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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Freemasons was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, when some six hundred brethren were present. The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, presided, and the other Grand and Past Grand Officers who attended were:—Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; Lord Sherborne, Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire, P.G.M.; Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M.; W. W. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Montague Guest, Prov. G.M. Dorset; S. Rawson, Past Dist. G.M. China; Gen. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Surrey; Lord Henniker, S.G.W.; Sir Harcourt Johnstone, M.P., J.G.W.; Victor Williamson, P.G.W.; Capt. Platt, P.G.W.; Sir Michael Costa P.G.W.; Rev. H. Adair Pickard, G. Chaplain; Rev. Wm. Alfred Hill, Assistant G. Chaplain; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.; Eneas J. McIntyre, G. Registrar; John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; John Hervey, G. Secretary; E. E. Wendt, G. Secretary for General Correspondence; Erasmus Wilson, S.G.D.; Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, S.G.D.; Raphael Costa, J.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; E. S. Snell, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Col. Creaton, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.P.; Charles W. C. Hulston, P.G.D.; James Glaiser, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Charles A. Murton, P.G.D.; Fred. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; S. Leith Tomkins, P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.P.; J. Ebenezer Saunders, P.G.D.; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Percy Smith, P.G.D.; Sir Albert W. Woods, G.D.C.; James Lewis Thomas, Asst. G.D.C.; W. Hickman, P. Asst. G.D.C.; F. Robinson, P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Lucia, G.S.B.; William F. Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; G. Toller, jun., P.G.S.B.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; J. F. Collins, P.G.S.B.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; C. Edwin Willing, G. Organist; W. T. Howe, G.P.; W. Wilson, Assistant G.P.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; and C. B. Payne, G. Tyler; Bros. George Lambert, Charles Atkins, T. J. Thomas, W.M. 28; James Hainsworth, — Jones, Colonel Peters, Herbert Dicketts, George Kenning, Dr. Ramsay, W. B. Heath, — Lec, W. Hopekirk, B. H. Swallow, Edward Baxter, John H. Southwood, J. C. Perceval, W. Lake, — Clever, jun., Fred. Binckes, Jas. Terry, A. Gladwell, D. Nicolls, — Farwig, D. R. Still, and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th of December, 1878, had been read by Grand Secretary and confirmed, Grand Secretary read the regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business.

The next business on the paper was the election of a Most Worshipful Grand Master, but before this was taken,

The Earl of Carnarvon said: Brethren, there stands on the notice paper a motion in the name of our Bro. Clabon, and I know he will not think that I am taking it out of his hands if I anticipate him in that motion, and propose it to you from this chair. It is right that such a motion as this, whoever may be the occupant of this chair, should proceed from this Grand Lodge with all the weight and all the solemnity that the subject requires. Brethren, this is the first occasion that we have come in this hall since the unfortunate death of Her Royal Highness Princess Alice. In the lives and in the deaths of very eminent persons there is generally a great formality, but in the life of Her Royal Highness there was a reality which brought her home very much to the sympathies of English people; and in her death there was a reality not less than that of her life. She had not been too long separated from us by marriage in a foreign country for Englishmen to forget her name, her character, and even her face, and in the final tragedy which by that marvellous process of reporting was brought to us every day in every detail of the illness that carried of numbers of her family, and finally took her as its greatest prey—in all that tragedy, I say, she had the liveliest sympathies of this country. Brethren, the lives of many people—or most people, I may say, who bear a character—are consistent with themselves, and generally there are some great features verifying at home which give them reality and interest during life, and which serve to make them remembered after death; and if there was any one characteristic by which Her Royal Highness will live in the recollection of

English people, and by which she was fortunate enough to set, so to speak, a public mark upon her time and life, it was the deep interest that she took in the nursing and tending of the sick. It began and was practised in her earliest days; it closed with the last hours only of her existence. It probably is in the knowledge of most members of this Grand Lodge that she, perhaps of all the members of the Royal Family, nursed with the greatest assiduity and patience her father during his last illness. She again stood by the sick bed and nursed with indefatigable care her brother, our illustrious Grand Master. She again took no mean part or interest in that hospital organisation which she mainly created at the time of the French and German war. I can remember when I was in that country myself a year or two after that war, how many stories I heard, many of them very touching, of the patience and zeal and earnestness with which she had devoted herself to her self-imposed task. And lastly it may be truly said that her own death was caused by the nursing of her own children. It deserves to be known, for it is a touching and remarkable coincidence, that her death fell on the very anniversary of her father's death, and also, I believe, almost, if not quite, coincided with the day when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in his illness received the first favourable turn. Brethren, Her Royal Highness was cut off in the very noontide of life, at the moment when duties seemed to have multiplied upon her, when her power of usefulness was the greatest, when numbers upon numbers had become dependent upon her care and thought, and when she was most competent, perhaps, to counsel and to assist. But though all that came to pass, according to our eyes, prematurely, she did not pass away without leaving a great and useful lesson behind; she left, as I said just now, a public mark, so to speak, of her life and character on the time in which she lived, and the people amongst whom she lived, and I can remember no case of more genuine and unmistakable sorrow in this country when an event of this kind was announced, as I know indeed the loss was, one of the irreparable losses sustained by her adopted country. Brethren, the higher the position, the loftier the estate in which men or women move, the greater, too, the glitter and the brilliancy—there is quite enough of that; but when those who are in positions are adorned by simplicity of life, by a faithful discharge of duty, by courage, and by the homely, but because homely not the less princely, virtues, then a great lesson is left behind, and a very noble picture is painted for others to follow their example, and such I believe to have been the case with her late Royal Highness the Princess Alice. Brethren, I am sure of this, that though this vote comes late, as late it necessarily was, because we have had no opportunity of meeting here since that unfortunate event, I am sure that you will heartily and sincerely add your voices to the melancholy resolution which I am about to propose, and that you will unite in a vote expressing the deep sympathy which we all feel at the loss sustained by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and by His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the rest of the Royal Family, by the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse-Darmstadt.

Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D.: Most Worshipful Grand Master, it is with feelings of peculiar pride that I contemplate being permitted to second this resolution. I desire to say that I gave the notice of motion in a representative character, and at the unanimous request of the last Board of Masters. I only desire to add this one word touching the statement which has been made by the Pro Grand Master. I happened to be with my family at Eastbourne late in the autumn, and when we arrived there the name of the Princess Alice was on all lips; and this I know, that one of the first things which she did when she arrived at Eastbourne was to send for the clergyman to know the condition of the poor of the parish, and how she could assist him in assuaging their sorrows; and day after day while she was at Eastbourne she performed the duties most kindly and charitably of a district visitor. I beg to second the motion.

The motion was then put, and carried unanimously, and the Earl of Carnarvon directed Grand Secretary to have it engrossed and sent to his lordship for transmission to the Prince of Wales.

The Earl of Carnarvon: The next business, brethren, is the election of a Grand Master.

Bro. Frank Richardson, P.M. No. 14: M.W. Pro Grand Master and Brethren, having had the distinguished honour at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge to nominate His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the ensuing year, I rise now to ask you, according to ancient custom, to confirm that nomination by unanimously re-electing him; and I think on this present occasion I may be forgiven for a few seconds if I pause to suggest that we should all express our thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for having, through His mercy, saved His Royal Highness from what might have been a very serious accident; and, at the same time, to congratulate ourselves as Englishmen that in the hour of peril His Royal Highness maintained that courage and fortitude which are inherent in his family. In an assemblage like the present I need not allude, I am sure, to the benefits derived by Masons in general in having His Royal Highness at the head of our Order; but I would point out, as a fact, that during the short period he has reigned over us nearly 200 lodges have been added to the register. It would ill become so humble a member of the Order as myself to dilate upon the excellences of His Royal Highness or his particular qualifications for this great office. The manner in which he performs the duties of his high station are well known and appreciated, not only by the Craft, but by the nation at large. We all know perfectly well that the cause of charity is never overlooked by him, for we all feel that his hand is at all times guided by justice, and his heart

expanded by benevolence. It is therefore with great confidence, brethren, that I propose the re-election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Bro. Edgar Baylis, P.M. 259: Most W. Pro Grand Master, I have the honour to second that nomination. I am quite certain that no expressions of mine will add to the unanimity with which it will be received; and I therefore simply and formally second the election of His Royal Highness as our Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The motion having been put by the Earl of Carnarvon, was carried unanimously.

The Earl of Carnarvon: I must as a matter of formality ask if there is any voice on the contrary; but I am happy to say the vote is general and universal.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was then formally proclaimed by Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D.C., as Grand Master of Freemasons of England for the ensuing year.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, the next business on the paper is the election of the Grand Treasurer.

Bro. L. W. Cave: M.W. Pro Grand Master, I have the honour to propose for Grand Treasurer our Bro. Ferdinand de Rothschild, of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259. The office of Grand Treasurer, as we all know, is one of great importance, and I strongly recommend our Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild for that office. His name is well known not only in the City of London, but throughout the whole of England, and not only in England, but in all the markets and exchanges of the world; and I think that the election of a brother so distinguished as Bro. Ferdinand de Rothschild will tend to add lustre to the office of Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Samuel Pierce, P.M., 33°: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, it is with very great pleasure that I stand before you to second the proposition that we have just heard. The advantages of that election to Grand Lodge in particular, and the Craft in general, have been quite sufficiently dilated upon by the brother who has proposed our Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, and I think I shall best study the wishes and feelings of the Grand Lodge if I content myself with simply seconding that proposition.

Bro. F. Binckes, P.G. Steward: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, however invidious may be the position I may be thought in the estimation of some to occupy, I do not think that, with any regard to consistency, the opinions I feel, and the sentiments I express, I can allow this nomination to go unchallenged. There are but two officers, M.W. Pro G. Master, within the gift, generally speaking, of the members of the Craft; the one is that to which we know and we all gladly acknowledge no exception could by any possibility be taken, because we are all of us animated both by loyalty to the throne and our allegiance to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, to prohibit, by the due consideration of either of those feelings, any difference of opinion with reference to the illustrious Head of our Order who has just been elected by acclamation, but with reference to the Grand Treasurer I think a few observations may be very well thrown out to Grand Lodge on an exceptional occasion such as this, and which, I not only believe in my own opinion, but without any formality, I think in the estimation of a large number of members of the Craft are worthy of very grave and serious consideration, and I do hope that, however brief I may endeavour to make my remarks, if I should be tempted in argument to extend them a minute or two longer than I may purpose to do, I may be listened to with consideration, attention, on account of the particular circumstances in which we are now placed; and if I am not out of order—and of course if I am I shall be called to order, and I shall submit to the ruling of our excellent presiding officer—I would ask why is it that in the election to an office so important as that of the Grand Treasurer, the usage which I can testify to in my experience of over a quarter of a century has been now of departed from? I have never known during a quarter a century the December Quarterly Communication to pass by without the nomination of a Grand Treasurer being made to the Craft at large, equally with that of the Grand Master. How it is that Masonic usage has been allowed to lapse it is not for me to say, because I am perfectly prepared to admit that by Masonic law—and I take the Constitutions as an embodiment of Masonic law—the nomination of the Grand Treasurer is not ancient. The Constitutions provide for the nomination of Grand Master at the meeting in December, and for his election at the meeting in March, and those Constitutions simply state that a Grand Treasurer shall be elected at the Quarterly Communications in March. But then, if that is the case, why has a work of supererogation been performed to my knowledge for nearly thirty years in the appointment to the important office of Grand Treasurer, and for the first time at the meeting of December last been omitted, without any communication whatever being made to the great body of Masons assembled in Grand Lodge? Now, surely, brethren, as I have said, with only two officers in our gift, by the exercise of our free and unbiassed suffrages, is it or is not wise, if the law has not made provision for this nomination, when, after the loss of that Grand Treasurer, the loss of whose services we all regret and deplore, for the first time we are called upon to elect a Grand Treasurer, we have not the slightest idea of this or that person who is to be elected to that responsible position till we come here this evening. With reference to the other brother whom we have elected in the person of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, there can be no question, there can be no difference of opinion; but when you come to the brother who is nominally responsible for your finances, and the only other elective officer we have it in our power to appoint, surely, brethren, we ought to have some notice or information why that usual nomination has been departed from. Now, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, I must

justify my coming before Grand Lodge this evening. I do it, I do not hesitate to state, in behalf of and in connection with that cause without some association with which I am never intruding myself on Grand Lodge; and it is on behalf of our great Masonic Institutions that I do say that if this office is one of responsibility, if this office be one of honour, if this office be one of repute, if this office be one of distinction, why do not we select for this office a brother who has made himself conspicuous not only by the responsibilities he has undertaken but by the generous support he has given to these Institutions? I would not for a single instant do the injustice of being the organ or mouthpiece of any section of Freemasonry that for one instant questioned the freest possible exercise of the high prerogative of the Grand Master in appointing his Grand Officers from year to year; but I will, whenever I have a justifiable pretext, stand here as the exponent of those who wish to see the privileges of Freemasonry entertained, and not overridden by secret councils. Now, brethren, there are a certain number of names that I have heard likely to be mentioned or proposed for the distinguished office of Grand Treasurer, and I must say that from the multifarious businesses many of us are engaged in, there has been no time or opportunity, whatever course had been proposed by our rulers or any one else, for consideration. I have thought, that we ought, when an opportunity was afforded, not to give our suffrages on this question to any brother who had not been adorned by the Grand Master with the modern purple; but I cannot tell this evening that any brother with the exception of the one who has just been nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer will be proposed who has not been so adorned; and, therefore, without consultation, for the purpose of nominating one who has honoured himself by his large-hearted support of our Charities, and who has also had the purple awarded to him, and, I think, seventeen years ago very worthily indeed received that honour, I am about to propose, in order to test whether we shall have this election in our hands or not, and whether you, brethren, feel with me that those who support our Institutions have done as great and good services in connection with Freemasonry as it is possible to be effected, and whether you will by your spontaneous suffrages, if these brethren have been honoured already, add honours to them, and if they have not had honours conferred upon them when a worthy name is submitted to you you will confer the honours on them—I wish to test it this evening. I do not wish to detain you further, but I will simply propose the name of our worthy brother, Colonel Creaton, Past Grand Deacon, who has been a great supporter of our various Institutions, is a Trustee of them, a member of all our Committees, a most liberal and constant supporter of all the Charities, and who for many years of his life has been one who shows the greatest interest in Freemasonry. Let us under such circumstances, when for the first time in twenty-seven years and upwards the office of Grand Treasurer is placed in our nomination, show that we can reward a Past Grand Deacon who, by seventeen years of hard work in our cause, has proved himself worthy of the high honour of having that office conferred upon him.

Bro. James Terry, Prov. G.D.C. Herts: Most Worshipful Pro G. Master, I have much pleasure in seconding the nomination of our Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton as Grand Treasurer.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, it is my duty to call upon any brother who has any other candidate to propose for this office.

Bro. J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes: Most Worshipful Pro. G. Master, I ask to be entitled to say a word or two on what has been said by our Bro. Binckes, because I think what I may say will be useful to this Grand Lodge. While I agree with a good deal which has been uttered by our Bro. Binckes I do not agree with all. I rather think and imagine that Grand Lodge will perhaps take it from him that the reason of the first nomination of Grand Treasurer to-night is the result of some terrible inquisition. Now I am prepared to say for myself that I am in the councils of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and that till I entered Grand Lodge to-night I had not the smallest notion of who was going to be proposed as Grand Treasurer in the place of our late much-respected Bro. Tomkins. I did not know who was going to be proposed, and I say this in Grand Lodge because I do not like it to be said in Grand Lodge that there is anything secret. Brethren who are in a Masonic position must judge what is best for the general good of the Craft. Every one will know and admit that; but do not let it be thought that these matters are arranged beforehand, and I am sure this has not been the case in this instance. I had not the smallest notion, though I am one of the Grand Officers, of who was likely to be nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer to-night.

Bro. McIntyre, G.R.: Most Worshipful Pro G. Master I am not about to propose any candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer, but I wish to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to some facts, because the brethren seem to be led away upon this subject by Bro. Binckes from the usual practice at the election of Grand Master and Treasurer. Now, on this subject the Book of Constitutions is clear in its provisions. The Book of Constitutions enacts that "the Grand Master shall, according to ancient usage, be nominated at the Quarterly Communication in December," proposed for election in March, and installed at the Grand Festival. The Book of Constitutions is also clear in what it says respecting the Grand Treasurer; he does not require a nomination. If my memory serves me right, and in this Grand Lodge it goes back to a very long period, I never recollect the Grand Treasurer being nominated at the Quarterly Communication in December. I have known him always proposed and elected in March, and it is well

known that one particular brother during his lifetime was constantly brought forward. Grand Lodge was never at any time taken by surprise in that proposition; but I venture to say this, that it matters not whether the nomination takes place in December, no other nomination might be made in March; because if other nominations might be made in March it would be free to every brother to consult his own feelings, to act for what he considered the good of the Craft, and to come forward prepared to propose a brother for the office of Grand Master. If on the other hand a nomination is to be made in the month of December, the whole of Grand Lodge would be shut out in the month of March, and no one so nominated could be put up for election for the Grand Master, because no one not nominated in December can be put for election in March. The provisions of the Book of Constitutions have been acted upon on this occasion, as I trust they are on every other occasion; and therefore there is no irregularity in the present proceedings. On the proposition of Bro. Cave on the one side, and Bro. Binckes on the other, I shall not offer any opinion at all; but I do think it is my duty, as one of the officers of Grand Lodge to whom is confided the task of seeing that Grand Lodge law is correctly laid down, to place before you that which the Book of Constitutions enacts.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.: M.W. Pro Grand Master, our Bro. Binckes was perfectly right when he said the nomination of Grand Treasurer took place in December. I have myself nominated in December, and it has been carried. No doubt, as our Bro. Grand Registrar says, no question was ever raised to Bro. Tomkins, but as far as I know, ever since I have been connected with Grand Lodge I have always known Grand Treasurer nominated in December, and, as I have said, I have done it myself.

Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.S.: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, it is a very delicate subject I quite admit to propose any one in competition with those two brethren, who have already been suggested to this Grand Lodge as Grand Treasurer, but when I name one brother for the office I am quite sure that the brethren who have nominated them will admit to you, and that you will assent, that a more worthy, a more earnest, a more eager, and more active Mason has perhaps never of late years shown himself in this Grand Lodge. I refer to Bro. John Moxon Clabon, who has been well known for the last twenty or thirty years among us, a man of high social position, a man of high standing in the City—all necessary positions—and who in this Grand Lodge has over and over again come here to advocate the cause of the Benevolent Fund of which he is the President; and I am sure that from his activity, and from the desire he has to devote himself to the interests of Masonry, no better man could you have for Grand Treasurer than Bro. John Moxon Clabon. Therefore, M.W. Pro G.M., with your permission, I beg to propose Bro. J. M. Clabon as Grand Treasurer—I have had no communication with him on the subject; it is quite a voluntary proposal on my part—if he will accept the office, though I do not know that he will.

Bro. G. P. Britten: M.W. Pro G.M., I presume the nomination just made requires seconding, and it will give me great pleasure to second the name of Bro. Clabon. I am sure that in the whole Craft we shall find no man more zealous and able than Bro. Clabon, and if he will accept the office of Grand Treasurer, I am sure he will be doing good to the cause of Masonry, and conferring upon us a great obligation. I am just informed that Bro. Ferdinand de Rothschild, who has been proposed as our Grand Treasurer, is a Mason only newly made, only two or three months; that he has never passed the chair. (Cries of "Oh, oh.") If that statement is wrong, I beg pardon, but I am informed that he has not yet passed the Master's chair, and he is not even entitled to be present in Grand Lodge. If that is so I cannot think, and nothing will induce me to believe, that such a man should be proposed for the greatest honour it is in our power to give. I beg to second the nomination of Bro. Clabon as Grand Treasurer.

Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D.: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, I have been proposed for this Grand Office without any previous knowledge, except that my Bro. Brackstone Baker told me a few minutes ago that he was going to propose me. If I was in competition with Bro. Ferdinand de Rothschild alone I might be disposed to go to the poll with him; but I am very loth to go to the poll with my dear old friend Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton. (Great applause.) I have known Lieut.-Col. Creaton many years in Masonry, and in various charities, more particularly our own Masonic Charities, and I know there is no man that deserves honour more than Col. Creaton.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Then Bro. Clabon has withdrawn. (Cries of "No, no.")

Bro. J. M. Clabon: Having been proposed by Bro. Brackstone Baker, and seconded by Bro. Britten, I think it would be unfair to withdraw; but I adhere to what I said before, that I do not wish to go to the poll with Col. Creaton.

Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, will you allow me to say, in answer to Bro. Britten, that Bro. Ferdinand de Rothschild was made a Mason in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, in 1860 or 1861, at the time I happened to be Master of that lodge.

Bro. G. P. Britten: Most W. Pro Grand Master, then I am sorry I made the statement I did that Bro. de Rothschild was only a new Mason. I must have been misinformed.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Has any brother any other candidate to propose? Brethren, it appears that there are three candidates before this Grand Lodge for election to the office of Grand Treasurer—Bros. Ferdinand de Rothschild, Col. Creaton, and Clabon. I shall take those three names successively, and shall call for a show of hands in favour of each. If, of course, the show of hands should be overwhelmingly clear and distinct in favour of any one

of those candidates I shall not proceed to verify it by actual voting; but if there is any doubt on the subject I shall require Grand Lodge to divide; and I think that will be the best way to do it.

The election was then taken, when the show of hands for Col. Creaton was enormously in excess of the show of hands in favour of the other two candidates.

The Earl of Carnarvon: I have to announce to Grand Lodge that by an incontestable and enormous majority Bro. Col. Creaton is elected. (Loud applause.)

Bro. Col. Creaton, who was received with loud cheers, said: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and brethren, I am taken a little aback, for I was not aware when I entered this hall to-night that my name would have been proposed for this honourable office. I thank you very much for this honour that has been conferred upon me, and I assure you that nothing shall be wanting on my part to carry out the duties of the office to which you have elected me with honour and integrity.

The Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, was then taken, and the following grants were confirmed:—

	£	s.	d.
The five orphans of a brother of the Clapton Lodge, 1365, Clapton ...	100	0	0
A brother of the Belvidere Lodge, 593, Maidstone... ..	100	0	0
A brother of the Albion Lodge, 9, London ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Barnard Lodge, 1230, Barnard Castle	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Vitruvian Lodge, 87, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Freedom, 77, Gravesend	100	0	0
A brother of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, 20, Chatham	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, 19, London	100	0	0

NOTE.—A grant of £100 was made to this brother on the 4th of December, 1878, which lapsed, in consequence of his death, on the 24th of December, before confirmation of the grant by Grand Lodge.

The widow of a brother of the Ranelagh Lodge, 834, London... .. 75 0 0

A brother of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, 574, Newbury 75 0 0

Report of the Board of General Purposes.
To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.
The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of February ult., shewing a balance in the Bank of England of £7828 16s. 1d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £96 15s. (Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
18th February, 1879.

Bro. John B. Monckton: Most Worshipful Pro. Grand Master, I am happy to be able to state, as the members of the Grand Lodge will see by the paper, that beyond the ordinary statement, the Board, although they have been busy during the last quarter, has nothing to draw the attention of Grand Lodge to particularly. It must be very satisfactory to Grand Lodge to know that all that has been done does not call for any special report. I move that this report be received and entered on the minutes.

The motion having been seconded, was duly carried.
Grand Secretary then read the report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1878, which was adopted.

Bro. McIntyre, G.R., brought up the appeal and protest of Bro. George John Ryan, District Grand Senior Warden of the Argentine Republic, against the action of the District Grand Lodge in repealing some of the bye-laws, against the wishes of the District Grand Master, and contrary to the provisions of the treaty entered into between the Grand Orient of the Argentine Republic and the Grand Lodge of England, authorising the establishment of a District Grand Lodge at Buenos Ayres, under the English Constitution.

Bro. McIntyre said that by the treaty entered into between Grand Lodge of England many years ago and the Grand Orient of the Argentine Republic, Grand Lodge had the power to establish lodges in that Republic, and to name a District Grand Lodge and Grand Master to rule over them. The representative of England was to be a Provincial Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge was to have the power of framing bye-laws of their own, and the Grand Master to appoint his Deputy and officers. With respect to Provincial Grand Lodges the English Book of Constitutions enacted that "the Provincial Grand Lodge has the power of framing bye-laws for its own government, and of making regulations for the guidance of the private lodges of the province; provided that none of these be contrary to or inconsistent with the laws and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge; but such bye-laws shall not be valid until submitted to and approved by the Most Worshipful Grand Master." That was the state of things which existed when the Provincial Grand Lodge was established in the Argentine Republic. District Grand Lodges were now placed in a very similar position, for the Book of Constitutions said with respect to District Grand Lodges—"District Grand Lodges may make rules and regulations for the management and conduct of their own proceedings, and of those of any Committee of their own body, and may alter such rules as they think fit; but no rule or regulation shall be in force until approved by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England." The dispute that had arisen between the appellant in this

case, who was the District Grand Warden, and the District Grand Lodge was whether the District Grand Lodge had the power of framing bye-laws for itself and the government of private lodges; and Bro. Ryan, who seemed to have taken great interest in the matter, and to have displayed very great research, had been actuated no doubt by what he considered to be a spirit of loyalty to his chief, and I brought the motion forward in this way. He said that by the articles of the treaty between Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Orient of the Argentine Republic the Provincial Grand Master was to be sole ruler and governor, to be superior to the whole province, and to have the power of vetoing any bye-laws that might be promulgated by the Provincial Grand Lodge; and he said that if the District Grand Lodge had the power to frame bye-laws, and those bye-laws were not submitted to the District Grand Master, he was reduced to the position of Chairman of the meeting. Certain modifications were made in the bye-laws. A Committee was appointed to consider the bye-laws and to report to the District Grand Lodge. Bro. Ryan opposed that, because he said the Provincial Grand Master was the only person who could be called upon to frame the bye-laws, and that the power ought not to be delegated to the body of the brethren. The District Grand Master seemed to have taken a great deal of trouble about it; he called a Board of Masters, but they did not appear to have sat as a Committee. They did meet, and the opinion of the District Grand Master was taken whether the District Grand Lodge had the power. They thought they had. Out of eighteen brethren assembled, fifteen votes were for sending the bye-laws to a Committee to be revised. Hence the appeal. It seemed to him (Bro. McIntyre) that if anything was clear with respect to the Constitutions of Freemasons it was this, that they were the statutes by which the body of Freemasons was governed. They overrode anything and everything. Grand Lodge was bound by them as well as private lodges. The ruling power was really Grand Lodge, and the bye-laws of District Grand Lodges would not be of any force until they had been approved by the Grand Master of England. The whole status of the District Grand Master stood in exactly the same position at the time the treaty was made. The Book of Constitutions gave the District Grand Lodges power to frame bye-laws, and if the District Grand Lodge at Buenos Ayres delegated to a Committee power to consider bye-laws, and bring up a report, they were acting strictly in accordance with the power given to them. Although Bro. Ryan had taken great pains in this matter, and appeared to be actuated by the best spirit, he (Grand Registrar) advised that his appeal could not be sustained, and, therefore, must be dismissed.

Bro. James Mason, P.G.S.B., seconded the motion, which was put and carried, and Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge met in great strength on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at Anderson's Hotel. There were present Bros. Dairy, W.M.; Rumball, S.W.; Morrison, J.W.; Carter, P.M.; Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Mallett, I.P.M.; Clark, I.G.; Tisley, W.S.; Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, P.M.; Taylor, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Thomas, P.M.; Kennett, P.M.; Waygood, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; and T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, J.D. (*Freemason*). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. Kendall, passed Bros. Bendall, Joy, and Lloyd, and initiated Mr. Wadcoat, the ceremonies being well performed. The W.M. and Past Masters Hopwood and Mallett having been elected trustees of the benevolent fund, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a well-served banquet. The visitors were Bros. Gompertz, P.M. 869, P.P.G.P. of Herts; Wilson, P.M. 1155; C. Kendall, J.W. 1625; Docker, J.W. 1687; Harrison, S.D. 1681; Nailor, 174; Rowe, 1558; Handel, 1656; Booth, Victoria, and Phillips, St. David (Scotland). Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the preliminary toasts with commendable brevity, and they having been duly acknowledged, the I.P.M., in very flattering terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M." In the course of his speech he said that the W.M. had tried very hard to give the brethren every satisfaction, and he believed that thus far he had succeeded. Previously to his election Bro. Dairy had been a frequent attendant at lodges of instruction, in order to make himself conversant with the duties of the chair. As a Past Master of the Faith Lodge he (Bro. Mallett) was quite satisfied with the manner in which their W.M. had hitherto discharged his responsibilities, and he felt confident that the character of their old lodge would be safe in his hands. In conclusion, he congratulated the W.M. upon having so good a staff of officers, whose efforts had so greatly assisted him in the carrying out of his duties. This toast having been received most warmly, the W.M. briefly replied, by stating that notwithstanding the very kind manner in which the I.P.M. had dilated upon his working capabilities he felt that that might be did not deserve such encomiums. He was suffering from a nervous indisposition, and consequently he could not do justice to the ritual's, but on the next occasion he hoped to do much

better. In concluding his remarks the W.M. took occasion to revert to the glorious success that had attended the festival of the R.M.B.I. As one of the Stewards he had been well supported by the brethren, which was evidenced by the fact that he had gone up with a list of upwards of £100; and he had been informed by the Secretary of the Institution that that amount had never been equalled by any Steward of the Faith Lodge before. (Applause.) In giving "The Initiate," the W.M. said that Bro. Wadcoat was an old friend of his, and that it had afforded him, the W.M., a great deal of satisfaction at being the means of introducing him to Masonry. He assured the initiate that with a fair amount of perseverance in a few years he might hope to attain the proud position of W.M. of the Lodge of Faith. In the attainment of that laudable desire he would receive every assistance from the Past Masters of the lodge. The brethren of the Faith Lodge were always gratified at receiving new members who were likely to do credit to the lodge, and he believed in the present instance that such anticipations would be fully realised. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the newly-admitted brother made a suitable and modest response. "The Visitors" followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Harrison and Gompertz. "The Past Masters" came next in order, and was responded to in a few well chosen sentences by Bro. Hopwood. The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Rumball, S.W., brought the proceedings to a termination.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Church Institute, Bolton, at six o'clock in the evening. Present, Bros. Saml. Crowther, W.M.; James Brown, I.P.M.; Rorke Pennington, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Gibbon, Chaplain; E. M. Garstang, S.D.; F. W. Pacey, Organist; J. Robinson, I.G.; J. W. Roiley, Tyler; P.M.'s G. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. S.G.D.; James Walker, R. K. Freeman, and W. H. Horrocks. Visitor, Bro. Ralph Bexley, 86. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been confirmed, the report of the Committee on the subject of lodge accommodation was deferred for further consideration. It was resolved that the W.M. with two other members of the lodge be appointed to confer with three representatives from each lodge in the town, to take into consideration the propriety of renting, erecting, or purchasing premises in which all the Masonic bodies in the town can be accommodated. Hearty good wishes were expressed from Lodge of Loyalty, Prescott, and Lindsay Lodge, Wigan, and St. George's Lodge, Bolton. After reading a portion of the ancient charges, the lodge was closed at eight o'clock in good harmony.

HULL.—Humber Lodge (No. 57).—The members of this old lodge, which was founded in the year 1736, met in their large handsome rooms in the Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, Hull, on Tuesday last. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Among those present were Bros. H. Toozes, W.M.; Wm. Day Keyworth, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works; Wm. Tesseyman, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works; Wm. Nedler, P.M.; John Hilton, P.M.; Thomas D. Wing, S.W.; R. Beevers, J.W.; Joseph Hindson, Sec.; Thomas Proctor, S.D.; G. Storry, Org.; W. D. North, I.G.; and the following brethren: Bros. E. Kidd, W. B. Wilkinson, W. J. Martensen, E. Lancaster, Hugh Mair, F. Kipps (1531), T. Ross, W. Vickerman, G. Gibson, T. Feetum, G. Selby, T. Middleton, W. North, T. Jameson, J. Dawson, G. Batty, J. Priest, George Robinson, James Walker, James Taylor, S. Newlane, and W. Cuthbert. Visitors: Bros. Fleitshoefler (Irene, No. 87, Dutch Constitution), and F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*). The Secretary read a report from the Committee of the Benevolent and Pension Fund, which was unanimously confirmed. The lodge being opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Selby, acting as Junior Deacon, gave an interesting lecture on the Tracing Board of that degree. The W.M., Bro. Toozes, then, in a most eloquent and able manner, passed Bro. James Walker to the degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was then lowered to the First Degree, when Bro. Cohen proposed, and Bro. Proctor, S.D., seconded, that a vote of condolence be sent to Mrs. Crier and family, on the occasion of the decease of Bro. Thomas H. Crier, Prov. Grand Tyler, and Tyler of the Humber Lodge for the last eight years. The vote was carried unanimously. After the name of a candidate for Freemasonry had been submitted, the lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards sat down to an ample supper, provided by the chief Steward, Bro. Kidd, at the conclusion of which the following toasts were given:—"The Queen and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.;" "Lord Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.;" "Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G.M.;" "The Prov. Rulers." The toast of "The Visitors and the Press" was then given, coupled with the name of our representative, to which Bro. Kelly replied. After a little harmony the brethren separated, until the third Tuesday of the present month.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Integrity (No. 163).—The usual monthly meeting of this admirable lodge was held on Wednesday, Feb. 26th, at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Bro. Henry Walley, W.M., occupying the chair of K.S., supported by his respective officers, viz.—Bros. John E. Williams, S.W.; Alfred Heald, J.W.; J. M. Sinclair, S.D.; Joseph Senior, J.D.; B. Williams, P.M., Treas.; William Seddeley, Sec.; H. Warburton, P.M., Org.; and George F. Smith, I.G. We say admirable advisedly, because the almost faultless manner in which the working is done, added to the perfect concord which always reigns amongst its members, and combined with the munificent donations to the Masonic and other charities, renders it one of the most distinguished lodges in the province. The minutes of the previous lodge night having been

read and confirmed, Bro. John Bird Sumner, of the Richmond Lodge, No. 1011, was balloted for, and unanimously elected a joining member. With this exception there was no other business (owing to a brother, who was to have been passed, failing to put in an appearance), and this was a most unusual feature in connection with this lodge, and the like of which has not happened for the last three years. The lodge was therefore closed with due ceremony, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment board, where a most enjoyable evening was spent, several of the brethren showing a more than ordinary amount of talent, both vocally and instrumentally.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).—The February meeting of this lodge was held at the Swan Hotel on Thursday, the 27th ult., and there were present Bros. Capt. Colburne, W.M., presiding; Capt. Green, acting I.P.M.; R. H. Coombs, S.W.; H. Thody, J.W.; J. Carter, S.D.; R. B. Stafford, J.D.; R. Boughton-Smith, acting I.G.; Dr. Prior, P.M., Sec.; J. Sergeant, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Bull, P.M., Steward; G. Reynolds, Tyler; Piper, Org.; Past Masters G. P. Nash, Billson; Bros. Kilpin, Hetherington, Pick, H. Allen, Roberts, Foster, Jarvis, Page, Chibnall; and as visitor Bro. Higgins, of the St. Aubyn, 954. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the former lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Page being a candidate to be raised to the degree of M.M., was examined, and satisfied the lodge; he then retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Page was raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M., who, by the way in which he did the work gained great praise from the brethren. A gentleman, residing in a neighbouring village, was duly proposed and seconded for initiation at the next meeting, and a brother residing in Bedford, and a member of the Ionic, 227, was proposed and seconded as a joining member. Bro. Boughton-Smith having signified his intention of being a Steward at the Boys' School Festival in April, and offering to represent the Stuart Lodge, notice was given to vote a certain sum to be placed on Bro. Smith's list at the next meeting. Other items of business were disposed of, and the brethren, after a protracted meeting, adjourned for refreshment, and spent a very pleasant evening, which was greatly enhanced by the excellent manner in which our Bro. Carter accompanied Bro. Stafford's singing.

DEPTFORD.—Royal Oak Lodge (No. 871).—The nineteenth installation meeting of this well-established lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the White Swan Hotel, High-street. Punctually at half-past four the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. G. T. Limn. The minutes of the election meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read, received, and unanimously adopted, and ordered to be entered on the lodge minute book. It showed a good balance in the hands of the Treasurer. Bro. Henry Clarke being a candidate for passing, was interrogated, entrusted, and withdrew. On his re-admission Bro. Henry Clarke was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Freemason, the ceremony being splendidly rendered, and reflected the greatest credit on Bro. G. T. Limn, W.M. The all-important event of the evening was the installation of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Robert Harman, a local and highly respected celebrity, who had done good suit and service in the lodge, and to the parish where he and his sires have resided for upwards of a century, a large number of Installed Masters being present. Bro. J. J. Pakes, I.P.M., took the chair, and in a most graceful manner installed Bro. Robert Harman, W.M., who appointed as his officers Bros. J. G. Vohmann, S.W.; G. Harvey, J.W.; W. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; W. A. R. Harris, S.D.; E. Good, J.D.; G. Porter, I.G.; G. Andrews, P.M., D.C.; H. J. Tuson, W.S.; J. Bavin, P.M. 147, Tyler; G. T. Limn, I.P.M. Bro. G. Andrews, P.M., D.C., in his usual faultless manner gave the address, cordial votes of thanks being given to Bros. J. J. Pakes and G. Andrews for their excellent working of the all-important ceremony of installation. We were pleased to see this ceremony so well rendered, and it reminded us of the predecessors who had worked it in that lodge, a list of eminent worthies commencing with Bro. H. Muggelidge, who did the consecration and installed the first W.M., Bro. Dr. Dixon, who in his turn installed the late Bro. Dr. Scott, who installed Bro. G. Wilton; then followed on Bro. H. A. Collington, the well-known Preceptor, who is matchless in his work. Afterwards came the veteran Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., who so frequently has done his share at installations. We were sorry to miss his well-known face, and sorry to learn his absence was caused by a severe and painful illness. Some others might be mentioned who had done their share of installations at this lodge. Suffice it to say that we can look with satisfaction on those who so worthily fill the post of honour of Installing Master in this lodge. It shows the young will emulate the old, and in many instances if possible surpass them. The next important event was the presenting of a costly Past Master's jewel to Bro. George Thomas Limn (there being a strong feeling to give honour where it was due), which had been unanimously voted to him from the lodge funds as a slight recognition of the admirable manner in which he had conducted the affairs and business of the lodge during his year of office. Bro. G. T. Limn, in a graceful speech, acknowledged this present. A petition to the Lodge of Benevolence from a brother who was overtaken by unforeseen misfortunes was unanimously supported, and signed by nearly all who were present, supplemented by votes from the benevolent fund of the lodge by amounts of a little over ten pounds. The name of one gentleman was given in for initiation at the next lodge meeting. The successful result of the hard work of Bro. James George Thomas was announced, who had represented this lodge as its Steward at the festival of the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the

Widows of Freemasons. His list was a long way above the average, and helped to swell the large amount of over £14,000, which was gathered at that festival. He was warmly congratulated over his success. All business being ended, the lodge was closed, and adjourned to meet on Thursday, April 24th. There were present besides those named Bros. H. A. Collington, P.M.; J. Truelove, F.M.; J. Woollett, R. J. Harvey, J. Rennie, R. T. Stringer, H. W. F. Fellows, J. W. Hadington, C. F. Buhler, W. Simmons, W. Abbott, G. Wildermuth, J. Baibele, J. Sanders, G. C. Whibley, F. G. G. Bax, W. H. Luckcraft, J. Stanley, G. Hill, and others. Amongst a large number of visitors we noticed Bros. C. Bredan, W.M. 781; J. Lightfoot, P.M. 147; J. Mott, 147; J. Dawkins, J.D. 79; J. Warcup, 140; R. W. Robinson, 879; J. M. Hunt, I.G. 1662; A. Cunningham, 1625, and others. A splendid banquet, which reflected the greatest credit on Bro. Morgan, the host, was served under his personal superintendence; all were pleased with it. The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to. Songs, recitations, &c., were indulged in, and brought to a close a pleasant evening, when the brethren separated to enjoy "Tired nature's sweet repose, balmy sleep."

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. There were present, Bros. Capt. Sewell, W.M.; T. Bird, S.W.; T. C. Robinson, J.W.; J. Black, I.P.M.; W. Shilton, P.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. F. Lamony, P.M. (Freemason); J. Fearon, Sec.; H. Peacock, S.D.; R. W. Robinson, J.D.; R. Harrison, I.G.; W. Paisley, Steward; J. Hewson, Tyler; R. Bailey, J. Evening, J. Towers, J. Borrowscale, T. C. Fearon, J. C. Nicholson, and T. Mason. Visitors:—Bros. H. Cook, P.M. 119 and 1225, P.G.S.W.; A. Taylor, P.M. 1532, P.P.G.S.B. The lodge being opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Mason subsequently gave proof of his proficiency as a F.C., and was regularly raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., assisted by his officers, the J.D. giving the latter part of the traditional history, the J.W. presenting the working tools, and the S.W. delivering the closing charge of the degree. After the lodge had been closed down and hearty good wishes tendered from Lodges 119, 1073, and 1532, Bro. Cook G.S.W., warmly complimented the W.M. on the manner in which he had performed the work of the evening, this being only the second meeting after the installation. Bro. Cook further expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to be present in Skiddaw Lodge after a lapse of twelve or thirteen years, and he should take the earliest opportunity to convey to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master the excellent way in which the W.M. and his officers had performed their duties. Bro. Lamony, P.M., having intimated his wish that the notice of motion for the formation of a Masonic library in connection with the lodge stand over for a month, when there would be more time to discuss it, the lodge was closed with the customary hymn, "Now the evening shadows closing."

DRIFFIELD.—Sykes Lodge (No. 1040).—The members of this lodge met in their hall, on Wednesday, 19th ult., for the installation of the following officers, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Richard Boggett, P.M.; Bros. W. Santon, W.M.; E. Wilson, P.M.; J. Dunn, S.W.; J. S. Wilson, J.W.; R. Teal, P.M., Treas.; S. Chadwick, Chap.; H. Holgreaves, Sec.; M. Simpson, S.D.; G. Bielby, J.D.; R. Hornby, D.C.; J. Elgey, P.M.; J. T. Kirby, I.G.; W. Barmby and W. Ross, Stewards; R. Potts, Tyler. The installation banquet was held in the evening, at the Bell Hotel, when several of the brethren from neighbouring lodges attended.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of this popular lodge was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, where there was an attendance of about eighty members and visitors. The chair was occupied by Bro. Lindo Courtenay, W.M., and amongst the Craft principals present were Bros. W. J. Chapman, I.P.M.; J. Bell, P.M., D.C., P.G.S.; B. B. Marson, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B.; J. McKenzie, S.W.; W. W. Sandbrook, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; J. Atkinson, Sec.; F. Emery, J.D.; J. Pyer, I.G.; W. Savage, S.S.; H. P. Squire, J.S.; R. Burgess, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The brethren included Bros. J. M. Boyd, J. Shrapnell, P. Lowndes, J. Hill, H. Leslie, H. Holden, Thomson, Ballard, W. M. Annand, J. R. Brown, F. Cowdell, Rac, Ashley, Meers, Stimson, Dixon, Wainwright, Walton, Johnson, and others. The Three Degrees were down on the circular, but as Mr. T. W. Robertson (son of the celebrated author of "Caste," and other comedies), who was unanimously elected, had to go to London on business, his initiation was postponed. Bros. Wainwright, Stimson, Dixon, Hemming, and Wyatt were passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Holden, Hayter, and Burby were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. After two or three propositions for joining, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Several standard toasts were afterwards given, and during the evening capital songs were contributed by Bros. Webster, Williams, Greenwood, Walton, Hemming, Stimson, Bragginton, Chapman, and others, Bro. R. Burgess, Org., presiding at the piano.

BOLTON.—St. George's Lodge (No. 1723).—The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Commercial Hotel, at 6 o'clock in the evening. The following were present:—Bros. Job H. Greenhalgh, W.M.; N. Nicholson, S.W.; Henry Stead, as J.W.; J. M. Rutter, P.M., Sec.; Jas. Heywood, S.D.; W. Court, J.D.; R. Latham, I.G.; J. W. Taylor, P. Prov. G.O.; M. of C.; John Barratt, Steward; J. W. Roiley, Tyler; Past

Masters G. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. G.D.; J. M. Entwisle P. Prov. G. S. of W.; C. Stanley, James Richardson, T. Morris; Bros. Smith, Cosgrave, Blain, Bradburn, Brierley, Ramwell, Harwood, Holt, and Priestley. The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. James Hall, late of Lodge 221, was balloted for, and elected a joining member. Mr. William Daniel Hughes, of Bolton, was balloted for, and approved as a candidate for initiation; Bros. Ramwell, Harwood, Holt, and Priestley having passed a satisfactory examination as to their proficiency, retired; the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Ramwell, Harwood, Holt, and Priestley were passed to the degree of F.C. by Bro. J. M. Entwisle, and the working tools of the degree were explained by the S. Warden. Bro. Hargreaves having been examined and entrusted, he, with the other candidates, retired, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Hargreaves was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. Charles Stanley, who also instructed him in the working tools of the degree. Closed to the First Degree. Mr. William Daniel Hughes was duly initiated into Masonry by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, the working tools were explained by the J.W., and the charge delivered from the chair. The Secretary reported that seven of the brethren in the lodge had officiated as Stewards at the festival for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, which was held in London under the presidency, of Col. Starkie, Prov. G. Master of East Lancashire—viz., Bros. Brockbank, Entwisle, Taylor, Ferguson, Rutter, Nicholson, Court. Bro. Cosgrave, M.D., was proposed as a joining member. A portion of the ancient rules and charges was read by the Senior Warden, and the lodge closed at 9 p.m. The brethren adjourned to banquet, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

INSTRUCTION.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—The first meeting of the above lodge of instruction, since the alteration in the evening for meeting, was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Spread Eagle Hotel. The following were amongst the brethren present:—Bros. W. A. Blackmore, W.M.; J. Frost, S.W.; W. F. Wardroper, J.W.; J. G. Carter, A. N. Newens, S.D.; J. J. Holland, J.D.; P. V. Denham, I.G.; H. J. Newens, and A. A. Denham, Sec. The ceremonies of the Second and Third Degrees were worked, Bro. Blackmore working the Second (with Bro. C. E. Golding as candidate) and Bro. J. G. Carter the Third, when Bro. A. N. Newens went through the ceremony of being raised. The question of providing proper Masonic clothing was discussed, but the question was deferred until after the meeting of the regular lodge (1044). The brethren warmly appreciated the kindness of Bro. Carter as Preceptor. Bro. Charles E. Golding (of the 1216) was unanimously elected a member.

Royal Arch.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Abbey Chapter (No. 1225).—The annual installation in connection with the above chapter was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hartington Hotel. E. Comp. M. Haslam was installed M.E.Z.; E. Comp. G. Cornfield, H.; and Comp. E. J. Morgan, J. The ceremony was efficiently performed by E. Comp. Brooke, P.P.G.S.N., and E. Comp. R. Worrall, P.P.G.S. of Cheshire. Subsequently the M.E.Z. installed his officers as follows:—Comps. H. J. Klyne, S.E.; J. Settle, S.N.; G. Cornfield, P.Z., Treas.; J. Read, P.S.; C. P. Richards, 1st Asst. S.; W. Bath, and Asst. S.; S. S. Lord, Organist; D. Smyth, S.S.; G. Nelson, J.S.; and W. Ford, Janitor. E. Comp. Hoeker, P.Z., then presented E. Comp. Brooke, on behalf of the chapter, with a portrait of himself, as a recognition of the great services he had rendered to the chapter, and of the difficulties which had been overcome in the formation of the chapter and in its subsequent maintenance, owing to the zeal he had displayed in the movement, and the assistance he had rendered with a view of promoting its welfare. The portrait represented E. Comp. Brooke wearing the robes and insignia of his office as the first M.E.Z. of the chapter. The portrait was taken by Comp. C. P. Richards, and enlarged and painted in oils, and was in every respect not only a worthy and fitting present, but was a credit to the artistic taste of Comp. Richards. It was mounted in a rich gold frame, and the following inscription was engraved at the foot:—"Presented to E. Comp. R. A. Brooke, P.P.G.S.N., first Z. of the Chapter No. 1225, 1878." E. Comp. Brooke then made a suitable reply, and thanked the companions for this proof of the services he had rendered. He begged to present the chapter with the portrait, and wished it the greatest possible success. The M.E.Z. then presented, on behalf of the chapter, a P.Z.'s jewel to E. Comp. Hoeker for the manner in which he had conducted the business of the chapter during the past year. The jewel, which was supplied by E. Comp. Kenning, London, was of elegant design in gold, and was engraved as follows:—"Abbey Chapter, No. 1225. Presented to E. Comp. R. Hoeker in recognition of the zeal with which he discharged his duties as M.E.Z. for the year ending 26th February, 1879." Bro. Hoeker having replied, the chapter was closed according to ancient custom. The companions retired to an adjoining room, where dinner was provided by Mr. Beardmore, the M.E.Z. occupying the chair. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given and duly honoured, and the evening was enlivened with songs given by various companions.

Prince Leopold has sent a contribution of £50 towards the Birkbeck Literary and Scientific Institution Building Fund.

Knights Templar.

KEOKUK, U.S.A.—Damascus Commandery (No. 5).—The 12th Feb. was an eventful day in the history of Masonry in this city. It was the time fixed for conferring the Order of the Red Cross upon a number of candidates. This ceremony was commenced at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and lasted until nearly 6. The candidates were Joseph Bennett, of this city, and Wm. G. Kent, S. Atlee, Edwin D. Smith, and Henry C. Spreen, of Fort Madison. The ceremony of conferring this Order was performed by Sir Knight Henry W. Rothert, P.G.M. and E.C. of Damascus Commandery. In the evening the ceremonies assumed a social character, and Masonic Hall was the scene of a brilliant and festive gathering, the occasion being a Red Cross banquet given in honour of the Order. The event was one that has been looked forward to with much interest, and for which extensive preparations were made. The hall was brightly illuminated and decorated with the banners of the commandery, the Sir Knights appeared in full uniform and displayed knightly gallantry, many of the ladies were handsomely dressed, and altogether the spectacle was a pleasing one to look upon. The company was composed exclusively of the Sir Knights of Damascus Commandery and their families, visiting Sir Knights and their wives, and representatives of the press. But these were sufficient to form a large assemblage. Shortly after 9 o'clock all present were formed into procession, and proceeded to the banquet hall with the ceremony incident to the occasion. A bounteous repast, gotten up by the wives of the Sir Knights, was then served. This partook of the generosity and hospitality for which the Sir Knights are noted in all these entertainments. Following the banquet came the toasts and responses. Sir Knight Rothert, E.C., was Master of the Ceremonies, and delivered the opening address, in which he alluded to the importance of the occasion, and thanked those who had assisted in making it so interesting. The first toast was:—"Our Ladies—God bless them." Response by Sir Knight Dr. J. M. Shaffer. Dr. Shaffer made a very appropriate response, referring to woman and her supremacy in highly complimentary terms. His remarks were warmly applauded. The next toast was:—"Masonry and Religion—the promptings of one are the teachings of the other." Response by Sir Knight Rev. R. C. McIlwaine, who traced the relations between Masonry and Christianity through various stages of their history, and said that while Masonry is not Christianity it is founded on Christianity, and its teachings are in harmony therewith. Joseph Bennett, one of the Zerrubabels, was then called upon and responded in a very happy manner. The next toast was:—"Templar Masonry—its aims, its purposes, and its enjoyments." Response by Sir Knight R. F. Bower, P.G.C. In introducing Bro. Bower, the Eminent Commander spoke of him in the most complimentary manner, and paid a high tribute to his services to Masonry and the distinction he has achieved in the Order. Bro. Bower acknowledged the honour in suitable words, and gave an interesting and scholarly review of the history of Temple Masonry. He spoke feelingly and eloquently of the prowess, the chivalry, the valiancy, the magnanimity, and the persecutions of the Knights Templar through all their eventful career. Sir Knight Bower spoke at considerable length, and his remarks were listened to with intense interest. It was the purpose to hear from the remainder of the Zerrubabels, and the following additional toasts were on the programme, but owing to the lateness of the hour it became necessary to adjourn the ceremonies:—"Faith, Hope, and Charity;" as knights and as Masons we are taught to have faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity towards all mankind. Response by Sir Knight Frank Allyn. "Masonry and Civil Government;" we recognise the authority of each, and promise obedience to both. Response by Sir Knight Rutledge Lea. "Our Absent Friends." Response by Sir Knight W. O. Crosby, of Centerville. After the banquet the remainder of the ceremony of the Red Cross Order was performed. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. Among the visitors present were H. Clay Stuart and wife, Robert E. Smith, Dr. A. C. Roberts, H. C. Spreen and wife, E. D. Smith and wife, Samuel Atlee and wife, Mrs. J. C. Blackburn and Wm. G. Kent, wife and niece, Fort Madison; W. O. Crosby and wife, and J. K. Boyles and wife, Centerville; R. Lea, Keosauqua; L. L. Therme, Wm. F. Grubb, and Wm. H. Manning, Farmington. During the evening Mr. Camp exhibited the operations of the phonograph in the hall, to the delight of all present.

India.

BOMBAY.—Keystone Chapter (No. 757, E.C.)—This chapter held its regular meeting at the Masonic Hall, Nesbit-lane, Byculla, Bombay, on Monday, the 13th January. Present, M.E. Comp. Counsell, P.Z.; V.E. Comp. Watson, P.H.; V.E. Comp. Cooper, P.J.; M.E. Comps. Barrow, P.P.Z.; Rowe, P.P.Z.; McKenzie, P.P.Z.; Comps. Tomlinson, Scribe E.; Kapadier, S.N.; Armstrong, P.S.; Brennan, 1st Assistant; Jones, 2nd Assistant; Robinson, Treasurer; Senger, Janitor. The summons convening the meeting was read. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The minutes of the permanent Committee were read, and M.E. Comp. P.Z. then informed the companions present that the business of the evening was of a pleasing nature—it was to present M.E. Comp. Barrow, P.P.Z., with a jewel of the chapter pattern for the long and valuable services he had rendered to the chapter. The jewel was then attached, with a few neat and appropriate remarks. M.E. Comp. Barrow replied in suitable terms. Read a letter from M.E. Comp. Mitchell, who was compelled to leave Bombay through sickness, and consequently tendered his

resignation, which was received with regret. Read a letter from M.E. Comp. Hussey, D.G.S.E., asking the chapter to consider the proposal therein made, re-establishing a District Grand Chapter of R.A. Freemasons of Bombay and its Territories, also asking the chapter to bear a share of the expenses of the attempt to establish the same in the year 1874. After some discussion on the subject it was agreed to pay the amount, viz., Rupees 38 3a. 1p, forthwith. In consequence of the retirement of M.E. Comp. Honourable J. Gibbs, D.G. Supt. and First P.Z. One companion was proposed and seconded as a joining member. There being no further business before the chapter, it was closed in due form at 8.30 p.m.

Autum in Parbo; or, Masonic Notes and Queries.

ANDERSON, JAMES, D.D.—His name is well known to all Masonic students and readers as the compiler of the first authoritative book issued by the Grand Lodge of England. There had been indeed, in 1722, published by John Roberts, "The Old Constitutions belonging to the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons." But to James Anderson belongs the credit, by order of the Grand Lodge, of giving to the Craft and to the world the first official account of Freemasonry. It has been contended that Désaguliers is the author of the Constitutions of 1723. But those who thus contend forget that Anderson himself says, at p. 74, edit. 1723, that he was the author—he being then Master of Lodge 17. Of James Anderson little, however, is known. He is said to have been born at Edinburgh in 1684, some say 1662, which is, we apprehend, erroneous. He was, it seems, minister of the Scottish Presbyterian Chapel in Swallow-street, Piccadilly, but more than this, so far, is not discoverable. It is not known where or when he was initiated into Freemasonry, but he was Worshipful Master of No. 17 in 1723. According to the Constitutions of 1738, the 17th lodge met at Berry's Coffee-house, Bridges-street. But we must remember, Bro. Hughan points out, that the 17 of 1738 was not the same as the 17 of 1723. We know not, therefore, what it was. Anderson then, apparently, was living in Exeter-court, Strand. In 1723, as we said before, appeared the first book of the English Constitution, now somewhat rare. In 1738 Anderson put out a second and much augmented edition, and a third appeared in 1746. This, however, is only 1738 with a new title page. Some say that Anderson died in 1739, others in 1746; 1739 is right, as announced in the "Gentleman's Magazine." We do not agree with Mackey's view, that considerable interpolations and alterations had been made by Anderson without authority in the edition of 1738. There are no doubt considerable additions, but they are made in bona fide, and were evidently the result of Anderson's more complete and careful study of M.S. documents and Constitutions, which have not yet been identified. The "Pocket Companion" of 1754 says that the alterations occurred owing either to his "ill health" or the "management of strangers." It appears to us that Anderson has been the subject of much unfair criticism. He was not ordered to write a new and florid history of Freemasonry or to compile one on his own authority; but he was to "peruse, correct, and digest into a new and better method, the history, charges, and regulations of the ancient fraternity," and this he certainly did. He gave us a clear and connected account of the Guild legends, and pointed distinctly to the fact, that the true history of Freemasonry is, after all, only the history of operative sodalities and successive ages of architecture. He did not profess to criticise or analyse the old traditions of the Guilds; he merely arranged them in a clear, readable, and concise narrative, and such as those old histories themselves of the Guilds were, such is Anderson's record. Anderson may probably have held what others have maintained, that Freemasonry through the Guilds went up to the mysteries, the outcome of corrupted antediluvian teaching, and thus to the lore of the "theodidaktoi." But there is nothing to blame in such views, and we cannot, it appears to us, judge Anderson fairly by our colder criticism of to-day, as the cases are essentially different. Knowing even in 1876 the great difficulties attendant on Masonic literature and Masonic history, we feel certain that no other course was open to Anderson than the one he so carefully followed—namely, of endeavouring to give to the Craft the Guild legends, as a simple traditional history. We do not expect to find in oral traditions, or ancient legends, the correctness of historical annals, and we should only take Anderson's "History of Freemasonry" for what it is—for what it professed to be—a lucid representation of the old operative cherished Constitutions and legends of Freemasonry. Anderson, despite his obvious faults in the eyes of the critical and authentic school, is yet the father of English Masonic History, and also the first of that educated band of students who have so long contended that the real history of our Order is to be found in that of the Operative Guilds and Sodalties of mediæval times, of early ages. He wrote one or two other works, and two well-known tracts, a "Defence of Masonry," 1730; "Observations and Critical Remarks on the New Constitutions," 1725. Some seem to doubt whether the latter work was his.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

A new mint is to be erected on the Victoria Embankment. The Court of Common Council have commenced preliminaries. Let us hope that the architecture will be satisfactory. We have the finest sites of any capital in Europe, if we had but the national art wherewith to embellish them.

CONSECRATION OF THE SOUTHDOWN LODGE, No. 1797.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex assembled at Hurstpierpoint, on Tuesday, Feb. 25th, to consecrate the Southdown Lodge, No. 1797, in the Grand Registry of England. The warrant was granted in December last, but a variety of circumstances delayed the opening ceremony. Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., being detained in London by his Parliamentary duties, the Deputy Provincial G.M. conducted the proceedings with the ability which invariably characterises his efforts. The music-room, as it is termed, was prepared as a lodge for the occasion with evident care. The floral decorations, lent by Messrs. Green and Son, added much to the beauty of the lodge and dining-rooms.

At three o'clock the proceedings commenced, nearly the whole of the Provincial Grand Officers and Stewards being in attendance. During the ceremony the Deputy Prov. G.M. and the Prov. G. Chaplain delivered appropriate addresses on the designs and uses of Freemasonry. Charity, they said, was the one aim and object of every sincere member of their Craft, which knew no religious distinctions, while the Great Architect of the Universe was looked up to as the Supreme Being who ruled their destinies.

The usual anthems and hymns used on such occasions were sung by Bros. Broadbridge, Roe, Gates, and Cole, Bro. A. King (Prov. G. Organist) accompanying on the harmonium.

The lodge having been regularly formed and properly dedicated the following were appointed its officers:—Bros. George Kelly King, P.G. Steward England, P.M. 4 and 1541, the first W.M.; James Curtis, P.M. 315, S.W.; Walter, Fitch, P.M. 1410, J.W.; E. Broadbridge, Sec.; J. Musson, S.D.; J. Fitch, J.D.; R. Pope, I.G.; H. Hughes, Tyler.

A committee having been appointed to draw up the by-laws of the lodge, several propositions were made of gentlemen wishing to become initiates and others to be balloted for as joining members.

The business proceedings ended, the brethren adjourned to the Sussex Hotel, where the event was celebrated by a banquet, at which about 80 were present. Messrs. Sayers and Marks, of Brighton, were entrusted with its preparation, and they catered most admirably. Those present included Bros. John H. Scott, Dep. Prov. Grand Master; W. Sergison, Prov. S.G.W.; H. M. Davey, G. Chaplain; C. A. Woolley, G. Registrar; V. P. Freeman, G. Sec.; W. Hale, S.G.D.; Mark Tanner, J.G.D.; J. M. Kidd, G.D.C.; W. G. Sharp, G.A.D.C.; C. Tomkinson, Superintendent of Works; Jos. Farncombe, G.S.B.; Alfred King, Grand Organist; W. T. Nell, G. Purst; G. T. Evershed, E. Bright, A. J. Hawkes, Frank Holford, E. B. McWhinnie, and F. J. Rubie, G. Stewards; H. Davey (Mayor of Brighton), W. Hudson, P.P.G.J. D.; W. Dawes, P.P.G.R.; G. Kelly King, James Curtis, Walter Fitch, E. Broadbridge, J. T. Musson, J. Fitch, T. Wilkinson, W.M. Royal Clarence, 271; John P. M. Smith, 271; P. J. Emery, 56; C. J. Carter, 315; S. Tanner, W.M. South Saxon, 311; J. Robertson, 811; E. S. Byass, W.M. Ockenden, 1465; E. Taylor, W.M. Mid-Sussex, 1141; H. F. Hauxwell, 732; H. Figg, 1141; F. Edward, 1141; G. A. Howes, 1141; T. Harms, 1141; Wm. Agate, 1141; C. Golding, 315; W. J. Evershed, 315; J. Newman, 315; G. R. Johnson, 487; H. A. Dowell, 1466; J. Lutman-Johnson, 1466; F. Downard, 315; G. W. Downard, 315; A. J. Newman, 1110; C. Braid, 1465; J. S. Campion, 651; R. G. Williams (Australia), 511; T. Sinnock, 315; E. Dumsday, 1465; T. Rose, jun., 732; B. Bennett, W.M. Rcyal Brunswick, 732; S. Solomon, 732; W. Roe, 1636; G. Cole, 1636; C. Sandeman, 1636; H. S. Gates, 1636.

The newly-elected W.M. (Bro. G. Kelly King) presided at the banquet. The *post prandial* proceedings included the usual loyal and Masonic toasts; also "The Health of the W.M. of the Southdown Lodge and Success to its Future," which was drunk most heartily. Those who were able to stay till the conclusion of the entertainment enjoyed a most pleasant evening, but several of the guests were obliged to leave early to enable them to reach home that night.

THE SOUTHAMPTON MASONIC HALL COMPANY.

This company held its annual meeting during the preceding week, the Mayor of the borough, Bro. J. B. Thomas, P.M., in the chair, when the directors reported that after surmounting many obstacles they had at last succeeded in securing a site and satisfactory plans for a building, the freehold site being just off the High-street, overlooking the western shore and the pleasant bay, and close to the remains of the donjon of the old Southampton Castle. The plans have been prepared by Bro. J. G. Poole, Architect, and provide a third more space in the principal rooms than that supplied at the present hall, which is held on lease under Queen's College, Oxford, besides other accommodation not available in the existing rooms. The contract for the work has been taken by Bro. S. Stevens, builder, who has undertaken to complete it by the month of November, and has actually commenced the work, which will be executed in white brick. The retiring directors of the company were unanimously re-elected, with Bro. W. Hickman, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, as Chairman.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. S. Rosenthal in the chair. There were also present Bros. George J. Row, D. M. Dewar, J. H. Cox, John S. Cakebread, the Rev. Richard Morris, L.L.D. (Head Master), J. N. Frost, Joseph Richard Smith, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. Murray, Richard Tyrrell, Raynham W. Stewart, W. Maple, J. G. Chancellor, W. F. C. Moutrie F. Adiard, W. Paas, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Two candidates were placed on the list.

The Committee voted, in accordance with their powers, £20 to a late pupil towards his advancement (he having strongly expressed his desire to pursue military studies at Sandhurst), on condition that his friends came forward to furnish the balance that would be required.

The Committee also granted an outfit of £5 to a late pupil of the Institution for an outfit, the circumstances of the case being that, although he had a former similar sum granted him for the same purpose, he had been shipwrecked in the Sharon, off Black Gang Chine, and lost his kit. The young man had behaved himself admirably since he left the Institution, two years of which time he had been voyaging with the Sharon. He on the day the Committee met sailed for Auckland, N.Z., where he intended to settle, and Bro. Binckes, not doubting that the Committee would grant the outfit asked for, advanced the amount out of his own pocket.

Another outfit of £5 was also granted to a lad who had left the Institution and obtained a situation in the Railway Clearing House through the exertions of Bro. Dawson, the Secretary of that establishment. The lad passed a very satisfactory examination, which caused Bro. Dawson to inform Bro. Binckes that he had other vacancies at his disposal for more youths from the Institution who could pass as well.

Bro. Binckes read a letter from Bro. Jermyn Boyd acknowledging the resolution of the Committee, conveying their sympathy to the family of his father, the late Bro. John Boyd, on their loss.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart informed the Committee that Bro. Henry Browse, P.G.D., a member of the House Committee, died on Thursday morning.

The Chairman expressed his deep regret, and said that Bro. Browse had been a member of the House Committee since June, 1866.

It was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence with the late Bro. Browse's family should be sent.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

St. ALBAN'S ABBEY.

The Committee formed in connection with the movement for restoring the west front of St. Alban's Abbey, met in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 28th ult. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts, occupied the chair. Bro. Keyser having read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were agreed to, stated that he had received a letter from Bro. the Rev. J. C. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain, enclosing two communications, one from Lord Henniker, and the other from Sir Harcourt Johnstone, notifying their willingness to act as Vice-Presidents of the Committee. Bro. Keyser had also much pleasure in stating that Bro. John Fawcett, Prov. G.M. Durham, had consented to become a patron of the movement. A subscription of £5 5s. from Bro. George Kenning, P.P.G.D. Middx., and one of £5 from Bro. F. Robinson, P.A.G.D.C., had been paid. He had much pleasure in acquainting the Committee that since their last meeting they had got the promise of a great many additional subscriptions. Bros. John Fawcett, Prov. G.M. Durham, had promised £5; F. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts, £5; the Hertford Lodge £25; Hertford Chapter £10 10s.; Captain E. C. Dick £5; Thos. Kent, W.M. 1479, £5; C. Erskine, I.G. 1479, £5; C. W. Reynolds, J.D. 1479, £5; and several others. He had great pleasure in proposing Bros. W. Hope, D.M. (2), and E. J. Barron, P.G.D., as members of the Committee.

The motion being seconded by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Griffiths, was unanimously carried. He also begged to propose that Bro. Sumner Knyvett, P.G. Steward, and the present Grand Treasurer of G. Prov. Chapter in Herts, should be elected a member of the Committee.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap., seconded the motion, which was carried.

Bro. Percy W. Taylor next proposed that Bro. A. W. Nash, W.M. 409, should be enrolled on the Committee list, and the motion, having found a seconder in Bro. Thos. Kent, was carried unanimously.

The meeting then entered into a protracted discussion as to what would be the best form of circular to send to Freemasons throughout the country, specifying the origin, object, and approximate cost of the movement; and it was eventually agreed that Bros. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chaplain, Captain E. C. Dick, and C. E. Keyser should meet together and draw up a suitable circular succinctly setting forth these matters. The circular will be presented for consideration at the next Committee meeting, which will be held in the same place on Thursday, March 13th, at 4.30.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman having been passed, the meeting broke up.

The annual installation meeting of the Bootle Lodge, No. 1473, took place at the Town Hall, Bootle, on Thursday afternoon, the 6th inst. Bro. W. H. Clemmey, T.C., was then installed W.M., and in next issue will appear a report of the interesting ceremony.

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ERRATA.—In the *Freemason* of last week Bro. Viscount Mandeville was said to be the son of the Marquis of Westminster instead of the Duke of Manchester.

Bro. R. Owen, P.M. St. David's Lodge, No. 384, Bangor, would deem it a favour if any brother will give him the address of the brother of the Barnard Lodge, whose grant of £50 was confirmed at the Grand Lodge on Wednesday.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"The Freemasons' Calendar for Leicestershire and Rutland, 1879," "Brief," "Hull Packet," "Touchstone," "Citizen," "Broad Arrow," "Scottish Freemason," "The Alliance News," "Jersey Express," "Masonic Record of Western India," "The Stockton Herald," "The Westminster Papers," "The Masonic Newspaper," "The Liberal Freemason," "Corner Stone," "Our Home," "The Hospital Saturday Fund Report, 1878," "Risorgimento," "The Freemasons' Monthly," "The Queenslander," "Voice of Masonry," "Kelet-orceut," "La Chaine d' Union," "Keystone," "The Banner of Israel," "Leicester Advertiser," "The Paper Consumers' Circular," "Night and Day," "Freemasons' Calendar for Leicestershire and Rutland.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

FOSTER.—On the 2nd March, at Truro, the wife of Mr. Clement Le Neve Foster, of a daughter.

JOHNSTONE.—On the 3rd March, at Bailgate, Lincoln, the wife of Major George Johnstone, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

SHEPHERD—SHAKESPEAR.—On the 1st March, at St. Jude's, Southsea, by the Rev. Wyndham A. Shakespear, uncle of the bride, assisted by the Rev. J. Blake, Vicar of the parish, Capt. T. V. Shepherd, son of the late Mr. Alexander Shepherd, to Grace Alice, daughter of Major-General G. B. Shakespear.

DEATHS.

BOGGETT.—On the 3rd inst., at Paragon-street, Hull, Mary Beatrice, infant daughter of Bro. Richard Boggett, aged 6 months.

BROWSE.—On the 27th Feb., at his residence, Upper Tooting, Surrey, suddenly, Henry Browse, Esq., in his 75th year.

CRIBER.—On the 25th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, Hull, Bro. Crier, aged 66.

TURNBULL.—On the 28th Feb., at 6, Lyplatt-terrace, Cheltenham, the Rev. Joseph Corbett Turnbull, M.A., in his sixty-sixth year.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1879.

THE "FREEMASON."

Ten years ago the *Freemason* was founded by its present and sole proprietor, and appeared for the first time March 13th, 1869. In its address it spoke in the following modest terms of its origin, its aims, its plan, and its hopes. It threw itself fraternally on the "indulgence" of its readers, to "excuse imperfections," and appealed also "confidently" to their "sympathies" for "support" in this "attempt to establish a journal which we hope will become a worthy organ of the great Masonic Fraternity." Without repeating here to-day many of the sensible and effective passages of its first address, we may well remind ourselves, (after this lapse of time especially), of one of the concluding paragraphs of the Introduction to page 1 of the *Freemason* for March 13th, 1869, for they are still as true and pertinent as when originally printed, though, perhaps, the skilful hand and active brain which first planned and penned them are now at rest in the grave. "It will be our constant aim to sustain the reputation and enhance the renown of our Institution, which has been so long

"To fame immortally allied,
And crowned with glory."

And once more let us note the key note of the original address, which was to dominate the entire harmony of the *Freemason*, "working under the ægis of lawfully constituted authority, and paying due deference to the ordinances of ruling powers, we shall ever remember that we are 'Free-Masons,' and vindicate our position as such, by maintaining a just independence, as the organ of a great and free Fraternity." And now kindly readers, as a dispassionate jury, what is your verdict after this onward passage of years? Has the *Freemason* made good its promise? pursued the even Masonic mean of its honourable progress? We believe that there will be but one reply, alike from courteous critic and impartial censor. If ever a paper has sought manfully to carry out its professed aims and object, we think we may claim that characteristic emphatically for the *Freemason*. Founded and published by one publisher "ab origine," it has had no shareholders (real or mythic) to back it up, it has sought for no subsidies, and asked for no patronage—merely as patronage. A "fair field and no favour" have been its motto, and it has manfully striven to hold its own and win its way in the great open mart of Masonic opinion and public approval. It has offered its wares to all, in the confidence that if good they would be appreciated, if bad, rejected, as they deserved to be. It has not wished to palm off a "sham imitation" on unsuspecting bystanders, but has offered the "real and genuine production," openly and honestly, of the best quality, and at a very cheap rate. What else could it have done? It has made merit and value its one test of success and support. To claim for the *Freemason* perfection in all its endeavours would be futile; to assert that it has always avoided error would be absurd. In all human undertakings imperfection crops up, and no enterprise of man is free from the "breakage" of machinery, the "wear and tear" of stock, the stupidity of employes, or the mistaken animus even of friends and supporters. Probably the stern and censorious might hit upon some little blots, be they typographical or be they editorial; blunders which ought not to have occurred, errata for which there is no excuse; the appearance of matter which ought not to have been put forth at all, but after all, how very few indeed they are, at the most, and what organ of our daily, weekly, and monthly literature is free from them? But this we may say, fairly and confidently. The *Freemason* has never deviated consciously from the narrow pathway of true Freemasonry; it has never "turned to the right hand or the left;" it has moved on like "Excelsior," with the banner of Masonry aloft, neither checked nor intimidated; neither awed by the threats of childish persecution, nor embarrassed by the pseudo criticism of open assailants; above all, utterly defiant of the contempti-

ble mutterings of the surreptitious and anonymous libeller. From the first hour of its appearance until to-day it has sought to take a high position, and reach unto a goodly goal. Though it has discouraged personality, the bane of the Masonic press, it has advocated free discussion and fair play for all. It has not desired to open its pages to the petty complaints of each "Peter Grievous," nor has it wished to serve as a medium of idle attacks on authority, but has simply, within certain definite limits, endeavoured to enable any real grievances to be ventilated, and opportunity afforded for honest difference of opinion, manly controversy, and the Masonic interchange of thought and feeling. To the great Masonic archæological and literary movement of the last ten years it has given earnest support, and has led the way in many subjects on which the fame of such writers as Hughan, D. Murray Lyon, C. P. McCalla, Masonic Student, Mackey, and many more is built up. And one remark we feel bound to make. the *Freemason* has been conspicuous for the completeness and fidelity of its reports of all Masonic proceedings. It is, indeed, a very wonderful portion of contemporary Masonic life and work, which is to be found in the weekly pages, the goodly volumes of the *Freemason*. But, above all, the *Freemason* has been fervent in advocating the support of our great Masonic Charities, and the lists of each festival will shew that its publisher while others have talked has acted, and in season and out of season the friendly columns of the paper have been open to the communications of the Secretaries, and the records of the proceedings of their admirable Institutions. They have no truer or better friends than the *Freemason* and its publisher. During the last eventful ten years of English Masonic life few more important contributions to Masonic literature can be found, than may be perused by the curious and the student, in the eleven volumes of the *Freemason*. They, in fact, constitute a store-house of Masonic facts, of items relating to Masonic history, archæology, jurisprudence, lodge life, as well as general Masonic teaching and practice, which are simply invaluable to the collector, to the reader, to the Masonic antiquary and historian amongst us. And this is, no doubt, the simple secret of its cosmopolitan success and support. "All the world over," just now, the *Freemason* is read, the *Freemason* is criticized, the *Freemason* is reproduced, the *Freemason* is valued, and week by week we receive the most gratifying testimonies to the zeal of its friends, the good opinion of its readers, and, above all, the kind and flattering appreciation of its matter, whether by those who speak of it in terms of eulogium, or by those—not many, happily—who see in an honestly conducted Masonic enterprise a fit subject for un-Masonic sneers, for puerile personality, or petty slander. Its publisher, looking back to-day, may fairly flatter himself that he has truly carried out his original "programme" in the great main, and has earned, as he has done, the confidence and support of a large and kindly, and increasing audience. He, therefore, once more begs to tender to all who have supported with such genial liberality, and honest good will, his legitimate and literary enterprise, founded and carried on with great attachment to our excellent Order, his heartfelt thanks, as well as his warm sense of their generous sympathy and untiring support. He trusts in the future, as in the past, to merit their confidence and good opinion, and alike to advance the progress of Masonic literature, the prestige of the Order, and the thorough efficiency, reality, and vitality of the *Freemason*.

THE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Though the last meeting of our Masonic Parliament was of short duration, it was fully attended, and transacted business of much importance in its way. Having by acclamation passed a very proper and seasonable vote of condolence with Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, on the loss of her lamented daughter, the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse-Darmstadt, and having as unanimously re-elected the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales,

Grand Lodge dealt with a very important matter for the Order—the election of Treasurer. Three candidates were proposed. The first was Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, the second Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, the third Bro. J. M. Clabon, President of the Board of Benevolence. It was quite clear at an early period that the nomination of Bro. Baron de Rothschild was not agreeable to the majority of Grand Lodge, and that the contest, if contest there should be, lay between Bros. Lieut.-Col. Creaton and Clabon. Bro. Clabon having disclaimed any opposition to Bro. Creaton, no one was astonished when 14 hands were held up for Baron de Rothschild, and about the same for Bro. Clabon, and the remaining number, probably between three and four hundred, were elevated for Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton. His election was greeted with loud cheers, which were repeated when he came forward to speak, and thank the brethren in terse terms for the honour conferred upon him. There can be no question that, in electing Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer, the Grand Lodge has sought to recognize almost unexampled services to Masonic interests, and, above all, Masonic Charity, for 17 years. Few brethren also have done more for the Order, or worked harder in the interests of our great Charities, while his liberality on their behalf has been as conspicuous as his exertion. Grand Lodge has shown once more, as we ventured to predict, that it is guided simply by a sense of Masonic services, of duty and devotion for our good old Craft. However high abstractedly Bro. Rothschild's position may be, and however striking the "prestige" attached to his name in the City, and, as one brother said, on the "Exchanges of Europe," he was comparatively unknown to Masonry, and to the majority of the brethren. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, on the other hand, is well known to the great bulk of the London brethren, not only on account of his high qualities, his ready and available services, but for the confidence which his brethren have in him, and which they have manifested by making him Trustee of more than one of the great Metropolitan Charities. Altogether we feel perfectly satisfied that the selection so decisively made, and so loudly applauded, will give in every respect satisfaction to the Craft, and uphold the dignity and interests of Grand Lodge.

VALE!

Another good old Mason has passed away—most useful in his time and generation, and deeply valued and respected by his brother Masons. We have to announce with deep regret the death of Bro. Henry Browse. Of his services to Freemasonry or to the Charities it is needless here to speak, as they are too well known to all our readers. They were indeed many and great. We all shall regret that we no more shall hail his venerable presence, and our memories will be alike kindly and affectionate, as recalling moral worth and duty, well performed to the very last. Bro. Browse will not soon be forgotten by many admiring friends and brethren.

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.]

THE LATE PRINCESS ALICE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
The following reply has been received from Her Majesty on receipt of the address of condolence from the Grand Mark Masters' Lodge.
Yours truly,
DON. M. DEWAR.
Office of Grand Lodge of Mark Masters,
March 3rd.

"Capt. Edwards presents his compliments to Mr. Dewar, and is commanded by the Queen to thank the Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Possessions of the British Crown, in Grand Lodge assembled, for their address of condolence, and to express Her Majesty's sincere appreciation of the kind sympathy therein conveyed on the death of her dear daughter Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse.

"Windsor Castle,

"28th February, 1879."

The following address of condolence was forwarded to

Her Majesty by the Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627 :

"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

"May it please your Majesty,

"We, the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Royal Kensington Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1627, on the roll of the United Grand Lodge of England, in regular lodge assembled, venture to approach Your Most Gracious Majesty with the expression of our most sincere and earnest sympathy and condolence on the irreparable loss you have sustained in the death of your beloved daughter the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse.

"We respectfully beg to assure Your Majesty that we participate in the universal sorrow which prevades all classes of your subjects, and humbly pray that God may give you strength to bear this trial, and that Your Majesty may be long spared to reign over us and the nation.

"Signed on behalf of the Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627,

"DONALD MANGLES DEWAR,
"Secretary."

To which the following gracious reply has been received :

"Capt. Edwards presents his compliments to Mr. Dewar, and has received the Queen's commands to convey to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Royal Kensington Lodge of Freemasons Her Majesty's heartfelt thanks for the kind expression of sympathy and condolence contained in their address of the 7th inst.

"Windsor Castle,

"28th February, 1879."

JOHN HERVEY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The lodge of instruction having removed to a private room, in the Albion Hall, London-wall, City, I take this early opportunity of inviting your attendance and co-operation, in order to insure uniformity of working among the officers of the lodge; a dissemination of Masonic knowledge among the members, and a just emulation, by united practice in rehearsal, to render our beautiful Masonic Services in the most perfect manner.

Our Bro. H. J. Dean, Organist, has most generously offered to give us the benefit of his services in conducting the musical portion of the ritual, if the members of the lodge will rally to our support.

The next meeting of the lodge of instruction, in its new quarters, will be on Monday, 10th March, and every succeeding Monday evening, at 8 o'clock punctually.

Hoping to have the pleasure of your company, together with any brother you would like to introduce, on next and future Monday evenings,

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

JOHN H. SOUTHWOOD,
W.M. 1260.

Albion Hall is within 3 minutes' walk of Moorgate-street, Broad-street, and Bishopgate Stations, and 5 minutes' walk from the Bank; thus securing ample and frequent communication with all parts of London.

ROMAN CATHOLIC IGNORANCE AND INTOLERANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I send you herewith a translation of a letter addressed to the editor of a local newspaper, the *Commercio Portuguez*, and printed in its issue, not as an advertisement, of the 23rd February.

During a residence of several years in this country I have never met with a similar occurrence, but I cannot say that I have much sympathy with Masonry as practised here, where the most important point of the Third Degree is not unfrequently given by the W.M., who is smoking a cigarette while wielding the tools of the Craft.

As a curiosity of Masonry and an instance of modern intolerance, the translation of the letter may be deemed worth inserting in your publication.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, obediently and fraternally yours,

JOHN GLAS. SANDEMAN, 33^o,
Late Secretary General H.E., A. and A. R. for England, Wales, and Dependencies of the British Crown.
Oporto, 1st March, 1879.

TRANSLATION.

"S. Vicente de Pereira,

"12th Feb., 1879.

"I, the undersigned, having been initiated in Freemasonry through ignorance, supposing it simply a beneficent and charitable society, as has been and is proclaimed by its rulers, as containing in its organisation and construction nothing that can be offensive to sound morals, or contrary to the Holy Apostolic Roman Catholic Church, in whose bosom I was born and desire to live and die; and having now come to the conclusion that, on the contrary, from all it indicates, it is a society inimically irreconcilable to the Holy Church and all social order, as is conclusively proved by the Encyclical of the Holy Father Leo XIII. of the 28th December, last; and that the Holy Church has condemned it as such, threatening it with the major excommunication, and repeating and confirming this penalty many times—I declare that I abjure it, and solemnly with execration renounce it from now henceforth and for ever.

"I make this solemn and public retraction of my own free and spontaneous will, convinced that I incur imminent peril of the eternal salvation of my soul if I continue relations with the said sect, which now by the Grace of God I abjure for ever.

"I crave humble and contrite pardon of God and His Holy Church, and I swear to live henceforward in the bosom of the Holy Church in which I had the fortune to be born,

as a good Christian and obedient son, and as such I reprove what she reproveth, and condemn what she condemns.

"MANOEL ALVES DA CRUZ."

Here follow the signatures of witnesses.

Reviews.

THE MONTHLY MAGAZINES.

TEMPLE BAR continues its effective career. In all serials there must be a higher and lower level of excellence, as it is impossible to bring all articles up to a normal standard, just as in the money market, there is month by month a tendency to "rise," and to "depreciation." But "Temple Bar" runs very even on the whole, and its articles, if not always very deep, are very readable. "Probation" has undoubtedly great merits, but, to say the truth, we are not much taken with "Ebenezer." "Auld Robin Gray" is lively and touching at the same time. There is a very interesting article about "Madame de Maintenon," and the account of "Etty" is not without power.

ALL THE YEAR ROUND.—We especially commend in this admirably conducted monthly the liveliness and reality of "Vixen," and the "pathos" and power of "Haunted Chambers." The latter is most effective writing. Indeed, all the papers demand alike perusal and praise.

SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY is, as usual, a very striking and pleasant magazine, and "Sui Generis" must fill English readers with admiration for American enterprise, literary powers, and artistic excellence. We commend it to the notice of our readers.

THE MASONIC REVIEW. Cincinnati, Ohio. Edited by Bro. Melish.—Is one of the best Masonic periodicals we know. It is always full of matter interesting to the Masonic student and reader.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY REPORT FOR 1878.

It would seem, which is a matter for congratulation, that whereas in 1874 the returns amounted to £6463, the expenditure to £1927, and amount distributed to £4494, in 1878 these various figures are represented by the following amounts: Receipts £6502, expenses £1272, distributed £5000. We still must think that 19.56 of expenditure to receipts is too large, and ought to be reduced. Still we do not wish to be too critical or censorious, in respect of so useful and so benevolent a movement, and merely allude to the fact "en passant." It would seem that the working population of London is composed of 800,000 males, and 411,631 females, more or less, and it is calculated that were each person to give a penny a week, 4s. 4d. a year, the fund would have an increase of £60,000 per annum. But, of course, this is "optimism" in the highest degree, and can hardly be expected, though it is well to mention the state of things, and to express a hope that each year may see an increase in the returns of this needed and important movement. Considering the depression of trade the amount is very large.

THE EUROPEAN MAIL.

Is a very valuable paper for our Colonial Dependencies. It has eight editions, six of which are published monthly, two of which are issued bi-monthly. We can at once conceive and appreciate its great utility and importance in the various quarters of the habitable world.

FREEMASONS' MANUAL AND OFFICIAL DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF KENT.

This useful little Masonic handbook for the good province of Kent we welcome sincerely on its second appearance. It is edited most carefully by Bro. Samuel Warne, Rochester. There are now forty-three lodges in the province of Kent, with 2548 members, as far as can be ascertained, but only thirteen chapters, with 346 members. We confess that we do not understand this "great weakness." We would suggest to Bro. Warne another year to issue a synoptical table of the members in lodges and chapters, as we have had to make the calculation ourselves, and such an enumeration saves "time and trouble," and is interesting alike to Kentish Masons as well as Masonic students. We thank Bro. Warne for his little book.

DEAR AND CHEAP VEGETABLES.—The Pall

Mall Gazette of January 18th mentions that in a suburb of London the following prices are charged for vegetables:—Carrots, 1d. each; turnips, ½d. each; parsnips, ¼d. each; savoy, 2d. each; potatoes proportionately dear. These exorbitant prices should induce all who have a spare piece of ground to grow their own vegetables. Messrs. Sutton & Sons, the Queen's seedsmen, Reading, supply collections of vegetable seeds for the amateur's small garden at 12s. 6d., 15s., and 21s. each, the latter collection carriage free; while those who prefer making their own selection can have all seeds sent free by post (except peas and beans) on receipt of order. "Sutton's Amateur's Guide in Horticulture," which contains full particulars as to when to sow, what to sow, and how to sow, may be had post free for 15 stamps, or for 1s. at all the railway bookstalls.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.—Sores, wounds, ulcerations, and other disease affecting the skin, are amenable by this cooling and healing unguent. It has called forth the loudest praise from persons who have suffered for years from bad legs, abscesses, and chronic ulcers, after every hope of cure had long passed away. None but those who have experienced the soothing effect of this Ointment can form an idea of the comfort it bestows, by restraining inflammation and allaying pain. Whenever this Ointment has been once used it has established its own worth, and has again been eagerly sought for, as the easiest and safest remedy for all ulcerous complaints. In neuralgia, rheumatism, and gout, the same application, properly used, gives wonderful relief.—[ADVT.]

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

We recently published the concordat between the Supreme Council of Charlestown, U.S., and those Councils associated with it, and the Supreme Council of Egypt, whereby the latter Council recalled the warrant granted by it to form a Supreme Council in New Zealand. The following is the reply of the latter Supreme Council to that proceeding:—

Supreme Council for New Zealand,
Valley of New Zealand,
Dunedin, 21st November, 1878.

F. F. ODDI, Esq., 33^d, G.G.S.R.C.,
Grand Orient of Egypt, Cairo.

Dear Sir and Illustrious Brother,—

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th September, addressed to our Ill. Sov. Grand Commander, conveying the extraordinary intelligence that your august body "has been obliged to withdraw the warrant it granted us, and recognise the right of the British Supreme Councils in New Zealand."

As this is the first official communication I have been favoured with since your friendly one received about twelve months ago, I need scarcely say its perusal has been attended with pain and surprise to the members of our Supreme Council, upon whom you would evidently endeavour to aim a cruel blow without the slightest warning upon your part, or offence of any description given upon theirs, to warrant it. Surely such conduct calls for some further explanation from you than the mere letter above acknowledged, especially as I have been in regular correspondence with you up to a late date without drawing from you the slightest hint of what was going on, or what your views were upon a matter of such importance to us, until at last you deemed it right to issue *un coup d'état* as undeserved as it is improper and unconstitutional.

Allow me now to review with you the establishment and progress of our Supreme Council, not only as matters of fact, but for the general information of similar bodies throughout the universe. By warrant from you, dated 16th October, 1875, our Council was opened, as advised to you (and announced in the newspapers here) on 11th June, 1876.

Some time afterwards, through you and good sincere friends in the old country, we learned yours was deemed a spurious Council, and consequently recognition would be denied us (vide "Scottish Annual Reporter for 1877"). Subsequently it was announced to us that a body styling itself the Supreme Council of England and Wales and British Dependencies claimed the sole right of working the A. and A. Rite Degrees in any British colony or possession. Seeing your council was in existence for some time previous to granting our warrant, this important claim must have been of course known to your members, though unknown to us.

Under the warrant accorded to us, we proceeded to open Rose Croix Chapters, receive monies, confer degrees, and issue the necessary certificates throughout New Zealand. These proceedings you were duly made acquainted with, afterwards acknowledging same in your "Bulletin Official," praising us for our ability, and thanking us for naming the chapters after Ill. Bro. Zola, &c., &c. Our proceedings have always been conducted openly and above board, and the members perfected in the 18th Degree selected with care from the Craft throughout New Zealand as fit for the advancement, not only in a social point of view, but also from their standing as Freemasons high in office and of long experience.

Acknowledging the foregoing to be strictly correct—which you cannot than otherwise do—I fail to comprehend on what ground you have submitted to be dictated to, principally no doubt by the Supreme Councils of England and Scotland, both irregular in their formation and constitution, as you are well aware, and yet capable, in their conceit and lust for power, of coercing a properly constituted body like yours, well and authoritatively founded, to join them in an action towards us which you will pardon me stating is the reverse of honourable. Of the English Council, the founder of it (General Pike) writes as follows:

"To form the Supreme Council of England and Wales, the Supreme Council of our Northern Jurisdiction sent to Dr. Crucefix the obligation of a 3,3rd, recognised him as an honorary member, and sent him the ritual when he had returned the obligation signed, and empowered him to create that of England and Wales. What could be more irregular? Yet it is too late to question the legitimacy of that body."

The position and antecedents of the Supreme Council of Scotland have been so ably challenged by worthy Masons at home as to require no remark at my hands; and your own correspondence gives ample proofs of their underhand, deceitful workings against your own Council. If then you were moved to act as you have done to acquire the mere empty honour (?) of recognition from such bodies, all I can assure you, with deep regret, is that the members of our Council can scarcely comprehend or believe it. You will in the future not find yourselves an independent power, but rather shorn of your proper dignity, and obliged to follow what other Councils wish or dictate, with the threat of "non-recognition" always held over you. Bitter far to possess Masonic honour and independence and remain isolated than occupy such an unenviable position as this.

I need scarcely argue with you the question of attempting to recall a charter once granted and acted on, as the New Zealand one has been. The grant of the charter is irrevocable, and its abolition impossible. All that your Supreme Council can really do is to withdraw the bond of amity which has for more than two years bound our Councils together; but any attempt on the part of your Council to recall the degrees we have received from you and have conferred on others under the authority of your

charter must be absolutely futile. Holding these views, which are shared by the other members of our Council, I am at a loss to comprehend the object of your circular of 7th September, as to all just, upright, and well-informed Masons it must appear as so much waste paper. Had you denied our Council continued recognition, or declined further correspondence with it, such action could under the circumstances have been understood, but to attempt a cruel wrong to those who (you will pardon me for saying so) have rather added to than detracted from the lustre of the Grand Orient of Egypt is an act that eventually must meet with universal condemnation and contempt.

Without further preface, I now beg in my official capacity to hand you the copy of the resolutions arrived at upon 13th inst., when your correspondence of 7th September, already alluded to, was submitted to the members of our Supreme Council, viz:—

Resolved—That this Supreme Council, having been lawfully constituted by charter from the Supreme Grand Council of Egypt (a genuine Masonic power), having acted under the authority of that charter for upwards of two years, with the full knowledge and expressed approval of the Supreme Council of Egypt (as stated in their own official bulletin), having committed no act derogatory to a Grand Council, and denying (in common with the Supreme Council of Scotland) the right claimed by the Supreme Council of England to exclusive jurisdiction in New Zealand, will adhere to its charter, will work under it, and will patiently submit to opposition from and non-recognition by all the Supreme Councils of the Universe, being assured that the time will come when its just claims to recognition will be universally admitted.

Resolved further—That the Ill. G. Sec. be requested to convey the foregoing resolution to the Supreme Council of Egypt, with an expression from this Supreme Council of its surprise and deep regret that, under pressure exerted by other Supreme Councils, it should have felt at liberty to adopt a course of action subversive of its own independence and one alike opposed to honour and good faith.

I shall be glad to receive the further correspondence from you which you lead me to expect, and withhold for the present the course of action which in consequence of your letter now under reply it will be necessary for our Council to take.

Regretting the untoward circumstances which have produced this letter, and with the expression of the hope that your Supreme Council will so far consult its dignity and honour as to retract the step it has taken,

I have the honour to be, yours fraternally and respectfully,

T. S. GRAHAM,
S.L.G.H.E.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

On Friday, the 21st ult., a meeting of the Grand Masters' Council was convened at No. 2, Red Lion-square, for the dispatch of business. Among those in attendance were Comp. the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.P.G.M.; Hyde Pullen, 33^d, R.P.G.C. of Works; F. Davison, R.P.G. Treas.; D. M. Dewar, R.P.G. Recorder; T. C. Walls, as T.J.M.; H. R. Cooper Smith, C. of the G.; R. Berridge, R. H. Thrupp, R. G. Glover, R. L. Loveland.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the following candidates, being in attendance, were duly admitted and received the degrees of M.E.M., R.M., Select Master, and S.E.M.:—Bros. Thos. Poore, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, Robert Roy, C. T. Pearce, H. F. Partridge, and Edward Letchworth, the four ceremonies being performed and the attendant lectures delivered by Comp. Walls.

A number of propositions for admission and reception having been handed in, Comp. Walls moved, and Comp. Davison seconded—"That in future an annual subscription of ten shillings be paid by every member of the Grand Masters' Council, and that a festival be held once a year in connection with the same."

This motion having been briefly discussed, it was carried nem. con.

Previously to the convocation being adjourned, Comp. the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.P.G.M., appointed Comp. Walls as T.J. Deputy Master of the G.M.'s Council.

Bro. Walls having duly acknowledged the honour, the Council was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent collation at the Albion Hotel, and which was presided over by the M.P.G.M.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on the first Wednesday in April next.

DR. MACKEY ON MASONIC RITES.

By WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

It would scarcely be possible to have selected a more appropriate subject on which to write Masonically, than the one adopted by my friend and Bro. D. G. Mackey; for "Masonic Rites," as a matter of fact, are much undervalued by many, and misunderstood by a still greater number. Certainly, if long experience of the manners and customs of several rites would fit a brother for their study and explanation as a guide for others, the learned doctor should be well qualified, and hence we have not been disappointed generally in reading the articles in question. We apprehend their circulation will do good, and certainly they well deserve all the praise they have received. On one point, however, they appear to be deficient or misleading, and the able Masonic archaeologist, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., quite concurs in so thinking, indeed, has also said so in a thoughtful article in "The Freemason," (London), of which it is well known

he is the editor, a copy of which is to be found in "The Masonic Newspaper," No. 10.

We refer to No. 11, "The York Rite," in "The Masonic Newspaper" of Oct. 19th, 1878. Dr. Mackey thus states his opinion: "Bro. Hughan denies that there is any such Rite as the York, and says that nobody now knows what the York Rite is. With all respect for his sagacity in Masonic archaeology, I am compelled to dissent from his opinion."

I accept Dr. Mackey's definition of a Masonic Rite, viz.: "The way or manner of arranging or conferring the degrees of Freemasonry," and I make bold to say that not a Mason living knows aught of the manner in which the degrees were conferred by the old York Masons, either historically or traditionally. Assertion is always easy, but the proof sometimes very difficult. In this case, however, both are easy, as there has not been any information left as to the character of these degrees or ceremonies by the Masons of York, and there is not a MS. of any kind that has been traced in that city which refers in any way to the esoteric portion of the York Craft degrees, which portion, of course, is really what is meant and included in the term "York Rite." A Grand Lodge held at London, and never, directly or indirectly, connected with York, or with the "Grand Lodge of all England," held in York, did, I know, make a semi-claim to have been descended from the "Prince Edward of York of 926," but even if they called their ceremonies the "York Rite"—which is not proved—their doing so did not make them so; neither were they York Masons, or members of a "York Rite," at any time. This London Grand Lodge of the "Seceders," or "Ancients," was constituted A.D. 1753, and was a secession from the premier Grand Lodge, also held at London, formed A.D. 1716-7. The first mentioned never was acknowledged by the Ancient York Masons, but the older body was. The Grand Lodge at York started in 1725, from the lodge which assembled for many years before (and has left many documents), died out, however, late last century, and has left no descendants. All its lodges warranted in England—none ever out of that country—also succumbed, and on the advent of the present century not a vestige remained of the "York Rite!" True, we have MSS. of great value, but of the ritualistic portion, save the names and order of the Craft degrees, we absolutely know nothing, and, therefore, can say nothing. Dr. Mackey says the term "York Rite" is appropriated to that system which was fabricated in the early part of the eighteenth century by the Grand Lodge of England. This is an error. The premier Grand Lodge (of 1716-7) has never had any claim, and never been known in connection with a "York Rite," neither has its promoters referred to—Dr. Desaguliers and Anderson—ever called their Rite the York. Dr. Mackey thinks "English Rite" would be a better term to describe that promulgated by the Revivalists of 1716-7. In England we know of no other. Dr. Mackey declares the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients," which claimed the York descent, to be an illegal body, and that what they practised "no more resembles the English York Rite, than it does the Scottish or Ancient and Accepted Rite." Our brother also admits that if the early Masons of York did establish a series of degrees and a method of initiation, they have long since been irretrievably lost. Also that "it would be, therefore, not only absurd, but even fraudulent, to attempt, as giving to any system of Masonry the name of the City of York, to convey the impression that it was there invented." After this it is not needful for me to say more in justification of my declaration, to which Bro. Dr. Mackey has objected, as his own admissions furnish proof that my opinion is the correct one. It was generally believed, years ago, that the lodges in the United States mainly owed their constitution to the York "Grand Lodge of England," but since it has been proved that they were chiefly indebted to a London "Grand Lodge of England," known as the "Ancients," I have understood that the term "Ancient York Masons" (A. Y. M.) has generally been dropped in the United States, as also the term "York Rite," as both suggest a connection with a city wholly unrepresented, directly or indirectly, in Freemasonry in America. On these points I should like to direct the readers of "The Masonic Newspaper" to my "Masonic Sketches and Reprints" (American Edition), handsomely reprinted by Bros. Macoy & Co., of New York, which contains a "History of Freemasonry at York."

I take this opportunity of wishing "The Masonic Newspaper" all the success it so well deserves.—From The Masonic Newspaper, New York.

Bro. De Keyser has been appointed chairman of the National Training School for Music.

Among the many articles on demand in the household none deserve more attention than plate and polishing powder. Many of the powders now in use are simply ruinous to every article upon which they are used. The "Star" Plate and Universal Polishing Powder Co. have supplied a great want in the "Star" Plate and Polishing Powder, and the price places it within the reach of all. This powder has been subjected to the most crucial tests, is entirely free from all mercury, acids, or anything that can injure plate, gold, silver, or the finest jewellery. For polishing and cleaning copper, white metals, ivory, marble, or glass it far surpasses any preparation in use. The company received the only prize medal for polishing powders at the Exhibition, Philadelphia, 1876, there being fourteen competitors. Their powder is certainly a great desideratum.

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

PROVINCIAL CHARITY VOTES.

TABULAR STATEMENT taken from the Reports for the year 1877, shewing the number of Votes held by the various Provinces in England in the Three Royal Masonic Institutions, with the number of Boys and Girls belonging to the several Provinces, and number of Lodges in each.

	Province.	Male.		Female.		Boys.			Girls.			No. of Lodges
		Life.	Ann.	Life.	Ann.	In Sch.	Life.	Ann.	In Sch.	Life.	Ann.	
1	Bedfordshire . . .	18	4	6	12	0	13	4	0	14	4	5
2	Berks and Bucks . .	159	13	80	39	3	279	21	1	181	16	16
3	Bristol	81	123	61	88	1	122	30	1	62	20	8
4	Cambridgeshire . . .	13	4	11	4	1	23	11	1	10	6	4
5	Cheshire	225	27	93	8	3	397	5	1	177	6	38
6	Cornhill	53	4	71	3	0	244	9	1	62	8	27
7	Cumbd. & Westmnd.	49	17	44	34	2	214	11	2	90	3	19
8	Derbyshire	20	10	24	10	4	206	32	0	23	9	18
9	Devonshire	390	188	266	68	3	324	12	5	174	17	46
10	Dorsetshire	175	208	93	41	6	354	44	1	88	7	13
11	Durham	168	0	98	2	6	433	12	2	224	44	25
12	Essex	116	194	47	56	1	200	48	3	133	48	16
13	Gloucester	119	41	72	43	1	330	34	1	151	21	14
14	Hants and I. of Wight	213	172	174	222	5	681	38	6	328	37	30
15	Hertfordshire	26	2	20	4	0	20	2	0	16	4	4
16	Hertfordshire	109	133	95	92	1	112	17	1	99	32	10
17	Kent	557	226	479	177	9	925	68	7	661	42	43
18	Lancashire, E. Div. . .	656	34	556	107	19	1770	23	7	574	25	86
19	Lancashire, W. do. . .	577	24	237	21	2	386	2	1	219	7	77
20	Leicester & Rutland . .	15	4	35	8	3	145	91	0	40	4	10
21	Lincolnshire	183	30	69	20	4	385	14	7	253	16	20
22	Middlesex	99	17	81	10	0	224	21	5	217	33	27
23	Monmouthshire	84	5	80	0	3	53	2	2	86	3	8
24	Norfolk	62	31	68	12	4	79	32	2	83	24	14
25	Norths & Hunts	103	15	56	31	2	177	5	1	112	6	8
26	Northumberland	142	4	109	20	1	297	1	0	63	1	18
27	Notts	30	11	12	10	0	55	29	1	41	41	9
28	Oxfordshire	125	92	88	106	2	194	14	0	103	16	8
29	Somerset	217	92	155	82	3	466	21	4	168	19	19
30	Staffordshire	149	66	47	25	3	422	11	4	223	13	21
31	Suffolk	209	45	136	110	2	167	16	4	137	28	19
32	Surrey	203	85	139	100	2	408	42	2	199	39	18
33	Sussex	215	134	173	116	5	406	53	2	381	73	19
34	Warwickshire	141	51	349	137	4	959	75	9	342	16	29
35	Wilts	160	157	54	61	2	198	18	1	109	12	10
36	Worcester	68	6	52	5	0	123	10	1	54	9	10
37	Yorks, N. & E. Rdgus.	115	129	49	96	2	275	55	4	124	49	25
38	Yorks, W. Riding . . .	643	601	799	26	13	2363	23	13	1289	39	63
39	Wales, N. & Shrops. . .	31	28	23	30	4	168	16	0	95	16	25
40	Wales, S.E. Div. . . .	74	2	37	2	2	309	3	0	160	5	11
41	Wales, S. W. do. . . .	8	28	8	20	1	99	9	1	46	6	8
42	Chan. Islands	22	12	2	8	0	44	2	0	28	0	11
43	Isle of Man	2	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	3

FAREWELL DINNER AND PRESENTATION TO BRO. SPINKS.

Among the number of our gallant soldiers residing in our midst who are about to or have left England for service at the Cape, none have gained more friends or held them faster than Assistant Commissary Bro. G. Spinks, I.P.M. of the United Military Lodge, No. 1536, who for the last twenty years has lived in Woolwich, and by his character and conduct has attained the proud position of an officer in Her Majesty's Army. Bro. Spinks only received orders for departure on Wednesday, the 12th ult., and no sooner was it known among his comrades in the garrison, Masonic brethren, and many friends outside, than it was determined to present him with a token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by them, and on Saturday evening, the 15th ult., a large and influential gathering took place at Bro. Capon's House, the Prince Alfred, Raglan-road, Plumstead, for the purpose of presenting the testimonial to him. The testimonial took the form of a diamond ring and binocular field glass, of the estimated value of twenty-five guineas. Both the ring and glass were suitably inscribed. An excellent cold collation was spread for the company, among whom were Bro. Weston, P.M. 1536, Chairman; Bro. Shaw, S.W. 1536, Vice-Chair; Bro. Spinks, and Bros. Sculley, Kirkbride, Hayes, Price, Hare, Jarvis, Hollyman, Cox, Mabbett, Kennedy, Murphy, Vincent, Emby, Moulds, Purnell, Hasall, McClellan, Saunders, Sharpe, Welding, Norman, Palmer, Campbell, Capon, and C. Jolly.

The dinner having been disposed of, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "Lord Carnarvon, P.G.M.," and the rest of the Grand Officers," were drunk with enthusiasm.

The Chairman then rose, and said the time had now arrived when it was his duty to commence that portion of the proceedings for which they had especially been brought together. They all knew that their esteemed brother and friend, Past Master Spinks, was about to leave them and go to a far distant land, not for pleasure, but for duty, and, however much they might regret losing him, yet this call, the soldier's call to duty, must be obeyed. He was going to war, but to a war the horrors of which were not mitigated by the arts or amenities of civilisation, but against a cruel and a ruthless foe, who spared none in his lust for blood and rapine. (Hear, hear.) Their Bro. Spinks carried with him the respect, esteem, and admiration of them all, and not only those present, but all who knew his sterling worth and manly heart, as was evinced by the token of that respect which it was now his duty to present to him. He then made the presentation, and said—Bro. Spinks, I now, in the name of this company, and in the name of all those who have subscribed to it, present to you this diamond

ring, which, we trust, will for many years be a memento of their respect and esteem for you, and when you look upon it you will remember the many happy years you have spent in their company, not only in Freemasonry, but in the open paths of life you and they have trod together. I have also much pleasure in presenting you with this binocular glass, and, in asking your acceptance of the same, we trust you will ever value both ring and glass, not for their intrinsic value alone, but as an evidence of that which we know is of far higher value to you, the love and respect of your fellow men. (Cheers.) Believe me, Bro. Spinks, no matter where you may be, wherever the call of duty is, there we know you will be doing your duty as a soldier, a man, and a Mason. (Loud cheers.) We wish you God speed upon your journey, and may He spare you through the dangers awaiting you by sea and land, and when your duty is done speed you safely back again to your friends in Woolwich and Plumstead, where a hearty welcome will always await you. (Loud and continued cheering.) "The Health of Bro. Spinks" was then drunk with musical honours, and Bro. Alexander Jarvis by special request sang "Auld Lang Syne."

Bro. Spinks, who, on rising to reply, was received with cheers, said—W.M. Bro. Shaw, and brethren, I cannot find words to express to you my thanks for the great kindness that I have always received at your hands, and more especially for the very handsome manner in which you have shown your regard and esteem for me. It was only on Wednesday last that I received orders to go to the Cape, only three days ago, and in those three days what has been done? As I have before said, I know Bro. Weston is a red-hot Mason, and whatever he takes in hand is done quickly and well. (Cheers and laughter.) He and Bros. Saunders and Shaw had worked hard for this occasion, and it reflects great credit upon them for the manner in which they have carried it out, and for their kindness I thank them from my heart. I never expected to receive such a valuable present from the hands of my friends, and feel that I have done nothing to deserve it. I have always endeavoured to do my duty in any position that I have been placed in, and no more. This beautiful jewel, which is encased in this band of gold, will, I trust, be a light to still further guide me on in the same path of duty and honour that has won for me, above all other honour, your generous esteem and regard, and when I look through these magnificent glasses I will think their vision brings before me my kind friends, both civil and military, in Plumstead and Woolwich, until once more I am back amongst them again, if not with fame, at least with honour. (Loud cheers.) I have said that I cannot find words to express to you my gratitude for the kindnesses I have received at your hands, but believe me that if ever I return to my own country I will, with God's help, come to you my friends, at Plumstead, and again and again thank you for your

splendid testimonial and your hearty good wishes for my welfare. (Loud and prolonged cheering.)

Bro. Assistant Commissary Cox, who, like Bro. Spinks, leaves for the Cape, and who had come all the way from Shoeburyness to participate in the gathering, was then toasted and wished God speed, and returned thanks in a splendid speech, replete with eloquence and patriotic sentiments.

Bro. Hayes, W.M. 913, proposed "The Health of the Chairman," and in so doing spoke of the unceasing toil of Bro. Weston for any cause that was good, more especially for charity. His exertions for the children who were fatherless, and for the widow who was penniless, were such as reflected the highest credit upon him, and many a poor and distressed widow and child are now living to bless his generous and brotherly aid. He asked them to drink the health of one who was worthy of all they could say or do for him, and his wife and family. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Weston then returned thanks, and said that the more he knew of his brethren and the Craft, the more he loved it and honoured them. As Bro. Cox had said, it made a man return the sword to the scabbard in the face of his foe who was a brother, and such a thing had been done repeatedly in the Franco-Prussian war. He thanked them especially for their good wishes to his wife and family. He now had six, with a prospect of adding to their number. (Cheers and laughter.)

Bros. Shaw and Saunders were then complimented on their good work in raising the testimonial, and suitably replied.

Bros. Vincent and Jolly responded for the Press, and after Bro. Capon had been warmly thanked for his excellent catering, and the many kindnesses he had shewn the brethren of the Military Lodge especially, a verse of the National Anthem closed the proceedings.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The installation meeting of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, will take place on Thursday, 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Portsmouth, when Bro. R. Osborne will be installed W.M. by V.W. Bro. W. Hickman, Dep. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, in the presence of W. Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G. Sec. Hants and Isle of Wight, and other distinguished brethren.

The annual meeting of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 99, took place at the Albion Tavern on Thursday, the 27th ult., when Bro. W. Marshall was installed in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year.

The half-yearly meeting of the Great Western Railway Company was held on Friday, the 28th ult., under the presidency of Sir D. Gooch, M.P., P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, when the report was adopted, and a dividend on the ordinary stock at the rate of 4 per cent, was declared.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., laid the foundation stone of the new church of St. Simon, Shepherd's Bush, on Thursday, the 6th inst.

The Saddlers' Company have voted a donation of ten guineas to the King Edward Ragged School, Spitalfields.

The Annual Supper of the Israel Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Rising Sun, Globe-road, Bethnal Green, on Thursday, the 13th inst., at 7.

There is yet a chance, it is said, of Lord Hardwicke's remaining Master of the Buckhounds. If this be so, everybody will be well pleased; for the "glossy peer" is a model of kindness and courtesy, and his popularity extends far beyond his own set, or his own order.—The World.

It is not customary at Royal marriages to speak of "the best man." A Prince is said to be "supported" to the altar, and the heraldic term is by no means inappropriate. The Duke of Connaught's supporters will, as I announced a month ago, be the Prince of Wales and Prince Leopold, who will wear the costume of Knight of the Garter. They will be ushered to the altar by Lords Hertford and Barrington, with a complete retinue of heralds, gentlemen-at-arms, and pursuivants. The bride's supporters will be Prince Frederick William (her father), who will give her away, and the Prince Imperial of Germany.—The Whitehall Review.

Bro. Commander Cheyne, R.N., lectured at Oxford, on Wednesday, to appreciative audiences, on his proposed expedition to the North Pole by a new route, and the search for Sir John Franklin. Mr. Grenfell, President of the University Boat Club, presided in the evening. The lecturer stated that his plan of reaching the Pole was by taking advantage of the ocean currents which circulate in the Arctic regions. An influential committee, comprising members of the university and citizens, was formed to assist Commander Cheyne in his project. This makes the forty-sixth committee established in different parts of the kingdom for the same object.

Mr. W. R. S. Ralston repeated his interesting lecture on Popular Fairy Tales on Wednesday afternoon, at St. James's Hall, the proceeds being given to the fund for the benefit of the shareholders of the Glasgow Bank. Mr. Ralston unmercifully exposes the fairy delusions we have always looked upon as gospel, and proves unremorsefully that the glass slipper of Cinderella was made of fur.

According to information received by Joseph Malins, G.W.C.T., from the Cape, an entire Lodge of Good Templars was destroyed at Isandula. The lodge was formed among the men of the 24th in Cape Colony, and was called the British Pioneer Lodge. This is the second Templar Lodge swept out of existence by a great disaster, the first being destroyed when the "Eurydice" went down.

THE ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS.—The employes of Messrs. J. and C. Boyd & Co. will give an entertainment at St. George's Hall, Langham-place, on Thursday evening, the 13th inst., in aid of the Asylum for Idiots, at Earlswood. The programme includes "Our Bitterest Foe," by C. C. Herbert; a three-act comedy, "Old Soldiers," by H. J. Byron, and negro selections in character. The profits on former entertainments by the employes of Messrs. Boyd have amounted in the aggregate to nearly £500, and we trust that such a deserving charity as the Idiot Asylum will be materially benefited by the present effort.

On Monday Bro. E. J. Keeping, who was for fourteen years on the staff of the Albion, and now house steward at Grocers' Hall, was presented by the members of the Joppa Lodge (188) with a locket with a brilliant centre, monogram, and suitable inscription, as a mark of the respect he was held in by the members.

The Grand Mark Secretary, Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.J.W., will hold a lodge at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, to-day (Saturday), at 2.30 p.m. precisely, for the purpose of constituting the Provincial Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of Gloucestershire, and the installation of Bro. the Rev. C. R. Davy, as the first Provincial Grand Master.

The *Whitehall Review* is enabled to announce on official authority that the Queen has finally determined to take part in the wedding ceremony at St. George's Chapel on the 13th inst. The report that Her Majesty would merely be present in the private pew, which is accessible through the Deanery, originated owing to the erection of a temporary structure at the entrance to the cloisters. As a matter of fact, Her Majesty will be the first of the Royal party to arrive at the chapel. Her Majesty is timed to leave the Castle at 12 o'clock.

Bro. Sir John Bennett lectured on "The Paris Exhibition: Its Lessons and its Warnings," at the Brentford Institute, Brentford, on Wednesday, and to the Peckham Mutual Society, in the Collyer Memorial Schools, Peckham, on Friday.

We learn that Messrs. Cassell have sent out, for the use of our troops at the Cape, through the care of Mr. Kirkwood, the Scotch Chaplain to the Forces, 100 parts, well assorted, of "Cassell's Family Magazine," "The Quiver," "Little Folks," "Heroes of Great Britain," and "The Sea." This generous and welcome gift goes by the ss. *Andean*, which sails from the Victoria Docks this day (Saturday).

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, March 14, 1879.

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, day, or months of meeting.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
- " 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
- " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
- Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
- Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
- Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
- Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.
- John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

MONDAY, MARCH 10.

- Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
- " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
- " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 136, Good Report, Inn's of Court Hot.
- " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 222, St. Andrew's Inn's of Court Hot.
- " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
- " 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Wick.
- " 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.
- Chap. 53, Royal Sussex, M.H., Old Orchard-st., Bath.
- " 1118, University, F.M.H.
- Rose Croix Chap. Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
- St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
- Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
- Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
- Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
- 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, Penbury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
- Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
- West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
- Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 186, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
- " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st.
- " 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey.
- " 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.

- Lodge 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1158, Southern Star, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., W.
- " 1441, Ivy, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- " 1604, Wanderer's, F.M.H.
- " 1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.
- Mark Lodge, 226, Excelsior, M.H., Anglesea Hill, Plumstead.
- Rose Croix, 71, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.
- Encamp., D. Mount Calvary, F.M. Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12.

- Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
- " 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
- " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
- " 15, Kent, F.M.H.
- " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
- " 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
- " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
- " 1629, United, F.M.H.
- " 1718, Centurion, The London, Fleet-st.
- Chap. 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
- 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.
- La Tolérance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
- Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd, Peckham.
- Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
- Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
- Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
- Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
- Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, South-pl., Kenngtn. at 8.
- 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.
- Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13.

- Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- " 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
- " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
- " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
- " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hl.
- Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tav., Kennington.

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-rd.
- Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
- Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
- The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., 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-rd., at 8.
- Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
- Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
- Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14.

- Lodge 33, Britannia, F.M.H.
- " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
- " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
- 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-rd., Deptford.
- Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
- St. Marylebone, British Stars Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
- United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
- Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., 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.
- Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
- William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
- Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 15, 1879.

MONDAY, MARCH 10.

- Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
- " 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
- " 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.
- " 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
- " 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
- Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
- Mark Lodge 165, Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
- Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
- Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12.

- Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
- " 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
- " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
- " 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
- " 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
- " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
- " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
- Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13.

- Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- " 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
- " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
- " 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
- " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
- " 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14.

- Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

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