exaltees had done so that evening, and they all saw that there was matter for deep reflection and thought in what they had gone through. As far as curiosity went a certain amount of mystery had been solved; but beyond that there must be a great deal more. The whole thing was full of mystery and required great consideration, and much time must necessarily be required to appreciate and understand it all. The difficulty attending the starting of a chapter had been touched upon. As a member of the lodge himself, though not in any way connected with the officers, he knew there was great difficulty experienced in starting the chapter, and the thanks of all the members of the Wanderers' Lodge were due to the M.E.Z., and to Comp. Parish, for the way in which they had urged the claims of the lodge on Grand Chapter. With Comp. Parish he had had many communications, and he knew he had exerted himself very much. Moreover, as a member of the lodge, he thought, though he was not a very old Mason—still as having been a Mason some few years, and in that capacity had visited lodges in different parts of the world—the Wanderers' Lodge was one to whose working he would wish to bring Masons. He was glad to have come to it himself, as he had heard there was not any better working to be found anywhere. He was sure the Wanderers' Chapter would prove as good, and that the companions would learn in it Royal Arch Masonry, as well as brethren learned Craft Masonry in the lodge. There was one thing which had struck him that night in the chapter, as to the seriousness of the degree he and his companions had taken, and he thought it must have struck them as forcibly as it had struck him. They were aware that Masons in France had discarded the name of the Great Architect of the Universe from their assemblies, and cut it out as completely as they did in 1793, when they started the Goddess Reason. They had struck out everything connected with the Deity in Masonry. Most of the exalted would be more surprised at this after the ceremony of that evening, for when we parted with their landmarks they drifted anywhere, and no one could tell where Masonry would drift to in a country where such a course as that was taken. Comp. Baker and the other exaltees also replied, Comp. Baker observing that he was proud to have become a Royal Arch Mason. In becoming a Master Mason, he found that degree was only an initiative of the Royal Arch. He had been particularly struck with the ceremony, and fully concurred in the expression that it was a sublime ceremony. He hoped he should be able to attend the meetings of the chapter, and become better acquainted with the proceedings. Comps. Bird, Fuller, and Leslie replied to the toast of "The Officers," and Comp. Cottebrune to that of "The Honorary Members." The M.E.Z., in proposing "The Charities," said that it was the intention of the Order that these Institutions should not suffer by the failure of Messrs. Willis,

Percival, and Co., and the Wanderers' Chapter would, as soon as their preliminary expenses were defrayed, follow the example of the Wanderers' Lodge, and support the Masonic Charities. The M.E.Z. next gave "The Press," and reminded the companions that the *Freemason* had, both at the consecration of the Wanderers' Lodge and at that of the Wanderers' Chapter, given long and accurate reports of the proceedings, which were a great credit to that newspaper. Comp. H. Massey acknowledged the compliment, and the Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

### Mark Masonry.

**RAMSGATE.**—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 129).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, on Thursday, the 28th ult., and was well attended by members and Provincial Grand Officers. The lodge was honoured on this occasion by the presence of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, the W. Bro. W. Snowden, Deputy Prov. G.M.M.; the W. Bro. Jas. S. Eastes, Deputy Prov. G.M. (Craft) for Kent; the V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O., and by several other important Prov. Grand Officers, members of the lodge. Previous meetings having cleared the agenda paper, the business of installation of the W.M.M. elect was immediately, after the opening of the lodge by Bro. T. C. Harrison and the confirmation of the minutes, proceeded with. The V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O., having taken the chair of A., the outgoing Master presented Bro. R. J. Emmerson, the W.M. elect, and that worthy and distinguished brother was duly installed as W.M. with full ceremonial, musical service, and addresses. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested in the following order, viz.: Bros. the Rev.—Robinson, S.W.; W. Searles, J.W.; Jas. S. Eastes, M.O.; F. W. Hallett, S.O.; C. J. Ayton, J.O.; H. Friend, Reg. of M. and Secretary; Lewis Finch, Treasurer; A. W. Conquest, S.D.; G. W. Greenhill, J.D.; A. Aubrey, Organist; I. J. Tulman, I.G.; Jas. S. Harris and Chancellor, Stewards; and Rolfe, Tyler. Bro. George Page officiated as D.C. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Finch, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Elleron, P.M., seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens for his services as Installing Master—services which he had annually rendered since the formation of the lodge, and which the members hoped might be continued for many years to come. The vote was unanimously carried and cordially acknowledged, Bro. Stevens expressing his great gratification as to the progress of the lodge and the support afforded by its several Past Masters, all of whom, except Bro. J. W. Smith, now in India, and with whom he had frequent correspondence, never failed to be present on these occasions. Having had the honour to instal all previous W.M.'s in this lodge, he looked forward to fulfil the like duty on future occasions. Propositions having been taken the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a liberal banquet, provided in the well-known satisfactory style associated with Bro. Hiscock's management of the Royal. The usual toasts were admirably proposed by the W.M., and each received able response. The entire proceedings were greatly appreciated by all present, and universal regret at parting was expressed when the hour for separation arrived.

### Knights Templar.

**LIVERPOOL.**—The Alpess Encampment.—A conclave of the Knights attached to the Alpess Encampment stationed at Liverpool, was held within the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at five o'clock. Punctual to the time, Sir Knight Richard Brown, E.C., assumed his place, and opened the conclave, supported by a full circle of officers. Sir Knight H.S. Alpess, P.E.C., was unanimously elected E.C. for the ensuing year, and Sir Knight H. Firth was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. £5 was voted out of the Almoner's Fund in aid of the Boys' School, London. Sir Knight W. S. Vines supplied a banquet which it would be almost impossible to improve upon, and the usual toasts were given by Sir Knight Brown, M.E.C. The visitors were Sir Knight Captain Berry, P.E.C. (Jacques De Molay), and Sir Knight J. Wood, Treasurer (William de la More).

The Fifteen sections will be worked by the Members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the Portugal Hotel, 155, Fleet-st., on Friday, the 26th day of April, 1878, commencing at 6 o'clock in the evening precisely; Bro. Larchin, J.D. 1541, W.M.; Bro. Gush, 1541, S.W.; Bro. Dickens, J.D. 860, J.W.; assisted by the following brethren:—

#### FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	...	Bro. Kearney, 1541
2nd	"	...	...	" Hallam, J.D. 1349
3rd	"	...	...	" Leggott, S.W. 145
4th	"	...	...	" Abell, 55
5th	"	...	...	" Snelling, 180
6th	"	...	...	" Gush, 1541
7th	"	...	...	" Stacy, P.M. 180

#### SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	...	Bro. Creak, W.M. 157
2nd	"	...	...	" Squirrel, S.W. 206
3rd	"	...	...	" Tate, J.D. 862
4th	"	...	...	" Dickens, J.D. 860
5th	"	...	...	" Hall, 1549

#### THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	...	Bro. Vincent, W.M. 1549
2nd	"	...	...	" Fox, 201
3rd	"	...	...	" Rowlands, D.C. 1541

### A CENTURY OF MASONRY.

PART II.

(Continued from page 106).

It seems to have been the custom of the lodge to dine on the days of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, and subsequently to instal the officers for the ensuing six months, the remainder of the day being celebrated "according to the ancient custom of the ancient Craft." In one instance we find a Junior Warden installed a month later, "he being absent on St. John's day." On the 8th of June, 1685, it was "agreed that the brethren attend on St. John's day by 8 o'clock in the morning, that the singers be desired to sing an anthem at the church, and that the brethren's aprons and gloves be provided at their own expense." Accordingly we read that "on the 24th of June, 33 members, 7 members of Lodge 79, Portsmouth, and two or three other visitors assembled at 11 o'clock and proceeded to Holy Rood Church, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Richard Mant." The next month we find it was agreed to present a petition to Grand Lodge pointing out that "having been at very great expense in erecting a building for the holding of the lodge, it is absolutely out of our power (though we wish earnestly we had ability to do it) to remit any money at present to the grand fund of charity . . . added to which we have lately been called upon to administer relief to several of our distressed travelling brothers, so that our stock is considerably reduced." It also pointed out that a law enforcing payment of 5s. for registering every newly made member would be an inconvenience to country lodges. In December "considering the election of officers for the half year ensuing," it was agreed, inter alia, that, "Bro. Badd should have the ordering of the provisions and that we should meet together at 11 and dine at 1 o'clock." In these days the banquets of the lodge seem not unfrequently to have been got up in kind, the following being a sample of the entries dealing with this subject:—

Bro. Baker	.....	to find a ham
Bro. Steele	.....	" a quarter of lamb
Bro. Graves	.....	" bread, biscuits, and lemons
Bro. Amor	.....	" a couple of fowls
Bro. Osbaldiston	...	" a pudding
Bro. Edwards	.....	" sauce for the salmon
Bro. Macklin	.....	" a pigeon pie
Bro. Muzzle	.....	" a ditto
Bro. Hart	.....	" a gooseberry pie
Bro. Jacobs	.....	" a bushel of peas
Bro. Figs	.....	" a cranbury pie
Bro. Wm. Baker	...	" a salad
The Lodge	.....	" a salmon

Twice in 1786 the Master was fined for not sending the keys in time, and the Treasurer for keeping the books; several brethren were excluded the lodge for non-payment of dues; brethren who were non-resident continued to be proposed, balloted for, and made and passed the same evening; and following the minutes of the "stated lodge" of January 24th, 1787, there is a "P.S.—On Sunday last held a lodge of emergency in order to raise Bro. W. Baker, in ye third degree of Masonry;" the selected Master and Junior Warden for St. John's Day, 1790, not attending they were each fined; and among the records of charitable distributions is one in 1786 to "Bro. Agar, a Turk, who was relieved with 5s. Brothers present—Macklin, Primer, &c." In May of that year, it was agreed that as Mr. Allen Figs, proposed, balloted for, and approved of in April, "did not attend to be made, he be not admitted for the present or during the lodge's pleasure." In 1792 some important matters took place, the lodge on the 2nd of August meeting to consider the propriety of accepting an offer from Mr. Dunckerley of giving us a dispensation to hold a lodge under the sanction of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." This "Mr." Dunckerley was the brother well known to all Masonic students, who died in November, 1795, in the neighbouring town of Portsmouth. The decision of the lodge on a unanimous agreement to put "Mr." Dunckerley's proposition to the ballot was eleven in its favour and four against, and on the stated lodge night, six days later, the dispensation was received, and the lodge became the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 503, the title, doubtless, having some reference to the Duke of Gloucester, who with his brother of Cumberland (now dead, after filling the office of Grand Master) had joined the Order during Lord Blancy's Grandmastership. On the 3rd of August and no doubt connected with the proceedings of the previous day, the foundation stone of All Saints Church in Southampton, was laid, "with all due Masonic pomp, by Thomas Dunckerley, Esq., Prov. Grand Master," records the *Hampshire Chronicle*, "a vast number of brethren," continued the writer, "attended from the Isle of Wight and the most remote parts of Hampshire. The ancient Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in this town, in order to qualify themselves to form in procession at the laying of the foundation stone of All Saints Church, obtained a Modern Institution, the night before, from Thomas Dunckerley, P.G.M." The procession it seems, returned to the Audit House or Council Chamber of the borough after the ceremony, where an oration was delivered by Bro. Thomas Jeans, M.D., of Southampton. The fact of the *Chronicle* speaking of "lodges," and of another publication, that the oration was delivered at the Audit House, makes it probable that another lodge was associated in this goodly work. A lodge, called the Lodge of Concord, at that time existed in Southampton, and met at the Audit House, many of the Corporation and principal inhabitants belonging to it. This lodge, which was an ancient one, existed as far back at least as 1778. In 1795 the above mentioned Dr. Jeans was its Master, and also Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and in the "Gloucester" minutes of September 22nd in that year, it is recorded, attended, obtained the names of all the members, and delivered a lecture in the first

degree. It is believed to have fallen dormant in 1812, though it remained on the Masonic Calendar till 1817. No vestige of its warrant or books remains, but some handsome ebony and ivory working tools, and a life size portrait in oil of its first master, Lord Montague, came into the possession of the Gloucester Lodge, and now adorns the walls of the Freemasons' Hall in Southampton. C. J. P.

### A THREAT.

We learn from our respected contemporary, the London *Freemason*, that the *Monde Maçonnique*, a well-known journal published in Paris, and edited by Bro. Caubet, one of the principal movers in the late revolution, by which the Grand Orient altered its constitution so as to admit atheists to be made Masons, unable to stem the flood of indignation to which such change has given rise throughout the world, proposes now to frighten us. The first menace is that the Grand Orient will further change its constitution to the effect "that it will refuse to constitute lodges outside of its own jurisdiction, except in countries that are not in fraternal relations with it."

To us this is nothing new, nor will it be to any who have watched the career of the Grand Orient for the past twenty years. In the case of Louisiana, the Grand Orient constructively planted its banner on the soil of a Grand Lodge with which it was on friendly terms, in recognizing, despite the clearest evidence to the contrary, a clandestine organization then existing in New Orleans. That it will be easily tempted to go on planting the banner aforesaid now that it is not on friendly terms with any of the English-speaking powers is almost a matter of course; but whether that will help to bring about a reconciliation, or attract Masonic bodies to the admission of Atheists as members, remains to be seen. We think not.—*New York Dispatch*.

### HELP FOR THE FORLORN.

(Communicated.)

Right or wrong. Freemasonry, it is said, is not to be regarded in its entirety, but in its results.

It is charity that adorns it.

We have schools for boys and girls; an asylum also for the aged of both sexes. From these institutions we would not subtract ought, but rather would, if possible, increase their revenues, and secure more magnificent results.

The pecuniary resources of such institutions must be indemnified from the possible contingency of any failure of Treasurers for the future; and there is no reason why the same precaution should not be taken for the future as adopted by the Charity and Ecclesiastical Commissions.

The education of our Masonic children must take a higher standard, if we look, as we ought to do, for results.

But there is a class to be looked after which has been overlooked—the unfortunate rejected candidates. It is not always that three brethren can be found, as in Cox's case, to get a candidate into one of our institutions, after being doomed to the cold shade of the unfortunate. We think in Lincolnshire that something must be done in our province, even for those who cannot help themselves; for those who merit but who cannot command the adventitious help of patronage. Out of seventy-eight candidates for the Boys' School to be elected on the 15th of April, 1878, only thirty can be admitted. We cannot, as our Great Master did, multiply the five barley loaves and the two small fishes. We are aware that something is being attempted to be done in Lincolnshire for some of the unfortunate forty-eight, whose characteristic is to be "forsaken and forlorn."

The two P's are to be exchanged for fathers and friends. Let the project be set on foot in Lincolnshire under the form of Sutcliffe memorial, and the province will act liberally. The late and ever to be lamented Bro. Sutcliffe ran to the rescue of the forlorn and helpless, to the deserving and forsaken. He had nothing of the insidious selfishness of this age. With him the only inquiry was—Is the case deserving? and at once he ran to the rescue. So the blessing of him that was ready to perish embalms and ennobles his memory. We enjoin each and every Lincolnshire Mason to imitate his noble example; we say to each, go and do thou likewise.

Bro. W. H. Radley, Esq., M.D., of Boston, will gladly receive your donations and subscriptions.

We are glad to be able to report that Lord Hardwicke, the Master of the Buckhounds, is progressing favourably. The effects of the slight concussion which occurred at the time of the accident rapidly passed off, and the local symptoms, from which his Lordship is now suffering, are due to a sprain of the cervical muscles and their tendinous expansions. Lord Hardwicke appears to have been thrown directly on his head, the shock passing through the parietal convexity of one side of the skull, and the force being propagated through the cervical vertebrae to the lateral muscles.—*Medical Examiner*.

The Right Honourable Lord Beaconsfield has forwarded to the Lord Mayor a cheque for £20, in aid of the fund now being raised towards the relief of those who suffered by the loss of Her Majesty's ship "Eurydice."

At the annual court of the Governor and Directors of the Bank of England, held on Tuesday last, Messrs. Edward Hewley Palmer and John William Birch were unanimously re-elected Governor and Deputy Governor.

The Earl of Rosslyn (who held the same office the first two years of the present Government being in office) has been appointed this year Her Majesty's representative at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.



## FREEMASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

## GLIMPSES OF NEW YORK MASONRY.

We are indebted to our able contemporary, the *New York Despatch*, for the following glimpses of the lodge work and proceedings in the Masonic and most important city of New York:—

## ADVANCE LODGE, No. 635.

Tuesday evening, the 26th ult., was a grand gala communication of the above lodge at their lodge rooms, Masonic Hall, Astoria, New York, the occasion being a fraternal visit of Copestone Lodge, No. 641, of New York city, and working Third Degree in costume, for the former body. A large delegation of visiting brethren from lodges in New York, Brooklyn, Long Island and City, Flushing, &c., to the number of one hundred and fifty, were present, including a number of Grand Officers and a numerous array of W. Masters of the several lodges represented. The lodge was opened in due form at half-past seven, and the necessary business was quickly transacted, after which Bro. W. M. Berger, W.M. of Advance, introduced Bro. C. F. Hotmer, W.M. of Copestone, to the brethren present, who assumed the gavel, the other officers of Copestone taking their respective stations and places. The conferring of the degree was then performed in a most impressive and workmanlike manner; the choir, led by Bro. Moore, Organist of Copestone, added greatly to the exercises.

The rarity of witnessing the conferring of the degree in costume had drawn a large number of brethren of the Order. We noticed Right Worshipful Enoch George, of Brooklyn; P.M. Pascal, of Copestone; Past Masters Grey, New, and Newcomb, of Long Island City; W.M. Gribble and P.M. Johnson, of Architect; W.M. Wilson, of Arcturus; P.M. Holmes, of Gavel; P.M. George Wilson, and many others.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of George Washington Lodge, No. 285, was duly celebrated by the brethren of that indefatigable body, at Turn Hall, New York on Friday evening, March 1st. Under the admirable arrangements of W. Bros. Schurman and Crysler, a magnificent banquet was prepared at the above place, at which, after preliminary proceedings had been concluded at the lodge room, about sixty brethren sat down, fully bent on doing justice both to the occasion and the edibles. It is scarcely necessary to say that in a quiet way the meal, speeches, toasts, and songs were enjoyed, and the whole gave satisfaction in the reflection that at least there is a seasonable and reasonable way of commemorating an event worthy of record and imitation. The following toasts and responses were of a character instructive and pleasurable, to wit:

"The Grand Lodge of the State of New York."

"George Washington Lodge, No. 285."

"Our Absent Brethren and Friends."

"Our Guests."

"The Masonic Secular Press," and

"Our Wives and Daughters," responded to by R. W. Bro. Horace H. Sawtell, W. Bros. Crysler and Strickland, B. os. Cavo and Bradly, and W. Bro. Isaac Simonson. During the feast of reason the periods were interspersed by excellent music, vocal and instrumental. Shortly after low twelve the company arose and finished the exercises by singing, in sweet harmony, with piano accompaniment, the beautiful stanzas, "While Gathered Around the Festive Board," &c., composed by R. W. Daniel Sickles, with the avowal that the lodge would thereafter celebrate the event annually.

An unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to Copestone Lodge for the able and efficient manner in which the degree was conferred. After the ceremonies and the closing of the lodge, the entire party repaired to Mrs. Albut's Hall, where a collation was partaken of by the brethren, followed by speeches, toasts, and song; among those adding to the interest of the occasion being W.M. Hotmer and P.M. Pascal, of Copestone, and Bro. Moore and others.

The Worshipful Master of Advance was ably aided in caring for the guests of the evening and the large number of others present, by P. Masters Cadwell, Oliff, and Rutzler, of Advance, and the brethren of Advance, who vied with each other in making it agreeable and pleasant for the guests. It was long past the "wee hours" when the festivities closed. The occasion will long be remembered by the members of Advance as a bright spot in their history as a lodge, and they will always remember with fraternal feeling the W.M., Wardens, and brethren of Copestone Lodge for their kind and friendly visitation. By the way, we are desired to state that the newly initiated—Bro. Wm. C. Wilson, florist, of Fourteenth-street—was highly pleased at the very workmanlike and costumely manner in which he was raised to the sublime position which he now holds.—[What is meant by "costumely?"—Ed.]

A splendid time was had in the Charity Lodge, No. 727, on Friday, March 1st, at the rooms, Broadway, the occasion being the conferring of the Third Degree upon three candidates by W.M. John A. Wunnenberg, in his usual fine style. Bro. John Reisenweber, S.W., taking part in this degree for the first time, did it splendidly. There was a large attendance of members, and a very large number of visiting brethren, with five P.M.'s in the East, among whom we noticed R. W. Adolph Andreas, of York Lodge, one of the oldest Masons in the city, whose interest in the work does not seem to flag even in his old age. Upon the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the house of Bro. Frank, rooth-street and Boulevard, where they did justice to a cold collation, after which they adjourned to their homes in peace and harmony. "Charity never faileth."

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Prince and Princess Christian, visited the Queen at Windsor on Wednesday, previous to Her Majesty's departure for the Isle of Wight.

## FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

We deem it only fair to Bro. Malcolm Murray Irving, that the following letter, addressed by him to a local paper in Dunedin, New Zealand, should appear in the *Freemason*, after the statement under the above heading which appeared in our issue of last week:—

"Sir,—With the local in last Friday's paper intimating I had admitted by special dispensation from the Supreme Council of Scotland, R. Paterson, Esq., J.P., to the 33rd degree, you gave publicity to a long protest by the body calling itself the Supreme Council of New Zealand. Under the circumstances I need hardly apologise to you for making a few remarks upon it, which I trust you will have the kindness to make equally public. I am compelled to do so, as the document as published, to a certain extent, affects my character as a man of honour. I must say that, contrary to the usual courtesy extended by one gentleman to another, I have not a copy of it. It is personal, and contains several gross misrepresentations, and was handed to the Press without the parties taking any trouble to ascertain the real facts of the case. I am happy to add that such conduct is unusual among our fraternity. In it the Supreme Council of Scotland is termed a spurious body, yet the Earl of Rosslyn (whom I have the pleasure of knowing personally) was the representative of that body at the English Supreme Council. I was as a 33rd by invitation received at the Supreme Council of England, and introduced to Lord Skelmersdale as such. They would on no account admit any of the so-called New Zealand Council. I have heard it condemned in America, notices were issued to that effect while I was there, and the English and Scottish Councils brand it as a spurious body. It is patent to the most inexperienced that when I am recognised and admitted by these bodies that I can well dispense with recognition by this so-called Supreme Council, which applied to Scotland for a charter but was refused. The English Council, with some show of justice, claimed jurisdiction over the British Colonies, and would only under exceptional circumstances hear of waiving that claim, and warned me to have nothing to do with this spurious body. It is false that I was secretly admitted to the 33rd, as all usual notices were given; equally so that the Supreme Council of England intercepted me. I was not aware that Scotland intended opening a Supreme Council for New Zealand. It is, on the whole, rather amusing that a body—illegal from beginning to end, with which I should be sorry to associate Masonically, it is so utterly at fault and tabooed by the most powerful Council in the world and others—should, on Masonic grounds of all others, bring my conduct into question before the public. I have been taught to hold that such is utterly contrary to the fundamental spirit and principles of Freemasonry.—I am, &c.,

"MALCOLM MURRAY IRVING.

"Dunedin, 29th December, 1877."

## MEETINGS OF LEARNED AND OTHER SOCIETIES DURING THE WEEK.

## THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—

At the fortnightly meeting of the members of the Royal Horticultural Society, on Tuesday last, the principal feature of the flower show in the conservatory was the exhibition of spring flowers by several well-known cultivators. The "rathe primrose," after treatment at the hands of the scientific horticulturist for a few generations, could hardly have been recognised in the showy "hybrid decorative primrose," which, as a successful novelty, won for the cultivator, Mr. R. Dean, of Ealing, the first certificate of the society. Our pretty garden friends, the daffodils, have also come in for a share of the horticulturist's attention, and specimens of these flowers, shown by Messrs. Barr and Sugden, and the curious grass-leaved narcissus bulb bocodium, sent by Mr. Chitty, of Stamford-hill, were in purity and delicacy of colour, and even in the variety of their shades of yellow, chrome, and orange, the peers of the beautiful exotic orchids exhibited by Messrs. Veitch and Son, of Chelsea. Perhaps, however, the flowers which attracted most attention were the crimson and variegated amaryllids, shown by Messrs. Veitch and Sons, Mr. B. S. Williams, of Holloway, and Mr. Henry Little, the large, well-formed, deep-toned seedling "crimson banner," sent by the last, carrying off the Society's first-class certificate and the first prize given by "an amateur." The band of the Horse Guards (Blue) enlivened the promenade during the afternoon.

THE ROYAL INSTITUTION.—Professor Garrod continued, on Tuesday last, his course of lectures on the Protoplasmic theory of life. In sequel to his last lecture, he spoke of the red colour of arterial blood in contrast to the blue colour of venous blood, and showed an experiment with spectra in illustration of this. The spectrum of diluted red blood was first shown, and then to the solution a deoxidizing agent was gradually added, when the spectrum of blue blood appeared. The difference of colour is due to the oxidized condition of red blood and the deoxidized condition of the blue. In both cases the serum is of the same straw tint, and it is the colour of the protoplasmic corpuscles which is changed. The oxy hæmoglobin which colours them in the arterial blood is deoxidized into hæmoglobin as they circulate through the body. It is believed that the oxygen of the oxy hæmoglobin is but very slightly attached. Some experiments were shown with the Sphygmograph to illustrate that the character of the pulse is dependent, not only on the beats of the heart but also the pressure on the heart, and the connected blood vessels being increased and relaxed by each inspiration. In speaking of the heat of the body, Professor Garrod said it was to be recollected that not only muscular action, but the "vitality" of protoplasm all through the body—very analogous to combustion—gave

## ATHENÆUM AMATEUR ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

The second annual concert of this advancing society was given at the Athenæum, Camden-road, N.W., on Monday last, the 1st inst., under the able direction of Bro. H. Weist Hill. The programme consisted entirely of strictly classical music—popular every-day music being conspicuous by its absence. The success of the entertainment must sufficiently satisfy the promoters that there exists a demand for this class of musical performance. The "Masonic Dirge," by Mozart, announced as being rendered for the first time in England, is an admirable piece of musical construction, as the eminence of the composer would suggest. Doubtless, Bro. Hill had given his earnest attention to the great preparation necessary for the proper execution of this "Dirge," and certainly all credit must be given to the instrumentalists (among whom we noticed many members of the mystic tie), under his direction, for their very effective rendering of a very beautiful work. Although we naturally notice first the Masonic music, it does not follow that the remainder of the programme consisted of minor efforts. Especially pretty was the ballad sung by Miss Kate Shaboe, who graciously responded to an enthusiastic encore during the second part of the programme. Miss Shaboe is a young artiste possessed of great musical ability. Her singing and presence are specially pleasing, and we doubt not that a very successful future is before her. One of the most pleasing minuets and trio it has ever been our good fortune to hear was that from Quintett, No. 11, Boccherini. It is really a fine production, and was excellently played, bringing Part 1 to a close amid very great applause. No fault could be found with the entertainment in any way, and the orchestra, one and all, deserve unqualified approbation. We must remark, in concluding this notice, that we cannot remember having seen so thoroughly select and quiet an audience (large though it was) in any public place of amusement before.

Since the recent decision of the Committee of the Clearing House, with reference to the application of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., for the immediate admission of the Hampshire and North Wilts Banking Company to the Clearing House in their place, the question of the sale of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co.'s estate to the Hampshire and North Wilts Bank has been further considered, and we are now enabled to announce that an unconditional agreement has been made for the transfer of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co.'s business and assets, to the Hampshire and North Wilts Banking Company, subject only to the approval of the creditors. The banking company take over the assets and business, waiving the stipulations as to the Clearing House, and are to pay to the creditors an immediate and final dividend of 9s. in the pound. The Court has authorised Mr. Turquand to give possession of the bank premises at once, and the Hampshire and North Wilts Banking Company accordingly re-opened No. 76, Lombard-street, for business on Wednesday morning. The business will be under the joint management of Mr. Henry Willis and Bro. Samuel Leith Tomkins, two of the partners in Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co.'s house. This arrangement, while a liberal one for the creditors, is considered to be an advantageous one for the Hampshire and North Wilts Banking Company, which will thus secure the qualification held to be necessary for their admission to the Clearing House.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Holmesdale, R.W.G.M. Kent, was honoured with the presence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at dinner on Wednesday.

The will and two codicils of Bro. William Kynaston, jun., formerly of 5, Russell-square, but late of Cornwall House, Upper Addiscombe-road, Croydon, and of Gresham-street, warehouseman, who died on January 31st last, at Ventnor, Isle of Wight, were proved on the 6th ult., by Mr. H. B. Kynaston, the brother, and Mr. W. M. Westall, the acting executors, the personal estate being sworn under £25,000. The testator gives to his wife, Mrs. Jane Kynaston, his plate, linen, pictures, household furniture, and other effects, and £500 absolutely; he also gives her the income of the remainder of his real and personal estate for life; at her death the principal moneys are to be divided between all his children in equal shares.—*City Press*.

That the men of the Eurydice, lying dead in the waste of waters, have left troops of attentive friends behind them to mourn their tragic fate has been touchingly proved. On Thursday more than a thousand letters addressed to men on board the ship passed through the Returned Letter Office. They were sent on from Bermuda marked "Sailed for England," and re-directed to Portsmouth. There they arrived three days after the anxious spirits, who had been waiting for news from home, had gone to their last rest, and were sent back to the General Post Office ominously stamped with the words "Ship foundered." The committee formed to relieve the relatives of the dead men have been puzzled to find out the whereabouts of the mourners, and I learn that the benevolent idea has occurred to Lord John Manners to keep the addresses of the writers of the doubly "Dead letters," addressed to the men of the lost Eurydice.—*The World*.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—This cooling medicine has the happiest effect when the blood is overheated, and a tendency to inflammatory action is set up in the system. One Pill taken shortly before dinner does away with the indigestion, fullness, and flatulency indicative of a weak stomach or disordered liver. A few Pills taken at bedtime act as alteratives and aperients: they not only relieve the bowels, but regulate every organ connected with them; overcome all acrid humours, and encourage a free supply of all the secretions essential to our well being. Holloway's Pills thoroughly cleanse and perfectly regulate the circulation; and beget a feeling of comfort in hot climates and high temperature which is most desirable for the preservation of health.—*Advt.*

## NOTES ON ART, &amp;c.

The following gentlemen were elected associates of the Society of Painters in Water Colours at their annual meeting on Monday week—Messrs. W. E. Lockhart, R.S.A., Tom Lloyd, Norman Tayler, and Henry Wallis.

The fourteenth annual exhibition of cabinet-pictures by artists of the British and Foreign schools was opened at Thomas McLean's gallery on Monday last, April 1st.

**ETCHINGS.**—We are glad to observe that etchings are daily becoming more popular. In the hands of a clever etcher copies of paintings on a small scale are delightful companions, hanging round the walls. Mr. Watson Nicol's picture of "When a Man's Single he lives at his Ease" has just been published by Messrs. Deighton and Dunthorne, admirably etched by Mr. V. Lhuiller, who is also now engaged in etching the two pictures by Frank Holl, entitled "Hush!" and "Hushed," which attracted so much attention at the last Dudley Gallery Exhibition.

Amongst the results of mining in New South Wales and Victoria is the discovery that at a considerable depth below the surface of the earth in these colonies are the relics of a flora which has long since passed away.

**INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.**—The Earl of Shaftesbury has consented to become president of an industrial exhibition to be held in June next at the Beckenham Literary and Scientific Institute and Public Baths, Alexandra District, Penge. The Exhibition will be open to exhibitors living in the parishes of Beckenham, Bromley, Shortlands, Sydenham, Penge, Anerley, Forest-hill, Norwood, Dulwich, Elmer's-end, and Wickham.

Mr. W. Breuton, an artist well-known for his book illustrations, is dead.

Rossini's widow died on Friday after six months' painful illness, at Rossini-villa, Passy, aged seventy-eight. The large fortune bequeathed by her husband she leaves, subject to small legacies to poor relations, to found a charity for superannuated singers.

The Paris Louvre has acquired five valuable pictures, bequeathed to the State by the late Countess Duchatel. They are Inge's "Oedipus and the Sphinx" and "The Source," a Madonna by Memling, and two portraits by Moro; and it is proposed to fit up a room specially for their reception.

**PRINTING.**—From time immemorial block-printing has been practised by the Chinese, and block books preceded the grand invention of moveable types by Gutenberg in 1442. The stereotype was not practically used before the dawn of this century; 1817 gave us the ink-roller in place of the two balls; whilst electrotyping dates about 1850. All these appliances greatly facilitated printing; but it has been reserved for our day completely to revolutionise the art by the creation of elastic printing types, or casts. The first idea occurred to Mr. Charles Hancock, the animal painter, in 1838; but it remained a dead letter until Mr. L'ighton patented his improvements, which gave an elastic stereo of great practical utility. This was done by vulcanising in the mould at a certain heat; and well may the Patent Printing Surface Company hold that "Yesterday there were a thousand things you could not print upon, now there are none."

The honour of knighthood has been conferred on Dr. Ferguson, G.C., Deputy Keeper of the Records, Dublin. Sir Samuel's spirited *Forging of the Anchor* is well known; and he is also author of *Congal*, *Lays of the Western Gael*, and various stories and essays.

**THE USE OF STIMULANTS.**—At a recent meeting of the North Wales branch of the British Medical Association, there was a discussion which showed much divergence of medical opinion as to the use of stimulants. In the treatment of pneumonia, Dr. Eytton Jones, of Wrexham, said he had used stimulants with success. Dr. Turnerwell remembered a case in which a complete cure had been effected in forty-eight hours without the use of stimulants, and in his varied and extensive practice he had rarely lost a case. Mr. Jones, of Dolgelly, on the other hand, said he always used stimulants, and had scarcely lost a case for twenty-one years. Neither totalitarians nor believers in strong drink will derive much satisfaction from the debate of the members of the Medical Association.

**ROYAL PERSONAGES OF THE PRESENT DAY** appear to have a special tendency for literary and musical composition. Thus amongst authors and poets we have Queen Victoria, the Queen of Sweden, the Imperial Princess of Germany, King Luis of Portugal, and the Emperor of Brazil, to say nothing of the Shah of Persia; while now a number of Latin poems by Pope Leo XIII. are to be translated into Italian and published, after His Holiness's revision. The Pope has also written a good deal of Italian poetry, and it is to be hoped that His Holiness's productions will be more successful than an opera—"The Mountain King"—composed by the King of Sweden under the pseudonym of Ivar Hallström, and which has proved a fiasco at Stuttgart—according to unkind critics—from the utter lack of originality in the music.

**CEYLON TEA.**—Tea is beginning to take a place almost side by side with coffee in the "Isle of Spices," and samples of Ceylon-grown leaf have been received and favourably reported on in London. At the end of last year a "sample" of 158lb. was exported from Colombo, and the expectation is cherished in the island that this may be the forerunner of a large trade in this article. The cultivation of the plant is being encouraged by the offer of prizes at the Colonial Agricultural and Horticultural Exhibitions, and experienced planters from Assam have given a very favourable opinion of the capabilities of the soil and climate of parts of Ceylon for the production of a high-class tea.—*Colonies and India.*

## Masonic and General Tidings.

The Grand Festival will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday, the 24th of April. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro. Grand Master, will preside. Full particulars may be obtained from the advertisement on front page.

The polling for the City of Worcester, to fill the vacancy in the representation caused by the death of Mr. Sherriff, took place on Thursday, March 28th, amid considerable excitement, and with the following result:—

Bro. J. D. Allcroft (Conservative) ..... 2609  
Sir Francis Lyceyt (Liberal) ..... 2155

Conservative majority ..... 454

Bro. John Derby Allcroft, P.M., Lodge 1657, took the oath and his seat in Parliament, on Monday last for the first time, and was received with loud and enthusiastic cheers from the members present.

**VALUE OF LAND IN THE CITY.**—The freehold ground rent of £1350 per annum arising out of the premises situated at the corner of Gracechurch-street and Cornhill, known as Nos. 59 and 60, Cornhill, and covering an area of about 950 feet, has been sold by Messrs. Harvey and Davids for the sum of £33,750, or equal to nearly £40 per square foot.

At the Isle of Man Legislature on Tuesday the Governor made the following statement in reference to the recent invitation to the Prince and Princess of Wales. His Excellency said: "I am authorised by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to state to the Court his gratification at the wish that has been expressed that his Royal Highness should visit the island this summer. His duties, however, in connection with the Paris Exhibition, together with his other engagements, render it extremely doubtful if he will be able this year to accept the invitation. It must, therefore, remain an open question; but should it be out of his power to visit the Isle of Man this year, his Royal Highness trusts he may be able to accomplish what he has long desired, next season."

**THE DIAMOND FIELDS.**—The South African diamond fields continue as productive as ever, and several old "claims" have within the past few months changed hands at high prices, while new diggings are from time to time discovered. At the Kimberley mine especially the value of land is very high, and money is plentiful. In Baxter's Gully a piece of land embracing five "claims" was sold recently for £6500. Some large stones have been found; one, at Old De Beer's Pan, weighing 50 carats; others, at Dutoit's Pan, weighing 145½ carats, 32 carats, and 23 carats, the last being a perfect water. In Poor Man's Gully, again, a stone weighing 53 carats has been found. Machinery is being adopted in many of the fields, thus reducing the labour to a minimum and increasing the speed at which the ground can be worked.—*Colonies and India.*

**THE SPITAL SERMONS.**—On Tuesday, at a meeting of the Court of Aldermen, held at Guildhall, the Lord Mayor presiding, the Bishop of Hereford and Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G.C., Rector of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, were appointed to preach before the corporation at Easter, at Christ Church, Newgate-street.

The annual meeting of the North Warwickshire Hunt was held on Wednesday, at the Regent, Leamington. Lord Leigh, Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, and the master, Mr. Lant, Marlcote Hall, was presided. The subscriptions last year realised £1,900, complimented on the admirable sport, which was characterized as the best for several seasons. As to new kennels, objection having been raised to the Kenilworth Station site, one near Roundsell Lane, Kenilworth, will probably be selected. It was announced that contributions amounting to £3,000 had been promised towards the £5,000 required for land and requisite buildings, which was considered highly satisfactory.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, meeting at 101, Queen Victoria-street, City, on Monday next at 6 o'clock p.m., by the following brethren:—Bro. W. Smallpeice (Preceptor), P.M. 1395, W.M.:—

## FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section ... Bro. C. J. Turner, J.W. 157  
2nd " ... " E. Legg, P.M. 161  
3rd " ... " J. E. Shand, S.D. 1563  
4th " ... " B. M. Belfrage, S.W. 179  
5th " ... " G. Brooke, P.M. 63  
6th " ... " C. A. Woods, J.D. 145  
7th " ... " A. Marvine, 1656

## SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section ... Bro. W. A. Dawson, 421  
2nd " ... " F. R. Spaul, J.G. 1124  
3rd " ... " E. G. Tattershall, 165  
4th " ... " J. Muzio, P.M. 1159  
5th " ... " G. B. Smallpeice, P.M. 370

## THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section ... Bro. T. W. Ockenden, S.D. 1512  
2nd " ... " W. Sharrett, J.W. 181  
3rd " ... " C. P. Cobham, P.M. 957

This will be the first time that the whole of the Sections have been worked on the "Emulation System." Members and friends (of the Craft) are invited to attend.

Bro. Knight Smith, (J.W. 1441), announces that his Complimentary Benefit will take place at the Town Hall, King-street, Hammersmith, on Thursday next, the 11th inst., under the patronage of Bro. W. Gordon, Esq., M.P.

The Lords of the Admiralty have offered a reward of £2 to any private person who may find or bring the body of any man belonging to the Eurydice to a Coast-guard Station.

The fifteen sections will be worked in the Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, meeting at the Princes Hall, Princes Road, Buckhurst Hill, on Friday next the 15th inst., at 6.30 p.m., Bro. J. Tann-r, preceptor.

We are asked to state that the Rose Lodge of Instruction meets every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, at the Walmer Castle Hotel, Peckham Road, under the sanction of the Rose Lodge, No. 1622, and the preceptorship of Bro. David Rose, P.M.

The remains of the late Mr. William Brunton, whose outline sketches in *Fun*, *Funny Folks*, and other comic periodicals obtained a wide appreciation, were interred in the Hackney Cemetery on Saturday last. Mr. Brunton, who died very suddenly at his own residence in the Junction-road on the previous Sunday, has left a widow and two children. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, a numerous gathering of the friends of the deceased artist assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to his memory.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts, in sympathy with the sufferers from the wholesale evictions now going on in Somers Town under the powers of the Midland Railway Act, is in treaty for the purchase of a large site of land in Osnaburgh-street, contiguous to Cumberland Market, for the erection of dwellings for the poor. The building, when completed, will accommodate 10,000 persons, will be built in flats, and partitioned into domiciles of two or three rooms each, with separate doors, &c., to insure the privacy of an ordinary house. The rents will, it is believed, be fixed at a maximum of 4s. 6d. weekly.

**BRO. ARCHIBALD FORBES AT LIVERPOOL.**—Bro.

Forbes delivered his lecture on his experiences during the recent war at the Royal Alexandra Theatre, Liverpool, on Saturday afternoon last, in the presence of a very large audience, who listened with close attention to the interesting details given. The Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Forwood) occupied a private box. Bro. Forbes concluded his remarks in the following terms:—"Should another war break out, which may God avert, it will probably be my duty again to take the field, either as correspondent or in some other capacity; but for the sake of Europe, for the sake of humanity, for the sake of the continued advance of civilisation, I fervently trust no such calamity will occur. Let us hope that while the honour of Old England continues to be maintained, the present generation of us, at least, may be able to say, in the words of the beautiful Scotch paraphrase:

No longer hosts encountering hosts  
Shall graves of slain deplore.  
They hang the trumpet in the hall,  
And study war no more."

Bro. Forbes was loudly cheered upon concluding, and was compelled to re-enter upon the stage to bow his acknowledgments. In the evening he was entertained at dinner by a number of journalists and others.

The Installation Meeting of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, will take place on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, when Bro. T. S. Williams, S.W., the W. M. elect, will be placed in the chair.

The Archbishop of Canterbury desires to intimate to the clergy of the diocese, that he recommends them during this time of public anxiety to use, in addition to the ordinary prayers of the Church, the Collect for the fifth Sunday after Trinity.

The Corporation have resolved that the salary of the Common Sergeant should be £2000 per annum, and that he should not be free to practice except upon retainer on behalf of the Corporation, or receive any fees outside his office. It was stated in reply to questions that the Court would proceed to fill up the vacancy next week.

The Lord Chamberlain gives notice that the Queen will hold Drawing Rooms at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday the 7th, and Thursday, the 9th of May next at three o'clock. The Prince of Wales will, by command of the Queen, hold a levée at St. James's Palace, on behalf of her Majesty, on Friday, the 17th of May next.

The Wigan Infirmary will receive the handsome sum of at least £150, as the result of the exhibition of pictures painted by Bro. Captain Charles Mercier, which consisted of between 60 and 70 of his works, amongst them being public subscription portraits of Lord Napier of Magdala, General Sir James Lindsay, the late Bishop Turner, lent by that prelate's diocese, Lord Derby, the late Lord Mayor, Lord Carnarvon, the late Lord Seaton, the large composition picture of Lord Beaconsfield's Cabinet, the St. Paul's National Thanksgiving, the King of the Belgians, the Right Honourable W. H. Massey, M.P., and others, together with landscapes and animal pieces.

We learn that the Freeman Mark Lodge, 105, which has been in abeyance for some time, is to be re-opened at Bury St. Edmunds under the Mastership of W. Bro. W. H. Lucia, the Prov. G. Sec. of Suffolk, on the 12th inst. Bro. F. Binckes, G. Sec. of M.M.M., has kindly consented to act as Installing Master upon the occasion.

The Hon. St. John Butler, brother of Lord Dunboyne, died on Sunday last at Portrane, County Dublin.

It is expected that the freedom of the city of Edinburgh will be presented to the Earl of Shaftesbury on Saturday, the 13th of April.

Eight thousand four hundred quails have been brought alive from Syria to Marseilles, half being destined for England and half for French consumers.

**DOBIE CHAPTER, No. 889.**—The consecration of this, the sixth Royal Arch Chapter of Surrey, took place on Tuesday last. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

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Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

## Answers to Correspondents.

Bro. Warne's "Freemasons' Manual, &c.," for Kent will be noticed in our next.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Keystone," "Hebrew Leader," "The Liberal Freemason," "Der Bund," "The Freemason's Monthly," "Corner Stone," "Hull Packet," "Medical Examiner," "The Broad Arrow," "The Advocate," "The Voice of the People," "The Saint Christopher Gazette and Charibbean Courier," "The Westminster Papers," "Risargements," "The Freemason's Repository."

## REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

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" Perfect Unanimity, 150	...	...	...	1 14 0
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## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

## BIRTH.

FENN.—On the 1st inst., at Glebe-hill Lodge, The Glebe, Lee, the wife of J. Fenn, Esq., of a son.

## DEATHS.

BICKERTON.—On the 30th ult., Nellie Theresa, daughter of G. A. Bickerton, of Guildford-street, Russell-square.  
GIBSON.—On the 30th ult., Edward Gibson, of Hungerford-road, Camden-road, aged 66.

## The Freemason.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1878.

## OUR OFFICIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The time will soon be here when we shall learn who are to be the holders of office in the Grand Lodge for the Masonic year. Among those arrangements, about which we wish to speak with all deference and reserve, none are more important, per se, than those which relate to the office of Grand Treasurer. It is a matter of deep regret to all English Masons, that stern necessity no longer permits the habitual re-election of our esteemed Bro. Tomkins. We have, (and we are very sorry to record the fact), to find another occupant for the post he filled so long, and filled so well. Yes, despite the failure of the old bank of which he was a leading partner, we should never forget, in any temporary excitement, or passing annoyance, his great and meritorious services to our Order. We have, however, now to replace him, and look after the financial position and arrangements of Grand Lodge. As Lord Carnarvon so well said, at our last Quarterly Communication, when a difficulty occurs, when a disaster takes place, it is both wise and prudent to look into the matter of our position and proceedings in such respects, carefully and calmly, to note, if we can, what is defective—to amend, if it be in our power, what is wrong. With such feelings, and following such authoritative advice, we venture to-day to touch upon the arrangements which prevail at Freemasons' Hall, with respect to the most important office of Grand Treasurer. As far as we clearly understand them, as they have been in action, and still are, they seem to us, (we say it with all respect to those who are in authority) somewhat unbusiness like and unpractical, and require amendment and reform. We quite understand, (at least we think we do) their "raison d'être," but then they represent an epoch when our accounts were simpler, and our returns were less, and they never were intended for the present condition of the Grand Lodge income and expenditure! For what is the actual state of the arrangements? The Grand Treasurer is practically a cypher. Though he is Grand Treasurer, the cheques are not signed by him, but by the President of the Board of General Purposes, the President of the Lodge of Benevolence, the Grand Secretary, and thus it is impossible that the Grand Treasurer can be properly responsible, because others, to use legal phraseology, "have gone behind his back," and drawn cheques for which he is not answerable, and over which he had no control. So obviously is this the aspect of the case, from a business and regular point of view, that legally, we apprehend, had the late Grand Treasurer given security, under the past and present arrangements it is quite clear, that Grand Lodge could not have enforced such a guarantee, could not have recovered one farthing. There is clearly, then, a "screw loose" somewhere in the financial arrangements of Grand Lodge, which, however well intended and seasonable originally, are not suited to the present position of affairs, and are not compatible either with business like proceedings or legal security. We, venture, then, most humbly to suggest the following alteration in the existing arrangements, so as to bring the office and duties of Grand Treasurer in accordance with the requirements of the Craft, the dictates of common sense, and the possibility of legal enforcement on the one hand, and legal protection on the other. Let the Grand Treasurer draw his own cheques, and let them be countersigned alone by the Grand Secretary, and carefully entered in a special book termed the "Issued Cheques Book." Let Grand Lodge pay to a guarantee society the necessary premium to ensure surety for a maximum amount, say, of £5000. There can be no reason why all grants of the Lodge of Benevolence, and all votes of the Board of General Purposes, should not be countersigned by the respective chairmen, but the only brother who should sign the cheques, in order to render his a legal re-

sponsibility, should be the Grand Treasurer. We shall be met by the reply, of course, "You are throwing more work on the Grand Secretary's office, already overworked." So far from this, we would, in order to simplify matters, separate the Treasurer's and Secretary's department entirely. We have in the Grand Secretary's office a brother who properly possesses the confidence of the Craft, Bro. Buss, and we would venture to suggest his appointment as Assistant Grand Treasurer, and that all payments and lodge returns, &c., should go to him, by name, and after special notice to the lodges. He would prepare all the cheques needful for the Grand Treasurer to sign, and our excellent Grand Secretary would be saved an enormous amount of needless and most technical work. For we must add this. Those of us who know anything of the office at Freemasons' Hall, never previously so efficiently worked, are well aware that its labours have increased a hundred-fold, and that our excellent and valued Grand Secretary is at times very much overworked. For few realize the amount of work he does so well, so kindly, and so thoroughly. Will it surprise the Craft to be told that the rate of letters is very often close upon 200 a week? and that the increase of lodges necessitates additional correspondence, and leads to communications on all conceivable, and, we will add, inconceivable subjects? If, according to our proposal, Bro. Buss was appointed Assistant Grand Treasurer, to look after the subsidiary financial arrangements, much needless and purely formal work would be spared to the Grand Secretary. His hands might be strengthened in some other way, and his valuable services would be available in other directions. No more popular brother, and no more effective Consecrating Officer, for instance, has ever been known in Freemasons' Hall. We trust that we shall not be considered to be very presumptuous, in tendering such advice—in propounding such views. We can only assure our readers that such remarks on our part are well meant, honestly intended, and completely independent, inasmuch as they are all our own alone, and are neither written with a view to please anyone, or to favour anyone. Such as they are we beg to commend them, "quantum valent," to the consideration of the intelligent, and the appreciation of the thoughtful. For such only do we write in the *Freemason* and all we say is marked, we trust, each week, by the Masonic dictates of caution and responsibility. We are sincere well-wishers to our Masonic authorities, to whom we offer in all good feeling alike the tenour of these unpretending suggestions, and the heartfelt assurances of unchanged and unchanging loyalty.

## THE TRUE POSITION OF ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

As this is a matter of deep importance, a fact of serious significance in itself, however sometimes misapprehended by friend, and misinterpreted by foe, we think it well humbly to endeavour to sketch out for our many readers in what we venture to conceive it consists, always has been, and, we fervently trust, ever will be. We may observe at the outset, that those foreign writers are emphatically wrong who seek to give to Freemasonry a deistical profession or a non-religious character! There are some who have actually gone so far as to say, that English Freemasonry is the product of a deistical movement in the early part of the last century. We need hardly remind the most superficial reader of English Masonic history, that such a view is alike most inexact, nay, we may add, most untrue in itself, and unworthy of our really great Order. English Freemasonry never had anything to do with the "isms" of the hour, the "ologies" of the day. The character of its revivers in the Grand Lodge of 1717 is a sufficient answer to all such mistaken and unhistorical allegations. It is now, what it always has professed to be, in the true sense of the word, a religiously-minded Fraternity, honouring God, loving man, wishful to uphold true morality, simple-hearted charity, kindly toleration, and benevolent aspirations, in this rough and controversial world. It asks only from its acolytes



belief in the Fatherhood of the Most High, affection for the Brotherhood of the dust, and beyond that it puts forward no questions, and imposes no test. It may be wrong in all this, but such is its profession, such its practice; and such as it has been since 1717, such it is practically at the present hour. There is one point, however, to which it is only honest to allude, and which we are bound to admit and concede, if we seek to speak the truth and deal honestly with those who, from one side or the other, impugn our teaching in the abstract, and cavil at our doings in the concrete. During the last century, the teaching of English Masonry was, no doubt, to a great extent Christian, a complete answer, we may observe, to foreign sciolists, who attempt to give to English Masonry a character it never assumed, and above all never sought to assume. But we also know, as the Rawlinson MSS. shew us, and as our lamented and able Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson used to point out, that side by side with this Christian teaching in our lodges grew up an universal school, which culminated in the authoritative exposition of 1813, and since that time has been the recognized teaching of English Masonry. That a Christian school exists in English Masonry is undoubtedly true; it always has existed, it probably always will exist; and within certain due limits of guarded moderation, we are among those who feel that in this, as in many little ritual observances, there should be in our wide and tolerant Order a "liberty," both of "prophesying" and of practice. But the official teaching of English Freemasonry is distinct. It is Universal in its aim and scope. It bases its prayers on the Divine model of the best of all prayers, and though it unhesitatingly proclaims belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. as incumbent, absolutely incumbent, on all true Freemasons, and bases all its moral teaching on the Inspired Revelation, it asks no more of every candidate for its mysteries. In Masonry itself no doubt we learn more and are taught more, but while it asserts the immortality of the soul, and points to the resurrection of the human race, and asserts with unfaltering tongue the noblest axioms of piety, morality, charity, virtue, and religious living, it studiously avoids any dogmata which serve to illustrate the doctrines of churches, or religious bodies, inasmuch as it carefully ignores sectarian rivalries and antagonistic creeds. But this, its very moderation, its via media, exposes it to attacks from opposing quarters. It is accused of not saying enough,—it is assailed for asserting too much. There are those who wish it to be made decidedly religious in doctrine and profession, and decidedly Christian, less Universal. But to such opponents the answer is plain. The glory, the good of Freemasonry, depend on its tolerant basis, its open platform, its unsectarian bias. It refuses to give up to a "denomination," however good or true, "what was meant for mankind," and, at any rate, until the Christian church is one and universal in its teaching, significance, and extent, the members of this or that section of it have no right to accuse Freemasons of "forming a brotherhood of mere Theists." Freemasonry in its present adaptation to the wants of the age, and the yearnings of mankind, appears to us to be a happy symbol of a greater future, a prototype of a religious "Parliament" of the world, a spiritual "federation" of our mortal race. But there are those in France and Germany who accuse us of going too far in proclaiming belief in T.G.A.O.T.U., as a necessary pre-requisite of admission into the condition of continuation in our great and goodly Masonic system. They claim recognition of the actual atheist even on the grounds of "absolute toleration." We say, in reply, that there are limits to toleration even, and that on such principles belief becomes a paradox, and toleration itself a farce, for there is nothing positively left either to assert or to tolerate. We cannot therefore assent either to the reasonableness of their complaints or the soundness of these views. *Ipe, as English Masons, never will work with or admit known Atheists in our lodges.* It seems to us so baneful, so degrading, a theory, that a man is to "live without God in the world," that any one is to refuse, on any ground, to avow belief in T.G.A.O.T.U., that

we decline to have anything to do with such, to march forward with such, to be associated with such, to claim such as our associates on any condition, in any shape whatever. We may be wrong, utterly wrong, in this. We may be termed bigots, intolerant, retrograde, anything you like. But here we stand, like the white cliffs of Old England itself, calmly confronting the raging sea, firm to our own principles, true to the great and goodly teaching of our honourable and beneficent Order.

### OUR FINANCIAL PROSPECTS.

We have always contended, despite the forebodings of our financial wisacres, that the estimate of the Chancellor of the Exchequer would be made good, and so this week's return amply demonstrates. Of course it has been, as was unavoidable under the exceptional circumstances, a very "close fit," but the return, as before us, is satisfactory on every head except the Excise, on which there has been a deficiency on the year of £272,000, though the last quarter shows a gain of £90,000. The principal loss on the Excise appears to have been in the quarter ending September 30th, 1877. As it will be seen by the following tables, which deserve study, there is an increase on every head of income for the year, except the Excise, (which has now seemingly turned the corner), and though there has been in the quarter ending March 31, 1878, a small decrease on stamps, Telegraph Service, and Interest, there is a gain on every other head. Sir Stafford Northcote calculated on receiving £79,146,000, and he has received £79,763,299, being an increase on the year of £1,198,000. The six millions recently voted, have, of course, to be provided for, but have to be dealt with separately. The difficulties of the situation have to be faced, but the income of the country has not fallen off, (despite the trials and slackness of trade), and has, on the contrary, a tendency to increase. Were it not for the preparations and expenditure of war, and the consequent uncertainty of all business arrangements, we might fairly say that our financial prospects were very encouraging. We give the three following tables, as deserving both study and consideration:—

	Year ended March 31, 1878.	Year ended March 31, 1877.
Customs ... ..	£19,969,000	19,922,000
Excise ... ..	27,464,000	27,736,000
Stamps ... ..	10,956,000	10,990,000
Land Tax & House Duty	2,670,000	2,532,000
Property & Income Tax	5,820,000	5,280,000
Post Office ... ..	6,150,000	6,000,000
Telegraph Service	1,310,000	1,305,000
Crown Lands ... ..	410,000	—
Interest on Advances	949,000	793,682
Miscellaneous ... ..	4,064,415	3,696,354

Totals ... .. £79,763,299 £78,565,036

Year ended March 31st, 1878:—

	Increase.	Decrease.
Customs ... ..	£47,000	—
Excise ... ..	—	£272,000
Stamps ... ..	66,000	—
Land Tax & House Duty	138,000	—
Property & Income Tax	540,000	—
Post Office ... ..	150,000	—
Telegraph Service	5,000	—
Crown Lands ... ..	—	—
Interest on Advances	156,202	—
Miscellaneous ... ..	368,061	—

Totals ... .. £1,470,263 £272,000

Net Increase, £1,198,263.

Quarter ended March 31st, 1878:—

	Increase.	Decrease.
Customs ... ..	£207,000	—
Excise ... ..	96,000	—
Stamps ... ..	—	£12,000
Land Tax & House Duty	34,000	—
Property & Income Tax	84,000	—
Post Office ... ..	17,000	—
Telegraph Service	—	10,000
Crown Lands ... ..	—	—
Interest on Advances	—	4,451
Miscellaneous ... ..	671,196	—

Totals ... .. £1,109,196 £26,451

Net Increase, £1,082,745.

We shall possibly recur to the subject in our next.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, attended by Mr. Holzmänn, honoured Mr. C. Schloesser's studio with a visit on Tuesday last.

### 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.]

#### A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to call attention to an inaccuracy in your otherwise admirable report of the proceedings of last Grand Lodge.

In speaking of the division on Bro. Clabon's motion in regard to the Board of Benevolence, "no hand was held up here" is the account of the result on the question being put. Now, I will answer for my own hand and at least eight or ten others being held up for the motion. It was, of course, clear that a great majority of those present were against it.

I am sorry this was the case, for the present system, or rather mode, of distributing large sums of money is simply monstrous, and, I venture to add, unprecedented and unique.

Notwithstanding Bro. Binckes's sweeping judgment about "charity organisation," he may depend on it, those principles are rapidly permeating society, and that by-and-bye the present "happy-go-lucky" and unjust and uninvestigating custom will, like the corn-laws and many other "vital" interests, have become things of the past.

Fraternally yours,

R. J. SIMPSON.

(We are sorry that by a mistake this letter did not appear in our last impression.—Ed.)

#### KENNING'S CYCLOPÆDIA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am intensely amused by a profound "critique" on this valuable work, which has appeared in your amiable, and fraternal, and enlightened contemporary, the *Sunday Times*. Such a review says a great deal for the intellect, the information, the good taste, and the Masonic sympathy of the writer, as well for the "animus" which permits its appearance in a quasi-Masonic paper. I think the following amusing extract from the *New York Dispatch* is the best commentary on the recent exhaustive and scientific review in the *Sunday Times* of Bro. Kenning's most useful publication:—

"The *Alpha*, a lofty journal published at Washington, devoted to a great deal of talk about things that it doesn't know anything about, comes to us marked X, and solemnly assures us in the leading article that we 'can marry our cousin.' You're much mistaken, we can't. For three reasons. In the first place we are already married, and in the second place all our cousins are married, and in the third place, they are all men."

Yours fraternally,

AMUSED.

#### THE COVERING AND THE CORE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I need not tell you that I was highly gratified at the kind expressions of appreciation of my recent letter on *Coincidence or Design*, which appeared in your paper of the 16th ult., from the pen of Bro. H. H. B. But I have to thank my courteous panegyrist for another pleasure, and I hope you will allow me in your columns to do so. I allude to the enjoyment I experienced in my prompt examination of the noble Sebastian del Piombo, referred to by your correspondent. It is, indeed, a magnificent picture. I marvel that I had never closely observed it before. The . . . (I must not, of course, be more explicit) alluded to by H. H. B., I recognised at once, and I cannot but think that he has, so to speak, "struck it" in his speculations. I trust he may read this communication because I am sure that I have encountered in him a genial spirit—one who, like myself, regards Freemasonry from a very elevated standpoint; and this exaltation was not arrived at by me, as I am convinced it was not by him, by means of mere toil and labour—although many who may recognise the initials at the foot of this epistle will justly give me credit for never having spared either—but was attained, I may say, *per saultier*. At that very peculiar moment, the most peculiar of any Mason's life—I do not mean merely his Masonic, but his natural, life—when the Deacons by command of the W.M., &c., I felt that mere material light was but as the covering to the core, the shell or husk to the kernel. I realised that it symbolized an esoteric light, in which I was thereafter to live; by which I was to see to study the history and philosophy of the system I had just voluntarily adopted. Well has it been recently observed by a very thoughtful lecturer\* on a text from the charge that inculcates our obligation "each day to make some progress in Masonic knowledge." "I fear that too often little attention is paid to the intelligent side of Masonry." . . . The realities of Masonry are not to be discovered in the mere ritual of the three degrees. The lodge workings are only the outer shell or elemental part of Masonic study; and, although a thorough acquaintance with them at the outset is indispensable to every brother who hopes to do credit to himself and to Masonry, I hope you will never make the tremendous error of imagining that a clever Masonic ritualist is necessarily a good Mason." And he aptly quotes a Masonic writer of the last century—"You are well convinced that there are some amongst us who take the shadow for the substance, who are acquainted with the ceremonies, but catch not the spirit of the profession." These are wise words. How many an old Past Master, who has forgotten more Masonry than his pert corrector has ever learned, has been "pulled

\* In an address delivered to the members of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, York, 27th February, 1878, by Bro. T. B. Whythead, W.M.

up" sharply and abruptly by some "letter perfect" youngster for a misplaced adjective or an inadvertently substituted participle? Fancy Moltke giving the wrong word to a corporal's squad, and being set right by the drummer boy! Imagine Garnet Wolseley being instructed in the accurate formation of "fours" by the linendraper's shopman, who for six months has shouldered his "Snider" in a volunteer corps! Conceive Admiral Hornby directed how to carry his squadron safely through the Dardanelles by the coxswain of a Cockney boating club! Imagination of course fails to realise such absurdities, yet I do wish that my brethren in the Craft would recognise the oft proclaimed principle that literal accuracy in ritual is not the be-all and end-all to be desiderated in the profession of speculative Freemasonry. He who spake as never man spake pointed out that the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. In like manner that combination of ritual and action which we call working has been devised as the ancillary, and not the leading, feature of the Order. The same Divine authority, as we of the brethren who are of the Christian communion believe Him to be, has also told us that the letter killeth but the spirit giveth life, and in adapting His sublime language to this subject in a sense that, while desiring to elevate inward principle above mere outward profession, shall nevertheless not discourage the painstaking and enthusiastic student in his endeavours to attain the most complete accuracy of word and working, we may with all reverence again quote His not irrelevant reminder, "This should ye do and not leave the other undone." We shall be none the worse Masons if we each one remember that judicious distribution of labour indicated in the text, "there be some who serve and minister and some who stand and wait."

But to return to H. H. B.'s shrewd conjectures. Once let us assume—take for granted—that Raffaele, Michael Angelo and the other owners of the great names of the artists of the Renaissance period, were affiliated to a—something or other—of which speculative Freemasonry, as we know it at the present day, is, at all events, the outcome, if not the legitimate heir and successor, and see what a vast ocean of investigation and speculation we are launched upon. For, assuming that the \* \* \* and \* \* \* used by ourselves are substantially the same as those employed in the middle ages, mere ritual falls into its proper place, that is to say, becomes, as it should become, as I have above intimated, ancillary and subordinate to the great truths proclaimed by the Craft. Far from me, however, as I have already said, be the design to discourage the attainment of perfect accuracy in working. I believe it, on the contrary, to be of the greatest, if not of the very greatest, value. It consolidates us. It tends to the catholicity—i.e., to the universality of the Order—and in the extreme catholicity of Freemasonry consists the fraternal utility of the Institution.

I think it is Lord Macaulay who somewhere assumes to account for the potency of the Roman Catholic faith in words which I cannot attempt to reproduce, but which substantially point out what a binding principle of union is involved in the knowledge of each member of that Church, that millions of his fellow-worshippers, in every portion of the earth's surface, are engaged at the same certain stated moments in repeating the very same prayers and listening to the very words he himself is then preferring or hearing. So with Freemasonry. It is of the highest importance to know that the working is substantially identical all over the world. But given that—that object taken for granted as having been achieved—we are permitted, nay, commanded, to extend our researches into higher fields of speculation, and no more attractive region, I conceive, can we explore, than that which offers to us a reasonable hope of finding some clue to the continuity of the science of the Order—some expectation that we may with thought and labour one day be able to approach the formulation of that very vague, unsatisfactory, indefinite epoch so frequently alluded to, and so loosely spoken of, as "from remote antiquity." As time and other occupations permit, and as you may friendly allow me space, I propose, encouraged by the kindly feeling with which my former lucubrations have been received, to trespass a little upon your columns in travelling this path—a path I cannot better indicate than by a reference to the beautiful apologue in one of our lectures which describes the two renowned columns at the entrance of K.S.'s temple as formed hollow—referring to their external appearance as their outer rim or shell—and instructing us why they were so constructed and the nature of the treasures they contained. I venture to apply this allegory to my proposition, and to ask my kind readers' assent to my view, which regards "*ipsissima verba*" as the indispensable outer rim or shell, but knowledge of Masonic philosophy, history, and principles as the precious core within the covering.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,  
S. P., P.M. 902, 1491.

#### PAPAL CHRONOLOGY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to call the attention of your readers to the amusing blunder made by one of the scribes of the Roman Church, and alluded to by Mr. Whittaker in the following letter, which appeared in *The Times* of Tuesday last. If the editor of "*Whittaker's Almanack*" is correct, though it is not right to blame the Pope for the blunder, a Roman scribe has made a nice little "beefsteak."

Yours fraternally, MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGIST.

"In *The Times* of 10-day your Roman Correspondent gives an outline of the Apostolic letter creating the Scottish hierarchy. In this the Pope gives a cursory view of the Scotch Church from its origin, referring to 'St. Ninian instructed in the faith of the Venerable Bede.' Herein His

Holiness either makes us acquainted with a new miracle, or shows that he is not infallible in his chronology, for St. Ninian died in the year 432, while the Venerable Bede was not born till 673—241 years after St. Ninian's death. I by no means wish to impute any error to His Holiness, but so great a miracle as that of Bede teaching or having taught St. Ninian should not have been omitted by the learned Bollandists in their exhaustive records."

We note that Bro. Sala in a letter to the *Times*, April 2, takes a different view, for he says—"The slight clerical error in the chronology of S. S. Pope Leo XIII. is obviously due to the circumstance that there are two Bedes or Bedans mentioned in ecclesiastical history. 'The Venerable Bede,' writes Alban Butler ('*Lives of the Saints and Martyrs*,' Dublin, 1833, vol. B., P. 693), 'called by the ancients Bedan, is not to be confounded with a monk of Lindisfarne of the same name, but older.' Further information might be found in the Bollandists respecting the older (and by seniority more Venerable) Bede whom S. S. evidently had in his mind's eye when alluding to St. Ninian."

[We would, however, observe that there is but one "Venerable" Bede.—Ed.]

#### MASONIC MAGAZINE FOR JAN., 1874.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly permit me to ask any brother who possesses a copy of the *Masonic Magazine* for Jan., 1874, which he does not want, to do me the great favour of sending it for me to the *Freemason* office, 198, Fleet-street. It is the only number missing from my set since the commencement of the magazine.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

W. T.

#### MASONIC SPEECHES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to "Young Mason's" letter of last week, I would recommend him to read the *Freemason* regularly every week.

Yours fraternally,

Quiz.

Hayle, Cornwall.

#### KENNING'S CYCLOPEDIA.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

My attention has been called to a review in the *Sunday Times*, in which the writer says, "inter alia," "Bro. Kenning's work is stated to be laid down on Bro. Mackey's 'lines.' This is a mistake; in our copy of Bro. Mackey's valuable lexicon we open the book in the middle, and find the first half is devoted to the first half of the alphabet, and the rest of the work to the second. In Bro. Kenning's publication 500 pages are given to the first, and only 150 to the second division of the alphabetical letters, which clearly shows that the work was started on more ambitious 'lines' than were ultimately built up." Now, I need hardly remind your readers, or repeat for your information, that the writer of this review is hardly correct or fair in his view of matters. I have followed Mackey in his general lines more or less all through, and I have previously explained, that owing to the excusable impatience of some of our correspondents we decided to abbreviate all the letters from S to X. If the letters from S to X are not as exhaustively treated, as from A to S, you and I hope to mend matters, "favente" the Craft, in a second edition. The writer's view of a cyclopaedia is so different from mine that we are as far as the "poles asunder," and I can see no good in prolonging a controversy with a writer who has clearly yet to learn the use and interest of a cyclopaedia. There are many other remarks in that review to which I might allude, but to say the truth "le jeu ne vaut pas la chandelle," and as they are of little importance, and less meaning, I will pass them by "sub silentio."

I am, yours fraternally,

YOUR EDITOR OF THE CYCLOPEDIA.

#### A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you or any of your readers kindly inform me whether or not it is correct and proper for the Chaplain to wear a surplice in lodge on ordinary occasions? My experience is against such a custom, but I understand it obtains in some provinces.

Ought not the custom of G.L. to guide us in a matter like this?

Fraternally yours,

W.M. 809.

#### THE ASTOR LIBRARY.

To the Editor of the "Times."

Sir,—The recently issued report of the trustees of this world-famed library—founded by the munificence of the Astor of New York—contains some particulars as to its progress during the past two years which may interest your readers.

During the past two years the expenditure for increase of the library, binding, and catalogues was \$63,595; of this sum the books alone absorbed \$50,890. The fund for the maintenance of the library is now \$417,500, and the total endowment fund \$1,050,405. The additions to the library during the past year, by purchase and donation, amounted to 11,533 volumes; the total increase during the two years being about 25,000 volumes. Some of these additions were very costly, and the average expense of all the volumes was about \$2 20c. The total number of readers for the past year was 58,621, an increase of nearly 23 per cent. over 1876, and an average of more than 210 readers daily. The volumes consulted were 156,091, rather more than 8 per cent. over the previous year. On the 1st of January, 1877, the total number of volumes in the library was 165,854. The trustees attribute the large

increase in the number of readers and the enhanced usefulness of the library to the large additions recently made to the library and to the use of the "alphabetical" and "subject" card catalogues. These catalogues are complete from the year 1866—when the printed book catalogue ended—down to the present time, and are placed in the hall of the library, so that readers can thus select for themselves, with great facility, any work added to the library during the past 11 years. Under this plan the "catalogue of additions" is placed before the public a few days after the books are purchased. The books are insured for \$200,000, and the building for half that sum.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

EDWARD PRESTON.

1, Great College-street, Westminster, S.W.

#### OUR GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO LIVERPOOL.

DISTINGUISHED HONOUR TO A LIVERPOOL BROTHER.

The recent visit of Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., to Croxteth Hall (the Lancashire seat of the Earl of Sefton), in the immediate neighbourhood of Liverpool, created much interest, and in no circles more than amongst the Masonic. H.R.H. passed through Liverpool both in coming and going, and his presence at the Liverpool Spring Race Meeting on Thursday and Friday was the centre of much attraction, there being the largest attendance ever witnessed (probably 100,000 persons) on the course on the "Grand National" day. A most aristocratic company was invited to meet our Royal brother at Croxteth Hall, amongst those who were thus invited by the Earl and Countess of Sefton being the Duke of Hamilton, the Duke of Montrose, Lord and Lady Cadogan, Lord and Lady Howe, Lord and Lady Wilton, Lord and Lady Downe, Lord Lonsdale, Lord Gerard, Mrs. Gerard, Lord Melgund, Lord Cork, Lord Lascelles, Lord Carrington, Lord Marcus Beresford, Lord Norreys, Colonel and Mrs. Molyneux, Captain Molyneux, Colonel Forrester, Colonel Hibbert, Mr. G. Payne, Mr. Swaine, the Hon. Dudley Milner, Sir G. Chetwynd, and Major Russell (querry to the Prince). After spending two days most pleasantly H.R.H. started from Liverpool on Saturday home.

A most distinguished honour was paid to a talented and worthy Liverpool brother in connection with this visit, in which every one will greatly rejoice as being a mark of Royal favour towards one who has often delighted the members of local lodges by his musical efforts. As we stated some time ago, Bro. Hargreaves Gill, one of the officers of the Walton Lodge, No. 1086, had the unexpected honour of being invited by Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., R.W.P.G.M. West Lancashire, to visit Lathom House and give his well-known "Fairy Bells" performances there before a large and distinguished gathering of guests. The unique and charming character of Bro. Gill's "Fairy Bells" seems to have been much thought of and doubtless talked about in upper circles, and as a consequence of this Bro. Gill received a kindly and cordial autograph invitation from the Countess of Sefton to attend at Croxteth Hall for the purpose of allowing His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the honourable company the opportunity of hearing the fairy-like music. Bro. Gill was accordingly at the Hall on Friday evening, the 29th ult., when in the presence of the Prince and Princess, the Earl and Countess of Sefton, and of their distinguished guests, he gave them a programme of his "Fairy Bells" music. The whole company expressed their great delight at the novel musical treat afforded by Bro. Gill, and the Earl and Countess of Sefton specially thanked him for his kindness in coming to Croxteth Hall on that occasion. The "Fairy Bells" have frequently given special delight to the brethren in several local lodges, and they have also often been sounded in the cause of true and pure charity; and Bro. Gill deserves to be congratulated on having thus achieved an honour which is received by few.

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. DR. MOORE, P.M. 1051, P.G.S.B. OF ENGLAND.

On Tuesday evening, the 26th ult., nearly thirty members of the Rowley Lodge of Freemasons (1051), Lancaster, assembled at the King's Arms Hotel, in response to an invitation from the W.M., to attend a complimentary dinner given to Bro. J. D. Moore, M.D., P.M. 1051, P.G.S.B. of E., &c., who for the last eleven years has filled the office of Hon. Sec. of the Rowley Lodge, but which he resigned at Christmas last. The dinner was served in capital style, under the personal supervision of the manager, Mr. Piper. Another pleasing feature in the evening's programme was the presentation of a handsome epergne to Bro. Moore, value £40, which had been subscribed for by the members of the lodge as a slight acknowledgment of the many and varied services he has rendered to the lodge. The epergne, which is of frosted silver, stands about sixteen inches high, and has a very elegant and chaste appearance, the stem being formed of vine branches, the foliage and fruit of which is so arranged at the top as to form a receptacle for holding a cut glass dish, in which fruit, flowers, &c., may be placed. On the base are three medallions, on one of which is the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. J. Daniel Moore, M.D., P.M. 1051, P.G.S.B. of E., &c., by the members of the Rowley Lodge, in appreciation of his long and valued Masonic services to them as Masons, March 26th, 1878." In the two remaining medallions Dr. Moore's coat of arms and the jewel of a Past Master are respectively engraved. Bro. A. Sheriff, W.M. of the lodge, presided.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and responded to, the Chairman



rose to propose the toast of the evening—"The Health of Bro. Dr. Moore," which was received with great cordiality. In the course of his remarks the Chairman said the honourable position which he occupied as Worshipful Master of the Rowley Lodge had imposed on him the performance of a most pleasing duty, which was to convey to their guest that evening—Bro. Moore—the thanks of the members of that lodge, and to express to him their esteem and admiration for the invaluable assistance he had rendered not only to the lodge but the members individually. (Hear, hear.) There might be a few members of the lodge who were acquainted with the services rendered by their respected brother, but there were many who had no conception of them. He (the Chairman) would therefore claim their indulgence for a short time, and also that of their guest, which he was sure he would require, whilst he gave expression to the feelings entertained by the members of the lodge towards Dr. Moore. Fortunately for himself, the members had wisely determined that those feelings should be recorded in an address, to be hereafter presented to Dr. Moore. (Hear, hear.) They had however, given a more tangible expression to their feelings by providing the handsome epergne before him, and which it would be his pleasing duty to present to Bro. Moore. Before doing so, he might not be deemed irregular if he related a few of the many services Bro. Moore had rendered to the lodge during his connection with it. If he mistook not, the lodge was formed in 1865—the consecration taking place on the 3rd March in that year, since which time his relations to it had been of a most intimate character. Although Bro. Moore was not a member of the lodge when it was founded, yet at the lodge of emergency held on the same day he was initiated into Masonry. A very short time elapsed before he distinguished himself, and that fact was recorded in the lodge books. Five or six meetings afterwards they found Bro. Moore occupying the seat of Senior Warden in the lodge. In December, 1866, he was elected to the office of Worshipful Master of the lodge, a most unparalleled advancement in Masonry. About this time also, Bro. Moore, not finding sufficient to engage his zeal and energy in the Master's chair, took upon himself also the duties of Secretary of the lodge, and from that time down to the end of last year, the minutes would be found recorded in his well-known characteristic handwriting, and to which office he was formally appointed at the end of 1868, having filled the duties two years previous to that date. From the time that Bro. Moore took charge of the Secretaryship, they would find a marked increase in the attendance of members at the lodge meetings. In 1867 he was re-elected Worshipful Master of the lodge, and on his attendance at Grand Lodge shortly afterwards he formed one of a deputation who waited on the M.W.G.M., the late Earl of Zealand, to ask him to lay the foundation stone of the Royal Albert Asylum. They all, doubtless, knew that the Grand Master did attend, and knew also in what an efficient manner the ceremony was performed, and how everything passed off satisfactorily, but he (the Chairman) believed they did not know that the success of that meeting depended greatly on the skill, energy, zeal, and tact of Bro. Moore. (Hear, hear.) They found also that when there was no business of special interest before the lodge, Bro. Moore was always ready to turn it into one of instruction, and himself occupying the chair was willing to impart the light of Masonry to those not so well up in matters as himself, and with an ability which few were so well able to compare. At one of the meetings of the Grand Lodge, the year following Bro. Moore's re-election to the office of W.M., the Grand Master was pleased to bestow on him the office of Grand Sword Bearer of England, an office which was not only an honour to the brother on whom it was conferred, but to the advantage of the Craft in the town generally. (Hear, hear.) How many times he had represented the various charities, he (the chairman) was at a loss to say—but he thought he was within the mark if he put them down at sixteen or seventeen, but the amount of time devoted by Bro. Moore to those kindred matters connected with the Craft was more than they could have any idea of. During the existence of the lodge Bro. Moore had given them lectures on many occasions, and on various subjects connected with Masonry. There were a few of the services rendered by Bro. Moore to the lodge, and which could not be done except at the sacrifice of much personal comfort, of which no one but their worthy brother himself knew, and for which he had only the approbation of his own conscience. (Hear, hear.) The Chairman, addressing Bro. Moore, said: I have great pleasure in giving to you the sincere thanks of the brethren of the Rowley Lodge for the many valuable services which from time to time you have rendered them, and at their wish, and in their behalf, to present you with this epergne, which I hope you and yours may long enjoy, and I hope also that you may have a long, prosperous, and happy life. (Loud applause.)

Bro. Moore, who was received on rising with great cordiality, said he really knew so little what to say in reply to the kind speech and the handsome present which had been made to him that he thought the wisest course would be to simply say "Thank you," and sit down. He felt, however, that that would not convey the degree of thanks he was desirous of doing. Such a present was entirely unexpected on his part, and although Bro. Garnett had once surprised him in the same manner in another lodge—and he must confess it was a very pleasant surprise indeed—yet, he had not the slightest idea in the world that he was coming there that evening to do more than take his place and partake of the capital dinner which they had provided, and which he considered amply recompensed him for any humble services he might have rendered to the lodge. (Applause.) Bro. Moore then detailed the circumstances under which he joined the Craft, remarking that when he undertook the duties of Secretary during the time he was W.M. it was on account of the illness of the late Bro. Hansbrow. He next went on to say that with regard to

his career in Masonry, with regard to his duty to the Craft and to the lodge, he was amply repaid. He was indeed proud, and he hoped pardonably so, of the position in which he had been placed both in the Grand Lodge and also in the Rowley Lodge, but he was much more proud to receive at their hands that gratifying acknowledgment of any humble services which he might have rendered to them. (Hear, hear.) During his Masonic career it had been his earnest endeavour, as far as possible, not only to improve the lodge as a body, but to give instruction to those who were junior members of the Craft. It had been said with regard to many Masons, that they wished to get all the knowledge they could and keep it to themselves. That, however, was not in the true spirit of Masonry, as Masons should always be ready both to give and receive instruction from their brethren in the Craft. (Hear, hear.) In conclusion, Bro. Moore begged to thank the Chairman for the very complimentary terms in which he had addressed him, and also the brethren for the kindness he had always met with at their hands. (Applause.)

Other toasts followed, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.

### Obituary.

#### BRO. JOHN MILLER, D.G.M. OF MADRAS.

It is our painful duty to have to chronicle the death of Bro. John Miller, the distinguished and highly popular District Grand Master of the Madras Presidency. Born in the city of Madras 46 years ago, Bro. Miller, through his own abilities and exertions, raised himself from a very humble rank to the proud position of leading barrister and Administrator General of the Presidency. His intimate acquaintance with the vernaculars of the land of his birth, his acuteness as a lawyer, soon enabled him to assume a position with his clients, more especially those of the native community, seldom obtained by members of the legal profession in India, and his upright character and unwearied assiduity soon attracted the notice of Government. Early in his career he held official position in the High Court, and he could easily have amassed a large fortune; but his generosity and liberality were proverbial, and of all the stories extant, and their number is legion, respecting his charity and beneficence in private life, not one is so authentic or so well known amongst the Craft of his own district, as that one where, to rescue a brother Mason from a serious defalcation, Bro. Miller, without a moment's hesitation, advanced several thousand rupees. An ardent supporter of the turf, genial in disposition, generous to a fault, and ever ready to promote the interests of our Order in purse and person, not the Craft only, but the community generally of Southern India, have sustained an irreparable loss. Bro. Miller commenced his Masonic life in the lodge "Perfect Unanimity," and he attained the rank he held at his death in 1875, on the retirement of Bro. A. M. Ritchie. Bro. Miller threw all the energy of his character into Freemasonry, and the zeal and assiduity with which he promulgated the tenets of the Order were worthy of all praise. Recently he had been greatly interested in the spread of Freemasonry in the Mysore Province; and one of his latest official acts as D.G.M. was to issue a warrant for the establishment of a new lodge in the city of Mysore, and but a few short hours before he was seized with the deadly typhoid fever which carried him off he forwarded a dispensation to Bro. Balfour Cockburn, P.M., at Bangalore, empowering him to instal the W.M. elect of the Lodge "Mysore," and he had further deputed this well-known and distinguished brother to proceed with the least possible delay to open and consecrate the new lodge at Mysore. A funeral service was held, on the evening of Bro. Miller's death, at his own residence, at Adyar, and the funeral itself, which took place on the 3rd ult., was attended by a numerous concourse of relatives, friends, and brethren. It will be indeed a most difficult task to fill the void which has been occasioned by the death of Bro. Miller. Zealous and energetic Masons no doubt abound in Madras, but more is required than mere Masonic zeal and energy in one destined to take up the reins of authority which have so suddenly fallen from the hands of the late District Grand Master. Southern India, however, is a large, a very large, district, and doubtless there are many very eminent Masons and capable men to be found in the other large towns and in the Mofussil. The brethren of the Presidency therefore may rest assured that our illustrious Grand Master will exercise his high prerogative with that wisdom and judgment which has ever characterized his Masonic acts, and rendered his rule over the whole Craft so happy and so beneficent.

#### BRO. JOHN HENDERSON.

We have this week to record the death of Bro. John Henderson, of Woolwich, who departed this life on Wednesday, the 20th ult., at his residence in Wellington-street, after a short but painful illness of a few days, caused by acute inflammation of the lungs, at the good old age of sixty-nine years. He had long since passed through the highest offices of the Craft and Arch Masonry, and was well-known to the Masonic world in those parts for his active and efficient aid as an instructor in the mystic lore. His Masonic career commenced upwards of thirty years ago, when he was initiated at the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, and passing the chair in his mother lodge, was for many years Treasurer of it. He was the first Master of the Sydney Lodge, No. 829, and was also its Secretary. He was Secretary of the Nelson Lodge, No. 700, from 1863 till the day of his death. He was also Secretary of the Henley Lodge, No. 1472, and till within the last few months Secretary of the Capper Lodge, No. 1076. He was as well a member of the Pattison, Cornwallis, St. Paul's and St. John's, and King Harold Lodges. He was in Arch Masonry P.P.Z. of the Union Waterloo Chapter, and its Treasurer. He was a Mark Mason, and a mem-

ber of the Rose Croix and Knights Templar, and among his many duties he was Preceptor to the King Harold, Capper, and Henley Lodges of Instruction.

"Brother John," as he was affectionately and familiarly called, was in every respect a just, perfect, and upright man, always striving to do his duty as a leader in the Craft, and giving the benefit of his experience to all who required it. He was essentially a worker, nor was there formerly for many years in the Woolwich district a ceremony that was not primarily organised and arranged by him, and under his superintendence most of the successes in it have been achieved. He was not only one of the oldest, but for many years one of the most prominent Masons among a number not undistinguished for charity and brotherly love in this district. He was always ready to serve a brother in time of need by every means in his power. As an instructor he was relentlessly perfect, and his teaching has set the rule in some of the best worked lodges in the district. To all aspirants for Masonic honours he was at once "a guide, philosopher, and friend." He has gone to his rest full of years and full of honours, and has left behind him a name that will long be associated with all things good and true in Masonry by all who knew him and appreciated his value, and their name is legion. He will be missed and lamented by a large circle of private friends, to whom he was ever staunch and true, while his bereaved family mourn for one who was at once a loving husband and good father.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at Wickham Cemetery. The cortege consisted of a hearse and three mourning coaches, containing the family of the deceased. These were followed by twenty-six private carriages and cabs conveying the brethren, who had assembled previously at the Masonic Hall. The Rev. Bro. Solbé, Chaplain, R.A., and Chaplain to the United Military Lodge, No. 1536, officiated at the grave. Among some two hundred brethren present there we noticed of the Pattison No. 913, C. Coupland, P.M., and P.P.G.J.W. Kent, E. Denton, P.M. and Secretary; W. T. Vincent, P.M.; A. Penfold, P.M.; Knight, P.M.; Payne, P.M.; T. D. Hayes, S.W.; H. Pryce, W.S.; Sadler, Long, Reece, Lytton, D. Davies, Lester, Mitchell, Randall, Capon, Beamish, Bonnett, Barrett, Howard, Stabback, Hayward, Agate, Tozer, Widgery, and C. Jolly (*Freemason*). Of the Union Waterloo, No. 13: G. W. Reed, W.M.; G. Davies, P.M.; Tattershall, P.M.; H. Syer, Secretary; T. Hutton, J.W.; N. Brown, S.D.; Hosgood, I.G.; Reilly, Huntingford, Sweeting, and Norman. Of the Florence Nightingale: Sydney Clarke, P.M. of the Nelson: A. Woodley, S.W.; J. Rowland, P.M.; C. Norman, P.M.; W. Graham, P.M.; Bowles, P.M.; G. Baver, Hill, Ellis, Roberts, France, G. Mitchell, Beard, W. Beaver, and Bidgood. Of the United Military: Deeves, I.G.; Kennedy, Secretary; Hollyman, D.C.; C. Buckland, S. and G. Smith. Of the Capper; White, W.M.; Dorton, I.P.M.; T. Day, P.M.; E. West, P.M.; Page, P.M.; Mitchell, Secretary; Job, S.D.; Brian, J.D.; Dorton, I.G.; Old, Greene, Christopher, Ginger, Walden, Stapley. Of the Henley: A. Manning, W.M.; Steele, I.P.M.; Plume, J.W.; Dr. Vance, S.D.; Geller, Treasurer, and Sanderson. Of the Sydney and Cornwallis Lodges: Bros. Dr. Spurrell W.M., and P. G. J. W. Kent; Birt, P.M.; T. Smith, B.M.; and P. G. J. Kent; T. Hastings, P.M., and P.G.P. Kent; Hanson, Moulder, Styles, Etheredge, Cracknell, Symonds, Kent, Macklin, Lee, Judge, Jacobs, Hawkins, Miller, Tuhey, and Gibson; Bros. Bickerstaff, P.M. 1329; Hards, 147; Harries, J.D. 871; Bros. Coombes, J. Allen, Cooper, and King; Tydeman, W.M. 1327; Bradstock, Secretary 1327; Fairless, 1076, and others. After the relatives of the deceased had taken their farewell look, the brethren did so, and as they passed threw into the grave sprigs of acacia, and so departed.

### CYCLOPÆDIA OF FREEMASONRY.

Although it is admitted that Masonic literature is practically a "drug in the market," many members of the Craft will, we feel assured, cordially welcome the handsome volume just issued under the title of "Kenning's Masonic Cyclopædia and Handbook of Masonic Archaeology, History, and Biography." The editor, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C. of England, announces that he has studied every known Masonic Cyclopædia or dictionary, except an Italian one; and the result of his labours is a work of great completeness, filling more than 650 pages. Writing for members of the Order, he does not stop to argue, contenting himself with the remark that "there are no objections to Freemasonry which patient inquiry will not answer, and truthful fairness refute." In a similar way he enumerates sixteen theories as to the origin of Freemasonry, and then expresses his own opinion that "we have in speculative Masonry the sequence of the guild system, which seems to have had a Roman origin, and to have been grafted on to Greek, Egyptian, and Hebrew teaching." The high aims and lofty teaching of the Order are eloquently set forth by Mr. Woodford, who says, "Speculative Freemasonry, after many struggles, proclaims with unfaltering tongue the great lessons of religious reverence, toleration, and benevolence; asserts the absolute necessity of moral living, and the ceaseless claims of open-handed charity. It declares itself to be a cosmopolitan, loyal, peaceable, God-fearing, law-abiding brotherhood; the resort of good men and true, a centre of intellectual light and ardent aspiration after whatsoever things are pure, honest, and of good report." This is the theory, and that weak members sometimes fall short of the ideal must, we presume, be ascribed to the failings of human nature. All who desire to possess a compendious handbook of Masonry will find Mr. Woodford's exactly suited to their requirements. It is published by George Kenning, Fleet-street and Little Britain.—*London Daily Chronicle*.

## A BIBLE OF HISTORIC INTEREST.

The following from the Rev. Dr. Robertson, of Middleton, N.S. refers to the Bible used on the occasion of the dedication of Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, June 6, 1877:

Some years ago a large folio Bible came into my possession, of which an old gentleman of the name of Lee, living near Fredericton, New Brunswick, gave me the following account: It is a matter of history, that the late Rt. Reverend Dr. Charles Inglis, Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, and the first Colonial Bishop in the British Dominions, was rector of Trinity Church, in the city of New York, during the Revolutionary struggle which terminated in the independence of the United States of America. On one occasion the more violent of the revolutionists determined to show their zeal for the cause which they had espoused by threatening vengeance, even to the death, against the rector and his congregation, as being the most prominent representatives of British interests in the community.

With this dire intention they sent a notice to Dr. Inglis, to the effect that if he prayed for the King and the Royal family in the course of the usual service of the church on the following Sunday, a party of resolute men would then be in the gallery ready to fire and shoot him dead on the instant. Most men would quail under such a threat, and be anxious to adopt every precaution to thwart so vile a project. Not so the courageous and devoted Rector of Trinity. He went through the service with his accustomed placidity, praying for King George and the Royal family with more than his usual fervency, and doubtless expecting that every passing moment would be his last. But no catastrophe occurred. The impressive service of the Episcopal Church was not once interrupted. The would-be assassins were so overawed by the solemnity of the scene and the resolute and fearless manner of the rector, that their hands were paralysed, and their deadly resolutions completely dissipated. They sat quietly in their seats during the whole service. The spirited conduct of Dr. Inglis, on this trying occasion, immediately became the theme of much commendation and praise, as indicating a deep-rooted and heartfelt attachment to the Royal cause; the fame of his courage and patriotism reached the ears of King George III., who was unusually impressed with this singular instance of fearless devotion to his interests, and desired to ascertain in what manner he could most appropriately make known to the Rector of Trinity the Royal approbation of his conduct.

After some consideration, His Majesty ultimately resolved to transmit to Dr. Inglis a magnificent Bible and Prayer book, folio size, and splendidly bound, with the Royal monogram on the covers, as a small token of recognition of fearless devotion to the Royal cause under trying circumstances. In due time the books were received in New York, and very probably were used on the reading desk of Trinity Church. After the war was over and the terms of peace finally arranged, the Rector of Trinity and his family still animated by the same loyal principle which they had cherished throughout the contest, emigrated to Nova Scotia and settled in Aylesford, Kings County. The Royal gift, the Bible and Prayer book, formed part of their movables, and found fitting employment in giving appropriate expression to the devotions of the family. But they were not destined to remain permanently in their new abode.

The Bishop's son-in-law, the Rev. Mr. Pidgcon, became in due time Rector of Fredericton, N. B., and to his keeping the books were carefully consigned for the special benefit of his new charge then in the wilderness. There he left them, and there they remained until the old church was taken down to make room for the new cathedral. Of course the new edifice must be furnished with new books of a modern pattern. The volumes with the Royal monograms, now grown faded and somewhat battered from long and honourable usage, were thrown on one side and found a last resting-place in the vestry of the new building. It was there that I saw them, and their very appearance suggested the idea that a more useful purpose than occupying a corner of a vestry might be found for them. So I ventured to ask the proper authorities that those substantial volumes might be rendered very useful in my extensive parish, where such books are necessarily scarce. My proposition was accepted. And the royal gift to the late Dr. Charles Inglis was duly delivered into my possession. The Prayer book is now on the Communion Table of Trinity Church, Wilmot, and the Bible is in the new church at Farmington, Wilmot, six miles from Clermont, where it first landed in Nova Scotia.

J. B.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS  
For the Week ending Friday, April 12, 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, APRIL 6.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel.  
Chap. 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.

## 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, APRIL 8.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.  
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 222, St. Andrews, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln-inn

Lodge 957, Leigh, F.M.H.  
" 1506, White Horse of Kent, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
" 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.  
Chap. 22, Mount Sion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
Red Cross Con. 2, Plantagenet, Regent M.H., W.

## 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.  
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, APRIL 9.

Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.  
" 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st., W.  
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
" 834, Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith.  
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1538, St. Martins-le-Grand, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 1604, Wanderer, F.M.H.  
" 1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Gdn.  
Chap. 185, Jerusalem, F.M.H.  
Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
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.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10.

Com. R.M.B.L., at 3.  
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.  
" 11, Enoch, F.M.H.  
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.  
" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.  
" 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Limehouse.  
" 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.  
" 1305, St. Marylebone, British Stores, New-st., N.W.  
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tav., Wapping.  
" 1503, Francis Budett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.  
Chap. 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
Mark Old Kent, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.  
Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road.  
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, APRIL 11.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.  
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.  
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.  
" 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Dock.  
" 1216, Macdonald, Hd-qtrs., 1st Surrey Rifles.  
" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd, W.  
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.  
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.  
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.  
" 140, St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
" 619, Beadon, Horn's Tav., Kennington.  
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Tav., N.  
Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
Encampment 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple, London.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 12.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.  
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hot., New Wndswth.  
Chap. 33, Britannic, F.M. Tav.  
Rose Croix Chap., Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.  
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.  
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 Hot., Gouborne-rd., Notting-hill.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND  
CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 13, 1878.

## MONDAY, APRIL 8.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.  
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.  
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House Bldgs., Barrow.  
" 1350, Fermoer Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Egerton Mark Lodge, 165, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.  
Red Cross Conclave of Instruction, M.H., Liverpool.  
Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 9.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.  
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.  
Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.  
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.  
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
" 1091, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.R., N. Hill-st., L'pool.  
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 11.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.  
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.  
" 786, Croxeth, United Service, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 959, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.  
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howards Arms, Whittle.  
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkham.  
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.  
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
" 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Park Gate.  
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 12.

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

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