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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**THE ALL SAINTS LODGE (No. 1717).—**This flourishing lodge held its regular meeting on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Town Hall, Poplar, when the following brethren were present: Bros. W. H. Farnfield, W. M.; J. Dennis, S.W.; J. K. Coleman, acting J.W.; N. J. Fenner, Treas.; Leonard Potts, S.D.; W. C. Young, I.G.; C. A. Smith, Org.; J. J. Abbott, T. Bates (who acted as J.D.), H. J. Hancock, E. Witherston, E. Phillips, J. B. Finney, R. M. Talbot, T. L. Kennett and F. A. White, P.M. 907, and honorary member of the lodge. The minutes having been read and confirmed ballot was taken for Messrs. Hunt, Grout, Mills and Kirk, the result in each case proving unanimously affirmative, these gentlemen, together with M. Hine, who had been balloted for and approved at a previous meeting, being the initiates of the evening. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree Bro. T. L. Kennett, candidate for raising, was duly and regularly raised to the Sublime Degree, this part of the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. Dennis, S.W. (by permission of the W.M.); he having initiated Bro. Kennett and also advanced him to the F.C. Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and during the temporary absence of the W.M., Bro. N. J. Fenner, Treas., took the opportunity, this being the last regular meeting before the installation, of proposing that a jewel with a suitable inscription be presented to the W.M. on the termination of his year of office. He spoke in eulogistic terms of the W.M., referring to the fact that he was in reality the founder of the lodge, as the idea originated with him, and that during the year he had worked heartily for the good of the lodge, its present prosperous condition being mainly due to his exertions. This being seconded by Bro. F. A. White in a short but pithy speech, was put to the meeting, and it is almost needless to say unanimously carried. The W.M., having entered, was informed of the resolution, and in a few well chosen words heartily thanked the brethren. He was proud to have been a founder and the first W.M., of the All Saints Lodge, and if during his year of office he had won the esteem and confidence of the members of the lodge, he was well repaid for any little trouble he had been put to. The mark of their favour was a source of great gratification to him, and in the future as in the past he would always have the interests of the lodge at heart. The candidates for initiation being in attendance were then severally and duly admitted to the First Degree. The next business being the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, the Secretary announced the brethren eligible for the position, and the unanimous choice of the lodge fell on Bro. J. Dennis, S.W.; who briefly returned thanks. Bro. N. J. Fenner was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Harrison, Tyler, and Bros. Bates, Potts, and Witherston were nominated to serve on the Audit Committee. A letter of resignation, on account of ill health, was read from Bro. Chard, and the lodge, after a meeting of about three hours, duration, was closed with solemn prayer and adjourned.

**FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—**The last meeting of this new but prosperous lodge was held at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 29th ult. The lodge was opened at half-past five o'clock in the afternoon by Bro. W. H. Jackson, jun., W.M., P.M. Royal Arthur, assisted by Bros. C. Jacques, S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middx., &c., J.W., and Sec. (pro tem.); W. Ramsey, P.M., Treasurer; H. A. Dubois, P.M., P.P.G.O. of Middx., &c., Hon. I.P.M.; H. J. Lardner, S.D.; and Parkinson, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. T. L. Green, W.M. 1194; W. Malthouse, West Smithfield; and S. W. Fraser, 1070. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the

W.M., with the assistance of his officers, initiated Messrs. W. Potter, jun., and C. Potter into Craft mysteries, and passed Bros. M. Samuel and Quilter to the degree of F.C.; both ceremonies being well performed. Upon the motion of Bro. Walls, J.W., seconded by Bro. Jacques, S.W., Bros. Wellsman, Dalwood, and Dodson, of the St. Dunstan's Lodge, for their services to the Farrington Without Lodge, were unanimously elected honorary members. Bro. Newton, of the Belgrave Lodge, having been balloted for as a joining member, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant repast, well catered for by Bro. Ackland, manager to Messrs. Spiers and Pond. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary Royal and Craft toasts were done full justice to. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in a neat speech by Bro. Dubois. "The Initiates" having been duly toasted, made a suitable response. "The Visitors," "The Treasurer," and "The Officers" followed. The latter toast was responded to by Bros. Jacques, Walls, and Lardner, on behalf of themselves and absent brethren. In proposing "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. made a very exhaustive speech upon the principle and necessities for support of those valuable institutions. The name of Bro. Dubois having been associated with the toast, that brother in reply endorsed the remarks of the W.M., and also made a powerful appeal upon behalf of the whole of the Masonic Charities, and hoped that No. 1745 would be well represented at the festivals in 1879. The Tyler having been called upon to discharge his duty, the proceedings terminated.

**BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—**A lodge of emergency was held at the Masonic Hall, Bath, on Monday, July 22nd, almost especially for the purpose of initiating a candidate, elected some time ago, who has been on a voyage, and considering the time of year there was a fair muster of brethren, Past Masters, and visitors. The lodge was opened in due form at 7.45 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. F. Wilkinson, supported by Bros. F. J. Brown, I.P.M., and P.S.G.W.; Major J. W. Preston, P.M.; Geo. Falkner, S.W.; P. Braham, J.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.M., Treas.; W. Hunt, Acting Sec. pro tem.; J. J. Robinson, I.G.; A. Holmes, and Ed. J. B. Mercer, Stewards. In the absence of Bro. Wilton, Bro. Carey, P.M., kindly undertook the office of D.C.; Bro. Davies, S.D.; W. B. Gregory, J.D. There were also present Bros. Ames; James Clark, P.M.; T. E. Wilton, jun.; Richd. Mann; W. L. Baldwin; J. W. Murlis; R. B. Cater; Chas. Wilkinson, S. G. Mitchell, P.M. The visitors present were W. F. Reeves, P.M. 906, P.P.G.O.; F. D. Gardiner, W.M. Rectitude Lodge, Corsham. The W.M. first invested Bro. W. L. Baldwin with the Organist's collar. The candidate Mr. S. S. Parton, being presented, was duly admitted and initiated; the ceremony being impressively performed by the W.M., after which Bro. Ashley delivered the charge in his usual clear manner; the working tools were presented by Bro. Geo. Falkner. An apology from Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins for absence, being at present on the continent, was made by Bro. W. Hunt. Ballot was then successfully taken for two newly-proposed candidates, Mr. H. B. Smith and Mr. W. E. Smith. The lodge was closed in perfect harmony at 9 o'clock, when by the kind hospitality of the W.M., Bro. Frank Wilkinson, the brethren adjourned to the large room adjoining the lodge to an excellent collation, and after the usual loyal toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the Princess and Family," which were heartily and loyally responded to amidst capital firing. A special toast and farewell address was given to a most respected brother and P.M. of 41, Major J. W. Preston, who is about removing to Birmingham to a higher appointment, and having evinced, during his long connection with this lodge, an untiring exertion, a never failing and regular pursuit of all its duties, the kindly acknowledgment of these Masonic characteristics were most heartily evinced by every brother connected with this lodge; and the Major having feelingly responded, a similar compliment was paid to the S.W., Bro. Geo. Falkner, who will be leaving Bath shortly, and who has passed through all the offices to the entire satisfaction of every Mason he has come in contact with. Bro. Falkner responded in a neat little speech. After some capital songs by the brethren, and a few other suitable toasts to the visitors and the officers of the Royal Cumberland, all of whom were highly complimented by the W.M. on the very creditable manner in which the duties were performed, and their regular attendance, the meeting separated after a most enjoyable evening.

**WARRINGTON.—Lodge of Lights (No. 148).—**The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 29th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Thomas Tunstall, I.P.M., presided, assisted by the Wardens, and a goodly number of members and visitors. The lodge was opened in form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bros. Dr. Mackie and G. F. Curzon being candidates for preferment were examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the two brethren re-admitted and passed. The lecture peculiar to the Fellow Craft Degree was delivered by Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. of Cumberland and Westmorland. The lodge having been closed down in solemn form, the brethren separated in peace and harmony.

**GARSTON.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 220).—**The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Wellington Hotel, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at four in the afternoon. The W.M., Bro. Samuel Tickle, presided, assisted by his officers and a large number of P.M.'s, members, and visitors, including Bros. H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec.; John Bowes, P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and West-

morland; Vines, Prov. G.D.C., and others. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bros. Baker and Vines presented Bro. George Price, S.W., and W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. The preliminaries having been completed, the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes to instal Bro. Price, which he did with the aid of a Board of Installed Masters, properly constituted. The charges to the Wardens and brethren were delivered by Bro. Baker, P.M. After the transaction of some routine business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, well served by Bro. Wood, the host of the Wellington, and under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly cared for, and in the course of the evening the W.M. presented, on behalf of the lodge, a costly Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. Tickle.

**HAMPTON COURT.—Campbell Lodge (No. 1415).—**The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel, on Saturday, the 13th ult., when the following brethren were present: Bros. F. W. Levander, W.M.; H. C. Levander, S.W.; J. L. Thomas, J.W.; T. Cubitt, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, P.M., Sec.; R. M. Jones, S.D.; R. Applegarth, J.D.; and W. S. Moses, I.G.; and the following brethren, members of the lodge: Bros. E. Kimber, P.M.; Thos. Keene, P.M.; C. J. Wallis, W. O. Bywater, J. W. Lambert, and G. A. Rooks. Visitors: Bros. Col. F. Burdett, P.G.M.; P. de L. Long, P.G.D.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Fredk. Binckes, P.G.S.; W. Bristol, 1364; W. Murlis, 1642; R. A. Wright, 504; Col. J. Peters, 1460; W. Stephens, 1489; J. M. Klenk, 1339; C. G. Rushworth, 1309; and F. W. Percival. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, and other lodge business transacted, the W.M. installed his successor in the chair of K.S. in a most correct and impressive manner, which elicited universal approbation. Bro. H. C. Levander, having been saluted, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. L. Thomas, S.W.; W. S. Moses, J.W.; Thos. Cubitt, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Sec.; J. W. Lambert, S.D.; G. A. Rooks, J.D.; W. O. Bywater, I.G.; C. J. Wallis, Steward; F. H. Atkins, Org.; B. Humphrey, Dir. of Cer.; J. Gilbert, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel having been presented to Bro. W. F. Levander, the lodge was closed and adjourned to an elegant banquet, prepared in Bro. Sadler's best style.

Royal Arch.

**WIGTON.—Chapter of St. John's (No. 327).—**The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Lion and Lamb Hotel, High-street, on Thursday, the 1st inst., at which a number of members were present, amongst whom may be mentioned Comps. Henry Bowes, Z.; Jas. Gardiner, H.; Joseph Pearson, J.; John Gate, P.Z.; Hoodless, E.; Lazenby, N.; Robinson, as P.S.; Walters, as A.S.; Harris, Jun. S.; and Richardson, P.Z., Janitor. The chapter was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the previous convocation being read and confirmed, the chapter proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Comp. Gardiner was unanimously elected Z.; Pearson, H.; Hoodless, J.; Bewes, P.Z., Treas.; Lazenby, E.; Carrick, N.; Robinson, P.S.; and Richardson, Janitor. The business of the chapter having been disposed of and the chapter closed, the companions partook of refreshments.

**TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—**A convocation of this chapter took place on the 24th ultimo, at the Albany Hotel. Amongst those present were Comps. W. Wiggington, P.G.S.N. Middx., M.E.Z.; Tomlinson, P.Z., H.; C. Horsley, P.P.G.S. Middx., Treas., and acting J.; H. Court, S.E.; W. Taylor, P.S.; Walls, P.G.O. Middx., 2nd Assistant; Rushworth, W.; H. Saunders Platts, Prudent Brethren; Harrison, Janitor. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z., with the assistance of his officers, ably exalted Bro. Richnole, 1503, and Dr. Jefferies, No. 2, Kilwinning, to the Sublime Degree of the R.A. Several communications having been read, the convocation was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent collation, at which the customary toasts were duly honoured. Comp. E. Horsley replied at length to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." He also proposed in very flattering terms the health of "The M.E.Z." Comp. Wiggington having highly replied, gave "The Exalters." This toast having been duly honoured, Comp. Dr. Jefferies, upon behalf of his co-exalted and himself, made a very interesting speech in reply. The toast of "The Second and Third Principals," "The Treasurer and Scribe E.," and "The Officers," quickly followed, and were briefly acknowledged by the companions thus honoured. The proceedings terminated with the Janitor's toast. The next convocation of this chapter will be held on the fourth Wednesday in October next.

Knights Templar.

**RICHMOND.—Harcourt Preceptory.—**This preceptory met on the 26th ult., at the Greyhound, under the presidency of the Eminent Preceptor, the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A. The Preceptory was opened at 4.15 p.m., when there were present Sir Kts. Rev. A. W. Hall, Preceptor; W. Nettleship, Constable; Hyde Pullen, as Marshal; Dr. Harcourt, as Sub-Marshal and Captain of the Guard; Frank Richardson, as Reg.; R. H. Thrupp, as Prelate; Grillion and Boor, as B. Brs.; E. M. Lott, as Org.; and the following visitors:—V.E. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sub-Prior; Sir Knt. Charles Goolden, K.C.T., Treas., Great Priory; Hon. R.W. H. Giddy, Prov. Prior, South Africa

Sir P. Colquhoun, LL.D., Past Grand Chancellor; Hyde Pullen, P.G.D.C.; Charles Grillion, Studholme Preceptory; J. Lockhart Sim, and Standish Grove Grady. The muster roll was read, and the minutes of last preceptory were read and confirmed. Apologies were received for non-attendance from Sir Knights Col. Burdett, Dr. Willett, T. W. W. Bullock, and C. H. Rogers Harrison. Comp. Ralph Gooding, B.A., M.D., London, of Heath Lodge, and of Prince of Wales Chapter, 259, was balloted for, and installed. The preceptory was closed at 5.30 p.m., and the Provincial Priory was opened, the Harcourt having previously received the provincial officers. Present: Sir Kts. Shadwell H. Clerke, Great Sub-Prior, as Installing Officer; Rev. A. W. Hall, Prelate; F. W. H. Ramsay, Sub-Prior; G. Harcourt, M.D., P.P. Prior; Hyde Pullen, as Constable; G. E. Wainwright, as Marshal; J. Lockhart Sim, as Sub-Marshal; H. H. Thrupp, Chancellor; Frank Richardson, as D.C. and Captain of the Guard; J. R. Boor, Registrar and Treasurer; W. F. Nettleship, Herald; E. M. Lott, as Organist; Ralph Gooding, (just installed). Visitors: V.E. Sir Kt. Shadwell H. Clerke, Gr. Sub-Prior, Installing Officer; Sir Kts. Chas. Gooden, K.C.T., Treas. Gt. Priory; Hon. R. W. Giddy, Prov. Prior S. Africa; Sir P. Colquhoun, LL.D., Past Grand Chancellor; Hyde Pullen, P.G.D.C.; Charles Grillion, Studholme Preceptory; J. Lockhart Sim, Standish Grove Grady. The V.E. the Prov. Prior nominate, V.E. Sir Kt. General John Studholme Brownrigg, C.B.; the V.E. Sir Kt. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Great Sub-Prior, Installing Officer, and other Grand Officers and Officers of Provincial Grand Priory were received under the Arch of Steel. The Prov. Priory was then opened, muster roll called, letters of apology for non-attendance read from Sir Knights same as at Harcourt Preceptory. Minutes of last Provincial Priory, held at the Greyhound, 28th July, 1876, read and confirmed. Sir Kt. J. R. Boor, Prov. Registrar and Treasurer, then gave his report: Balance in hand on general account £28 10s. 6d., on Alms account £7 2s. 6d.; total, £35 13s. Accounts audited and found correct by Sir Kts. Thrupp and Nettleship. The report being considered satisfactory, Sir Kt. Boor was again re-elected Treasurer by ballot. The V.E. the Prov. Prior then appointed his officers, viz., Sir Kts. Dr. Ramsay, Sub-Prior; W. F. Nettleship, Constable; G. E. Wainwright, Marshal; Rev. A. W. Hall, Prelate; R. H. Thrupp, Chancellor; J. R. Boor, Registrar and Treasurer; F. W. Bullock, 1st Std. Br.; Capt. Black, 2nd Std. Br.; Ralph Gooding, Sub-Marshal; W. H. Dodwell, Captain of the Guard; F. Richardson, 1st Herald; Alfred Isaac Bristowe, 2nd Herald; E. M. Lott, Org.; Frater Geo. Harrison, Equerry. Alms collected £1 5s. 6d. Prov. Priory closed, 6.15 p.m. A procession was formed and entered the preceptory, passing under the Arch of Steel, and the chair was taken by Sir Kt. Col. Shadwell Clerke, the G. Sub-Prior of England. After opening the Provincial Priory Sir Kt. Shadwell Clerke addressed the assembled Knights, and informed them that in consequence of the resignation of Sir Kt. Harcourt as Provincial Prior of Surrey, Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., had been appointed by the Great Prior to be P.G.P. of Surrey, and that it would be his duty that evening to install Sir Kt. General Brownrigg. He alluded to the valuable and eminent services which had been rendered by Sir Kt. Harcourt, and said that he was sure that the appointment of Sir Kt. General Brownrigg, who already held high Masonic honours in the county, and was well-known as a most energetic Mason, would be most beneficial to the province, and he congratulated both Gen. Brownrigg and the province on the appointment. General Brownrigg then took the required obligations, and a procession being formed he advanced through the Arch of Steel to the east, and was duly installed by the Great Sub-Prior, and was saluted by the assembled Knights. After having thanked the Knights for his reception, the Prov. Prior expressed his sense of the valuable services which had been rendered by his friend and predecessor Sir Kt. Harcourt, whose position in the province it would be difficult to fill, and Sir Kt. Harcourt having responded, the P. Priory proceeded to the discharge of its duties, and the P.P. appointed his officers for the ensuing year. The preceptory having been closed the Sir Knights adjourned to banquet, and afterwards proposed and drank the usual K.T. toasts. General Brownrigg having proposed the toast of "The Queen," which was drunk in usual K.T. form, gave "The Master of the Order," and this toast having been honoured, General Brownrigg said: Sir Knights, on a recent occasion that official, whose health I am about to ask you to drink, the Eminent Grand Prior, remarked (I thought very justly, and at all events had my entire sympathy) how very advisable it would be that speeches on all occasions, especially on Masonic occasions, should be made as short as possible. I am sure you must all agree with me how sensible the remark was, and how wise it would be for us to follow it. I will thank you, therefore, now to drink "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale, the Great Prior of England and Wales." Most of us know him personally, and have seen the way he performs all his duties. It is not only the charming manner that he has about him, but I do think that as a fine, upstanding, handsome Englishman he is very well worth looking at. He holds his position well wherever he goes. I am old enough to remember him when a very little boy, and I have watched his career since he was that small boy and until he grew the fine man he is. He takes a leading part in all manly English pursuits and sports. In those pursuits and sports, in cricket for instance, he excels, and it is gratifying to us, who are members of this Order, to have such a fine type of an Englishman at our head. Up to this point I have omitted the name of a distinguished visitor which I ought to have coupled with this toast. That distinguished visitor has done me the honour to-day of installing me in the dignified position I now hold. With "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale" I beg to give you "The

Health of the Sub-Prior, Col. Shadwell Clerke." He comes next in rank to Lord Skelmersdale, and we are all aware how able a lieutenant Lord Skelmersdale has in him. Aware as we are of this fact, I am sure none of us are more aware of it than Lord Skelmersdale himself. His ability was shewn most manifestly to-day. I must say I am deeply impressed with the ceremony in which I took a principal part. I have never seen it before, and what pleased me more than anything else was that all the Sir Knights were permitted to see the whole ceremony. We old Masons can see the necessity of a Board of Installed Masters, where every one but an installed Master is kept out of the lodge at an installation; but in this degree everybody is allowed to be present to see what is done, and I was particularly gratified to find that they had the opportunity of witnessing a ceremony performed in an admirable manner. It was a very beautiful ceremony, and I am quite sure I had the sympathies of you all when I submitted to that patriarchal benediction which was so ably delivered. Col. Shadwell Clerke, in reply said: I thank you very sincerely indeed for this toast. Having had the privilege of knowing your Provincial Prior for many years it was a high honour for me to attend to install him. I felt at the same time very sorry indeed that that was in succession to so good and so worthy a Sir Knight as I have on my right (Dr. Harcourt.) Still, these things must be done when ordered, and consequently I am here to-day. As I said just now, it was very gratifying to me to put so good and worthy a brother in the chair. I omitted to tell you that Lord Skelmersdale fully intended to be down here; but at the last moment there was an important whip in the House of Lords. He told me yesterday that it was perfectly impossible he could attend here, and he begged me to apologise to the Provincial Prior and the Sir Knights present. All you who know Lord Skelmersdale will credit him with a desire to be here. The Duke of Connaught would also have been here, but I know of my own knowledge that it was simply impossible he could attend. As short speeches are the order of the day, I will not say more than that I am very much obliged to you indeed, and also tender my best thanks to the very important officer, the Prelate of the Order, who assisted me, and whose duties gave great zest to the proceedings. Dr. Harcourt proposed the next toast, and said: I am just placed in that position to observe a happy medium. I am afraid of saying too much, and I should be ashamed if I said too little. I cannot sufficiently praise the high individual to whom this glass is dedicated—the Provincial Prior of Surrey. You need not any great or grand language from me to show you the charm he feels in Masonry, the interest he takes in it, or how much the welfare of this province must increase under his auspices. I think you are fortunate in having so able and so excellent a Sir Knight to preside over you. I have no doubt that he will properly exact from you due obedience to his orders, and that at the same time those orders will be such as will entitle him to the love and esteem of every member of the province. From circumstances of many years' standing I might say a great deal more, but the order of the day is short speeches, and if I made a speech of an hour I could not add to the high position our Provincial Prior has taken in the Craft, and not only in the Craft but in the province and in society. General Brownrigg, in reply, said: I hope that when the time arrives that I find myself in the position the Sir Knight who has just preceded me finds himself, I may be enabled to retire with the grace and dignity with which he has retired from his office. I think nothing can be more touching than the way in which he has spoken to us. We all know the admirable way in which he has performed his work, and it makes it all the more difficult for those who succeed him to perform their duties. I will, however, sincerely do my best to follow the good example he has set me. I must own that I feel disappointed at the state of the Order in the province. At this Provincial Priory one preceptory is not represented at all, and one preceptory is almost extinct. However, I was a little bit encouraged by a conversation I had with one of the members of the Grove Preceptory, and I am not without hope that with a little good feeling, and a little give-and-take on both sides we may be able to recuscitate that. I think with the instincts of an old soldier I may be able to impress upon them that obedience—and not only obedience, but in fact fidelity to our Masonic promises—should induce them to come under our banner again. I have good hopes that we may be able to succeed. I thank you Sir Kt. Harcourt for the kind way you have spoken of myself, and I can only say that I trust when the time of my retirement comes I may retire as full of years and as full of honours as you do. General Brownrigg: Sir Knights, I ought to have coupled the few observations I ventured to make in our excellent Sir Knight Harcourt's presence with a command that you should join me and show your old fidelity by drinking his health. I am sure there has been no toast drunk this evening with greater warmth, affection, or fervour than the toast I now ask you to drink to "Our Past Excellent Prior." Dr. Harcourt, in acknowledging the toast, said: If there is one thing more than another that I dislike it is "ego"-ism; yet from the very candid way in which this toast has been received, I find that if I were to give way to it I could only talk of myself. That I beg to decline. At the same time, I feel how grateful I am at having the good opinion of those with whom I have been so long in contact. It was certainly a source of much regret on my part to retire from the high position that I held; but there were various reasons for it. I found that I had not the energy that is absolutely necessary in these days to carry on the work. I felt that my time was getting past, and that a new Provincial Prior would give life and energy to the Order. That was one reason why I wished to retire. I do not intend to retire altogether. I hope for a long time to come I may, like the old soldier, "shoulder

my crutch," and see in preceptorics how the work is done. Col. Shadwell-Clerke, in proposing "The Health of the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall," said: We have met here to-day under the banner of the Harcourt Preceptory. Before the Provincial Priory was opened we met in the Harcourt Preceptory, and I believe every one here will agree with me that we were charmed with the beautiful work we saw there. I never saw better work in the course of my life, and I must congratulate the Harcourt Preceptory on the manner in which it was done, and more especially on having an Eminent Preceptor who could do the work so beautifully. Our Bro. Sir Knight Ambrose Hall has made his name in the Order of the Temple, as he has done in other Orders; whatever Orders he has entered into he has made his mark there. I have had the privilege of knowing him some years, and I do really mean it when I say that a more enthusiastic and a more effective worker in all these different Orders we belong to I have never come across in my life. It is, therefore, Sir Knights, a very great and peculiar pleasure to me to be permitted to propose to-night his health, as the Preceptor of the Harcourt Preceptory, to thank him personally for the treat he has given me and the other visitors, in shewing how the Templar ceremony should be worked in its proper manner. I congratulate the candidate to-night, our Sir Knight, Dr. Gooding, on having really received that degree in proper style, which is not always the case in this Order, as frequently the reception of other degrees is not in their respective Orders. It is a very great pleasure to me to see our Bro. Hall perform that work, and I, therefore, have even unusual pleasure in proposing his health to-night, as the Preceptor of the leading preceptory in the Provincial Priory of Surrey. The Rev. Ambrose W. Hall in reply said: I consider this a proud day for the Harcourt Preceptory; but at the same time, I consider that my name being drunk alone is not quite what it should be, because we of the Harcourt Preceptory are as a body entertaining the Provincial Priory of Surrey. At the same time, for the kind words that have emanated from our very excellent and worthy Grand Sub-Prior I assure you that I, as Eminent Preceptor of this preceptory (and I feel and speak the sentiments of all the Sir Knights belonging to it) have very great pleasure in seeing so eminent a Mason as himself, and the very eminent men who compose the Provincial Priory of Surrey, in our midst. He has alluded to the Harcourt Preceptory as the first of this province. Although the preceptorics here are small in number, we are the head of them, and I have endeavoured, by good work, though not of the quality Col. Clerke has made it, to make the preceptory a good one. That I shall continue to endeavour to do, and I know the other Sir Knights who succeed me will do as I have done. Thus we shall keep the Harcourt Preceptory in the proud position it now holds in this very important province. I trust that our very Excellent and Eminent Provincial Grand Prior will have the opportunity of often coming among us, and when he does he may be assured that he will have that kind and brotherly greeting which we have endeavoured to hold out to him to-day. Speeches, as you say, should be short, and therefore I will not say much more, except that this preceptory, standing, as it does, in an excellent position, will, I hope, give an impetus to the other preceptorics of the province, which I think have not done their duty towards our very Eminent Provincial Grand Prior—that it will show them what they ought to do. I think they ought to have been represented here to-day, and I hope and trust that the preceptory, to which the Eminent Prior has alluded, at Ewell, the Grove Preceptory will, through his influence—and I know his influence is great, and his persuasion and kind courtesy of manner is still greater—persuade that preceptory to hold its own again in this province. General Brownrigg: Sir Knights, there is at least one more toast, which perhaps we ought to have drunk before, the toast of "The Visitors." We have several distinguished visitors here; but there is one especially who has made his mark in our Order, and who has done right and real good service. All those who know him and have the advantage of his personal acquaintance love and respect him; and therefore in giving "The Health of the Visitors," I shall couple with it "The Health of Sir Kt. Patrick Colquhoun." I could say a great deal more, but in his presence I would rather not do so. We began by saying we would make short speeches, but I fear we have gone into longer ones than I intended. I ask you to drink the toast of "The Visitors," and to receive it with all the warmth of fraternal affection, coupling with it the name of Sir Kt. Patrick Colquhoun, Past Grand Chancellor of the Order. Sir Patrick Colquhoun—On behalf of the visitors, and on my own behalf, I return you my hearty thanks for the compliment paid to me individually, and to the visitors through me. I speak to you as a kind of corpus mortuum, and you will look upon me in the light of a resurrection. If you will allow me to say, it puts me in mind of that distinguished prophet and that unfortunate monarch who read the writing on the wall on a certain palace. On my own behalf and on that of the visitors I thank you cordially and heartily, and I think I have now made the shortest speech of the evening. (Laughter.) The Equerry's toast was next given by Sir Kt. George Harrison, and drank by the Sir Knights, after which the company returned to town.

On the occasion of the inspection of the squadron at Spithead by her Majesty, on Tuesday next the 13th inst., there will be no general issue of tickets, as only a very limited number of vessels can be set apart for the conveyance of official visitors. Naval officers on half-pay, and military officers of Portsmouth, garrison, will be accommodated on board her Majesty's ships Valorous and Dasher respectively, and should apply to the Commander in Chief's office at Portsmouth Dockyard. The inspection will take place at four p.m.



of them of historical interest, were inspected with the deepest attention. The conservatories, palm house, fountains, and water works were visited, and at two p.m. the party walked through the park to the beautiful village of Baslow, where dinner awaited them.

The weather was fine and the drive was charming—the route being via Owl Bar and Froggat Edge—representing every type of English scenery—farm, wood, and moor-land, craggs, hill, and dale—consummating in Chatsworth, where nature and art are so combined as to produce a glorious effect, making it well worthy of its world-renowned name of the "Palace of the Peak."

After dinner they drove to Bakewell, and just got a glimpse of famous old Haddon Hall, which the stern necessities of time and train forbade them to visit. At Rowsley Station the party embarked on a Pullman car for London, previously collectively and individually thanking over and over again their Sheffield friends, and indulging in hopes and wishes that they would meet again some day.

#### GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada was held at Lansdowne, in the county of Leeds, on Thursday, the 13th day of June, A.L. 5878, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of St. John's Church, in that village. The following Grand Officers were present:—

R.W. Bro. James A. Henderson, Q.C., D.G.M., as Grand Master; R.W. Bro. Robert Hendry, jun., D.D.G.M., as Deputy Grand Master; R.W. Bro. George M. Wilkinson, P.D.D.G.M., as Grand Senior Warden; W. Bro. Robert B. Aylesworth, as Grand Junior Warden; Bros. Venerable Archdeacon Parnell, as Grand Chaplain; Alexander Adams, as Grand Treas.; James Shannon, as Grand Sec.; W. Bros. Rev. John Gallagher, as G.S.D.; William B. Carroll, as G.J.W.; William A. Gunn, as Grand Supt. of Works; V.W. Bro. John Ormiston, as Grand Dir. of Cer.; Bros. James A. Bradley, as Grand Asst. Dir. of Cers.; Thomas C. Starke, as Grand Sword Bearer; Henry Nuttall, as Grand Organist; W. Bro. A. Stewart, as Grand Pursuivant; Bros. Dr. Preston, M.P.P.; Thos. H. Seale, T. B. Richardson, E. Rose, E. Langdon, J. Wilmott, H. Taylor, A. M. Purvis, Turner Coyle, and W. H. Wellbanks, as Grand Stewards; W. Bros. Reuben Field, appointed to carry the Corn; James Hayward, appointed to carry the Wine; A. L. Riddle, appointed to carry the Oil; Bro. J. T. White, as Grand Tyler.

There were also representatives from the following lodges: Ancient St. John, No. 3; Brookville, No. 5; Catarqui, No. 92, Kingston; Gananoque, No. 201; Sussex, No. 210; Macey, No. 242; Minden, No. 253, Kingston; St. John, No. 340, Pittsburg; Earl of Zetland, No. 1364, E. R.

Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 11.30, by R.W. Bro. James A. Henderson, Q.C., D.G.M., who stated that he had been authorised by the M.W. the Grand Master (who was unable to be present) to perform the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, in the village of Lansdowne.

A procession having been formed in accordance with the regulations, the members of Grand Lodge marched to the site of the church, when a halt was made, and the ranks opened out and faced inwards, when the Acting Grand Master, supported by the Grand Officers, passed to the corner of the building where a platform had been erected for the Grand Officers. The proceedings were opened by singing the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," and Bro. the Venerable Archdeacon Parnell, acting Grand Chaplain, offered up the following prayer:—

Great Architect of the Universe, Maker and Ruler of all worlds, deign from Thy Celestial Temple, from realms of light and glory, to help us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly invoke Thee to give us aid at this and all times wisdom in our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications. Permit us, O Thou Author of life and light, great source of love and happiness, to erect this church set apart for Thy glory and honour, so that perishing souls may be won from the evils of this world.

A scroll, together with papers and coins, having been deposited in a cavity prepared for the purpose, the Rev. R. L. W. Houston, the Incumbent, presented a handsome silver trowel to the Acting Grand Master, who in receiving the trowel said that he received the gift with pleasure, and should retain it as a pleasing memento of the work so happily begun.

The necessary mortar being laid, the Acting Grand Master spread it with the silver trowel, and said: I spread this cement as an emblem of that cement of peace and good-will which I trust will ever prevail in the sacred edifice to be erected, and may its heaven-pointed spire remind the congregation, under God's blessing, of those mansions of bliss from whence all goodness emanates. The upper stone being properly placed after being lowered by three halts, the Acting Grand Senior and Junior Wardens and the Acting Deputy Grand Master handed to R.W. Bro. Henderson the plumb rule, level, and square respectively, which he applied to the stone, and finding it properly laid, struck the stone three times with the gavel and said, "Well made, truly laid; true and trusty, may this undertaking be conducted, and completed according to the Grand Plan in Peace, Harmony, and Brotherly Love."

Response: So mote it be.

As they were handed to him, he poured out the customary libations, saying, I strew corn upon the stone as an emblem of plenty, I pour wine on it as an emblem of cheerfulness, and I anoint it with oil as an emblem of

comfort and consolation. May corn, wine and oil, and all the necessaries of life abound among men, and may the blessing of the Supreme Architect of the Universe be upon this edifice and all connected with it.

Response: So mote it be.

The plans having been handed to the Acting Grand Master, he presented them to the Architect, saying: The foundation stone of this building being now laid, I present to you the implements applied to it, also the plans, in full confidence that as a skilful and faithful workman you will use them in such a manner that the building may rise in order and harmony, being perfected in beauty and strength. He also addressed the Rev. the Incumbent as follows: Having completed our work according to ancient usage, I now wish that every success may attend your and the congregation's endeavours, that as the work has been happily begun, it will, with God's blessing, be carried to a happy ending. May I remark that when on the chancel arch you will emblazon that prophetic sentence, "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace good will toward men," you will remember that within our Mystic Halls we have inscribed in letters of gold on the cope stone of the arch, and on the pillars, these words of far greater antiquity, "Holiness to the Lord, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth," and thus your parishioners and our brethren are alike reminded of their duty to God and man.

The Grand Honours were then given, led by the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Acting Grand Master re-ascended the platform, and spoke as follows:

By invitation duly given, we assembled here to lay the corner stone of an edifice to the glory of God. The corner stone has been laid by us according to the usages of our time-honoured Order, and with the ceremonies have not only a beautiful significance to the brethren, but even to the intelligent they shadow forth a meaning which must be considered appropriate to the occasion, and certainly to the diligent reader of the volume of the Sacred Law, they must remind him that they are not of man's imagining. I see around me many intelligent brethren, but it is not to them that I feel called on to expatiate on the grand principles on which Freemasonry is founded; but as it has been wisely laid down in our Constitution that on occasions like the present those assembled who are not Freemasons should be addressed. I take this opportunity to say a few words to those who have honoured us by their presence, respecting the origin and tenets of our Order, and I do this certainly not by way of apology or in justification of our proceedings, but rather to show that our duties and professions are not inconsistent with those the Bible inculcates. The Order has existed from time immemorial, but it was organised nearly three thousand years ago by King Solomon and Hiram King of Tyre, assisted by that "cunning man endowed with understanding," Hiram Abiff. After the completion of the Temple many of those who had been employed in the erection and adornment of that glorious edifice formed themselves into small communities, and being dispersed over the then known world still nursed the science of architecture and guided the erection of many temples, for the service of the Most High, which in grandeur, beauty, and harmony of design have never been surpassed—living and labouring together with one common object in view, the members of each company became to a certain degree bound to each other by the ties of brotherly feeling, dwelling together in love and harmony, and ever ready to soothe and relieve the necessities and afflictions of each other. It is natural to suppose that labouring for years as so many of them did on works dedicated to the worship of God, their hearts were filled with reverence for the Almighty Creator and obedience to his divine commands. The constant practice of the arts and sciences would tend to refine their minds and manners, until by their good conduct, their brotherly love to each other, and their general benevolence they had gained the respect and esteem of others. In the course of time many good and influential men, though not operative Masons, were anxious to become members of the fraternity, and being admitted became in more modern times what we now profess to be, "Free and Accepted Masons." Although no longer operative, we profess the same tenets and maintain the same principles as our ancient brethren. Our duties as Masons are reverence and obedience to the Most High, brotherly love, charity and truth to our fellow men. On these grand principles has our Order been reared up and limited to no sect, rank or nationality. Masonry from its inherent goodness has become diffused over the world, and endeavours as far as human aid can effect, to promote peace in raising the structure of moral duties, in promoting good feeling toward man, in inculcating courtesy to all, in refraining from allowing difference of opinion to disturb good feeling, in softening the roughness of temper and in flinging a certain ray of sunset over the evening of life when clouds gather around and storms threaten to ruffle it. We wish it to be understood that we do not as Masons arrogate to ourselves the character of being better than other men. There are thousands who have not joined our fraternity who are as good and true as any of us can be, but we believe that the true practice of Masonry has a natural tendency to refine and improve the hearts of all who truly follow its precepts. That it awakens in our minds feelings of brotherly love and universal benevolence, thereby enabling us to become better members of society than we were before. The Bible ever open in our Lodge, teaches us the duty we owe to God and likewise to our fellow men; it inspires us with awe and reverence to the Great Architect of the Universe; it orders us to practice truth, justice, and charity to our fellow men, but we do not attempt to usurp the place of those who minister in holy things or set ourselves above them, but rather seek to follow the guidance of our spiritual pastors

and teachers, content that Freemasonry shall be recognised as the handmaid to religion. Let a man's religion be what it will, we do not exclude him from the benefits and advantages of our Order, provided that he believes in the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, and practices the sacred duties of morality. Many thinking and serious Masons object to Freemasonry on account of a few of the brethren not acting up to their professions, but these should remember that the abuse of a thing is no valid objection to its inherent goodness. How many call themselves Christians who are a disgrace, yet ultimately hurt not the Gospel but themselves. A Judas existed among the holy Apostles of Christ. We have no fear for the existence of our Order; it shall endure as it has endured; it has stood as it shall stand, on its own merits; it has resisted the sword of the barbarian and bigot, the persecution of the powerful; it has been enabled to withstand all assaults made on it by virulent and implacable enemies—our Ancient and Honourable Fraternity, founded on strength and stability, is—

"As some tall cliff that lifts its awful form,

Swells from the vale and midway meets the storm,

Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,

Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

Men women and children here assembled. Floating over our heads is the meteor flag of England. As subjects of our beloved Queen, I call on you to give three cheers for our Sovereign, a monarch whose benign sway has never been equalled.

In response to his call, three hearty cheers were given for the Queen. Three cheers were called for and given for R. W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, the acting Grand Master.

The brethren repaired by invitation to an adjoining grove where a most liberal supply of refreshments was provided by the ladies of the congregation. Appropriate addresses were given by R. W. Bro. Henderson, Bro. Archdeacon Parnell, Rev. Canon Mulock, Rev. E. P. Crawford, and others. Subsequently the procession was reformed and the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

#### BRO. CRAWFORD'S NEW WORK.

We have been requested by Bro. Crawford to state that the name of his book is "The Celestial Science of Speculative Masonry and Theoretical Astronomy." This long lost science has, we understand, been rediscovered, after a series of years, devoted to antiquarian research. A prospectus of the varied contents of a Pamphlet, to be published thereon, entitled "Original Research," with two ancient Pictures in illustration, lies at the Masonic Depot, 198, Fleet-street for inspection and names and addresses of subscribers.

Orders received by Bro. George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street London.

GALLANT MEN OF FOWEY. — It may interest our readers to know that the present head of the Cornish House of Jeffrey is a P.M. the Fowey Lodge and P.P.G. Chaplain of Cornwall. Brother the Rev. Dr. Jeffrey is also a P.Z. of the Unity Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and a P.E.C. of the Restormel Preceptory of Knights Templar. Our genial brother is greatly loved and respected in the County of Cornwall, where he has large estates, and where he is famed for his courtesy and bonhomie.

The Grand Lodge of New York has now under its jurisdiction 718 Lodges and 78,050 Freemasons. There were 2954 candidates made Masons last year; 1048 Brethren died; and there are 5056 unaffiliated for non-payment of dues.

We are asked to state that the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants and the Isle of Wight will be held on Thursday next, August 15th, and not on Tuesday, the 13th as announced in our last week's issue. The alteration in date of meeting is unavoidable.

ERRATUM.—In our Review of the "History of the Lodge of Kelso," the author's name was erroneously printed "Dixon" instead of W.F. Vernon.

The North Metropolitan Tramways Company has declared a dividend of 8½ per cent., an advance of ½ per cent. on last year. The *Echo* hopes that the extra ½ per cent. has not been gained by confiscating the £5 deposits of discharged conductors.

The Directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday as usual, but made no alteration in the rate of discount.

The *Whitehall Review* understands that the Government hope to be able to prorogue Parliament on Saturday, the 17th inst. A later day had been originally contemplated, but the decisive vote of last week is understood to have removed a good deal of intended opposition to votes in committee, and rendered the earlier date possible.

An address of congratulation, accompanied by a handsome clock, was yesterday presented to Mr. and Mrs. H. Watts in commemoration of their golden wedding. Mr. Watts has been for 33 years connected with the Vicar General's office in Doctors'-commons, and has for the same period been an attendant on the Upper House of Convocation.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

E. KING.—A working man will, we fear, find Freemasonry too expensive for him. He can of course be introduced if properly recommended. The age is 21.

Bro. HOGG has recently published a posthumous work of Bro. Dr. Oliver, "The Pythagorean Triangle."

C.J.P.—Many thanks for note. As you surmised, the P.G.S. had forgotten.

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

"Hull Packet;" "West London Express;" "The Scottish Freemason;" "The Westminster Papers;" "Corner Stone;" "Transactions of the Supreme Council of the 33<sup>d</sup> for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America;" "Risorgimento Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland;" "Broad Arrow;" "Australian Freemason;" "Report presented to the Grand Chapter of the Rose Croix Degree in Ireland, June 19th, 1878;" "Hints to Sufferers with Diseases of the Eye;" "Masonic Herald;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Appendix to Contributions to Natural History, and Papers on other Subjects;" "The Hornet;" "Testimonials to the Efficacy of Hydropathy in the Cure of Disease;" "Canadian Craftsman;" "Night and Day;" "Masonic Herald;" "Appendix to Contributions to Natural History" (New York).

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

## BIRTHS.

ALTMAN.—July 29, the wife of Albert J. Altman, of a son  
WATSON.—July 26, at Spring-grove, Isleworth, the wife of W. Farnell Watson, of a son.

## MARRIAGE.

LONG—BOYLE.—August 1, at St. George's, Hanover-square, by the Hon. and Rev. Walter W. Ponsonby, M.A., rector of Marston Bigot, assisted by the Rev. Thos. H. Tait, M.A., rector of Hilperton, the Rev. Walter E. Medicott, M.A., vicar of Swanmore, and the Rev. Edward Capel Cure, M.A., rector of St. George's, Walter Hume Long, Esq., of Rood Ashton, Wilts, to the Lady Dorothy Blanche Boyle, fourth daughter of the Earl of Cork and Orrery, K.P.

## DEATHS.

DENCE.—August 5, at Rosedale, Sydenham, John Dence C.E., of Rosedale, and 28, Mark-lane, E.C., aged 41 years.

HENNIKER.—August 4, at 48, Upper Grosvenor-street, London, the Hon. Mary Eliza Henniker, widow of the late Hon. and Rev. William Henniker, and youngest daughter of the late Edward Farnham, Esq., of Quorn-don House, Leicestershire. R.I.P.

## THE FREEMASON,

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## OUR AMERICAN PILGRIMS.

Under this appellation, archaic and Templar at the same time, our good brethren from America are now on their wanderings, and we wish them heartily all health and happiness, all comfort and convenience, in the agreeable pilgrimage which lies before them. They are at present, we believe, in Paris, and though there they cannot, unfortunately, associate with the French Freemasons as with us, inasmuch as for them France is almost an unoccupied country, Masonically speaking at the present hour, yet there is much that they will truly and greatly enjoy at Paris. He must be a dull or perverse mortal who does not like Paris. We leave out of consideration to-day those numerous questions which always crop up when we mention Paris, social, moral, and special, but we will say this, that Paris has countless charms in every respect for the man of intellect, and the man of taste. No one can loiter in the Boulevards, or stand in the Tuileries Gardens, or drive round the Bois de Boulogne, or walk up to Père la Chaise; no one, we repeat, can visit Notre Dame, Versailles, and the historic streets and art collections of Paris without being alike pleased and struck, fascinated and impressed. And then in addition to this, when we live among French people, we see how they have been misunderstood and often undervalued, and how that really and truly there does not exist on the face of the earth a more industrious, sober, peaceful, home-loving people. If life varies in its outward aspects materially in Paris, as it does, from our English habits, so much so, as to mislead those who are content with the surface of things, no one can live in Paris without liking Paris, just as no one can sojourn for a season in La Belle France without becoming deeply impressed with the higher qualities of the French people. So first at Paris and then on their onward career, we wish our American Pilgrims everything that health and arrangement, good digestion and warm hearts can bring them. We trust that when they return to us in September, en route for their native land, theirs will be both pleasant associations and refreshing memories of their lengthened Pilgrimage.

## THE INTERNATIONAL GATHERING.

Our thoughts will still return to that hospitable and successful undertaking. We feel sure, the more we think about it, that thanks to the happy idea of Bro. George Kenning, (may his shadow never grow less), that pleasantest of meetings will be productive of much good in more ways than one to Masonry in England and the United States. That assembly, at any rate, had this one great merit, that it sought to draw together, and did draw together, American and English Masons as brethren and as friends, true and cherished, and that it sought to weld together even closer than before, those links of amity and interest, of sympathy and affection, which if our Masonic principles be worth anything should bind those on this side of the Atlantic with those on the other side of the Atlantic with one Masonic and mystical cable of brotherly union and goodwill. Such assemblies are few and far between in our lives, and there are none of us living, likely, humanly speaking, to see the same again. Let us cherish its memories and rejoice to think that we were permitted to be present. One of our good brethren said that evening that we did not come together often enough, and live in little Masonic circles of our own. That is most true, and is a fact that we may well bear in mind as pointing to salutary amendment and not unwelcome change. The party which was assembled by its kind host will probably never get together again in life, but let it remind us of that union, and friendship, and

kindness, and sympathy, and concord, and charity, which if they often seem to desert this nether earth of ours, yet live, or ought to live, at any rate, in goodly strength and grace, in the true Freemason's heart.

## RUMOURS.

"Dame Rumour," as the old proverb has it, is a very "lying jade," and just now is very busy in our good Masonic body. Perhaps it is the special season of the year, perhaps it is the hot weather, perhaps it is "many other things," which predispose us to canards, and land us on the fruitful shore of gossip and rumour. But though as the schoolmen would have said of old, "de apparentibus et existentibus eadem est ratio," yet as no evil is without a remedy, pace our good medical brethren—we will prescribe a "little common sense, carefully mixed with prudent reserve," just now, for all our readers and friends. Rumour has it, loudly and whisperingly at the same time, that the heavy hand of the law has fallen on "unscrutinizing scrutineers," and that said worthies don't like it at all, and declare that it is after all only the case of the "pot and the kettle." Rumour has it that we are to be favoured with "piquant revelations" and "striking facts," which, whether they turn out to be short stories or long yarns, will, no doubt, vastly amuse our Masonic body. Rumour has it that some brethren, who think themselves passed over in Grand Lodge appointments, talk too often and too loudly about it, while not a few, who are anxious for the purple, are stated by Rumour to be equally indiscreet as to their hopes and expectations for the future. Rumour has it that there will be a contest for the Grand Treasurership, whenever it takes place, and that a certain distinguished brother is pretty certain of success. Rumour says many other things which we think we need not repeat here, as it is quite sufficient to note the fact that such rumours do exist. We do not ourselves attach much credit to these various items of gossip and small talk, knowing how prone Masons, as well as other people, are to indulge in such little absurdities, and we are inclined on the whole to put them all down to the hot weather and the end of the season, which two things seem to us to account for anything abnormal or peculiar in our Masonic arrangements just now. To one rumour we think that we can give absolute denial, which is the alleged existence of a "Clique," about which some of our brethren have been taking so much lately, and shaking their heads so emphatically. Those of us who remember our lamented Bro. Aytoun's story of the Clique in a Scottish borough will agree with us that any such amiable institution in English Freemasonry will equally and speedily come to grief. So, as our brethren are forsaking the metropolis and lodge life, we can safely say, "listen not to idle canards and childish rumours, but go your way and enjoy yourselves as good fellows and good men—north, south, east, and west." When we all meet again in September, if we do, we shall soon find out how little there is of truth, and how much of falsehood, in idle rumours and amusing canards.

## OUR DETECTIVE POLICE.

We have never had but one opinion on this subject, though probably in that we differ from some of our readers. We wish the detective force to be a well paid, well educated, well-conditioned body of men, placed in such a position as to be above all external influences, and severed absolutely from all contact with unsafe associations. One of the greatest difficulties of the present police system is the "special agency business," which has no conscience, and no reserve, and apes the habits, and assumes even the name of the police. Some of us may remember a recent case before a police magistrate, where a special agent got off on the first charge, though, happily, safely landed in the second, because he said he was a "special detective." As he did not use the word "police" in the first case, as he was proved to have done in the second, he was only convicted on the second complaint. Nothing can be worse for our police

than association of any kind, or understanding of any kind with such persons, and who, because they have once been police officers have no more rights or privileges than any other English citizens; and as the special agent often commits necessarily most illegal acts, and strains the wise and constitutional provisions of our good English laws, the police, a constitutional body, ought in no way to be assenting even by implication to proceedings which are of most doubtful legality, or to arrangements dangerous to the liberty of the subject. We quite agree with the *Graphic* in regretting the tone of Lord Truro's complaint, though we believe that he means well. That there are black sheep in so large a force is no doubt true, just as there are in all bodies of men, but remembering all that the police go through daily, hourly—their discipline, their courage, their tact, and their good behaviour are highly to be commended, and we much doubt if they are equalled by any other force in the world. When complaints are made of the slowness of detection, or the insufficiency of surveillance, we must always remember, what too many forget, that the English police is under constitutional checks, which are unknown in other lands, and what appears to be tardiness, what assumes the appearance of vacillation, what is termed indecision, are only after all the natural consequences of a respect for and abiding by Law. It is difficult, if not impossible, often in England for the police to interfere when it is perfectly possible and easy for them to do so on the continent, because we only use the police in England to repress and detect crime, and give it no power, (except by special legislation), to interfere with the ordinary life of English citizens. Every allowance ought, therefore, in our opinion to be made for the police, and certainly the way to improve them, to ameliorate their condition, and to advance their efficiency, is not to put forward idle complaints, or repeat childish clamours, too often emanations from that undercurrent of thought and feeling, which on good grounds has often a well-merited dislike for, and apprehension of, the Police.

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.]

LONDON VOTES FOR THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think that there now appears to be some prospect of the London brethren waking up to the fact that the provinces by combining together in the shape of Charity Committees to support the candidates for their respective provinces are gaining such power, that in a few years time (unless the London brethren do likewise) it will be a matter of almost utter impossibility to get a London case in; the study for a few minutes of the following figures for the last year will throw some considerable light on this matter.

	Amount Subscribed.	Pensioners.	Proportionate number according to the amount Subscribed.
M.B. I.			
London	£6062	69	138
Provinces	£5028	169	100
Boys		In School.	
London	£4787	49	75
Provinces	£5313	109	83
Girls			
London	£5577	72	102
Provinces	£4891	116	86

By these figures we see, that although London subscribed over £1000 more than all the provinces put together to the Benevolent Institution, we have only got sixty-nine instead of 138 pensioners, or just one half of the number that we ought to have; as regards the Boys' School, the provinces head us by about £500, and we have only got forty-nine instead of seventy-five boys in the school, being twenty-six, or one third of our proper number, to the bad; again, the Girls' School, we head the provinces with nearly £700, and have only seventy-two instead of 102 girls in the school, being thirty, or nearly one third of our proper number, to the bad. It is, therefore, proposed to form a London Charity Union to protect the interests of the London candidates, the rules for which will be something as follows:—The membership will be open to all who vote in the London district, whether Masons or not; the annual subscription 5s.; the association will be managed by a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen, a Treasurer, two Auditors, and two Secretaries (who will be elected at the annual meeting of the members), and a Committee of

forty-five, one third of whom retire annually. The qualification for an officer or Committeeman is, that he should be a Life Governor of one of the three Masonic Charities; a member of a London lodge, and only one member of a London lodge will be on the Committee at the same time; they are to go through the claims of the various London cases, appoint sub-Committees, to make special enquiries where they think it necessary, and then determine which they consider the most deserving and urgent of the London cases; power is also given to them to exchange votes with provinces or individuals.

Many brethren have sent me their names as willing to found such an association, and a meeting for that purpose will be held as soon as convenient, and any brother wishing to attend, who will send me his name and address, I shall be only too pleased to let him know the place, time, and hour.

Yours truly and fraternally,

ALFRED TISLEY,  
St. Dunstan's Vestry, Fleet-street, London.

BRO. KENNING'S BANQUET TO THE AMERICAN BRETHREN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Reluctant to trespass on your space, I yet must ask permission to correct the report of the concluding observations addressed by me in response to the toast with which my name was associated. The words I used were "that whether the waters of the Atlantic presented the surface of 'a clear lake glassing softest skies,' or whether they were lashed into fury by storm and tempest, they may be regarded, not as an obstacle to separate, but as a link to unite, the two great English-speaking peoples of the world, whose energies, I hope, may be exercised in illustrating, expounding, and inculcating the principle of 'loyalty' to their respective legitimately constituted governments in practising universal 'charity' and in maintaining and preserving that freedom of thought, speech, and action which is alike the birthright and the distinguishing characteristic of both."

In the words I have italicised your report reads "unity," which in association with the sentence of which it is made to form a part is perfectly meaningless.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you give me any information as to who the two brethren are who have so far misconducted themselves as to have caused the Board of General Purposes to suspend one from all Masonic functions for two years, and the other a severe admonishment?

I read in your contemporary, the *Sunday Times*, that one is a P.G. Officer, and the other one of the Secretaries. This latter appears to me very unfair to the Secretaries of the Charitable Institutions. I presume it really means a Secretary of one of the London lodges. Can you set all doubts at rest?

Yours fraternally,

A. P.M.

[We understand that a distinguished Past Grand Officer has been suspended for two years, and that a Secretary of a London lodge has been severely reprimanded.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

On Wednesday, the 24th ult., the regular quarterly gathering of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield. The preliminary lodge was opened up by Bro. Dr. Thomas, W.M., and the officers of the Wentworth Lodge, 1239. When Provincial Grand Lodge entered, the R.W.P.G.M. (Lieut. Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart.) presiding, assisted by the W. Deputy Prov. G.M. (Bro. T. W. Tew), and a large staff of Provincial Grand Officers.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the brethren were called upon to salute the R.W.P.G.M., and afterwards the Deputy Prov. G.M., in ancient form, which call was heartily responded to.

The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, then delivered the following address:—

Brethren, you may well imagine I find it far from easy, in any corresponding language, to express my deep and grateful sense of the kind and hearty salutation with which, for the third time, you have greeted me in Sheffield. I thank you, officers and brethren of the province of West Yorkshire, for this cordial welcome to Provincial Grand Lodge. It affords me the liveliest satisfaction, personally, to be again invited to preside at these quarterly gatherings. Provincial Grand Lodge has always been received with open arms by the Sheffield and Rotherham Lodges; and our obligations are due to the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Wentworth Lodge, under whose banner we are now marshalled, for the excellence of their arrangements for the summer meeting of the Craft. The Wentworth Lodge is, I believe, an offspring of the Britannia, and was consecrated on the 7th of December, 1868, by our lamented Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Bentley Shaw. It has year by year gone on steadily increasing its numbers, until it has now seventy-six members on its roll. The brethren of this lodge have most creditably exerted themselves. During the past three years they have secured a Life Governorship in each of the Masonic Charities. So much interest has been taken in the Sheffield Masonic Hall, that all the present available capital of the Wentworth Lodge has been appropriated towards the cost of

this handsome edifice; moreover, many of its members have become Royal Arch Masons. Brethren, I have accepted what I consider virtually a command from his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the office of Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons for West Yorkshire, rendered vacant by the death of Comp. Bentley Shaw, and I hope to have the honour of meeting the companions of this province in Royal Arch Chapter assembled, in this Hall, some time during the month of October or November. I am glad to be informed, that despite the general depression of trade, on looking over our charity contributions, this lassitude in commercial matters has not had a corresponding depression in your voluntary contributions to the Masonic Institutions. This province, through the energy of its Charity Committee, has still been able to maintain, at the April election of candidates, its old successful prestige. I commend to the consideration of the lodges the circular of the Charity Committee, to raise the sum of £1050 for a presentation in perpetuity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; and to be called the "Bentley Shaw Presentation." I have headed this subscription with a donation of £50. You are aware this committee has carried out the munificent project of my Deputy, Bro. Tew, and that the W. Yorkshire chair is endowed for the Annuitants' Fund with forty votes, and for the Girls' School with twenty-five votes, in lieu of the votes lost by the death of Bro. Shaw. My Deputy informs me he will be shortly called upon to establish another lodge in Sheffield, which is to be presided over by that veteran Past Master, Bro. Hay; and that two other Past Masters from each of the other two lodges have been invited to become honorary Past Masters of this fourth lodge in Sheffield. This is presumptive evidence that perfect harmony prevails between the several lodges here, and which is further consolidated by the frequent interchanges of visits paid by the respective lodges to one another. May the four lodges maintain this old and beautiful spirit of the Craft by perpetuating this identical concord, the very bond of peace and brotherly love, in having identical bye-laws, identical fees, and identical fellowship. I cannot pass on to another topic without alluding to the death of that lady, whose hospitality, in Stanton-in-Peak, the brethren in Sheffield have frequently enjoyed. I am glad this Provincial Grand Lodge is not deprived of the presence of the Senior Grand Warden to day. There is just another allusion I wish to make, which must, I think, be gratifying to the Freemasons of West Yorkshire; it is the creditable display which this Province makes in the Universal Exposition of the French at Paris; and that the British exhibitors were the first in readiness to display their contributions on the day of opening, the 1st of May. This circumstance must have been gratifying to our Royal Grand Master, the President of the English Section. Perhaps that which most touched the hearts of the French people was to see, at their third Exhibition, not only the representatives of all that was eminent in art, science, industry, commerce, banking, diplomacy, and politics present at its inauguration, and of all that the human mind had produced that was best and illustrious, but also the scions of the great Royal races of the world. Of these illustrious personages none worked with greater zeal, none made himself a more universal favourite, than our Royal Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. Within the last few years an intellectual intercourse has grown up between France and England. The two countries have the same commercial aspirations. We represent the same humanitarian principles which are our joint patrimony, and this Exhibition, in which England displays to great advantage, must be productive of much good to both countries, and lead to the consolidation of a union of interests. This Exhibition, which the French describe as the "Feast of Concord," may it, I say, brethren, be the feast of labour and of peace, and pave the way for the "Kiss of Peace" between the nations of the earth. I hope the era of ameliorations by warfare has closed with the conclusion of the labours of the Congress in Berlin. I hope the world, in our time at least, will see no more of those dreadful crusades which blaspheme the symbols of Freemasonry they have employed, and which work more evil in a year than statesmen can remedy in a generation. Brethren, peace has been restored to the South-East of Europe. This event will be joyfully greeted as the starting point of a new era of development and revival of friendly relations and of trade. A new period of economical and intellectual resurrection will be inaugurated in the East, supported by all the mental and material resources of our time, so full of energetic enterprises. I trust we shall have no further need of Congresses save those like this Universal Exposition of the Arts and Sciences, extending commerce and universal Masonic concord. From my heart I wish that the West Riding, and this Sheffield portion of it, may very largely share in all the glory and in all the blessedness on which our Masonic edifice is built, of brotherly love and harmony, and of a peaceful and improving era. It only remains for me to repeat, brethren, that you have again in Sheffield given your Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Lodge a reception for which I am extremely grateful. The Deputy Prov. G. Master, in returning thanks for the salutation to himself, took occasion to mention that he had received petitions in favour of the establishment of new lodges in Sheffield and Huddersfield, and he hoped the promoters would do the Registrar for the time being the kindness and the favour of submitting a copy of their proposed by-laws. This he asked in accordance with a custom which had been carefully observed prior to his own appointment to the office he had now the honour of holding, and he should not feel at liberty to depart from the custom, as the rule was a very wholesome one, and any neglect might tend to seriously hamper his successors in office. If this usual custom were followed and the promoters would be good enough to let the Prov. G. Secretary have the papers in due form, he would take care that the petitions were put forward at once with his cordial recommendation, and





Elgin Lodge, F. and A. M.,

Montreal, June 10th, 1876.

John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Dear Sir and R.W. Bro.—I am instructed by the R.W.M. of Elgin Lodge, A.E. Cohen, Esq., to acknowledge receipt of your communication addressed to him on the 26th ultimo, and in reply to send you the following copy of a resolution passed at the special meeting of the lodge held on the 2nd instant, at which your letter and invitation therein contained were duly considered, viz. :—

“That this lodge, after having considered the communication from the Grand Lodge of Quebec, at a special meeting called for that purpose, on the 2nd June, inst., have unanimously resolved to continue their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and that the Secretary be, and is hereby instructed to communicate with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec to that effect.”

After passing such a resolution as the foregoing it was deemed hardly necessary to name a delegation to attend the proposed conference. But knowing the feeling of the lodge in the matter, and should you still desire it to be represented at your meeting, I shall be happy to again lay your wishes before the brethren at their regular communication upon hearing from you.

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,  
(Signed) W. A. SALSURBY,  
Secretary.

This Grand Lodge afterwards again applied to the Grand Lodge of Scotland for recognition as a legally constituted Grand Lodge, having and exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec, and received recognition as such, as will be seen by the following correspondence :—

Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M.—Grand Secretary's Office.

Montreal, Canada, January 6th, 1877.

Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, M.W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Scotland A. F. and A. M.

M.W. Brother,—I am directed by Jas. Dunbar, Esq., Queen's Counsel, and M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A.M., to state for your information, and for that of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, that the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which was regularly and constitutionally formed and established on the 20th day of October, 1869 (as has been already heretofore notified to the Grand Lodge of Scotland), has since that date been acknowledged and recognised very generally throughout the globe as a legally constituted Grand Lodge, having and exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec.

And I am desired to state that the Grand Lodge of Quebec sincerely desires the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to be in fraternal intercourse with that grand body; to that end I am requested to address this communication to you, respectfully requesting that it may be submitted to your Grand Lodge, with the view of obtaining at an early period the recognition desired.

I have the honour to be, M.W. Sir, your obedient brother,

Signed JOHN H. ISAACSON,  
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Scotland—Grand Secretary's Office.  
Freemasons' Hall, 98, George-street,  
Edinburgh, May 17th, 1877.

J. H. Isaacson, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Quebec, Montreal.

Dear Sir and R.W. Brother,—I have to inform you that at their Quarterly Communication, held at Edinburgh, on the 5th of February last, the Grand Lodge of Scotland unanimously resolved to open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec. They at the same time agreed to submit for your approval the name of Bro. Robert Wylie, P.M. of Mother Kilwinning, as Representative here of your Grand Lodge. I shall be glad to receive the name of the brother whom the Grand Lodge of Quebec may be pleased to nominate as Representative from our Grand Lodge.

Permit me to say that the delay which has occurred in sending this official intimation is due to the change that has been effected in this department.

I am, with the most fraternal regards, yours faithfully,  
(Signed) D. MURRAY LYON,  
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M.—Grand Secretary's Office.

Montreal, May 31st, 1877.

D. Murray Lyon, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland, A. F. and A. M.

R. W. Sir and Dear Brother,—I am directed by the M.W. the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge to acknowledge the receipt of your communication to me of the 17th of May instant, conveying the very gratifying information that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had at its Quarterly Communication, held at Edinburgh, on the 5th February last, unanimously resolved to open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

M.W. Bro. Dunbar regards this resolution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland as extending to the Grand Lodge of Quebec the recognition asked for by my letter of the 6th of January, 1877, to your M.W. Grand Master, and as its recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as a legally constituted and established Grand Lodge, having and exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in and over the province of Quebec.

The Grand Master has much pleasure in acquiescing in the suggestion by the Grand Lodge, of the name of Bro. Robert Wylie, P.M. of Mother Kilwinning Lodge, as representative of this Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and I have the pleasure of forwarding his commission.

I feel assured that the Grand Lodge of Quebec would hail with lively satisfaction the appointment of its present Grand Master, M.W. Bro. James Dunbar, of Quebec City, Queen's Counsel, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, near this Grand Lodge.

An early interchange of the credentials of the representatives of the two Grand Lodges and the continuation of the correspondence now so happily established will be a source of great satisfaction to this Grand Lodge.

I am, R.W. and Dear Brother, yours fraternally,  
(Signed) JOHN H. ISAACSON,  
Grand Secretary, G.L. of Q.

Grand Lodge of Scotland—Grand Secretary's Office.  
Freemasons' Hall, 98, George-street,  
Edinburgh, July 2nd, 1877.

John H. Isaacson, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Quebec, Montreal.

¶ [R.W. Dear Sir and Brother,—In reply to your favour of the 31st May, I beg to say that I expect to be able to forward our Commission to your M.W. Grand Master, Bro. James Dunbar, immediately after the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, on the 6th August next.

I deem it an honour to have had the privilege of being the medium of communicating the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to recognise and hold correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

With best regards, I am, ever faithfully yours,  
(Signed) D. MURRAY LYON,  
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Scotland—Grand Secretary's Office.  
Freemasons' Hall, 98, George-street,  
Edinburgh, August 8th, 1877.

John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Quebec, Montreal.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I have the pleasure of forwarding commission in favour of your Grand Master, Bro. Dunbar, and hope the relations that are now ratified may long exist between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Scotland.

Ever faithfully,

D. MURRAY LYON,  
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Quebec, A.F. and A.M.—Grand Secretary's Office.

Montreal, August 29th, 1877.

D. Murray Lyon, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland, A.F. and A.M.

Dear Sir and R.W. Brother.—I am desired by the M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. Dunbar, to acknowledge the receipt by him of commission in his favour, naming him the Grand Representative of your Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

A more formal acknowledgment of the commission will be made by its recipient at an early period. At the present M.W. Bro Dunbar is from home.

I am, yours fraternally,  
(Signed)

JOHN H. ISAACSON,  
Grand Secretary.

After the establishment of such fraternal relations it appeared but right and proper that effect should be given to the recognition so kindly extended, and with that view the following correspondence took place, which, unfortunately, resulted in the withdrawal by the Grand Lodge of Scotland of her recognition and her Grand Representative, and as a necessary consequence in the recall by me of the commission issued in favour of R.W. Bro. Wylie as Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Grand Lodge of Quebec, A.F. and A.M.—Grand Secretary's Office.

Montreal, 4th October, 1877.

D. Murray Lyon, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland, A.F. and A.M.

R.W. Sir and Dear Brother,—Referring to the correspondence which has passed between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, relative to the recognition of the latter (a printed copy whereof for your convenience I take the liberty to enclose herewith), and by which correspondence the Grand Lodge of Quebec considered that they have received recognition, as exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in this province, I am directed to respectfully call the attention of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the fact that there is a subordinate lodge in this city, called the Elgin Lodge, working under warrant No. 348, received from your Grand Lodge, and not recognising the Grand Lodge of Quebec as such supreme authority.

As the existence of this lodge, under existing circumstances, is inconsistent with the exercise of supreme jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I am requested to suggest to the Grand Lodge of Scotland the propriety of directing Elgin Lodge to take such steps as may be necessary to place itself under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge.

I am directed to say further that the Grand Lodge of Quebec is firmly of opinion that such a step would prevent any possible conflict of jurisdiction, and so tend greatly to promote harmony among Masons in this province.

I am yours respectfully and fraternally,

(Signed) JOHN H. ISAACSON,  
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Quebec, A.F. and A.M.—Grand Secretary's Office.

Montreal, 1st November, 1878,

D. Murray Lyon, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland, Edinburgh.

R.W. Sir and Brother,—I have the honour, by the command of the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, to forward on the other side, for the information of the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Scotland, a copy of a resolution

adopted by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, at its last annual communication, held in this city on the 26th and 27th days of September last, 1877.

I am, R.W. Sir, yours fraternally,  
(Signed) JOHN H. ISAACSON,  
Grand Secretary.

The following is a copy of the resolution referred to :—

Resolved,—That in consideration of the recognition of this Grand Lodge—through the establishment of fraternal relations in the interchange of Grand Representatives by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and in view of the fact that there still exists in this jurisdiction a subordinate lodge working under charter of that Grand Body, as well as three subordinate lodges working under charters from the Grand Lodge of England; therefore it is expedient that a definite period be now fixed when those several lodges shall return to their respective Grand Lodges their charters, and receive from this Grand Lodge a duplicate thereof, so that the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Quebec may be preserved intact, in accordance with the well-understood regulations defining the territorial jurisdiction of Grand Lodges on this continent.

And inasmuch as the interest of the Craft in this jurisdiction requires that no unnecessary delay shall ensue in carrying out this resolution, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master is hereby instructed to cause the same to be communicated forthwith to the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland respectively, with a respectful notification that their several subordinate lodges shall on or before the 1st of January next comply with the terms thereof.

And to these communications the following replies were received :—

Grand Lodge of Scotland—Grand Secretary's Office.  
Freemasons' Hall, 98, George-street,  
Edinburgh, 15th Nov., 1877.

John H. Isaacson, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Dear Sir and R.W. Brother,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your favours of the 4th ult., and 1st inst.

Your first communication, along with a letter from Lodge Elgin, Montreal, and my reply thereto were laid before Grand Committee on the 30th October. In terms of instructions I beg to enclose a copy of the minute of Grand Committee on the subject, which minute was confirmed by Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication on the 5th inst.

Your second communication conveys a demand that Elgin, Montreal, be instructed to transfer its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

I shall present your letter and accompanying resolutions to Grand Committee on the 27th inst.

I am, dear Sir and R.W. Brother, yours faithfully,  
(Signed) D. MURRAY LYON,  
Secretary.

The following is copy of minutes referred to, with copy of letter from Grand Lodge of Scotland to Secretary of Elgin Lodge, Montreal :—

A communication was presented from the Lodge Elgin, Montreal, No. 348, dated 2nd October, regarding a proposal to compel that lodge to withdraw from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and place itself under the Grand Lodge, of Quebec. Also a letter from Bro. John H. Isaacson—Grand Secretary of Quebec (Oct. 4), in which the following sentence occurs :—“As the existence of this lodge (Elgin) under present circumstances is inconsistent with the exercise of supreme jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I am instructed to suggest to the Grand Lodge of Scotland the propriety of directing Elgin Lodge to take such steps as may be necessary to place itself under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. I am directed to say further that the Grand Lodge of Quebec is firmly of opinion that such a step would prevent any possible conflict of jurisdiction, and so tend greatly to promote harmony among Masons in this province.” The following letter by the Grand Secretary was also submitted :—

Freemasons' Hall, 98, George Street,  
Edinburgh, Oct. 15, 1877.

Henry Morgan, Esq., Secretary, Lo. Elgin, No. 348,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Your favour of the 2nd inst. reached me this morning. I reply in course, in order the more promptly to dispel the fears by which your brethren have been moved in connection with the recent exchange of representatives between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec.

In opening fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, our Grand Lodge could not have had the slightest intention of recognising any right upon which might be founded a demand for the severance of the tie existing between it and its daughter Lodge of Montreal.

Should such a right be insisted upon, I feel certain that rather than accede to the demand, the Grand Lodge of Scotland will authorise the recall of its commission to its representative near the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Your lodge will enjoy the fullest Masonic protection with attendant privileges so long as it desires to continue its allegiance to its Mother Grand Lodge. Pray assure the brethren of this.

Your communication will be laid before the Grand Committee at their meeting on 30th inst.

I am, faithfully and fraternally yours,  
D. MURRAY LYON,  
Secretary.

The Grand Committee heartily approved of their Secretary's reply, and instructed that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Edinburgh, 3rd Dec., 1877.

John H. Isaacson, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Quebec, Montreal.

R.W. Sir and Dear Brother,—I am instructed by Grand Committee to recall the commission issued in favour of the M.W. Bro. James Dunbar, as Representative of the Grand

Lodge of Scotland at the Grand Lodge of Quebec. I am also directed to say that, had the withdrawal of our charter from Elgin, Montreal, been made sine qua non to the establishment of fraternal relations between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec, no such bond would have been entered into.

I am, R.W. Sir and Brother, yours faithfully,  
D. MURRAY LYON,  
Secretary.

Montreal, 17th May, 1878.

D. Murray Lyon, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland, A. F. and A. M.

Dear Sir and R.W. Bro.,—I am directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to inform you that your communications of the 15th November last, with its enclosures and 3rd December last, were laid before the meeting of the Board of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge, at their meeting lately held, but were referred to the Most Worshipful Grand Master to take such action upon them as he might consider right and proper pending the annual meeting of Grand Lodge.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master desires me to express his extreme regret that the friendly and fraternal correspondence and intercourse which was apparently so happily commenced should have terminated so abruptly, by the recall by your Grand Lodge of the commission issued in favour of the Most Worshipful James Dunbar, as Representative of your Grand Body, near the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master has particularly noted the remark in your letter of the 15th October last, to the Secretary of the Elgin Lodge, wherein you say: "In opening fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, our Grand Lodge could not have had the slightest intention of recognising any right upon which might be founded a demand for the severance of the tie existing between it and its daughter lodge in Montreal"—and also the remark contained in your letter of 3rd December last, wherein, after recalling the commission issued in favour of the Most Worshipful Bro. James Dunbar, you state: "I am also directed to say that had the withdrawal of our charter from Elgin Lodge, Montreal, been made sine qua non to the establishment of fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Quebec, no such bond would have been entered into."

The Grand Lodge of Quebec was established, as your Grand Body may most probably be aware, upon the well recognised principle on this continent, at any rate, that political and Masonic boundaries should be co-terminous, and that the Grand Lodge of Quebec, upon being regularly and constitutionally formed, was entitled to supreme Masonic jurisdiction in this province.

Most Worshipful Bro. Dunbar directed me to state in my letter of 6th January last, 1877, in which recognition by your Grand Lodge was solicited, that since the date of its establishment, "the Grand Lodge of Quebec had been acknowledged and recognised very generally throughout the globe, as a legally constituted Grand Lodge, having and exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec."

Your Grand Body may likewise possibly be aware that at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, held in the month of September, 1876, a resolution was passed of which the following is an abstract:—

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge of Quebec respectfully declines to accept conditional recognition from any Grand Lodge, and that more especially it is pained to be compelled to decline the recognition tendered by the Grand Lodge of England on the terms in which it is offered."

Resolved,—That deeply deploring everything calculated to create discord or want of harmony among those who should be brethren dwelling together in unity, yet this Grand Lodge, being the equal within its own jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge in the universe within its jurisdiction, cannot in justice to itself recognise the Masonic authority of any foreign Grand Lodge within the limits of the Province of Quebec."

In reply to my letter of the 6th January last, in which Most Worshipful Bro. Dunbar so plainly asked for recognition of this Grand Lodge, as having supreme Masonic jurisdiction in this province, your favour of the 17th May, 1877, was received with the gratifying information that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, at a Quarterly Communication, held at Edinburgh, on the 5th February then last, had unanimously resolved to open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and suggesting the name of Bro. Robert Wylie as Representative there of our Grand Lodge.

In acknowledging receipt of this letter, I was directed by Most Worshipful Bro. Dunbar, in my letter of 31st May, 1877, to state as follows:—"M.W. Bro. Dunbar regards this resolution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland as extending to the Grand Lodge of Quebec the recognition asked for by my letter of the 6th January, 1877, to your Most Worshipful Grand Master, and as its recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as a legally constituted and established Grand Lodge, having and exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec."

Subsequently, during the summer of 1877, the credentials of the respective Representatives were interchanged.

It appears to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, that the correspondence discloses very plainly, what Most Worshipful Bro. Dunbar desired, namely: recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec, and that such recognition was granted, and upon that understanding Representatives were appointed.

It also appears to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master that there is nothing ambiguous about the words "supreme jurisdiction," and that such jurisdiction is entirely inconsistent with the existence of subordinate lodges in his province holding charters from the Grand Lodge of

England or Scotland, and therefore the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was most pained to receive your letter of the 3rd December last, recalling so abruptly without Explanation the commission issued in favour of Most Worshipful Bro. Dunbar, and withdrawing the recognition previously extended to this Grand Lodge as supreme authority in this province.

There was no misunderstanding, and you can easily perceive that there could have been none, on the part of Most Worshipful Bro. Dunbar, as to the terms upon which such recognition was asked and accepted. If the Grand Lodge of Scotland had only offered conditional recognition as the Grand Lodge of England did, namely: agreeing not to grant any new warrants within the province, but that the lodge working under the Scotch charter should continue to do so, the Grand Lodge of Quebec could not have made the same reply as she did to the Grand Lodge of England; but although the request for recognition in this case was the same as in the case of England, it was granted by your Grand Lodge unconditionally in the terms asked for; and being so granted the Most Worshipful the Grand Master had reason to suppose full effect would be given to it, and, therefore, I was instructed to write you, as I did on the 4th of October last, that "as the existence of this lodge (Elgin Lodge) under present circumstances is inconsistent with the exercise of supreme jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I am instructed to suggest to the Grand Lodge of Scotland the propriety of directing 'Elgin Lodge' to take such steps as may be necessary to place itself under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge;" to which yours of the 3rd December last was a reply.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master regrets extremely that he is obliged, owing to the withdrawal by your Grand Lodge of its recognition, to recall, as he now does, the commission issued in favour of Bro. Robert Wylie as Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

I have the honour to be, R. W. Sir and dear Brother,  
Yours fraternally.  
(Signed) JOHN HELDER ISAACSON,  
Grand Secretary.

It was only a few days ago that official information reached me, that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had actually granted warrants for the formation of the two lodges referred to in my proclamation.

This information was obtained from the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, kindly forwarded me by a brother and from the following announcement and invitation, a copy of which was received by several of the brethren under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge:—

"F. AND A. M. OF SCOTLAND.

"To all whom it may concern.

"These are to certify that the Grand Lodge of Scotland having chartered the Lodges "King Solomon, No. 622," and "Argyle, No. 625," at Montreal,—in pursuance thereof have appointed Bro. George A. Baynes, R.W. Master of Elgin Lodge, Montreal, No. 348, R.S., to erect, constitute and consecrate said lodges, and instal their first office-bearers, and set the same to work with good and wholesome instructions.

"By order,

"D. MURRAY LYON,  
Grand Secretary.

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In accordance with the above you are invited to attend the Masonic ceremonies at St. Paul's Lodge Room (kindly lent for the occasion), Victoria-street, above the Academy of Music, on Monday, the 29th June (St. John's Day), at 6.30 p.m.

"GEORGE A. BAYNES,  
Installing Officer.

"KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 622.—FIRST OFFICE-BEARERS.—W. Bro. Wm. James Leslie, R.W.M.; Bro. Wm. Ross, Dep. M.; Bro. Wm. H. Short, S.W.; Bro. Wm. Byrd, J.W.; Bro. John Short, sen., Treas.; Bro. Alex. Walker, Sec.; Bro. John A. Woodsworth, S.D.; Bro. Thos. Isaac, J.D.; Bro. Isaac Bickerstaff, I.G.; Bro. T. Ireland, Tyler.

"ARGYLE LODGE, No. 625.—FIRST OFFICE-BEARERS.—R. W. Bro. Wm. McWood, R.W.M.; Bro. Samuel Warwick, S.W.; Bro. Chas. Corner, J.W.; Bro. Andrew Paterson, Treas.; Bro. James Fenwick, Sec.; Bro. John Munro, Chap.; Bro. C. Wm. Bolton, S.D.; Bro. Edward May, J.D.; Bro. Geo. May, I.G.

"Montreal, 13th June, 1878.

"Please present this at the 'loor."

I have been credibly informed, and there can be no doubt, that the proceedings referred to in foregoing announcement were carried out.

I respectfully and fraternally, and without any comment, submit the foregoing statement for your consideration, confidently believing that you will regard the conduct of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in issuing said two warrants, and in refusing to consider the propriety of withdrawing any claim of jurisdiction in this province, as unconstitutional and unconstitutional, and as calculated to be most injurious to the peace, unity, and prosperity of the Craft therein.

I have formally required the Grand Lodge of Scotland to recall the two warrants in question, and to annul all proceedings taken in connection therewith, reserving to the Grand Lodge of Quebec to take such further action to secure to herself supreme and exclusive jurisdiction in this province as in her wisdom she may think most desirable.

And finally, brethren, I appeal to you to uphold and sustain me, in this my action in vindication of our lawful G. L. sovereignty. The principle of exclusive territorial jurisdiction has been undoubtedly violated in this instance, and I rely firmly upon your assistance to maintain and uphold a principle so essentially necessary to the efficient working and welfare of our ancient and honourable Society.

M. M. TAIT.

(Seal.)

Grand Master G.L. OF Q.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS

The meeting of the General Committee was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, the 3rd instant. Present Bro. H. W. Hunt, in the chair, Bros. Donald M. Dewar, H. Browse, W. H. Perryman, R. T. Morris, F. A. Adlard, J. W. M. Dosell, Hyde Pullen and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*). The minutes of the last general Committee, of the 6th ult., were read and confirmed, and those of the quarterly general Committee and of the House Committee were read for information. The report of the Audit Committee was also read and the chairman of this Committee was authorised to sign cheques for the accounts passed. There was only one petition for a candidate (F. W. Steinham) which was accepted, and a sum of £6 for outfit was voted for W. P. Barrett, lately a scholar in the Institution. Bro. Fredk. Binckes, the Secretary, announced that the result already realised of the last festival was a sum of a little over £10,400 and that there was still one list to come in, he believed, for a considerable sum.

## CONSECRATION OF THE METROPOLITAN CHAPTER.

The consecration of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, took place on the 15th ult., at the Metropolitan Club, Pentonville-road. Comp. James Terry, Prov. G.D. of C. of Herts, was the Consecrating Officer, and was assisted by Comps. Joseph Smith as H., and Thos. A. Adams as J.; and the other companions present were Comps. James Willing, Z. designate; J. R. Stacey, H. designate; W. J. Ferguson, J. designate; W. M. Stiles, C. W. Hudson, H. H. Child, B. Swallow, and J. J. Michael. The usual ceremony having been gone through, Comp. Terry installed the three Principals, and the following companions were inducted into the respective offices attached to their names, viz., Comps. W. M. Stiles, S.E.; Hudson, S.N.; and Child, Sojourner. Comp. R. E. Barnes was invested as Janitor. A vote of thanks and the honorary membership of the chapter were by acclamation accorded to Comp. Terry for his services as Consecrating and Installing Officer, which was suitably acknowledged. At the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and the companions separated after spending one of the most pleasant and agreeable evenings it has been our pleasure to witness.

## ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

A meeting of the Grand Master's Council, No. 1, was held at the Masonic rooms, No. 2, Red Lion-square, on Tuesday, the 30th of July. Present: Bros. Rev. G. R. Portal, M.P.G.W.; Hyde Pullen, G.P.C.W.; Frederic Davison, G. Treas.; S. Rosenthal, T.I.M. No. 3; Gen. J. S. Brownrigg; Rev. Amrose W. Hall; Magnus Ohren; Dr. F. W. Ramsay; S. C. Dibdin; D. M. Dewar; and Ill. Bro. Robert Morris, LL.D., of Kentucky. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bros. T. C. Walls and E. B. Bright were introduced and received the various degrees of Most Excellent Master, Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master. The other business before the Council having been transacted, the meeting was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Wednesday, the 30th of October.

**CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.**—Notwithstanding that when the Obelisk was fairly poised on its true centre, it has been raised three feet, it would be very rash to attempt to predict from the present rate of progress the day when there will be no longer any mechanical hindrance in the way of the monolith's being gently swung into a vertical position, and then let fall on its pedestal. Still more precarious would be any forecast as to the date of its public inauguration. Meanwhile, the ingenious artisans from the South Kensington Museum have been busily carrying out Major Festing's instructions with a view to making a full-sized plaster cast of the monument for the national collection. Mr. Bullen, who was sent out by the Museum to India eight years ago, to take a similar cast of the famous Sanchi Tope gateway, is in charge of the operations. Already several scores of plaster moulds have been secured, and so far as the pyramidion and the portion of the shaft above the jacket is concerned the work is most likely now finished. The waist and section of the obelisk below the jacket will be left to be dealt with after the inauguration. On Wednesday evening shortly before seven, Lord Beaconsfield paid an improvised visit to the monolith. Bro. John Dixon received the Prime Minister and showed him over the works. His Lordship stayed about twenty minutes, and was much interested in what he saw and heard.

Lord Tredegar and Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., formally opened the new graving dock at Newport, Monmouthshire, on Tuesday, in the presence of several thousand spectators, and in the evening a banquet took place, under the presidency of the Mayor, in honour of the passing of the Bill for power to establish the Pontypridd, Caerphilly, and Newport Railway—a new line which will place the town in direct communication with the South Wales coalfields, and thus contribute greatly to its commercial prosperity.

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



