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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—The last meeting of the season of this prosperous transpontine lodge was held at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 1st inst., when there were present among others Bros. T. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, W.M.; H. Kohler, S.W.; Speedy, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Reeves, I.P.M.; Webb, S.D.; Marston, J.D.; Stokes, D.C.; Stranger, W.S.; Bolton, A.W.S.; Koch, P.M.; G. Everett, P.M.; Higgins, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M.; Longstaffe, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. W. H. Saunders, P.G.D. of Middlesex, P.M. 1503, W.M. Dobie; Maloney, P.M. Robert Burns; Charles Dairy, W.M. 141, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Cockburn was passed to the Second Degree. Previously to the lodge being closed a very deserving case for Masonic support, that of a poor widow, aged eighty-six, was brought before the brethren by Bro. Saunders, which appeal resulted in a handsome collection being made. The lodge also unanimously consented to the W.M. and Wardens signing her petition, she being a resident of Kennington, to the Irish Grand Lodge for relief. There being no other business on the agenda, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent collation. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary and preliminary toasts were done full justice to. "The Health of the Visitors" having been heartily drunk, Bro. Saunders, in reply, expressed the gratification his first visit to the Kennington Lodge had afforded him. He complimented the lodge upon the handsome and ready manner in which they had supported the case of the widow, whose husband's Masonic career commenced upwards of half a century ago. They were taught that "a Mason's charity should know no bounds save those of prudence," but it was a very graceful act of the lodge, simply upon his recommendation, to afford the poor lady so hearty and substantial a mark of their benevolence. Bros. C. Dairy and Maloney also expressed their satisfaction for the hospitable way in which they had been treated by the members of No. 1381. The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and was duly responded to by Bros. Koch, Everett, Higgins, Drysdale, and Honeywell. "The Treasurer and Secretary" came next in order, and was briefly acknowledged, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Page, Treasurer, by Bro. Stuart, the Secretary. "The Officers" and the Tyler's toasts brought the proceedings to a close. During the evening Bro. Honeywell and others instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

**MIZPAH LODGE (No. 1671).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bro. D. R. Still, W.M., presided, and raised Bro. Seckbach to the Third Degree. Bro. John Hervey, G.S., then installed Bro. Walter W. Medcalf, S.W., and W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge, and the following brethren were appointed as officers for the year:—Bros. D. R. Still, P.M. 1293, and P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, I.P.M.; J. Bergmann, S.W.; Carl Schmidt, J.W.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chaplain; J. J. Avery, P.M. 70, and P.P.G.T. Devonshire, Treasurer; H. G. Buss, Asst. G.S., Secretary; R. A. Morgan, S.D.; H. H. Wells, J.D.; Henry Warden, I.G.; J. Bromwich, D.C.; G. Lewis, Steward; J. Hill, Organist; H. Shaw, Tyler. The brethren did not banquet on this occasion, the meeting falling on the day after Good Friday, when most of the brethren were out of town. An emergency meeting was, however, held on Saturday last, when the following brethren were present:—W. M. Medcalf, W.M.; J. Bergmann, S.W.; C. Schmidt, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chaplain; J. J. Avery, Treasurer; H. G. Buss, Sec.

R. H. Morgan, S.D.; James Bromwich, D.C.; John Hill, Org.; Nelson Reed, P.M.; W. E. Downey, C. H. Meitre, S. Heilbut, Geo. Coppard, Richard Nelson, P. Alpetre, N. Wilson, Joseph Zeder, Chas. Sissons, John Cartwright, A. R. Cartwright, J. Bedford; and visitors, Bros. A. Coultery, 70; John Cox, P.M. 190; R. H. Saunders, W.M. 889, P.M. 1503, G.D. Middx.; Henry Gates, Treasurer 1599; Julian Hartley, 1426; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. 1572; Kenneth Harris, S.D. 1728; Thos. W. C. Bush, W.M. 1728; Thos. Thexter, 1572; W. C. Hale, S.D. 1216; J. Slade Brown, P.M. 1056; John Green, P.M. 27; A. T. Pearce, W.S. 1572; J. Hamer, S.D. 1426; Henry Hoadley, S.W. 172; J. Llewellyn Jones, W.M. 657; Donald Clark, 1426, and 1632, Std.; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*); and Walter Joyce. The W.M. raised Bro. Heilbut, and passed Bros. J. W. Cartwright and A. R. Cartwright, and performed his work in a way which gave unmistakable promise of a year of efficient working. The working also of the other officers was admirable. Bro. D. R. Still, I.P.M., was away on business at Manchester, and the brethren were thus deprived of the pleasure of seeing him presented with a splendid ten guinea Past Master's jewel, which had been voted him by the lodge, and which was handed round for the inspection of the members and visitors. The working of the lodge was followed by a banquet of the choicest description, to which succeeded the usual toasts. The Rev. R. J. Simpson and Bro. Buss were called upon to respond to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Simpson in doing so said that as one of the brethren present at the consecration of the Mizpah Lodge, he saw it was then a promising child, and he was happy to say it had fulfilled the promise it then gave. The true spirit of Freemasonry was present in the lodge, and it had been well carried out by the P.M.'s, and would be kept before the brethren's view by Bro. Buss, whose character both as a Mason and a man was well known to Freemasons. He looked upon the different brethren who had been initiated in the Mizpah Lodge as the right sort of brethren to belong to the Order. They were all honourable men, and the Mizpah Lodge was calculated to produce honourable men. Such men should all Masons be, and whatever might be the distinctive religious or political professions of a man, it would ever be considered a great and emphatic feature in his character that he bore the character of a body to which he belonged. Every Mason was pledged to hold forth a high example to the world, an example of being an honourable man. As such, he hoped they would give their minds and attention more and more to the subject which was cropping up in the Masonic papers, and still more in Masonic minds, of the mode in which the Charities of the Order were conducted and the admission to them was regulated. He hoped they would soon endeavour to be just as well as generous, and deal with the children of the Masonic brethren as the urgency of their cases demanded, and with as little as possible of weight of responsibility, expense, and worry to the unfortunate widows. Bro. Buss said the brethren who started the lodge were the majority of the lodge at present, and as long as the lodge was under their guidance it would not fail to be a success to the Craft. Bro. Simpson, in speaking of the Charities, had cautioned them to be careful on whom they bestowed their interest. The Mizpah Lodge would be as careful as they possibly could be in the execution of that duty, and the appropriation of that patronage which they from time to time exercised. They had already done some good that way, and he hoped they would do still more. He was sure the lodge was likely to prosper, and it would in time to come constantly apply itself to the object of doing good. Bro. Nelson Reed, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," through whom he prognosticated a successful year for the lodge from the admirable way in which he had conducted the ceremonies on the occasion of his first presiding over the brethren. Every brother present had been delighted with the way in which he had done his first day's work. The lodge numbered among its members some of the first Masons in London, Bros. Hervey, Monckton, Fenn, Simpson, and Buss, besides several others who did not wear the purple. The work of the lodge showed that it was no dishonour to them to be members of the lodge. The present W.M. would do everything in his power to raise it above the level of other lodges, however well they stood in the estimation of the Order. The W.M., in reply, said that from the period of the formation of the Mizpah Lodge he had always taken a deep interest in it, and so long as God gave him breath he should continue to do the same. His interest was bound up in that of the Mizpah Lodge, as he was one of its many fathers. Bro. Still and Bro. Nelson Reed had also shown every disposition to further the cause of Masonry, especially in connection with this lodge. If he had asked them how to do this or that particular thing he had always received from them that kind instruction which should always be given by Mason to Mason. In no case had it been more freely given to him than with regard to the Mastership of this lodge. He was a very young Mason, and to be placed in that distinguished position made him feel a little nervous; at the same time, he thought he would do his best, and doing that he knew the brethren would excuse deficiencies. He hoped in future to show less hesitation and more determination than he had that evening. Filling the chair for the first time was a very difficult matter. He had often seen brethren placed in that position, and he had thought to himself that it should ever fall to his lot to be so placed, he hoped he would fill the position with as much credit as they had. Without thinking that the brethren would flatter him in any way, he could tell them from the bottom of his heart that he had done his best. He had made a few mistakes, but he hoped the brethren would overlook them, and if God gave him health and strength he would, when he next occupied the chair perform his duties, he hoped, without any coaching whatever. The W.M. next proposed "The Installing

Officer, Bro. John Hervey," who he regretted was not present, and he regretted it the more because Bro. Hervey was not in good health. Bro. Buss said that he had been instructed by Bro. Hervey to say that he had intended to be present, but unfortunately, through he had lately been comparatively well, within the last few days he had had a return of illness, and he much regretted he could not attend the present meeting. Bros. Llewellyn, Jones, and Saunders responded to the toast of "The Visitors." Bro. Jones referred to his own connection with the lodge as one of the brethren who signed the recommendation for its warrant, and it had given him great pleasure, on the two visits he had paid to the lodge, to see how admirably it had been worked. Bro. Saunders, in his reply, drew the brethren's attention to the candidature of the late Bro. Stone's boy for the Masonic Institution for Boys, which case had been kindly taken up by Bro. Still, and though not successful at the last election, over 500 votes had been secured for him. Bro. Bush, in the course of his remarks, said that as a W.M. himself he had been surprised at Bro. Medcalf's self-possession, and at the fluency with which he performed the duties of the chair. It had been his pleasure for some few years to visit lodges, but never had he seen the ritual performed in a more creditable manner the first time the Master was in the chair than it had been that night. He was not at all surprised, for the W.M. and himself had for several months been in the habit of attending lodges of instruction, and he had noticed the zeal and assiduity with which Bro. Medcalf had applied himself to learn the duties of the chair. Bro. Medcalf had received the just reward of all his labours for the past twelve months, and the visitors that night wished him a happy and prosperous year of office. He (Bro. Bush) was certain he would have it, and that he would leave the chair with credit to himself and honour to the Mizpah Lodge. Bro. Nelson Reed replied to the toast of "The P.M.'s," and regretted that Bro. Still was not present to receive the handsome jewel which the brethren had been shown. The W.M. coupled the toasts of "The Masonic Charities and the Press," and calling on Bro. H. Massey to reply, that brother said that he felt peculiar pleasure in responding for this Holy Alliance, because he had had the immense satisfaction of having secured the kind friendship of so many supporters of the Masonic Charities at the late elections that the daughter of a very dear late colleague of his on the *Standard* newspaper who was found dead in his bed on the 26th of June last, was elected into the Girls' School, on her first application with 1055 votes, and the candidate of another press friend of his (Bro. Middlemass), the little boy, Arthur Salter, was also successful on his first application for the Boys' School. It was in emergencies like these when a man's real friends were discovered, and he felt he could never sufficiently thank his brother Masons for what they had done. The press was always pleased to support the Charities, and though he felt that in the Mizpah Lodge there was no necessity for the presence of any one to advocate their cause, he could not refrain from saying that any assistance bestowed on those Institutions was given to a worthy object. In his capacity as a pressman he was always pleased to bring the Masonic Charities before the Masonic and general public. Bros. Avery and Buss replied to the toast of "Treasurer and Secretary." Bro. Avery said the lodge was in the proud position of having no liabilities, and no arrears of subscriptions; besides which it had £60 invested, and an available balance at the Master's disposal of £30. Bro. Buss referred to the same subject, and said that the brethren paying their dues so readily saved the Treasurer and Secretary an enormous amount of labour. Bros. Bergmann, Schmidt, and the other officers replied to the toast of "The Officers," and Bro. H. Shaw having given the Tyler's toast, the brethren separated, after spending a delightful evening, which was rendered additionally enjoyable by some beautiful vocal and instrumental music and also recitations, by Bros. Avery, Morgan, Heilbut, Reed, Bergmann, Bromwich, Clark, Whitaker, Meiter, Hill, Flack, and Schmidt.

**FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).**—This young and prosperous lodge met on the 31st ult., at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel. There were present Bros. W. H. Jackson, jun., P.M. Royal Arthur, W.M.; C. Jacques, S.W.; W. Ramsey, P.M., Treas.; H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, Hon. I.P.M.; H. J. Lardner, S.D.; M. Samuel, J.D.; Quilter, D.C., acting I.G.; Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, J.W. and Secretary pro tem. (*Freemason*); Parkinson, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. W. Potter, jun., and Strugnell were raised, and Bro. W. Williams passed to the Degree of F.C., both ceremonies being most ably performed. Bro. Hart, who had been elected an honorary member at the previous meeting, was then invested by the W.M. with the collar of Organist. A Committee, consisting of the founders and Bros. W. Potter, jun., and Strugnell, having been appointed to audit the accounts and to consider the bye-laws, on the 28th of April, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler was then proceeded with, and resulted unanimously in favour of Bros. C. Jacques, W. Ramsey, and Parkinson. A jewel of the value of ten guineas having been unanimously voted to the outgoing Master, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Bros. Larham, P.M. of several lodges, and Acland, of the Lodge of Israel, were visitors. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual routine of toasts were briefly given by the Worshipful Master, and duly responded to. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in flattering terms by the Hon. I.P.M. This toast having been heartily drunk by the brethren, was acknowledged by the W.M. in a neat and modest speech. "The Visitors" followed, coupled with the name of Bro. Larham, who, in his reply, complimented the Farrington Without Lodge upon the success which had hitherto attended it. He said

that they were particularly fortunate in having so good a place to meet in as the Viaduct Hotel, because in consequence of the handsome and complete manner in which the lodge rooms were furnished the effect of the ceremonies were greatly enhanced. In concluding his remarks he said it also afforded him as an old Mason a great deal of pleasure in testifying to the admirable "working" of the officers of the lodge, some of whom would bear favourable comparison with any in the Craft. "The Honorary I.P.M." came next in order, and was modestly acknowledged by Bro. Dubois. The concluding toasts, viz., "The Treasurer," "The Officers," and the Tyler's, having been given, the proceedings terminated.

**GATESHEAD.—Borough Lodge (No. 424).**—This lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Monday last, the 21st inst., at the Half Moon Hotel, High-street, Gateshead. The lodge was opened at 7 o'clock by Bro. J. Marchant, P.M., W.M., assisted by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. J. Probert, P.M.; A. Anderson, S.W.; John Mackay, J.W.; W. F. Poad, Sec.; John F. Boyes, S.D.; John Redpath, J.D.; J. Beeby, Steward; G. W. Wealleans, I.G.; John Curry, Prov. Grand Tyler, Tyler; Thomas Ramsey, E. A. Gibson, A. Walkie, R. Nicholson, T. S. Miller, R. Kearon, and Thomas Pearson. Visitors: Bros. J. Cook, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; R. Whitfield, W.M. 48; M. Corbitt, I.P.M. 48; W. McLerron, and F. A. Kelly (Freemason). The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Capt. Robert Kearon, having been previously examined and found proficient, was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by the W.M., Bro. J. Marchant, who also delivered to the newly-raised brother the explanation of the Third Degree Tracing Board in a very distinct and able manner. The lodge was then closed to the First Degree, when the Building Committee for the new hall for this lodge submitted their report, and promised that the plans of the new building should be in the hands of the W.M. on the following Friday, after which day they would be open for the inspection of the brethren. The names of two candidates for Freemasonry were proposed by the W.M., who then adjourned the lodge for refreshment, where the usual loyal toasts were proposed, and heartily received with musical honours. The W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," said how happy the members of the Borough Lodge were at all times to entertain visitors, and trusted that all present felt heartily welcome. Bro. R. Whitfield, Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Industry, No. 48, responded. The W.M. then proposed, in complimentary terms, the toast of "The Press," coupled with the name of our representative, to which Bro. Kelly replied. In proposing "The Health of the Newly-Raised Brother, Captain R. Kearon," the W.M. recounted an interesting and pleasing experience of the advantages of Freemasonry that Bro. Kearon had recently met with. Bro. Kearon had the misfortune to get on shore with his ship, in a storm on the 7th inst., on the Northumberland coast, near Blyth. His distress was increased by the fact that his wife was on board. On reaching the shore, he was met by Bro. Wilson, of the Coast Guard Station at Hartley, who, on discovering that he was a Freemason, exhibited the greatest courtesy and attention, and assisted Bro. Kearon in his efforts to land his wife, and treated her with the greatest hospitality whilst measures were being taken to remove the vessel from shore, which was happily effected, after many trying hours. Bro. Kearon, in reply, endorsed everything that the W.M. had said as to Bro. Wilson's kindness, and further related that he (Bro. Wilson) had been good enough to forward his wife home to Shields, which entailed upon him a walk of nearly five miles to the nearest railway station. Bro. J. Probert, P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," complimenting him in very eulogistic terms for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. The cheers with which the remarks of Bro. Probert were received was conclusive proof of the popularity of Bro. Marchant. The brethren separated shortly before eleven o'clock.

**BRIGHTON.—Yarborough Lodge (No. 811).**—An official visit was paid to this lodge on Saturday, the 19th inst., by Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P. (Provincial Grand Master of Sussex), and a special vote of thanks was passed, thanking the Prov. G. Master and his officers for their attendance. At the conclusion of the business of the lodge a banquet took place at the Royal Pavillion in honour of the occasion. About sixty guests were present. Bro. H. Abbey (W.M.) presided, and he was supported by several distinguished visitors. The Provincial Officers included Sir W. W. Burrell, P.G.M.; Bros. J. H. Scott, D.P. G.M.; W. Sergison, S.W.; V. P. Freeman, Sec.; Dawes, acting Registrar; Mark Tanner, S.D.; C. Tomkinson, Supt. of W.; Corder, acting D.C.; Jos. Farncombe, Sword Bearer (Freemason); A. King, Organist; Nell, Purst.; Hawkes, Holford, McWhinnie, Evershed, and Rubie, Stewards. Bros. G. Vickers, S.W., and J. C. Chalk, J.W., filled their allotted places. There were also present Bros. W. R. Wood, P.G. Steward; S. Tanner, W.M. South Saxon; Wilkinson, W.M. Royal Clarence; Bennett, W.M. Royal Brunswick; Horsley, Dr. Taaffe, H. Hallett, W. L. Brigden, G. Reeves Smith, H. Martin, J. Smith, W. Smith, J. Stedman, Mayall, J. Eberell, and G. De Paris. The W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft;" also that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England." In giving the latter toast he said his Royal Highness had carried all hearts captive by his genial manner and the great interest he had manifested in everything belonging to the Craft. Bro. W. R. Wood proposed "The Health of the Pro Grand Master of England, the Earl of Carnarvon." Bro. Horsley gave "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Bro. Wood responded. The

W.M. next gave "The Health of Sir Walter W. Burrell, their Provincial Grand Master," and expressed the great pleasure it had afforded him that Sir Walter should have visited the Yarborough Lodge during his year of office. They were all aware of the deep interest which he took in the Craft, and trusted he might long enjoy good health to fill the important office which he now occupied. The Provincial G.M., in responding, said he had only two or three more lodges to visit before completing the task which he had set himself of personally judging of the work in every lodge in the province. It had proved a very pleasing ordeal. He had always been well received, and the working of the lodges had invariably met his approval. He wished the officers of lodges to impress on members, by their example, the grand principles of the Craft, and if they had any differences he trusted they would endeavour to settle them with the right hand of fellowship. The W.M. next gave "The Health of Bro. J. H. Scott and the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge, Present and Past." He said Bro. Scott was personally known to many, and was respected by every Mason in the province. Bro. Scott replied, and passed a high compliment on Bro. De Paris, Secretary to the Yarborough Lodge. He pointed to him as an example it would be well for other lodges to follow. Bro. De Paris was an old and tried Mason, and nothing was more conducive to the welfare of a lodge than to have a brother of experience as Secretary. It required peculiar qualifications for that post—one "to the manner born." He deprecated the recent practice of appointing young and inexperienced brethren to the office of Secretary. Having congratulated the members of the lodge on the success of their candidate, who stood sixth on the list for the recent Girls' School election, he referred to the recently-formed Charities Committee in the province, and said the case he had mentioned was an instance of the good arising from their energies being concentrated. He could not but think it most desirable that they should use all their votes for local candidates. He mentioned as a singular fact that the Yarborough Lodge was No. 811. The last lodge was numbered exactly one thousand more, and as this large increase had occurred in 19 years, it was at the rate of one new lodge a week. There was no doubt but that the accession of the Prince of Wales to the Grand Mastership had given an impetus to Masonry, but the rapid increase had commenced before the time of his Royal Highness. He mentioned this fact to show that Freemasonry was no passing fancy—not a thing of fashion and a day. He urged the brethren to uphold the dignity of the fraternity in every way. While they continued true to themselves and the Craft they need not fear the result. Bro. W. Sergison, S.W.; and Bro. V. P. Freeman, G. Secretary, also responded. Bro. Holford, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and he suitably responded. Bro. Dr. Taaffe gave "The Visitors." Bros. Hallett, Brigden, and Eberell acknowledged the compliment. The toast of "The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bros. W. R. Wood and F. Holford; "The Officers of the Lodge" by Bros. G. Vickers and J. C. Chalk. During the evening some capital vocal selections were given by Bros. Conti and Faulkner Leigh, Bro. G. Vickers accompanying on the piano. Mr. Booth, East-street, supplied the banquet.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).**—The regular meeting was held at the Pump Room, on Wednesday, the 16th. There were present Bros. H. D. M. Williams, W.M.; W. B. Bacon, I.P.M.; B. S. Wilmott, P.M., P.G.S., acting S.W.; J. Burton, J.W.; W. F. Elers, P.M., Treas.; T. F. Bates, Sec.; J. Dunkley, S.D.; T. Waterman, J.D.; R. W. Delves, D.C.; C. Graham, A.D.C.; Chale, I.G.; Strange, Tyler; A. Arnold, G. Farrer, Langridge, Rule, Ranking, Ramsbotham, Williams, J. Read, P.M.; W. Delves, P.M. The visitors were Bros. C. H. Cronwell Marsh, 199; W. T. Wroughton, 23; and J. G. Caleday, 1619. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes having been read and confirmed, Mr. Thos. Boorman Lansdell was regularly initiated into Freemasonry in a most impressive manner, the W.M. giving the charge in excellent style. On P.M. Bacon bringing forward his resolution, "That all brethren being three years in arrears should be struck off the lodge," an amendment was put by Bro. P.M. Elers, seconded by Bro. Arnold, "That the Treasurer should write to or see those brethren who were in arrears, and inform them 'that unless they paid up their subscriptions before the next regular meeting in May, they will be struck off the lodge,'" which was carried. Hearty good wishes having been given, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Kentish Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served to them by Bro. Rule, after which the usual loyal toasts were given. The toast of "The Initiate" was received with great enthusiasm. Bro. Lansdell replied briefly but pertinently. The toast of "The Visitors" was next given, and responded to by Bro. C. H. C. Marsh, of Peace and Harmony Lodge, Dover, who said it was very pleasing to him to be the guest of the Holmesdale Lodge, especially as his father was one of the founders of the lodge, and the oldest Mason in England, having been initiated into the Craft in 1819, at the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath, of which he has just been elected an honorary member, and wished him (Bro. Marsh) to inform the W.M. that although absent he was always pleased to hear of the continued prosperity of the Holmesdale Lodge. Other toasts followed, and during the evening the company were entertained with some excellent singing by Bros. Wroughton, Boorman, and Bates.

**BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1021).**—One of the distinguishing features of Freemasonry is that its adherents rarely forget valuable services, and the brethren connected with this lodge fully

exemplified this in presenting Bro. Henry Cook with a beautiful illuminated address, which reads:—"To Brother Henry Cook, P.M. 119, 1021, Wor. Prov. Senior Grand Warden for Cumberland and Westmorland. Worshipful Sir,—Your year of office as Master of this lodge is about to terminate, and the brethren desire to express to you their high appreciation of your valued services. During your residence in Barrow you have ever manifested a warm interest in the welfare of the lodge, and have twice filled the highest position in it to the entire satisfaction of the members. They are pleased to remember that your labours in Freemasonry are generally recognised, and that you were their Worshipful Master when a neighbouring province conferred upon you the distinguished office of Senior Grand Warden. They earnestly hope that you may be long spared to continue by your Masonic example and teaching to beneficially influence your brethren." (Here follows the signatures of the officers.) As an acknowledgment Bro. Cook was pleased to present to the lodge a faithful and beautiful portrait of himself—the work was universally admired, and reflected great credit on the artist, Bro. Richards, J.W. 1021. The presentation was made in Bro. Cook's usual characteristic style, and called forth the warm applause of the brethren. Bro. Reid, W.M., on behalf of the lodge accepted the pleasing gift, and in very felicitous terms expressed the obligations the brethren were under to their worthy Bro. Cook.

**LANCASTER.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).**—The above lodge held their regular meeting at the Masonic Rooms, on the 16th inst.; Bros. R. Wolfenden, W.M.; J. Ellershaw, S.W.; W. Parker, J.W.; J. Acton, P.M., Sec.; F. G. Dale, I.P.M.; H. Hartley, S.D.; H. Sturzaker (acting), J.D.; C. J. W. Stork (acting), I.G.; and a very good gathering of the brethren were present. The lodge was opened in the First Degree. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The W.M. gave the charge and the historical part to a brother who had not received it. The lodge was closed to the Second Degree. Bro. F. G. Dale, I.P.M., gave the Second Lecture on the tracing board in a very efficient manner. The lodge was closed to the Second Degree, Bro. J. Ellershaw, S.W., gave the charge, the brethren who had not heard it before standing. Bro. J. Acton, P.M., Sec., read the bye-laws of the lodge. A unanimous vote of thanks was given to Bro. Dale, I.P.M., for giving the lecture, and to Bro. Ellershaw, S.W., for giving the charge. There was one proposal, and the business of the evening being ended the lodge was closed.

**STRETFORD.—Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 1588).**—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Herbert-street, on Monday, the 14th inst. This being Bank Holiday, and a beautifully fine day, there was a large attendance of the members of the lodge as well as visiting brethren. The lodge was opened at 2.45 p.m., by Bro. Wakefield, P.M. (in the unavoidable absence of the W.M.), who was supported by the following officers: Bros. Crompton, S.W., W.M. elect; Barber, W.M. 1730, J.W.; Goodacre, P.M., P.P.G.P. Cheshire, Treasurer; Crosby, Sec.; Andrew, S.D.; W. Cole, Org.; Boden, I.G.; Worthington, Tyler. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. the Rev. H. B. Jones, P.P.G. Chaplain; W. Bowden, P.P.G.S.B.; Rev. E. H. Cooke, Chaplain 1730; Hollins, W.M. 152; England, S.W. 1730; Allison, J.W. 1730; Magee, W.M. 548; Erskine, 724; Vetter, 815; Bradbury, W.M. 1357; Batty, W.M. 1387; Watson, W.M. 1496; Dodd, S.D. 78; Miller, Sec. 1357. The lodge having been opened in the several degrees, Bro. Crompton was presented by Bro. Bowden, P.P.G.S.B., for installation, the ceremony throughout being ably performed by the Installing Master, Bro. Goodacre, P.M., P.P.G.P. Cheshire. The W.M. then appointed his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Crosby, S.W.; Andrew, J.W.; Goodacre, P.M., Treas., re-elected; J. E. Boden, Sec.; Wm. Cole, S.D.; Jas. Cole, J.D.; Geo. Barber, W.M. 1730, D. of C.; Thos. Avison, I.G.; and Wallwork, Tyers, and Sharp, Stewards. Hearty good wishes having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed at 5 p.m. An omnibus being in attendance, the brethren were conveyed thereon to the Lord Nelson Hotel, Urmston, where they sat down to an excellent banquet provided by the worthy hostess, Mrs. Holliday. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and suitably responded to, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close at 10.30 p.m.

**TEDDINGTON.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 29th ult. There were present Bros. J. Hurst, P.M. 1512, W.M.; Forge, S.W.; Weaver, P.M. Lily of Richmond, acting J.W., in the absence, through indisposition, of Bro. Piller; Fitt, Sec.; Linton, J.D.; Goodchild, I.G.; Stevens, Org.; Abett, D.C.; Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middx., S.D. (Freemason); Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middx., Tyler. The visitors were Bros. the Rev. C. de Crespigny, P.P.G.C. of Middx., W.M. 1656; Day, 1512; Eyres and Scott, 1656. Bro. Goodchild was passed to the degree of F.C., and Messrs. Humpries, Owen, and two other gentlemen duly initiated, the ceremonies being performed in a satisfactory manner. Several propositions having been handed in, the lodge was closed until the last Saturday in April. The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was admirably served. It being an emergency meeting, the after proceedings were shorn of the formality usually observed at regular meetings. "The P.G. Officers of Middlesex, Present and Past," was acknowledged by Bro. Walls, who immediately afterwards proposed "The Health of the W.M." This toast having been heartily received, the W.M. made a brief reply, and then proposed "The Initiates." This pledge having been drunk with the usual honours, each of the newly-admitted brethren

responded. In giving "The Visitors" the W.M. took occasion to thank very heartily several of the visiting brethren for the kind manner in which they had officiated in various capacities during the working of the ceremonies. In concluding his remarks, he expressed an opinion that one of the greatest supports of Freemasonry was the practice of brethren interchanging visits. It not only made and cemented friendships, but it cultivated the growth of one of the vital principles of the Order, "Brotherly Love." This pledge was acknowledged in fitting terms by Bros. Weaver, Day, Eyres, and Scott. The toast of "The Officers" terminated the proceedings, which were greatly enhanced by the musical efforts of Bros. Stevens, Hurst, and others.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 23rd inst., at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston. Present: E. Dignam, W.M.; A. R. Olley, S.W.; J. Williams, Sec.; J. Lorkin, J.D.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; W. Ferrar, I.G. The lodge was opened in ancient form with solemn prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Williams being candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the first and second sections of the lecture. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by Bro. A. R. Olley, also worked the third section of the lecture. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. C. Olley seconded, that Bro. A. R. Olley be W.M. for the ensuing Wednesday evening. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form. Time of meeting from 8 till 10.

**Royal Arch.**

**ST. THOMAS'S CHAPTER (No. 142).**—A convocation of this new chapter was held at the City Terminus Hotel, on Saturday last. There were present Comps. H. C. Levander, M.E.Z.; G. A. Rooks, H.; J. W. Lambert, J.; C. F. Hogard, P.Z., S.E.; W. Beattie, S.N.; F. W. Levander, P.S.; F. J. Macaulay, 1st A.S.; F. S. Hobson, 2nd A.S.; H. A. Dubois, P.Z., Treasurer; and other companions. Visitors: Col. Burdett, Sup. Middx.; J. Lewis Thomas, G. St. B.; F. T. Dubois, 1216; and J. H. Crowther, 1185, Lewis Chapter. Bro. G. Webb was duly exalted, the mystical lecture being given by Comp. C. F. Hogard. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Comps. G. A. Rooks, M.E.Z.; J. W. Lambert, H.; C. F. Hogard, J.; W. Beattie, S.E.; F. W. Levander, S.N.; F. J. Macaulay, P.S.; H. A. Dubois, Treasurer; and Harrison, Janitor. Comp. Hogard then proposed that as a mark of respect and esteem, also as a slight recognition of the great services rendered in the formation of the chapter, as well as its first M.E.Z. a P.Z.'s jewel of the value of £10 10s. be presented to Comp. H. C. Levander. This was seconded by Comp. G. Motion, and carried. Comp. Levander acknowledged the compliment, and the chapter was then closed. The companions afterwards dined together.

**JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).**—The installation meeting of this very old chapter and the last convocation of the season was held on the 8th inst. at the Freemasons' Tavern. There were present Comps. Wagner, M.E.Z.; P. Robinson, H., M.E.Z. elect; J. Mander, J., Second Principal elect; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Elsam, J., P.Z.; Stewart, and Davis, 1st and 2nd Assistants; Holbrook, P.Z.; Walls, S.N., Third Principal elect (*Freemason*); Parkinson, Janitor. Comp. Watts, Third Principal of the St. James's Union, was a visitor. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Robinson was duly installed First Principal by Comp. Wagner. The M.E.Z. then installed Comps. Mander and Walls as Second and Third Principals, the ceremonies being ably performed. The other officers invested were as follows:—Comps. Davage, S.E.; Harfeld, Treas. (by deputy); Moss, S.N. (by deputy); Stewart, P.S.; Davis and Ellborn, Assistants; Parkinson, Janitor. Bro. Smith, W.M. of the Jordan, was then ably exalted to the R.A. Degree by the M.E.Z. Previously to the chapter being closed the I.P.Z. was presented with a handsome jewel, in recognition of his services during his year of office. Comp. Wagner having suitably acknowledged this compliment, the convocation was duly closed, and the companions partook of a most excellent banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary preliminary toasts were done full justice to. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed in very flattering terms by the I.P.Z. He said that the career of Comp. Robinson, in the Jerusalem Chapter, had been marked by everything that was desirable in a good Mason. He had been attentive to his duties, and most energetic in mastering the details of the various offices which he had successively occupied. In concluding his remarks he said he looked forward with a very considerable amount of satisfaction to their M.E.Z.'s year of office, which tenure, he believed, would not only reflect credit upon Comp. Robinson but upon the whole chapter. The M.E.Z. having replied, then gave "The Exalte," which was suitably acknowledged by Comp. Smith. "The Health of the Visitor" came next in order. Comp. Watts, in response, complimented the Jerusalem upon possessing so strong and efficient a staff of officers, who would do honour to any chapter. He had been exceedingly pleased with the "working" that day, and gratified at witnessing the unanimity displayed by the members, who appeared to be all working for one common end, namely, the well-being of their old and deservedly popular chapter. The toasts of "The Second and Third Principals," "The Past Principals," "The Treasurer and Scribe E.," and "The Officers" followed in quick succession, and were duly responded to. The Janitor having been called upon to discharge his duty, the proceedings, which were throughout thoroughly enjoyable, then terminated.

**ASAPH CHAPTER (No. 1319).**—The April convocation of this chapter was held on Monday at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present, among others, Comps. E. Stanton Jones, M.E.Z.; Chamberlain, H.; W. A. Tinney, J.; Wellard, P.S.; Edward Terry, 1st A.S.; and Harry Cox, 2nd A.S. Bros. Victor Tussaud, H. Whaley, R. Soutar, and J. Maclean, of Lodge 1319, were exalted to the R.A. Degree. The elections then took place, when Comps. Chamberlain was chosen Z.; W. A. Tinney, H.; Frewin, J.; Edward Terry, S.E.; C. S. Jekyll, S.N.; Wellard, P.S. Comp. E. Stanton Jones having served a second year as M.E.Z., the companions voted another bar to the P.Z.'s jewel already held by him.

**WHITEHAVEN.**—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this flourishing chapter, now numbering between ninety and one hundred members, was held on Friday, the 18th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, Whitehaven. The following signed their names at four o'clock:—Comps. W. Sandwith, P.Z., as Z., in the absence, through illness, of Dr. Henry, M.E.Z.; John Barr, P.Z.; W. F. Lamonby, H. (*Freemason*); E. Tyson, J.; J. Rothery, S.E.; F. Hodgson, as S.N.; J. Atkinson, P.S.; J. T. Ray, 1st A.S.; J. Cooper, Org.; G. Fitzgerald, Janitor; Capt. Sewell, G. Sparrow, G. Dalrymple, E. Clark, J. W. Miles, C. W. Hodgson, W. Jackson, jun. This, it must be confessed, was only a small muster; but, when it is considered that a great majority of the members belong to other towns, the paucity of numbers, for once, may be excused. The chapter having been opened, the remainder of the companions were admitted, and the minutes of the former convocation read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bro. Chas. Mossop, Lodge 119, Whitehaven, which being unanimous, he and Bro. Dr. Dodgson, P.M. Lodge 1002, P.P.G.J.D. (who had previously been accepted), were admitted, and duly exalted to the Sublime Degree by the M.E.Z. in the chair. The historical, symbolical, and mystical lectures were respectively delivered by Comps. Tyson, Lamonby, and Barr. This was all the business, and, for once in three or four years, there were no propositions for exaltation. The chapter was then solemnly closed.

**CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.**—Chorlton Chapter (No. 1387).—The bi-monthly meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. The chapter was opened by Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, Z.; J. Rains, H.; and W. P. Groves, acting J. The attendance was not numerous, and after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with. Comps. J. H. Sillitoe was re-elected Z.; J. Potts, H.; J. G. Batty, J.; R. Davies re-elected S.E.; J. J. Lambert, S.M.; J. Dewhurst re-elected P.S.; A. Love, Treasurer; and W. Chesshyre, Janitor. The chapter was duly closed.

**BODMIN.**—St. Petrock Chapter (No. 330).—The annual installation of Principals in connection with this chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, on the 15th inst., being the first annual meeting since the consecration of the chapter in April, 1878. The following companions were present: Col. Peard, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; T. C. Stephens, P.Z. of 1151, as Z.; Thomas Hawken, H.; J. R. Collins, J.; Dr. De Leigh, P.Z.; and W. P. Smith, 1151; Wm. Rowe, Scribe E.; B. G. Derry, Scribe N.; Dr. Controller Bake, 1st A. Sojourner; J. F. Pagen, 2nd Sojourner; J. Crang, Treasurer; T. H. Spear, John Dennis, Richard Adams, John Stephens, 1151; and Gust. E. Liddell, 454; Kandy Newera, Ceylon. A special and cordial vote of thanks was given to Comps. T. C. and J. Stephens, of 1151, for their constant and invaluable attendance at the chapter during the past year, without which the chapter could not have held its meetings, and also to Ex. Comps. Peard, De Leigh, and Smith, for their attendance on this occasion. The several companions suitably replied to the votes of thanks. Ex. Comp. Stephens most impressively installed Comp. Thomas Hawken as M.E.Z., John Richard Collins as H., and William Rowe as J. The other appointments and investitures were Comps. Dennis, Scribe E.; Controller Bake, P.S.; J. F. Pagen, 1st Asst. Sojourner; T. H. Spear, 2nd Asst. Sojourner; John Crang, S.N. and Treasurer; P. Carroll (who was exalted by dispensation from the P.G. Supt.), Janitor; B. G. Derry and R. Adams, Stewards, and others.

**Mark Masonry.**

**MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).**—The regular meeting of this lodge, for the election of W.M. and Treasurer, was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Friday, the 18th inst. In the absence of Bro. North Ritherdon, the W.M., consequent on business engagements at a considerable distance from London, the chair of A. was occupied by the W. Bro. Alfred Williams, P.G.S.D., I.P.M., and there were present, amongst others, V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O., P.M., as S.W.; Bros. R. P. Spice, as J.W.; W. P. Colling, M.O.; W. Bro. Wm. Worrell, P.G. Org., P.M. and Sec.; G. Ward Verry, S.D.; W. C. Hale, J.D.; W. Johnstone, L. Hirsch, J. Humphrey, and others. Visitor: Bro. Kidder, Bon Accord Lodge. The absence of the V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O., P.M. and Treasurer, occasioned by illness, was generally regretted, as also was that of several other officers and brethren, whose apologies bore testimony to the ill effects of the late inclement weather. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the brethren proceeded to the discharge of the only business then before them, and unanimously elected Bro. Edward Moody (the

well known and deservedly esteemed Secretary of the Great City Lodge) as their W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Meggy was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The office of Tyler was again conferred upon Bro. Grant, although his serious and much regretted illness precludes all possibility of his personal attention. His functions have been for some time past, and will continue to be discharged by his friend, Bro. Rowles, so that the lodge will not suffer by his enforced absence. Bros. Humphrey and Johnstone were appointed on the Audit Committee. After propositions were made, the lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together, under the presidency of Bro. Williams, and a most agreeable evening was spent by all present.

**HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 211).**—A meeting of this young but fairly successful lodge was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, on the 19th inst. Amongst the officers present were Bros. Baldwin, W.M.; T. C. Walls, S.W.; Goodall, J.O., acting J.W.; A. Tisley, Secretary; J. Mason, J.P.M., &c.; Haynes, S.O.; and Game, D.C. The accounts having been audited, the lodge was duly and formally opened. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. There being no other business on the agenda, the lodge was then duly closed. There was no banquet. There will be an emergency meeting to advance several candidates on the third Saturday in June.

**Notes on Art.**

The week before last the exhibition of French water-colour paintings was privately opened. The two rooms forming the exhibition contained a select public, and the exhibition called forth the admiration of everybody, for though the number of pictures exhibited is small, they are really a collection of gems. The artists who have exhibited and who have founded the club are seventeen in number—Baron, Vibert, Doré, Lemaire, Heilbuth, Lame, Isabey, Jacquemard, Detaille, Madame de Rothschild, Lambert, De Beaumont, Maurice Leloir, Louis Leloir, Worms, Français, and Jourdan. Among the works which most strike one at first sight are Lame's pictures, the colouring and depth of which are extremely remarkable; those of Isabey, which are warm and of masterly firmness; a *souvenir* of the Palais Borghese and a Woman and Swans by the distinguished painter Heilbuth—two masterpieces of colour and spirit; Madame Lemaire's flowers, standing out from the canvas full of life, as fresh as if they had just been plucked; a grand work by Doré, the portrait of his mother, powerful and bold, like all that issues from that genius, full of artistic warmth and wayward inspiration, and two bright landscapes by the same; several works teeming with humour, colour, and life by Vibert; self-confident, gay, and animated soldiers by Detaille, and a fan by the same; a helter-skelter of Prussians, which is very original and lively; landscapes by Jacquemard, full of sunlight and life; cats by Lambert of unsurpassable truth to nature; pictures by Baron and Français rather oldish in style, but accurate and staid as befits masters who uphold good traditions; and, lastly, to do homage to wealth which embellishes its leisure by praiseworthy artistic efforts, the carefully-studied landscapes of Madame de Rothschild, who has painted them herself. The first evening was certainly a success. This courageous enterprise seems to be destined to have a brilliant future.

A hailstorm of extraordinary severity passed over the Tipperah district in Eastern Bengal on the 13th of March. The magistrate's official report says:—"Some hailstones fell as large as cricket balls. The storm lasted about fifteen minutes, and its track was apparently not more than 300 yards wide. Large trees were uprooted; bamboo clumps swept down like grass, and houses levelled with the ground. Twenty-nine persons were killed and 114 wounded, mostly by the falling trees and houses. A considerable number of cattle were killed, and among the victims was a tiger."

The New World is busy studying its antiquities, and American archaeologists have established a special organ to report on their labours.—*American Antiquarian*.

A Himalayan Club has been formed in India, whose members intend to make the ascent of the highest peaks of the chain, and notably of the Great Dwalagiri, which has an altitude of over 28,000 feet.

The Platform of St. Paul's Cross in St. Paul's Churchyard has been discovered during the works now going on for laying out the garden on the north-east of the Cathedral. As the Cross was believed to have stood on that site, the workmen were directed to search for any traces, and at a depth of six feet they found the identical platform on which the superstructure stood, and which exactly corresponds, by its octagonal form, with all descriptions. Paul's Cross is described by Stow as a "pulpit cross of timber," and from hence preached the most eminent divines from the time of Edward I. until the reign of Charles I.—the last monarch who heard a sermon preached from the Cross. The Long Parliament had the Cross demolished in 1643.

THE LATE PROFESSOR CLIFFORD.—Macmillan and Co. will publish shortly the following literary and scientific remains of the late Professor W. K. Clifford:—(1) A volume of mathematical papers which have been read before the Royal Society or contributed to scientific journals; Mr. William Spottiswoode, F.R.S., will probably see this collection through the press. (2) Two volumes of collected essays and lectures, edited by Mr. Leslie Stephen and Mr. Frederick Pollock; Mr. Pollock will also contribute a biographical introduction to this work. (3) A small volume containing three popular lectures on "Seeing and Thinking."—*Nature*.

### CONSECRATION OF THE ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER, NO. 1589.

A new Royal Arch chapter in connection with the St. Dunstan's Lodge, No. 1589, was consecrated on Wednesday last at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, by Comps. James Terry, P.Z., Prov. G.D.C. Herts, as M.E.Z.; Lieut.-Col. H. Radcliffe, P.Z., as H.; and the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.P.S., P.Z., and J. 2, as J. There was a large attendance of companions present, amongst whom were Comps. Walter Wellsman, H. W. Dalwood, A. Tisley, T. C. Walls, G. R. Richnell, George Manners, Henry Turner, George Kenning, P.Z. 192; D. W. Pearse, H. 1293; E. Kimber, W. Bristo, W. Lake, F. H. Clemow, John H. Dodson, E. Sharpe, P.Z. 28; J. W. Rogers, 1503; W. H. Hooper, Z. 1506; J. H. Naggs, Z. 1503; H. T. Whaley, 1319; George J. Palmer, P.Z. 11; George Campion, P.Z. 19; Edward Terry, Scribe E. 1319; J. W. Baldwin, P.Z. 73; William H. Weare, 19; F. Lawrence Knyvett, M.E.Z. 58, Treasurer, Prov. G. Chapter Herts; Harry F. Cox, 1319; Thomas Preston, 720; F. R. W. Hedges, 1319; W. Ansell, 176; John Mason, P.Z. 73, P.P.G.O. Middlesex; Fredk. Dyer, 91; Thos. E. Taylor, H. 657; W. H. Lee, 1st Asst. S. 975; C. B. Payne, G.J.; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*).

The musical arrangements were carried out by Comps. Seymour Smith, and G. T. Carter.

After a few observations by Comp. J. Terry, following the opening of the chapter, and the introduction of the companions, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford delivered an "oration," which, owing to pressure on our space, we are compelled to defer printing until next week, when it will appear "in extenso."

The consecration of the chapter was then proceeded with, and at its completion Lieut.-Col. H. Radcliffe, P.Z. Nos. 9 and 91, installed Comps. Walter Wellsman, P.M. 1589, as M.E.Z.; Henry Wadham Dalwood, P.M. 1589, as H.; and John Henry Dodson, W.M. 1589, as J. The officers appointed were Comps. A. Tisley, Scribe E.; T. C. Walls, P.S.; Manners, 1st A.S.; W. Lake, 2nd A.S.; and J. Gilbert, Janitor. Comp. W. Winthrop Praed, Treasurer, was not present, and his investiture was postponed. Comp. Dalwood then proposed that Comps. Terry, Radcliffe, and Woodford, the Consecrating Officers, be elected *honorary members of the chapter*. The motion was seconded by Comp. Dodson, and carried unanimously, after the proposer, seconder, and M.E.Z. had passed a high eulogium on the splendid manner in which the ceremonies had been conducted. Comps. Terry, Radcliffe, and Woodford acknowledged the compliment, and trusted that the chapter would have a prosperous career in furthering the interests of Freemasonry.

Propositions for joining and exaltation were then given in, and the chapter was duly closed.

The companions afterwards adjourned to banquet, which was of a choice description, and was admirably served.

The usual Royal Arch toasts were duly given.

The M.E.Z. in proposing "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" referred to Her Majesty's visit to Italy, and regretted that the weather she had had while there was not such as Englishmen had been led to believe was the usual climate of the Sunny South. But whatever the weather had been, the people of that country, where constitutional government was on its trial, had received Her Majesty with a warmth and cordiality for which Englishmen must ever feel grateful.

In giving "The Health of the Prince of Wales, the Grand Z. of the Order," the M.E.Z. said that the St. Dunstan's Chapter had its warrant signed by the Prince of Wales himself, and assured the companions that His Royal Highness took great interest in the Order, and required that the issue of warrants for Royal Arch chapters should be exercised with the very greatest caution. It was a matter which the St. Dunstan's Chapter would always be proud of, that their warrant bore His Royal Highness's sign manual.

The M.E.Z. next gave "The Pro Grand Principal, and the Rest of the Grand Officers," and called upon Comp. Woodford to reply.

Comp. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Past Grand P. Sej., in responding to the toast, said that it was a very great privilege for any member, whether a Past or a Present Grand Officer of England, to return thanks for such an honour as had been done him that evening. The toast was always warmly given, and in every company of Royal Arch Freemasons at which he had been present it had always been warmly received. He could only say for those distinguished companions of the Order who presided with such ability in Grand Chapter, as well as the subordinate members, that they were all animated by a wish for the good of Freemasonry, which they endeavoured on all occasions zealously to promote. The M.E.Z. had been pleased to allude in flattering terms to the ceremonial in which he (Comp. Woodford) had been taking part, and he felt it a very great compliment. He had been asked to perform the part of J. to assist Comps. Terry and Radcliffe in the consecration of the chapter. The duty of J. on all such occasions was to his mind one of great importance. The truths that he put forward, and the lessons he proclaimed to his companions, were intended to produce a good effect, and he trusted they might not have been enunciated that day altogether in vain. He had endeavoured, almost at the close of a Masonic career, to put forward those principles which were imprinted in golden letters on the standard of Freemasonry—reverence to God, obedience to authority, and love to one another. On those principles Freemasonry acted, and while it acted on those principles it needed not the voice of a prophet to say that it would prosper, and that it would flourish in the world. Before he sat down he wished to say a few words with regard to the present position of Masonry. We had in this country no intestine troubles to combat,

no discords, and no quarrels. We had not to go far abroad to behold Freemasonry convulsed with struggles; but in this country, happily, we keep aloof from all those hateful discussions which involved political questions, we banished all intrusions of political and religious topics. We proclaimed ourselves humble servants of our great Creator, lovers of our brotherhood, and friends of mankind; the principles by which Freemasonry in this country always had been actuated; and he hoped they would lead us year by year to be held more and more in estimation by our fellow men. But there was one other characteristic of Freemasonry which he felt to be the keystone of the Order. Many of the companions present were interested in other charitable institutions—many of them took part in those noble and magnificent hospitals and charities in the metropolis which adorned it; but he asked, was there any Order, or body of men, which was really doing so much in such an unostentatious manner as Freemasonry, though in some countries it was excommunicated, and in others declared inimical to law, order, and peace? Though not a wealthy Order—an Order which had not many millions in its ranks—it raised over £40,000 a year for the great Masonic Charities alone. They said nothing, when they mentioned that, of what they were doing in their Prov. Grand Lodges, and by educational institutions, and free gifts out of their lodge funds; in addition to which it was not known to the world what was given month by month by the Lodge of Benevolence. When they "totled" it up, as the saying was, it came to a sum that all Freemasons might be proud of. He was inclined to say of Freemasonry, when any one asked the value of Freemasonry and what it does, as was said of their great Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, *Si monumentum queris circumspice*, for it supported the aged, and educated and trained up orphan children of the brethren. Its great principles were reverence for the Creator, loyalty to the throne, love of the brotherhood, toleration, liberty of conscience, equity, and truth, and he would say, and all would also echo the aspiration, he thought, "Floreat Freemasonry." (Applause.)

Comp. Terry proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," who, he said, had performed his duties in the St. Dunstan's Lodge with great ability, and by so doing had earned the position which the Grand Z. of the Order had appointed him to in the chapter.

Comp. Wellsman, in responding, said that companions who had served in a regiment as privates and been asked to come out and command a battalion, knew what it was to get into a glorious state of confusion. He felt in a similar position that evening—in the position of being called forth as a private in the Royal Arch to take command of a battalion. Whether he should do honour to the St. Dunstan's Chapter or disgrace it was in the future. That he should not disgrace it he hoped; that he should do honour to it he doubted; but it should be his most anxious effort. He had the honour of being one of the founders and the second Master of the lodge, and he hoped that the same efforts as he had made in the lodge would be as successful in the chapter. When he filled the chair of the lodge he endeavoured to do his duty, and the brethren were well pleased with him. It was a more arduous duty to fill the chair of the chapter. It seemed that the ceremonies of a lodge were nothing as compared with those of the chapter; but he was earnestly preparing himself for the work, and he hoped he should not disgrace the office, and that the companions would be able to say at the end of his year that he had done all he could, if he had not done all he ought. This chapter occupied a singular position in R.A. Masonry. He did not know that there was a parish chapter existing in London. There were but few parish lodges, and the St. Dunstan's lodge was the only lodge that had ventured to add a chapter to it. He was disposed to think sometimes that good luck followed when Comp. Terry consecrated. When he consecrated St. Dunstan's Lodge he wished every good wish for the Lodge, and it had done nothing but prosper from that day to this. The lodge was full, there were forty-nine brethren on the books, and unless there were any accidental vacancies they would not add more to the number. If Comp. Terry's prognostications of the chapter were as true as of the lodge, it was good for them that he had been with them. He hoped that all the good wishes of Comp. Terry might be fulfilled to the utmost extent, and that when the companions met next year they would be able to say that the St. Dunstan's chapter was no disgrace to the lodge. Their first M.E.Z. would then be able to sit down with gratification, and feel that what he had proposed to himself he had done.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Consecrating Officers," and said that in the works of Shakespeare, whose birthday it was "they have indeed bettered expectations." He regretted it was only the P.Z's. who could form an opinion of the whole of the work, as it was only them who had the privilege of being in the chapter the whole time. He was convinced that it was impossible to select from Royal Arch Masons three Principles who could do the work more completely than Comps. Terry, Radcliffe, and Woodford. He had seen that evening how difficult it was to get the ceremonies up. It required great memory and exactitude. Comp. Terry was "to the manner born," whether in consecrating a lodge or a chapter, or installing a W.M. or M.E.Z. he was always ready to do it. Comp. Radcliffe had performed the difficult ceremonies of installation in a way which could be done by few. Col. Radcliffe, senior P.M. of his Craft Lodge was one of his earliest instructors in Masonry, and his mind naturally turned to Comp. Radcliffe, when he selected an Installing Officer in the chapter. Comp. Woodford had in his eloquent oration impressed the companions with the knowledge of the true principles of Masonry, which he hoped the companions would use their best endeavours "in season and out of season" to carry out in their lives. The chapter honoured itself in making these companions honorary members.

Comps. Terry, Radcliffe, and Woodford responded, and Comps. Knyvett and Kenning responded for "The Visitors."

Comp. Knyvett wished success to the chapter, at the consecration of which he knew when he received an invitation he should have a very great treat. That had been fully realised.

Comp. George Kenning said he had been at the consecrations of many Royal Arch Chapters, but he had never seen one conducted more ably than that of the St. Dunstan's Chapter. The M.E.Z. in proposing the toast had been pleased to mention his, Comp. Kenning's name as the proprietor of the *Freemason*. Some ten years ago he established that paper, and he was proud to say it had given satisfaction to the Craft. He felt very proud of the paper, the position of which, at the present time, was highly satisfactory. It had been his endeavour to make it so, and no efforts were ever wanting to make it a thoroughly representative organ of the Craft. That was the course which he, and those who conducted it, were resolved to pursue; and it was very satisfactory to him to know that the Craft at large appreciated it. He had been unable to be a member of the St. Dunstan's Chapter, although a Fleet-street man, as its meetings happened on those evenings when he was otherwise engaged. Nevertheless, he wished it every success, and had no doubt, from its favourable inauguration, that there was a brilliant future before it.

Comp. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford proposed "The 2nd and 3rd Principals," and from what he knew of them, Masonically and personally, he was sure the chapter could not have made a better selection when recommending them to the Grand Z. The H. was a pillar of Masonry and a pillar of the church, a church which boasted of Dr. Donne and Dr. Johnson. With regard to the J., his services as Master of Lodge 55 had won for him, as they merited, the esteem and confidence of the brethren, and as a Principal of the chapter they would equally do so. There were no more important officers than the three Principals of a chapter. As an old Mason, initiated in 1842, he knew that the whole prosperity of a chapter depended on the three Principals. They gave the tone with which to govern the future of the chapter; and knowing the three Principals of the St. Dunstan's Chapter, he believed that the same Masonic principles which had actuated them in the lodge would actuate them in the chapter. He predicted, as Comp. Terry had predicted, a similar future for the chapter, and expressed his most earnest aspirations that the prosperity of the chapter would be as great and eminent as had been that of St. Dunstan's Lodge.

Comps. Dalwood and Dodson replied; after which Comps. T. C. Walls, P.S., and Tisley, Scribe E., responded to the toast of "The Officers," and Comp. Gilbert having given the Janitor's toast the companions separated.

A nice selection of music by Comps. Seymour Smith, G. T. Carter, and T. C. Walls were given during the evening, and Comp. E. Kimber entertained the companions with a very humorous sketch of proceedings in the House of Commons.

### THE PROPOSED GRAND LODGE FOR NEW SOUTH WALES.

Sir,—It is with extreme reluctance and regret that I request you to publish the following correspondence, but it is a duty I owe to the "Most Worshipful Grand Master of England," as well as to the lodges and brethren of the English Constitution, whom I am solemnly bound to guide, to guard, and protect in Masonry. I am compelled to give this warning to those who are Freemasons, and also to others who are intending to become Freemasons, and who might otherwise, from inadvertence or ignorance of facts, be led to join the self-constituted body called "The Grand Lodge of New South Wales," thereby excluding them from admission or recognition by any of the lodges under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England.

JOHN WILLIAMS,  
District Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of  
Royal Arch Masons, New South Wales, E.C.

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
2nd December, 1878.

"Dear Sir and Right Worshipful Brother,—Bro. Machin, P.M. of No. 930, Melbourne, having addressed a letter to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, inviting him to recommend the Grand Lodge of England to recognise the proposed Grand Lodge of New South Wales, I beg, for your information, to enclose copy of the letter I have written in reply, by command of the Prince.

"I remain, dear Sir and Right Worshipful Brother, yours truly and fraternally,  
JOHN HERVEY.  
John Williams, Esq., R.W. District Grand Master,  
New South Wales, E.C."

"22nd November, 1878.

"W. Sir and Brother,—I am commanded by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st July, to which he has devoted great consideration. His Royal Highness does not consider it necessary to answer your various arguments in detail, suffice it to say that he cannot assent to them, nor approve of the course taken by—he is correctly informed—a small number of brethren to form an independent Grand Lodge of New South Wales. The Grand Master declines, therefore, to adopt the view you recommend, and to call upon the Grand Lodge of England to recognise the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

"I am, W. Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
JOHN HERVEY.  
Montague S. Machin, Rushcutter Bay,  
New South Wales."

—Sydney Morning Herald, Feb. 8th, 1879.



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## MARRIAGE.

LONDON—DEZILLE.—April 19th, Henry R. Landon, to Estelle Isabel, daughter of C. F. A. Delzille, Esq., of Canonbury.

## DEATHS.

FOURDRINER.—April 21st, at Lower Tooting, Surrey, Henry William Fourdriner, Esq., elder brother of W. Bro. John Coles Fourdriner, P.M. Antiquity, No. 2, P.P.G.W., North Wales and Salop, of Elgin-terrace, Catford, S.E.

CUSHWAY.—April 18, at No. 5 Clifton-terrace, Upper Clapton, William Cushway, in his 83rd year, formerly of Bethnal Green-road.

## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1879

## THE ENDURANCE OF FREEMASONRY.

One of the most remarkable characteristics of Freemasonry is its endurance in the world, and, above all, its endurance of antagonism and attack. We might draw a potent argument, according to Lord Macaulay, for its own inherent excellency and vitality, from this very actuality, but we prefer on the whole to allow the reality of its history to speak for itself, alike to the "geist" of the ingenious, and the appreciation of the judgmatical. Numerous as have been the attacks on Freemasonry, in ancient and modern days, by able or by inept writers, it has survived every assault and flourished amidst every storm. It has been assailed by prescripts and proclamations, by ban and Bull, by allocution and aspersion, by "Mandement" and manifesto, by the shafts of ridicule, the insidious treachery of slander, and the denunciations of open and vulgar violence. And still there it is as before the world to-day in every quarter of the habitable globe, counting its faithful "alumni" by thousands and tens of thousands. Indeed, such is the alarm with which the "secrecy, fidelity, and obedience" which mark all true Freemasons everywhere, have filled the suspicious and timid minds of Ultramontane accusers and enemies, that they have, forsooth, invented a Masonic army "in buckram," and have grandiloquently turned our thousands into millions. Indeed, it would be laughable were it not such a parody on all kindly feeling and just treatment in the world to note the panic terror which seems to seize on Ultramontane opponents, on Bishops and Archbishops, on Cardinals, yea, and on Popes themselves, infallible though they are said to be, when they have to deal with the feared, yet hated subject of Freemasonry and Freemasons. And, no doubt, to them, one and all, its "staying power" is a fact, alike inexplicable and undeniable as it is an unpalatable "factor" they by no means like to be recognized in the progress of man, society, and the world. For despite unjust accusations, despite unjust sentences, notwithstanding allocutions and anathemata, Bulls by the dozen, and calm excommunications by the score, these "wicked Freemasons" seem to get on in the world pretty well, to take things easily enough in all conscience, to be none the worse for all this "noisy artillery of menace and malediction," and, in fact, on the whole to be as "well," if not "better," than could be expected under the peculiar circumstances of the case. Since 1738, let us bear in mind 140 years ago now, Freemasonry, through no fault of its own, has been the subject alike of public condemnation by the Church of Rome, and the object both of the petty malice and puny wit of countless scribblers of different nationalities. We do not say that, abroad especially, the conduct of Freemasons has been always discreet, or their "saying and doings" justifiable and wise Masonically; that, unfortunately, we cannot assert. But this we may fairly remark, that even supposing the complaints of the Church of Rome to be in any sense justified in respect of Freemasonry, the course pursued by its authorities has been simply, as we say, and from their own point of view, "to intensify the alleged evil," and men have revolted from their "debasement practice of prosecution," and the childish, the empty fulmination of ridiculous and mendacious "Bulls." As amusing instances of the "endurance of Freemasonry" of attacks in bygone years, and in the present generation, we give, in conclusion, one or two illustrations. In 1748, the Abbé Larudan, a man of little character and less ability, published at Amsterdam, "Les Francsmaçons Ecrases; the Freemasons crushed, wiped out," as a supplement to the work of the Abbé Peran, at Geneva, in 1742, called "L'Ordre des Francsmaçons trahi; the Order of the Freemasons betrayed." We who know to-day what Freemasonry is, and what it has done in the world since 1748, can well

understand how the childish prophecy of an intolerant and ignorant Roman Catholic antagonist has had no weight, and no fulfilment. Is Freemasonry "Ecrase?" Let its enemies supply the fitting answer to the question. De Quincey wrote some foolish attacks on Freemasonry some years back, both in London newspapers and a London magazine, and boasted still more childishly that the "whole bubble of Freemasonry had been shattered" by his words. We must always allow a good deal for the "aberrations" of that brilliant but beclouded writer, though no one reads to-day essays which are worthless, diatribes which are puerile, because penned in complete ignorance of the history, much less of the reality, of the Order he was so eager and so bitter to denounce and decry. And what has the denunciation even of a Pope done to Freemasonry? Of Freemasonry it may well be said to-day "Mens immot manet," amid all the changes of time and the revolutions of the world; and wherever it truly exists, and is properly vitalized, it endures, let us believe reverently, in the wisdom and protection of T.G.A.O.T.U., because it is manifestly of utility to society, of honour to the Most High, and of blessing to mankind.

## A WORD OF WARNING.

We have seen lately some evidences of a rather hasty and reckless school of Masonic exposition and symbolism setting in amongst us, against which we think it well to raise a few friendly notes of warning and remonstrance. One of the greatest evils Freemasonry has had to contend with archæologically, is the uncritical school. And this fact arises from two other facts, curiously enough, which deserve noting and watching. We have had practically, since 1717, two systems at work in English Masonic teaching, and ritual, and symbolism—namely, the Johannite and the Universal. In the earlier part of the last century, practically, no doubt, despite the avowed teaching of Grand Lodge, the ritual of the lodges under the modern Grand Lodge was more or less Johannite, and the same tendency was observed and preserved in the lodges of the "Antient Masons." And hence have arisen two conflicting schools of teaching and symbolism in our Order. Oliver leant to the Johannite system, and as Oliver is a "household word" with many Masons, his views still linger in England, and find favour specially in Ireland and Scotland, where the prayers are not, as with us, Universal, but Christian. Now, we do not object to a great "liberty of prophesying" in this respect. We do not and cannot see why, within certain limits, at any rate, the two schools cannot legally co-exist. There always have been Masons amongst us who see in Masonic ritual Christian symbolism, whether of designed or undesigned coincidence, and we are not prepared to say that they are altogether wrong either in their assumptions or their conclusions. And, therefore, we always read with interest and respect the arguments of Johannite Masons, though we cannot agree to depart from the compact of 1813. There seems just now to be a danger, whether, in the search after what is new, striking, and sensational, some of our good brethren are not emitting theories which are erratic and propounding teaching which must do harm rather than good. We, therefore, think it well to impress upon our readers all proper reticence in dealing either with Masonic ritualism or Masonic symbolism. We learn, for instance, that a Bro. Maddiver, in Scotland, teste the *Scottish Freemason*, has been dilating on a subject—perhaps the most difficult and doubtful that he could have selected. If he liked in a lodge of those who held Johannite views to propound this peculiar opinion, be it so, only we object strongly to have a subject started in our midst which, exploding like a bombshell, may lead to a sort of general controversy and conflagration. We had not noticed the fact ourselves, we can only add "culpa nostra," but our able contemporary, the *Keystone*, alludes to it in these few, but expressive, words, and we think it well to transfer his remarks to our columns: "The learned Bro. Dr. Maddiver, of Rothesay, (as the *Scottish Freemason* fraternally styles him), electrified the brethren of Lodge St. Vincent, No. 533, Glasgow,

Scotland, on February 26th, by 'clearly showing that the emblems on a Freemason's apron represented the Trinity,' and that Freemasons wore the lambskin 'as an emblem of purity and innocence, representing the Lamb, or Son of God.' Truly, much learning hath made our brother mad, and he is appropriately named, 'Maddiver.' Now, though we do not agree with the interpretation which our able "confrere" in America has put on such explanations, and think that a brother might, in the dangerous ease of suppositious symbolism, use such words without being, as we say, "off the nut," yet we have thought it not unseasonable or improper to allude to the subject in our columns, and we confess that we deeply regret that such hurtful "allegorizing" and such needless sensationalism should be in vogue amongst us just now. We feel bound, once for all, to protest against it, in the interests of peace and harmony, for the avoidance of ridicule, and as repugnant to our uncontroversial Brotherhood, and above all tending to introduce amongst us an unsound and uncritical school of Masonic "exegesis," alike as to the symbolism and teaching of our excellent Fraternit y.

**THE CONSECRATION OF THE ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER.**

This interesting ceremony, which took place on Shakespeare's Birthday, is fully reported elsewhere, minus the oration, which, owing to printing exigencies, will appear next week. This is, curiously enough, a parochial chapter, associated with St. Dunstan's Parish and Fleet-street, and summoning up memories of eloquent Donne, and honest Izaak Walton, as well as the stately form of Dr. Johnson. We wish the chapter all success.

**GOOD NEWS FROM ZULU LAND.**

Except for the poor mourning families at home, and "The pangs which o'er the heart-strings creep, At every post that comes," among the friends of our gallant soldiers and sailors abroad, the news from Zulu Land is cheering in the extreme. Ekowe has been relieved, the Zulus defeated in two encounters, and the avenging arms of England will soon restore peace and tranquility, and subdue, by God's help, a treacherous and savage foe.

**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 ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.**  
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
I am not at all surprised at "Memphis's" reply—it is pretty much what I expected. I thought he was a little too bold in his challenge as regards the legality of the Grand Council of the English Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and I do not wonder at his shrinking from an honest, open, manly, unpersonal discussion. Only, henceforth, to use a vulgar phrase, let him "shut up." His plea that, because I am an "Outsider," I can know nothing of the Ancient and Accepted Rite is, I must beg to remark to him, not only a very absurd "petitio principii," but it is a declaration of intense weakness on his part, which cannot escape the notice of the critical and the competent. What in the name of everything mentionable and unmentionable does it signify to him, or any one else, who I am, or whence I hail from? The argument is a very simple one. Has the G. Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite a "locus standi" legitimately in this country, as the governing body of the Rite? This is the entire "Crux" to be settled. I say it has, "Memphis" says it has not; but "Memphis" will not argue the question with me, because he says I am an "Outsider." Perhaps it might be found as the controversy progressed, that, as it happens, I know as much of the history, and Constitutions, &c., of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite as "Memphis" does, some people might think a little more, though an "Outsider." And, at any rate, I have this advantage, that I am arguing the whole question from the ground of history, precedent, and common sense, whereas "Memphis" is clearly intent on writing for "pure personality," and for pure personality alone, I very much fear me.  
And now let me ask "Memphis" a question, which he can answer or not, as he likes. Is "Memphis" legally a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, or if he has once belonged to it and does not belong to it

now, why has he left it? is he even still in it? I have reason for asking these questions, because it is possible that, as "Memphis" will not discuss the matter with me, because I am an "Outsider," he may find a great difficulty in inducing any member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite to discuss it with him at all.

With regard to the "Rite of Memphis" itself, it is possibly perfectly true, that, as it is tersely put in "Kenning's Masonic Cyclopædia," to which I refer my readers, the grades of Memphis seem to be taken from the "old high grade system worked in France."

But then, as I have always considered all this "paraphernalia" of high grades as supremely useless, I do no injustice to "Memphis" in terming the grade he seems so anxious to puff a "ridiculous one." But then I do not profess to do more than to offer my own subjective opinion on the subject; I do not dogmatize for others or to others; and if the word "ridiculous" hurts the sensitive nerves of "Memphis" I gladly withdraw it. It is quite sufficient for me that many excellent Masons believe in such "grades." They have as much right to their "Pine apple" as I have to mine.

Yours fraternally,

AN OUTSIDER.

**SWEDENBORGIAN RITE.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have the pleasure to inform you that a new lodge and temple in the primitive and original rite of Freemasonry, otherwise known as the Swedenborgian Rite, has just been warranted for the town of Sheffield, named the Britannia Lodge and Temple, No. 10—the warrant being dated the 17th April, 1879. Its first W.M. is our well-known and energetic Bro. Samuel B. Ellis, who is also the Chief Adept for Yorkshire of the Rosicrucian Society; the first S.W. is Bro. Thomas Blair, and Bro. John Eadon Reaney is the first J.W. This lodge proposes to hold its consecration meeting on the 3rd of May next, and Bro. John Yarker, the S. Grand Master, had been invited to be present on the auspicious occasion.

A meeting of the Yorkshire College of the Rosicrucian Society will subsequently be held, and it is anticipated that both gatherings will be well and influentially attended. May I ask you to oblige me by adding to this letter the subjoined list of Grand Officers for the year 1879-80, corresponding to the Order date, A.O.S., 7752-3? The names in italics mark the promotions in Grand Lodge as well as the new members who have been admitted to the purple. I may add that the meeting of the Royal Oscar Lodge and Temple, No. 9, Liverpool, took place on the 10th inst., when Bros. Charles Jacobs and Thomas Henry Hall were duly elevated to the degree of Perfect Freemasonry by Bro. William Thomas May, the W.M.

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

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE, IX,  
Supreme Grand Secretary.

Hounslow, 21st April, 1879.

Officers of the Supreme Grand Lodge and Temple 1879-80:  
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- V.W. Bro. Samuel P. Leather, Supreme Grand Treasurer.
- V.W. " Thomas L. Shaw, Supreme Grand Registrar.
- V.W. " Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie, Supreme Grand Secretary.
- V.W. Bro. Rev. W. Stainton Moses, M.A., P.M., Supreme Grand Chaplain.
- V.W. Bro. Benjamin Cox, P.M., Supreme Grand Marshal.
- V.W. Bro. William Wynn Westcott, Supreme Senior Grand Deacon.
- V.W. Bro. Thos. Wainman Holmes, Supreme Junior Grand Deacon.
- V.W. Bro. Thomas Clarke, P.M., Supreme Grand Standard Bearer.
- V.W. Bro. Major J. Nash, Supreme Grand Sword Bearer.
- V.W. Bros. Robert T. Brown, P.M.; Henry Martin Green, P.M.; George Suckey, P.M., Supreme Grand Stewards.
- V.W. Bro. George Kenning, Supreme Grand Sumptuary.
- V.W. " Reginald Young, P.M., Supreme Grand Pursuivant.
- V.W. Bro. Devey Fearon Ranking, M.A., Supreme Grand Assistant Pursuivant.

**Grand Masters of Provinces:**

- Bro. Captain F. G. Irwin, P.M. *Western District.*
  - " Major George Turner, P.M. *Lancashire.*
  - " Samuel B. Ellis, *Yorkshire, West Riding.*
- Deputy Provincial Grand Master:  
Bro. George Tuckey, P.M. *Western District.*  
By command of the M.W.S.G.M.,  
KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE,  
Supreme Grand Secretary.

**AN OLD MASON.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last number, at page 165, a letter from the Secretary of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath, speaking of Bro. Charles Marsh, who was initiated in that lodge on the 6th Aug., 1819, has the following:—"There can be no doubt that our brother is the oldest living Mason in England."

It would be interesting on all grounds to ascertain to whom belongs the distinction of being the "Father" of our English Craft, and as a contribution to the ventilation of this subject in your columns, I may state that an initiate of the Moira Lodge, No. 92, is entitled to seven years,

priority over Bro. Charles Marsh. Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore was received into Masonry in the Moira Lodge (then No. 118) on the 13th April, 1812.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD, P.M. 92.

**BALANCE SHEET OF A LODGE.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have taken the trouble to copy out the balance sheet of a lodge, which has been forwarded to me as a specimen of what you and all right-thinking Freemasons have so often decried, what a misnomer the word "charity," the watchword of our Order, is, with respect, I fear, to a large number of our lodges; in this instance £155 10s. spent on banquets, out of the total subscriptions of one year, £155 14s. and £4 4s. to charity, actually less than the amount, £4 14s. 3d., collected at the banquets for the express purposes of charity. What a farce! No words of mine could speak half so eloquently or forcibly as the printed figures now before me.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL.

YEAR ENDING 25TH APRIL, 1879.

		Dr.	
March 25th, 1878:	Balance in Hand ... ..	£	s. d.
		46	19 7
March 25th, 1879:	Subscriptions—Initiations, Visitors, &c. ...	*155	14 0
		£202 13 7	
		Cr.	
March 25th, 1879:	Banquet expenses for the year ... ..	*155	10 0
	Grand Lodge dues and certificates ... ..	9	14 6
	Provincial Grand Lodge dues ... ..	8	3 6
	Tyler ... ..	2	14 0
	Printing, Postage, &c. ... ..	7	15 0
	Insurance ... ..	0	5 0
	Balance in hand ... ..	18	11 7
		£202 13 7	

		CHARITY (?) FUND.	
1878.	Dr.	£	s. d.
March 25, Balance in hand ... ..		4	12 11
April 4, Collected at banquet:—			
	48 brethren	£2	0 0
Sep. 5, " "	36 " "	0	19 6
Nov. 7, " "	29 " "	0	17 3
1879.			
Jan. 2, " "	38 " "	0	17 6
		*4	14 3
Fees—One passing 10/6, one raising 10/6 ...		1	1 0
		£10 8 2	
1879.	Cr.	£	s. d.
March 25, R.M.I.B. ... ..		£1	1 0
" R.M.I.G. ... ..		1	1 0
" R.M.B.I. ... ..		2	2 0
Balance ... ..		*4	4 0
		6	4 2
		£10 8 2	

**FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In November last you were informed that a change was contemplated in the rituals for the symbolic degrees in lodges working under the G.E. of the Netherlands. The brethren who were members of other lodges working under the Grand Lodge of England felt indignant at this contemplated change, and have now applied to the Grand Lodge of England for a warrant for a new lodge at Du Toits Pan, to be named the Charles Warren Lodge (after our much esteemed and popular Administrator). The

- 1st W.M. is ... .. Bro. R. M. Connolly.
  - " S.W. " ... .. " D. E. Doveton.
  - " J.W. " ... .. " R. J. Scholtz.
- Bro. J. J. Wilton, P.M., well-known in Masonic circles, has been a prominent supporter of Dutch lodges in this province, and occupied the principal offices in lodge and chapters, is also a charter member of this new lodge; and it is now believed that Dutch lodges in this province will soon be a thing of the past. It is rumoured that another warrant from the Grand Lodge of England will soon be applied for to open a second lodge here, at Du Toits Pan. The only difficulty appears to have been whether the several W.M.'s who have occupied the chair for the full period will be recognised as Past Masters by the Grand Lodge of England. Upon this your opinion is earnestly solicited. I give you list of lodges and chapters now working at this place (Du Toits Pan):
- |                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Symbolic Lodge, Peace and Harmony ... | Dutch Con.  |
| R. A. Chapter " "                     | Scotch "    |
| R. Croix " "                          | Dutch "     |
| KIMBERLEY.                            |             |
| Craft Lodge, Cosmopolitan ... ..      | E.C.        |
| " Ricd. Giddy ... ..                  | E.C.        |
| " Athole ... ..                       | Scotch Con. |
| R. A. Chapter, Concord ... ..         | Scotch "    |
| R. A. " " " "                         | E.C.        |
| R. Croix " Adamanta ... ..            | E.C.        |
| Kt. Templar Encampment ... ..         | E.C.        |

Yours fraternally,

P.M. and 18°.

Du Toits Pan, 25th March, 1879.

"BY-LAW," or "BYE-LAW."  
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

This question has been raised several times in these columns, but I am not aware that it has been settled, and may be never will, yet the following opinion will be found interesting and valuable, when coming from so high an authority as Professor A. S. Wilkins, M.A., being an extract from a lecture on "The Origin of the English People," delivered by him in Manchester, in November, 1871:—

"Wherever you find places ending in *by*, as Whitby, Derby, Rugby, there you find Danes have been. *By* is the old Danish form for town or borough; and when you talk about '*by-laws*,' you simply mean the *borough laws* as distinguished from the laws of the country. Of course now we use the phrase for the laws of a railway or club; but originally *by-law* meant borough law, as distinguishing it from the national law of the great Parliament."

Fraternally yours,

AD REM.

## Reviews.

### COMPTE RENDU, DE LA FETE OFFERTE AUX MACONS ETRANGERS LE 24th OCTOBRE, 1878, PALAIS DE TROCADERO.

We are indebted to the Grand Conseil of the Rite Ecossais, Ancien et Accepté, at Paris, for two copies of this account of the gathering of October last. The work is admirably printed and illustrated, and is for the members of the rite a fitting souvenir of a memorable meeting. We are very sorry to find that some lamentable errors relative to the "Grand Conseil" have crept into the "Cosmopolitan Calendar," but which we doubt not its careful editor will correct in the next issue. They have been unintentional. But there is this justification, the publisher of the "Cosmo" has never received, up to the present, any official calendar or list from the "Secretariat General," in the "Rue de la Victoire." If it had been duly forwarded, the mistake, which is quite excusable under the circumstances, would not have occurred.

### REPORT OF THE IRISH MASONIC ORPHAN BOYS' SCHOOL FOR 1878.

We have read this report with much pleasure, as we think we note in it satisfactory marks of progress and efficiency. It is moving on. Its income for 1878 was, for instance, £2989 11s. 6d., as against £1822 7s. 3d. for 1877; but, as the report warns us, too sanguine hopes must not be founded for the future on this isolated fact, as the receipts include a legacy from the Rev. W. H. Higginbottom of £932 18s. 6d. There is, indeed, a falling off of about £60 in individual subscriptions, but this deficiency will, it is fairly assumed, be made good in 1879. But the great step in advance is the purchase of the lease of the Adelaide Hall, Merion, with three acres of land, facing the sea, and which, being in substantial repair, can accommodate forty boys. There will be twenty-six boys in the school in August next, and as the Board have selected a Head Master and Assistant Master, and a Matron, and is seeking by economising the expenses to increase the number of boys, there seems a fair call on Irish—yes, and on English brethren—by a kindly and judicious support to "extend the operations of this greatly needed charity." During the last twelve months the financial accounts exhibit, including the balance (£552 7s. 3d.) of 1877, a credit side of £3541 18s. 9d., and a debit side, including a balance carried forward (£525 os. 11d.), and purchase of £1000 Midland G. W. Railway Stock, and £700 deposit, the same figures. Thus the actual expenditure, minus these items, is £1319, in round numbers. Of this £1073 15s. are for education and maintenance; outfits, £30; incidental and miscellaneous payments £17 17s.; stationery, printing, and postage, £92 16s. 9d.; and salaries the modest sum of £70. We feel sure that this useful and meritorious institution has a future of importance and success before it, and we call the attention of many kindly brethren, readers of ours, to its unpretending reality, and its bona-fide claims on all who value and believe in the duty and blessedness of helpful education for the orphan sons of deceased or destitute brethren.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

### THE WESTMINSTER AND KEYSTONE LODGE.

(PLATE 4.)

A warrant bearing date January 28th, 1721-2, was issued under the seal of the Grand Lodge, enabling certain brethren named thereon to open and hold a lodge of Freemasons, its number being seven before 1740, in which year it became six, and five from 1756 to the "Union of 1813," after which it assumed the number ten.

In 1792 its name "Tyrian" was exchanged for that of the "Westminster and Keystone." Quite a revival occurred in 1855 by a number of Oxonians joining; the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon (now M.W. Pro G.M.), initiated there in February 5th, 1856, was installed as W.M. 20th May, 1857, in the presence of the M.W.G.M., the Earl of Zetland, and ever since the lodge has preserved the prominence thereby conferred.

On May 2nd, 1860, "the lodge received the sanction of the M.W.G.M. to celebrate its centenary (which was completed in 1821), by a jewel to be worn by the members, which has accordingly been provided, the design having received universal approbation for its appropriateness and beauty."

The jewel may be briefly described as follows: Portcullis (in centre) of black with gold chains and studs. Lettering in gold on blue enamel—"Westminster and Keystone

Lodge, 1721," and from the top is suspended a small key-stone of cornelian, having the Number 10 thereon. Medal is worn attached to a light blue ribbon.—From Bro. Hughan's *Masonic Register*: George Kenning, London.

### A FRENCH CERTIFICATE OF FIFTY YEARS AGO.

I have recently been shown a Master Mason's certificate, under French regime, and should be obliged if some learned brother will inform me whether it belongs to pure Craft Masonry, or otherwise. The query, on my part, arises from the reference to "Lodge of St. John of Scotland," as also "Herodom Orient of Paris," which appears on the parchment.

I should explain that the certificate in question belonged to a deceased Prov. Grand Master of Cumberland, whose name I am not at liberty to mention. The design is very elaborate, and headed, "A la Gloire du Grand Architecte de l'Univers. La R. L. Ec. des amis constants de l'Univers. La R. L. Ec. des amis constants de la Vraie Lumière, a Tous les Mac. Répandus sur les Deux Hemispheres, Salut." The body is divided into five corresponding columns, in French, Latin, German, English, and Italian. The English column reads as follows, the blanks, of course, containing the name, &c., of the R.W. brother to whom the certificate was granted:

"We, Ven. Masters and Brothers of the R. Lodge of St. John of Scotland, regularly established to the Grand Or. of Paris, in 1818, under the distinctive title of the Constant Friends of the True Light, certify that the M. W. B., born at \_\_\_\_\_, is an active member of this lodge, in the degree of Master, which he has merited by zeal, virtue, and experience.

"We recommend him in this capacity to our M. W. B., who will receive him with cordiality, and all the benevolence due to a good M."

"Herodom O. of Paris, the 1st of March, year of the G. L. 5824, vulgar Aera 1st. March, 1824."

I should add that the grade "Master," on the parchment, is in manuscript, thereby implying that certificates were granted to other than Master Masons. The seal bears the title of the lodge, with the year 1818, and there are six signatures, the ranks of the attesting officials being thus described: "Le Vénérable," "1er Surveillant," "2e Surveillant," "Trésorier," "Le Secr. Genl.," and "Orateur." The W.M. and Orator have the figures 33 after their names.

W. F. LAMONBY.

### LODGE OF ANTIQUITY.

I have read Bros. Hughan and Gould's friendly replies. No doubt Bro. Hughan has alluded to the "Harodim" before, but I could not find the mention of it in any of his works, relative to the Lodge of Antiquity. Such a fact could not escape such a "master of the work." I had not seen Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges" when I wrote, or else I should not have penned the note. I am glad it has struck "oil," and drawn out so much "light."

A history of "Old Antiquity" is still a "desideratum" for Masonic literature, but must, for the present, be left to the future.

### ANTIQUITY.

#### "THE SPIRIT OF MASONRY."

I have a copy of the "Spirit of Masonry," by Bro. Wm. Hutchinson, Master of the Barnard Castle Lodge of Concord, published in London in 1775 by authority of Grand Lodge, and dedicated to Lord Petre, the Grand Master. The Appendix contains "Certayne Questyons, with Answers to the same, concerning the Mystery of Macorreye; writene by the hande of Kyngde Henrye, the sixthe of the name, and faythfullye copyed by me Johan Leylande, Antiquarius." Doubtless this is an earlier, perhaps the earliest, edition of the work mentioned by your correspondent W. F. Lamonby. I should be glad to know if the book is rare.

### NEWINGTON BRIDGES.

#### HUGHAN'S MASONIC REGISTER.

After a careful perusal, we can say with truth that, in our opinion, it is one of the most valuable works on Masonry ever published. The title might frighten some of those brethren who are not given to reading or study, but, if they can only muster up courage to read the book, we feel sure they will soon become deeply interested in its contents. We will now give a short summary of them. First, then, we find the arms of the Grand Lodge of England, beautifully illuminated and emblazoned, under the immediate supervision of Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Garter King at Arms, Past Grand Warden, and Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of England, to whom the volume is dedicated. Then follow five plates—No. 1 containing the obverse and reverse of the Royal Medal of the Lodge of Antiquity; No. 2—Medal of Grand Master's Lodge (No. 1), Medal of Royal York Lodge of Perseverance (No. 7), and obverse and reverse of that of Royal Somerset House Lodge (No. 4). Plate 3—Royal Medal of the Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 259). Plate 4—Medal of Centenary Lodge (ordinary); Westminster and Keystone (No. 10); Royal Alpha Lodge (No. 16); and Star of the East Lodge (No. 67). Plate 5—Commemorative Medal of the Inauguration Festival, 1869; that of Royal Installation, 1875; The Freemasons' Hall Medal, A.D. 1780; the Charity Jewel for the Past Stewards of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Boys, and Aged Masons and Widows. All these are splendidly got up and illuminated—a perfect work of art. After an introductory chapter come some excerpts from Dr. Plott's "Natural History of Staffordshire," referring to Freemasonry in his day; and "Articles of Union between the Grand Lodges of England," Ancients and Moderns, of 1813. We now come to some curious and interesting old records of lodges, also an account of the coat of arms as used by the old Company of Freemasons, granted by the Clarencieux King at Arms, A.D. 1472-73, which were again confirmed in A.D. 1520-21, and "Entered in Visitation of London,"

made 1634. To this are added the coats of arms of the Ancients, Moderns, and the York Grand Lodges. A description follows of the various medals already mentioned above, and the lodges, &c., to which they belong. After lists of lodges entitled to centenary jewels, and describing those authorised to be worn by officers of Grand, Prov. Grand, and Subordinate Lodges, we come to a "Roll of lodges at the Union of December, 1813." This roll also gives dates of warrants and changes in the numbering of lodges, as made in 1832 and 1863. In conclusion we find "A list of lodges in existence at the time of the Union in 1813, but subsequently erased from the roll." It will be seen from this summary that much valuable information as to the Craft in England, that must have taken years of hard labour to compile, is contained in this elegantly got up volume. We are glad to find that our worthy and learned brother promises us two more volumes to complete the series, viz., "Records of the Ancients," and "of the United Grand Lodge of England." We trust that Bro. Hughan will, at some future time, turn his attention northwards to Scotland, which he would find far more prolific in ancient Masonic records, charters, &c., even than England. Every Mason, wherever he may be, should get a copy of "Hughan's Masonic Register."—*The Scottish Freemason*.

### THE ALBION LODGE, No. 9, LONDON.

The present warrant of the Albion Lodge is dated June 30th, 1774, but at first it was registered as "July 17th, A.D. 1751, A.L. 5751.—Vol. I., letter A" in the first Book of Records of the "Ancients." It is almost certain that the Seceders commenced their organisation in 1751, though no minutes were kept until the following year (according to a note in the earliest volume of Transactions) hence some of the "Ancient" lodges really date before the formation of their Grand Lodge; Nos. 7, 9, and 11 being of this class. No charters apparently were granted before 1753, in which year the premier Grand Master, Bro. Robert Turner, W.M. No. 15, was elected, all such documents having been signed either during that year or subsequently, and bear thereon an acknowledgment, when necessary, of the date of origin. The Albion Lodge was *fi*th on the roll until the "Union," when it became No. 9, and has so remained, its centenary warrant being dated April 24th, 1857.

The special jewel was designed by Bro. W. Moring (P.M. No. 9), High Holborn, London, and is both neat and effective. A five-pointed star, which encloses an Egyptian lily, is suspended from a scroll, tastefully arranged in the form of a circle, on which its rests, the latter bearing the appropriate inscription: "Albion Lodge Centenary, A.D. 1851." It is made in gold, or silver gilt and enamel.—From Bro. Hughan's *Masonic Register*. G. Kenning, London (12s. 6d.)

## Obituary.

### BRO. WILLIAM ARCHER.

The grave closed over all that was mortal of the remains of the late Bro. William Archer, P.G.J.D. of West Lancashire, at the quiet country churchyard of St. Mary's, Walton-on-the-Hill, near Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., and the fast falling tears of many amongst the numerous brethren who gathered to pay the last sad office of respect to departed merit showed how greatly the deceased was esteemed while in the flesh, and how much he was mourned for after death. No one who knew Bro. Archer, and he had only reached his 45th year at the time of his sudden and somewhat unexpected death on the previous Sunday, failed to value him for his honesty of purpose, uprightness of intention, cordiality of temperament, and large-hearted open-handed generosity, not only in his public life but especially in that inner and more sacred circle of Masonry to which he had been so long and so intimately attached, and the blank thus caused in the Masonic world in Liverpool, particularly that which exists at what is known as the north end of the town, will be long painfully felt and not easily filled. His zeal and Masonic earnestness in connection with the Walton Lodge, No. 1086, have for several years been most conspicuous, and largely through his exertions does that lodge now occupy the honourable position which it now does among the others in Liverpool and throughout the province. Bro. Archer was appointed Prov. G.J.D. at the last meeting in October of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, at the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, that honour being conferred upon him by Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M., in recognition of the eminent services he had rendered to the Craft, more particularly at the north end, having been chiefly instrumental in securing the erection of the Skelmersdale Hall. He was also P.M. and Treasurer of the Walton Lodge, No. 1086, P.Z. of the chapter attached to it, and S.W. of the Mark Lodge, No. 161. He was also Chairman of the Skelmersdale Hall Committee. About ten o'clock upwards of 200 brethren assembled at the Skelmersdale Hall, amongst those being Bros. J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas.; J. Wells, P.G.D.C.; W. Vines, P.P.G.D.C.; T. R. Goepel, Past Prov. Grand Dir. of Cir.; J. Lunt, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 1086; T. Chesworth, P.G.D.C. (Cheshire); Councillor S. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hayes, P.M. 249, P.G.S.; R. Abram, P.M. 1086; J. P. M'Arthur, J.P., P.M. 1086; J. G. Townshend, W.M. 1086; G. E. Hammer, P.M. 1086; J. Ellis, P.M. 1086; with the following officers and members of this lodge:—Bros. J. Leece, S.W.; J. Casey, J.W.; Hugh Spencer, Sec.; R. Beckett, J.D.; J. Savage, I.G.; R. Reader, S.S.; Walker, Templeton, H. Gill, Marsden, Rodgers, W. P. Vines, Senior Deacon 1570; Roberts, Beer, Ottawell, Langton, Woodend, Worthington, Thomas, Moss, Williamson (Tyler), Dr. Macbeth, Lewis, Griffiths, Lansing, and Barrow. The representatives of



the Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1756, were Bros. E. Johnston, W.M.; Gick, S.W.; Ferguson, J.W.; Mitton, Treasurer; Bargery, S.D.; Hay, J.D.; Grierson, Sec.; West, S.S.; Marshall, J.S.; Thornton, and T. Singleton; and from other lodges there were present Bros. R. Brown, P.M. 241; J. Winsor, W.M. 241; John Latta, S.D. 241; T. M'Wear, P.M. 1035; J. M'Wear, W.M. 1035; G. Sculthorpe, P.M. 1035; R. R. Forshaw, S.W. 1035; T. Fozzard, P.M. 1035; J. P. Bryan, 1035; Crosby, 823; J. Atkinson, Sec. 1609; Wade, 241; G. G. Walmsley, 292; Abram, 1393; Barlow, 1713; Whitehead, 673; Lyon, J.D. 1713; H. Burrows, P.M. 673; R. R. Martin, P.M. 1094; H. Davidson, 1393; Jones, 1264; Johnson, 249; Hunter, 249; Macindoe, 1796; E. T. Ingham, 1620; H. Gribbin, 1356; Jones, J.W. 292; J. C. Fish, 1264; Hindhaugh, 1490 (Bengal); L. Peake, 1035; Gordon, 1035; S. K. Gardham, 1035; Dr. M'Gregor, 680, and others. There were also present at the funeral Mr. James Sykes, Mr. P. Sykes, and Mr. J. D. M'Gregor, friends of the deceased. Each Past Master of the Walton Lodge carried a beautiful wreath of white camellias to throw into the grave, and all the brethren carried sprigs of acacia for the same purpose. The brethren, wearing white gloves and ties, after marshalling at the Skelmersdale Hall proceeded to the deceased brother's late residence, in Westminster-road, where they were joined by the relatives and near friends. All the shops and places of business in the vicinity were closed in respect for the occasion. The procession took its way to the parish church, Walton, where it was met by Bro. Rev. Dr. Hyde, J.W. 1086, and Chaplain, who began the burial service. The churchyard was crowded with sympathising spectators, and the brethren and friends quite filled the sacred edifice. The service was most impressively carried out by the rev. Chaplain, and at its close sprigs of acacia were thrown into the grave by all the brethren. At the close of the burial service, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Hyde gave a short address. He said that the beautiful service just read by him required no addition from him—that service, so full of comfort for survivors and hope for those who were gone. Still he could not refrain from saying a few words with reference to their late brother, Bro. Archer. Here, in his case, hope was exchanged for assurance. They parted with their brother, not with the hope only, but with the assurance that "we have committed his body to the ground in sure and certain hope of his resurrection to eternal life." As he lived, so he died. May his example stimulate us to follow him. His heart was full of sympathy for others, his hand ever ready to help, and his purse always open to the appeal of the needy and distressed. Many will miss our dear brother, and none more so than the members of his own lodge, who always looked up to him for advice in all their transactions. Could we now see through the panels of this coffin we should only see the lifeless clay; the spirit has winged its flight to the regions of the blest. As he lived, so he died, a peaceful, truthful Christian. May our end be like his, and may we be enabled, by Divine help, to leave as good a name behind us as our late brother has done. At the conclusion of the most impressive ceremony the brethren returned to Skelmersdale Hall, and separated after partaking of luncheon. The funeral arrangements were well carried out by Bro. Croxton.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, the chair of Senior Vice-President; and Bro. W. T. Howe, E.P., the chair of Junior Vice-President. The other brethren present were Bros. Henry Garrod, P.M. 749; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; Griffiths Smith, P.G.S.; W. Mann, P.M. 187; J. M. Klenck, P.M. 1339, &c.; Charles Frederick Hogard, P.M. 204; W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; George D. Skeggs, J. Adamson, H. Roberts, C. C. Bell, Chas. Davy, G. W. Dyer, John Holden, E. M. Hubbuck, W. West Smith, Charles H. Webb, Neville Green, Thos. Smith, G. P. Britten, F. G. Baker, John Constable, George Bibby, A. M. Thomas, J. H. Matthews, Alfred Withers, John Cooper, R. W. Chamberlain, Wm. Henry Farnfield, Edward K. Parr, George Free, G. Macdonald, H. A. Stacey, R. H. Blatchford, M. D. Loewenstark, D. M. Belfrage, J. Newton, William Stephens, Edwin Bonner, B. W. Swallow, Hy. J. Avery, William Richards, E. J. Bumstead, W. R. Marsh, John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Assistant G.S.; and A. A. Pundbury.

The new list comprised no less than thirty-eight cases. The brethren, after sitting more than four hours, relieved thirty-four of these cases, with sums amounting in the whole to £639. One case was dismissed, one was withdrawn, and two cases were deferred.

WEST YORKSHIRE MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following was referred to in a leader last week, but was left out owing to pressure on our space:—

1. The Institution shall be called the "West Yorkshire Masonic Benevolent Institution."
2. The objects of the Institution shall be:—
  - (A) The boarding, clothing, and educating, wholly or partially, the children of deceased brethren, and the children of brethren who, from misfortune, are prevented from properly educating or providing for their children.
  - (B) Assisting the advancement of any such child on leaving school.
  - (C) The granting of annuities to aged and decayed Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons.

3. The Provincial Grand Master and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master shall be, respectively, ex-officio, President and Vice-President of the Institution.

4. The Institution shall be managed by a Committee of twenty members, who, together with the Treasurer, shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the donors and subscribers.

5. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be elected by the Committee, which shall meet monthly, at such time and place as they shall appoint. The Committee shall appoint a Secretary.

6. The funds of the Institution shall be provided by bequests, donations, and annual subscriptions.

7. A donation of £5 shall entitle the donor to two votes for life; and a like number for every additional £5.

8. A lodge or chapter making a donation of £10 shall be entitled to two votes; and one vote for every additional £5.

9. A lodge, chapter, or individual subscribing 5s. per annum shall have one vote at every election of children or annuitants; and one vote for every additional 5s.

10. The petitioning lodge of any candidate shall contribute not less than one-tenth of the annual cost thereof; and shall also be responsible to the Committee for the due appropriation of all grants made to such candidate.

11. All bequests and donations shall be invested, and also such portion of the surplus funds above annual expenditure as the Committee shall from time to time deem advisable.

12. The Trustees to be appointed as shall be hereafter determined.

13. No funds of the Institution shall be expended on buildings.

14. No child shall be eligible whose father has not been for five consecutive years a subscribing member of a regular lodge within the province of West Yorkshire, except in case of death, or of his becoming incapacitated by blindness, paralysis, or infirmity, from earning a livelihood.

15. No Mason who has not been a subscribing member of a regular lodge within the province for five consecutive years, and no widow whose late husband has not been a subscribing member for three consecutive years, shall be eligible for an annuity.

16. The annual general meeting shall be held in the month of June, at such time and place as the Committee may appoint.

17. That when, and as soon as any child shall be elected to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys or Girls, or when any annuitant shall be elected to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, they shall cease to be the recipients of the benefits of this Institution.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday last, at Freemason's Hall, Bro. E. Letchworth in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. A. H. Tattershall, H. M. Levy, Herbert Dicketts, Francis H. Webb, Henry Venn, S. Rosenthal, E. Cox, Thos. Kingston, R. B. Webster, W. F. C. Moutrie, James E. Peters, (Lieut.-Col.) Wm. Paas, Thos. Cubitt, H. Muggerridge, Peter de Laude Long, Dr. Hope, Joshua Nunn, Thomas W. White, J. Faulkner, W. Baily, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

Two candidates were placed on the list for the October election.

The following brethren were proposed for the House Committee for election at the next meeting:—Bros. Edward Cox, H. A. Dubois, W. Hope, M.D., E. Letchworth, Pete, De Laude Long, E. Mather, Joshua Nunn, Col. Peters, J. A. Rucker, Griffiths Smith, A. H. Tattershall, Thomas White, R. Warner Wheeler, Frank Richardson, Charles Hammerton, and John Mason.

The propositions for the Audit Committee were Bros. W. Bailey, J. G. Chancellor, Herbert Dicketts, Thomas Kingston, H. C. Levander, W. Roebuck, R. B. Webster, H. Venn, James Cutbush, H. M. Levy, and Robert Berridge.

The Committee then adjourned.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL NAVAL MARK LODGE, No. 239.

The consecration of this new Mark lodge took place at No. 2, Red Lion-square, on Friday, the 18th inst. After the ceremony of advancement the lodge was consecrated to Mark Masonry by R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., in a most correct and impressive manner, assisted by V.W. Bro. Dewar, Grand Asst. Sec., and W. Bro. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.

Bro. Matier afterwards installed Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson as W.M. of the lodge, who thereupon appointed and invested his officers.

Bros. C. F. Matier, Frederick Binckes, and Donald M. Dewar were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge.

Amongst the brethren present we observed, in addition to those mentioned above, Bros. Mothersill, Hart, Brett, Homann, Healy, Homann, jun., Chapman, Pulley, and Glasspool.

The brethren afterwards dined at the Albion Hotel, Southampton-street.

The *Standard* of Wednesday last announced that the Rev. R. J. Simpson had declined the Bishopric of Barbadoes, but on the following day it stated that this was an error. The rev. gentleman had declined the suggestion of a deputation from the Synod of Jamaica.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MALTA.

The usual half-yearly meeting of this District Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Valletta. The District Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 8.30 p.m., R.W. Bro. William Kingston, D.G.M., on the throne. Present: W. Bros. Chev. E. Rosenbusch, D.D.G.M.; A. M. Broadley, D.G.S.W.; W. Watson, D.G.J.W.; G. Legond, D. G. Treas.; Capt. F. W. Beechey, P.D.G.J.W.; C. Riechelmann, P.D.G.J.W.; W. Rotherham, P.D.G. Registrar; and Starkie, as D.G. Sec.; and many other Grand Officers, together with the Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of all the lodges in the district, and many visiting brethren.

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 24th September, 1878, were read and confirmed, and those of the Committee of the Board of General Purposes held on the 3rd inst. were read and adopted.

The R.W.D.G.M. then nominated and invested the officers of D.G.L. for the ensuing year. He had, after much consideration, decided upon appointing the present D.G.S.W., Bro. Broadley, W.M. of Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717, Tunis, to the office of D.D.G.M., which he did, with the hearty concurrence of W. Bro. Rosenbusch, the present D.D.G.M., who had discharged the duties in a most efficient manner. W. Bro. Broadley was obligated and invested, the D.G.M. remarking that as his visit to Malta would be short, and availing himself of the presence of all the Masters of the lodges in his district, he would take the opportunity to read the patent of W. Bro. Broadley's appointment. After which, the D.G.M. appointed the following brethren as officers of D.G.L. for the ensuing year, to each of whom, on investing them, he delivered a short address, impressing upon them the importance of the duties of their respective officers, viz.:

- Bro. Riechelmann, P.M. 407... D.G.S.W.
- " C. E. Coffey, W.M. 349 ... D.G.J.W.
- " W. Dahu, W.M. 407 ... D.G. Reg.
- " Rev. G. N. Godwin, J.D. 349 ... D.G. Chap.
- " J. W. Starkey, Sec. 349 ... D.G. Sec.
- " W. J. Jones, S.W. 349... D.G.S.D.
- " G. Crabtree, S.W. 515 ... D.G.J.D.
- " Professor S. Souiller, 1717 ... D.G. S. of W.
- " Professor H. Stilon, J.W. 515 ... D.G. D. of C.
- " E. Grebbell, Sec. 407 ... D.G. Swd. Br.
- " A. B. Tagliferro, 349 ... D.G. Std. Br.
- " J. A. Matthews, 407 ... D.G. Org.
- " G. Westrup, 515... ... D.G. Purst.

W. Bro. Segond (W.M. 515) was unanimously re-elected D.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year, and Bro. Beck, D.G. Tyler. These officers were duly invested.

The D.G.M. then stated that he had received several letters of apology from members who were unable to attend the meeting, and read those from Bro. J. H. Stevens, the acting British Consul-General at Tunis, S.W. 1717, and from Bro. the Chevalier Tullu de la Tunisie, Imperial German Consul at Tunis, also a member of No. 1717. He then requested the D.D.G.M. to translate to the meeting a letter in Italian from the W.M. of the Italian lodge, Risorgimento, at Tunis, containing fraternal greetings and good wishes. The D.G.M. then called upon the W.M.'s present to name D.G. Stewards for the ensuing year, when W. Bro. Coffey named Bro. R. F. King for No. 349; W. Bro. Dahu named Bros. Birch and Stanley for No. 407. W. Bros. Segond and Broadley both expressed their desire to reserve their appointments. The D.G.M. expressed the great satisfaction he felt in reviewing the very prosperous condition of Masonry in his district. Referring to the oldest of all the lodges, that of St. John and St. Paul, he warmly praised the great exertions of W. Bro. Watson during the past year, which were being ably followed up by the present W.M., Bro. Coffey. The Union Lodge was in a very flourishing state, and was on the point of investing a part of its available funds in Consols; the condition of the Zetland Lodge was also very satisfactory, whilst the progress made by the Lodge of Ancient Carthage, at Tunis, was extraordinary, and owing to the great zeal displayed by the D.D.G.M., Bro. Broadley, W.M., the roll of members exceeded one hundred. He had the pleasure of visiting this lodge in June, 1878, and was much gratified with the satisfactory manner in which all the books, &c., of the lodge were kept, and with the good feeling and harmony that prevailed all the members. Tunis having become such an important part of his district, he had appointed W. Bro. Broadley his D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, feeling confident that that brother would zealously follow the excellent example of his predecessor in office, Bro. Rosenbusch.

Bro. Broadley, in returning thanks, assured the D.G.M. that every member of No. 1717 considered it a high privilege to belong to the district over which he had so long and successfully presided. The D.G.M. then referred to the state of the funds of D.G.L., and remarked that £150 had been invested in Consols. No further business being before the meeting the D.G.L. was closed in ample form at 10 p.m.

The officers and members of D.G.L. and many of the visitors adjourned to a banquet, which was presided over by the D.G.M. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," had been proposed by the D.G.M., and responded to most enthusiastically, the D.D.G.M., Bro. Broadley, proposed in appropriate terms "The Health of the D.G.M., Bro. Kingston." He said the D.G.M. had in D.G.L. referred in flattering terms to the flourishing state of the lodges in the district, and the zeal and activity displayed by those who ruled over them, but he felt sure that the brethren would agree with him that the satisfactory condition of these Masonic bodies was chiefly due to the great exertions, Masonic knowledge, and wide popularity of their chief ruler. The present meeting was peculiarly interesting, as the D.G.M., Bro. Kingston, had now completed the first decade of his rule. These remarks of the D.D.G.M. were

