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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (1044).—A meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth. Bro. W. A. Jones presided, and was supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. W. A. Morgan, S.W.; Alfred Newens, J.W.; H. Wilson, Treasurer; J. Frost, Secretary; J. B. Walker, S.D.; W. J. Huntley, J.D.; S. C. Landon, D.C.; J. J. Holland, I.G.; J. Wardroper, Steward; J. G. Carter, P.M.; E. H. Boddy, P.M.; P. Cooke, P.M.; F. H. Newens, P.M.; C. W. Gray, P.M.; George Howick, P.M.; F. Reed, R. Walker, P. V. Denham, G. Clark, John Sanders, G. W. Smith, W. J. Springett, H. F. Goodchild, George Fortescue, R. Neal, F. Knipier, and A. A. Denham. The following visitors honoured the lodge with their attendance:—Bros. Willey Wright, (the eminent barrister), Dr. Joseph Leakman, R. H. Smith, George Brooks, James Wright, A. Mason, T. F. K. Smith, and A. B. Morgan. The lodge having been opened, the usual formal business was proceeded with. Bro. P. V. Denham was then raised to the Degree of M.M., and Bro. John Sanders passed to the Second Degree. The installation of Bro. W. A. Morgan as W. M. was then proceeded with, the Installing Master being Bro. Boddy. At the conclusion of the business, a banquet was provided, and served in the most recherche style; complete satisfaction being expressed at Bro. Dougherty's catering. The usual toasts were given from the chair, and responded to by the brethren in a truly Masonic manner. The W.M. elect justly praised the retiring W.M., Bro. H. R. Jones, for his abilities. The toast of "The Visitors" was eloquently replied to by Bros. Willey Wright, Dr. Leakman, and other brethren.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—The bi-monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at Ladbrooke Hall, Notting-hill, on Thursday, the 12th inst. The lodge was opened at 2 p.m. The officers present were Bros. George Penn, W.M.; S. H. Parkhouse, S.W.; S. Smout, J.W.; B. Pocock, S.D.; Lander, J.D.; Atkins, I.G.; Rev. Darby Reade, Chap.; Smout, jun., D.C.; W. J. Murlis, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Stephens, Treas.; Delevanti, Org.; and a large number of members, among whom we noticed the Rev. P. M. Holden, James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; Reuben C. Green, Rowlands, Reid, Empson, and others. The visitors were Bros. H. G. Buss, A.G. Sec.; G. C. Harding, Bishop, F. Bartle, Boucher, Beauchamp, Handover, Lovell, Tucker, Clayson, Grist, Brown, Manchester, High, and Stephens. Bros. May, Manchester, and Heath, were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being rendered in a most able and impressive manner. Messrs. Braham and French were initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. gave notice that he would undertake to represent the lodge at the next Boys' Festival, and proposed that the sum of fifty guineas be given from the lodge funds to start his list. It was seconded by Bro. Parkhouse, S.W., and carried unanimously. It was then proposed by Bro. Murlis, P.M., that a jewel of the value of ten guineas be presented to the W.M. for his services for the past year. This was received with great applause, and carried unanimously. Bro. Samuel Hy. Parkinson was then unanimously elected W.M. for the coming year; Bro. Murlis, Sec.; and Bro. Geo. Penn, Treas.; and a vote of thanks on vellum was voted to Bro. W. Stevens, for services rendered to the lodge as Treasurer during the last two years. The lodge was closed at 5 p.m. The W.M. then invited the brethren and visitors to a splendid banquet, given on his grounds at Castle Bar, Ealing. Saloon carriages and conveyances were placed at their disposal to take them to their destination. The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," stated that their W.M. was not only a most able and efficient Mason, but a most kind and liberal-hearted man, that sixty or seventy brethren were here to testify, for the whole of the expense of this banquet was borne by

him. The W.M., in returning thanks, said he was delighted to entertain them, but would ask them to give their support to him, and send him up to the Boys' Festival with a list second to none. He then proposed "The Health of the W.M. Elect," and hoped he would have a successful year of office. Bro. Parkhouse said he would endeavour to uphold the prestige of the lodge. The W.M. and the I.P.M. were good and true friends, and were as anxious to see his year of office a success as great as their own. Bro. Buss responded for "The Grand Officers," Bro. Boucher for "The Visitors," and Bro. Terry for "The Charities." The musical arrangements were under the management of Bro. Delevanti; Bro. Holden also gave some recitations.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst., in the Masonic Room, Athenæum, Lancaster, the chair of King Solomon being occupied by Bro. Jowett, W.M. There was not a large attendance. The lodge was opened in the First Degree and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Subsequently the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, when the W.M. gave the traditional history connected with the latter degrees. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, when the usual proclamations were made, and the lodge closed with the peculiarities of the Craft.

STAFFORD.—Staffordshire Knot Lodge (No. 726).—At the regular meeting of the above lodge at the North-Western Hotel, on Tuesday evening, 10th inst., a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Jno. Storer, P.M. 726, P.P.G.S.B.; the W.M. (Bro. T. W. Chalmers) in making the presentation, said it afforded him very much pleasure to hand the jewel to his old friend and brother, P.M. Storer. The admirable manner in which Bro. Storer had performed the duties of the different offices he had filled in the lodge—his regular and punctual attendance—his kindly and unobtrusive manner whilst in the lodge, and his willingness at all times to give the benefit of his great experience, justified them in presenting him with the jewel as a token of their appreciation. It was customary in some lodges to present a jewel to each W.M. at the expiration of his year of office, but in this lodge such was not the case, and he hoped it never would be, because when they saw a Staffordshire Knot Lodge brother wearing that distinguished emblem they all knew it had been given him for extra services rendered to his lodge. Bro. Storer, in replying, expressed his deep sense of the honour they had conferred upon him. He had at all times acted in a conscientious manner, and if at any time he had inadvertently uttered a word which had given pain to a brother he was ever ready to make the amende honorable. It was not always that conscientious conduct was appreciated by others. But in the present instance it was so, and in after years the jewel would remind him of their great kindness to him.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The monthly meetings of this lodge were resumed, after the summer recess, on the 2nd inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, St. Leonardgate. Bro. A. Sheriff, W.M., presided, supported by his several officers, but there was not a large attendance of brethren. The lodge was opened in due form, but there was no special business before the lodge. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and the usual proclamation having been made, the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street. Bro. T. Longmire, the W.M., presided, and there was a good attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. John Heaps, commercial traveller, and proved satisfactory. Bro. Thos. Shorrocks having given proof of his proficiency as an E.A., was entrusted and retired. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, he was re-admitted and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., the working tools being presented by Bro. Peter Dickinson, P.M. (London) who occupied the S.W.'s chair. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, when Mr. Taylor was introduced into the lodge with the formalities of the Craft, and duly initiated into its mysteries, by the W.M. The usual proclamations were then made, which elicited hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in accordance with the principles of the Craft.

INSTRUCTION.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1558).—The first meeting of a new lodge of Instruction, under the authority of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1558, was held on Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., at the Faunce Arms Tavern, Kennington Park, and it was numerously attended. Bro. James Dann, P.M. No. 72, presided, and in commencing the business he stated that the lodge had been established for the purpose of supplying the want which had for some time been felt by young Masons, who were aspiring to office in their respective lodges, to have the opportunity of attending a lodge where the only business would be the rehearsing of the different ceremonies, so that any one taking office might be fully qualified to perform the duties required. In other Lodges of Instruction a good portion of the time was taken up with the lectures, and the working of the ceremonies was only occasionally gone through, but in this lodge the ceremonies would be the only business to be transacted. As the lodge was established solely for the assistance of young Masons, and to fit them for their duty they should be called upon in their regular lodges, he hoped that it would be well attended, as able Preceptors

would always be ready to give their instruction. The ceremony of installation was then rehearsed, Bro. Heap, W.M. of the Parent Lodge, being the candidate, and the manner in which that beautiful rite was performed by Bro. Dann elicited very warm commendations. About a dozen propositions for joining were made, and a vote of thanks was ordered to be entered on the minutes for the very able manner in which Bro. Dann had discharged the duties of the chair.

Royal Arch.

ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER No. (72).—The ordinary meeting of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Thursday, the 12th inst. Ex. Comp. T. Foxall, M.E.Z., presided, with Ex. Comps. Duckin, H.; Stephens, P.Z., acting J.; J. Nunn, Scribe E.; Thurston, P.S.; Salton, 1st Ass't. S.; Strube, 2nd Ass't. S.; Laskey, P.Z.; Dodson, P.Z.; Dunn, H. Lovegrove, Jaccard, and others. The only visitor was Comp. Gluckstein, P.Z. Faith Chapter. The companions appeared in Masonic mourning, owing to the death of Comp. Harvey, J., since the last meeting. The candidate for exaltation not being in attendance the ballot was taken for the officers for the ensuing year, with the following result: Comps. T. Duckin, M.E.Z.; J. Nunn, H.; Lovett, J.; T. Foxall, P.Z., Scribe E.; Dunn, Scribe N.; Webb, Treasurer; H. Lovegrove, P.S.; Potter, Janitor. Comp. Nunn has been most energetic as Scribe E. since the formation of the chapter, and the companions were unanimous in electing him to the vacant chair of H., the duties of Scribe being undertaken by the I.P.Z., Comp. Foxall. At the conclusion of the business the companions adjourned to the banquet.

Mark Masonry.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithful Lodge (No. 229).—The first meeting of this new lodge after the consecration and dedication on the 23rd ult, was held at the Masonic Hall, Station-street, on Wednesday evening, the 11th inst. There were present:—Bros W. F. Lamonby, W. M. (Freemason); W. Shilton, I.G., as S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W.; Capt. Sewell, M.O.; R. W. Robinson, S.O.; Jas. Blach, Treas., Sec., and R.M.; H. Peacock, S.D., as I.G.; R. Bailey, J.D.; and Jos. Hewson, Tyler. After the minutes were read and confirmed, the W.M. introduced the subject of a code of bye-laws for the government of the lodge, and a copy being compiled, it was ordered to be printed by next lodge night for final confirmation by the members, prior to being submitted to the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge authorities. On the proclamations being put, it was agreed to hold a lodge of instruction on the first Friday in every month. Bros. W. Taylor, P.M. Craft Lodge 1002; and Geo. Brash, Lodge 1002, were then proposed as candidates for advancement, after which the lodge was closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., in the chair. The brethren present were Bros. E. H. Finney, H. Hacker, Walter Sowdon, A. H. Tattershall, Joshua Nunn, E. Letchworth, Thomas W. White, John Boyd, Thomas Budwin, H. A. Dubois, R. B. Webster, G. Faulkner, H. Potter, H. Massey, (Freemason), and F. R. W. Hedges, (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the chairman reported the melancholy death of Bro. Charles Jardine, a member of the committee, by the collision between the Princess Alice and Bywell Castle.

Bro. Joshua Nunn moved that a letter be written to the widow of Bro. Jardine, condoling with her and her family on the loss they have sustained. He drew the attention of the brethren to the loss, which was a very serious one. The family consisted of nine children, who were now left destitute. Bro. Jardine was in business as a commission agent in the lace trade, and was getting on very well. But the brethren must know that that particular business died with the person who followed it, and although Bro. Jardine was getting on very well in it, he would not be able to save sufficient for his widow and family's support when he was suddenly taken away. The eldest son was the only one who was doing anything, and he was barely able to keep himself; indeed he would not be able to keep himself if he did not live with the family. For the above reasons he had a notice of motion for the Quarterly Court, which had been recommended by the House Committee, for the suspension of the laws of the Institution to place one of the girls on the list for election.

Bro. Thomas W. White seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously, and the Secretary was directed to write the letter of condolence to Mrs. Jardine.

Bro. Nunn then gave his notice of motion for the Quarterly Committee, for the suspension of the laws of the Institution, for the purpose of placing Cicely Alice Jardine on the list for election.

Cicely Alice Jardine afterwards passed her examination in reading.

Bro. Joshua Nunn, in reference to Col. Creaton's notice of motion for the Quarterly Committee for the appointment of a Sub-Committee of five brethren to consider and report upon the advisability of revising the laws of the institution, gave notice of motion, that the Committee be composed of nine members. He thought it was an important subject, on which, no doubt, a conference would have to be held with the Boys' School, and he did not think that five members would be enough. He was in hopes that Col. Creaton would have been present, and if he had been he would no doubt have been able to come to an arrangement with him on the subject.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

By command of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held on Thursday the 12th inst. at the Town Hall, Nantwich, about four miles from the busy railway centre of Crewe, to which all W.M.'s., P.M.'s., officers, and M.M.'s. were invited.

The weather in the morning was of the most unpromising nature, but as the forenoon advanced the prospect brightened, and the afternoon turned out as bright and genial as the most fastidious could desire.

The somewhat unusual character of the Masonic gathering—the bands of brethren of the mystic tie fairly taking the quaint and picturesque town by storm—aroused the evident interest of old and young amongst the inhabitants, and a highly successful effort was made to give the place quite a gala appearance; flags and decorations all along the principal thoroughfares to the meeting ground being shown in great profusion.

The square and compasses were not absent, words of welcome were given to Bro. Lord De Tabley and the brethren; and a triumphal arch also spanned one of the streets. The Town Hall was also profusely and tastefully decorated, both externally and internally, with flags, banners, evergreens, crimson cloth, &c., and over the doorway were the words, "Prosper the Art."

The undoubted progress and improved position of the Craft in the important province of Cheshire, which now embraces no fewer than thirty-seven lodges, most ably, courteously, and successfully governed by Bro. Lord De Tabley, R.W.G.M., one of the most popular chiefs in all the Masonic divisions, was clearly and incontestably shown on this red-letter occasion by a most numerous and highly influential gathering of all sorts and conditions of brethren from the remotest as well as the nearest and most convenient position of the province. There were altogether about 350 brethren present, and as the great majority of these were W.M.'s., P.M.'s., and officers, the value and influence of the gathering was thereby very greatly enhanced. Several of the lodges were numerously represented—twenty or thirty members being given in one or two instances as the response to the roll call. It was anticipated that the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge would, according to announcement, commence about noon, and early breakfasts, rendered necessary by long railway journeys, were the order of the day amongst those who had to travel great distances in order to be at Nantwich at the appointed time. The long distance Masons were principally from Birkenhead, Chester, Stalybridge, Rock Ferry, New Brighton, Parkgate, Altrincham, &c., and much to the credit of the Fraternity nearly all were on the scene and ready for business before noon. In consequence of some unexplained cause, however, the business did not begin till beyond half-past one o'clock, and the dissatisfaction amongst the brethren was, perhaps, not loud but deep, and almost universally felt. It would be well in future years, if these delays are necessary in consequence of other business, to fix the time approximately, so that brethren may arrange accordingly.

The meeting was held under the banner of the King's Friends' Lodge, (No. 293), meeting at Nantwich, one of the oldest Masonic combinations in the province. This lodge has enjoyed a long and prosperous career, and during the greater part of a century, which it has existed, has included many illustrious brethren. The late Bro. Lord Combermere, formerly R.W.P.G.M., was installed in the office under the auspices of the lodge, and the jewels now worn by the officers were presented by his father, Bro. Sir Robert Cotton.

Shortly after half-past one o'clock, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, R.W.P.G.M., entered the lower room of the Town Hall, (crowded to excess), which was set apart for the day's business, attended by an imposing array of nearly fifty Present and Past Provincial Grand Lodge Officers. His lordship immediately proceeded to open the Provincial Grand Lodge, having Bro. Horatio Lloyd, P.P.G.S.W., as acting Deputy P.G.M.; Bro. Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Registrar, as P.G.S.W.; and Bro. Marwood, as P.G.J.W.; Bro. the Rev. R. Hodgson, and Bro. the Rev. Graham Jones, P.G. Chaplains; Bro. F. Jackson, P.G. Treas.; Bro. E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Secretary.

Amongst the others present were Bros. H. Matthews, P.G.S.; J. B. Percy, P.P.G.S. of W., Staffordshire; and the Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner, P.P.G.C.; R. Smith, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Tomlinson, P.P.G.S.B.; T. M. Lockwood, P.G.S. of W.; G. Burrows, P.P.G.J.D.; J. W. McGill, P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D. N. Wales and Salop; J. Salmon, P.P.G.S.D.; S. F. Gosling, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hibbert, P.P.G.D.; W. Matthews, P.G.A.D.C.; A. Terry, P.G.S.B.; J. Brech, P.P.G.P.; W. Eardley, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Greatrix, P.P.G.P.; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W.; P. Wadsworth, P.P.G.D.C.; J. E. Williams, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Wild, P.G.S.D.; R. Gracie, P.G.S.D.; J. E. Williams, P.P.G.S.D.; R. N. Banks, P.M. 428 and 425; W. C. Fleming, P.M. 322; W. Nicholls, P.M. 941; H. Skinner, W.M. 1276; W. R. Bainbridge, P.M. 721 and 1276; J. Snetton, I.G. 1565; G. Henderson, 1276; W. Wood, J.D. 979; Makie Ellaly, 1276; W. Williams, 1276; J. H. Poodle, 1276; E. S. Durrin, 1276; G. Allister, 1276; J. Hockey, 1276; W. J. Hunt, P.M., Sec. 425; W. Sandford, 293; J. Mear, 293; J. Partington, I.G. 941; J. Leach, 368; R. C. Edwards, W.M. 721; J. Dyson, J.W. 1408; H. France, W.M., S.W. 1408; J. Burgess, S.D. 1408; P. Hancock, 368; H. Finch, P.M. 104; H. Collier, S.D. 104; W. Gibson, 1045; J. Lewis, 1045; J. Harvey, 1045; Robert Rigby, P.M. 748; J. Coxhill, S.W. 758; W. Ramsden, W.M. 1166; J. H. Belyse, I.G. 293; J. Samuel, P.M. 979; M. McNerney, P.M. 605; W. Dunn, 979; W. Smith, junr., W.M. 361; E. Furnival, J.W. 368; C. Welch, 979; R. Wood, W.M. 267; H. Jackson, P.M. 336; T. Belshaw, Sec. 979; J. E. Steward, S.W. 336; J. Tynne, 336;

W. Wright, P.M. 979; F. A. Dickson, W.M. 425; G. S. Furnivall, W.M. 533; J. A. Atkinson, 979; S. Latham, Org. 533; T. Holland, 333; T. Capper, W.M. 428; W. T. Goddard, W.M. 89; J. S. Graham, J.W. 89; R. M. Townsend, S.W. 1289; S. Strauss, 430; J. R. Keane, 1289; C. Daggatt, 979; J. F. G. Turner, 428; J. Jackson, 421; T. Ackland, 425; W. Causon, W.M. 320; J. Stapley, W.M. 461; J. Burton, 1408; W. Alcock, I.P.M. 1045; J. Byrom, 1045; J. Jacobs, 1576 and 724; J. S. Cuthbert, S.W. 1576 and 823; J. C. Jones, J.W. 1575; H. P. Cox, 293; W. R. Wass, P.M. 758; C. Gerard, W.M. 758; R. Garside, S.D. 1108; E. Leech, W.M. 1088; E. C. Gilbert, P.M. 221; S. Flitcroft, W.M. 839; W. H. Dutton, P.M. 1166; H. Jackson, S.W. 293; T. Kent, 1045; W. H. Coates, 430; T. Schofield, P.M. 430; E. Parker, J.W. 1545 and 1045; J. Siddeley, P.M. 1045; H. Booth, S.W. 461; W. Chatterton, I.G. 461; S. Spencer, I.G. 425; W. B. Coburn, J.W. 1166; M. Billinge, I.G. 1156; H. C. Lisle, 293; J. M. Martin, Secretary, 293; J. Roberts, P.M. 324; J. Cavannah, P.M. 1357; B. R. Leech, J.W. 295; G. O. Watson, P.M. 979; R. Whittle, 979; W. Hardy, W.M. 336; J. F. Fear, W.M. 979; Jos. Handford, 1088; J. Smith, J.W. 1088; J. Hill, S.D. 324; J. H. Carrington, W.M. 322; J. Worsump, S.W. 322; R. Chetham, S.D. 322; W. J. Hudson, 322; H. Kinder, J.W. 320; T. Drinkwater, P.M. 361; W. Hadfield, S.W. 320; J. Ashton, P.M. 320; J. Higginbottom, S.D. 361; S. Wilde, 461; J. Fairbrother, 461; J. Roberts, 361; G. Bottomley, 979; H. Plat, 979; A. W. Hawthorn, 979; D. Kinsley, J.W. 491; W. Hough, 941; S. Bennion, P.M. 393; J. Worthing, Tyler, 1045; J. Whitehead, J.W. 324; J. R. Simm, Sec. 605; G. J. Davis, P.P.G.S. 605; J. Walton, S.D. 368; H. Makin, P.M. 362; C. Staley, W.M. 605; J. Wood, J.W. 361; T. E. Mason, P.M. and Sec. 361; T. E. Gibson, P.M. 979; E. Herd, Org. 979; W. J. Thomas, 979; J. Knott, 979; S. Bull, 321; J. W. Jackson, 979; C. B. Bostock, 320; J. Blackhurst, P.M. 979; T. Leech, 979; Wm. Millor, J.W. 758; G. Pierce, Org. 758; J. Lockwood, Chap. 758; R. Roberts, 758; R. Evans, 758; T. Topham, 758; S. Heywood, 461; H. Buckley, 883; T. R. Jones, W.M. 293; E. Kerney, 537; J. H. Evans, S.W. 1565; J. Kenworthy, 1565; P. D. Simcock, I.P.M. 1357; F. J. Bradbury, S.W. 1357; T. A. Ryder, J.W. 1357; W. A. Clayton, J.W. 537; W. Marquis, J.D. 537; T. H. Withers, S. 537; T. A. Daniel, S.D. 533; W. W. Anderson, P.M. 430; J. B. Mckenzie, J. W. 1609; T. L. Thomas, 425; J. Eaton, P.M. 430; Jas. S. Eaton, P.M. 430; Jno. Art. Smith, P.M. 430; E. Crossley, W.M. 324; W. Milner, W.M. 537; N. Bannatyne, S.W. 537; A. Richardson, J.W. 1576; W. Foster, 1576; T. J. Bird, 1576; T. Chesworth, P.M., 1576; G. G. Wotton, W.M. 1565; W. A. Renshaw, W.M. 1045; J. F. Garside, I.G. 533; Wm. Orrey, 583; Eaton Lodge; L. R. Jones, W.M., 368; J. Acton, 1576; B. Crispe, 1576; R. Bowden, 336; J. Jones, W.M., 1576 and 605; J. Dutton, W.M., 477; W. Bennett, J.W., 477; G. Dickens, D.C. 477; J. Thompson, 477; S. Jones, P.M., Sec., 477; J. Hughes, 721; G. Roberts, 721; J. Taylor, 368; R. Finlow, J.D., 368; R. Bebbington, 368; M. Alcock, 941; W. Hancock, 1576; V. R. Deardon, J.W., 293; J. Radcliff, P.M. 830; J. Brayn, 293; J. Heap, 830; D. Sutton, 830; Jos. Thornton, 830; J. Marland, J.D., 830; A. Jeffrey, J.W. 830; N. Gee, P.M., 830; G. H. Holden, P.M., 295; G. Swindells, 295; W. Astle, P.M., 267; A. Cockayne, S.W., 267; J. Humphreys, 721; E. James, 1319; F. Bell, 1319; G. Thompson, 979; P. Jackson, 368; F. T. Sapp, 287; J. Butterworth, 293; P. H. Gough, 993; S. Gough, 293; W. Mathews, P.M., 293; J. Cornes, P.M., 293; W. C. Cordingley, 293; J. Hockenhill, 293; M. Williamson, Tyler, 1576; J. Hinde, Tyler, 293; J. H. Holtaway, P.G. Tyler, 477; Thomas Knowles, 721; R. J. Baggall, 361; B. Cooper, 301; J. H. Gough, 293, and others.

Bro. F. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec., read the roll of P.G. officers, and of the lodges, and as a result there appeared a large representation of the former, while all the lodges had members present, with but one exception.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were also read from the S.W. of E.L., Bro. Stanhope, Bros. Captain Cope, B. B. Marson, P.G.S.B. West Lancashire; Rev. E. Parr, and others.

It was stated in the course of the proceedings that Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., Deputy P.G.M., who had fully intended to be present, was necessarily absent in consequence of the unexpected death of his mother at Homburg, whither he had gone.

The minutes of the last P.G. Lodge meeting at Liscard were read by the P.G. Secretary, and unanimously adopted.

The P.G.M. then said, it was now his duty, as in previous years, to address a few words to the brethren on the present position of Masonry in the province. It was always a matter of anxiety with him to choose his words on occasions like that, but he had great pleasure that day in acknowledging the mercy of the Giver of All Good for allowing him to meet his brethren once more in Provincial Grand Lodge. It was to him a matter of the greatest satisfaction to meet so numerous and influential an assembly in the good old town of Nantwich. It was now eighteen years since he last visited that town, and the lapse of that time had gone like a dream. He hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would long spare every brother present in health and happiness. Masonry, he was happy to say, was pursuing an even course of prosperity, and he hoped the increase in its members would also be attended by continued respectability and discipline. Speaking of the manner in which business was done in the various lodges, his lordship said it was pleasant to find that twenty-five minute books were without any fault whatever, which showed a great improvement on last year, and he was sure that where errors did exist they were the result of omission of a study of the Book of Constitutions, of which he recommended a careful perusal. Alluding to

the necessary erasure of one lodge in the province in consequence of certain irregularities, his lordship said it was always painful for him to be compelled to take this extreme course, but pointed out that it was necessary to preserve the character and proper working of the various lodges. He hoped this fact would have a salutary effect on all the brethren within the province. With this exception, all the lodges seemed to have been carried on in the most perfect peace and harmony, and he was proud to state that the lodge which had to be admonished last year had, since their last meeting, contributed the handsome sum of £100 to the great Masonic Charities. (Applause.) Another satisfactory sign of progress was the fact that there was now a greater disposition on the part of lodges to meet in Masonic halls and rooms, rather than, as formerly, in public houses; and he would feel it a great pleasure, as a step in this direction, in being present during the coming month at the opening of a new Masonic hall in Congleton—an example which he hoped would be followed by other towns. (Applause.) The charity organisation of the province had been fairly successful during the past year, as they had succeeded in carrying one of their candidates mainly through the exertions of the committee. He would most strongly urge upon the various lodges the desirability of concentrating their votes, and having full confidence in the wisdom of the committee, as the best means of securing the election of any candidate whom they might send up for the charities. In London they were following the example of the provinces, in forming what was called a Charity Voting Organisation Association, which would make it still more difficult for the provincial candidates to get into the metropolitan institutions. It was accordingly all the more necessary to combine, and he strongly urged the W.M.s. and brethren of lodges to send all available votes to the Prov. Grand Secretary, who would forward them to the proper quarter in London. By these means the Cheshire province would maintain the influence and position it had held for many years, and which they must all wish to see continued. (Applause.) The Committee of the Fund of Benevolence had that day resolved to recommend the widow of a brother who was well-known and highly respected in that province, for election on the foundation of the Institution for aged Freemasons, and he trusted she would receive the hearty support of all the lodges in the province. After referring to the death of Bro. Bland, P.P.G. Treas., who had died full of years and much respected, his lordship concluded by expressing a hope that he would continue to receive the constant support he had invariably received at the hands of every Mason in the province, and by expressing his determination to do his best to efficiently fulfil the duties of his office, and his confident hope that Freemasonry would flourish, not only with respect to numbers, but also with regard to its influence and position. (Applause.)

The P.G.M. again nominated Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., as the D.P.G.M.; and the other appointments were as follow:—

- Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R. ... Prov. G.S.W.
- W. S. Sutton, P.M. 537 ... Prov. G.J.W.
- The Rev. R. Hodgson and the Rev. Graham Jones ... Prov. G. Chaps. 1
- Ferdinando Jackson, (re-elected) ... Prov. G. Treas.
- C. H. Hinde, ... Prov. G. Reg.
- E. H. Griffiths, (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Sec.
- H. Claude Lisle, P.M. 293 ... Prov. G.S.D.
- Llewellyn Makin, P.M. 368 ... Prov. G.J.D.
- Thomas Bower, P.M. 293 ... Prov. G.S. of W.
- Thomas Chesworth, P.M. 1576 ... Prov. G.D.C.
- John Cavannah, P.M. 1357 ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
- A. E. Cokayne, P.M. 533 ... Prov. G.S.B.
- E. Cuzner ... Prov. G.O.
- J. Samuel, P.M. 979 ... Prov. G. Pur.
- Brayn, 293; Hockenhill, 293; Jackson, 293; J. H. Belyse, 293; C. Welsh, 979; and Bolshaw, 979 ... Prov. G. Stewards.
- Haltaway (re-elected) ... Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. Æneas J. McIntyre, P.G.S.W., in accordance with notice of motion, moved the following resolution:—"That brethren who may serve the office of Steward to any two of the three great charities of the order, viz., the Royal Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and their Widows, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, will be presented with the charity jewel by this Provincial Grand Lodge."

In submitting the motion, Bro. McIntyre said that the Charities to which their children's education was entrusted were charities of great antiquity, and they thoroughly deserved the hearty support of every Mason. Not less interesting and worthy of support was the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, which had come to be looked upon in London as a charity which was deserving of the greatest encouragement.

Some such recognition of true Masonic service in the sacred cause of charity had been adopted in the Grand Lodge, and he thought that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire could not do better than imitate the example thus set them in high quarters. (Hear. Hear.)

The motion was seconded by Bro. J. P. Platt, P.P.G., J.W.; opposed by Bro. Latham, P.P.G.S.W.; and supported by the P.G.M. On being put to the brethren it was declared carried unanimously.

Bros. Mellor, Edwin Simpson, T. Chesworth, F. Henry, and H. Marfins, were individually invested by Bro. Lord De Tabley with a charity jewel, in recognition of their services as Stewards to the London charities.

The P.G.M. intimated that Bro. Captain Cope, in consequence of ill-health, had resigned the chairmanship of the Fund of Benevolence, and his lordship said he would appoint Bro. J. P. Platt to that office.

A cordial vote of thanks, on the motion of the P.G.M., was passed to the Rev. F. G. Blackburne, vicar of the

parish church, for granting the use of that building for the afternoon service.

Bro. Lord de Tabley intimated that he would hold his next Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at Stockport, and the business portion of the proceedings then terminated.

The brethren afterwards marched in procession to the parish church, headed by the Nantwich brass band, under the conductorship of Mr. Hassall, where full choral service was performed. There was a very large assembly of the general public, besides the body of Freemasons. The musical service was under the direction of Bro. E. Cuzner, P.G.O.; assisted by Bros. Humphries and Knowles, Bro. Bell (vicar choral of Westminster Abbey), Miss and Master W. E. Cuzner, and Miss A. E. Cuzner. An eminently practical and appropriate sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. Graham Jones, P.G. Chaplain; who took his text from Genesis, iv., 9, "Am I my brother's keeper?" A collection was made at the close in aid of the Fund of Benevolence.

About 200 brethren subsequently dined at the town hall, under the presidency of Lord de Tabley, who was supported by a full complement of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers. His lordship proposed the principal toasts in an exceedingly genial manner, and the toast of his lordship's health was received with an amount of enthusiasm which showed how Cheshire Masons value and appreciate his admirable rule over them. The musical programme was supplied by the same voices which had rendered the choral service of the sanctuary in the afternoon.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSET.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset was held at the Guildhall, Poole, on Tuesday, 17th inst., and was presided over by the very popular and respected Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Montague Guest. There was a goodly attendance of the brethren, so that the large and well furnished room in which the Provincial Grand Lodge was held was well filled.

The officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge present included Bros. J. P. F. Gundry, D.P.G.M.; C. W. Wyndham, P.S.G.W.; E. G. Legg, P.J.G.W.; Rev. E. J. L. B. Henslowe, P.G.C.; Robert Case, P.G.T.; C. T. Robins, P.G.R.; R. N. Howard, P.G.S.; W. E. Brymer, P.G.S.D.; J. Hammond, P.G.J.D.; Francis Travers, P.G.S. of Wks.; A. H. Green, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Whitehead Smith, P.G.O.; J. A. Sherren, P.G.P.; G. S. Brodie, G. Harrison, J. B. C. Best, J. A. Atkins, and others.

Amongst others we observed Bros. J. M. P. Montagu, S.G.D.; G. Burt, P.P.S.G.W., and P.M. of Swanage Lodge, the lately appointed Sheriff for the City of London; G. R. Crickmay, L. H. Ruegg, Rev. W. M. Heath, T. B. Hanham, John Graves, J. H. Boyt, J. S. Webb, G. L. Thorne, H. C. Burt, G. H. Gutch, T. A. Hanne, J. New, C. W. P. Dyke, E. T. Budden, W. Chick, acting D.C.; A. J. Budden, G. J. G. Gregory, J. W. Luff, J. S. Hudson, R. Evers, F. W. Good, H. W. Abbot, R. G. Gilman, S. Pettitt, W. H. Dean, C. Keats, J. T. Hellier, J. Hine, T. Ratcliffe, G. W. R. Waters, T. Hunter, J. Fenn, T. Ings, H. Smyth, C. H. W. Parkinson, H. A. Lawton, C. W. Kite, W. L. Chitty, S. W. Whetham jun., J. Lowe, Sir M. H. Nepean, Bart., J. Freeman, W. Trayte, J. M. Burt, C. J. T. Hambro, W. H. T. Toby, Rev. J. G. Brymer, and others.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been duly opened at noon, the Prov. Grand Sec. read the minutes of the last annual Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Beaminster, and also the minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Emergency, held in January last at Dorchester.

An interesting and instructive lecture was then given by Bro. Rev. E. J. L. B. Henslowe, the Prov. Grand Chaplain.

Letters from several eminent brethren were read, regretting their inability to attend from various causes, including a letter from Bro. J. Jacob, P.P.J.G.W., who was initiated into Masonry in 1819—nearly sixty years ago—and who wrote in feeling terms on his regret at not being able to attend from increasing age and infirmities, and also expressing his deep sense of the value of the true principles of Freemasonry, which in his old age he still loved and cherished, although he must now withdraw his thoughts from all below to where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore.

The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master then addressed the brethren on the various matters connected with the Craft, particularly referring to the action of the Grand Orient of France in having yielded to an insensate agitation and cast away the very foundation of universal Masonry. The Prov. G.M. read extracts from the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge, and strongly supported the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England, who, on the motion of the Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, lately resolved not to recognise the Grand Orient of France so long as that body persisted in their present withdrawal from the first grand principle on which Freemasonry is founded, and on which he hoped it would continue. The R.W. Bro. alluded to the Indian Famine Relief Fund, reminding the brethren that at the last Prov. Grand Lodge at Beaminster he brought before them, (as a matter of general charity and outside the boundaries of Masonry), that terrible national calamity which was then raging over so large a portion of our vast Indian Empire.

He thanked the brethren for the very ready and hearty manner in which they responded to his appeal, so that within a fortnight of that meeting he was enabled to instruct their Prov. Grand Treasurer to remit to the Mansion House Relief Fund the handsome sum of £200. The Grand Lodge of England, a few days after the meeting of this Prov. Grand Lodge, voted £2000 from their funds towards the same object, and several other Prov. Grand

Lodges followed the example which this province had set them, and, considering the smallness of this province, the brethren had no reason to be ashamed of the amount which the province of Dorset contributed to alleviate one of the direst calamities that had occurred in modern times. Referring to the position of the different lodges in the province, and the votes held by their members in the Masonic Charities, the R.W. Bro. congratulated the Lodge of "Faith and Unanimity," No. 417, Dorchester, on being the first lodge in the province that had attained the satisfactory position of having every one of its Past Masters, as well as its present W.M., and others below that rank, life subscribers of one or other of the Masonic Charities. He also congratulated the Lodge of "St. Cuthberta," No. 622, Wimborne, on having very nearly attained the same position, and also on that lodge having the largest number of annual subscribers, and strongly urged on the brethren generally to emulate these two lodges in their efforts to assist the various Masonic Charities, which deserved the support of every brother. The R.W. Bro. alluded, in feeling terms, to the loss which the province had sustained through the lamented death of Bro. Herbert Williams, who was Dep. P.G.M. in 1841, and also from the year 1846 to 1853. Closely identified with many public matters in Dorset, and also in Masonry, in being the son of Bro. William Williams, who was an enthusiastic Mason, and Prov. G.M. for this province from 1812 to his death in 1839, and also well known as the Editor of our present Book of Constitution, Bro. Herbert Williams took an interest in our Masonic proceedings, although of late years he did not take an active part in Masonry beyond supporting the Masonic Charities. The P.G.M. also referred to the lamented death within the last few days of Bro. W. Hannen, of Shaftesbury, who was their Prov. G. Treasurer from 1849 to 1865, and who desired to be buried with Masonic honours. After speaking on other matters affecting the province, and expressing his hope that before many years elapsed each lodge in the province would be able to meet within walls of their own, the P.G.M. concluded his address by announcing that he intended to hold his next annual Prov. G. Lodge at Dorchester.

The Prov. Treasurer, (Bro. Robert Case), then read the Treasurer's account and certificate of audit, showing that the receipts for the year had been £273 10s., and the payments £254 12s. 1d., leaving a balance in favour of Prov. Grand Lodge of £104 5s. 4d., and the accounts were duly passed.

On the motion of the R.W. Prov. G.M., seconded by the W. Dep. P.G.M., Bro. Robert Case was then unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the year ensuing.

The report of the Charity Organisation Committee was read and adopted, V.W. Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, Past Dep. P.G.M., as a member of that committee, addressing the brethren on the same, and on the importance of consolidating all their voting power.

On the motion of Bro. G. Burt, seconded by Bro. G. R. Crickmay, a sum of £10 10s. was granted to the Lodge of Amity, Poole, to assist that lodge in becoming Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Boys.

On the motion of Bro. W. H. W. Toby, seconded by Bro. T. Hanham, a sum of £5 was granted to the Beaminster Manor Lodge, to assist that lodge in becoming Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Widows of Freemasons.

The Prov. Grand Master then called upon the officers present to resign their collars, and appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

J. P. F. Gundry, P.M. 707 (re-appointed)	D. Prov. G.M.
G. J. G. Gregory, P.M. 417	Prov. G.S.W.
C. W. Parkinson, P.M. 386	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. J. G. Brymer, 1266... ..	Prov. G. Chap.
Robert Case, P.M. 417 (re-elected)	Prov. G. Treas.
G. Harrison, W.M. 137	Prov. G. Reg.
R. N. Howard, P.M. 1037 (re-appointed)	Prov. G. Sec.
C. J. T. Hambro, 1265	Prov. G.S.D.
Sir M. H. Nepean, Bart., 707	Prov. G.J.D.
J. A. Atkins, W.M. 622	Prov. G.S. of W.
W. Smith, P.M. 170 (re-appointed)	Prov. G.D.C.
W. H. W. Toby, W.M. 1367	Prov. G.A.D.C.
C. W. Kite, W.M. 472	Prov. G.S.B.
G. R. Waters, W.M. 1037	Prov. G. Org.
Jas. Lowe, W.M. 707	Prov. G. Purs.
E. P. Philpotts, 137; H. Smyth, 137; H. T. Trevanion, 137; W. L. Chitty, 472; J. H. Masters, 1168; W. Trayte, P.M. 1146	Prov. G. Stwds.

The customary votes of thanks having been given, Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed at three o'clock.

The banquet took place in the Oddfellows' Hall. There were from 150 to 200 brethren present, and the entire arrangements gave great satisfaction to all.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and at the suggestion of the Prov. Grand Master, the charity box, which amounted to £12 12s., was agreed to be given to the Dorset County Hospital.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

The place chosen for the installation of His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, as Provincial Grand Master of Nottinghamshire, on the 20th inst., was the long picture gallery at the Castle Museum, the walls of which are covered with some of the choicest and best works of both old and modern masters, consisting of Murillo, Vandyke, Rubens, Lillian, Ward, Turner, Damsau, Patt, and others. At the north end of the room was placed the dais, or raised plat-

form, with the banner of the Nottinghamshire Grand Lodge at the back; the other lodge banners were arranged on both sides of the room according to seniority. No. 47, being more than a century old, looked like a relic of a battle field. The different lodges were arranged on either side, and consisted of the Newstead, 47; Commercial, 411; Royal Sussex, 402; Annesley, 1415; Notts., Robin Hood, Pelham, Pankwell, and Newton, besides the Provincial Grand Lodges of Notts., Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, Dorsetshire, Staffordshire, and Cheshire, numbering in all more than 300 Masons. When the room was full and complete it was one of the most brilliant scenes ever seen in the province of Notts.

At one p.m. the W.M. of the Newstead Lodge, assisted by his officers, opened his lodge, and after this the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, accompanied by Bro. Montagu, Guest, P.G.M. Dorset; Major Smyth, P.G.M. Lincolnshire Bro. J. Watson, D.P.G.M. Notts., and other members of the Prov. G. Lodge of Notts., entered the room in procession, and were conducted to the pedestal, where they were met by the W.M. of No. 47, his officers, and Bro. Sir Jas. Oldknow, (Mayor of Nottingham.)

The Pro Grand Master, Earl of Carnarvon, then opened the Prov. Grand Lodge according to custom. The Pro Grand Master was then saluted according to custom, after which the patent appointing the Duke the G.M. of the province was read by the G.D.C., and then the Pro Grand Master addressed the brethren present upon the occasion which had called them together, and dwelt upon the need there was for concord and harmony in all their gatherings. Freemasonry was pre-eminently the landmark to true courtesy, and whilst it respected the failings of all, it looked upon all men as brothers, and it behoved every true Mason to put forth all his energies to assist in every way possible in promoting the great work which society demanded from every man. He referred to the pleasing fact that although the province had for some time been without a guiding head in matters Masonic, they were now about to instal one who was eminent in all the good qualities of a true Mason, and would do all he could to promote the prosperity of the Craft in this province. A deputation of seven Masters with the G. D. C. retired and returned with the Duke, who was led up to the pedestal, obligated, and duly installed in the chair. The brethren then saluted their head in due form. The patent of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Watson, was then read, and he was duly obligated and installed by the Duke, and then saluted by the brethren.

An address was next presented to the P.G.M. of Nottinghamshire, by the P.G.M. of Lincolnshire, to which the Duke briefly replied, and promised to send a lengthened reply in writing.

An address was also presented to the Earl of Carnarvon, who replied at length on the duties of every Mason in the province, observing that whilst some must rule, others must serve and all obey, and that whilst it was easy to obey it was not so easy to command so as to insure that respect which was due. Their duties were doubtless onerous, but with patience and kindness all would be overcome. They must feel that every brother had claims upon them, and that the poorest brother had the right to have his case considered by the noble Duke, subject to the laws and regulations of the order. He (the speaker) had very high regards for this county, and he looked forward to much prosperity in the future working of the province under the noble Duke. After the noble Earl had resumed his seat, followed the appointment of the various officers of the Grand Lodge. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Earl of Carnarvon, and he was asked to become an honorary member of the Prov. G. Lodge, which he said he should be exceedingly glad to do.

After other resolutions had been passed, the lodge was closed by the Duke in due form, and then the Prov. Grand Lodge retired. The W.M. of No. 47 and officers resumed the chairs and closed the lodge, and thus brought to an end the most brilliant and most impressive ceremony it has ever been the pleasure and privilege of the Masons of this province to attend.

The brethren then adjourned to luncheon at the Albert Hall, at which about 300 sat down, the chief table being occupied by the Duke of St. Albans, supported on the left by the Earl of Carnarvon, Bro. M. Guest, G. M. Dorset, an Irish brother, and others. On the right were Bros. Sir Jas. Oldknow, Watson, D.P.G.M., Major Smythe, Lincoln; Bemrose, Mayor of Derby; and others. The band of the Robin Hood Rifles played select music during luncheon.

The following toasts were proposed and responded to: "The Queen and the Craft," proposed by the Prov. G. Master; "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of England," proposed by the Prov. G. Master; and "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.," proposed by V.W. Bro. Watson, D.P.G.M.

The noble earl replied at length, and was repeatedly cheered, and closed by proposing "The Health of the Prov. G. Master, the Duke of St. Albans," who replied, and proposed "The D.P.G.M., and Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers of Notts.," to which Bro. Watson responded.

"The Visitors" were proposed by Bro. Danks, Grand Treasurer, and responded to by Bro. M. Guest, Prov. G. Master of Dorset, the Irish brother, and Bro. Bemrose (Mayor of Derby.)

At 8 p.m. the conversazione was held at the "Castle," where the rooms had, after the morning ceremony, been prepared for the reception of visitors, and never has the interior of Nottingham Castle presented so brilliant a appearance as on this occasion. The Long Gallery and White Gallery were transformed into an elegant drawing room, whilst the other rooms were similarly decorated chairs and seat arrangements being abundantly placed on carpets of the softest texture. At the north end of the gallery was placed Mr. Farmer's select body of musician

nd vocal artists, surrounded by a delicious collection of sothouse plants and mirrors. On the broad terrace outside was placed the splendid band of the Robin Hood Rifles, which played at intervals during the evening. More than 800 persons were present, and when all the guests were in the Long Gallery the scene was most charming. The Masonic body were in full regalia—here and there were to be seen the graceful robes of a Knight Templar, followed by the sombre hue of the Knight of Malta; the glaring dress of the Rosicrucian, relieved by the blue of the Craft and mixture of the Royal Arch. The above, mixed with the rich dresses and laces of the fair sex, presented a scene of singular brilliance.

At half-past nine Sir James Oldknow was received under an arch of crossed swords, and shortly afterwards a similar ceremony was performed when the Ducal party entered, consisting of the Duke and Duchess of St. Albans, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the duchess's sister, Sir Ivor and Lady Guest, and other distinguished visitors. These remained in the rooms for an hour, regarding the proceedings with evident pleasure, and inspecting the rare and costly contents of the museum. After the departure of the Ducal party, the guests gradually departed, and thus brought to a close a day long and vividly to be remembered by those who were so fortunate as to be present.

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE IN NEW ZEALAND.

Our readers may recollect that, in the year 1876, a communication was laid before the Grand Lodge and other governing Masonic bodies in Scotland, relative to certain steps which had been taken to issue a spurious charter in the British possession of New Zealand. This communication, which was from Bro. J. Whyte Melville of Benochy and Strathkunes, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33° of Scotland, set forth that in the month of June last, he learned that two brethren in Edinburgh were endeavouring to obtain a charter from the Grand Orient of France, to establish a Supreme Council in New Zealand, and one of them, a brother John T. Loth, proceeded to Paris for this purpose; that he put himself in communication with the Grand Orient of France, and the result was that the charter was not granted; that Bro. Loth then communicated with the Supreme Masonic Council of Luxembourg, but did not get a charter from that body either. He then applied to the Grand Orient and Supreme Council of Egypt, a body at that time unrecognized. From it he got all he asked. A translation of the Decree of the Grand Orient and Supreme Council was published, and is as follows.

A. G. D. G. A. D. M.
GRAND ORIENT OF EGYPT.

To all the regular Masons in the Two Hemispheres.
S. U. G. P. F.

DECREE XLV.

We, S. A. Zola, 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Grand Master, Grand Hierofant of the Grand Orient of Egypt, Supreme Council of Egypt and its Dependencies, as Grand Commander ad vitam of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, President of the Grand College of Rites, of the Section of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite

Having taken into due consideration a petition presented us by our Grand Secretary, under date 7th October, 1875, E. V., in name of Ill. Brother J. T. Loth, Knight K.T. of the Thirtieth Degree, &c., &c., and confirmed by the Mandate of Ill. Bro. Wm. Officer, Knight K.H. 30°, &c., &c., by which the Ill. Bros. John Hislop, K.T., John Hyde Harris, K.T., William Caldwell, K.T., William McCullough, P.M., John Honibourne Sanders, K.T., James Mills, P.M., Wm. Patrick Crawford, K.T., Frederick William Theil, R.A., Luis Court, K.T., request to be promoted to the Thirty-third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and to be authorised to work from the First to the Last Degree of that Rite; to be empowered to confer regularly all the Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite upon those brethren whom they shall judge worthy, and finally, to empower them to constitute a Supreme Council of the Thirty-third.

Considering as sufficient and available the moral and Masonic guarantee which Ill. Bros. Loth and Officer offer in favour of the petitioners.

Considering that in accepting such petition, the Grand Orient of Egypt, far from injuring the rights acquired by other powers, only co-operates in the progress and in the splendour of Masonry, in a country where until now no Supreme body exists.

Having taken into account the enormous distance which separates the petitioners from their mandatories, and these from the powers invoked.

Having heard the opinion of our Council, consulted the General Statutes and Regulations of our Order, and in virtue of the unlimited powers accorded to us by the Council itself and confirmed to us by the constituency.

We have decreed and we do decree.

Article 1st. Ill. Bro. J. T. Loth is raised to the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and nominated Special Delegate from the Grand Orient of Egypt, for the purpose of communicating the same degree to the mandatory of the applicant, Ill. Bro. Officer.

Article 2nd. Ill. Bro. Officer is raised to the Thirty-third Degree, and authorised in conjunction with Bro. Loth to confer personally, or communicate by letter, such Degree on the undersigned petitioners.

Article 3rd. The undersigned petitioners, living in New Zealand, are invested with up to the Thirty-third Degree, and authorised to work and cause to work in all the Degrees, and to communicate them to all such brethren as they shall believe worthy of them.

Article 4th. There is hereby accorded to the undersigned

brethren petitioners, a patent by which to constitute a Supreme Council of the thirty-third Degree, under the auspices of the Grand Orient of Egypt, and under the free denomination of Supreme Council of the thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for New Zealand and its Dependencies.

Article 5th. The execution of the present Decree, so far as concerns Ill. Bro. J. T. Loth, is hereby confided to our Grand Secretary—in so far as concerns the petitioners, Ill. Bros. Loth and Officer, are bound under the rule of Article 2nd of the present Decree,—with the obligation of depositing in the archives of the Grand Orient of Egypt, the signed obligations under the form annexed of Ill. Bros. Loth, Officer, and the petitioners.

Given from the seat of the Grand Orient of Egypt, this XVI. day of the VIII. month of the year V.L. 000,875—16th October, 1875, E. V.

The Grand Master—Sov. G. Commander ad vitam,
(Signed) S. A. ZOLA, 33°, 96°.

The Grand Secretary,
(Signed) F. F. ODDI, 33°, 95°.

The Grand Chancellor,
(Signed) P. L. DILBEROGLUE, 33°, 95°.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland at once sent instructions to its Provincial Grand Master in New Zealand, to warn the Scottish brethren there against having anything to do with the body so irregularly constituted in New Zealand, and the same course was followed by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and the Chapter general of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple.

Since then the Supreme Council of Egypt has been legalised, and is now acknowledged as a lawful Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; but being satisfied of the error previously committed, its first act has been, in the most frank and ample manner, to express this and to undo it. It has accordingly issued a Decree, a translation of which we annex, cancelling the diplomas issued to Bros. Loth and Officer, creating them members of the Thirty-third Degree, cancelling all the diplomas issued to brethren in New Zealand, cancelling the Charter under which the body there was professing to work, and declaring all the patents, diplomas, and certificates sent to New Zealand and Scotland in absence, and relating to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, to be nullities, and that the same are deleted from the Registry of the Supreme Council of New Zealand.

The following is the Decree:—

ORDO AB CHA.

Ad Universi Terrarum Orbis Summi Architecti Gloriam.
Grand Orient of Egypt. Supreme Council of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Valley of the Nile.
Orient of Alexandria.

No. 152 Subject.

DECREE.

We, S. A. Zola, Sovereign Grand Commander, Grand Master of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Egypt and its Dependencies, Valley of the Nile.

As the Supreme Council of Egypt, anxious always to propagate the highest principals of the Rite, by our Decree, No. 45, of 16th October, 1875, and subsequently No. 69, of 20th March, 1876, exalted to the Thirty-third Degree, several distinguished Masons living in New Zealand, and granted to them patents by which they could constitute in that valley a Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, and that because that territory was considered free and not subject to any regular Supreme Council.

As the Supreme Council of Egypt, moved by the same principle, by means of several of our Decrees exalted to the 33rd Degree several Masons residing in Scotland, and that because the Supreme Council of Scotland had been represented to us as an irregular and illegitimate body.

We being now satisfied and convinced of the legal and legitimate existence of the Supreme Council of England, Ireland and Scotland, of the right of the first or of all the three over New Zealand considered as a dependency of the British Crown, and in consequence being satisfied of the grave error into which we had, to their injury, involuntarily fallen. Having consulted the Grand Constitutions of 1876.

Wishing, as much as in us lies, that the most perfect harmony should reign among all the Supreme Councils of the two hemispheres.

Requiring for us, and for all the Masonic powers, the most scrupulous reciprocity in questions relative to territorial jurisdictions.

Desiring, above all, that any, even the least pretext of schism or division on our part may be avoided with the universal Masonic brotherhood. Having heard the opinion of the active members of the Supreme Council. In its own name, have decreed and do decree.

Article 1. Our Decrees, No. 45, of 16th October, 1875, and No. 69, of 25th March, 1876, E. V., by which there were raised to the Thirty-third Degree several Masons living in New Zealand, and according to them the power to constitute themselves into a Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, is definitively abrogated.

2. All our Decrees by which several Masons living in Scotland were exalted in absence to the 33rd° are annulled.

3. All the patents, all the diplomas, and all the certificates remitted, be it to New Zealand, be it to Scotland, in absence and relating to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, are deleted from the registry of the Supreme Council and declared null.

4. The present shall be communicated to the parties interested immediately to the Supreme Councils of both hemispheres, and shall be published by means of our Official Bulletin.

Given from the Grand Orient of Cairo, Valley of the Nile, this 8th day Tieri A.M. 5638, Vulgo the 7th September, 1878.

(Signed) S. A. ZOLA, 33°, Sov. G. Commander.
F. F. ODDI, 33°. General Grand Chancellor.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The consecration of the "Royal Hanover Lodge" No. 1777 will take place at the Town Hall, Hounslow, on Friday the 11th October, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, the Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, assisted by Bro. H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec. of England, and Prov. Grand Treasurer of Middlesex.

The Town Commission of Mullingar, county Westmeath, have, according to the *Standard*, passed a resolution condemning the proposal to erect a Masonic hall in that town.

A Grand Council of the Illustrious Grand Elected Knights K.H. Thirtieth Degree, will be held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, London, W., on Wednesday week, October 9th, at 4.45 p.m., prompt.

On Friday, October 4th, the Annual Meeting and Banquet of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex will be held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, Sir W. W. Barrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M., presiding. Brethren intending to be present should at once obtain tickets of the following Stewards:—Bro. J. Farncombe (311), Lewes; Bro. W. T. Fell (315), Brighton; Bro. A. R. Croucher (40), Hastings; and Bro. W. G. Sharp (1141). The banqueting room of this building is one of the handsomest in the south of England, and there is little doubt but that there will be a large and influential gathering on the occasion.

We learn from the *Broad Arrow* that Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Wavenny, R.W.G.M. Suffolk, has intimated his intention of giving a sword as a prize annually at the Oxford Military College for proficiency in riding and sword exercise.

Bro. George Burt, Sheriff-elect of the City of London, is to be entertained at a congratulatory dinner, given by the well known Contractors Messrs. Mowlem and Co., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen St., London, on Saturday next the 5th proximo.

The installation meeting of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, took place last Tuesday, the 24th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. A full report of the proceedings &c. will appear in due course.

Bro. H. G. Colville has been presented with a silver salver and tea service, weighing in all thirty ounces, by the members of One and All Lodge, Bodmin.

FREEMASONS' TAVERN.—The liquidators of the company which formerly carried on this establishment have made a return of £2 per share to the shareholders. The tavern is now being successfully carried on by Bro. A. Best, who purchased it from the company.

Bro. F. G. Faithfull announces that a report which has been circulated that he has withdrawn his candidature for the appointment of City Remembrancer is incorrect, as he has "every intention of going to the poll."

The *Whitehall Review* of this week contains a list of the converts to Romanism.

A report of the consecration of St. Thomas's Chapter, No. 142, will appear in our next.

TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE No. 1765. — A report of the proceedings at the consecration of this lodge is in type and will appear in our next.

The Consecration of the Clarendon Lodge, No. 1769, took place on Tuesday last, the 24th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, R.W.G.M. Middlesex, has returned to Ancaster House, Richmond, from Aberdeen.

The annual court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, will be held (immediately after the Provincial Lodge Business) at the Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, October 2nd, at 12 o'clock in the forenoon, to receive and determine the several recommendations of the general committee, and for the transaction of the general business of the institution.

CHECK ON OMNIBUS CONDUCTORS.—Bro. A. G. Church, Secretary of the London General Omnibus Company has invented an apparatus containing continuous rolls of numbered tickets for checking the receipts. A ticket, with the fare printed plainly upon it, is given to each passenger at the time payment is made, and the apparatus being so contrived that it is impossible to return a ticket when once withdrawn, the conductor will have to account for as many fares as there are tickets gone from the roll in the box.

The Emperor William of Germany was initiated, passed, and raised, on May 22nd, 1840, more than thirty-eight years ago.

AN INCREASING FAMILY.—The United States of America in 1822 contained nearly 80,000 members of the Masonic Fraternity; in 1878, the State of New York contains many more, and the United States 600,000.

We are asked to state that one-half of the roadway of London Bridge will be closed for repairing from Monday next until November 2nd, during which period one line of traffic only can pass.

The following reports unavoidably stand over:—Lodges 205, 862, 1273, 1288, 1557, 1580, 1597, 1744; Chapters 311 and 568; Red Cross Conclave 53.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

It is always assumed and asserted that Anderson's statement on this head is correct, and that four lodges, and only four lodges, met at the "Apple Tree," and revived the Grand Lodge of 1716-17.

It is, however, to be observed, that the author of "Multum Paucis," &c., (whoever he may have been), declares that six lodges met on St. John's Day, 1716, at the "Apple Tree."

Anderson agrees as to the date, though he only says, be it observed, "A.D. 1716," (Constitution 1738), and declares that four lodges and some old brothers then met and re-established the Grand Lodge, fallen into abeyance.

The author of "Multum Paucis" talks of the "Masters and Wardens of six lodges," but in this statement he is singular, and is followed, as far as I am aware, by no other writer.

Preston agrees with Anderson, and so do all our earlier and later Masonic writers, I believe, without a single exception. Thus, by seemingly universal consent, the author of "Multum Paucis" is given up on this point, and the historical accuracy of Anderson is maintained, though, on what grounds exactly I do not know, except that, I suppose, that Anderson was more likely to be correct than an anonymous Masonic historian.

If Anderson saw any contemporary documents illustrative of the history of 1716-17, they have not come down to us, as our Grand Lodge minutes begin in 1723. If any such MSS. do exist, their whereabouts is, at present, not known. The author of "Multum Paucis" is, no doubt, inaccurate in many particulars, and, therefore, I presume, that we may safely assume that he is wrong on this particular point, and that Anderson is right.

I do not remember to have any where met with a surmise as to the real name of the author of "Multum Paucis." He was probably a London brother. The book, (at least my copy), has no printer's name, but the plate is designed by Br. Pewiss, and engraved by Br. Larken. The date is assumed, from the last meeting of Grand Lodge, recorded 1763. He uses the word "Grand Assembly," but this word is not found in the minutes of Grand Lodge.

It contains a list of lodges differing from Cole's of 1763, and the names of streets and houses where the lodges met. It might be worth reprinting.

MASONIC STUDENT.

LODGE LISTS.

I alluded in the above note to the variations between Cole's list of 1763, and that in "Multum Paucis," and I am anxious to offer a protest in which, I know, Bro. Hughan will join, against a too hasty or dogmatic assumption, that we are bound to accept any of these lists as absolutely correct, without collation and consideration.

To shew the errors which a Masonic student might fall without circumspection, there is a lodge at Paris, called the "Ville de Tenere," No. 49, in Cole's List of 1763. It was not erased until 1768, though earlier dates of this transaction have been cited by more than one writer, as far I can make out, there was only one lodge chartered in Paris which was not erased, as I have said, before 1768, (see *Freemason* of June 15th, 1878.)

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE GRAND MASTERSHIP OF SCOTLAND.

The following letter has been sent, in reply to the requisition by members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to Bro. Henry Inglis, the Depute Grand Master, requesting him to permit himself to be nominated Grand Master:

Torsonce, Stow, 16th September, 1878.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have to acknowledge receipt of the requisition which was presented to me last week, signed by some five hundred members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and actual Masters and Wardens of lodges, requesting me to allow myself to be put in nomination at the ensuing election as Grand Master Mason; and pledging themselves in the event of acceptance, to afford me every support.

Looking to the numbers and position of the requisitionists, I am justified in believing that, were I to accept the prayer of this requisition, my election would not be doubtful; but understanding that the present Grand Master is desirous to remain in office for another year, I have determined, from an anxious wish not to disturb the harmony of the Craft, to decline the request upon this occasion.

It only remains now for me, through you, to return my warmest thanks to those requisitionists and yourself for the honour which you have conferred upon me, and I remain, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

HENRY INGLIS,
Depute Grand Master.

Bro. JAMES TURNER,
Chairman of Committee of Requisitionists.

Previous to the withdrawal of Bro. Inglis two influential committees to promote the re-election of the present G.M. had been formed at Edinburgh and Glasgow as follows:—

GLASGOW COMMITTEE.—Bro. James Caldwell, Pr.M. No. 256, Substitute Prov. G.M. Renfrewshire East; H. Jackman, R.W.M., No. 571; John Scott, P.M. No. 27, and Pr.M. No. 215; David Smart, R.W.M. No. 347; A. C. Paterson, Pr. M. No. 384; George Fisher, R.W.M. No. 7; Adam Thompson, Pr. M. No. 605, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Illinois; W. M. Pearson, Pr. M. No. 518; Thomas Fletcher, P.M. No. 32, and Pr.S.W. No. 108; R. Kelso, R.W.M. No. 31; James Findlay, R.W.M. No. 333; A. McConachie, P.J.W. No. 622; J. hn Mathieson, R.W.M. No. 178; W. J. E. Dobson, P.M. No. 71, and Pr. M. No. 622;

Z. H. Heys, R.W.M. 307; Thomas Stobo, R.W.M. 581; John Gillespie, R.W.M. 16; James Booth, R.W.M. 87; Robert Munro, R.W.M. 103; John Fraser, P.M. 87, and Pr. J.W. 252; John Morgan, R.W.M. 219; James Thomson, R.W.M. 102; J. B. McNaught, R.W.M. 556; Robert Nisbet, P.M. 592, and Pr. M. 340; Malcolm Stark, R.W.M. 419; J. C. Johnstone, R.W.M. 409; D. Donald, R.W.M. 275; W. J. Shaw, Prov. J.W. 230; James Ferguson, Pr. S.W. 0; Thomas White, R.W.M. 592; John McMillan, P.M. 32, and Pr. J.W. 108.

EDINBURGH COMMITTEE.—Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master; J. Whyte-Melville, of Bennoch and Strathkinness, Past Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Master of Fifeshire; Col. A. C. Campbell, of Blythswood, Substitute Grand Master; F. A. Barrow, Senior Grand Warden; The Right Hon. Lord Inverurie, Junior Grand Warden, and Provincial Grand Master of Kincardineshire; Robert F. Shaw-Stewart, R.W.M. 1, Senior Grand Deacon; William Hay, P.M. 48, Architect to Grand Lodge, and representative from Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; Thomas Halket, Grand Bible Bearer; G. F. Russell Colt, of Cartsherric, Grand Sword Bearer; the Right Hon. The Earl of Mar and Kellie, Past Depute Grand Master, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of New Zealand, and Representative from the Grand Orient of the Netherlands; the Right Hon. Viscount Strathallan, R.W.M. 192, and Representative from the Grand Lodge of Denmark; the Right Hon. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Depute Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire; the Right Hon. Lord Carnegie, Pr. J.W. 136; Sir John Don Wauchope, Bart., Pr. M. 406; the Hon. Francis J. Moncreiff, Pr. S.W. 86; Charles Dalrymple, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Argyll and the Isles; Roger Montgomery, M.P., Pr. M. Mother Kilwinning; Alexander Smollett, of Bonhill, Provincial Grand Master of Dumbartonshire; William Boyd, Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeenshire, East; James H. Neilson, Pr. Provincial Grand Master of Venezuela; Samuel Hay, Past Grand Treasurer; Rev. V. G. Faithfull, Past Grand Chaplain; Lindsay Mackersy, W.S., P.M. No. 48, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Canada; E. W. Nightingale, Pr.M. No. 309, Representative from the Grand Lodge of New York; R. S. Brown, P.M. No. 145, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; John Middleton, M.D., R.W.M. No. 2; William Edwards, R.W.M. No. 36; Henry E. Gordon, R.W.M. No. 44; William Mossman, R.W.M. No. 160; James Greenaway, R.W.M. No. 349; W. J. C. Abbott, P.M. No. 1, and Pr.M. No. 86; James Crichton, G.S. and Pr.M. No. 144; H. Y. D. Coppyland, G.S., P.M. No. 44, and Pr.S.W. No. 35; J. A. Hamilton, Pr.S.W. No. 22; Thomas Swinton, G.S., Pr.M. No. 52; James Melville, P.M., No. 97, and Pr.M. No. 251; George Dickson M.D., G.S., Pr.M. 357; John B. Innes, W.S., Pr.M. 261; George Barrie, Pr.S.W. 519; James Jamieson, S.W. 1; James H. Balfour, W.S., J.W. 1; John Fleming, G.S., Pr.S.W. 126; Francis Llw, G.S., Pr.M. 454; John Kirk, W.S., Pr.J.W. 65; A. T. Aphorpe, Pr.M. 420; J. S. Mackay, M.D., Pr.M. 466; J. S. Millwright, Pr.S.W. 41; T. Grabame Plumber, S.W. 2; S. A. Clark, R.W.M. 86; John Hay, Pr.J.W. 601; John White, Pr.M. 492; F. Norton Menzies, secretary Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland, M.M. 14; Charles G. C. Christie, P.M. 36; William Milne, P.M. 36.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

A special general meeting of the Committee of this young Association took place at Freemasons' Tavern on Friday last, at four o'clock, Bro. Lieut. Col. Creator, P.G.D., in the chair, when several new members were elected, and some more names added to the Provisional Committee. The financial position of the Association was considered, and a long and important discussion took place, in respect of the October election, and the interchange and pledging of votes. Several voting papers were handed in and subscriptions paid, and the Committee adjourned until next called together by the Chairman, the Sub-Committee to attend to the October elections having been previously appointed.

The Committee had its attention called to several letters, and also to a few "canards" respecting its aim, objects, and arrangements, but thought it better to leave all such matters to the good sense of the brethren, and to the actual result of its friendly and unselfish efforts.

It was recommended that all voting papers should be sent at once to Bro. Tisley, St. Dunstan's Vestry, Fleet-street, by whom they are registered in the books of the Association.

THE LOSS OF THE "PRINCESS ALICE."

The Lord Mayor acknowledges the receipt of the following subscriptions, among others:

	£	s.	d.
Merit Lodge, No. 466	...	3	3
Royal Alfred, No. 777	...	1	1
Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382	...	5	0
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THE ABERCARNE EXPLOSION.

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales	...	52	10	0
Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382	...	5	5	0
Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20	...	5	5	0
Old Globe, No. 200	...	1	1	0

NOTES ON ART, &c.

According to a statement made at the Manchester licensing sessions, there are 2567 persons holding licences for the sale of intoxicating liquor in that city.

The fees and fines in County Courts in the last financial year were £399,064 14s. 9d., and £1534 4s. 1d., was "forfeited suitors' money."

In the year ended the 31st of March last, the productive labour of convicts in prison in England amounted to £10,573 9s. 11d., of which £2190 12s. 10d. was profit on farms and £8382 17s. 1d. on manufacturing departments.

One hundred and twenty eight thousand two hundred and seventy-seven foreigners slept in Parisian hotels and furnished lodgings on Wednesday week, only 6514 beds remaining vacant.

Dr. Schliemann's next researches are to be in Ithaca.

M. Ernest Quetelet, the director of the Brussels Observatoire, and well-known for his meteorological and astronomical studies, has died in Belgium, at the age of 53.

The *Citizen* states that the Corporation have decided to take the present opportunity of executing some extensive improvements in Ludgate-hill and St. Paul's-churchyard. No less than six houses are in course of demolition for rebuilding, and two others are partly untenanted. By this procedure a far finer view of the cathedral will be obtained from the western side.

The Ecclesiastical Art Exhibition will be held at Sheffield during the meeting of the Church Congress. Many of the architectural drawings exhibited at the Royal Academy will be on view. There will be great competition among artists in stained glass, no less than twenty applications having already been received for places to exhibit. There will also be a loan collection of mediæval and modern art.

Mr. Walter S. Britton, of the Clarence Bicycle Club, has ridden from London to Bath and back, a distance of 212 miles, in one day.

A fine Quarry of Lithographic Stone has been found in Algeria, near Oran. The stone is reported to be equal to some of the best specimens from the old Munich quarries, now exhausted.

Tell's Chapel, on the Lake of Lucerne, is to be restored, and the damaged frescoes, scrawled over with the names of tourists of all nations, will be replaced by four large pictures representing "The Oath of the Swiss Confederates at the Rütli," "Tell Shooting at the Apple," "Tell's Escape from the Boat," and "The Death of Gessler in the Hohle Gasse, near Kussnacht." The little chapel by the lake side, now nearly five hundred years old, is very shabby at present, having been much injured by damp and the weather, to say nothing of the roughness of visitors, while the sister edifice at Kussnacht, built where Tell is asserted to have shot the Austrian tyrant, is in much better preservation.

News from Capt. Tyson's Arctic expedition in the *Florence* has been brought to Washington by the schooner *Helen*, which wintered in the same bay on the coast of Cumberland. Meteorological observations were taken most accurately during the winter by Mr. Sheerman, the physicist of the expedition. Unfortunately, M. Kumlein, the naturalist, inflicted on himself a wound when on duty, and was disabled for the greater part of the winter. Capt. Tyson went to Disco to recruit natives, collect goods, and purchase dogs. He fulfilled his duty with his wonted activity and success. But when everything was ready he learned by a message sent from Washington that the preparations were useless, the American Congress having taken its vacation without deliberating upon the report so carefully drawn by the Marine Committee. The brave and accomplished commander of the *Florence* is now on his way to Washington, where he is expected daily. We are informed that a demonstration will be made against this piece of Parliamentary negligence. This preliminary expedition was entirely fitted out at the expense of Captain Howgate and his friends.

The African Expedition under Mr. Keith Johnston, organised by the African Committee of the Royal Geographical Society, is now completing its preparations, and will leave England early in November. Some weeks will be spent in scientific investigation in the coast regions near Zanzibar before the party finally marches for the interior, the route to be then taken being from Dar-es-Salaam to the north end of Lake Nyassa, and thence to Tanganyika. A geologist has been appointed as assistant and second in command to Mr. Johnston.

The *Lancet* says:—"In the ten years from 1867 to 1876 inclusive we published notices of the deaths of 344 qualified medical men. Of this number, the age at which death occurred was recorded in 2684 instances, or in 78.13 per cent. of the whole number of deaths. The average age at which these 2684 deaths occurred was 56.6 years."

On Saturday last a man named Richard Rogerson completed his 66th year of service as turner for Messrs. R. Dalglish and Co., of the St. Helen's Foundry. He is nearly 77 years of age, and is in the enjoyment of excellent health, and likely to continue his service for some years to come. He first joined the foundry on the 14th of September, 1812, and has never left Messrs. Dalglish's employment since that time. He has had 14 children, five of whom are now living, and has 42 grand-children and 12 great grand-children living.

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It is very necessary for our readers to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

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

Answers to Correspondents.

CORRESPONDENTS are respectfully requested to write their communications on one side of the paper only.

Three letters respecting the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire are under consideration, as also are several respecting the London Masonic Charity Association.

We have received "The Well Spent Life" from our Bro. Rob Morris, and we thank him for it. He has not sent us his address, but we have written to him, to the care of Cook and Son.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hornet;" "Corner Stone;" "Folkestone News;" "Der Bund;" "West London Express;" "New York Dispatch;" "Keystone;" "Der Triangel;" "Hull Packet;" "Voice of Masonry;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Croydon Guardian;" "Risorgimento;" "British Mercantile Gazette;" "Public Opinion;" "Report of the Howard Association 1878;" "Scotsman;" "Exporter;" "Christmas Cards" from Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode; "Vanity Fair;" "News of the World;" "Morning Light;" "Lincolnshire Chronicle."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

CHANCELLOR.—On the 22nd inst., at Aberdeen Park, High-bury, the wife of H. Chancellor, of a daughter.

MOORE.—On the 21st inst., at Meole Brace, Shrewsbury, the wife of Capt. E. H. Moore, R.M.A., of a daughter.

DEATHS.

KANE.—On the 19th inst., at 3, Arthur-road, Holloway, Ernest William Allen, youngest child of Rev. J. B. Kane, and Fanny Kane, aged one year and nine months.

RAW.—On the 19th inst., George Raw, of Lodge 192, after a long and painful illness, aged 64.

THORNTON.—On the 20th inst., at The Hall, Rainhill, Elizabeth Thornton, aged 70.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1878.

THE PROGRESS OF ENGLISH MASONRY.

The advance of our Order in England is certainly going on with giant strides. We record to-day the consecration of three lodges, two metropolitan and one provincial, and that of a chapter, within a few days of each other, and we have reason to believe, that many new lodges are contemplated with our re-opening Masonic season. Our lodge roll nearly reaches 1800, and probably by Christmas 1879, will be as near 1900. We are among those who look on this increase of Masonic lodges with hearty approval. Believing Masonry to be a good thing, "per se," in the "abstract," and good in the "concrete" for the brotherhood and for man, we rejoice, we confess, when we hear of its setting up its "banners," and "strengthening its stakes," on every side. We have those of us, no doubt, who take a very different view of the matter. Like all earthly associations, Freemasonry has its "croakers," its "ill-omened seers," who indulge in "jeremiades," over the evils of "over production," and "over extension;" and we have to submit to portentous shakes of the head, and emphatic assertions of the "errors of our ways," and the "follies" of our "administration," the unwisdom of "new lodges," the "too rapid increase of Freemasonry." Yet, still as the old song has it, "merrily goes the mill stream on," and each succeeding week records new lodges and new chapters consecrated, and fresh application for consideration and approval, both in Craft and Royal Arch Masonry. And we ourselves do not at all share in the doubts of the "very sceptical," or the fears of the "very timid." A season of prosperity has set in for English Masonry; let us wisely use it, and not abuse it. There is danger in over-prosperity, just as there is danger in over-everything, nay, in everything of earth, but by prudence, care, and moderation, prosperity will have for us its good things, just as, no doubt, adversity always has its salutary warnings, and its hidden blessings for us all. Never at any time was our Grand Lodge so peaceful and so prosperous, nor its affairs so well managed, and so efficiently directed, as now. Some foolish persons have passed reflections on the fact, that a portion of our funds was lost in the bank of Willis, Percival, and Co., but those persons, if they know anything of banking, which it is clear they do not, must be aware that at one time no bank stood higher in the opinion of the commercial world. If those amiable critics knew the fact before hand, it is a pity they did not warn the authorities. It is idle, nay, impertinent, to be wise after the event, and then to blame the authorities in a matter utterly beyond their control. No doubt the question of security of the Treasurer is a very proper one, per se, but formerly it was very difficult, legally, we apprehend, to obtain it, or make it valid under the arrangements of Grand Lodge finance. We should not have said this but for certain remarks we have read on this head. With this exception, who can find fault with our Grand Lodge management? We have as its working head, a most hard-working, zealous, and courteous official, our esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, always available, always attentive, always accommodating. His habitual kindness of heart and manner makes him always attractive to the brethren, while the skill with which he performs our ceremonies, and the sound advice he always tenders, render him most useful to our Order, and cause him to be alike looked up to and deeply valued by us all alike, by all who have the privilege of his private acquaintance, by all who know him only as the kindly Grand Secretary, or Consecrating Officer. If any little anomalies exist, (as in all institutions), they are altogether in detail, and are such as reasonable change and seasonable improvement can easily adjust and comfortably rectify. We have every reason to be proud of English Masonry, and when we consider the position of other bodies, of

"side issues," and "extraneous organizations," we may rejoice to think that we are under that good old Grand Lodge of ours, which has successfully weathered so many a gale, and stands to-day before the world confessedly the mother of all existing speculative Masonry. Distinguished by its wise laws, its sage administration, its conciliatory counsels, its kindly acts, and its zealous efforts in the sacred cause of charity, it holds a position occupied by no other Grand Lodge in the world, having earned the hearty confidence of its own loyal brotherhood, and the warm appreciation of foreign jurisdictions.

THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

It will be seen, by our leader of last week, and by Bro. Inglis's letter of this, that he declines to be nominated as Grand Master, so that there is no opposition to the re-election of the present distinguished Grand Master for Scotland. We trust that one "burning question" being happily disposed of, all the others may be as speedily and as sagaciously settled, so that the Grand Lodge of Scotland may at once take up, for calm and careful consideration, several questions of salutary internal reform, in order to promote its own efficiency, to increase its own activity, and to gratify its many friends. But, as we have ventured to point out all along, reform is one thing, revolution is another; carefully considered proposals of amendment are both reasonable and seasonable; angry agitation is alike unreasonable and unseasonable in the highest degree. In all agitations it is difficult to separate the honest reformer from the mere agitator, and, above all, to steer clear of that curse of Masonry, personal idiosyncrasies and private interests. All such proposals for alteration of the Constitutions should come "ab intra," not "ab extra," and we know enough of our Scottish brethren, though writing at a distance, to be well aware that there are amongst them many most able men and good Masons, who are quite competent to manage their own affairs, and quite willing to give a hearing to all sensible and well adjusted proposals for welcome changes and practical reforms.

THE QUEBEC QUESTION.

Our contemporary, the *New York Dispatch*, under the guidance of our esteemed confrere, the editor, has laid down as the law of all the American Grand Lodges, in respect of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, what we venture respectfully to demur to, as really laid down by any American Grand Lodge, absolutely and officially. We have read their proceedings, and we cannot call to mind any such "deliverance." Undoubtedly, as a fact, and we do not object to it as a fact, when a New State Grand Lodge has been formed in America, the previously chartered lodges, being the "constituted body," have taken out renewed charters from the new Grand Lodge. But we wonder that our able contemporary does not see that what he contends for proves our position, and that the force of his own logic squares exactly with our contention. We do not object to the fact, for the sake of "peace," "harmony," or "uniformity;" we approve of it, and have always said so. But that is not exactly the point in question. We contend that a Grand Lodge cannot take away Masonic life from a private lodge, which it did not even give, without the consent of that lodge. The American Grand Lodges, by the very resolution of the constituent lodges forming the Grand Lodge, admit the previous and legal life of such lodges, and not from their authority, but from that of another jurisdiction. That is a very easily understandable position. But what is going on at Quebec? It is here we think that our contemporary has missed his way, for he certainly does not realize, (we say it in all deference), the point we are contending for. When Canada set up its Grand Lodge, Lord Zetland in acknowledging it, stipulated for the existing life and rights of English Lodges. This was at once properly admitted by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and was, we believe, extended to Irish and Scottish Lodges. Most of the lodges in our opinion sensibly acknowledge the Grand Lodge of Canada, but one or two lodges, still kept up their allegiance to their old

Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Quebec is formed, a "swarm" from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and straightway proclaims a repudiation of the original "Concordat" as between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Canada, as well as with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It is not pretended that the Grand Lodge of Scotland took any steps or intended to do so, until thus "challenged" by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, about whose actual legality, a good deal might be said, if it was worth while. It is quite clear that the Grand Lodge of Quebec had nothing to do with these lodges, and we doubt if any American Grand Lodge will assert, in express words, that where a lodge previously chartered declines to give up its original constituting Grand Lodge, it is to be compelled to do so, or be excommunicated for not doing so. There may be some "post hoc propter hoc" decision of some one American Grand Lodge on this delicate point, but we will not believe, till we see it in black and white, that all the American Grand Lodges hold the same views, or have propounded that to be law, which is against all known Masonic law, right, and precedent on the subject. We are quite clear that, as regards the English and Scottish, and, we believe, Irish Lodges, the Grand Lodge of Quebec is in the wrong. With respect to the Provincial Grand Mastership, &c., lately appointed by Scotland; in all probability the Grand Lodge of Scotland will not care to proceed with the matter. In our opinion it is really not worth while. If the Grand Lodge of Quebec will not be reasonable, either as regards the Grand Lodge of Scotland, or the Grand Lodge of England, the best way is to close all communication, as we venture to think that both the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland will survive vapid declamation, or "stumping" accusations. We are struck with the tone of some of the Quebec brethren, which is neither to our taste, nor very kindly, nor very Masonic, but then we are old fashioned Masons, with strong opinions, perhaps, on men and things. Our esteemed contemporary, the *New York Dispatch*, will be amused to find what a "Sermon" we have written on the "text" he so courteously and ably supplied.

THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS VOTING PAPERS.

It is instructive and interesting in the highest degree to note how great is the importance of our two valuable Schools, for the various and contrasted classes of society which now eagerly avail themselves, year by year, of their great, nay their remarkable benefits. We have put together a sort of classification of such classes or divisions, though owing to the abstract difficulty of the classification itself, we are not quite prepared to say that our concrete statement is the most correct, or the best that could be made. It will give our readers, however, we think, an approximate idea of the facts of the case and the relevancy of our remarks. In the Girls' School voting paper, with its twenty-nine cases, two represent the professional element, a surgeon and an engineer; there are two officials, a Superintendent of the Board of Trade, and a government clerk. There are four merchants, (so-called), an iron merchant, a wool merchant, a plush merchant, and a wine merchant, while we have also a contractor, a warehouseman, a brewer, a newspaper proprietor, and an accountant. Of trades we have a jeweller, a bookseller, a chemist, a house decorator, and an auctioneer. We have also a sergeant in the Royal Artillery, a traveller, a nurseryman and farmer, a post-master, two clerks, a brewer's foreman, and a yeoman. Thus, if we divide this list into a broader classification of pure professional element and pure trade qualification, we find that the former is represented by seven, the latter by twenty-two cases. Such a fact speaks volumes for the middle-class importance and need of the school. In the boys' voting paper, of sixty-seven cases, (though one, if not two, are out), of professions we have thirteen, a dentist, two marine engineers, a teacher of music, a professor of music, two surgeons, an artist, three schoolmasters, an architect, a lecturer to a mechanics' institution. Of the official element, we find two superintendants of police, a railway superintendent, an

inspector of dock police, and a clerk of the works, Royal Engineers, and a sergeant of artillery. Of trades we have, two maltsters, a draper, a stationer, a sailmaker, a brewer, two hotel keepers, two jewellers, two grocers, a hay and corn merchant, a chemist and druggist, a plumber, an ivory turner, a sailmaker and ship chandler, an oilman, a drysalter, a tallow chandler, a publisher, two builders, an ecclesiastical glazier, and a bill broker. We have also a contractor, a merchant, a planter, four commercial travellers, and one licensed victualler, a satisfactory reply to the childish allegations sometimes recklessly made, that the licensed victuallers profit more by our schools than any other class. In addition, in this list, we find also five clerks, a cashier, two farmers, and one farm steward; we have also a brass founder, a mercantile agent, a commission agent, a cashier, and overseer of a mill, a clerk and steward. Thus nineteen may be said to represent the professional and official elements, and forty-eight relate to the trading class. Such statistics demonstrate most convincingly the essential middle class character of our schools on the whole, though we have to deal with other classes, and often greatly contrasted as well.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even 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.]

CANVASSING FOR VOTES AT MASONIC ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I wish to call attention to a great nuisance and evil going on amongst us just now, I mean the begging and borrowing of votes by some worthy brethren who have cases which they seek to carry. I think that a very vicious system of individual I.O.U.'s for votes is going on, which is productive of great jobbery, and may lead to great abuse.

I quite recognise the propriety of a Charity Committee of a province, or an association acting officially, openly, and above board, in legitimate interchange of votes, but my experience of this individual "touting" is certainly as bad as bad can be. Can nothing be done to check it? And is not the remedy to be found, for instance, in the London Masonic Charity Association?

Yours fraternally,

B. O. X.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see that you have called attention to the withdrawal of Henry Newbould from the list of candidates. There is also another candidate ineligible for election, No. 43, Henry Webb, born 16th September, 1867, therefore, will be one month over the official age, 11, for election. This will reduce the number of candidates to sixty-five. I would take this opportunity that as the London Masonic Charity Association have taken up the cases of Ethel Stone and Emma Eliza Williams, of the Girls' School; and C. W. Green, T. C. Watkins, and A. C. Balcombe, in the first place; F. A. Gills, R. N. Nicholls, and C. F. Frost, in the second place, among the boys, it behoves the lodges and friends of the above cases to assist the Association with every vote they can individually get, and not slacken in their zealous efforts for the good work they have taken in hand. I would doubly impress this now, as the Association is very young, and, consequently, has not as many votes at its disposal as it eventually must have in the future. I have spoken to several brethren, who say that this charity movement is much wanted, but they are afraid it will not answer, or, they will wait and see how it answers before they will join. Why, sir, you might as well stand by and look on some unfortunate creature drowning, who, by a little trouble, you might have saved, and say, "Oh! poor fellow, I am afraid he will be drowned, but I will wait and see whether he can save himself," and you never put a finger out to save him.

Yours fraternally,

C. J. PERCEVAL.

WHO ARE CONSECRATING OFFICERS?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

This is a question often asked nowadays by inquisitive brethren. Will you kindly resolve our doubts and difficulties?

Yours fraternally,

NEOPHYTE.

[Strictly speaking, there is but one Consecrating Officer, the brother deputed by the G.M., or the G.M., or the Deputy G.M. in person. By courtesy and custom, however, the Chaplain and the two Wardens are considered Assistant Consecrating Officers.—Ed. F.M.]

ORIGINAL RESEARCH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother.

In reply to your note enquiring when "Original Research" will be published, I beg to say that the time is very uncertain, and will greatly depend on the number of subscribers obtained to the prospectus in London and

elsewhere. From the time of Bro. Melville's death, now about five years' ago, I have been, and am still, more or less, engaged analysing and reconstructing his work. My chief object in so doing is, to show that Divinitarianism is the true religious substitute for Catholicism—Romish and Anglican. The change is looming in the horizon, and come it will—inevitably.

In fact, so much of a Divinitarian am I, that I do not consider myself justified in participating in the ceremonies of sectarian churches or chapels, as such participation would be a practical denial of my astro-Masonic or Divinitarian faith. True toleration is a virtue, but there is a vital difference between toleration and participation. There should be no compromise.

I have just sent, at the request of an Edinburgh firm of booksellers, two or three extracts from "Original Research" for publication, to awaken the "gude folks" there to the truth.

As you may think this letter worth publishing I have headed it "Original Research."

Fraternally yours,

WM. N. CRAWFORD.

A LETTER OF INQUIRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can any American brother give us any information about a Bro. J. F. Harma, of Keystone Lodge, 285, New York? He claims to be a Royal Arch Mason, of seventeen years' standing, and to be in dire distress, and still a subscribing member of his lodge. English brethren are always glad to relieve genuine distress, but they also like to be certain that their relief is properly bestowed.

Yours fraternally,

AMICUS.

WAS THE LATE POPE A FREEMASON?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last week's issue you stated in an editorial note, to a correspondent, that the late Pope was not a Freemason, and that all the accounts contrary to that statement were apocryphal. The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Arton, the respected Chief Rabbi of the united congregations of Spanish and Portuguese Jews in the British Empire, was the W.M. of a lodge in Naples, and he related most succinctly to me, some time since, the fact of the late Pope having been a Mason, and the steps that were taken by all the Italian lodges when they were excommunicated by his authority. After reading your remarks upon this matter, I wrote to the Rev. Doctor, and beg herewith to hand you his reply received to-day.

He says, "I have no written records of what I related to you at Manchester; consequently, I cannot furnish you with the date you desire. I positively state, however, that when the late Pope, in 1863 or 1864, excommunicated Freemasonry, much indignation was felt by the Masons, especially at Naples, in consequence of the fact, that he had cursed an institution to which he had belonged, and to which he had promised fidelity."

This extract needs no comment on my part, and trusting you will insert this in your next,

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

H. DAVIS MARKS, J.W.

Israel, 1502.

[We repeat the statement again to-day distinctly. Pius the IX. was not a Freemason. All these statements have been examined over and over again, and they have been found to be utterly unreliable, as Bro. Findel says, in the *Bauhütte*, they are all "humbug." The late Pope was said to have been initiated at Naples, in Sicily, the United States, at Havannah, in South America, at Madrid, and in France, as a French cavalry officer, (which is the last place). As we have often said before, though probably enough, a Carbonari in his "hot youth," he was not a Freemason.—Ed. F.M.]

THE LOSS OF THE "PRINCESS ALICE."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother.—

In reference to the letter of Bro. W. S. Daniel in your last impression of this date, I am instructed by the proprietor of the Surrey Masonic Hall to state that he will be happy to assist such brethren as may desire to augment the fund now being raised on behalf of the sufferers by the late disaster on the Thames, by placing at their disposal the use of the hall, gratuitously, for a concert, or other public entertainment, on the first evening for which engagement has not yet been made.

With the exception of an early date in October the hall is fully engaged up to the first week in November; but as there will certainly be a continued necessity for adding to the Mansion House Fund for many weeks to come, it may not then be too late for the contemplated purpose, and meanwhile such arrangements could be made, both in respect of obtaining talent and public support, as would secure a successful result.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS,

Manager.

Surrey Masonic Hall, Sept. 21st., 1878.

RELIEF AND CHARITY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to say a few words, in answer to your article of the 31st of August, with regard to that of our greatest principles, relief, and charity. Relief is the text of our profession, to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but more particularly among Masons, who are linked together in one indissoluble chain of sincere affection, to soothe the unhappy, to sympathise with the misfortunes, and to compassionate with the miseries, and at the same time to restore peace to the troubled minds of our brethren, that is the grand aim we have in view, and

on this basis we establish our friendship. We are well aware that charity is the brightest and greatest ornament of the Masonic profession. Benevolence rendered by Heaven-born charity is an honour to the nation from whence it springs, is nourished and cherished. Happy is the man who has sown in his breast the seeds of benevolence, the produce of which is love and charity.

He believeth not a tale when reported by a slanderer, he forgiveth the injuries of men, and blotteth them out from his recollection. Then let us ever remember we are Masons, and men, and ever be ready to give to the needy, and in the most pressing time of necessity, let us not withhold a liberal hand; so then shall the heart-felt pleasure reward our labours, and the produce of love and charity will most assuredly follow, except in such cases as the one of which I will give you an illustration.

In December, 1874, I was initiated as a Mason, in the lodge of St. Stephens, No. 145, Princess-street, Edinburgh. Shortly after becoming a member, I became a resident in America. On my return I addressed a letter to the W.M. of the lodge, requesting an account of my lodge dues. Failing to receive an answer, I addressed a letter to the Secretary with the same result. Since that I have forwarded two more, requesting information. Up to the present time he has not had the courtesy, let alone the brotherly feeling, to condescend to answer my letter! He must be aware that we, as Masons, are one family—the high, the low, the rich, and the poor, created by one Almighty Being, and sent into the world for the support and protection of each other.

On this principle Masonry should unite men of every country, sect, and opinion, and it should constitute true friendship and courtesy between those who rank underneath its banner.

If there was no regular subscription connected with St. Stephens they might have replied to my several letters, instead of treating them with contempt. I cannot forget the words (and the able manner in which he expressed them) that were made use of by the W.M., at my initiation but am sorry to say that they have not been executed by the office-bearers of St. Stephens.

Trusting that this may draw their attention, believe me to remain yours ever fraternally,

WILLIAM E. HASELL.

[We agree with our correspondent. The explanation probably is that there are no lodge subscription or fees other than those he has already paid. The Scotch system in that respect is very vicious.—Ed. F.M.]

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE IN NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On the 23d. April last, I addressed to you a letter, (which appeared in your issue of the 27th of that month) in refutation of several misstatements contained in a communication signed "A 33°" and published in your paper of the previous week, on the subject of an irregular body styling itself "The Supreme Council 33° of New Zealand," and in which I explained that the said body had been founded against all laws of Masonic jurisdiction by an unrecognized one in Egypt.

I now beg to hand you a translation of a Circular "Decree" just received from the Egyptian body above referred to, and dated 7th inst., in which they acknowledge the "grave error" into which they had fallen, and revoke and annul the warrant they had irregularly issued to certain brethren in New Zealand, constituting them a Supreme Council 33°, and likewise cancel the diplomas of that degree which they had granted "in absentia" to the said brethren, as well as to others in Scotland.

Further comment appears unnecessary. Requesting that you will kindly published this "decree" in your next issue for the information of "A 33°" and others,

I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE 33°, Grand Sec. Gen.
Supreme Council 33° for England, Wales, and
the Dependencies of the British Crown.

[Translation.]

GRAND ORIENT OF EGYPT.

Supreme Council 33rd and last degree of Ancient and Accepted Rite, Valley of the Nile, Orient of Alexandria.
7th September, 1878.

No. 152.

DECREE.

We, S. A. Zola, Sovereign Grand Commander, and Grand Master of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, for Egypt and its Dependency, the Valley of the Nile.

Whereas, the Supreme Council of Egypt, ever anxious to propagate the high principles of the Rite, did, by our Decree, No. 45, of the 16th October, 1875, and a following one, No. 69, of the 20th March, 1876, advance to the Thirty-third Degree several distinguished Freemasons residing in New Zealand, and did furnish to them patents by which they constituted themselves in that Valley into a Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, and that because we considered that territory to be free and not belonging to any regular Supreme Council.

And, whereas, the Supreme Council of Egypt, induced by the same principle, did, by means of our several decrees, advance to the Thirty-third Degree several Masons dwelling in Scotland, because the Supreme Council of Scotland was represented to us as an irregular and an illegitimate body.

Now, we having been persuaded and convinced of the legal and legitimate existence of the Supreme Councils of England, Ireland and Scotland, and of the right of the first, or of all three, over New Zealand, as a dependency of the British Crown, and have consequently become aware of the grave error into which we have fallen.

Having consulted the Grand Constitutions of 1786, we desire, as far as lies in our power, that the most perfect harmony should reign over all the Supreme Councils of the two Hemispheres.

We require for ourselves, and all the Masonic powers, the most scrupulous reciprocity in the question relative to territorial jurisdiction. We desire, above all, that every, and even the smallest pretext of schism and division should yield to the universal Masonic alliance.

The entire members of the Supreme Council having well considered the subject, we, in our own name, have decided and hereby decree,

Art. I. Our decrees, No. 45, of the 16th October, 1875, and No. 69, of 20th March, 1876, by which we admitted to the Thirty-third Degree several Masons residing in New Zealand, and gave them powers to constitute themselves a Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, is definitely annulled.

Art. II. All our decrees by which we have admitted, (in absentia), certain Masons residing in Scotland are annulled.

Art. III. All patents, diplomas and certificates, whether issued to New Zealand or to Scotland, (in absentia), and appertaining to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, are cancelled from the roll of the Supreme Council and declared null.

Art. IV. These presents will be communicated to the interested parties, and to all the Supreme Grand Councils of the two hemispheres, and will be published in our Official bulletin.

S. A. ZOLA, 33°

Sovereign Grand Commander and Grand Master.

F. F. ODDY, 33°

Grand Chancellor.

AN ERROR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The words "one-twelfth," at the end of the leader on the "List of Candidates for the Boys' School," is an obvious misprint, for "one-half."

It is still true of printers, as of mortals that "nemo mortalium omnibus horis sapit." And that printers will make mistakes, and often very provoking ones, like other men.

No doubt some blame attaches to the "chapel," but some may also fairly be ascribed to the copy.

Yours fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THE LEADER.

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEANOR CROSS LODGE, No. 1764.

A second lodge was consecrated on Tuesday week, at the Masonic Hall, Northampton. No similar event has taken place in the province of Norths and Hunts for the last nineteen years, although Masonry has made rapid progress in the adjoining counties.

We are glad to be able to say that in this instance the new lodge does not emanate from any spirit of jealousy, but that a number of the members of the mother lodge, the Pomfret (360), felt that as the town was rapidly extending, and there was a hall which might well be used by two lodges, the time had come for taking a step in that direction.

The proposition was accordingly made, and was entertained in the most kindly spirit.

Bro. M. A. Boémé, P.M. 360, consented to be the W.M. Designate, while the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Butler Wilkins, rendered invaluable services to the petitioners, who eventually received a warrant from the Grand Lodge, dated May 29th.

Preparations were accordingly made for the consecration ceremony, and there was a large gathering of the Craft from the province, and we may add, the neighbouring provinces, the following being amongst those who signed at the opening of the lodge:—R. P. Bent, 10 and 446, P.G.C.; Butler Wilkins, P.M. 360, P.Z., D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts; J. Terry, P.M. 228, P.G.J.W. Herts; Wm. Simmonds, 445, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. Bentham, 466, P.P.G.P.; James C. Jones, 445, P.M., P.G.J.W.; John Reeve, 840, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. F. G. Buckle, 442, P.M., P.S., P.G.S.; W. Warnett, 840, W.M., P.P.G. Chaplain; R. King, 840, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., Bucks and Berks; Thos. Miller, 445, P.M. 737 P.P.G.J.D.; Henry Norton, 466, W.M., P.P.G.S.B.; L. G. W. Sanders, 360, A.P.G.C.; W. H. Smith, 373, P.M., P.P.G.R.; G. Hanley, 373, P.M., P.P.G.R.; John Rogers, P.M. 607, P.P.G.J.W.; Geo. Osborn, 448, P.P.S.G.W. and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, Bro. Buckle reading the petition and warrant. An eloquent oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. S. W. Wigg, Chaplain elect. Bro. J. Terry was the Consecrating Officer; Bro. Wilkins installing the W.M. of the new lodge, who invested the officers, including Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, M.A., LL.B., S.W.; and Bro. H. J. Atkins, J.W. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Bro. Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G. Chaplain. The brethren then adjourned to attend divine service at All Saints, the principal parish church, and the spectacle of so large a number of the fraternity not having been in the town for many years past, there was a large number of spectators. A very efficient D.C. was found in a young member of the new lodge, Bro. Ellard, and the proceedings out of doors were consequently conducted with the strictest decorum. The service at the church was choral, and a brother in the choir, H. Brown, Secretary of the new lodge, having obtained the assistance of choristers from Peterboro' Cathedral and the round church of St. Sepulchre's, the music was admirable. The vicar entered, and the lessons were read by Bro. Rev. R. H. Cox and Bro. Rev. L. J. W. Sanders, Grand Chaplain and Assist. Grand Chaplain of the province respectively, while the sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.

A collection, amounting to £25, was made, which will be divided equally between the Masonic Charities and the infirmary of the town.

After the service the brethren returned to the lodge-room, when votes of thanks were accorded to those who had taken a prominent part in the proceedings, while jewels, commemorative of the event, were voted to the W.M. and Secretary; and Bros. Bent, Terry, and Wilkins, were made honorary members of the Eleanor Cross Lodge.

A list of a dozen or more candidates for initiation was submitted, and the lodge was closed, the brethren repairing after their labours to the Town Hall, where a banquet had been prepared.

The W.M. of the Eleanor Cross Lodge presided, supported by the Provincial Officers, and about a hundred other brethren sat down.

The usual Masonic toasts were given after the repast, and a most pleasant evening was spent, all uniting in the opinion that a grand success had been achieved.

CONSECRATION OF THE KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

This new lodge was consecrated on Friday week, at the Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, Kensington, and a more convenient or agreeable hotel no lodge ever settled in. It is situated opposite the Earl's Court Station of the Metropolitan District Railway, and has a great number of large, lofty, well ventilated rooms. There is, however, one disadvantage, which it is to be hoped will soon be remedied. The house has at present no wine and spirit licence, and the lodge therefore has to supply its own wine for the banquet. But for general comfort the hotel is unsurpassed, and the brethren on the day the lodge was consecrated repeatedly expressed their pleasure with the quarters which it had chosen. About sixty brethren attended the ceremony, which was performed by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, as Consecrating Master, assisted by Bro. Thomas Fenn, Past Grand Dragon, as S.W.; Bro. Bryett, Prov. G. Superintendent of Works, Berks and Bucks, as J.W.; Bro. the Rev. Ambrose William Hall, M.A., Chaplain of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, P.M., Prov. G. Chaplain, and past Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Surrey, as Chaplain; Bro. H. Cooper, P.M. 228, 276, 511, 858 and 1694, as D.C.; Bro. C. J. Foakes, P.M. No. 511, as Secretary; and Bro. Barfield, P.M. and Treasurer, No. 511, as Secretary; and Bro. Barfield, P.M. and Treasurer, as I.G. The musical brethren, who assisted with some excellent music, were Bros. T. Baxter, J. Stedman, Charles Beckett, and Theodore Distin. The music was under the direction of Bro. Stedman, and Bro. F. J. Oliver was organist. The complete list of the brethren as appeared on the signature book, was as follows:—

The members of the new lodge present were Bros. Geo. Read, P.M. 511, C. E. Williams, Thomas Hancock, A. Barfield, C. J. Foakes, P.M. 40, James W. Barker, J. H. Taylor, J. G. Swanson, F. J. Oliver, G. Bidgood, E. R. Baugh, J. Metcalf, J. Clavey, R. H. Williams, H. A. Robinson, W. Burgess, Frederick R. Hayes, Wm. G. Silcock.

The following brethren were present as visitors:—John Hervey, Grand Sec.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; Lewis Bryett, P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks; H. S. Cooper; W. Bray; H. Stiles, S.D. 1732; J. Thompson, P.M. 834; C. Cordingley, S.D. 45; Alfred C. Alais, P.M. 834; W. H. Weaver, P.M. 858; W. Cunningham Glen, P.G.S.; Theodore Distin, W.M. 173; Richard Jasey, 834; H. Blunden, 865; C. Holland, 1681; F. T. Barrow, 511; W. T. Worthington, P.M. 834; C. A. Walter, S.D. 865; C. B. Corston, J.D. 865; S. Elborn, W.M. 511; A. Runacres, S.W. 1558; H. Turner, 511; W. Craig, S.D. 1425; W. Game, P.M. 511; R. T. Gaubert, S.W. 172; John Stedman, J.D. 172; W. Fisher, P.M. 834; W. Watson, S.W. 834; Chas. Beckett, 1319; J. Avery, S.D. 511; W. Honeyball, I.G. 1681; J. H. Webb, 834; Robert Burleton, 860; W. M. Styles, Sec. 1507; Thos. Baxter, 145; Peter Burton, 834; H. Massey, (Freemason) P.M. 619.

After the lodge had been opened, Bro. Hervey in addressing the brethren said, they had now travelled west for the erection of a new lodge, the establishment of which he hoped was on such a basis as to ensure its remaining in that locality. By this he meant that it would be composed of Kensington men, and be in reality a Kensington lodge. The last Kensington Lodge took its name from the locality in which it was situated, and there were a great many reasons why these extra metropolitan lodges should be established. Owing to the great growth of the metropolis, these lodges could hardly be termed outside lodges, because London was extending into the country and ramifying in the surrounding neighbourhood to such an extent that one hardly knew where London began or where it ended. From what he saw around him, however, he thought this lodge had begun with a good home, and that there was a sufficient number of local men to support it to constitute it as essentially a local Kensington Lodge. Passing to another subject, he was sorry to say, that during the summer vacation Masons had experienced some great and serious losses by death, several of the Grand Officers had been called to their account during the year, and some had passed away within the last few months. They had to deplore the loss of one who was universally respected, although at the close of his career he had misfortunes. Such misfortunes, however, did not diminish the respect in which he was held by the brethren, for during the five and twenty years that he was Grand Treasurer, Bro. Samuel Tomkins on every occasion supported the dignity of the Craft and influenced for good its proceedings. If by his failure he had done any little damage to the Craft, which he (Bro. Hervey) doubted, the brethren had long condoned the misfortune, and they would cherish the memory of a man who, through a long life, had been a brother of commercial and Masonic honour, and of unblemished integrity. He died very suddenly, and it was to be feared that his recent troubles contributed very much to the melancholy event. Another distinguished bro-

ther had also departed, a brother not known perhaps to the younger members of the Craft, Bro. Wm. Foster White, the Treasurer of Christ's and Bartholomew's Hospitals. That brother had not taken an active part in Masonry for some years, and was only known to the older Masons. Since these two brethren died, another gap had been made by the death of Bro. Bagshaw, Provincial Grand Master for Essex, an old and experienced Mason, with whom he (Bro. Hervey,) had been on intimate terms, not only in Masonry, but in private life, for thirty years. He was a man of unblemished character and unbounded benevolence. To add to the list, only a fortnight ago Sir F. M. Williams, having invited a large party to meet him at his country seat, was suddenly seized with an attack of illness; he laid down on a sofa, and when he was called to dinner, it was found he was dead. All these brethren contributed largely to the Masonic Charities, and to the well-being of Masonry, by the manner in which they had passed through life, and he trusted they had now met with their reward. To leave this subject and refer to Masonry, it could not be denied that the Order was advancing. Still there must be drawbacks, and it must be expected that those who had toiled for many years in a Masonic career would be called away at last, and leave the Society which they had loved so well and the respectability of which they had striven so much to maintain. In England the Craft was progressing speedily, and he hoped, surely. Certainly during the last ten, fifteen, or twenty years, it had extended very much, not only numerically, but he trusted also in respectability, and in that charity which ought to be the great aim and object of all Freemasons. There was only one unfortunate spot looming in the distance, the way in which our brethren across the channel were conducting their proceedings. They had just had their annual meeting, and they had decided, by a large majority, to alter the ritual, so as to eliminate from it all connection between Masonry and the name of and belief in the Deity. They had directed their Grand Master and some of their acting Committee to reform the whole ritual, so as to be consonant with the changes they had made in their constitutions. He understood that, on the first blush, the French Grand Master took off his clothing, laid it on the pedestal, and left the room, declining to be a party to any such change. However, they formed a committee to wait upon him, and he was persuaded to resume his place. As reported, he had the weakness to do so, and consented to do what the Grand Lodge wished, thereby falsifying those undertakings which he entered into when he first became Grand Master. The English brethren would deeply deplore the course which the French brethren had taken. He feared that the manner in which they acted was such as almost to justify the objection which Foreign Sovereigns made to the Order; that the members having ceased to acknowledge the name of the G.A.O.T.U. in their rituals, their meetings were changed from the original plan of Freemasonry, and that they mixed themselves up with politics, and were becoming more of a political than a Masonic Society. French Masonry of course now defined that they were giving up all connection between religion and Masonry because the name of the Great Architect of the Universe could not be dissevered from religion. In every case where His name was invoked some belief or other must be entertained in a Supreme Being. If that be given up the future of Freemasonry looked very dark, and he hoped that as long as Masonry was carried out in England we should see the old system continued in which it had worked and flourished so long. When that was abolished, the sooner the axe was put to the root of the Order the better. He hoped that the Kensington Lodge would be a bright star in the western side of the metropolis, and occupy a prominent position among the lodges of the Order.

Bro. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, in delivering the oration, said: Brethren, it has been usual from time immemorial for mankind to join themselves in what Masonically we call "a column of defence and support," or to establish societies or brotherhoods, and of this you have a clear instance in the various societies and lodges in this and other countries. And after a lodge is brought into existence, and the precepts of Freemasonry are more particularly to be poured out, when societies like this of to-day are dedicated to T.G.A.O.T.U., it is usual for the consecrating Chaplain to give what is called an oration, or, to speak more properly, to make a few remarks on the nature and principles of our Order. It was only yesterday that I became aware of the privilege I had of attending here to-day. I accepted the invitation with pleasure, hoping and trusting that you, my brethren, would make every allowance for any shortcomings on my part, on account of the shortness of the notice, and likewise would listen to the brief words I have to say, as words coming sincerely from one who greets well yourselves and your new undertaking. I would first then remind you of the importance of the responsibilities that are about to devolve upon you. You are, so to speak, about to become a beacon light to shine on all, both far and near, those great truths of our Order, brotherly love, relief, and truth. And if you do this well, the lustre of your lodge will be increased. If you do it ill, the harmony of the brethren will be marred. Therefore, in all your dealings, be just, and upright, and true. In all your transactions with the brethren be considerate and kind; and in the hour of difference, should dissensions at any time unfortunately arise, think of the compasses, which symbolise the keeping down all angry feelings, and take the pacific teaching of our Order to show you what a Mason ought to do. Since those old days when the good King Solomon built the Temple to the Lord on Mount Moriah, Masonry has gone through different phases of difficulty and danger; but it has passed through them all, and like the fabled Phoenix of old has come unscathed out of the fire of persecution, only to shine with a brighter lustre, and to carry its principles to every line and among all the people of the world. And why?

Because she bears about her a banner, a glorious banner; and on it are inscribed those mystic words, Wisdom, Strength, Beauty—wisdom to comprehend all mysteries; strength to carry out all her teachings; and beauty in all those rites and ceremonies which symbolise the principles of our Order. And on you, brethren, it will now depend to carry out those principles, to cherish them yourselves, and likewise to inculcate them among the brotherhood. Depend upon it, it is only by doing so that your lodge will take that stand which it ought to take in the Masonic world. May your W.M. open his lodge at sunrise with diligence and punctuality; may your J.W.'s call be heard with profit and with pleasure; and may your S.W., when the sun sets in the west, close his lodge at the command of the W.M., after seeing that no brother leaves it unimproved in virtue and in science. Such, my brethren, are some of the principles which it has been my office to bring before you to-day. They are high and holy principles, and I trust will be long remembered by you, and that you will inculcate them upon your brethren by precept as well as by example, and that you will guard the mystic treasures that are to be committed to you against all cowans and all intruders that would invade the repository of your secrets, with Fidelity, Fidelity, Fidelity. Now, brethren, let me thank you for the attention you appear to have paid to the few words that I have been permitted to address you. Had time been allowed I could have given them more in detail, but as it is they speak a language dear to every Mason's heart, and should lead us all to cherish and to love the Craft the more. What I have said, I trust, will lead you in all danger and difficulties, and guide the Craft which you are now about to launch safely over the ocean of the Masonic world, until by the help of the Great Architect of the Universe it is brought safely into the haven where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest. And now, brethren, receive my heartiest good wishes for the success of the Kensington Lodge. I feel, from the gratification of those who are to preside over it, that it will in due time take its stand in the annals of Masonry. May the Everlasting, the Most High, of His mercy, guide you by the principles and teachings of our noble Order safely through your walk in life, and lead you with all fortitude over the dark valley of the shadow of death, until He lands your enfranchised spirit in the peaceful abode of the blessed.

The ceremony of consecration was then performed, and the petitioning brethren were constituted into a regular lodge.

At the request of Bro. Hervey, Bro. Thomas Fenn installed Bro. George Read, W.M. 511, as first Worshipful Master of the lodge, and the following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. Charles Edward Williams, J.D. 511, S.W.; Thomas Hancock, 511, J.W.; Barfield, P.M. 511, Treas.; C. J. Fokes, P.M., Sec.; James William Barker, S.D.; Joseph H. Taylor, J.D.; Charles G. Gumpel, I.G.; Swanson, D.C.; Oliver, Organist; Baugh and Metcalf, Stewards; and Thomas Schofield, Tyler.

A vote of thanks was afterwards passed to Bros. Hervey, Fenn, Hall, and Boggett, for their services, and they were elected honorary members of the lodge.

Propositions for joining and initiation were given in, and the lodge was then closed.

An elegant banquet followed the consecration of the lodge, after which the usual toasts were proposed.

Bro. Hervey, after acknowledging the toast of the "Grand Officers," proposed "Success to the Kensington Lodge and the Health of the W.M." There could be no doubt, he said, that where a lodge was well conducted it tended to the well-being of society and the comfort of the locality in which it was situated. It also conduced to the great benefit of the members who were enrolled under its banners. He trusted, as he had said in the lodge, that the Kensington Lodge would be so conducted as to reflect honour on itself and credit on the Craft. Under the auspices with which it was started he thought there was no question that it would do so. It had emanated from an overflow of brethren of another lodge, which, though originally constituted in that neighbourhood, migrated to Fleet-street, where it had so prospered that it had become like a swarm of bees. Many of those brethren lived in Kensington, and from the number he saw round the table he thought the Kensington Lodge bade fair to rival in number the mother lodge. For the sake of those who had launched the vessel on the waters that day he hoped the Kensington Lodge would flourish, and that under the auspices of the W.M. during the current year it would show that it had not been established in vain, but that it might add good members and true to the Craft. He did not recommend that the brethren should endeavour to make their lodge great in numbers; that, he thought, was a mistake; but let the members of the lodge be respectable, and worthy of being members of the Craft; then they would be doing good service to the Order and to the lodge. But if they introduced men to the Craft whom they would be sorry to see at their own table, whom they would not receive in private, they had no right to do so, and would not be doing the duty to Freemasonry which it expected at their hands. He was sure that under Bro. Read's rule and management such a state of things would not arise, and he trusted that the Wardens who would succeed Bro. Read would exercise the same foresight of the affairs of the lodge, and not look for number but for quality. Masonry did not want those who would not be an ornament to it, and he for one would be heartily glad if a great many now in the Craft were not members of it, and if it would purify itself of some to whom they were at present allied, and with whom they were compelled now to associate.

The W.M. in reply said: It was now some twelve years since he was initiated in Masonry in the Royal Parish of Kensington, but he had no expectation that he should be able to occupy the first chair in a lodge in the parish. They had felt their old lodge was too great, and they migrated to the great city; but after a while the time seemed to have arrived when they should establish a new

lodge in Kensington, as very admirable quarters were to be found there. He had approved of those quarters for the new lodge, and he hoped it would long remain there. He had heard so many expressions of the brethren's esteem that he was at a loss to explain how much he thanked them, but he thanked them very much. They had placed him now in a very responsible position, because the Master of a new lodge held a more responsible position than the ordinary Master of a lodge. He did not take the office with any fear or trembling; he had great confidence in the brethren who nominated him as the First Master, and also in the first Officers. There was a portion of the more advanced ritual to the effect that to reign sovereign in the hearts and affections of men was far more preferable than to rule over their lives and fortunes. He did not know whether it was presumptuous for him to apply that to himself; but if the esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the Ranelagh and Zetland Lodges was to be measured by the number of those brethren who were present that evening, he felt that they had conferred a very great honour upon him. He had been associated with them in Masonry for many years, and he had always received from them great kindness and respect. He took it as a further mark of their esteem attending at the consecration of this new lodge, and seeing him installed as the first W.M. Bro. Hervey had expressed the hope that the lodge would succeed, and be an ornament to the Craft. He reiterated the wish, and with the assistance of The Great Architect of the Universe he would endeavour to make it so.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officers," and was delighted to see present the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall. Many brethren were now out of town, and Bro. Hall had kindly undertaken the office of Chaplain. He was a neighbour in the parish, and the brethren were all delighted to have such a neighbour as Bro. Hall. The Consecrating Officers had all performed their duties admirably that evening, and the brethren were very much pleased with what they had witnessed.

Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., who replied, said he was very much flattered by the remarks that had been made with regard to the Consecrating Officers. If it had not been that they should not work a willing horse too much, Bro. Hervey was the proper officer to reply to this toast, as he had done so much more of the ceremony than he (Bro. Fenn). However, it is not the first time they had appeared together at an interesting ceremony like that. Bro. Hervey's kind and courteous way of going through the work like a good master marked him as a good man, and therefore those who were associated with him had to do their best to do their work as well as he. The notice he had had was very short, but still his attendance had not been given with less pleasure. They would allow for many shortcomings, but, notwithstanding those shortcomings, he had a great interest in a lodge which was formed in his immediate neighbourhood. He lived but five minutes walk from the lodge, and he took sufficient interest in the neighbourhood to hope that such a lodge as this would be established so near to him. He begged the brethren to receive his thanks for the compliment they had paid him by electing him an honorary member of the lodge. Whenever the brethren would like to see him among them, he should be glad to come and see the progress which he hoped they would have. He must now congratulate the lodge on coming to the Courtfield Hotel. Their lines had certainly fallen in pleasant places. In the course of his Masonic visits he had seldom seen such good accommodation as the brethren had at this hotel, and he understood that above the room in which they were now sitting there was one that would be used for the working of the lodge, so that they would not be detained between the times of labour and refreshment. Some time ago a circular was brought down to him to sign a petition against a licence being granted for this house. He went to see the house, and saw it was a nice house, and he said to the gentlemen who brought him the petition that the house would not hurt him, whatever it was; and it seemed a nice house; and that in the first place he did not wish to prevent an honest man who tried to cater for the public from keeping a good house and getting a living. He did not sign the petition. When he looked at the house he looked at it with rather a Masonic eye, and found it well suited for Masonic purposes. It was strange under such circumstances he should have been asked to assist at the consecration of a lodge at that house. He hailed the advent of a lodge there as a success to the house, and he thought the brethren had done a good thing not only for the house but for the neighbourhood and for Masonry in the neighbourhood. He again thanked the brethren for toasting him the amongst Consecrating Officers, and could assure them that what he had done had been simply a labour of love, and from a desire and wish he had always had to promote in every way the interest of Masonry. It was forty-four years since he was first made a Master Mason, and although for thirty years, on account of professional duties, he was unable to attend to the working, as soon as he became free from professional duties he returned to his first love, and had been intimately acquainted with Masonry since. By the blessing of the Great Architect he would endeavour to continue to do so, and he should feel the greatest pleasure as an honorary member of this lodge at all times not only to hear of the excellence of its working but to see it prosper in the way he prognosticated in his address in lodge. He thought it would.

Bro. Worthington, P.M. 834, responded to the toast of "The Visitors." He said he did so with pleasure, for two or three reasons; first, because he believed, if not the oldest, he was the next oldest in the room as a Kensingtonian; and secondly, because he and his late father were two of the oldest friends of the W.M. as Masons. He had known Bro. George Read for many years, and his tongue never tired when it spoke of his qualities, because his

private life endorsed what they knew of him in public. It fell to them to propose the health of gentlemen at the head of Masonry or other bodies; but when they knew that the gentleman whose health they proposed fully merited in his private capacity what they said of him in public, it must afford them great pleasure to propose his health, or to return thanks for any health he might think fit or proper to propose. He rejoiced to see Bro. George Read at the head of this new lodge; he was certainly carrying out the motto of his (Bro. Worthington's) mother lodge, "Nulli Secundus." In their suburban lodges they believed him to be second to none. As a Mason they knew his working; he was painstaking in it, and he was ready to impart the knowledge he possessed to other Masons. Although it was his (Bro. Worthington's) pleasure to teach Bro. Read his first lesson, he only wished he knew half what Bro. Read knew now. He had far outshone him (Bro. Worthington) and others. When Bro. Bryett was taken from them, and Bro. Andrew died, they asked "On whom shall the mantle of Elijah fall?" they all said "Upon Bro. George Read." He had proved himself a thorough good Mason, ever ready to impart knowledge. The brethren therefore were glad to see him in the post he now occupied, and they wished him and the lodge every success. He hoped Bro. Read's year would be a prosperous one. He was glad to hear Bro. Hervey advise them not to go in for numbers, but for good men. When he (Bro. Worthington) proposed a man, he said to himself "Is that a man who is worthy to be proposed as a Mason?" He therefore was of Bro. Hervey's opinion that they should not go in for quantity but for quality. If they did that they were sure to succeed; and if other lodges did the same, the aim of Masonry would be accomplished, and they would produce a body of men the most upright and honourable a land could desire.—Bros. Barfield and Foakes replied to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, and the other toasts having been proposed and replied to, the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close. Some pleasant singing was given between the toasts by the professional brethren named in the introduction of this report.

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE RAW.

Bro. George Raw, an old member of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, departed this life on Thursday, the 19th inst., after a lingering and painful illness of months' duration, which he bore with great fortitude and resignation to the Divine will. He was initiated into Freemasonry in the lodge Sem per Fidelis, No. 529, Worcester, above thirty years ago.

In London he joined the Stability Lodge of Instruction, then meeting at the George and Vulture, Cornhill, on the 24th September, 1847, then under the direction of the late Bro. Peter Thompson, P.G.D., and became intimately acquainted with Bro. Henry Muggeridge, who introduced him as a joining member to the Lion and Lamb Lodge, and afterwards to the Jerusalem Chapter, No. 185, where he was exalted to the degree of Holy Royal Arch Masonry. Bro. Raw made some progress in Masonry, and on one occasion delivered a very interesting address at the Stability Lodge of Instruction, in the First Degree.

Bro. George Raw was born in the early part of 1814, and a more kind, upright, and straightforward, honest man never existed. His mortal remains were interred at Abney Park Cemetery, on Saturday, the 21st inst., under the direction of Bro. Stephen Hayworth, of High-street, Kingsland, P.M. of the Kent Lodge, No. 15, and the Temple Lodge, No. 101, who was an intimate friend of the deceased.

The funeral cortege consisted of a hearse, three mourning, and three private carriages. The proceedings were carried out in an admirable manner, and must have given satisfaction to his numerous friends. Bro. Muggeridge attended to see the body of his old and esteemed friend consigned to the cold, but hospitable, bosom of mother earth.

DEATH OF LADY EGERTON, OF TATTON.

Deep regret will be felt at the announcement of the death of Lady Egerton of Tatton, which took place in Germany early on Wednesday morning, the 11th inst. Her Ladyship had been unwell for some time past, and had gone abroad after the London season to recruit her health. The news was unexpected both at Tatton and Rostherne Manor, and Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., R.W.D.G.M., Cheshire, left at once for Germany, accompanied by his brother, the Hon. Alan Egerton. The Hon. Miss Egerton had left Tatton on the Monday previous, on a visit to her mother. Lady Charlotte Elizabeth Egerton was the eldest daughter of the second Marquess of Ely. She was married to Lord Egerton in 1830, and leaves issue the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P. for Mid-Cheshire, and three daughters. Lord Egerton received his title of Baron Egerton of Tatton in 1859.

We are requested to announce that the Stability Lodge of Instruction meets at the Guildhall Tavern, No. 33, Gresham Street, E.C., every Friday evening, from six to eight o'clock.

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COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1879.

W. Masters and Secretaries of Lodges, Chapters, &c., are respectfully informed that in order to obtain accuracy in the above, printed forms have been forwarded to them for supplying particulars as to day, months and place of meeting. If such have not yet reached their hands, the Publisher requests that they would kindly call at the meeting place of the lodge, &c., and fill up and return the form, in order that the particulars of their meetings may be correctly inserted. All communications in this matter should be addressed at once to the Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, October 4, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

Lodge 1541, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
" 1679, Hovey Muggeridge, Prince George, Park-rd., E.
Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st., E.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredgar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1.

Colonial Board, at 3.
Lodge 7, R. York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 9, Albion, F.M.H.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 765, St. James's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
" 1257, Grosvenor, F.M.H.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, N.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.
" 1397, Ancrley, Thicket Hot., Ancrley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, High-st., Woolwich.
" 1668, Samson, F.M.H.
" 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Ancrley.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Three Bucks, Islington, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st., rd.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1491, Athenæum, Camden-rd., N.W.
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore.
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Star & Garter, Putney.
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
Encamp. 129, Holy Palestine, Masonic Hall, 68, Regent-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.

Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Ancrley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
" 1351, St. Clements Dane, 265, Strand.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., E.
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H.
" 1765, Trinity College, Weymouth-street, W.
Chap. 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
Mark 199, Duke of Connaught, Havelock Hot., Dalston.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Ebury, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Ball's Pond-rd., N.
" 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
" 1716, All Saints', Town Hall, Poplar.
Mark Lodge 8, Thistle, 2, Westminster Chambers.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers' Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 5, 1878.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.H., Warrington.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge 11, Joppa, M.R., Argyle-st., Birkenhead.
" 161, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Boote L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
" 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1473, Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
Alpass Encampment, M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 1375, Architect, Diabury Hot., Didsbury.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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