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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FREDERICK LODGE OF UNITY (No. 452).—This lodge held its annual meeting at the Greyhound, Croydon, on Tuesday last, when the following brethren were present: Bros. A. T. Jeffery, W.M.; C. H. Edmands, J.W.; Jas. Robins, P.M., Treas.; Magnus Ohren, P.M., Sec.; Charles Pawley, S.D.; Edwin Henry Sugg, J.D.; J. W. Sugg, D.C.; Manning, I.G.; J. W. Rogers, Stwd.; C. W. Dommert, P.M.; R. H. Evans, P.M.; W. S. Masterman, P.M.; William Sugg, P.M.; W. G. Batchelor, H. E. Frances, David W. Sugg, Charles R. Ohren, C. T. Speight, Tyler; and visitors: Bros. E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; W. W. Morgan, 211; J. Robbins, P.M. 231; W. H. Buswell, J.D. 1339; J. M. Collins, 1601; C. H. Woodward, 463; A. Wynn Williams, W.M. 875; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G. Chap.; Dr. F. H. Wilson Iles, P.M. 404, P.P.G.S.W. P.G. Sec. Herts, and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*). The W.M. presided. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Magnus Ohren moved, "That the sum of ten guineas be paid from the lodge funds to the widow of a late brother of this lodge, a subscribing member at his death." The motion was seconded by the W.M., and carried unanimously, and it was arranged that the lodge should support the candidature of a son of the late brother for the Boys' School. The death of two members of the lodge was reported at the former meeting of the lodge, and letters of condolence with their widows were ordered to be written. Bro. Ohren then read a reply which had been received from one of the widows. The Special Committee's report was read and adopted; after which Bro. J. W. Sugg, P.M., installed in the W.M. chair Bro. Charles Henry Edmands. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Charles Pawley, S.W.; Edwin H. Sugg, J.W.; the Rev. D. J. Drakeford, Chap.; James Robins, P.M., Treas.; Magnus Ohren, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Sugg, P.M., D.C.; F. A. Manning, S.D.; J. C. F. W. Rogers, J.D.; E. H. Sugg, Org.; John Methven, I.G. Charles M. Ohren, Steward; and C. T. Speight, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. J. W. Sugg, P.M., D.C., seconded by Bro. James Robins, P.M. and Treas., the lodge voted a P.M. jewel to Bro. A. T. Jeffery, I.P.M.; and on its presentation Bro. Jeffery, acknowledging the gift, said he had endeavoured to fill the chair of the lodge creditably and to sustain the honour and credit of the lodge. He was happy to say he had been successful, and that the brethren entertained that opinion. He added that owing to a domestic affliction he would not be able to stay to the banquet, as he had to leave town that evening; that he should have gone in the middle of the day, but having presided in lodge and performed the ceremonies during his year of office he was anxious not to be absent on his last evening. Lodge shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet under the presidency of Bro. Edmands, W.M. When the toasts were proposed, Bro. E. P. Albert, P.G.P., responded to the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, &c." The W.M. then proposed "The Provincial G.M. for Surrey, Gen. Brownrigg, the Deputy Pro. G.M., the Rev. C. W. Arnold, and the Provincial Grand Officers." In proposing the toast he said, referring to the Rev. C. W. Arnold, that he made an impression on him (the W.M.) before that evening. This was not the first time in the province of Surrey that it had been his good fortune to meet him at the banquet table, and not only at the banquet table, but in a place far more important, the church. He (the W.M.) was not one of those who said that our religion alone was to govern the country. Whatever religion different persons might profess, that let them believe. He (the W.M.) professed one, and that was the religion of Bro. Arnold, who made such an

impression on him by the sermon he preached at the Provincial Grand Lodge that it had never been effaced. At that time he never expected to be in the position he now occupied, and consequently never expected to have Bro. Arnold on his right hand as a guest. Of him he could truly say he was a Mason in every respect, true to those principles which should be impressed upon every Mason. It was a great thing to have among them a Mason who could preach in the way Bro. Arnold preached when they were assembled on a certain occasion, two years ago, and he believed that if a brother would attend to what Bro. Arnold uttered on that occasion he would become a better man. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Past Grand Chaplain, acknowledging the toast, said he was extremely grateful to the W.M. for what he had said, and it was a great pleasure to come and visit the lodge. He had long wished to visit it, but he had not been able to be with the brethren since the Provincial Grand Lodge at Sutton, four years ago. The town of Croydon had been associated with some of his pleasant reminiscences of Masonry. The meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Croydon, two years ago, was one he should never forget, for the beautiful musical performance by Bro. Woodward in the church, and the grand gathering afterwards in the room in which the brethren were now assembled. On another occasion too, when he visited Bro. Woodward's lodge, he had a most cordial reception, and in all places he had visited as Dep. Pro. Grand Master he had received the greatest kindness. It was one of his greatest pleasures to go round the province and visit the different lodges. Last year, when he was appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he told the brethren he should go round and make himself acquainted if possible with all the lodges. He had done so as far as he was able, and he might say that since the beginning of this year to the present time he had visited every lodge in the province with the exception of three. Two of those he could not visit on account of a mistake which he did not find out in time, and the other he did not know where it met, and got no reply to a letter he forwarded to a quarter for the information. It was not his fault that he had not visited all the lodges in the province. He had meant to do so before the gathering of the Provincial Grand Lodge this year. The Pro. G.M. lived out of the province, but he (Bro. Arnold) lived in the province, and it was much easier for him to visit the lodges than for the Pro. G.M. He (Bro. Arnold) resolved to know the working of every lodge in the province. He congratulated the Frederick Lodge of Unity on its working. He was never more deeply impressed with the installation ceremony as given by Bro. Sugg. If there was one ceremony more than another that made an impression on a Mason it was the installation ceremony. There were certain words in it which went always to his heart, and he thought they must also go to the heart of every Mason who really was a Mason and had his heart in Masonry. He believed that the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry where what we made it to ourselves; if we made Freemasonry a thing of importance and a thing of dignity it would be so. It was a thing which he believed would grow in the heart of each Mason as he proceeded onward in his course as a Mason. He felt this, and he spoke strongly on this occasion because many years ago he took up Masonry as a young man, not thinking much of it or that it was of much importance. He did not attend lodge very regularly, but when he did, and saw the working, he took it up, and set an example in his lodge as a working Mason. From that time he was impressed with the real duties a Mason had in the Craft, and he must say he should have been very, very sorry if he had not become a Mason. He did not think he could ever look upon a better day's work he had done than he did on that day when he became a Mason. As he had gone on from year to year, as he knew the ceremonies better, as he rose higher and higher in the scale of Masonry, so these things came home to his heart, and he became more impressed with the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry. He said this to young Masons, if they would only get the working of the Craft, if they would look to the charges and exhortations, they would find they would become better Masons. Bro. Woodward replied to the toast of the "Provincial Grand Officers," and in doing so said it behoved every one who wished to be in office in the province to be well up to his work. The Pro. Grand Lodge would be held at Dorking on the 16th July, when the brethren would have the pleasure of meeting one of the best Provincial Grand Masters that had ever presided over them. He said this with all respect to the illustrious dead who had gone before, and particularly to Bro. Alex. Dobie. When he (Bro. Woodward) came into the province there were but seven lodges in it. There were now eighteen, therefore those brethren who looked for the honour of the provincial purple must look out sharp. The G.M. would only appoint those who were distinguished as good workers. The Dep. Pro. G.M. was going about to see how the work was being done, and this was the only way to bring Freemasonry to a high pitch in the province. He (Bro. Woodward) hoped the brethren would rally round the Pro. G.M. He (Bro. Woodward) was going to make a proposition at the Pro. Grand Lodge that the various provincial lodges should be invited to contribute a guinea annually towards the entertainment of the Pro. Grand Lodge. He had heard from Bro. James Robins that the Frederick Lodge of Unity would be prepared to support the proposition. Bro. J. W. Sugg, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." The W.M., in reply, said he began Masonry late in life, having taken, like many others who had gone before him, rather a prejudice against Masonry. He used to revile and scoff at Masonry; but for seven years he had become a better man by becoming a Mason. He now regretted that he had not been a Mason earlier, because, although he never put himself down as a bad man, but rather as a moderately good man, he believed he would have been if

he had become a Mason earlier a better man than he had esteemed himself. After referring again to the effect produced upon him by the Rev. Bro. Arnold, he advised the younger brethren to learn the working. It was only by constant attention and perseverance that brethren could acquire it, and he was sure that if they did they would be glad that they had done so. If brethren tried to do their best, as a rule they would succeed in doing properly that which they attempted. Bro. J. W. Sugg, P.M., replied to the toast of "The Installing Master," proposed by Bro. E. P. Albert; Bros. Dr. Wilson Iles, Williams, and T. Boulton responded to that of "The Visitors;" Bros. Robins and Ohren for "Treasurer and Secretary;" and the S.W. replied for "The Officers." The brethren having enjoyed some excellent singing and music by Bros. Charles Ohren, J. W. Sugg, Edwin Sugg, and the W.M., shortly afterwards returned to town. The gathering was, as is customary with the Frederick Lodge of Unity, a highly successful one.

LEWIS LODGE (No. 1185).—A meeting was held on Saturday, June 15th, 1878, at the Kings' Arms Hotel, Wood Green. Present: Bros. W. Sayer, W.M.; Thos. W. Bone, S.W.; Jas. W. Berric, P.M. 1293, J.W.; A. Leared, P.M., P.Z. 1185, Secretary; A. Durrant, P.M., H. 1185, Treasurer; G. D. Hooper, S.D.; C. E. Lloyd, J.D.; G. J. Row, P.M., M.E.Z. 1185, D.C.; G. H. Turner, P.M. 1185, Steward; T. Harrison, I.G.; C. T. Speight, Tyler; and Past Master J. R. Cover, 1185, with many of the members. Visitors: Bros. C. S. March, 464; W. Woodmaid, 1728; Thos. Smith, 8; and H. T. Thompson, P.M. 742. Business: Bro. John Jefferey Drake, P.M. Morning Star, 1396, was elected as a joining member. Bros. Black and Hearson, of the Lewis Lodge, and Bro. Wm. Woodmaid, of the Temple Bar Lodge, 1728, were raised to the degree of M. Masons, and Bro. Best was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. A petition was signed in favour of Emma Eliza Williams, as a candidate for the Girls' School. Her father, Bro. H. Williams, was initiated in the Lewis Lodge, and he being now in a lunatic asylum, this is a case for which the support of the Craft is earnestly solicited by the members of this lodge. Proxies will be thankfully received by the Secretary.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Lodge (No. 249).—The usual monthly meeting of this admirably conducted lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Bro. J. C. Robinson, W.M., occupied his place of honour in the E., and he was supported by Bros. John Hayes, P.M.; H. Pearson, P.M.; Fred Barnett, S.W.; W. P. Jennings, J.W.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treasurer; Robt. Collings, Sec.; W. Corbett, S.D.; John Whalley, J.D.; H. Wynne Parry, I.G.; W. H. Vernon, S.; W. Mooney, S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. David Thorne, F. J. Porter, W. Pye, W. Tarnbrook, J. P. Jones, T. Evans, Fred Cooper, Jos. Tingley, J. H. Walker, David Cangley, J. Whittall, Jno. Stringfellow, John Cubbin, M. Howarth, John Mollery, N. Cohen, C. Leighton, P.M. 1325; Jas. Simpson, R. Thompson, Jas. White, John Horries, Edwd. Owen, A. Barnard, Morris Davies, T. Haynes, J. N. Penleton, S. Johnson, M. W. Thornton, T. Haliburton, G. C. Beecham, R. Morrin, Walter Lothian, T. Poyser, Jos. Wood, P.M.; John Ridley, J. Sherman, J. McTrim, D. Oliphant, W. Goldstone, and J. Jenaway. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; J. W. Wright, W.M. 780; Robt. Killip, 203; H. Morris, Mount Tabor; E. Boston, A. Finger, 1182; J. Tunstall, 1035; J. P. Bryan, 1035 and 203; Thos. Gray, 1325; S. P. Goll, 1356; E. Griffiths, 1473; H. Hughes, N.S., and others. Business commenced punctually at six o'clock, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Richard Fitzgerald and Mr. James Messenger. They were both duly elected, and, being in attendance, they were regularly initiated into the Order. Afterwards two brethren were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., the whole of the work being done in a manner which added fresh lustre to his already prosperous year. Bro. Frederick Barnett, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Bro. the Rev. Philip Pinnington, P.M., was elected honorary member. The lodge Trustees were re-elected, and three brethren were elected Auditors. The W.M. was then invited to retire, when £10 was voted for the purchase of a P.M.'s jewel for presentation to him. It was then decided to have a picnic as soon after the installation as possible. The lodge Committee with the officers of the lodge were elected for the purpose of carrying out the picnic and also the installation banquet. After other formal business the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, a pleasant evening being spent.

MARYPORT.—Lodge of Perseverance (No. 371).—The members of this flourishing lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John on Whit Tuesday. There was a full attendance of the members, including Bros. T. Casey, W.M.; J. W. Robinson, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Fulton, J. W.; Joseph Nicholson, P.M. and Treas., P.P. G.S.W.; T. Mandle, I.P.M.; A. Walter, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Armstrong, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Gardiner, P.M., P.P.G. Tyler; E. G. Mitchell, Sec.; J. Elliot, S.D.; W. Stoddart, J.D.; J. Smith, Org., P.P.G. Org.; W. Walker, as I.G.; T. Milburn, Steward; T. Waiter, Steward; R. Harris, Tyler; J. R. Banks, J.H. Banks, J. Newton, F. Harrison, J. H. Raven, T. Weatherston, and many others. The visiting brethren were:—Bros. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P. G.J.W., Installing Master; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119 and 962, P.G. Sec., Installing Master; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., P.M. 1002; G. Brooker, P.M. 962, P.P.G. Purst.; W. H. Leuthwaite, P.M. and Org. 1002, P.G. Org.; Jas. Black, W.M. 1002; Joseph Wood, W.M. 962; W. F. Lamony, P.M. 1002, P.G. Reg. (*Freemason*); G. Kirkwood, S.W. 962;

T. Bird, J.W. 1002; J. Towers, 1002; S. S. Briggs and P. Wedgwood, 962; E. Tyson, W.M. elect, 219; J. Miles, 119; J. Pearson, Mersey Lodge, 477, Birkenhead; E. J. Fitcher, 119, Theatre Royal, Whitehaven; J. Sheridan, St. James's Lodge, 177, Old Monkland, Scotland, Theatre Royal, Whitehaven; and others. The lodge having been opened by the W.M. and his officers, Bro. Kenworthy, as Installing Master, subsequently took the chair, and with the assistance of Bro. W. B. Gibson, Bro. J. W. Robinson, W.M. elect, was installed, proclaimed, and saluted according to ancient custom, no fewer than fourteen Installed Masters also taking part in the ceremony. The officers were appointed and invested as follows:—Bros. T. Carey, I.P.M.; E. G. Mitchell, S.W.; J. Elliot, J.W.; Joseph Nicholson, P.M., Treas. (re-elected for the thirty-third time); W. Stoddart, Sec.; F. Armstrong, S.D.; T. Milburn, J.D.; J. Waite, I.G.; J. Smith, Org.; J. Mandie, P.M., D.C.; J. Newton and F. Harrison, Stewards; R. Harris, Tyler. Hearty votes of thanks were then accorded to Bro. Kenworthy and Gibson for their able services as Installing Masters; and also to Bro. Carey, I.P.M., for his handsome present to the lodge of a rough and perfect ashlar, with winch and shears complete. After hearty good wishes from Lodges 119, 477, 962, 1002, 1400, and 177 (Scotland), the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren finally adjourned to the Golden Lion Hotel, where an excellent repast was prepared by Bro. Tucker. Bro. Robinson, W.M., presided, faced by his Wardens, and a couple of hours or so were harmoniously spent.

**WARRINGTON.—Gilbert Greenall Lodge (No. 1250).**—On Tuesday, the 11th inst., Freemasonry in Warrington put on her most attractive attire, the occasion being the installation of Bro. D. W. Finney, P.M., P.Z., &c., &c., as W.M. of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge. Bro. Finney was honoured with an unusually large gathering of distinguished Masons, among whom were the R.W. Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart., M.P., P.M., P.G.W. of England; Bros. Dr. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.W. of Cumberland and Westmorland; Armstrong, W.M.; James Jackson, P.M. 148, 1354; S. Roberts, P.M. 381; Tunstall, P.M. 148; Joseph Pichall, W.M. 148; Thomas Jones, 241; Henry Smith, 178; B. Brierley, P.M.; William Richardson, P.M.; John Harding, P.M.; W. S. Hawkins, P.M.; W. Woods, P.M.; P. J. Edelsten, P.M. 1240; W. Pollitt, P.M.; Dr. Wood, J. Galloway, Thomas Norris, 148; T. M. Pattison, B. L. Pierpoint, E. Auckland, James Hannah, A. W. Brundritt, Henry Hault, A. Potter, T. Auckland, J. H. Potter, J. Barlow, W. Reid, R. Heaton, T. Hutchinson, T. H. Sutton, D. Hooley, W. Dean, 178; G. Mackey, H. Houghton, J. Knight, J. Baird, J. C. Hubbert, J. Jones, F. Massey, T. Barber, F. A. Wall, W. W. Lavarack, T. Domville, J. S. Green, W. J. Tongue, J. R. Jones, Geo. Cropper, W. Kinsey, W. Skinner, John Pierpoint, T. O. Speakman, W. H. Jenkins, J. Farrington, J. O'Brien, J. Smethurst, Geo. Fairhurst, J. E. Sanby, W. Bolton, H. Hind, A. F. G. Potter, and others. The lodge was called for two o'clock, and shortly after that time the W.M., Bro. John Armstrong, assumed the chair, and the lodge was duly and solemnly opened. After the minutes of the last regular lodge had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Alfred Hayes, and found in his favour. Mr. Hayes being in attendance was duly admitted and regularly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by Bro. Dr. Bowes, in that masterly style for which our distinguished brother is so widely celebrated. The ancient charge was delivered by the W.M. elect (Bro. Finney). At three o'clock the Installing Officer (Bro. Armstrong) took his position in the East, and Bro. Finney was presented by Bros. Hawkins, P.M., and Edelsten, P.M. The usual obligation was thereupon very solemnly administered, after which all brethren below a certain degree were requested to retire. This done, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, with Bros. Tunstall as S.W., and Richardson as J.W., and the new W.M. placed in the chair of K.S., amid the salutations and congratulations of the assembled Past Masters. The Board having been dissolved, the rest of the brethren were in due course, and according to degree, re-admitted and saluted in Ancient form, in order of rank. The following officers were afterwards invested: Bros. T. Auckland, S.W.; T. H. Sutton, J.W.; J. H. Galloway, Treas.; J. Farrington (for S. Wallhead), Sec.; J. Knight, S.D.; T. Hutchinson, J.D.; G. Cropper, Org.; John Jones and W. W. Lavarack, Stewards; H. Hault, I.G.; and T. Domville, Tyler. Bro. Armstrong delivered the address in a very impressive manner, and was afterwards awarded a warm vote of thanks for his services. Bro. Kinsey read the report and balance sheet, both of which were exceedingly satisfactory, and were ordered to be printed and circulated among the members. One gentleman was proposed for initiation, and after some other formal and routine business, the lodge was duly and solemnly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Lion Hotel to the banquet. The W.M. presided, and was supported by most of the before-named brethren along with others. Although a much larger number of brethren attended than was anticipated, too much credit cannot be given to the excellent manager (Bro. J. O. Speakman) for the manner in which he catered and attended to the various wants and wishes of all present. After the cloth had been withdrawn, the W.M. gave the first toast, "The Queen, the Patroness of our Order." It needed no words of his to recommend that toast to a gathering of Masons. (Drank with enthusiasm, after which followed the National Anthem.) The next toast was "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," which was also most cordially received. Glee: "God bless the Prince of Wales." In introducing the toast of "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., and the Gem Lodge," the W.M. said: Brethren, this is a toast which is always well received, and deservedly so too. We are favoured this evening with the presence of a very distinguished member of Grand Lodge,

the R.W. Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart., M.P. The lodge under whose particular banner we meet this evening bears the name of our distinguished brother, and I well remember when that name was suggested by my esteemed Brother Bowes the founders of the lodge thought they could not adopt a better. Bro. Greenall has come among us this evening at great inconvenience to himself, but I am proud to tell him that his presence here to-day has given great and general satisfaction to the Masons of Warrington. The R.W. Bro. Greenall, in responding, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast of the Grand Lodge. For himself he was very grateful to them for the kind way in which they had received the mention of his name. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Right Honourable Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Prov. G.M., the Hon. F. A. Stanley, R.W.D. Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers." The toast was most enthusiastically received, and responded to by the R.W. Bro. Greenall. (Glee: "Come where my love lies dreaming.") The name of Bro. Dr. Bowes was coupled with the next toast, "The Neighbouring Provinces." Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.W. Cumberland and Westmorland, in acknowledging the toast said, before he did so, he wished to congratulate the W.M. in having been selected to fill the office into which he had been installed that day. As regarded Masonry he was his father, and it afforded him (Bro. Bowes) extreme pleasure to see him rise to eminence by merit. It also afforded the speaker gratification to have been present and taken part in the ceremonials of the day. He could not forget his intimate connection with the Gilbert Greenall Lodge in its earlier years. He had suggested its name and conducted the business of the lodge for the first fourteen months of its history, in the unavoidable absence of its first W.M., the R.W. Sir Gilbert Greenall, M.P. The name was masonically associated with all the senior members. He had also admitted to light and in after years, installed some of its present Past Masters. Such being the case, it was natural that he should feel a deep and lively interest in No. 1250. In acknowledging the toast with which they had honoured him by associating his name, he could assure them that Lord Bective, M.P., and Colonel Whitwell, M.P., as well as the subordinate officers of the Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland, were all desirous for the welfare of the Craft under their rule. At one of their recent meetings the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, congratulated them on the truly Masonic spirit they evinced, and the great attention that was given to the proper management of the work. He begged to thank the brethren for the honour they had done him. Bro. Greenall now rose to propose the toast of the evening: "The Health of Bro. David W. Finney, P.M. and W.M." He would first of all assure the brethren that it gave him very great pleasure to be with them that evening. He felt grateful to them for the cordial reception they had given him, and he could not but rejoice in the appointment of Bro. Finney as W.M. of a lodge which bore his own name, because he knew Bro. Finney took a deep interest in Masonry. After some further very eulogistic words he begged the brethren to receive the toast with all the honour it merited. (Received with Masonic honours). "Song Eily Ma'ourneen." Bro. Finney in responding said: Brethren, I must first of all thank our distinguished Bro. Greenall for coming here this evening and giving us the pleasure of his presence among us. I must also thank him very sincerely for the honour he has done me personally in proposing my health. He has spoken, I fear, far too highly of my poor merits. Secondly I must thank you, brethren, for conferring upon me this great honour, the honour of ruling over your lodge for the next twelve months, should Providence spare me. I assure you, brethren, I deeply appreciate that honour; indeed if I did not I should not be worthy to fill this chair. Your kindness and favour have amply impressed me, but, brethren, it would ill become me to make a long speech on this occasion. I cannot, however, refrain from saying that greatness brings with it responsibilities as well as privileges. I trust I am sensible of that, and I trust I shall not only have the cordial support of all the officers, but also the willing help of every P.M. of the lodge, and then we may hope that your anticipations will not be disappointed. One assurance at all events I may be permitted to give the lodge, and that is that I will endeavour to do my duty to the best of my powers. At the best I am but a "poor player." I have now a very pleasant duty to perform. You all know how well our excellent Bro. Armstrong, the I.P.M., has done his duty during the past year. You have all experienced the tact and judgment with which he has managed the concerns of the lodge during his year of office. You have all heard how admirably he has rendered the ceremony of installation this day, and you all know him as a good man and Mason. Brethren, in recognition of all these and to show how deeply we have appreciated his services I have been requested to pin this very handsome jewel upon his breast, and I do so with extreme pleasure. Bro. Armstrong, may you be long spared to wear that jewel, and may you always experience the same pleasure in looking upon it in the future, that I do now in presenting it. Long life, health, and happiness to our I.P.M., Bro. John Armstrong. Bro. Armstrong in reply said one of the proudest remembrances of his life was when the members of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge elected him to fulfil the duties of their Master, and duly installed him in the chair of K.S. 12 months ago; another would be the event of that day, when it became his duty and his privilege to install Bro. Finney in the chair he now so worthily occupied, which event would ever be called to mind when he wore the very handsome and costly jewel they had thought fit to present him with. He was aware of many shortcomings in his duties, but by a careful imitation, as far as in him laid, of their good workers he was pleased to find that his

efforts had met with their approval, as evidenced by their consideration on the present occasion. He had endeavoured to be courteous in manner, he trusted they had all found him easy of address, and he thought he had been steady and firm in principle, without being arbitrary. He was fully aware that his working during the past year was capable of vast improvement and not at all equal to that of some of their P.M.'s; the installation too, he would have preferred seeing done by some older and wiser member; indeed, without the assistance of Bro. Bowes it would have been impossible for him to have rendered the ceremony at all satisfactorily. He would take that opportunity of thanking Bro. Bowes for the great pains and trouble he had taken in his (Bro. Armstrong's) preparation for the ceremony of that day; he had from the time of seeing the light looked up to Bro. Bowes, as a pattern for imitation. He found him always ready and willing to assist any brother in a Masonic knowledge: without his aid he (Bro. Armstrong) would not have been numbered that day amongst the P.M.'s of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge. He had not been five years a Mason, and he considered it a great honour to have been so soon privileged to preside over so large and influential a lodge as No. 1250. The other toasts were "The Installing Master," "The P.M.'s and Officers of No. 1250," "The W.M., Wardens, and Members of the Mother Lodge, No. 148," for which Bro. Tunstall, P.M., in the absence of the W.M. (Bro. Pichall), who had been called away at an early part of the evening, responded in eloquent terms; "The Visiting Brethren," "The Musical Brethren," "The Masonic Charities," "All Poor and Distressed Freemasons." The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Geo. Cropper, Organist, assisted by Bros. T. M. Pattison (Organist 148), Jenkins, Tunstall, Jones, and Woods, P.M.; and did those brethren infinite credit. The last toast was given about half-past ten o'clock, and the brethren separated in peace, good-will, and harmony before eleven o'clock.

**FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).**—The first anniversary of this young Cumberland lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Frizington, on Wednesday evening, the 5th inst. The business was the installation of the W.M. elect and investiture of officers. The members present were: Bro. Crowther Morton, W.M., P.M. 872, 1002, 1267, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Martin, J.W., W.M. elect; E. Clark, Sec., P.M. 1267; C. Bland, S.D.; J. Nelson, J.D.; J. Harris, J. J. Lee, R. Wilson, J. Bewley, W. Tremble, S. Nicholson, T. Swainson, Bryce Craig, &c. The visitors included Bros. R. Baxter, F. Whittle, and others, from Lodge 1267. After lodge had been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. W. Martin was presented to Bro. Morton, and regularly installed in the chair of K.S. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers were invested as below: Bro. C. Morton, I.P.M.; C. Bland, S.W.; J. Nelson, J.W.; J. Moffatt, Treas.; J. I. Lee, Sec.; J. Bewley, S.D.; J. Harris, J.D.; R. Wilson, I.G.; and Bryce Craig, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren subsequently partook of an excellent supper. Bro. Martin, W.M., presided, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all, the harmony of the proceedings being contributed to by Bros. Baxter, Swainson, Bewley, and Bland.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**PANMURE GENERAL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (Mark Masonry).**—The second meeting of the above lodge was held at the Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, on the 13th inst., the evening being devoted to Mark Instruction. The lodge was opened by Bro. Thomas Poore, P.G.I.G., as W.M.; Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O., as S.W.; Bro. C. P. McKay, as J.W.; and the several offices below the chairs were efficiently occupied. The full ceremony of advancement was rehearsed and explanations afforded by the presiding officers. A most instructive evening was the result, and a cordial vote of thanks to the Preceptors was carried with acclamation. The next meeting of the general lodge will be devoted to the Second and Third Degrees of Craft Masonry, and the subsequent Thursday evening to the Royal Arch Ceremony and Lectures.

#### Red Cross of Constantine.

The annual festival of the White Rose of York Conclave, No. 12c, will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, on the 28th inst., when the outgoing M.P.S., Sir Knight S. B. Ellis, will install Sir Knight J. F. Moss as M.P.S., and Sir Knight A. Scargill as V.E. There are several candidates for installation as members of the Order, so a most successful meeting is anticipated. The Grand Imperial Council of England has been pleased to accept an invitation to hold a Moveable Grand Conclave under the Banner of the "White Rose of York," and it was to have been held this month, but in consequence of the death of the late lamented Sir Knight R. Wentworth Little, G. Treas., the Grand Sovereign, Colonel Francis Burdett, 32° has expressed a desire that such visit be postponed until October next.

Official information has been received at Bristol that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will visit that town on Friday, July 2nd, for the purpose of attending the show of the Agricultural Society.

The Consecration Meeting of the Chaucer R.A. Chapter, No. 1540, will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Friday next, the 28th inst., at 4 o'clock p.m. E. Companions, John Hervey, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford and James Terry, will perform the Ceremonies of dedication. The Principals designate are Comps. Thos. James Sabine, Z.; James C. Mason, H.; E. S. Stidolph, J.

Reviews.

MILTON'S COMUS. By Dr. D. F. RANKING, M.A., and B. M. RANKING. H. West, 381, Mare-st., Hackney  
This is a very well printed and convenient reprint of the well-known "Masque of Comus," with a dedication by Henry Lawes, gentleman of the King's Chapel, who undertook the part of the "Spirit," and by whom the music that first appeared with it was written.

The earliest edition of "Comus" appears to have been 1637, and "Printed for Humphrey Robinson at the sign of the Three Pidgeons, in Paul's Churchyard."

We think it a pity that the original date of Lawes's preface is not given, as in all such matters as concern the reproduction of books we never can be too particular.

"Comus" is so well known, that little here seems necessary to be said about its merits, which are many, or its grace, which is great.

The taste for masques, which had died out, seems to be reviving amongst us—not unhappily—and we trust that it is just possible that they may assume a more definite and vital expression in our literature and tastes for the future.

As regards "Comus," it is well to remember that between 1627 and 1697, no less than twenty-seven editions appeared of it, and no work that we are aware of, of similar cast or calibre, has enjoyed so much popularity, or has been so appreciated by the ingenious and the intelligent. The "Masque of Comus" has many and great beauties peculiar to itself, and in the present edition we are pleased to acknowledge the usefulness and effect of the notes which Messrs. B. M. and F. Ranking have attached to it. They are both readable and very seasonable, very proper and very perspicuous, and show both good taste and knowledge of the subject, not the least important desideratum in commentators, though not always attended to. Though we are aware that the high merits and great name of Dr. Arne have long been given to the music to which "Comus" has been set, we confess that we should like to witness a revival of "Comus," with the music of honest old Lawes, as it was first conceived and first played.

The Messrs. Ranking give us a very neat and handy little companion for the railway bag or the railway journey, for students at examinations, for the lovers of John Milton, and we thank them for it, and wish them alike a large circulation and honest appreciation of a very pleasant little book.

FREEMASONRY, ITS HISTORY AND AIMS. By EDWARD F. WILLOUGHBY.

We have read this article, which appeared in "Macmillan" for June, with singular interest, inasmuch as, unlike most similar lucubrations, it is both fair and clear and based upon facts, and a true perception of the veritable, according to our view, explanation of Masonic history. We understand, moreover, that the writer is a brother of our Order, and we are glad to acknowledge him among the far too limited band of Masonic students, historians and archaeologists. Bro. Willoughby (we hope he will pardon us for saying so), does not, however, appear to be "posted up" as to our present state of Masonic evidence, and talks of a "lodge held at Canterbury 1426, under the patronage of the Archbishop (Chichely), as we learn from a MS. of W.M. Morlat, the Prior, &c." This is the old story; "Morlat" being probably misspelt for Molart. But the truth is no lodge was held in 1426 at Canterbury under Chichely, as an historical fact, but Preston, or Preston's authority, saw a register in the Turner MS., Bodleian Library, in which is a grant of "Livery" 1429 to the Master, Warden, and Masters of the lodge, and Chichely's name stands at the top of the lodge, he also receiving "Livery." Voila tout! Molash is the real name, not Molart. The entry, however, proves that a lodge of Masons was attached to Christchurch, Canterbury.

Bro. Willoughby seems to have adopted Bro. Findel's patriotic view of the Germanic origin of English Craft Masonry, than which, we need hardly remind our readers, nothing could be more visionary. The evidence of the Guilds is quite fatal to any such proposition.

Whether or no the MS. Mas nic Poem is a 14th century or 15th century MS. is still to some extent an open question. We have Halliwell, Casley, Wallbran on one side, and Mr. Bond on the other, who is we need not observe, one of the very highest authorities that can be adduced. Kloss's theory as to "internal evidence" is, however, most doubtful, and in our opinion untenable, and in fact his arguments, if fully developed, might (with our present knowledge of MS. of which he was ignorant) rather substantiate than diminish the earlier date of MS. We must remember here that Mr. Bond gives both to the Masonic Poem, and Matthew Cooke's MS. prose Constitutions an equally early 15th century date.

What the Constitutions of York Masons are, to which Bro. Willoughby alludes, we do not profess to understand. Bro. Willoughby's theory that the word Freemason is "intended to indicate their independence of the clergy, under whose control and direction they had formerly been," is, we apprehend, however ingenious, utterly opposed to all the well known facts of the case, and utterly untenable.

If one fact is clearer than another, it is the intimate union between the mediæval Freemasons and the Monastic bodies. The word "Freemason" (see Kenning's Cyclopædia) means simply, "a Mason free of his Guild."

Bro. Willoughby seems to have been misled by a want of clearness of expression in Bro. Findel's History as regards the Sloane MS. That MS. had been known for some years before 1863, to more than one Masonic Student in England, through Mr. Wallbran, and Bro. Findel's attention was called to it by an English Masonic Student, who also gave a duplicate copy of it in his possession, (which had been transcribed for him by Mr. Sims, of the British Museum), to Bro. Findel himself, and on which he based his enquiries in the British Museum.

This is clearly stated in the "Mittheilungen" of the German Masonic Union, though not in the "History." Bro. Findel thinks the Sloane MS. had belonged once to Dr. Plot, which certainly would account for his knowledge of the contents. Whether that MS. be a portion of an operative ritual catechism or not is an open question. It is very much like what seems to have been seen by Dr. Plot himself, as we have just remarked, and which clearly was not purely operative.

Agreeing as we do in the main with Bro. Willoughby's able paper, and entering fully as we do into his appreciation of the French High Grade movement in the last century, we are glad to read his contribution to "Macmillan," and thank him for it sincerely. But we think it right to add in conclusion that English Freemasonry is alike indigenous in origin, and national in conception and development, and that the notion of a special philosophy, a peculiar teaching attached to it, beyond what its honest and excellent formularies avow, is, though a popular idea with some foreign writers, a mere chimera.

English Freemasonry, since 1813, at any rate, has been a religious and philanthropic sodality, based on acknowledgement of T.G.A.O.F.U., reverence for the Bible, and toleration of our brethren and fellow mortals, upholding the principles of loyalty, order, and peacefulness, a disavowal of sectarian controversies, and marked by a very active exercise of universal benevolence and charity. During the last century it was more Christian than anything else.

To say that English Freemasonry is "Deism" or any other "ism" is simply a parody on history, a complete travesty on all the known facts of the case. Our honest old brethren knew nothing about "Deism;" many of them were men of culture and men of position, clergymen and savants, nobles and literati, soldiers and well-to-do merchants. If they took up any "vanity" it was, perhaps, a little social materialism, in common with all around them then, and which is illustrated effectually by those festal songs and gay madrigals. But to assume today, that all those who formed part of our loyal and social Order in the last century, who toasted "The King and the Craft," were "Deists," philosophers in aprons, or sceptics in petto, is not only a little too much, but it is simply ridiculous. It is a "discovery" of our modern critics, whether from internal or external evidence, which seems to be on a par with that well-known old print, "Commemorating A Discovery," which some of our readers will remember placed the W.M. and brethren in a very unfortunate position, and even made some of the older P.M.'s, being married men, blush. If any of our good foreign brethren doubt our word, let them study that striking print carefully.

Seriously, we thank Bro. Willoughby, as we hope we may term him, for a most readable and rational paper on Freemasonry.

BULLETIN DU GRAND ORIENT DE FRANCE.

This useful monthly publication has reached us, and though there is nothing of great importance in it just now, we are always glad to receive it.

THE MASONIC ADVOCATE, INDIANAPOLIS.

We greet our old friend month by month with genuine satisfaction. It is always most readable.

KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPÆDIA.

The publication of this cyclopædia is an undoubted service and a noteworthy enriching of our literature. This encyclopædia of Bros. Woodford and Kenning really meets a want, and it is so correct, thorough and complete, that it satisfies all reasonable demands, though absolute perfection and correctness such a work cannot attain to, but in general, and on the whole, a permanent, useful, and valuable work has been produced and up to the height of Masonic enquiry, and of which, unless we wish pettishly to find fault, we cannot deny our recognition.—J. G. FINDL, in Bauhütte.

GRAND COMMANDERY K.T. OF NEBRASKA.

At the sixth annual convale of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, in Nebraska, the following named Knights were elected and were duly installed in their respective stations: Sir Daniel H. Wheeler, G. Commander; Sir George H. Trummel, Deputy G. Commander; Sir Joseph K. Marley, G. Generalissimo; Sir George W. Lining, G. Captain General; Sir Thomas B. Lemon, G. Chaplain; Sir Charles B. Palmer, G. Senior Warden; Sir Gustavus Stevenson, G. Junior Warden; Sir Samuel G. Owen, G. Treasurer; Sir William R. Bowen, G. Recorder; Sir Cyrus W. Wheeler, G. Standard Bearer; Sir Francis E. White, G. Sword Bearer; Sir Dennis H. Andrews, G. Warden; Sir William J. Mount, G. Captain of the Guard.

A new command was established at Falls City; Mt. Sinai Commandery, No. 8.

The Grand Commandery ordered that the election of officers in subordinate Commanderies shall be on the first Friday after Good Friday of each year, and the installation on Ascension Day: that each Commandery shall annually assemble at its Asylum on each Good Friday for religious services appropriate to the day, permission being granted to repair to some church or place of public worship for such purpose.

A field encampment was ordered to be held on the first Tuesday in September next, at such place as the Grand Commander and his staff may determine.

The resolution adopted at the last annual convale, (page 232) increasing by 50 dols. the fees for the Order, was repealed, and instead each candidate is required to uniform himself within ninety days after receiving the Knights Templar Order.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

The forthcoming number of Petermann's "Mittheilungen" contains a highly interesting paper entitled "The Sun in the Service of Geography," in which the advantages of the process of heliogravure, or sun engraving upon copper, as practised by the Austrian Military Geographical Institute, are dwelt upon. The maps of the new Austrian Ordnance Map are carefully drawn on paper, on a scale of 1: 60,000. They are then reduced photographically to a scale of 1: 75,000, transferred upon copper, touched up, and printed. In this manner each sheet of the map can be produced in nine months, while the same amount of work engraved in the usual manner requires nearly 46 months for its completion. The whole of the Austrian Staff Map, consisting of 715 sheets, will thus be completed in 10, 11, or 12 years. No less than 271 have been published since 1874. The advantages of this process, as regards cost and rapidity of publication, are evident, and they fully compensate for any slight inferiority in the appearance of the work. An engraver, to whom we showed one of the maps produced in this manner, firmly believed that it had been engraved upon copper. If the Ordnance Survey Office were to avail itself of this process, the one inch map of the United Kingdom, for which we shall have to wait under present arrangements for years, might be completed very speedily. The Ordnance survey of Palestine, at all events, might be produced in this manner at comparatively little expense, and in a very superior manner, as an examination of a specimen map in the "Mittheilungen" will show. We ought to mention that a similar process, invented by Colonel Avet, has been in use for several years past, in the office of the Italian General Staff.—*Athenæum*.

The Pope last week presided over the Commission of Christian Archaeology, being the first time for 120 years (so a telegram states) that the Pope has filled the chair at a meeting of savans. He ordered the excavation of the Catacombs of St. Petronilla to be prosecuted at his own expense.

A Joint Roasted by the Heat of the Sun is one of the chief attractions of the grounds of the Paris Exhibition, where M. Mouchot, a Tours Professor, when the clouds permit, daily cooks a portion of meat by means of a strong reflector. On Saturday he succeeded in boiling sufficient water for three cups of coffee in three quarters of an hour. In Algeria, where the sun naturally possesses greater power, Professor Mouchot has roasted quails in twenty minutes.

At the International Cattle Show, in connection with the Paris Exhibition, last week, both her Majesty and the Prince of Wales are exhibitors. The three English laureates of honour at the show are William MacCombie, of Aberdeen, for a cow of Angers breed; Lord Walsingham, for sheep; and Mr. Sexton, of Ipswich, for a hog.

The Training of Carrier Pigeons is still energetically pursued in Belgium, and during the latter part of May some 3086 baskets of pigeons, containing in all 123, 440 birds, crossed the Franco-Belgian frontier, so that the pigeons might learn their way home from French territory. Four hundred birds have also been sent from Belgium to Rome, where they will be loosed and despatched on their return journey to Brussels.

In consequence of recent bereavement, Princess Louise was unable to open the exhibition of the Fanmakers' Company on the 19th inst., as originally intended. The exhibition is accordingly postponed for a few days, but due notice of the opening will be shortly announced.

Professor Virchow, of Berlin, believes he can furnish proof from a Bulgarian skull that the Bulgarians are not of Slav, but of Turkish origin.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.—There is nothing further as yet to report, beyond the fact that a beginning has been made in the movement of the monolith itself, apart from the cradle on which the ship is berthed. The lift, which was but a few inches, and merely for the sake of verifying the powers of the only pair of hydraulics then in position, was made about 7 o'clock on Friday morning, when the tide was near its lowest. The hoist was applied to the head only of the needle—that is, to the lighter end. Of course, since the obelisk weighs but 187 tons, the result of this merely pro forma experiment was perfectly satisfactory. In the course of the day the second pair of jacks was fairly planted on the middle staging, and when the third and last shall have been placed under the monolith's base all will be ready for more serious work.

A letter from the French Ogowé Expedition was read at the last meeting of the Geographical Society of Paris. It is quite a year since it was written, and some apprehensions have been entertained as to the safety of the explorers. M. de Brazza states that the Ogowé is reduced to small proportions and flows from the south, so that it gives the impression of being really an arm detached from the Congo. The expedition was to travel northwards in order to examine the sources of a powerful affluent. Illness was prevailing among the small party, and the hostility of the native tribes was growing stronger.—*Nature*.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has, we understand, graciously intimated his consent to accept the office of president of the Royal Colonial Institute. The Duke of Manchester, who has filled the position since 1871, upon the retirement of Viscount Bury, has been elected a vice-president and chairman of the council.—*The Colonies and India*.

The Eruption of Vesuvius, in A.D. 79, when Pompeii and Herculaneum were overwhelmed, is to be commemorated in Pompeii next year, on the eighteen hundredth anniversary.



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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.

Reports of Lodges 424, 469, 724, 1002, 1739, stand over.

## BOOKS RECEIVED, &amp;c.

"Hull Packet;" "Medical Examiner;" "Broad Arrow;" "Risorgimento;" "Masonic Advocate;" "Bulletin du Grand Orient de France;" "Masonic Eclectic;" "Hebrew Leader;" "The Watchman (Boston, U.S.A.);" "Hornet;" "Calendar of the Great Priory of the United Order of the Temple and Malta in England and Wales, for 1878-79;" "Advocate."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

## BIRTHS.

HERTSLET.—On the 16th inst., at 6 Whitchurch-villas, Richmond, the wife of E. C. Hertslet, Esq., of a son.

KNAPTON-THOMPSON.—On the 11th inst., at Staindrop, near Darlington, the wife of J. Knapton-Thompson, C.E., of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

BARBER—BRASIER.—On the 15th inst., at the Parish Church of St. Helen's, Great St. Helen's, City, by the vicar, the Rev. Dr. Cox, Frank Edwin Barber, of Hillcote, Walthamstow, second son of Chas. Barber, of Hackney, to Louisa, daughter of the late Richard Brasier, of London.

PENDLEBURY—MOIRN.—On the 15th inst., at St. George's Church, Tuffnell-park-road, by the Rev. W. McCall, Alfred A. Pendlebury, of Highbury, to Helen von Moirn, of Tuffnell Park.

## DEATH.

CHAPMAN.—On the 12th inst., at Evering-read, Upper Clapton, William Stanton Chapman, in his 54th year.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 1878.

## IRREGULARITIES IN THE RETURNS OF THE SCRUTINEERS.

We hear with much regret of some sad mistakes in the returns made by the scrutineers of members elected to serve on the Board of General Purposes at Grand Lodge on the 5th inst. We have been informed, though we can hardly credit it, that the returns they made were so far incorrect that brethren were returned as heading the poll who were really amongst the last on the list, and that at least three brethren were returned as elected who were not elected at all. The errors appear as if they could not be accidental. This is a very untoward state of affairs. We are most glad to learn, however, that the M.W.G.M. has taken active steps in the matter, and we may be assured that justice will be done. If it should be proved, (as we trust it may not be), that false returns were purposely made, we hope that the offenders will be brought to condign punishment. The following is the correct list of the brethren really returned:—Bros. Charles Atkins, No. 27; Henry Bishop, 66; Robert F. Gould, 92; Frank Green, 1567; Henry C. Levander, 632; Alfred Meadows, M.D., 4; Frank Richardson, 14.

## THE VACANT SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

As the interest in this election increases, and the contest assumes a more animated appearance, we think that we may be pardoned, in consideration of our many readers who have a lively concern in the progress and welfare of the Girls' School, if we recur week by week, to the subject. We think that we are warranted in doing this, the more so (as whatever our private and personal opinion may be, and to which we have a distinct right), we write publicly in the *Freemason* in no partizan spirit, we praise no one person at the expense of another, and we do not seek to depreciate by an open or concealed expression of opinion the claims of any one particular candidate. We do not think it right to say, for instance, that A is preferable to B, or B to C, though we possibly have an opinion of our own on the subject, and least of all do we seek officially to put forward the real or dubious claims of any one eager aspirant for office. We lay down certain general qualifications, which in our experience, we deem the most needed, for that important official, beyond that we do not go in our editorial capacity, and whether we are right or wrong in our views it does not matter much, though we fancy from what we have heard, that such qualifications as we alluded to in the last *Freemason* chime in with the ideas and wishes of a great majority of the subscribers to the School. But to-day we think it well to say a little more. It will be a great advantage, we venture to believe, to the School, to Charity, and to Freemasonry if, with the new Secretary we have as it were, a clear recognition of the important and pervading duties of his office. We do not want a Secretary whose time is taken up with other matters, and other grades, who is running about here and there and everywhere, who is seldom to be found, who is often absent, and whose business hours are alike uncertain and short. We require a Secretary to be always in the way at reasonable hours, in his office, attending to the details of his post, ready to give information, cheerful and courteous in imparting it. In olden days it was not expected that the Secretary should be every day at his office. But "nons avons changé tout cela," and daily attendance is requisite. The time of the Secretary should also be given up to the School, as he will have a liberal salary, and all his interest should be centred in his work. We need hardly observe that our remarks do not apply to past or present Secretaries, but are simply "general propositions," in which we think all will concur. The great difficulty of this and similar posts lies in this often, that the Secretary forgets that he is a Secretary, and becomes the

ruler, ignoring the wishes of subscribers, or antagonizing the opinions of the governing body. The Secretary of the Girls' School, should be simply a good Craft Mason, (the School is a Craft Institution,) and we by no means ambition his belonging to this grand grade or that ineffable degree, or even adding many mystic letters to his name. As long as he is a Master Mason of fair standing and good repute it is quite enough, though there is no reason why he should not seek, but every inducement why he should, to rise to office in Craft Masonry, and become the actual W.M. of a lodge, and First Principal in a Chapter. For our part we shall be very glad if the time has come when this Secretarial visiting of lodges should be put a stop to. In our opinion abject touting for subscriptions, for this or that charity is hurtful to all concerned. Masonic mendicancy is a very bad thing "per se," and we know from long experience, and many brethren will confirm our expression of feeling, that nothing is so grating on our sensibilities, so lowering to the whole notion of Freemasonry, as to hear at the conclusion of the banquet, "pray pity the sorrows of this 'child:'" pray give your names to this "poor Secretary." This is Masonic mendicancy in its worst form. Masonic Charity would stand in a far better position, if the support of stewards and subscribers, was made more a matter of principle and of duty, rather than that of the "propitious moment" or the "fortunate applicant." We need hardly say that such a change would be gladly hailed by the Secretaries themselves, who now must, "nolentes volentes," conform to custom and fashion. Whether or no, in the present unhealthy position of affairs, as regards the non-recognition on the part of Lodges, Chapters, and Brethren of the claims of the charities, such a salutary reform be possible we know not, but we have thought it our bounden duty to touch upon a subject which, however delicate and unwelcome, is one which many of us all have much at heart, and about which as far as we know, there is but one opinion among the brethren generally.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL?

We are happy in being permitted to state to the Craft that about a fortnight ago our gallant and esteemed Bro. Col. Creaton, acting for the House Committee of the Girls' School, secured the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern for the convenience and accommodation of the voters on the day of the Secretarial election, July 11th. We also are informed that arrangements have been in progress during the last fortnight to simplify the voting process and prevent confusion and crowding, by having various tables at which alphabetically the brethren may vote. We feel sure that these arrangements will please our readers and the Craft, and we congratulate the authorities of the Girls' School on their courtesy, and wish to meet all reasonable wishes of the subscribers, as well as for the ready action of our gallant and estimable Bro. Col. Creaton.

## CAN LADIES VOTE AT THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

This most important question has been raised, as our readers will perceive, by a carefully written letter signed "Bye-Law," and which appears in another column to-day. The question is in itself a serious one and one clearly that deserves most careful consideration. We invite the attention of our legal brethren to the subject, and shall be happy to publish their opinions. When we have a little more "light" on the subject, we will recur to the subject editorially.

## OUR LATE BRO. THE KING OF HANOVER.

We have to lament the somewhat sudden death of our late brother the King of Hanover (though, we believe, he had been for some time ailing), a Past Grand Master of the Old Grand Lodge of Hanover. Since the battle of Langen-

salza, and the convention that followed that melancholy episode, our royal brother has lived in comparative retirement in the immediate circle of his amiable family, finding possibly in their general and affectionate interest, that peace and comfort which are sometimes here denied to the occupants of thrones. We as Freemasons have nothing to do with the political history of the late exiled king, nor with the events which resulted in his death, afar from his pleasant Hanover, but we can sympathize to-day with his grieving family, and remember that we have lost a highly cultivated member of our own royal family. Afflicted as he was with the loss of sight, he was, as we know, both an amiable and intelligent man, while he was also friendly to our Masonic brotherhood. That misfortune darkened his later years, that he had to succumb, as others have done, to the inevitable "fortune de la guerre," while they are matters of material fact, they do not come within our Masonic cognizance, and we only propose here, to express our sincere regret at the loss inflicted on his devoted family by his removal, at the death of a member of our own royal family, and at the premature departure of a once esteemed ruler of our Order.

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.]

CAN LADIES VOTE IN THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I fear that I shall seem ungallant to some, pragmatical to others, when I raise this question, which is, however, a most important one, in your fair and impartial pages. Let me congratulate you on your equity as to correspondence, which is a good example to all. I have grave doubts, despite a sort of tacit understanding on the subject, whether ladies can legally vote in the General Committee, and I will tell you why.

No doubt the words of Rule XIII, p. 3, "every individual donor," &c., would seem to settle the matter. And so they would, had not the rule gone on specially to deal with "Ladies," or a "Lewis being a minor," in Rule XVIII, p. 5.

It may be observed here that the original qualification for voting in the General Committee is a Life-governorship, and no matter what payment is made, unless a lady is a "Life-Governor" in the sense of the rules she is not a qualified voter.

Now by the special provision of Rule XVIII, a lady subscribing five guineas obtains two votes for every five guineas subscribed, and is a Life-Governor—but in what sense? Simply, as I read it, as regards the election of candidates. She is not given—as the individual brother and lodge is given—under Rule XIII, "a vote at the meetings of the General Committee," and, therefore I apprehend, by the strict and well-known rules of legal interpretation, she is barred by the special provision of Bye-law XVII, from voting in the General Committee, or for anything but at the election of candidates.

In Bye-law XXXVII, p. 9, when the election of the House Committee is dealt with, we meet with "nominations of brethren," (not ladies), the election is to take place "from the brethren so nominated," (not ladies), and a list is to be given to "every qualified brother attending the election"—again not ladies.

I therefore come to the conclusion that neither ladies, nor Lewises, or minors can vote in the General Committee legally. We must always bear in mind that unless it is expressly said to the contrary, the rules of the School apply to "qualified brethren," and qualified brethren alone. In the first rules of the Girls' School the words "Governor or Governess" are to be found, but in our revised rules, as ladies are specially legislated for, they can only vote under the special provisions of the rules.

I do not go into extraneous topics, or allude to other arguments which might fairly be adduced, but content myself by calling attention to the subject, and beg to subscribe myself, yours fraternally,

BYE-LAW.

THE WORLD'S FAVOUR FOR FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There never was a period in our history when the world, qua the world, so smiled on Freemasonry. The old days in this country of alleged suspicion, contempt, derision, are over, and on every side of us we listen to words of commendation and expressions of admiration for Freemasonry. Indeed, to such a pitch has its "favour been advanced" that we find the profane press full of its goings on. Its meetings are recorded, its resolutions commented upon, its festivals are commemorated, and its good deeds are lauded. But this general admiration and acceptance have certain inconveniences, and re-act somewhat disadvantageously on our Order. The profane world, which takes our great organisation into its favour, and patronises it, and praises it, adapts the outcome of Freemasonry to its own peculiar standard of men and things, and while it gladly publishes its frequent notices of our mysterious association, seems to

imagine that it has a right to know all that it wishes to know about it, whether for the information of the inquisitive, or the delectation of the mere "gobemouche." Two great evils spring from this profane reputation and worldly favour. The one is over publicity, the other is a pandering to fashionable, and in a purely worldly sense, distinguished patronage. For it has come to this, that not only do Masonic papers, as Masonic papers, publish the actual accounts of Masonic work and meetings, but non-Masonic papers, using our terminology, availing themselves of our technical terms, adopt them, though without understanding them, and transfer to their pages those expressions of Masonic usages, which are peculiar to us as Masons, and belong prima facie to the lodge assembly, and to the lodge assembly alone.

Of course if we are to have Masonic publication at all, such inconveniences and incongruities must occur, (to which many old Masons no doubt fairly enough object), but at any rate the evil, if it be an evil, would be materially lessened in its effect if the brethren confined these flowing accounts of theirs to professedly Masonic papers. But we open to-day the sheets of non-Masonic papers, and find carefully detailed accounts of lodge meetings in all the special language of the Craft, and which do not appear, be it noted in any Masonic paper. We think then that this tendency to over-communicativeness, to hyper-publication amongst us, is a great and growing evil, and we cannot too strongly deprecate the forgetfulness that some brethren are good enough often to exhibit that there is such a thing in the world as a Masonic Press.

The *Freemason* Sir, I am happy to remark, has been conspicuous in its endeavours to restrain ritual allusions within the narrowest limits possible, and to uphold the principle that the technicalities of our work should be confined to the lodge. I for one have for some time been sensible that Masonic writers are writing too freely on Masonic ritualism and the like, and it will be remembered favourably that in the "Cyclopædia" of your Publisher all ritual explanations, except certain fair open questions, are most properly left to the lodge, and to the lodge alone, so thus both publisher and editor of the work have shown a wise discretion.

Let us then set our faces against the increasing desire of Masonic publication of lodge work. It only flatters, as I believe, the "amour propre" of the "faineant," the self conceit of the upstart. The staple of a Masonic paper must of course always be the "reports of lodge meetings," but with due caution and careful supervision they can, while easily understood by "bright Masons," cease to be marked by indiscreet allusions to the "aporrta" of our Masonic work and symbolism.

But there is another evil growing amongst us, which I think it my duty seriously to denounce in all the honesty of manly and independent utterance. It is the craving for something grander, more exalted, more fashionable than Craft Masonry. Something which is a "more gentlemanly sort of thing" than the old Craft work, which delighted our honest forefathers, which has charmed the educated, and is yet good enough, let us hope, for us. The craving for high grades and greater mysteries has been a "disease" in France and Germany, which led to the most deplorable results in the last century, which eventually shut up the lodges in Russia, and has split up Freemasonry into "factions," more or less, everywhere. In England we were too sensible, to matter-of-fact, to allow any such passing or political manufactures of senseless systems to pass current with us. We kept happily to the old foundation, the old form, the old names, and at this time, the English Grand Lodge stands in a position never yet reached by any other Masonic body in the world.

When we are told to-day that the "High Grades" are superior to Craft Masonry, what do the brethren mean who tell us such nonsense, inasmuch as they belie the facts of history, and contradict all rational evidence?

"Les Hautes Grades" in France were originally founded on a fictitious Templarism, first put forward by Ramsay, and elaborated by Von Hund, and which rested on a pure fable, (we might properly use stronger language), and served to build up an utterly fictitious, useless, unsound Masonic edifice, which has long since crumbled away into dust and nothingness. The multiplication of the "Hautes Grades" in France has been the cause of unmitigated evils, and to them may be traced and fairly attributed much of the opposition of the Roman Catholic body, inasmuch as some of their peculiar ceremonies, the Romish Church has been wont to regard, (whether rightly or wrongly matters not to us), as "irreverent travesties" and "blasphemous parodies." Yet, singularly enough, all these High Grades, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite especially, make Craft Masonry the basis on which their wondrous and awe-inspiring superstructure is reared.

Can any reasonable man—any Masonic student—seriously claim any good from the various aspects of the high grades, which abound specially on the Continent, (except as a medium of fees), and which have, as far as I can see, no practical benefit, or any practical meaning.

It has been said that the inventive genius of degreemongers, a very fruitful and trustful activity, has found out and framed something like goo high degrees in the world, most of which, I hope their friends will excuse me for saying so, seem to me to-day the creation of childishness or perversity, the outcome of personal folly and human ineptitude.

Nay, I will even say, such is the tolerant spirit of Craft Masonry, that a priori if their acolytes see good and utility in them they have as much right to exist as Craft Masonry itself, despite its honoured annals and its obvious utility to man.

But, having said this, I also think it right to add these few further remarks. To the Christian Grades I at once concede, if I do not at once realize their "raison d'être," owing to my own subjective infirmity of mind probably,

their "jus vivendi" in respect to their own associates, admirers supporters and members.

I have always denied, therefore, and I always shall deny to them the rightful appellation of "High Grades," inasmuch as, in my opinion, nothing can be higher, more excellent, more ancient, more useful than our less pretentious but admirable Craft Masonry, including the Royal Arch.

It would be impossible and improper for us as Craft Masons, one of whose leading principle is the goodly one of toleration, to lay down any objective dogma as against the "Christian Grades." If their members like them, find good in them, study them, praise them—be it so, they have a full right to do so, and whether we see their good or utility, matters nothing—they do, and that is quite enough for them, and practically quite enough for us only do not let us mix up Craft Masonry with them. They and Craft Masonry stand on entirely different basis, act upon a totally different platform. Craft Masonry is universal, the Christian Grades are limited, and though I will not presume to say that the two principles cannot in some measure be harmonised, yet for my part, I honestly prefer and as honestly cling to the simpler profession of Craft Masonry.

As Craft Masons, we need none of us ever be ashamed of our good old Order, which has weathered the storm of ages, and now stands erect and firm, asking for the approval of all loyal Masons, all honest men, and seeking the happiness of the brotherhood, and the welfare of mankind.

I trust that none will misunderstand the drift, or misinterpret the spirit of these remarks. I have spoken "more meo," frankly, fearlessly, openly, believing honestly what I distinctly put forward, and I trust that none will blame me for writing too much, even as "Downright Dunstable."

If at the present day it is often difficult to speak plainly, if truth is not always palatable to us unvarnished mortals, if some may dislike my plainness of speech or independence of opinion, let us keep Masonry free from such baneful influences, from such demoralizing degradation; and let us still make it our boast as Freemasons, that we are not afraid, any of us, to avow our opinion, in all modesty and consideration for others, and not afraid, in season and out of season, through good report and evil report, to speak what in our consciences we actually believe to be the truth.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
CRAFTSMAN.

THE WORD "ARYAN."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to the second query of your correspondent "W. W. A.," in the *Freemason* of last week, will you kindly allow me to point out that the word "Aryan" is an adjective, and the substantive "Arya," from which it is formed, is a Sanscrit word, meaning "noble." It is in connection with the history of our own language that we generally meet with the word "Aryan," and the enquiry to which your correspondent draws attention must ever be one of great interest.

Language bears undeniable witness to the fact that our own forefathers originally dwelt in the same country with the ancestors of the Hindoos, Persians, Greeks, Latins, Slavonians, and Celts, and it is to the progenitors of these nations and of our own that the name "Aryan" is applied. I may mention that the original meaning of the word "Arya" was "a tiller of the soil," or "plougher," and it is not too much to say that we may see traces of the term in the Latin "arare," and in our own English "ear." It is not hard to see how the word came to mean "noble." The Turanian, or roving, tribes were far less civilized than the old "Aryans," or "ploughing folk," and it was to distinguish them from those nomad Tartar hordes that they adopted the word "Aryan" as a national name.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
T. M. DRON, Sec. 417.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Aryan is the original tribal name of the Persian and Indian race; used in the Vedas and Avesta. The Jews called that tribe Japhetic which the Brahmins term Aryan. The Slavs, Gauls, Greeks, Teutons, and Old Armenians are of Aryan descent. These families of nations speak a similar language, of which the words are formed by a welding of the monosyllabic root to the adjective terminal.

The Aryan tribe apparently assumed the name to indicate that they were tillers of the soil, for the word-root, ar, originally meant—to plough, and from it are formed many words expressive of skill and noble qualities—as art. In Sanscrit ar means noble, and in Danish and Anglo-Saxon er is glory, honour.

W. W. A. will find information in Max Muller's "Lectures on the Science of Language."

Yours fraternally,  
JOHN YARKER, 33-96°.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The first of W. W. A.'s queries in your last number I am unable to answer.

In reply to the second I can tell him the following:— "Aryan is a name given to one of the large families of language, spoken in different varieties by nations extending from India to Europe, and hence also called Indo-European. The word is derived from the Sanskrit "Arya," meaning "of good family," which was adopted as a title by the early speakers of this family of language, to distinguish themselves from others.

Hoping that W. W. A. may find this "a clear and satisfactory definition" of the word,  
I am yours fraternally,  
E. L. H.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to the query of Bro. W. W. A. in your paper of the 15th inst., I send you the following account of the derivation and meaning of the word "Aryan."

In Hebrew the word "Aree" means the courageous one, in Greek the "areios" mighty or warlike, from "res the God of war, in Sanscrit the word "aree" means master in the extended tense of master of the house or head of the family "pere de famille" as Mons. A. Langlois, the French scholar and orientalist renders it in his translation of the Reg-Veda, (the oldest of the Vedas or sacred books of the early Indians).

Mons. Langlois attaches great importance to this meaning of the word, assigning as his reason for so doing that he is of opinion, that the Indian colony which under the guidance of Mann, settled in the Aryavartta, came from the countries lying to the west of the Indus, called indiscriminately Aria, Ariana, and Hiran. The simple word arya and its derivation arya, were the natural denominations of the colonists who became the owners of the land. Hence it was that in ordinary language the word Arya ceased to be used as an appellation distinctive of a people, but preserved its meaning of Master. Later on, when the caste system was established, the name "Aryan" (confounded with "Varsyan") was given to the agriculturists. Meanwhile, the ancient inhabitants had been driven back into the mountains, and being compelled to live by plunder, received the name of "Dasyas" (which name had perhaps an allusion to their barbarous character) which contrasted marvellously with that of the "Aryans," both in morals and religion; in fact, so remarkable, that the name "Aryan" became synonymous with good, or respectable.

Monsieur Langlois is also of opinion that as the word "Hellenes" was used as the generic name of the inhabitants of Greece, so the word "Aryan" was for a long time the generic name of the Indian nations.

I should have sent you a copy of M. L's remarks had I not feared to trespass too far on your valuable space, but trusting that the above will interest some of your readers, as well as "W. W. A."

I am, yours fraternally,

J. R. J.

#### CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the notice you gave of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution in your paper of Saturday, the 15th inst., I observe you finish your remarks with the following question:—"What steps are taken to see that the children do receive a befitting education?"

I now beg to inform you, in reply, that that subject is always most carefully considered at the time when the child is first placed on our books, so that it might be sent to a suitable school in every way, and we always require, at least, an annual report from the schoolmaster or mistress of the progress, &c., &c., of their pupils, and occasionally we get some brother known to us to look after any child that may be at school in his neighbourhood, so that he might give us an unbiased opinion of the child's progress and welfare; in fact, this is a point on which we are very particular.

For your information and satisfaction I enclose a copy of a circular which I have just sent to all the lodges and chapters in our province, with a copy of our last report, and which you will see gives extracts from some reports from the various schools where our children are placed. Hoping you will consider your question satisfactorily answered,

I remain, yours fraternally,

F. K. STEVENSON,  
Hon. Secretary

Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution.

#### PROVINCIAL RETURNS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can it be possible that there exists such a lax state of affairs as stated by "A P.M. and Prov. Officer," in your last week's issue, or has he stumbled over a "mare's nest?" In sec. 26, page 69, Book of Constitutions it is ordered "That all monies due to Grand Lodge from private lodges shall be annually remitted to it, failing which the delinquent lodge may be erased."

Thus armed, I can scarcely think that our highly esteemed and excellent Grand Secretary would allow defaulting lodges thus to escape their liabilities for periods varying from two to eighteen years. If such be the case there must be a sad lack of supervision somewhere.

Yours fraternally,

A PAST PROV. OFFICER.

#### AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will any brother Mason assist the writer in obtaining admission for a strong, healthy, fairly educated boy into Her Majesty's Navy.

He is one of fourteen children (ten boys), and although the writer has done his best for such a swarm, he cannot find money to place this one in trade, for which he has no taste, and from which he would assuredly bolt at an early date.

I intend him to work and fight too (if wanted) his way up from the ranks; and all I ask in charity is the opportunity of giving one of my children to the service of his Queen and country.

That I am not an adventurer may be known by the circumstance that I am in a position to subscribe myself,  
Very faithfully and fraternally,  
A W.M.

#### MASONIC ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The many objections that have been made in your columns during the past few weeks to the mode of conducting elections for Masonic Committees, not only prove the increased interest that is taken by the Craft in the welfare of the Institution, as a whole, but also point out the necessity of remedying any seeming abuses which may tend to breed dissension, or to cause unnecessary irritation or ill-feeling amongst its members; and it would be well that those who take the lead in such matters should direct their attention to these complaints, and, by a timely revision of the regulations prevent a further growth of dissatisfaction, which, if allowed to spread must undoubtedly prove detrimental to the interests of Freemasonry in general, and of our Charities in particular. The communications referred to have only alluded to the School elections, but it cannot be denied that they are equally applicable to the Committee elections in Grand Lodge. Let us take as an instance the election for the Board of General Purposes. The Book of Constitutions states (p. 107) that "the Masters and Past Masters are to be elected by ballot, and for that purpose the names of the several brethren intended to be put in nomination are to be delivered in writing at the General Committee preceding the Grand Lodge in June." If this election is to be by ballot, that ceremony ought certainly to be conducted upon the most approved standard, rather than in the loose manner at present practised. The Ballot Act as applied to parliamentary and municipal elections, with which we are all familiar, having been found to work well, there can be no good reason why, its general principles should not be adopted in Freemasonry. Clause 6 of Schedule 1. would meet one objection that has been strongly urged. It provides that each candidate shall be nominated by a separate nomination paper, but the same electors or any of them may subscribe as many nomination papers as there are vacancies to be filled, but no more." The provisions for withdrawing nominations, for conducting the poll, for the issue of ballot papers, and for the care of them after they are marked, might all be advantageously considered in framing a set of rules, which should enable Freemasons, as men of business, to conduct the business of their elections in a more business-like manner. If this were carried out by Grand Lodge, as well as by the Charities, there would be less occasion for those charges of "sharp practices," "packing and nursing committees," "want of honour, right, truth, and justice," "dishonest elections," "unseemly scandals," "disorderly proceedings," "cliques," &c., which have been used in from various quarters.

Yours fraternally,

T. H.

#### THE LETTER "H."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As you have thought fit to copy from the Times a communication from the pen of the Rev. F. O. Morris, agent this much misused letter, charging the county of Worcester with the misdemeanour; may I ask to have the saddle put on the right horse,—Salop,—and the lines correctly given? That is as "Holloway in his Dictionary of Provincialisms" gives it.

"The petition of the letter 'h' to the inhabitants of Shrewsbury greeting.

Whereas I have by you been driven  
From house, from home, from hope, from heaven,  
And placed by your most learn'd Society  
In exile, anguish, and anxiety,  
And used without one just pretence,  
With arrogance and insolence,  
I here demand full restitution,  
And beg you'll mend your elocution."

To this petition the inhabitants of Shrewsbury returned the following answer:—

"Whereas we've rescued you, Ingrate,  
From handcuff, horror, and from hate,  
From hell, from horsepond, and from halter,  
And consecrated you in Altar,  
And placed you where you ne'er should be,  
In Honour and in Honesty;  
We deem your pray'r a rude intrusion,  
And will not mend our elocution."

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

A WORCESTERSHIRE MAN.

#### KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPÆDIA.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

The name of "Warener," alluded to in the *New York Dispatch* of June 2nd, under the head "New York," in your Cyclopædia, should read Harrison. It is an obvious misprint.

The "notes of correction" by our esteemed confrere will be duly attended to in a second edition. I observe, however, with some little amusement, that printers' devils in America are as faulty as in England, since even my kind friend in New York begins with two errata, he reading "now according to the Constitutions of 1766 and Dunckerley's copy in 1737," whereas, in the Cyclopædia it properly reads according to the Constitutions of 1764 (published by Kearsley), and Dunckerley's copy, by the way, in 1737, &c.

This is a proof, if proof were wanting how many allowances must be made for printer's errors, and which cannot be ascribed to any want of editorial supervision. I think it right to say this, and am,

Yours fraternally,

THE EDITOR OF YOUR CYCLOPÆDIA.

Dear Bro. Findel,—

I thank you sincerely for your kind words in the *Bauhütte* of June 15th, which are truly appreciated by Bro. Kenning and myself. In your very thoughtful and fair review you have shown a most genial spirit to many unavoidable shortcomings, but which, arising from "circumstances" over which, to use a hackneyed phrase, "I had no control," I hope to amend (D.V.), in a second edition.

If you will kindly put down such "errata" as strike your careful observation, and suggest such emendations, or alterations as you think well, I will, I need not say, gladly welcome them, and duly note them.

I am, dear Bro. Findel, yours very sincerely and fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

London, June 14th, 1878.

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

##### OLD AND VALUABLE BOOKS.

For all whom it may concern I desire to state that Messrs. Ellis and White, of 29, New Bond-street, (the well-known dealers in noted and scarce works), have a set for sale of Bernard Picard's splendid work, 1723-43, &c. It is especially valuable to the members of the "mystic tie," because it contains a fac-simile of the engraved List of Lodges, by John Pine, up to 1734, and about which the erroneous statement has been made that it is a Register of York Lodges, whereas, all of them were warranted by the London Grand Lodge, a note of which was lately made by Bro. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie (editor of the *Royal Cyclopædia*) for the *Freemason*.

The set contains the seven volumes of "Cérémonies et Coutumes Religieuses de tous les Peuples du Monde," Amsterdam, 1723-37, and the "Supplement," Amsterdam, 1743 (2 vols.) The "Superstitions ancienne et Modernes," &c., Amsterdam, 1733-6. Eleven volumes complete and bound in six royal folio, all first editions, with 266 "beautiful engravings, brilliant impressions, in the original Dutch calf, neat," (£12 12s.)

The works are in French, and certainly well worth the money asked, copies of which are in the Free Library of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," 33, Golden-square.

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##### A QUERY.

Can any Scottish brother tell me who delivered a lecture on Constantinople, January 3, 1878, at Aberdeen? It appears in the *American Masonic Eclectic* for June, without a name, and I should like to publish it in the *Masonic Magazine*.  
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#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held on Saturday last at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court. Col. Burdett, Prov. G. Master, presided. Bro. F. Davison, acted as Deputy Prov. G.M.; Dr. Ramsay as Prov. G. S.W.; Bro. James Lewis Thomas, Assist. G.D.C.; was in his chair of Prov. J.G.W.; Bro. H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treasurer; and Bro. H. C. Levander, Prov. G. Secretary.

Among the other brethren present were Gen. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. for Surrey; Col. Shadwell Clerke, S.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.S.G.D.; H. A. Dubois, John Mason, George Kenning, F. Walters, Dr. Ramsay, J. W. Baldwin, J. B. Shackleton, Walter Howell Williams, G. Hammond, Col. Peters, T. J. Sabine, T. C. Walls, R. H. Thrupp, L. Beck, C. B. Brown, D. W. Pearse, Sir. C. Bright, Sanders, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The Prov. G.M. was first saluted.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. Levander, by direction of the Prov. G.M., read the patent appointing Sir Charles T. Bright as Deputy Prov. G.M.; Sir Charles took the obligation, and the Prov. G.M. thereupon invested him with the collar and jewel of his office. Sir Charles Bright thanked the Prov. G.M. for conferring on him the honour, and promised to perform the duties attaching to the office to the best of his ability.

Bro. C. S. Brown acting as D. of C., then called on the brethren to salute Gen. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. for Surrey, one of the distinguished visitors. The ceremony having been performed, Bro. Levander read the report of the Audit Committee shortly, from which it was shown that the Prov. G. Lodge had lost by the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival &c., £81 1s. 11d. The balance however to the credit of the Province, after deducting this sum, was £160 1s. 9d.

On the motion of Bro. F. Davison, seconded by Bro. D. W. Pearse, the report was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. D. W. Pearse in proposing the re-election of Bro. H. G. Buss as Prov. G. Treasurer, said that Bro. Buss had faithfully served the province in that capacity during nearly all the years the province had been in existence. This year Bro. Buss came before the brethren under somewhat of a cloud, through no fault of his own, having had the misfortune to lose a portion of the provincial funds by the failure of the bankers. The Provincial Grand Lodge, however, entirely acquitted him of any fault, and as he brought forward a balance of £160 to the credit of the Province it showed that he had taken great care of the funds.

Bro. F. Walters seconded the motion, and Bro. Buss was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, amidst great applause.

The Prov. G.M. informed Bro. Buss that it was with much pleasure he had now to declare that he had been unanimously re-elected.

Bro. Buss said he had to thank the brethren for this



mark of their renewed confidence. He could only say in reply to the observations of Bro. Pearce that the bankers fortunately were not of his selection, but were chosen by the Prov. G. Lodge. The loss by the failure of the bankers was £81 1s. 11d. With the consent of the Prov. G. Master he accepted the composition which the Hampshire and North Wilts Bank offered, 9s. in the £, to the creditors of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co. The account of the Provincial Grand Lodge still stood at the Hampshire and North Wilts Banking Co. and would continue to do so unless the Prov. G. Lodge decided otherwise.

Bro. H. A. Dubois moved that the account be continued to be kept at the Bank.

Bro. Saunders seconded the motion; and then observed that the bank was a first class bank, which had for a long period been conducting a large and extensive business.

It was therefore resolved unanimously to keep the Prov. G. Lodge account at the Bank of the Hampshire and North Wilts Banking Co.

On the motion of Bro. F. Davison, seconded by Dr. Ramsay, Bro. J. Gilbert was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Tyler.

The Prov. G.M. then said that it had for several years been the custom of this Prov. G. Lodge to devote certain sums to the different Masonic Charities. These sums had been ten guineas to the Boys' School, ten guineas to the Girls' School, and £10 to the aged Freemasons. He proposed that they should do the same again this year.

Bro. T. J. Sabine seconded the motion, and these sums were unanimously voted.

Before passing to the appointment of Provincial Grand officers for the year, the Prov. G.M. drew the brethren's attention to the circumstance of the annual meetings of the Prov. G. L. not taking place on a fixed day; and he requested the brethren's consideration of the subject, whether it would be advisable to appoint a fixed day, say the third Saturday in June. There were many brethren who would have wished to be present at the present meeting but were absent because there was not a fixed day by which they would have been able to regulate other engagements. Among these brethren was Capt. Cockle, whom he was going to appoint Prov. G. S. W. He was very happy to see so large a meeting, but he believed it would have been still larger if there had been a fixed day for it.

Bro. F. Davison remarked that if any of the provincial lodges held their regular meetings on the day suggested they would have to alter them.

The Prov. G.M. said of course they would, but that could be easily arranged. He would let the matter stand over for the present, and whatever his decision was would be communicated to each lodge in the province.

The following brethren were then appointed to office:—

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| Capt. Cockle (Bro. F. Davison invested for him).....           | Prov. G.S.W.       |
| Col. Peters.....   | Prov. G.J.W.       |
| Rev. W. S. Moses.....  | Prov. G. Chaplain. |
| Rev. J. J. Wray.....   | Prov. G. Chaplain. |
| Rushworth.....   | Prov. G. Reg.      |
| H. G. Buss.....  | Prov. G. Treas.    |
| H. C. Levander.....  | Prov. G. Sec.      |
| Saunders.....  | Prov. G.S.D.       |
| J. Llewellyn Jones.....  | Prov. G.J.D.       |
| Thomas Wells.....  | Prov. G. S. of W.  |
| C. S. Brown.....   | Prov. G.D.C.       |
| Capt. R. G. W. Williams, M.A., P.P.G.O.....                    | Prov. G. Swd. B.   |
| Louis Beck.....  | Prov. G. Org.      |
| Driscoll.....  | Prov. G.P.         |
| J. B. Shackleton.....  | Prov. Assist. G.P. |
| Simpson Baker, Thrupp, Mead, Keene, Townsend, and Hammond..... | Prov. G. Stewards. |
| J. Gilbert.....  | Prov. G. Tyler.    |

These brethren were then saluted.

Bro. H. A. Dubois said that as this was the first meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge since the lamented decease of Bro. Little, the Deputy Prov. G.M., he would move that a vote of condolence with Bro. Little's widow be passed, and a letter sent to her accompanying a copy of the vote.

Bro. James Lewis Thomas seconded the motion, which was put to the brethren and carried unanimously.

The Prov. G.M. directed Bro. Levander to say in the letter that the vote was agreed to unanimously.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. After the banquet the toasts and speeches were given very shortly, as the time was limited, on account of the trains, and when the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been honoured, the Prov. G.M. proposed "The M.W.G.M., the Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the Rest of the Grand Officers," in one toast, calling upon General Brownrigg to reply.

Bro. General Brownrigg said he believed it was Byron who described "Cerberus," the dog who guarded the gates of a place he would not mention, as being "three gentlemen rolled into one;" but the Prov. G.M. had done him the honour of rolling four into one in the toast he had just proposed. He (General Brownrigg) was no doubt the Senior Grand Officer present, as it was now twenty-five years since he was appointed S.G.W. in the Grand Lodge of England. Speaking for the Grand Officers, he thought that, as a rule, the Craft would agree in the selection of Grand Officers. As belonging to the Council which had the honour of selecting them, he knew the extreme difficulty there was in balancing the claims of those who from their Masonic proficiency were deserving of Grand Lodge honours. The Craft acknowledged that the honours were worthily bestowed. The task of selection had been especially difficult of late years, the field having become so much larger on account of the great increase in Freemasonry from which the officers were to be taken, than it was at the time he was chosen Grand Senior Warden. The Grand Officers tried their best to do their duty; and it was plain that they must from old habits, if from nothing

else, have the interests of the Craft at heart. He could not sit down without expressing his great gratification at finding himself ranged alongside his dear old friend the Prov. G.M. of Middlesex. They generally found themselves at these Masonic entertainments side by side, and he thought this was emblematical of the cordial assistance and co-operation that the Provinces of Surrey and Middlesex, geographically united as they were, would always give to one another.

Gen. Brownrigg proposed "The Health of the Prov. G.M." with whom he could not help having particular sympathy because knowing the duties which devolved upon a Prov. G.M., he knew the difficulties he must have (which every Prov. G.M. had) in the distribution of his patronage. He had been trying to instil into the minds of the brethren of his own province that those who were anxious for the provincial purple, and those who were anxious, as all were, for the higher ranks, must remember that there were only two Wardenships that could be given. He had also done his best to show them that in his province all the purple aprons should be considered co-equal; that there were only two Wardenships, and therefore the selection must be made among those who had done the greatest work in the Craft. He thought that those who received the inferior collars ought to be just as well satisfied as those who had the superior. The brethren of Surrey took a particular interest in Middlesex. The province of Surrey considered itself a sort of elder sister, and felt that it was only natural that the younger sister should be more prolific in lodges. During the time the province of Middlesex had been established it had produced nearly double the number of lodges that Surrey had in the same time. In her production he wished her success, and hoped that her future offspring would be as satisfactory as those represented at the present meeting.

The Prov. G.M. in replying expressed the pleasure he had in seeing the progress of the Craft in his province, a progress which had far surpassed everything that he or any member of the province could have anticipated. He had had very able friends in the province to assist in carrying it forward, and it was in consequence of their exertions that the province had arrived at its present proud position. It had achieved a position of great power and influence, from which he hoped it would never retrograde. On the contrary he hoped it would continue to progress as it had progressed for the last seven or eight years. Hourly, daily and yearly, he felt more flattered and honoured by the position he now held in consequence of the enormous number of brethren and lodges joining the ranks in the province. The duties of the Prov. G.M. were great, but he endeavoured to perform them to the satisfaction of the brethren. These were the feelings which animated him, and as long as he could perform his duties to the brethren's satisfaction, he hoped to do so, and to live as respected as he would at the present moment. He could not help feeling that he was respected, and although it might appear like egotism he could not avoid saying so. The brethren had met him with so much fraternal affection that he flattered himself that he was respected and beloved by the Craft.

The Prov. G.M. proposed "The Deputy Prov. G.M. and the Past Dep. Prov. G. Masters," and mentioned that if he had not found that Sir Charles Bright was enthusiastically inclined towards the Order, he should not have placed himself in such a precarious position as to appoint him as Dep. Prov. G.M.

Sir Charles Bright in the course of his acknowledgment said that the Prov. G.M. did all the work and left nothing whatever for his assistants to do. Speaking for the rest of the Grand Officers just appointed he thought he could say, as far as they were all concerned, they, like himself, wished to be true and hearty supporters, shoulder to shoulder of their Right Worshipful Prov. G.M. He should try to do his duty well, and he was sure everybody else would, and the province would go on progressing. He thought General Brownrigg had spoken of the province in tones of envy, but the province would go on supporting him with love and affection as Bro. Masons.

Col. Shadwell Clerke, G.S.D. of England, responded for "The Visitors." This was not the first or the second time he had had the privilege of being present at the Prov. Grand Lodge of Middlesex, and he could honestly say he hoped it would not be the last, and he said this for many reasons, but particularly for the unanimity, and good feeling, and cordiality he found among the brethren. There was but one cloud which passed over his feelings, and that was caused by the absence from among them of his old friend and schoolfellow, Bro. Robert Wentworth Little. Let them hope that he had gone to that reward which his numerous social and Masonic qualities led them to trust he was entitled to.

The Prov. G.M. next gave "The Masonic Charities," and reiterated the remarks he made in the Prov. Grand Lodge, that it had been the custom at all these yearly gatherings to vote sums of money to the Masonic Institutions.

Col. Peters, Prov. G.J.W., replying, said it had always been his delight ever since he had been a Mason to do everything he could for the Charities. As long as the province of Middlesex had such members as it had it would have good lists for the three Charities. He then thanked the Prov. G.M. for having appointed him to the rank of Prov. G.J.W., and said he had not expected it, and did not think he deserved it.

The brethren having received the Tyler's toast separated.

FREEMASONRY IN SUSSEX.

On Wednesday, the 12th inst., the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge and the Masters of lodges in the Province of Sussex were entertained by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master (Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., M.P.), at his seat, West Grinstead Park. Nearly all those who had the

privilege of an invitation were present. After a stroll round the park and a minute inspection of the valuable contents of the mansion, the company, numbering about thirty, sat down to an elegant banquet in the fine old dining hall. The bill of fare enumerated every delicacy of the season, and the dinner was a magnificent entertainment.

At the close of the repast, the Prov. Grand Master gave the loyal and Masonic toasts in terse but pointed terms, and they were warmly received. With "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers" he coupled the name of Bro. Dixon, Prov. G.S.W.

Bro. Dixon, in responding, referred to the popularity of the recent appointment of Sir Walter Burrell as Prov. G. Master of the Masons of Sussex, and expressed a sincere hope that he might long be spared to occupy that distinguished position, a remark which elicited warm approbation.

Bro. Wyatt, Chichester, replied to the toast of "The Masters of Lodges in the Province of Sussex," a band of brethren whom Sir Walter, in giving the toast, said were distinguished for their zeal and ability in the cause of Freemasonry.

Bro. John H. Scott, D.P.G.M., gave "The Health of Sir Walter Burrell, M.P." Referring to his recent appointment, he said it was necessary in one occupying that position, that he should be of noble birth, in easy circumstances, and have the welfare of Freemasonry at heart. In all these respects the present Prov. G.M. was eminently fitted for the post he held, and he felt satisfied that a more popular selection could not have been made. (Loud applause.)

In response, Sir Walter W. Burrell paid a very high compliment to the distinguished ability of his Deputy (Bro. John Scott), to whom, he said, was due in a great measure the high position of the Craft in the province. He said, so long as he had health, he should feel it a high honour to occupy the position to which the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, had thought fit to appoint him. (Cheers.) He hoped to meet them on many annual occasions similar to the meeting of that day, as he believed such gatherings would tend greatly to promote the best interests of the Craft.

Bro. Jos. Farnham, P.G. Stwd. (South Saxon, Lewes), gave "The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Freeman," a brother occupying a very onerous and difficult position, but one which he filled with great ability and to the entire satisfaction of the brethren.

Bro. V. P. Freeman acknowledged the compliment in appropriate terms, expressive of his gratification at having the confidence of the brethren generally.

Bro. C. A. Wooley, P.G. Registrar (South Saxon), proposed "The Health of Lady Burrell and the other Ladies of the Family" in a few well-chosen remarks, the toast being acknowledged by Sir Walter.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

A moveable meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge of England was held on Friday week, and was a memorable day in the history of Masonry, so far as Cumberland and Westmorland were concerned, the Provincial Mark Lodge of the two counties having been honoured by a special visit from the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. The gathering was held at Keswick, the Provincial Grand Lodge being held under the banner of Bective Lodge, No. 147, in that town, whilst the Grand Lodge was held under the auspices of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland. The principal work of the Grand Lodge was to consecrate two new lodges, viz., Fletcher Lodge, No. 213, Whitehaven, named after the late Major Fletcher; and the Henry Lodge, No. 216, Frizington, named after Bro. Dr. E. W. Henry, Whitehaven. Both these lodges, it may be mentioned, have previously held charters, and been worked under the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland; but latterly there has sprung up amongst the members a laudable idea of severing themselves from the Scottish Constitution, and transferring their allegiance to the Grand Mark Lodge of England. This feeling has become very general amongst the few Mark lodges in England holding their charters from Scotland, and besides the two bodies referred to, there is talk of yet another lodge (True Friendship, No. 27, Maryport) throwing in its Scotch charter, and applying for admission to the English Grand Lodge. Independent of these, we understand that steps are being taken to open a lodge of Mark Master Masons at Cockermouth. Should such come to pass, the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland will then be about as strong as any in the northern counties.

The working proceedings of the day took place at the Court Buildings, which had undergone a most elaborate ornamentation at the hands of the brethren of Bective Lodge, prominent amongst the decorations being a fine collection of lake and mountain scenery in oil, the "chefs d'oeuvre" of Bro. A. Pettitt, Lodge 147, Keswick, three of whose latest representations of Thirlmere are now the property of the Mayor and Corporation of Manchester, and have been lent to the Council of the Art Treasures Exhibition in that city. The ordinary Mark lodge was opened shortly after twelve, there being a good attendance from the following lodges:—Cumberland, No. 60, Carlisle; Bective, 147, Keswick; Whitwell, 151, Maryport; Kent Dale, 195, Kendal; Fletcher, 213, Whitehaven; Henry, 216, Frizington; together with a few visitors from Electric Lodge, 39, West Hartlepool; Grosvenor, 144, London, &c. Bro. Col. Whitwell, M.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in the absence of the Earl of Bective, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, subsequently, supported by the following present and past officers:—Bros. Jos. Nicholson, P.M. 151, P.P.G.S.W., as D.P.G.M.; Dr. Henry, 60, P.G.S.W.; G. J. McKay, 195, P.G.J.W.; J. Gardiner, 151, P.G.M.O.; W. F. Lamonby, 151, P.G.A.D.C. (Freemason), as P.G.S.

O.; W. B. Gibson, 151, P.G.J.O.; J. A. Wheatley, 60, P.G. Treasurer; P. de E. Collin, 151, P.G. Secretary; T. Mandle, 151, P.G.R.M.; G. W. Kenworthy, 151, P.G.S.D.; R. J. Nelson, 195, P.G.J.D.; F. W. Watson, 195, P.G.D.C.; J. H. Banks, 151, P.G.I.G.; F. W. Hayward, 60, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Usher, 147, P.P.G.S.O.; W. Thornton, 147, P.P.G.I.G.; E. Tyson, 151, P.P.G.I.G.

The following brethren were present, in addition to those holding provincial rank:—Bective Lodge, No. 147, Keswick: Bros. W. Lamony, R. Robinson, R.M.; J. Melmore, J. W. Miles, Capt. F. K. Sewell, W. H. Lewthwaite, R. G. Harris, W. Alsop, Kent Dale Lodge, No. 195. Kendal: Bros. R. G. Buston, R. B. Hunter, Henry Lodge, No. 216. Frizington: Bros. W. Martin, Jas. Winter, Bryce Craig, R. Baxter, A. Hardie, J. Bask, J. Gordon, J. Mills, J. Robinson, W. Tremble, and others.

The minutes of the meeting held at Carlisle, in November last, having been read and confirmed, Bro. Wheatley submitted his statement of accounts, which was received and adopted. The following officers were then appointed and invested for the current year:—Bros. G. J. McKay, 195, P.G.S.W.; J. Gardiner, 151, P.G.J.W.; G. Potter, 60, P.G.M.O.; W. B. Gibson, 151, P.G.S.O.; T. Mandle, 151, P.G.J.O.; Rev. H. B. Thompson, 195, P.G. Chaplain; J. A. Wheatley, 60, P.G. Treas. (for third time); G. W. Kenworthy, 151, P.G.R.M.; R. J. Nelson, 195, P.G.S.D.; G. Dalrymple, 216, P.G.J.D.; J. D. Mason, 60, P.G. Insp. Works; G. Godfrey, 195, P.G.D.C.; J. H. Banks, 151, P.G.A.D.C.; William Lamony, 147, P.G. St. Br.; J. Harper, 216, P.G. Swd. Br.; P. T. Freeman, unattached, P.G. Organist; E. Tyson, 151, P.G.I.G.; J. Haswell, 60, J. Taylor, 195, and J. R. Banks, 151, P.G. Stewards; Walter Cunningham, 60, P.G. Tyler. Bro. P. de E. Collin was elected to represent the province as Steward at the next meeting of Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

Shortly afterwards the members of the Grand Lodge of England were announced. They entered the hall, and took their stations as follows:—Bros. Rev. George Raymond Portal, M.A., M.W.P.G. Master of England, on the throne, in the absence of Lord Skelmersdale, Grand Master; J. Entwistle, P.P.G.M. Lancashire, as Deputy Grand Master; Col. Whitwell, M.P., P.G.J.W., as G.S.W.; J. Brockbank, P.G.J.W. of England, as G.J.W.; F. Binckes, Grand Secretary, as Grand Chaplain; D. M. Dewar, G.A. Secretary; G. J. McKay, as P.G.S.D.; Robt. Burrige, G.D.C.; T. Cubitt, P.G.D.C.; James Salmon, G.I.G.; Matthews, P.P.G.J.W. Cheshire and North Wales; Charles S. Saul, P.G.J.D. Durham and Northumberland; J. Rome, P.G.J.W. Lancashire. The Grand Lodge having been opened, the Assistant Grand Secretary read the minutes of the last Grand Lodge, held in London. The representatives of the two new lodges were next addressed, and requested to return the Scotch charters, to be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge, which they promised to do. The Grand Master in the chair, addressing the promoters of the new lodges, said it was always a great pleasure to him to receive a Scotch lodge under English rule, and it was a fact that some of the most flourishing lodges in the English Mark Constitution were originally worked under the Scotch régime. The warrants were next read over, when

Bro. Binckes, Grand Secretary, proceeded to deliver the oration. He asked the brethren to look back over a period of twenty-two years, when the first Grand Mark Lodge was established. As a small body they received a considerable amount of opposition; but still they went on, and steadily progressed. Going on, they found an opponent in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, who granted charters to the lodges in England; but out of evil came good, for, from the report which had that day been read, they would notice the vast increase Mark Masonry had made during the twenty-two years it had existed as a Grand Lodge of England, it having reached its majority. The Grand Lodge had now two lodges to consecrate—not new lodges, but what had originally sprung from the Grand Chapter of Scotland. He referred to the fact of the Mark degree not being acknowledged by the Grand Craft Lodge of England, which should not be, seeing that they stood identical with Craft Masonry, inasmuch as nothing sectarian belonged to either one or the other. He believed that a more united body than the Grand Mark Lodge of England did not exist, and enough would have been gathered from the report just read as to the extent of their charity, not only to deceased brethren and their widows, but also to the education of the children of their deceased brethren. There should not be any hesitation on the part of the Craft Grand Lodge in granting recognition to the Mark Degree, and with that hesitation, England stood alone, occupying an isolated position for the Grand Mark Lodge of England was now acknowledged by every supreme governing body in the world, including the Grand Chapters of the United States and Ireland. In conclusion, he tendered some words of advice to the officers of the two new lodges to be consecrated, and wished them every prosperity.

The consecration ceremony was then proceeded with by the Grand Master in the chair, assisted by the Grand Secretary, and other Grand Officers, carrying round corn, the emblem of plenty; wine, the emblem of joy and happiness; and oil, the emblem of unity. Finally, the two lodges were dedicated to the purposes of Mark Masonry, and the first part of the ceremony came to a close. Subsequently Bros. Dr. Henry and Geo. Dalrymple were installed, by the Grand Secretary, as W.M. of the respective lodges, and their officers were appointed and invested as follows:—Fletcher Lodge, No. 213, Whitehaven: Bros. W. B. Gibson, S.W.; G. W. Kenworthy, J.W.; W. White, M.O.; J. Barr, S.O.; W. Alsop, J.O.; E. Tyson, Treasurer and Secretary; J. Robertson, S.D.; W. Gill, J.D.; J. E. Miles, I.G.; G. Fitzgerald, Tyler. Henry Lodge, No. 216, Frizington: Bros. J. Gordon, S.W.; W. Kennedy, J.W.; R. Wilson, M.O.; R. Baxter, S.O.; J. J. Robinson, J.O.; W. Martin, Treas.; Bryce Craig, Sec.; B. Winter, Reg. M.; A. Crawford, S.D.; J.

Fletcher, J.D.; W. Swain, I.G.; W. Maccauley, Chaplain; J. Close, Tyler. The addresses to the Wor. Masters and Wardens were delivered by Bro. Rome, P.G.J.W. Lancashire; and to the Overseers and brethren generally by the Grand Secretary. After a vote of thanks had been given by the Grand Lodge to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and acknowledged by Col. Whitwell, M.P., the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

The music incidental to the ceremonies of the day was under the direction of Bro. W. H. Lewthwaite, Lodge 151, who kindly presided at the harmonium, in the absence of the newly appointed Provincial Grand Organist.

The proceedings were wound up with a banquet at the Keswick Hotel, presided over by Colonel Whitwell, M.P. The band of the Skiddaw Greys played a selection of airs on the lawn during the afternoon.

#### FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

One of the most impressive and interesting events in connection with Scottish Freemasonry which has occurred for many years past, took place on March 15th, when his Honour Bro. Judge Harvey was formally installed as P.G.M. of the Scottish Constitution for the Middle Island. Bro. Harvey's elevation as ruler of the Craft here, may be looked upon as a most gratifying proof that St. John's Masonry is in a flourishing condition, and from his well-known devotion to Masonic matters, such an impetus will be given to the Craft Lodges under his jurisdiction as must tend to render them still more powerful and serviceable. In selecting Bro. Harvey as P.G.M. the brethren had done well, and we are sure that nothing will be left undone by him to prove to the members of the Order his fitness for the high position he has been called upon to fill. The committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to carry out the details of the installation are to be complimented upon the able manner in which they performed the onerous duties devolving upon them, and to their efforts is due the very satisfactory result of the whole ceremony.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 7.30 p.m., by

Bro. J. Gore, P.M., S.P.G.M., and the following lodges were announced and received:—R.W.M.'s, officers, and members of the Lodges Taieri, Celtic, St. Andrew, and Kilwinning, S.C.; and the W.M.'s, officers, and members of the Palmerston, Dunedin, Port Chalmers Marine, and Otago Lodges, E.C. These were followed by the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. J. H. Harris, and Officers of the District Grand Lodge, E.C.; Bro. E. A. Whitaker, R.W.P.G.M. for the North Island, S.C., attended by Bro. E. T. Gillon, acting Grand Secretary, and followed by Bro. T. S. Graham, R.W.D.P.M., Irish Constitution. At this stage of the proceedings the lodge assumed a most brilliant appearance, contributed to it in no mean degree by the varied and elegant Masonic jewels and clothing worn by the Grand Officers and others, and at least 300 members of the Craft must have been present in the body of the hall, while the dais was filled by Grand Officers, Masters, and Past Masters of the several Craft lodges. The proceedings were commenced by the choir chanting the Sanctus, "Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts," the accompaniment being played by Bro. Moss, acting Grand Organist. Afterwards the Grand Chaplain offered prayer, and the choir followed with the anthem taken from the 128th Psalm. Bro. P. M. Kerr, acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, then led the Grand Honours, and the choir sang the Masonic Anthem, "Great Architect of Earth and Heaven." The presiding officer then directed the Past Grand Secretary (Bro. Watson) to read the commission from Bro. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, authorising the installation of Bro. G. W. Harvey as his deputy, and on the Grand Master designate being introduced the R.W. Bro. Gore proceeded to instal him into his exalted office according to ancient custom, and the brethren present rendered their homage in due form.

After receiving the honours due to his rank, the P.G. Master was addressed by Bro. Gore in an impressive speech, setting forth the nature of his important duties; he was next congratulated by Bro. J. H. HARRISS, R.W.D. G.M., and saluted by the members of the English Craft.

The newly-installed P.G. Master having returned thanks, called upon the R.W. Bro. Caldwell, G.S., G.L. of Scotland, to invest and obligate the Grand Officers, a duty which Bro. Caldwell performed in his usual efficient manner, the Grand Officers for the year being R.W. Bros. J. Gore, R.W.D.P.G.M.; J. Mills, R.W.S.P.G.M.; J. Court, R.W.P.G.S.W.; A. Finlayson, R.W.P.G.J.W.; A. Barrett, R.W.P., G. Chaplain; and J. Watson, R.W.P.G. Sec.

After the investiture of the officers, prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain, and the choir sang the Old Hundredth Psalm. The R.W. Bro. Caldwell, then delivered a most eloquent address to the Grand Officers, and the choir again sang the anthem "To Heaven's High Architect All Praise," which brought the proceedings to a close.

We must not omit to mention that great care had been displayed by the committee of management, consisting of Bros. Mills, Gore, Kerr, Watson and Caldwell, in appropriately decorating the lodge for the occasion.

After the closing ceremony the brethren adjourned to Bro. Thompson's Criterion Hotel, where a banquet was provided, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

**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, fulness, 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 acid 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 temperatures, which is most desirable for the preservation of health.

#### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice President, took the chair of Senior Vice President; and Bro. E. P. Albert, P.G.P., that of Junior Vice President. There were also present, Bros. John Hervey, G. Stc.; H. G. Buss, Assist. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, S. Rawson, Past District G.M. for China; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; H. C. L. vander, Samuel Poynter, P.M. 902; C. P. Cobham, Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; E. C. Massey, W.M. 1297; H. Bartlett, John T. Miller, W.M. 188; John Mason, C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; Edw. Terry, W.M. 1319; Griffiths Smith; G. P. Britten, W.M. 183; William Russell, W.M. 77; John White, W.M. 1076; W. C. G. King, W.M. 483; James W. George, W.M. 1309; J. L. Collier, W.M. 1366; W. H. Cohen, W.M. 1298; Hugh Cotter, W.M. 554; W. R. Phillips, W.M. 975; Chas. Wyatt Smith, P.M. 892; James J. Unite, W.M. 144; John Diprose, jun., P.M. 957; Jas. Kew, W.M. 179; George W. Reed, W.M. 13; Walter Hopekirk, P.M. 1586; C. B. Payne, G.T.; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The brethren first confirmed grants to the amount of £290 made at last Lodge of Benevolence.

There were only eighteen new cases on the list for relief, and fourteen of these were relieved with a total sum of £295, one grant was for £50; four grants were for £30 each; three for £20 each; one was for £15; and five were for £10 each. Four cases were deferred for incompleteness.

The lodge was then closed.

#### PARIS PILGRIMAGE.

A number of brethren from the State of Pennsylvania, and mainly, we believe, from the "City of Brotherly Love" (Philadelphia), intend to make a pilgrimage to Europe, especially to visit the Paris Exhibition and this country. The majority, if not all the members, are Knights Templars, hence the title of the trip. But we must not on that account expect to see them habited as pilgrims, for the term of their novitiate has expired, and they are now accepted as true and faithful knights. They leave the United States to set sail on the 6th July, and expect to be at Londonderry on the 15th (nine days afterwards), on Tuesday, the 16th, the Giant's Causeway; Wednesday, Belfast; Thursday and Friday, Dublin; and Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday will be devoted to Scotland, reaching York on the eve of the 24th, and Thursday and Friday will be devoted to that city and Sheffield, arriving in London on the eve of the 27th (Saturday), at the Midland Grand Hotel. The four following days will be devoted to the metropolis, and if there should be any meetings or assemblies of the Knights Templars on either of these days (29th to 31st July), I shall be glad to know, either by letter to me at Truro, or communications addressed to my friend, Charles Eugene Meyer, at the Hotel named, who is one of the Secretaries of the expedition. Our friends are preparing to give our American fratres a most hearty reception, at Dublin, York, Sheffield, Edinburgh, &c., &c., and, therefore, we are all the more anxious to be informed in time as to any Masonic meetings in London. After July, the itinerary includes Paris, Geneva, Chamouny, and Lucerne, arriving ultimately in New York 3rd September. We all wish them well and much pleasure.

W. J. HUGHAN.

The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, M.W.G. Mark M.M., will take the chair at the Annual Festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which will take place at the Alexandra Palace on Wednesday, the 27th of July. Further particulars will be duly announced.

Lake dwellings have been discovered at Letten, Switzerland, at the junction of the rivers Limmat and Sihl.

In the course of executing some repairs on premises in Loreburn-street, Dumfries, occupied by Mr. Glover, seedsman, an small earthenware jar has been found, containing 916 small silver coins, chiefly those of Edward I. of England, with a few of the reign of Edward II. Among the coins was found a small silver seal, representing a stag's head, with a frog lying between the antlers, and bearing the inscription, "S. Nicolai de Galway."

It is intended to hold an International Fine Arts Exhibition in Munich next year. Preparatory steps have already been taken with this object.—*Reuter*.

The fashionable colours in Paris this year are a sickly bronze green called *crapaud mort d'amour* (love-slain toad), and a flaming scarlet styled *crête de coq en colère*—i.e., angry cock's comb.

The Quacentenary of Martin Luther's Birth is to be celebrated in November, 1883, at Eisleben, in Saxony, the Reformer's native town.

Another foolhardy trip has been taken across the Atlantic. Three brothers have undertaken the journey from New York to Havre in a cockle-shell of some nineteen feet long, called the "Nautilus."

The marriage between Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., and Miss Gardner is fixed to take place on Tuesday next, June 25th, at St. Peter's Church, Eaton-square.

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



**Masonic and General Tidings.**

Bro. James Lewis Thomas, Asst. G.D. of C., has received a letter from a friend travelling in Tunis, in which he says he has made the acquaintance of a Bro. Broadley there, who takes great interest in Freemasonry, and that the brethren there had applied to Grand Chapter for a charter for a R.A. Chapter. Through the columns of the *Freemason* Bro. Broadley had seen that a Bro. J. L. Thomas took part in supporting the petition. Bro. Thomas's correspondent said he knew that Bro. Thomas very well, whereupon Bro. Broadley begged him to be the medium of conveying to Bro. Thomas a present of a vase taken from the ruins of Carthage, as a token of brotherhood. Bro. Thomas's correspondent goes on to say—"and which I will hand you on my return to London. Warm as you are in supporting the tenets of the Craft I think I may say that he (Bro. Broadley) exceeds you in zeal, and I have never come across any one who was more interested in every way. I am invited to be present at the opening of the chapter, which is to take place at Carthage during the summer."

The installation meeting of the Macdonald Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 104, took place on Friday, Bro. North Ritherden being installed W.M. for the ensuing year. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The offices of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine are removed from No. 1, Lincoln's Inn Fields to 17, Millbank Street, Westminster.

The Consecration of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 1743, takes place this (Saturday) afternoon, at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be performed by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; H. G. Buss, A.G.S.; and James Terry, G.D. of C. Herts.

The *City Press* states that Captain Charles Young and his friends have engaged the "Queen of the Orwell" to accompany the annual sailing barge match on Tuesday, the proceeds to be devoted to the Masonic Charities.

Bro. J. Bagot Scriven has promised to preside at the seventy-second anniversary dinner, of the Licensed Victuallers' School, which will take place at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday week, the 3rd of July.

Mr. George Magrath's matinee musicale will take place on Friday next, at 3 o'clock, in St. George's Hall, Langham Place, when he will perform selections from Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Chopin, and Liszt.

An interesting letter from Bro. Jabez Hogg on "Explosions in Coal Mines" appeared in the *Morning Post* of Friday week.

The Duke of Connaught, accompanied by Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia and the Princess Louise, his affianced bride, is expected to return to London this day (Saturday).

The installation meeting of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541, takes place at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, this (Saturday) afternoon. Bro. E. M. Haigh is the W.M. elect.

The Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the province of Middlesex and Surrey will be holden on Saturday next, the 29th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. Grand Lodge will be opened at 3 p.m. punctually. Brethren intending to be present should notify the same to the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. W. G. Brighton, on or before Tuesday, the 25th inst.

The Fortitude Lodge of Instruction, Hyde, held under warrant 461, granted November, 1877, by Lord de Tabley, P.G.M. Cheshire, have recently sent five guineas to the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution. The above example is truly Masonic, and is worthy of imitation by other lodges of instruction in the province. Bro. Geo. Fox, P.M. 1166, is the very able Preceptor.

The installation of Bro. Charles Sawyer, as W.M. of the Sackville Lodge, 1619, will take place at two o'clock on Tuesday, July 2nd, at the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead, when it is expected a goodly number of the brethren will muster, as the W.M. elect is so intimately known in that locality.

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS**  
For the Week ending Friday, June 28, 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, JUNE 22.**  
Lodge 1541, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill (Installation).  
" 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn.  
Chap. 1329, Sphinx, S.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, JUNE 24.**  
Lodge 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.  
K.T. D, Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Tav.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.  
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.

Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
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, JUNE 25.**  
Lodge 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 1719, Evening Star, F.M.H.  
Mark Lodge 3, Keystone, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

**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 Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26.**  
Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.  
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.  
" 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound, Hampton Court.  
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.  
" 1017, Montefiore, 68, Regent-st, W.  
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London-bridge.  
Chap. 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.  
" 907, Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane.  
Red Cross Con. 15, St. Andrews, 68, Regent-st., W.  
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-st., 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, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.  
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.  
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 27.**  
Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Fulham.  
Chap. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Mark Lodge 118, Northumberland, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

**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.  
Bury, 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, JUNE 28.**  
Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot. Consecration.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
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, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.  
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
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., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.**  
For the Week ending Saturday, June 29, 1878.

**MONDAY, JUNE 24.**  
Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.  
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 25.**  
Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.  
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26.**  
Lodge 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.  
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.  
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
" 1052, Callender, Public H., Rusholme.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 27.**  
Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.  
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.  
Encamp. William de la More, A.R., Bootle.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 28.**  
Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1085, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.

For Masonic Meetings throughout Scotland see *Scottish Freemason*, which can be obtained at the Office of this paper, 148, Fleet-street, London.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

**ELECTION OF SECRETARY.**  
The Votes and Interest of the General Committee are respectfully requested in favour of  
**W. CLIFTON CRICK.**  
Bachelor of Sciences, Paris University;  
P.M. Canonbury Lodge, 657, and Sec.  
102, Chancery Lane, Sunbury Lodge, 1733.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

To the Patron, Vice Patrons, Vice Presidents, and Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Your Royal Highness, my Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen, Permit me to express my sincere thanks and best acknowledgments for the many additional promises I have received in support of my candidature for the Secretaryship of our excellent Institution, and to assure the Life Governors generally that if honoured by their selection I will faithfully exert every effort to promote its well-being and future prosperity. Allow me also to thank the large body of Life Governors who have pledged themselves to attend on the day of election (11th July), and record their votes in my favour.

Yours gratefully and fraternally  
**T. ROGERS EAMES, L.G.**  
P.M. and Hon. Sec. "Neptune," No. 22,  
P.M. "Amity," No. 171.  
64, Brighton Road, South Hornsey, N.  
6th June, 1878.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

To the Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the office of Secretary rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Little. Should you do me the honour to elect me, I can only say that I will endeavour to fill the office efficiently, and I hope that the manner in which I have discharged my various duties in Masonry will be considered a sufficient qualification.

**W. SMALLPEICE,**  
Assoc. Inst. C.E., P.M. 1395, Sec. 969, Z. Cyrus Chapter, 21, Sec. Emulation Lodge of Improvement.  
6, Grays Inn-place, W.C., and Kingfield, Woking.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

**ELECTION OF SECRETARY.**

Brother PAUL STORR very gratefully acknowledges many kind promises received since the last publication of the names of his supporters. Feeling, as he now ventures to do, confident of success, he yet earnestly begs his friends not to relax their efforts. The poll is fixed for Thursday, July the 11th, at Freemasons' Hall, between the hours of Two and Five p.m.

**PERSONAL ATTENDANCE IS REQUISITE.**  
28, Colville-road, W.,  
21st June, 1878.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life-Governors. Having intimated my intention of presenting myself as a Candidate for the Secretaryship of this Institution, I now beg to thank the large numbers of brethren who have promised me their support, and to solicit the vote and interest of those who are still unpledged. Again promising that, if elected, my whole energy and ability shall be exerted for the further extension of the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

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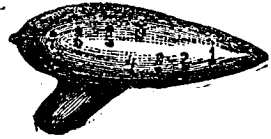
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