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## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The September Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. for Middlesex, presided as M.W. Grand Master. The other Grand and Past Grand Officers present were

Bros. Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.M. for Surrey, as Deputy G.M.; Montague Guest, P.G.M. for Dorset, as Past G.M.; the Earl of Onslow, S.G.W.; Major General Somerset J. G. Calthorpe, P.G.W., as G.J.W.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, M.A., G.C.; Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes, P.G.C., as G.C.; Col. J. Creaton, G. Treas.; Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., G. Reg.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; R. F. Gould, S.G.D.; Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, J.G.D.; John H. Scott, J.G.D.; Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D.C.; Magnus Ohren, Asst. G.D.C.; Charles Greenwood, G.S.B.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; C. S. Jekyll, G. Org.; James Kench, G.P.; William Clarke, Asst. G.P.; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; W. H. F. Powell, P.G.D.; Charles W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; Charles A. Murton, P.G.D.; Fredk. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; James Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. Charles J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; R. Warner Wheeler, P.G.D.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; S. Rawson, D.P.G.M. China; Raphael Costa, P.G.D.; William F. Nettleship, P.G.D.; Capt. William Platt, P.G.D.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; Francis Robinson, P.G.S.B.; S. Mullens, P.G.S.B.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Rev. H. Adair Pickard, P.G.C.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.; Capt. Nathaniel George Philips, P.G.D.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.C.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; and H. Massey (Freemason).

GRAND SECRETARY having read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd June, the same were put to Grand Lodge and unanimously confirmed.

The report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter was also read, and the brethren confirmed the following recommendations of grants:

	£	s.	d.
The widow of a brother of the Gosport Lodge, No. 903, Gosport .....	50	0	0
A brother of the Mariners' Lodge, No. 249, Liverpool .....	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 53, Bath.....	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, Chelmsford .....	150	0	0
A brother of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, London .....	50	0	0
A brother of the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7, London .....	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 288, Todmorden .....	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Beaureper Lodge, No. 787, Belper .....	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Peace, No. 322, Stockport .....	50	0	0

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report:—

1. Lodge No. 51, Colchester, having passed a brother after an insufficient interval from his initiation (viz., twenty seven days) the Board have ordered that the brother be re-obligated in the Second Degree, and have inflicted a fine of two guineas on the lodge.

2. Lodge No. 113, Preston, having initiated a brother in the year 1875 for less than the regulated fee, and having

omitted to return his name for registration, the Board have admonished the lodge, and inflicted a fine of two guineas thereon.

(Signed) FRANK GREEN.  
Vice-President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
17th August, 1880.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th August, showing a balance in the Bank of England of £5649 os. 5d.; and in the hands of Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £96 15s.

The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 21st of May, 1880, was laid before Grand Lodge, and ordered to be accepted.

The next business was the consideration of an appeal of Bro. Alexander Dimant, of the New Zealand Pacific Lodge, No. 517, Wellington, New Zealand, P.M., late of the Ballarat Lodge, then No. 1019, afterwards No. 717, Ballarat, Victoria, against a sentence of suspension passed on him by the District Grand Master of Wellington, North Island, New Zealand, for breach of the Constitutions in publishing the proceedings of the District Grand Lodge without authority.

Bro. Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, in bringing the appeal before Grand Lodge, said the appellant, who was a P.M. of several lodges in New Zealand, and a joining member of the Pacific Lodge, No. 517, appealed against a sentence of suspension by the District G.M. of New Zealand, the sentence having been pronounced on the 25th March of this year. Bro. Dimant gave a history of his initiation into Freemasonry, mentioned the number of lodges he had joined and resuscitated, his services in Masonry, which, according to his own account, he seemed to have found in a very bad state in New Zealand, the funds of the lodges being squandered in refreshment, which should have gone for the relief of distress. Bro. Dimant stated all this by way of introduction to his appeal, but it had really nothing to do with the case under consideration. He joined the Pacific Lodge in 1875, but he did not appear to have passed the chair of that lodge, and was only a P.M. in it. He was appointed District Grand Director of Ceremonies, and he held this office for some time. In 1879 a dispute arose between some brethren of the lodge, and steps were taken which appeared to have been too strong, but which incited the anger of Bro. Dimant. The steps were for the exclusion of a brother for un-Masonic conduct, and a request to the District Grand Master to expel him from the Craft. Bro. Dimant did not think it was right to have this notice of motion printed on the agenda paper, and he saw the Master, and got from him a pledge that it should not be printed. Ultimately, however, it was printed, and the case of the brother came on; then Bro. Dimant seemed to have taken a curious view of the bye-laws of the lodge. One of these bye-laws provided that when a complaint was made against a brother two brethren should be assigned to help him in his defence, and the complaint was to be referred to a permanent Committee, and the two brethren assigned to help the brother might attend the Committee but not vote. This was in the month of March. The matter went on, and it slumbered for some time. In the month of November, last it came on to be heard before this Committee. Bro. Dimant seemed to have taken very great interest in the brother complained against, though the brother himself did not appear to have complained at all against what was done. Bro. Dimant raised the objection that the lodge had not sanctioned the appointment of two Master Masons to assist the brother complained of. He was then referred to a letter written by Bro. Dimant to that brother in October that if he wished to appoint two Master Masons he should do so, and it did not appear that he did. The matter was discussed on the 14th of November, but this objection being taken, the meeting was adjourned till the 18th. On that day Bro. Dimant appeared in defence of the brother, and two brethren took a strong view against the defendant, and in spite of the remonstrances and objections of Bro. Dimant, the Committee agreed upon a report to the lodge that this brother should be excluded. This report came on for consideration in the lodge, and the objection was again taken by Bro. Dimant that two Master Masons had not been appointed. The lodge overruled him, and held against him by a majority of one in a lodge of nine that the recommendation of the Committee should be sustained, and the brother excluded from the lodge. Upon that Bro. Dimant seemed to have had a notion that everything was irregular, and that all he had to do was to appeal for the purpose of putting himself right. He then wrote a letter to the Master of the lodge, announcing that he would at the next meeting of the District Grand Lodge make a complaint against the lodge for their irregularity in not adhering to the bye-laws of the lodge. He also wrote to the District Grand Secretary, telling him that it was his intention to appeal at the next meeting of the District Grand Lodge against the W.M. of the lodge for these irregularities. To this an answer was returned; and on the 12th of March Bro. Dimant sent out a circular to the members of the lodge. By these letters it appeared that the dispute with respect to the brother complained of was a money complaint, and here he (Bro. McIntyre) would repeat what he said before on such matters—with the approval of Grand Lodge—that lodges in the Colonies, or in the provinces, or in London were not to be made offices for the collection of debts. The tribunals of the country were open to the brethren for this purpose, and if a brother thought he had a claim against another

brother which required adjustment he must appeal to those tribunals. The original complaint was made in the month of August; it was not adjudicated upon till the month of March, so that one would think the brother against whom the complaint was made had had time to prepare his defence. The meaning of Bro. Dimant in appealing to the District Grand Lodge was to appeal to the District Grand Master, but his notion was that the District Grand Master could only hear an appeal in the District Grand Lodge. In his letter, Bro. Dimant cited the Book of Constitutions, which really did not bear him out, because that book said that the District Grand Master shall hear and determine all subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity respecting lodges or individual Masons within his district, and that an appeal in all cases lies from the District Grand Master to the Grand Lodge or Grand Master. However, Bro. Dimant went on to say that as the Board of General Purposes was constituted he should not appeal to them. On the 18th March, 1880, District Grand Lodge met, various business was done, and in process of time Bro. Dimant rose to bring forward his complaint. The D.G.M. was not able to be there, and he (Bro. McIntyre) was sorry he was not able to be in Grand Lodge that night, for although he was in this country, he was confined to his bed by a severe accident. The Deputy District Grand Master was also unable to be in the District Grand Lodge, but he wrote a letter appointing the District Grand Registrar to take the chair. The District Grand Registrar was really one of the parties in the money transaction, about which the whole dispute arose, and Bro. Dimant was very much enraged, and he objected to the District G. Registrar being there to hear his appeal, because, he said this brother is not a Master or a Past Master of an English lodge at all; he is a Warden of an English lodge, but a Past Master only under the Irish Constitution. However, the brother did take the chair, and he ruled that the letters of the 12th March and the 18th March, particularly the latter, in which Bro. Dimant said he should have brought the matter before the Board of General Purposes, but on examining the list of the members of the Board he found that a very large majority of them were brethren who were adversely interested in his complaint against the W.M. of the Pacific Lodge, could not be read. Bro. Dimant complained that when the case of the brother defendant was before the Pacific Lodge upon the report of the Committee, the majority of the lodge allowed the evidence against the brother to be read, but declined to hear the letter in his defence, on the ground that it was couched in disrespectful language. The brother who was in the chair of the District Grand Lodge ruled that those letters could not be read, and Bro. Dimant was accordingly put down very peremptorily, and there the matter ended. Immediately the District Grand Lodge was over Bro. Dimant received a summons to appear before the Board of General Purposes, the matter for consideration being, according to his own account, the letters of the 12th and 18th March, that had been addressed by him to the District Grand Secretary, and which were said to reflect upon the character of the members of the District Grand Lodge. He considered that this was out of order, and he paid no attention to the summons. It was quite clear that he ought to have appeared and answered any complaint, but he did not do so. The Board met on the 25th of March, and there was a document read, the postmark of which was the 24th March, requesting that Bro. Dimant might be suspended. This was signed by the District Grand Secretary and nine brethren. There was a printed circular purporting to be the minutes of what passed in District Grand Lodge, which was evidently sent out by Bro. Dimant on the 24th March, and he admitted it. In his appeal he admitted that, smarting under the bad treatment he considered he had received at the District Grand Lodge, he drew up and circulated the lithographed report, which not only did not quite agree, but, in some respects, disagreed, with the official minutes. At the end of the circular it was stated that the District Grand Lodge came to a close, and then in inverted commas "in peace, love, and unity, and so ended one of the most ridiculous farces and disgraceful scenes ever enacted within a District Grand Lodge." It was quite clear that that was an offence against the law—p. 80, Clause 3, that "No brother shall presume to print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any lodge, or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such lodge, without the consent of the Grand Master or Provincial Grand Master, under pain of being suspended or expelled from the Order." This subject had formed the subject of a summons, and Bro. Dimant had the opportunity of making his explanation, such as it was, or his submission, as he should have done, and expressed his extreme regret for having printed the proceedings of the District Grand Lodge. It was quite clear there were ample grounds for his suspension. It was on this circular that the nine Past Masters wrote the recommendation that he should be expelled. The District Grand Master acted on the recommendation, and suspended him. Upon this Bro. Dimant wrote to the District Grand Master for the names of the brethren who had recommended his suspension and a full copy of the minutes. He (Bro. McIntyre) thought that if the brethren had acted alone upon the two letters he had read they would not have afforded sufficient ground for suspension. Bro. Dimant in one of those letters stated that he intended to bring the matter he mentioned before the District Grand Lodge; then the District Grand Secretary told him he must go to the Board of General Purposes; and Bro. Dimant said he did not appeal to the District Grand Lodge or to the Board of General Purposes, but to the District Grand Master, who was bound to hear and determine his appeal. On this

language alone they would have had no right to suspend him, and Grand Lodge would have removed the suspension, but when he took upon himself to print, and not to print correctly in accordance with the official minutes, and put a very strong view in his report of what took place in District Grand Lodge, he broke the law, and committed a grave Masonic offence. But in this case it appeared that, though Bro. Dimant upon his own confession printed this document, the authorities proceeded too rapidly. They ought to have summoned him before them to show cause why he should not be suspended from his Masonic privileges on account of this infraction of the law, and that they should have heard what explanation he had to give to the august assembly. Consequently this conviction, if he might so call it, could not be sustained. Still Bro. Dimant had laid himself open to the punishment inflicted upon him, and if the meeting had been adjourned for a reasonable time to give him an opportunity to appear and explain, and he had then appeared and admitted he did print that document, it would have been just to suspend him. According to his (Bro. McIntyre's) view, Bro. Dimant had been guilty of a great and reprehensible infraction of the law; but whether a brother who committed an infraction of the law or not, whether he was amenable to Masonic censure or not, justice was to be done, and justice must be done according to law, and according to law the defendant must have an opportunity of being heard in his defence upon any charge. That being his view, he should respectfully submit to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge that this suspension could not be sustained, and that the appeal must be allowed; but at the same time he would accompany this remark with the statement that, although the time had now gone by, if the District Grand Master chose to summon him for that infraction of the law he could do so, and could deal with him when he came before him. Therefore he (Bro. McIntyre) hoped Bro. Dimant would do all he could to make submission to the District Grand Master, and to the Board of General Purposes, express his deep regret and contrition that he should have offended in the way that he had offended, and then he (Bro. McIntyre) felt that the brethren in New Zealand would temper justice with mercy in adjudicating upon the case, seeing that Bro. Dimant had already been suspended for a considerable time. He would move "That inasmuch as Bro. Dimant was not duly summoned to appear before the Board to answer the offence for which he had been suspended, that suspension was irregular, and that the appeal ought to be allowed."

The Rev. C. W. ARNOLD, P.G.C., Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, seconded the motion.

The motion was then carried, and Grand Lodge was then closed.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual Communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Monday last, at Cockermouth, under the banner of Faithfull Lodge, No. 229. The interest in the proceedings was much enhanced by the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Capt. Sewell, J.W., P.G. Reg. M., which had been fixed for the same day, and at which the R.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., had signified his intention to be present.

Lodge was opened at twelve o'clock by Bro. R. Robinson, W.M., P.G. Swd. Br., supported by his officers and a considerable number of visiting brethren, in the hall of the Rampant Bull Hotel, which had been admirably fitted up for the occasion by the brethren of the Faithfull Lodge. A dispensation for the temporary removal from the Masonic Hall, in Station-street, had been previously obtained from the Provincial authority.

The following members of Faithfull Lodge were present: Bros. R. Robinson, W.M.; W. F. Lamsonby, P.M., P.G. Sec.; W. H. Lewthwaite, S.W., P.G. Org.; Captain Sewell, J.W.; R. W. Robinson, M.O.; H. Peacock, I.O.; J. Black, Treas., R.M., and Sec.; W. Paisley, J.D.; T. Mason, I.G.; J. Hewson, Tyler; I. Evening, and T. Bird.

The visitors were Bros. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., R.W. D.P.G.M., and P.G. W. of England; G. J. McKay, P.M. 105, P.P.G.S.W., and G.S.D. of England; P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151, P.G.S.W., P.G. Stwd. of England; Dr. Henry, W.M. 213, P.P.G.S.W.; G. Hayward, W.M. 60, P.G.I.G. of England; Jos. Nicholson, P.M. 151, P.G. Treas.; J. Gardiner, P.M. 151, P.P.G.J.W.; T. Mandle, P.M. 151, P.G.S.O.; W. B. Gibson, S.W. 213, P.P.G.S.O.; G. Dalrymple, P.M. 216, P.G.S.D.; J. H. Banks, W.M. 151, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Harper, P.M. 216, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. R. Banks, 151, P.G. Stwd.; W. Walker, P.M. 216, P.G. Stwd.; G. W. Thompson, S.W. 151; A. Walter, S.O. 151; J. Wilson, J.O. 151; J. W. Robinson, 151; J. H. Raven, J.D. 151; and Edward Diggle, P.M. 56 189, P.P.G.S.O. Lanc., and P.G.I.G. of England.

After the lodge had been opened, the R.W.D.P.G.M. was announced, and, on taking his seat on the dais, was greeted with "seven." The W.M. then invited the P.G. Sec. to take the chair, when the W.M. elect, Bro. Captain Sewell, was presented, and regularly installed into the chair of A., in the presence of no fewer than fifteen Installed Masters.

After the remainder of the brethren had been readmitted, Bro. Sewell was saluted and proclaimed, and his officers were appointed as follows: Bros. R. W. Robinson, S.W.; J. Black, J.W. and Treas.; T. C. Robinson, M.O.; H. Peacock, S.O.; W. Shilton, J.O.; T. Mason, Reg. M. and Sec.; T. Bird, S.D.; W. Paisley, J.D.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Org.; I. Evening, I.G.; and J. Hewson, Tyler. The lodge was then "called off," and in half-an-hour the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened.

After the minutes of the meeting held at Carlisle last year were read and confirmed, the P.G. Treasurer produced his statement of accounts, which exhibited a considerable balance in hand, and it was adopted and ordered to be printed.

The recommendations of the General Purposes Committee were also confirmed.

The following four brethren were appointed to serve on the General Purposes Committee: Bros. W. B. Gibson, Dr. Henry, T. Mandle, and R. Robinson. Bro. Nicholson was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year; and Bro. Hewson, Tyler of Faithful Lodge, was unanimously elected P.G. Tyler.

The P.G. SECRETARY mentioned that last year the total number of members in the province was 151; whilst up to the end of the current year the total was 167, showing an increase of sixteen on the year. Four lodges showed a total increase of twenty-three members, two had remained stationary, and one had lost seven members. He anticipated a marked increase next year. All the lodge dues had been paid for the year past.

The officers for the year were then invested as follows:

Bro. J. A. Wheatley, P.M. 60 ...	Prov. G.S.W.
" G. Dalrymple, P.M. 216 ...	Prov. G.J.W.
" T. Mandle, P.M. 151 ...	Prov. G.M.O.
" Capt. Sewell, W.M. 229 ...	Prov. G.S.O.
" J. H. Banks, W.M. 151 ...	Prov. G.J.O.
" J. Nicholson, P.M. 151 (re-elected)	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. Tyson, J.W. 213 ...	Prov. G. Reg. M.
" W. F. Lamsonby, P.M. 229 (re-appointed) ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. Robinson, P.M. 229 ...	Prov. G.S.D.
" W. Thornton, P.M. 147 ...	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. Walker, P.M. 216 ...	Prov. G.I.W.
" P. Dodgson, P.M. 151 ...	Prov. G.D.C.
" G. J. Taylor, J.W. 195 ...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" J. Ewing, S.W. 60 ...	Prov. G. Sw. Br.
" J. R. Banks, 151 ...	Prov. G. St. Br.
" J. Cooper, 213 ...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. Baxter, S.W. 216 ...	Prov. G.I.G.
Bros. L. F. B. Dykes, 229; J. Wilson, 151; and O. Grayson, 195	Prov. G. Stwds.
Bro. J. Hewson, 229 ...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The P.G. SECRETARY next submitted a notice of motion: "That the actual Overseers of each lodge rank as members of Provincial Grand, and that Bye-law II. be so altered from this date." He remarked that Overseers of lodges were members of Grand Lodge, and as all provincial by-laws should be founded on the Constitutions of Grand Lodge, it seemed somewhat inconsistent that Overseers should not be entitled to sit and vote in Provincial Grand Lodge the same as in Grand Lodge. No doubt it had been an oversight in the compilation of the provincial by-laws.

Bro. McKAY dissented generally from the alteration of the bye-law, without due consideration, and also pointed out that the Provincial Stewards of the year were included as members of Provincial Grand Lodge, which they ought not to be.

The P.G. SECRETARY disagreed with Bro. McKAY's ruling, as regards the status of Provincial Stewards.

Eventually, on the suggestion of the R.W.P.G.M. in the chair, it was agreed that the Committee of General Purposes consider the bye-law in question, with a view to its alteration or otherwise, and report to the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.

A notice of motion was also presented and approved: "That from the end of the year 1880, the provincial dues payable by lodges be reckoned by quarter per member, instead of yearly, as heretofore, and that Bye-law X. be altered accordingly."

This being all the business on the agenda, on the proclamations being put, Bro. DALRYMPLE moved, Bro. HARPER seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that the R.W.P.G.M. be recommended to hold next year's meeting at Frizington, under the banner of Henry Lodge, No. 216.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer.

Subsequently the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, or at least a part of them, several having taken their departure after the conclusion of business. This is very hard on the provider of the feast, and the practice is becoming so prevalent, that some day one need not be surprised if there be a difficulty experienced in providing entertainment on the occasion of provincial meetings. In this particular case Bro. Peacock is to be sympathised with, as his provision is invariably more than enough for even a large company. Col. Whitwell occupied the seat of honour, and, under his genial presidency, a very happy afternoon was whiled away, the proceedings being brought to a close in time for the R.W. brother to catch the last train to London, in order to resume his Parliamentary duties.

#### MASONIC RELIEF IN WEST LANCASHIRE.

The annual report of the West Lancashire Masonic Relief Committee (of which Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G. Registrar, is the Treasurer; Bro. W. Laidlaw, P.P.G.S. of W., the Chairman; and Bro. J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas., the Hon. Secretary) has been issued.

In presenting their twenty-first annual report the Committee remind the donors and subscribers to the Funds, that throughout the past year they have steadily pursued the course they deemed best to carry out the object for which this Institution was founded; namely, to relieve the really worthy and deserving brethren and those dependent upon them, and to prevent the attempts at imposition by those unworthy members of the fraternity who are simply trading or living upon the sympathies of their brethren.

The Committee have been ably assisted in their efforts by the communications and reports received from the Committees at Manchester, Salford, Leeds, and Birmingham, to whom they now tender their sincere thanks.

The number of applications during the year have been 152, of these eighty-two have been relieved to the extent of £66 3s. 6d. and seventy have been refused; some being unworthy, others being residents in the city.

The funds of the Institution have been sufficient for their purpose during the year, thanks to those who have so generously contributed, and the Committee take this opportunity of thanking them most sincerely for their timely aid.

It is necessary to remind the lodges that many deserving cases come before them which they are unable to relieve in consequence of the restrictions in their bye-laws, which ought in the opinion of the Committee to be enlarged, and they hope during the ensuing year that this may be done.

The accounts audited by Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G. D.C., and Bro. J. W. Burgess, P.M. 1325, show that there was a balance in hand of £58 9s. at the close of the year.

The Crusaders Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677, resumed its weekly meetings on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at nine o'clock p.m., at Bro. Gay's, St. John's Gate Tavern, Clerkenwell. Brethren are invited to attend.

#### EXCURSION OF THE CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND ANTIQUARIAN AND ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The second meeting and two days' excursion of this Society for the present season took place at Kirkby Stephen on Wednesday and Thursday, the 18th and 19th ult. The Local Committee for arrangements were M. W. Taylor, Esq., M.D.; Bro. Rev. Canon Simpson, LL.D., P.G.C.; and R. S. Ferguson, Esq., F.S.A.

The party, numbering about fifty, met at the King's Arms Inn at noon, and, after luncheon, proceeded at one o'clock in carriages to Maiden Castle, Brough Church and Castle, the Roman Camp, and to Re-cross. At Maiden Castle a discussion took place, in which Dr. Simpson and Mr. R. S. Ferguson took part, and the description given by Hutchinson in 1773 was read. At Brough Church the party was met by the Rev. W. Lyde, vicar, who most kindly gave explanations as to the building, and showed the "Brough Stone," which was found in the church when the restoration was going on. This runic stone is said to be unique, and an interesting account of it is expected from the pen of Dr. Stevens, of Copenhagen, which will be published in the next printed transactions of the Society. Brough Castle was visited, and the Roman Camp and Re-cross on the top of Stainmoor. The party returned to Kirkby Stephen at seven o'clock, and after an excellent dinner, provided by Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, of the King's Arms, the business of the evening commenced. After taking the minutes of the last meeting as read, several new members were elected. The first paper—"The Harrington Tomb" in Cartmel Church—was read by Mr. H. Fletcher-Rigge, which was listened to with much interest. Another very interesting paper was read by Mr. Joseph Robinson, of Maryport, on "Discoveries at Aigle-gill," near Aspatria. This indefatigable explorer of Roman remains gave the result of his recent labours in a field called Castlesteads, where no one expected to find anything from the appearance of the ground. This paper will also, like the former, be published, and will be read with great interest. Several other papers were promised, e.g., "Mason Marks at Carlisle," by Mr. Creed; "Long Marton Church," by Mr. Cory; "The Armorial Bearings of the City of Carlisle," by Mr. Ferguson, F.S.A.; "The Registers and Church Plate in Brampton Deanery" (two papers), by Rev. H. Whitehead; and "Local Names," by Mr. Goodchild, F.G.S.

On the second day Kirkby Stephen Church was visited, and the building was most ably exhibited and described by the vicar. He also gave an interesting account of the three effigies of Thomas, first Lord Wharton, and his two wives, in the north transept of the church. He showed that these had been put up in the lifetime of Lord Wharton, but that he pre-deceased his second wife, who had him buried at Hele, near Tadcaster, where she was subsequently buried, and there are tombs for each at that place. In the churchyard there is a flat stone to the memory of the parents of Langhorne the poet, with four lines supposed to have been written by himself, but which are now nearly obliterated by time. The Langhornes, of Odendale, claimed to be of the same stock as the poet. Wharton Hall was next visited, which still has sufficient remaining to show the grandeur of the state kept up by the Lords Wharton in by-gone days. Pendragon Castle was next visited. This building is a puzzle to the antiquary, who has not yet been able to trace the name of its builder, nor the exact time when it was built. Its history is hidden in a mist of fable and obscurity, but its position and the view from the castle are commanding. The builder could not bring the water of the Eden round his castle to fill the moat, and so gave rise to the rhyme—

"Let Uter Pendragon do what he can,  
Eden will run where Eden ran."

The sun shone out upon the scene, and showed the vale of Mallerstang to perfection. The party returned to Stenkrith Bridge, near Kirkby Stephen Station, and viewed the singular conglomerate rocks over which the bridge springs with peculiar interest, from the fact that a very learned dignitary of the Church now living is said to have rescued a lady from a deep pool into which she had slipped, and who afterwards rewarded his gallantry by becoming his wife. On leaving the bridge, Crofton Castle was next visited, and before separating a cordial vote of thanks was proposed by Professor Nicholson, of Manchester, to the Rev. Dr. Simpson, and seconded by Mr. H. Fletcher-Rigge, for the very great exertions he had made to interest the members on this occasion. Dr. Simpson acknowledged the compliment, and the party separated highly gratified with the proceedings of the two days, and wishing for Dr. Simpson and his amiable lady that their "shadows may never be less."

#### FUNERAL OF BRO. ROBERT CAREY, ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 41.

The Masonic body at Bath have lost a very energetic brother, citizen, and sincere friend, by the death of Bro. R. Carey, who died on the 19th ult. A Past Master of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, taken away at the early age of forty-seven, respected by all who knew him, from the fact that he was of that large-hearted, noble nature, that went about doing good, at every where, and every when he found occasion. As a Freemason especially he found time to relieve the distressed, and in the cause of Masonic Charity was always foremost to think, work, and act. It would be fulsome flattery to enumerate these, but very recently he aided the family of a deceased and highly respected brother by greatly assisting to get the children into the separate schools belonging to the Order, while he constantly attended his own lodge as Assistant D.C., and frequently undertook the office of Chaplain, and in fact every single office that might be vacant by the absence of the brother from any cause. He was initiated in the Royal Cumberland, No. 41, March, 1st, 1806, and since then has filled every office, and passing the chair became P.Z. of the Royal Arch, and P.P.S.G.D. of Somerset. His love for the ancient city of Bath led him to take active parts in all civic duties, and he entered the Town Council in 1874, whose meetings he always attended, and upheld all movements that would tend to the well being of the burgesses, the improvements of the city, and more especially the Conservative cause, of which he was a most staunch supporter. As a tradesman he was noted for his integrity and straightforward dealings; having an almost artist's love of his business he was always considered a clever judge, and at

his exhibitions in connection with the Bath and West of England Society, his stand was always a notable feature of the shows, which he regularly attended. Indeed, at the show at Dorchester he outvied every exhibition of that particular class that has been seen in provincial towns. In his connection with the Hanoverian Band and Floral Fête Committee he was always characterised by the same indefatigable perseverance, and, always urbane and conciliatory, he won the respect alike of the exhibitors, the subscribers, and public generally, and amongst his confreres specially, he always had the most profound respect. His funeral took place on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at St. Michael's Cemetery, Bath, and the estimation in which he was held was manifested by the large attendance, not only of Masonic friends, over sixty in number, but the general public, and the solemn rites of burial were the most affecting and heartfelt that have been seen in Bath for many years.

The floral gifts from many friends were the most magnificent and tastefully arranged ever seen at such an occasion.

### THE ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.\*

By BRO. D. MURRAY LYON, G.S. G.L. OF SCOTLAND.

The Royal Order is composed of two Degrees, viz., that of "Heredom of Kilwinning," alleged to have originated in the reign of David I., King of Scotland, and the "Rosy Cross," affirmed to have been instituted by Robert the Bruce, which monarch is also represented as having in 1314 revived the former and incorporated it with the latter under the title of The Royal Order of Scotland. The ritual of this Rite embraces what may be termed a spiritualisation of the supposed symbols and ceremonies of the Christian architects and builders of primitive times, and so closely associates the sword with the trowel as to lead to the Second Degree being denominated an Order of Masonic Knighthood, which its recipients are asked to believe was first conferred on the field of Bannockburn, as a reward for the valour that had been displayed by a body of Templars who aided Bruce in that memorable victory; and that afterwards a Grand Lodge of the Order was established by the King at Kilwinning, with reservation of the office of Grand Master to him and his successors on the Scottish throne. It is further asserted that the Royal Order and the Masonic Fraternity of Kilwinning were governed by the same head. As regards the claims to antiquity and a Royal origin that are set up in favour of this Rite, it is proper to say that modern inquiries have shown them to be purely fabulous. The credence that is given to that part of the legend which associates the Order with the ancient Lodge of Kilwinning is based on the assumed certainty that that lodge possessed in former times a knowledge of other Degrees of Masonry than those of St. John. But such is not the case. The Fraternity of Kilwinning never at any period practised or acknowledged other than the Craft Degrees; neither does there exist any tradition worthy of the name, local or national, nor has any authentic document yet been discovered that can, in the remotest degree, be held to identify Robert Bruce with the holding of Masonic courts, or the institution of a secret society, at Kilwinning. The paternity of the Royal Order is now pretty generally attributed to a Jacobite knight named Andrew Ramsay, a devoted follower of the Pretender, and famous as the fabricator of certain rites, inaugurated in France about 1735-40, and through the propagation of which it was hoped the fallen fortunes of the Stuarts would be retrieved. The place of Ramsay's nativity was within a short distance of Kilwinning, and to this circumstance may be attributed his knowledge of the traditional fame of that village as an ancient centre of the Masonic Fraternity, and his subsequent use of its name in the promotion of his cabalistic inventions; although at the time of his birth, and even during the period he was engaged in the preparation of what has been termed "the corner stone of the *hautes grades*," the Lodge of Kilwinning was a purely operative institution, and its members for the most part were composed of Masons and wrights, whose education was not such as could have fitted them for the study or understanding of those ineffable rites of which they were the alleged conservators. It is certain that Ramsay was not a member of Kilwinning Lodge; nor is it likely that he ever had any communication with it.

Certain advocates of the "high antiquity" of the Royal Order assert that its existence long before the first quarter of the eighteenth century can be proved from "documents in possession of the Order, more than two hundred years old."

The Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland, having its seat in Edinburgh, possesses no such documents; and it is a curious fact that the more ancient of the records which it does possess, and which were inherited from the head of an Anglo-Dutch Provincial Chapter, state that it was instituted in the middle of last century.

Of the existence in Scotland of any branch of the Order prior to 1754 there is not a particle of evidence. In July, 1750, William Mitchell, a native of Scotland, and a teacher of languages at the Hague, and Jonas Kluck, a merchant there, presented a petition to the Provincial Grand Master in "South Britain," in which they stated that they and other residents at the Hague were members of the Order, and craved power to erect a Provincial Grand Lodge there. In compliance with this petition, the Provincial Grand Master, whose official seat was in London, gave a deliverance that "one brother who has signed the same do attend me at the house of Bro. Lewis, S.N.C.R.T.V., on Monday, the 22nd July, 1750, at four o'clock precisely." On that date a "Patent" (intituled within, "Instructions"), a diploma, and a charter or document of larger size and more formal shape, but in reality the same in substance as the diploma, were granted to Mr. Mitchell, as head of the Order at the Hague. The larger MS., like other so-called Masonic documents of the period, contains a somewhat vague and pretentious allusion to the source whence the President derived his jurisdiction: "By virtue of the authority to me by the Right Honourable and Right Worshipful Prince and Supreme Ruler and Governor of the Great S.N.D.R.M., and Grand Master of the H.R.D.M. of K.L.W.N.N.,"—an ambiguity of expression which, taken in connection with other circumstances narrated in this chapter, justifies the opinion that the Grand Lodge of London was a self-constituted body. The diploma runs

thus:—"To our truly well beloved and Right Worshipful and right honored brother Sir William R. L. F., Knight of the R.Y.C.S., Provincial Grand Master of the Seven United Provinces, Know ye that out of the great esteem and brotherly love I bear to you, and being well assured of your fidelity, I do hereby empower you (with proper assistance) to advance to the Order of the R.Y.C.S., at your Grand Lodge at the Hague, or at any other Grand Chapter to which you may grant constitution in any part of the Seven United Provinces. And be it further known unto you that if you are found guilty of acting contrary to my will and pleasure, making breach of any of your constitutional laws, rules, ordinances, and regulations appended for your observance by authority of the Grand Lodge where I preside and govern, you will be rendered for the future incapable of holding any said office or authority in the H.R.D.M., and also be liable to be excluded the society for contempt and disobedience. R.L.F., President. (Seal). Given at London, under my hand and priory seal, this 22nd day of July, A.D. 1750, A.M.H. 5758, and in the ninth year of my authority." The seal on the diploma has been destroyed.

Certification of Mr. Mitchell's installation was made in the following terms:—"London, 22nd July, A.D. 1750, A.M.H. 5758. I did this day attend at the house of Brother Lewis, S.N.C.R.T.V., the sign of the Golden Horse Shoe in Cannon-street, Southwark, and did then and there constitute the petitioning brethren residing at the Hague into a regular chapter in full form, and did constitute and appoint our Right Worshipful and highly honored brother, William Mitchell, known and distinguished among the brothers of the Order by the sublime title and characteristic of F.D.L.T.V., and knight of the R.Y.C.S., to the T.R.S.I., by delivering the patent and in due form as usual for the constitution of chapters in foreign parts, and did by virtue of my authority exchange his characteristic and invest him with that of R.L.F. (Signed), R.L.F."

It appears from the record of these proceedings that the condition on which the newly-constituted body was "empowered to act as a Grand Lodge" was that it should make "an acknowledgment once a year to the Grand Lodge from whom it derived its title, at a Quarterly Grand Lodge meeting which is held always at London on the fifth Sunday in the months having so many." It occurs to us here to remark that the fact of constitutional meetings of the Order being held on "Sundays" militates against the idea of its having, as asserted by its first promoters in France, had a Scotch origin, as it is well known that from the time of the Reformation, the Sunday in Scotland has been carefully guarded against all secular business. The idea that the Royal Order or any other of the "High Degrees" existed prior to the Reformation, may be dismissed from consideration in an article dealing with authentic history.

The laws, regulations, constitutional charge, prayers, form of procession at the funeral of a brother, characteristics, &c., and list of the lodges or chapters holding of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and of the names of ten members who had been expelled for divulging its secrets, ridiculing the Order, intemperance, &c., are contained in the book recording the installation of Mr. Mitchell.

This MS. is entitled "Record of the Christian and surnames of the brethren of H.R.D.M. belonging to the Hague, &c., alphabetically digested, together with their places of abode, degrees of advancement, and house list to which each brother's characteristic belongs, and all the petty chapters of the Orders of the Seven United Provinces." This title, however, only describes an intention, as no such entries were ever made at the Hague—a fact which strengthens the supposition that the chapter had never been opened there. The minute of installation was written into the Record Book which was delivered to Mr. Mitchell, who was directed to give to all Provincial Grand Lodges he might form "a Book of Records of the Laws and Rules, etc., the same as delivered herewith;" and it contains this instruction, "You are not to enter any minutes or other laws or rules in the book herewith delivered, but such as you shall from time to time receive from the Grand Lodge in London." This book, with the documents above alluded to, are now in possession of the lodge at Edinburgh, and upon one of the leaves in the middle of the volume it is described as belonging to "The Grand Chapter, termed the Grand Lodge of the Royal Order at Edinburgh, constituted July 22nd, 1750."

From the documents we have had the privilege to examine we have been unable to form any estimate of the probable antiquity of the Order. In one of the MSS. the Grand Master at London sets forth that he had held office since 1741; and in July, 1750, there were in London five Royal Order Chapters, and one at Deptford. Next in order comes the seventh, being the one constituted at the Hague, and which is now represented by the Grand Lodge of the Order at Edinburgh. The senior, or first four, chapters on the list—1, "The Grand Lodge, at the Thistle and Crown, in Chandos-street;" 2, "Grand Chapter, at Thistle and Crown, as above;" 3, "Coach and Horses, in Welbeck-street;" 4, "Blue Boar's Head, Exeter-street"—are said in the "Records" to have existed from time immemorial, and as having been constituted on a "fifth Sunday." No reason is assigned for the day of the week being ascertained and the year of constitution unknown. The fifth chapter, the "Golden Horse Shoe," is stated to have been constituted December 11th, 1743, and that of "The Griffin," at Deptford, December 20th, 1744. In 1752 a chapter was formed in Virginia, and we find, in July, 1782, that there were eighteen in the list of chapters contained in the "Records" of the Grand Lodge (Mitchell's) of the Hague. The oldest book of records extant contains, in the handwriting of Mr. Mitchell, a list of the "Members of the Royal Chapter at Edinburgh," and from this list we find that at Edinburgh one was admitted to the Order in 1754, two in 1755, one in 1760, and ten in 1763—all residents there, and several of them members of the Scotch Bar. Of their admission, beyond the enrolment of their names and characteristics, there are no minutes or other records. The only other name included in the list is that of Mr. Mitchell himself, who is represented as having been admitted in France in 1749, and in England in 1750. From a report, which in 1843 was prepared at the instance of the Grand Lodge of the Order at Edinburgh, we find that Mr. Mitchell sat at various meetings of the chapter there between 1766 and 1777, both years inclusive, and that it is reported as doubtful if he ever returned to Holland after obtaining his patent in 1750. That he did not do so, and that he settled in Scotland, is also evident from the fact

that he continued to act as Grand Master until July, 1767. He was succeeded by James Kerr, a writer in Edinburgh, and in the same year the office of Deputy Grand Master was filled for the first time by the election of William Mason, writer, the brother admitted in 1754. Mr. Kerr retired in 1776, and was succeeded by William Baillie, an advocate in Edinburgh, who became one of the Judges of the Supreme Courts of Scotland, under the title of Lord Polkmet. In 1778 William Charles Little, of Liberton, advocate, became Grand Master of the Order. General Oughton succeeded Mr. Mason as Deputy Grand Master of the Order in 1770. Mr. Little held that office in 1777, in which year Sir William Forbes was admitted; the Earl of Leven held it in 1778, and David Dalrymple, Lord Westhall, in 1780.

The regularly kept minutes of the Royal Order at Edinburgh date from October 31st, 1766. In the minute dated July 28th, 1769, a petition to the Town Council of Edinburgh is engrossed, in which the members of the Order set forth that "after much trouble and a great deal of expense they had been able to revive and establish the Ancient Order of Scots Masonry in the metropolis of their native country, which would be attested by several members of the Honourable Council," that the members of the Order there had never had any fixed place of meeting; that they had first met in the room of the Lodge St. Andrew, and afterwards in that of the Lodge St. David, but that "that lodge was by no means central," and as the petitioners "own funds were yet far from being sufficient to procure a place for themselves to meet in, which they hoped might be the case soon," and as the Council were proprietors of the place where the Lodge St. Giles met, and which is most central, the petitioners prayed for leave to fit up at their own charges a room on the same flat as that in which the lodge met. This request was acceded to. These facts all tend, we think, to show that from about 1754, at least, a lodge of the Order had been located at Edinburgh, and in the absence of any recorded admission of an intrant elsewhere, we conclude that it had not been worked in any place in Scotland.

"Knight of the Eagle" and other Orders of "Masonry," professing to have originated in Scotland, were in vogue in the Netherlands in 1754. Bro. Findel states that this formed the subject of inquiries which were addressed to the then Deputy Grand Master of England, T. Manningham, who, in his reply, characterised the so-called "Scotch Masonry" as an "irregularity" and "innovation," which had been unheard of ten years previously. He quoted authorities in support of his statement; amongst others Lord Aberdour, a Past Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who was represented as being "entirely unacquainted" with any Masonic Degree above that of Master Mason. His lordship's acquaintance with the High Degrees need not be wondered at, seeing that at the period at which he so expressed himself (1757) the Royal Order was known only to some half-dozen brethren belonging to the metropolis of the country in which it was alleged to have been instituted. In one of the Edinburgh minutes, written in 1768, reference is made to the then existence of a Grand Lodge of the Order in Holland. This lodge, however, is not included in the list of lodges and chapters embraced in the Book of Records, which appears to have been throughout regularly continued. The laws and constitution of the Order remained as originally given by the Provincial Grand Lodge at London, until January 5th, 1767, when a fresh code was adopted and approved of. This code is substantially the same as that which now regulates the Royal Order of Scotland, and in it, for the first time, appear on the surface some of the so-called historical statements of this interesting branch of what are known as the High Degrees—a Deputy Grand Master and Governor being recognised, and reference made to the institution of the Order by King Robert Bruce. Another edition of the laws was issued in 1843, in which the King of Scotland is declared to be the hereditary and permanent Grand Master; and in that year the statement is made in the minutes that the Grand Lodge of the Order had always existed in Scotland.

The Order may be said to have taken root in Scotland in 1763, when it was composed of about fourteen members. Between that date and 1766 fifty-two members were admitted. The signatures of Mr. Mason (then Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland) and Mr. Little appear in the charters under which a Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter of the Order were in 1786 erected in France. The minutes of the Order are lost between 1805 and 1813; and between 1819 and 1839 the Order fell into abeyance in Scotland. In this latter year Houston Rigg Brown, coach builder in Edinburgh, and John Osborne Brown, writer to the Signet there, two distinguished Freemasons, members of the Lodge St. David, held a meeting; represented themselves as the only members of the Order whose attendance could be procured, and admitted a number of brethren, among whom were George Murray, present Treasurer of the Order, and John Brown Douglass, writer to the Signet, present Secretary. To these brethren the Order, perhaps, owes its present existence.

Dr. Horstmann, in *Englische Studien* gives the full text of the poem about Thomas à Becket from the MS. in the library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

The Electric Railway, respecting which we recently heard so much at Berlin, is now to be brought to a test in the United States, where eight miles of the iron road are set apart on the Camden and Amboy Railway, New Jersey, for the proposed experiments. If the railway should prove a success, it will probably be adopted for the elevated lines in the New York streets, where at present the locomotives cause a great deal of annoyance from the smoke and cinders they emit, as well as from their noise. The electric engine is exceedingly quiet in its action, as the electricity which supplies the motive power is generated at fixed stations, and is communicated to the electric locomotive by the line of rails itself.

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\* For much of this information the writer is indebted to Bro. John Brown Douglas, Secretary of the Order in Scotland.

## Scotland.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. WM. PEARCE  
AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF  
THE CITY OF GLASGOW PROVINCE.

One of the grandest and most interesting festivals which has been celebrated in Glasgow for many years took place in the Queen's Rooms, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., on occasion of the installation of Bro. Wm. Pearce as Provincial Grand Master of the City of Glasgow Province.

Great interest was manifested in the event, and the muster of brethren was very large, including a considerable deputation of the Grand Lodge, headed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart.

At four o'clock p.m. the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow was opened in full form in the Prince's lodge room, Pillar Hall, Queen's Room. Bro. G. Buchanan, S.P.G.M., in the absence of Bro. W. J. Easton, D.P.G.M., occupied the chair. Bro. Kyle, as P.G.S.W., and Bro. Jamieson, as P.G.J.W.; the other office bearers of the P.G. Lodge in their respective places. The Provincial Grand Lodge was vacated and handed over to the Grand Lodge, Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., Installing Officer, occupying the chair. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with.

The GRAND SECRETARY having read the commission issued in favour of Bro. Wm. Pearce, the GRAND MASTER, as Installing Officer, desired the Provincial Grand Master elect to come forward to the altar, when he addressed him as follows: Having been constituted and appointed Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the City of Glasgow Province, I shall have much pleasure in installing you as such; but previous to your installation it is requisite that you assent to some of the charges and regulations which point out certain of the duties of a Provincial Grand Master.

The GRAND SECRETARY then read a summary of the Ancient Charges.

The INSTALLING OFFICER then addressed the Provincial Grand Master, asking him whether he cheerfully submitted to the several charges and regulations which had been read to him.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER having signified his assent, Bro. Wm. Pearce took the oath de fidei, and was subsequently invested with the insignia of his office, being conducted to the left of the Grand Master. The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge advanced and paid due homage to the newly-installed Provincial Grand Master to the strains of the organ.

The GRAND MASTER then addressed the Provincial Grand Master and brethren.

Bro. PEARCE returned thanks.

Thanksgiving by the GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to partake of a most sumptuous banquet, munificently provided by Bro. Wm. Pearce.

Bro. PEARCE occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, M.W.G.M.M. of Scotland; Colonel Montgomery Neilson, Past P.G.M. of Glasgow; Charles Dalrymple, M.P., P.G.M. of Argyll and the Isles; R. W. Cochran-Patrick, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Ayrshire; H. M. Shaw-Stewart, D.P.G.M. Renfrewshire; Hector McLean, P.G.M. Upper Ward of Lanarkshire West; and John Baird.

Bros. J. Dalrymple, Duncan, and Col. Stewart discharged the duties of croupiers.

The deputation from the Grand Lodge was composed as follows:—Bros. James Cardwell, acting Senior Grand Warden; F. A. Barrow, Past Senior Grand Warden; R. F. Shaw-Stewart, Junior Grand Warden; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; David Kinnear, Grand Cashier; Rev. T. M. Wannop, Grand Chaplain; John Crombie, acting Senior Grand Deacon; John Scott, Junior Grand Deacon; Robert Morrison, acting Grand Architect; F. L. Law, Grand Jeweller; Thomas Halket, Grand Bible Bearer; Dr. Byrne, acting Grand Director of Ceremonies; George Fisher, representative of Florida, acting Grand Sword Bearer; C. W. Maxwell Müller, Grand Director of Music; R. McDonald, acting Grand Marshal; J. Crichton, Vice-President; and the following Grand Stewards: John Fleming, William Edwards, A. D. Cairns, E. M. Sellentin, and W. M. Bryce, Grand Tyler.

The following brethren were also among the guests:—Bros. Robert Nisbet, representative of Utah, P.M. No. 340; W. J. C. Abbott, Proxy Master, No. 86; John S. Matheson, Past Master No. 5; and the following office bearers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow and members of the province: Bros. G. Buchanan, S.P.G.M.; W. Kyle, P.G.S.W.; W. H. Bickerton, P.G. Sec.; J. Morgan, P.G.J.; G. Sinclair, P.G.J.B.F.; J. Booth, P.G.S.D.; J. Findlay, P.G.J.D.; W. Phillips, P.G.A.; J. Harley, P.G.J.; A. Bain, P.G.B.B.; J. Balfour, P.G.D. of C.; J. Henry, P.G.S.B.; A. Holmes, P.G. I.G.; and the following brethren: Bros. Rev. W. W. Tulloch, W. Smith, J. G. Smith, F. Wicks, J. H. Barnes, G. Miller, R. McClure, J. Provan, and D. Butler.

After an excellent dinner had been served by Bro. John Forrester, Gordon-street, the CHAIRMAN intimated that letters of apology had been received from Bros. A. Orr Ewing, M.P.; Sheriff Clark, Sir Archibald C. Campbell, Bart.; Major-General Johnstone, Robert Wyllie, Wm. McLean, A. Smollett, W. J. Easton, Sir James Bain, the Earl of Haddington, and the Earl of Kintore.

The CHAIRMAN, after proposing the toast of "The Queen," which was warmly received, gave "The Health of the Prince of Wales." He said the Prince of Wales not only took a great interest in the welfare of the industries of the country, but he took a great interest in Masonry. (Hear, hear.)

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. R. W. COCHRAN-PATRICK, M.P.: The toast which I have the honour to propose for this company is one which is always received with the utmost cordiality. We all know how much our security and prosperity depend upon our gallant defenders. On the present occasion there is another reason why we should drink the toast with even a greater amount of cordiality than is commonly done—that is, because we have in the army, in the navy, and in the reserve forces not only a large number of those who are united to us by the ordinary ties of community, but by the closer ties of Craftship. The army and navy of Great Britain have in the hour of victory behaved with moderation, and

in the hour of disaster, when disaster has unfortunately come, they have behaved with honour. (Cheers.) What they have done in the past we hope and confidently believe they will do in the future. Though the reserve forces of this country have not had an opportunity of engaging in active conflict with an enemy, yet should that hour ever unfortunately come they will do their duty, and follow the example of the other branches of our defences. (Cheers.)

Colonel STEWART replied.

The CHAIRMAN—The next toast I have to propose is that of the "Grand Lodge of Scotland." (Addressing Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart)—Most Worshipful Grand Master, to you we Masons in Scotland feel that we are greatly indebted. (Cheers.) You have done a great deal, perhaps more than any man of our time, to elevate Scottish Masonry to the position it holds at the present time. I personally have to thank you and the office-bearers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland for coming here to-day to my installation, and the Masons of the Province of Glasgow have also to thank you for your attendance. (Cheers.) We duly appreciate the honour conferred on us, and we hope to show in return that we, the Masons of Scotland, will always be true to the Grand Lodge, and that we will always support it, because we are sure that under the present guidance what it does will be right. (Hear, hear.) We will do our best to support you in maintaining the position to which you have attained. (Cheers.)

Sir MICHAEL R. SHAW-STEWART, who, on rising to respond, was received with loud cheering, said: I have often had occasion to return thanks for the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and for my name being coupled with that toast. I certainly can truly say that I never heard it more heartily proposed, and I also can truly add that I never heard it more heartily received than by the company here assembled. I must say that I was not quite prepared for the hearty cheers you gave, not that I doubted the kindness of the feelings of the Masons of Glasgow towards the Grand Lodge and, allow me to say, towards myself. But we have been indulged with very peculiar weather in the West of Scotland for some days past. (Laughter.) I really began to wonder how we should get through the evening. The weather has been extremely hot, but whether it is from the excellence of the entertainment we have received this evening or from whatever cause we have been all wonderfully resuscitated. (Laughter and cheers.) I very heartily thank you for the kind and pleasant manner in which you have proposed the health of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge has certainly come through some queer times, but it has weathered the storm, and I am happy to think it is now in deep and smooth water. We have all our rigging taut and correct, we have good officers—(hear, hear)—and a right good crew, and have no fear for the future. I would even back the Grand Lodge against the Livadia. (Laughter and cheers.) Having allowed that slip inadvertently, I am reminded that I have a double duty to perform, not only to thank you for the way in which you responded to the last toast, but to propose "The Health of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," coupled with the name of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, our excellent friend Bro. Pearce. I had the privilege of congratulating him in your Provincial Grand Lodge this forenoon upon his election. I congratulate the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow upon his appointment. Bro. Pearce is well known in Glasgow and its neighbourhood. We know with what energy and enterprise, with what industry as well as great ability, he has conducted for several years one of the most important shipbuilding firms of this country. (Cheers.) And we, as Masons, know that he has paid great attention and devoted himself to the interests of the Craft. He has taken many high Degrees in Masonry, and has always on these occasions made a good appearance, and has shown that he possesses the qualities necessary to constitute a good, true, and accomplished Mason. It is, therefore, a great pleasure to me, and to every member of the Grand Lodge, to be present at the installation of Bro. Pearce to this high position. I venture to tell him that he will have no easy post to fill, inasmuch as there are many lodges, and some strong lodges, in his province; but I am certain that Bro. Pearce will conduct himself as Provincial Grand Master in such a manner that he will retain your feelings of respect towards him. (Cheers.) I do not wish to give him or you a lecture on Freemasonry. He knows how to acquire the duties of this important office, and I know that the members of all the lodges in his province will do their best to support him and his officers in their work for the furtherance of the good of Freemasonry in this very large and important Province of Glasgow.

The toast was drunk amidst loud cheers.

The CHAIRMAN, replying, said—As I have only been admitted a brother of the Provincial Grand Lodge a few hours ago, I feel somewhat out of place in taking upon myself to thank the brethren for drinking the toast so cordially as they have done. At the same time, I have been honoured with this post. I have undertaken this afternoon to carry out the Most Worshipful Grand Master's duties with regard to Masonry in the province of Glasgow. I cannot do it myself, and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge must assist me in doing it. We all know the great importance of this province of Glasgow. It will be no easy matter to visit some thirty lodges within three months, to make oneself acquainted with the work of these lodges, to see that nothing but true Masonry is worked in them, and that there is good feeling and good fellowship existing. (Cheers.) After all, it is through true fellowship we get the kindly feelings that Masonry generates amongst us. I understand from our esteemed P.G. Secretary that there are about 10,000 Masons in Glasgow, and you can realise what 10,000 men can accomplish going hand in hand together. (Cheers.)

Bro. J. DALRYMPLE DUNCAN, in proposing "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire," said that the lodge was notable in respect of its vast size, being composed of over forty lodges scattered over a wide area. It was also noticeable in respect that many of its lodges were inseparably connected with perhaps the most celebrated man that ever wore the lambskin apron—the great national poet Robert Burns. (Cheers.) At the head of its roll stood the mother-lodge of Scotland—Mother Kilwinning, which had its origin in the mists of remote antiquity, which had a world-wide reputation, and which had formed the subject of interesting discussion on the part of the learned men of many other countries besides Scotland. The offices of Master of the Kilwinning Lodge and of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire were invariably filled by the same person. Among the many distinguished men who had filled the joint offices, he was sure none would occupy a

more distinguished position on its roll than the present Master, Bro. Cochran-Patrick. He was a noticable Mason in Scotland, and he was foremost amongst the Scotch archaeologists of the present day. He was certain that whatever shade of politics they professed, they entertained a feeling of satisfaction at the result of the recent election in North Ayrshire. (Cheers.)

The toast having been duly honoured,

Bro. COCHRAN-PATRICK, in replying, said: On behalf of the Mother Lodge of Scotland and of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire, I have to return you my very warm thanks for the cordial way in which this toast has been proposed and received. The event of to-day has given very complete satisfaction to all the brethren of the West of Scotland. (Cheers.) We are all very much interested in the prosperity of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, which represents the most flourishing commercial community in the North of Britain, if not one of the most flourishing communities in the whole British Empire. We are all very glad to think that you have this day placed at your head a brother so well qualified in himself, and so intimately connected with one of the great commercial industries which have contributed to make this great city what it is. (Cheers.) I say we all rejoice to think that you have put a brother so distinguished in these respects at the head of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow. (Cheers.) In the second place, we are glad to think that this auspicious event has been the cause of bringing amongst us to-day the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland, who has done so much and so well for the Scottish Craft. I venture in all humility to think that if the Grand Lodge in its wisdom should think fit to come amongst the Provincial Grand Lodges of Scotland in every part of the country nothing would have a better effect in cementing that close relationship, that sympathy, and that harmony, which it is so necessary to preserve in the Craft at the present time. (Cheers.)

Col. NEILSON proposed the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire." Having alluded to the kindly feelings which have always subsisted between the lodges of Glasgow and those of Renfrewshire, he said that this feeling was greatly due to the fact that the Masons of the Province of Renfrew had been found true and faithful Freemasons. At any time when the honour of the Craft was threatened, or when any interference with the rights of Freemasons was made, the Provinces of Renfrewshire and Glasgow joined hand in hand to defy the enemy.

Bro. H. M. SHAW-STEWART responded. He regretted very much that the Provincial Grand Master for Renfrewshire East was not present that day, because it would have devolved upon him to return thanks for both provinces. As the representative of a comparatively small lodge, he wished to express his sense of the honour he felt at having been present at the installation of the Grand Master of such an important and large province as that of Glasgow. (Cheers.) He wished also to express his gratitude to the Provincial Grand Master for the hospitality he had shown. (Cheers.) He wished him prosperity and every possible success in the new office which he would so worthily fill. (Cheers.)

Bro. GEORGE BUCHANAN proposed "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire," for which Bro. HECTOR F. McLEAN replied.

Bro. F. A. BARROW proposed "The Provincial Grand Lodges of Dumbartonshire and Argyll and the Isles." He regretted the absence of Bro. Smollett, the Provincial Grand Master of Dumbartonshire. He had some good working lodges in the province, and of late years they had been doing their work wonderfully. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Argyll and the Isles was, he might say, the Benjamin Lodge of Scotland. (Laughter.) From the reports which had from time to time come before the Grand Lodge he knew that the Provincial Grand Master of Argyll and the Isles had not been wanting in his duty. (Hear, hear.) He had a very wide and extensive province to travel over both by sea and land, and he found that he had a highly efficient working Grand Lodge. He had some most excellent office bearers, and he had himself personally devoted a great amount of time to aid the working of the lodge and to promote the interests of Freemasonry.

Bro. CHARLES DALRYMPLE, M.P., who was received with loud cheers, said he joined in the expression of regret that the Provincial Grand Master of Dumbartonshire was not present. He was a friend of his own, he was an honourable gentleman, and there was not one who had done better in his day for Freemasonry. Bro. Barrow had spoken of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Argyll and the Isles as a Benjamin Lodge. All knew what he meant by that. He (Bro. Dalrymple) was somewhat inclined to demur to the title, because the Provincial Grand Lodge of Argyll and the Isles was only a Benjamin Lodge in its present shape. It was an old lodge which was revived in recent years, and he thought it was of the same standing as some which were generally supposed to be older lodges. It had been revived recently after having been dormant for some time, and he was glad to think that there were some flourishing lodges in the scattered province. It was not out of place in a Masonic gathering, and it certainly was not out of place in the city of Glasgow, for him to tell them that he had to lament the death of his Deputy Master in the person of one who was well known in that great city and justly esteemed—he meant the late Bro. A. B. Stewart. (Cheers.) He could never forget while he lasted Bro. Stewart's extreme liberality, his great cordiality and heartiness on behalf of any cause he took in hand, and the general kindness and good-fellowship which characterised him on every occasion. Bro. Stewart was a young Mason, but he was an excellent friend to the Craft, and he could recall the gratification which was excited in the province when Bro. Stewart accepted the office of Deputy Master. He begged to thank them very heartily for coupling his name with the toast, and he joined those who preceded him in congratulating their host on the position he had attained that evening—a position in which he wished him all happiness. (Cheers.)

Other toasts were afterwards given and responded to.

During the evening Bros. J. G. Sharp and Potts sang several songs with the utmost acceptance, and the piano-forte solos were most excellently rendered by Bros. Montagu Smith and L. Hall.

Mr. John Heywood has issued "Curiosities of the 34 Puzzle" in which 150 solutions are given, "with a method of obtaining all the 3456 of which it is capable." It will be well if the interest of this puzzle directs attention to the somewhat extensive literature already existing concerning magic squares.

## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.**—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The regular meeting of this ancient and robust lodge was held on Monday, the 23rd ult., at the Rooms, No. 34, Denmark-street. There was an excellent attendance of members and visitors. The proceedings commenced shortly after 7 p.m., when the W.M., Bro. John Wood, took the chair, and was assisted by the following officers: Bros. R. Whitfield, I.P.M.; J. G. Smith, S.W.; E. Liddell, J.W.; E. W. Middlemast, Sec.; W. Whitfield, as S.D.; J. Page, as J.D.; A. Rhagg, S.S.; W. M. Pybus, J.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; and J. Curry, T. Amongst the members and visitors present were Bros. B. P. Ord, P.M.; E. Mitchinson; W. Whitfield; W. Brown; E. Nichols; W. Dalrymple; W. Towers; J. Braithwaite, W.M. 1427; G. E. Macarthy, J.W. 1427; H. Dixon, S.D. 1427; W. Pattison, S.S. 1427; T. Rea, 1427; A. Heald, 1427; J. Page, I.P.M. 406; G. F. Charlton, S.W. 1664; G. S. Sims, 1342; T. Dunning, J.S. 481; H. S. Bird, Sec. 1664; A. Simpson, 406; R. L. Markham, J.S. 24; G. C. Whitfield, 240; U. Mein, P.M. 541; J. Mackay, W.M. 424; E. A. Gibson, 424; W. Cooper, W.M. 1342; A. M. Loades, P.M. 24; J. G. Tulloch, P.M. 431; M. H. Dodd, J.W. 1119; W. Smith, J.W. 1342; and others.

The minutes of last meeting were confirmed, the ballot was then taken for a subscribing member, after which Mr. Thomas Wilson, who was elected at the July lodge, being in attendance and properly prepared, was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. The J.W. explained the working tools, and gave the charge of the First Degree. The sum of £2 2s. was unanimously voted towards the fund for an illuminated address to the late P.G.M., Bro. John Fawcett, on his retirement. Other business having been transacted the lodge was duly closed at 8.15 p.m.

The brethren retired to the refreshment room for the remainder of the evening, and a highly entertaining musical melange occupied the attention of those present in conjunction with the toast list, which is never omitted by old 48.

**STOKE-ON-TRENT.**—Portland Lodge (No. 637).—An adjourned lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th ult. There were present Bros. E. Roberts, W.M.; W. T. Beetonson, S.W.; D. Smith, J.W.; with the other officers of the lodge, including Bros. Thomas, P.M.; Tooth, P.M.; and Farren, P.M.; also a goodly number of the brethren. Bro. Montford, P.M., was duly elected by ballot as a joining member, and Mr. Chas. Buckley, an old and respected resident of Stoke, having been also elected, was initiated by the W.M. Bro. Geo. Stevenson was passed to the Second Degree; the working tools in each Degree being presented by the J.W., and the charges delivered by the S.W.

We are glad to note the progress this lodge is making, and the improved appearance of the lodge room—a very pretty addition being lately made by his Worship the Mayor of Stoke, G. Turner, Esq., viz., a Parian bust of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., for which kind present the hearty thanks of the brethren have been conveyed to his Worship. We understand there is also a movement on foot to hang upon the walls the portraits of the Past Masters of the lodge, an idea which is well worth carrying out.

**TORQUAY.**—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., when a goodly number of the brethren assembled, under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. W. A. Goss, jun. The W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. S. S. Noakes, J.W., was presented by V.W. Bro. T. Perry, P.M., P.P.G.T., and the ceremony of installation was very worthily performed by the retiring W.M.; the charges being given by Bro. T. Perry. After the usual honours the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. A. Goss, jun., I.P.M.; A. T. Blamey, S.W.; G. H. Halls, J.W.; T. Perry, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas. (re-elected); Jno. Lane, Sec.; G. J. Pepprell, S.D.; B. Knight, J.D.; E. Cranch, I.G. and Org.; L. Pike, D.C.; J. Chubb and J. McKellar, Stewards; and J. E. Newton, Tyler. W. Bro. J. Murray was re-elected to represent the lodge on the Committee of Petitions, after which it was unanimously resolved to present the retiring W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, as a testimony to the ability and zeal with which he had successfully discharged the duties of his office.

The brethren then adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where a very attractive banquet had been provided, which was served up in Bro. Bolt's excellent style. In addition to the officers and members of the lodge, the following visitors were present: V.W. Bro. P. B. Clemens, P.M. 159, P.P.G.O.; Bros. Dr. Searle, P.M. 248; W. Maclean, P.M. 248; T. Brooks, Org. 328; and H. Day, 328. The usual loyal toasts having been well honoured, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupling therewith the names of Bros. T. Perry, P.P.G.T., and P. B. Clemens, P.P.G.O., who severally responded. The toast of "The Newly-Installed W.M. (Bro. Dr. Noakes)" was next given, in a very able manner, by Bro. T. Perry; in responding to which the W.M. congratulated the lodge on the possession and manifestation of such a cordial and fraternal spirit as always characterised the gatherings of the Jordan Lodge. The toast of "The Installing Master, the I.P.M., Bro. W. A. Goss, jun.," was next proposed by Bro. J. Murray, who complimented the retiring Master on the successful manner in which, as a young Mason, he had installed his successor. Bro. Goss briefly returned thanks, expressing his intention to place his services at the disposal of the lodge in the future as in the past. The S.W., Bro. A. T. Blamey, then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," which was severally responded to by all the Past Masters of the lodge present, viz., Bros. W. A. Goss, jun., J. Dodge, W. Bradnee, J. Murray, and T. Perry, after which the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Newly-Invested Officers," remarking that he believed and felt that the working of the lodge during his year of office would, from the well-known ability and earnestness of the brethren appointed, be very harmonious and very successful. The toast was duly honoured, and responded to by Bros. A. T. Blamey, S.W.; G. H. Halls, J.W.; J. Lane, Sec.; B. Knight, J.D.; and E.

Cranch, I.G. and Org. "The Visitors" toast having been given, and acknowledged by Bros. P. B. Clemens, P.M. 159, P.P.G.O.; W. Maclean, P.M. 248; and T. Brooks, Org. 328, a collection was taken up in aid of the "Devon Masonic Education Fund," and the Tyler's toast brought to a close a very pleasant and satisfactory gathering. During the evening a selection of glees was sung by Bros. Noakes, Halls, and Lane, and songs by the same brethren and by Bros. E. Cranch and E. Richards, which much contributed to the pleasurable enjoyment and harmony of the meeting.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The brethren of this lodge met on Tuesday afternoon, the 24th ult., at two o'clock prompt, for the despatch of very heavy business, which included the election of W.M. and Treasurer, the Three Degrees in Masonry, two substantial votes in charity, the appointment of auditors, &c., and a variety of other items, in consequence of which the brethren were kept hard at work for nearly four hours. This was the first meeting after the summer vacation, and consequently the members came back from their holidays well prepared for downright hard work. Bro. J. B. MacKenzie, W.M., opened the lodge at two o'clock sharp, and there were also present Bros. Lindo Courtenay, I.P.M.; W. W. Sandbrook, S.W.; John Atkinson, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; F. Emery, S.D.; J. Pye, J.D.; W. Savage, I.G.; R. Burgess, Organist; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Deputy Organist; H. P. Squire, S.S.; C. Courtenay, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. W. G. Anson, D. Saunders, H. Round, Brammall, J. L. Shrapnell, Gough, A. E. Richardson, A. Ricketts, John Walton, George Walton, Julian Cross, W. Annand, Captain Amscow, H. Holden, J. Keet, N. Green, P. Lowndes, J. Ray, Dr. Williams, Dr. Whittle, Dr. Pugh, Woodend, Heap, and others. The visitors included Bros. Councillor Grindley, Erwin, the Rev. Philip Pinnington, Hopkins, and others, there being a total attendance of about seventy brethren. Messrs. J. E. Runner and C. Buchanan were initiated; Bros. Gough, Cross, and G. Hemming were passed; and Bros. Ricketts and Woodend were raised; the whole of the work being done by the W.M., assisted most effectively by his officers. Bro. W. W. Sandbrook, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. Alfred Woolrich was again chosen Treasurer of the lodge—for the fifth time—without one dissentient voice. The brethren, after other business, partook of an excellent banquet, and a pleasant evening was spent with toast, song, and recitation.

**SHOEBURYNESSE.**—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 1817).—This lodge, consecrated in July last, by the R.W. P.G.M. the Right Hon. Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., has been very successful during the first year of its existence, there having been fifteen candidates initiated, and it bids fair to be one of the largest lodges in the province. Owing to the increase in the number of its members, additional accommodation has been provided at the Cambridge Hotel, where the annual festival was held on Thursday, the 26th ult. The W.M., Bro. C. Eltham, who has recently had the office of Prov. G. Pursuivant conferred upon him, opened the lodge, assisted by his officers. After the usual routine business, the chair was taken by Bro. A. Lucking, P.M., and P.Z., Prov. G.D.C., who proceeded to instal Bro. G. J. Glasscock, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were invested, viz., Bros. J. M. Farr, S.W.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, P.P.G. Chap., J.W.; C. Eltham, I.P.M., Treas.; J. W. Harris, P.M. 1000, P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; S. McCall Walker, S.D.; R. Green, J.D.; H. Church, I.G.; J. A. Wardell, P.M. and P.Z., P.P.G.D., D.C.; J. English and S. Turner, Stwds.; J. Whittingham, Tyler. There were also present Bros. R. Butcher, J. Ayling, T. C. Bertram, J. H. Cockburn, Floyd, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Harrington, W.M. 160; J. Taylor, 276; and S. Horton, 1536. The W.M. in the name of the lodge presented to the I.P.M., Bro. C. Eltham, a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the brethren as a token of their appreciation of his services as first W.M. A vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. A. Lucking for the manner in which he had carried out the ceremony of installation. After the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, presided over by the W.M. The usual toasts were proposed, and heartily responded to, the Tyler's toast bringing a very pleasant evening to a close. The following contributed to the harmony of the evening, Bros. the Rev. H. J. Hatch, C. E. Eltham, J. M. Farr, S. McCall Walker, and R. Green.

**COWBRIDGE.**—St. Quintus Lodge (No. 1822).—This lodge held its first annual festival on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Bear Hotel, when Bro. Titus Lewis was re-elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The attendance was not so numerous as is usual on such occasions, but the proceedings were marked by true Masonic spirit and animation. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. W. H. Phillips, 540; M. R. Williams, 1578; A. Jones, 679; W. Morris, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., 679; T. Phillips, W.M., P.G.P., 679; J. Hurman, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., 960; R. Hunter, W.M. 1578; R. Male, Sec. 1578; and R. Thomas, 1578.

The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Titus Lewis, W.M., and the minutes of the preceding meeting were then read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. Titus Lewis, W.M., was duly installed in the chair; the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. J. Edward Price, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., assisted by Bro. Jas. Hurman, P.P.G.J.W. The following brethren were afterwards invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. D. de B. Stanistreet, S.W.; Lewis Jenkins, J.W.; John Thomas, Treas.; Sydney Gibson, P.G. Stwd., Sec.; W. A. James, S.D.; F. A. Miles, J.D.; E. John, I.G.; E. Ord and W. V. Huntley, Stewards. After the addresses had been delivered, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

During the hour's interval the brethren availed themselves of Bro. Titus Lewis' hospitality at Stanblethian, and viewed the ruins of the ancient castle, from which the lodge derived its name; they then adjourned to an elegant banquet at the Bear Hotel, which was served up in admirable style, and reflected the highest credit on the worthy host and hostess. The customary long-honoured toasts were well given and responded to. Bro. T. D. de B. Stanistreet then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," commenting upon

the zeal he had shown throughout the past year, and trusted that the newly-invested brethren would work hand in hand together and assist the Master in his arduous duties. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Past Master," who, after a very humorous speech, thanked the brethren for the honour in again electing him. Bro. Price next proposed "The Visitors," who severally responded. The other toasts were "The Provincial Grand Officers," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. J. Hurman, P.P.G.J.W., and Sydney Gibson, P.G. Stwd.; "The Lodges of the Province," to which Bro. Hunter, W.M. 1578, responded; Bro. Hurman next gave "The Masonic Charities," after which the Steward made a collection; "The Officers'" toast, to which the S.W., J.W., and Treasurer briefly responded. The W.M. next called upon the Tyler for his toast, which was solemnly given. Throughout the evening the vocal attainments of Bros. James, Hurman, Male, and others were called into requisition. The brethren then separated, well pleased with their day's enjoyment.

## Royal Arch.

**BURY.**—Unanimity Chapter (No. 42).—The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Derby Hotel, on Thursday, the 26th ult. The attendance was not numerous, owing, no doubt, to the magnificent weather having tempted many of the members to visit the sea side and other holiday resorts. The chapter was opened by Comp. J. Randall Fletcher, M.E.Z.; W. Bulmer, H.; and John Smethurst, P.Z., acting J. There were also present Comps. Halliwell, P.Z.; S. Hamer, S.E.; Barrett, P.S.; S. Hutchinson, 1st A.S.; and others. Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. 1st A.S., was a visitor. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Comp. Sillitoe installed the following as Principals, viz.: Comps. W. Bulmer, M.E.Z.; John Smethurst, P.Z., H.; and S. Hamer, J. He afterwards invested as officers Comps. J. Bailey, S.E.; W. Barrett, P.S.; S. Hutchinson, 1st A.S.; and J. Bates, Janitor. The companions elected to the other offices not being present, their investiture was deferred until the next meeting. Before closing the chapter the M.E.Z. proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Sillitoe for having performed the installation ceremony in such a very able and impressive manner, and that such vote be recorded on the minutes of the chapter. Comp. Smethurst, in seconding the motion, spoke in the highest terms of praise of Comp. Sillitoe's kindness in going over to Bury, at what, he felt sure, must be a sacrifice of time. He also expressed the pleasure he had experienced in listening to the beautiful ceremony, so ably rendered. The motion was supported by Comp. Halliwell, and carried with acclamation. Comp. Sillitoe thanked the M.E.Z. and companions for their kind expressions, and assured them that he was always ready to render assistance, when his business and domestic arrangements would admit of his devoting the necessary time. The chapter was closed in solemn form, and the companions adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, which was presided over by the newly-installed M.E.Z. Comps. Bailey, Fletcher, and Haslam added much to the evening's enjoyment by their vocal efforts.

**MANCHESTER.**—Affability Chapter (No. 317).—The bi-monthly meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 19th ult. There were present Comps. J. E. Lees, M.E.Z.; W. P. Norris, H.; J. Howarth Clark, J.; James J. Lambert, Scribe E.; W. Nicholl, Scribe N.; J. Church, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. W. Almond, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Sydney Hewson, Treas.; John Bladon, P.Z.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; W. R. Sowter, P.P.S.; H. R. G. Bayley, John Hind, J. E. Steward, R. Tomlins, Jno. Smethurst, P.Z.; M. Owen, J. W. Edwards, and J. Sly, Janitor. Visitors: Wm. Clark, 152; J. T. Hooper, P.Z. 204; and David Williams, 1387, acting P.S.

The chapter was opened in ancient form at a few minutes after six o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, after which Bro. R. R. Lisenden, of the Affability Lodge, was balloted for, and elected a member of the chapter. The companions afterwards adjourned to tea, and at 7.20 resumed labour. Bro. R. R. Lisenden was next exalted to the Holy Royal Arch Degree by the M.E.Z., Comp. Lees, assisted by Comp. David Williams, as P.S., who was a visitor from the Chorlton Chapter, No. 1387, and who proved himself the right man in the right position by his easy, graceful manner and his most valuable gift of memory. On the conclusion of the ceremony the chapter was closed, with the usual exhortation, at nine o'clock.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**TRURO.**—Cornwall Rose Croix Chapter (No. 61).—A regular assembly of the above chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., the Ill. Bro. Charles Truscott, jun., 30°, M.W.S., in the chair. In consequence of the Huyshe Rose Croix Chapter meeting at the same time, and Bro. Major Chard, R.E., was to be perfected, the following telegram was forwarded by the one chapter to the other: "Cornwall Chapter Rose Croix, Truro, sends hearty congratulations to the Huyshe, on the reception of their valiant Bro. Major Chard." By desire of the M.W.S. the Ill. Bro. W. J. Hughan, 33°, delivered an address on the history, character, and progress of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," at home and abroad, and afterwards answered numerous questions put by the members. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer concluded the business.

"Pan" is the latest "social and satirical illustrated journal" which has been announced.

The *Academy* states that Dr. Martin Luther's own copy of the Vulgate, from which he translated the Bible into German, while living at Finken Förg, on the Wartburg (1521-22), has been discovered. The director of a little watering-place in Bohemia, Dr. Schlechta Ritter Von Sedmborsky, is said to be in possession of the precious volume, for which so many Luther scholars have made the most diligent search. The margin of the single leaves of the Latin volume is covered with a great many corrections, conjectures, glosses, &c., made by Luther and written in his own hand.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The largely increased circulation of the *Freemason* necessitates our going to press at an earlier hour on Thursdays.

It is therefore requested that all communications intended to appear in the current number may be sent to our offices not later than 5 p.m. on Wednesdays. Advertisements and short notices of importance received up to 12 o'clock noon on Thursdays.

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## To Correspondents.

Bro. W. K. R. BEDFORD, P.G.C.—In our next.

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

"Hull Packet," "Le Monde Maconnique," "Jewish Chronicle," "Masonic Herald," "Citizen," "Keystone," "The Croydon Guardian," "Sunday Times," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Broad Arrow," "Australian Freemason," "Der Long Islaender," "The Egyptian Gazette," "The Empire."

## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 4, 1880.

WE do not at all wonder at the honest indignation displayed by some of our correspondents at Lieut.-Col. BUTLER's remarks anent us "poor Freemasons." Certainly they display great ignorance and bad taste of the worst kind too. We say nothing of their injustice, impertinence, and untruthfulness, as a fact. Let us hope that Lieut.-Col. BUTLER wrote in actual ignorance of what he was laying down the law about so dogmatically, as a good many do at the present hour. Still, as there is always a "locus pœnitentiæ" here, especially in Freemasonry, for human error and mortal frailty. So we feel persuaded, if Lieut.-Col. BUTLER will avow his ignorance of the Brotherhood he has, perhaps unwittingly, calumniated, as well as his regret for the pain he has caused so many worthy men and Masons, his idle words will soon be forgotten and forgiven by our kindly and large-hearted Fraternity.

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WHEN we talked about £40,000 per annum being raised to support our great Metropolitan Charities, as the best answer to childish cavils or foolish "falutin," we omitted to state that the Charities of Freemasons are very many and beneficent. We often forget the large amount granted by the Board of Benevolence, by our Prov. Grand Lodges, by our lodges and chapters, and the yearly increasing amount raised by provincial organizations for personal relief, or juvenile education. The Charity of Freemasonry is a very wonderful fact to realize.

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BRO. TREVOR writes to inform us that though in his lawsuit with Bro. VOIGT the "Claimant" obtained one farthing damages his own costs will amount to £150. Can nothing be done to help him? Surely a Masonic fund might be raised to recoup Bro. TREVOR the unavoidable expenses incurred in vindicating the dignity and upholding the morality of Freemasonry?

SINCE we penned the above we have, as in duty bound, perused the letter of "PROV. G.S.," which, being at a distance from "head quarters," we did not read, as they say, "at first sight." We quite agree with the writer, that the constitutional ignorance, (not uncommon), of the brethren as regards three black balls is inexcusable, and the lodge bye-laws clearly want overhauling. We also concur as to the "disclosure" of the "ballot," which is highly improper and always to be deprecated in the interest of all alike. Such a state of things is generally provided for by the lodge bye-laws. When, however, our correspondent adds that "he finds no fault with the blackballing," what can he mean? None are more zealous than we are, and ever shall be, in upholding the freedom, and right, and secrecy of the ballot, for the very life of English Freemasonry; but our correspondent forgets that the only reason for blackballing two unexceptionable candidates, against whom nothing was alleged, was that the brother was in an ill humour and communicated it to his friends. Probably there was an old "running sore" somewhere, but that does not "crop up" in the evidence. We say that such a course of action, and such a reason for blackballing a candidate, are alike unjustifiable and most un-Masonic. And here we leave the matter.

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THE controversy about the "status" of Provincial Grand Masters, &c., is at this point—that the "onus probandi," as has been already said, rests upon those who deny the correctness, constitutionally, of the present custom. If the contention of "REVIRESCO" is correct, Provincial and District Grand Masters cannot rule Grand Lodge, or, if they can, under what warrant do they do so? and then what becomes of the "Table of Precedence?" Or are Provincial and District Grand Masters' warrants to be merely "ornamental," not "useful?" There is a little "special pleading" in this "contention" which is very amusing, ingenious, and refreshing, but which, we confess, we deem is easily answered alike by the "lex scripta" and the "lex inscripta," the "statute," and "common law of English Freemasonry."

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WE are amused by the query of a correspondent, who, we think, unnecessarily dubs himself an "ANXIOUS ENQUIRER," as to a "new rite" termed "Ye Rite of Goss." There are a great many new rites just now, equally evanescent, absurd, and puerile, and probably this new "Gosling's Rite" is among them. If, however, any brother learned in such matters can throw any light on this "unknown quantity" of nonsense, we can promise him a corner in the *Freemason*, as, for various reasons, just now "copy" is acceptable, and "great gooseberries" have not yet come in.

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IN all we said last week about the great gathering at Chicago we wish to be understood as speaking in perfect kindly feeling in respect of those many worthy friends and brethren of ours who form the Templar body in the United States. Many most excellent Masons, as we well know, swell their ranks, and we must always bear in mind that what might not be esteemed "good form," or would not be appreciated in the "old country," may be perfectly allowable—nay, advisable and needful—and be warmly approved of in a younger nationality. In America Freemasonry has gone through and has "lived down" a direct and bitter and unjust persecution; and before, therefore, we criticize or find fault, (as we are all so fond of doing), we ought to put ourselves in the exact position of our good American "Fraters," and see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their minds the full bearing of the "pros and cons" of this and similar important questions. But in giving a friendly warning as to the abstract propriety and concrete good of such gatherings and such displays, we believe that we echo in England the expressed opinion of many brethren in the United States. Still, as we before remarked, we do not affect to pass any opinion on the matter

ourselves; we are quite willing to defer to the judgment of our kind American friends, companions, and brethren on the subject.

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A CORRESPONDENT asks in our last, "Is it lawful to wear a Royal Arch sash in a Craft lodge? We think not, decidedly. The Craft and the Arch are separate bodies, legally and constitutionally, and though custom, (not law), permits the wearing of the Royal Arch jewel in lodge meetings, yet the Royal Arch apron clearly should not be worn in a Craft lodge. As the brother would not be properly clothed without the sash, equally the sash is inadmissible. There may be something in the idea of our correspondent that wearing the sash in lodge would increase our interest in the Royal Arch; but we are bound to think that Royal Arch Masonry may yet be made more interesting and important in itself, by greater attention to its working, more life thrown into its organization, by larger grants to our Charities, better subscriptions, and an increase of Royal Arch chapters.

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SOME interesting statistics appear in the annual report of SIR E. V. W. HENDERSON on the Metropolitan Police. It appears that the increase in the metropolis during the year has been much greater than in former years, a total length of nearly seventy-two miles of street having been added during the twelve months. The interest evoked during the year in the question of street accidents has induced the Chief Commissioner to investigate the matter, and he informs us that during the last ten years 1096 persons were killed and 26,393 wounded in the streets of London. Most of our readers will learn with astonishment that during the past twelve months 9539 children and 3309 adults were reported to the London police as lost or missing, and that only 6015 children and 684 adults were found and restored to their friends by the police. No fewer than 43 bodies of persons unknown were found dead or drowned, and were never identified. We take this "resume" from our excellent contemporary the *Manchester Guardian*, as we are always glad to call attention in the *Freemason*—and it has been our wont for some years—to this always important report. It will be seen, however, that our contemporary is somewhat in error as to his figures. He omits adults and children found by their friends.

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THE fact that during the last ten years 1096 persons have been killed and 26,393 wounded by "street accidents" in London, is not at all reassuring to us poor inhabitants of the "little village." There is clearly plenty of scope for the exertions of the society over which General Viscount TEMPLETOWN presides.

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NEITHER is another fact at all pleasant to realize, that during the last year 9539 children and 3309 adults were missing, of whom 25 children and 222 adults passed altogether away from human ken. That in this great metropolis the bodies of 43 persons found were unknown seems as nothing contrasted with the above startling statistics. We shall again call attention to the matter next week.

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AS Freemasons we are friendly to all measures which tend to the social and moral welfare and comfort of all classes of our dense population, and we, therefore, are glad to read the paragraph which follows in the *Manchester Guardian* of August 30th:—"There is a likelihood of the industrial dwellings system receiving a trial in Liverpool. The Corporation recently swept away some objectionable buildings in a part of the city known as Nash Grove, and the Health Committee have recommended that the Council should seek the approval of the Local Government Board for the erection by the Council of a number of artisans' dwellings. The estimated cost of the scheme is £115,000."

## 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 UN-MASONIC TRIAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to the recent painful case before Mr. Justice Bowen, at the Leeds assizes, I wonder whether the plaintiff has ever read the second paragraph in Clause 1, Article VI., of the "Antient Charges," in the "Book of Constitutions." It is as follows:—

If any complaint be brought, the brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the lodge, who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies (unless you carry them by appeal to the Grand Lodge), and to whom they ought to be referred, unless a lord's work be hindered the meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made; but you must never go to law about what concerneth Masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the lodge.

And again, the last paragraph of Clause 6, in the same article:

And if any of them do you injury, you must apply to your own, or his lodge; from thence you may apply to the Grand Lodge, at the Quarterly Communication, as has been the antient laudable conduct of our forefathers in every nation; never taking a legal course but when the case cannot be otherwise decided.

Had the plaintiff in the aforesaid case followed out the advice I have quoted, when his Provincial Grand Master decided against him, the better it would have been for himself in general, and Masonry in particular. But it is a sad commentary on the professions of a member of the Craft, that after a decision had been given against him by recognised Masonic authority, he yet should have kept the fire of ill will smouldering in his breast all this time, to burst out into a flame at the end of three years.

May I close with one of Dr. Oliver's "Aphorisms?" The benefits to be derived from Masonry are well described by Ovid and Horace, when they say:—"Ingenuas didicisse fideliter artes emollit mores. Asperitatis et invidiæ corrector et iræ," which may be translated thus: "To have learned the liberal arts faithfully softens the manners and operates as a fine corrector of ill-nature, envy, and anger."

Fraternally yours, P.M. 1002 and 1073.  
Cockermouth, August 28th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Can nothing be done to show some sympathy with Bro. Trevor in the lawsuit he has been involved in, through no fault of his own, and in upholding Masonic principles of duty and propriety? It is a bad time of the year for appeals of this kind, as many brethren are away, and more have put by Freemasonry for the time. Still, that something ought to be done is the opinion of yours fraternally,  
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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

VOIGT V. CARR, TREVOR, AND LAKING.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am very grateful for your kind recommendation of my appeal for help from the Craft in the above matter, and I trust it may receive a liberal response so soon as I am able to formulate it more precisely, and to lay before the Fraternity a concise history of all the circumstances which led to, and are connected with, this remarkable, but very un-Masonic, trial, which I hope to do very soon.

The letter of "P.P.G. Sec.," in your last issue, impels me, however, to add two remarks.

1. The word "not" has been, as he rightly surmises, *incorrectly* inserted in your report of the trial, in No. 3 of the reasons stated in the circular for excluding the black-balling brethren, and if he will refer to page 4 of the *Times* for August 12th he will find the circular correctly quoted.

2. Is it too much to ask that correspondence on this matter bearing any *personal* allusions may be subscribed by the real name and address of the writer, so that there may be no "stabbing in the dark?" "P.P.G. Sec.," for instance, has been good enough not only to *name* me in his communication to you, but he has thrown out an imputation which I do not feel it would be right even to notice until I am assured of his identity, at which, of course, I am only now able to make a guess, however shrewd.

Yours fraternally, TUDOR TREVOR.  
Kendal, Sept. 1st.

## ROYAL ARCH SASHES AND PAST MASTERS' COLLARS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your correspondent "Joslibekashah" seems to forget that there are unwritten as well as written laws in Freemasonry. He proposes that the Royal Arch sash should be worn in Craft lodges, and believes that such a custom would advertise the Degree of a Royal Arch Mason. To the minds of most Craft Masons the distinctions in a Craft lodge most coveted are those dependent upon office—collars for the officers, red aprons for Grand Stewards, and purple for Grand Officers. Any costume which, even to the ignorant mind, renders the wearer more conspicuous and more gorgeous than his fellows should depend upon office, and not upon Degrees in a Craft lodge. The distinction conferred by the Royal Arch jewel on the wearer in a Craft lodge is quite sufficient advertisement for the Degree, should any such be required.

The deficiency to me in a lodge has always appeared to be that the Past Masters, who have done good and honest work, are not sufficiently recognised.

In my own lodge it is not the custom for any but the Immediate Past Master to wear a collar, and for a Past Master from another lodge to do so is regarded as a breach of etiquette. The only distinction that a Past Master has is that he is allowed to wear the squares instead of the rosettes on his apron.

If Bro. Joslibekashah would exert his influence to promote the universal custom that all Past Masters should be allowed to wear their collars in their own lodge, in strange lodges, and on all Masonic occasions, as well as in Grand

Lodge, it appears to me his views would be more likely to find favour amongst the workers in Masonry than they would should he succeed in introducing a costume into Craft lodges, which is after all only a Degree taker's distinction, which anybody can get by paying for.

I am, your obedient servant,

A NEGLECTED PAST MASTER. (R.A.)

## FREEMASONRY IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Permit me respectfully to differ from your statement that there is no "serious amount of zeal and activity" in the Province of Cambridge. Let me first speak of my own lodge, the Isaac Newton University Lodge. I question if, with the exception of the Apollo University Lodge, there is any lodge under the Grand Lodge of England which does so much work every year—and so much good work.

If the writer of the article will consult the returns to the Grand Lodge he will, I think, find that we make, pass, and raise in the year more Masons in this single lodge than are made, passed, and raised by all the lodges of many provinces. And, without fear of contradiction, I appeal to the illustrious Masonic names which stand upon our books as a proof that our work is good. Many young men who first "saw light" in our lodge are now doing good Masonic work in all parts of the world. Our first W.M. is Prov. G. Master for Lincolnshire and Past Prov. G. Master of Nottinghamshire; our second W.M. is one of the best working Masons I know; of our third modesty forbids me to speak, but I trust his inefficiency, which he admits, will not be imputed to the Province of Cambridgeshire.

I might go through a long list of distinguished Masons. Not long ago, one who is, I believe, at the head of the Craft, Mark, and Ancient and Accepted Rite in the Province of Bombay, reminded me how many years ago (*cheu fugaces*) I had made him a Mason in the Isaac Newton Lodge. I hope I have said enough to prove the zeal and activity of the University Lodge. I have every reason to believe that the other Cambridgeshire lodges can defend themselves. Old Cambridge Masons will smile at the idea of the Three Grand Principles, of which dear old Bro. Massey (now gone to his rest) was the heart and soul, being considered as wanting either in zeal or activity.

I will only add, and this is the chief reason why I trouble you with a letter, that a want of "zeal and activity" is an imputation which it is utterly impossible to connect with the name of W. Bro. John Deighton, P.G.U. of England, and D.P.G.M. for Cambridgeshire. For nineteen years I have had the great privilege of being his intimate personal friend; I know how, during the whole of that time, he has laboured well and wisely to promote the interests of the Craft. Many generations of Cambridge men will join with me in gratefully acknowledging the excellent Masonic instruction we have received from him. We were always welcome at his house, even when we encroached upon his busiest time, if we came on Masonic business; few can realize his many excellent Masonic qualities better than one who, like myself, has unworthily been called upon to perform the duties of a D.P.G.M., and who thus understands the difficulties of that office, and wishes that Bro. John Deighton's Masonic pupil would be as "active and zealous" as his dear old Master.

I remain, Sir, yours very fraternally,

J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG,  
P.G.C., P. Prov. S.G.W. Cambridgeshire,  
D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks.

Moulsoe Rectory, Newport Pagnell,  
August 28th.

[Our excellent brother will kindly note that it was not our statement but that of a correspondent.—Ed. F.M.]

## ADMISSION OF VISITORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

By way of supplement to your note to the letter of Bro. J. E. Steward, M.W. 336, in last week's *Freemason*, may I be allowed to inform him that the brethren of the Liverpool lodge who refused him admission as a visitor did so in strict conformity with an edict of Grand Lodge. This does not appear in the "Book of Constitutions," 1863 edition; but the order to demand the certificate of a visiting brother, as the first step to his admission, was made some years ago; I am, therefore, surprised that a W.M. of a lodge was not cognisant of its existence. Four or five years since, in Liverpool, too, I failed to obtain admission for the same reason; but I acquitted the lodge of any breach of hospitality, through the knowledge that I, myself, was to blame; in fact, I expected, like your correspondent, to have met a member of the lodge in question, who would have vouched for me, but unfortunately did not turn up in time. In future I should advise Bro. Steward, when travelling, always to have his Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter certificates in his possession, and then he need not fear being refused admission.

Yours fraternally,

READ, MARK, AND LEARN.

## AN ANTI-MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Can any of your readers tell me who is Lieut.-Col. Butler, who has attacked Freemasonry in such very, very "bad form" in "Good Words," as quoted in your columns recently? I should really like to know something about him, as if it be "noscitur a sociis" it is equally true, I think, "noscitur a literis."

OLD SOLDIER.

## A QUOTATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Is not old Ovid's line "Incidis in Scyllam cupiens evitare Charibdin?"

You will say, what is there in a quotation? but is it not Masonic to be correct?

The form you give is, I know, very common, and often repeated, but is it the right one?

Yours fraternally,

FRATER SCHOLASTICUS.

[It is many years since we read our "Ovid," but we are inclined to think memoriter, that our correspondent is right.—Ed. F.M.]

Old Matured Wines and Spirits.—J. E. SHAND & Co., Wine Merchants (Experts and Valuers), 2, Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, London, S.W. Price lists on application.—[Adv't.]

## Reviews.

EIN BEITRAG. By Bro. GEORGE TREU. Vienna.

This is a pamphlet in the German language directed to the question as to what "Details of a Masonic lodge should be kept secret." It will be needless to tell our readers that there is in Germany generally a very different opinion as regards the ritual and working of Freemasonry than that which prevails in England. Still the theory of most Grand Bodies is, as Bro. Treu points out, absolute secrecy as regards "lodge ceremonial and lodge proceedings." It seems that the Grand Orient of Hungary, in our opinion very unwisely, has propounded this query to the lodges under it, and, of course, each lodge will answer, as the ruling one brother, or ruling many brethren, determine. It is no doubt a somewhat difficult question, "per se," especially in the presence and with the activity of the Masonic Press. There is a tendency in all Masonic reporters of lodge proceedings to be too communicative, too full of "gush," to use a young man's word, and the consequence is that with the best intentions in the world, and even with the most careful editorial supervision, expressions will creep in in lodge reports, as in the *Freemason*, which undoubtedly overpass the strict rule of Masonic uncommunicativeness. But then we have to consider the altered state of affairs as regards Masonry in this country and others. When lodges were few and publications were "nil," it was easy enough to restrain publication. But what are you to do now, not only with a Masonic Press, like the *Freemason*, which goes all over the world, but with many non-Masonic papers, which gladly devote a column to Freemasonry? The only thing that can be done is to be very particular in refusing to print all that refers to "Masonic ritual" absolutely, and to excise from the lodge reports all that unnecessarily discloses our "Aporreta" to "Cowans" and non-Masons. If any questions arise about such matters they ought to be settled in the lodge, or by a competent Masonic authority. All matters, however, relative to the history, the archaeology, the current bearing of Masonic events, "raison d'être" of Masonic arrangements, the Charities, the work, the mission, and the development of Freemasonry are fair subjects for Masonic discussion, and to such our Masonic journalism and our Masonic serialism ought, in our opinion, to be confined.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

## FREEMASONRY IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The writer of the article under the above heading, which appeared in the last number of the *Freemason*, has overlooked the fact that *one* lodge at least, under the "Ancients," existed in Cambridgeshire before the Union. It was No. 137 on the "Atholl" roll, constituted at the Isle of Ely, 5th September, 1765. R. F. G.

FREEMASON, DERIVATION OF.—Many very learned derivations have been given to this word, from the Greek, Coptic, Hebrew—all, we believe, untenable. Freemason may have come from Franc Maçon, as derived from the rights of the French operative Masons, but we are inclined to think that it is simply an English addition to a Norman-French word Maçon. In the early times operative Masons were termed cæmentarii, latomi, "les maçons," maceons, masouns, masouyns, and finally fremaçons, free masons. A suggestion that the word comes from frères maçons is, we feel sure, not philologically maintainable, as there is no good evidence of any such use in France sufficient to justify the use of this generic term. It is undoubtedly true that the use of "Freemason" is comparatively modern, and even the simple word mason but precedes in its use the compound word by an insignificant period. In the earliest records at present accessible, the members of the operative order are called indifferently latomi or cæmentarii, as we said above. "Le loge latomorum," "le magister de la loge latomorum," "magister cæmentariorum," "magister," "seniores," "guardiani," "apprenticis," are expressions to be found, "mutatis mutandis," to describe various officers and members of the body in the York, Durham, Exeter, and Westminster fabric rolls, in Exchequer rolls, and especially in the register of W. Molash, Prior of Canterbury in the reign of Henry VI. The earliest use of the word maçon, I believe, occurs in Chaucer's "Romaunt de la Rose," and we have frequent examples of the use of the different words maçon, masouns, as in the contract with the Abbot of St. Edmundsbury, 1439, for the repairs and restoration of the great bell tower, "on all mannere of things that longe to Freemasonry," "maisoun," and even "masouyn." We also find constant references, as Bro. D. Murray Lyon says, to "Robert the Mason," "Henry the Mason." We hear of "Richard of Cracall, mason," in the contract to build Catterick Church, 1512, which he contracts to make new "as workmanschippe and mason crafte will." The earliest use of the compound word Freemason, I believe, so far known, is in the contract to build Fotheringay Chapel, in 1435, where W. Horwood, master mason, the Freemason, contracts with Richard, Duke of York, to "neyther sett mas nor fewer Freemasons, rough settlers, ne boys thereupon, but such as shall be ordeigned." We have also seen evidence of its use in 1439. From this time the word seems to be generally used in contracts, and is found in many still extant expense rolls. We see it in an Act of Parliament (Edward VI., 1548), and constantly find it in obituary notices, epitaphs, and the like. As yet, no genuine charter of an operative guild has been discovered, as far as we know; but the earliest connection of the operative guild with the use of the word Freemasons is to be found in the MS. Charges and Constitutions, belonging probably to the Chester Guild of Freemasons, in the British Museum, of date about 1650 (Harleian MS. 2054). The use of the word Freemason is a great deal earlier than any revival of Speculative Masonry, as Dr. Plot, writing in 1686, mentions the existence of the society for some time previously under that name, and mainly as an operative order, though admitting honorary and speculative members. The word mason comes, then, from the Norman-French word "maçon," which is derived from the Latin "mansio," just as "le Loge," Norman-French, is derived from "logerium" in Low Latin; and the compound word Freemason is not derived from free-stone, but is the term of a mason free of his guild or fraternity—in towns among the "freemen masons," in the country either belonging to some "loge" attached to a monastery, or to the loge, chapter, or assembly of the "limit."—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

## Obituary.

### BRO. CHARLES NASH.

We much regret to record the death of Bro. Charles Nash, which took place at his residence, High-road, Lee, on Monday morning, the 23rd ult., in his forty-fourth year. Bro. Nash retired to rest on Sunday night in his usual health, but on Monday morning he complained of not feeling well, and suddenly a blood vessel in the lungs broke, and he expired in his bed room within half an hour of uttering the complaint. Bro. Nash was a Past Master of the Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79, Greenwich, and a P.Z. of the Royal Albert Chapter, No. 970. His remains were interred on Saturday, the 28th ult., at Norwood Cemetery, where his wife and children were already laid. Around the grave, in addition to the immediate relatives of the deceased, we noticed Bros. H. Roberts, P.M.; Dussee, P.M.; West-Smith, P.M. and Sec.; Fowler, Geo. Bonney, Irving, Taylor, and several other brethren of Lodge 79, and Bro. W. H. Farnfield, P.Z., and others of the Royal Albert Chapter, No. 907, all anxious to pay the last token of respect to the deceased brother and companion.

## Ancient and Primitive Rite.

**MANCHESTER.**—Sovereign Sanctuary, 33°.—A meeting of the Grand Chancery was held on the 22nd ult., at the office of the Grand Chancellor-General, Ill. Bro. Beeby Bowman Labrey, 33°. The purpose of the meeting was arranged as follows: Leave was given to the Ill. Bro. John Yarker, 33°, Grand Master, to receive the following illustrious brethren into the 33rd Degree on payment of the minimum fee of £5 5s. to the funds of the Sovereign Sanctuary: Bros. Maurice L. Davies, founder of No. 5 Chapter, with the office of Grand Expert-General; William. Hill, founder of No. 6 Chapter, with the office of Grand Secretary-General; Charles James, founder of Nos. 7 and 9 Chapters, with the office of Grand Inspector-General (Rituals), vacant by the death of Ill. Bro. Commander Charles Scott, 33°; Ill. Bro. Alexander B. Mott, 33°, Sovereign Grand Master General, 90°, Mizraim, of America, as honorary member, on a personal visit to the G.M. The Grand Master of Light for the Province of Middlesex, to be dealt with the Grand Master, on the recommendation of the brethren concerned. A conflict of precedence having unfortunately arisen between Chapters St. Andrew and Sphinx as to which was entitled respectively to Nos. 8 and 9, it was decided that the Sphinx had priority of claim as having first completed their petition; but it was ordered to delay the issue of the warrants a week in order to give the two bodies an opportunity of uniting as a chapter and senate under the officers recommended by each body. Obligations and letters patent of amity and representation were exchanged by the Grand Master with the Ill. Bro. Nicola S. Cassanello, 33°, M.D. and Professor, Grand Master of the Reformed Egyptian Rite of 33°, Tunis, which is a reduction of the Ninety Grades of the Mizraimite Order of Naples. The same with Ill. Bro. Chevalier, Commander Giam, Pessina, 33°, Grand Master of the Reformed Egyptian Rite of Italy, Naples. The following illustrious brethren were nominated for this and last year's decorations, as deserving the same in their relative grades for their zeal: Bros. Henry Meyer, 32°, the Lybic chain; William Longbottom, 30°, the golden branch of Eleusis. Ill. Bro. John Yarker, acting for the Treasurer-General, reported that after paying and providing for works in process he had a considerable balance in hand. Owing to the continued delicate health of the Treasurer-General, Ill. Bro. S. P. Leather, 33°, the accounts from the commencement were still unfinished.

## Amusements.

**MANCHESTER.**—THEATRE ROYAL.—Mr. D'Oyley Carte's Lilliputian army appeared here in the "Children's Pinafore" on Monday last before a good audience. There is something so fresh and satisfying in the performance of this little band of infant prodigies, that we are all the while wondering how it ever came to pass that such talent was discovered, and such Job-like patience found to tutor and shape these little minds, who seemed, as it were, unconscious of any depth of meaning in their utterances or the personages they were caricaturing. It is simply impossible to praise the children's performance too highly; the whole was charming, and made one feel sorry when the curtain fell. For special mention we must select Master William Phillips' *Dick Deadeye*. This young gentleman never over-acted the part, and thoroughly conveyed by gesture and tone of voice the fact that he knew he was an objectionable "cuss" to all on board, and did not try to help it. Master Harry Grattan enacted *Captain Corcoran* remarkably well, his bearing and gait being most "captain-like." Master Edward Pickering was the *First Lord*, and, save being a trifle over-anxious, was all that could be desired. His richly-embroidered coat was a perfect model to behold. Master Harry Eversfield, as *Ralph Rackstraw*, both acted and sang well, and, without in the least exaggerating the character, he threw into it such spirit and earnestness as would only be expected from one twice his age. Of the *petites demoiselles*, the palm must certainly be awarded to Miss Effie Mason, as *Little Buttercup*, who was simply delightful, and we confess never to have heard such a rich voice in one so young before, and whenever she appeared one's attention was immediately rivetted upon her, and made one regret her absence. *Josephine*, the captain's daughter, was gracefully performed by Miss Emilie Grattan, and the entire performance was a treat to witness. A morning performance takes place to-day (Saturday), and we should strongly advise our Manchester friends to go and see it.

**MANCHESTER.**—QUEEN'S THEATRE.—A sensational Irish drama entitled "Shamus-na-Lena" was produced here on Monday last, the 30th ult. The members of the company were, as usual, thoroughly at home in this style of drama, and all acted with the earnestness peculiar to them, and which prevents any lack of interest being taken in the proceedings by the audience. Mr. Joseph Bracewell, as the hero, acted with great humour, and was much appreciated by the audience. Mr. Charles E. Stevens as *Mick Milligan*, the government spy, extracted all that could be got from the character, and the groans

which are usually awarded to villains of any class were plentifully lavished upon him by the "gods," thus showing their appreciation. Mr. Ernest Bright deserves special mention for his portrayal of *Captain Courtley*, and showed his anxiety, which is at all times apparent, to make the most out of a little. His delivery of a speech in Act 2nd Scene 2nd was forcibly given, and called forth loud applause, as did also his cleverly contrived escape from the Turning Tower. We wish this gentleman greater scope for his undoubted talent. Mr. Chippendale pleased us immensely by his representation of *Anthony O'Moore*, an aged Irishman, and in the personification of "old men" characters this gentleman certainly has rare gifts, and in that respect, for so young a man, seems to be following in the footsteps of Mr. John Hare, whom possibly he may have taken for a model. Miss Ethel Arden as *Lady Mary Maguire* was highly satisfactory, and the remaining characters were well sustained. The "sensation" scene with a genuine waterfall was a very effective piece of stage illusion, and we must not omit a word of praise to the ladies of the corps-de-ballet, who dance a genuine Irish jig as a finale to the drama.

## Literary, Art, and Antiquarian Notes.

Professor P. Ten Brink will shortly publish a grammar of Old and Middle English.

Mr. J. Payne is understood to be at work upon a new translation of the "Thousand and One Nights."

The *Academy* states that Dr. Schliemann intends to commence operations on the site of Orchomenos, in Boeotia, the prehistoric capital of the Minyans, next November.

Professor F. W. Newman has been engaged for some time on a work relative to the Libyan languages. He gives in the *Journal of the Asiatic Society* a sketch of the literature already existing and of the scope of his own work.

At Vicenza there has been a funeral commemoration of Andrea Palladio, the famous architect, who died there in 1580. There were representatives present of the Government, the municipality, the magistracy, the artisans' societies, &c.

Amongst recent German publications is a volume containing twelve "Fastnachtspiele" by Hans Sachs, the fine old cobbler poet of Nuremberg. It is hoped that this part will be the first of a complete edition under the care of Hr. Edmund Goetze.

A new version of the "Marseillaise" is being trotted forth by the Radically disposed street Arabs of Montmartre. Here is a sample verse:

Aux armes charcutiers!  
Prenez vos tabliers  
Pour hacher les curés,  
En faire des pâtés!

The celebrated Maya MS. in the Public Library at Dresden has been reproduced in fac-simile by a new process. This codex is given in Lord Kingsborough's "Mexican Antiquities," but that fact will not detract from the value of the edition now issued under the editorial care of Dr. Förstermann. Fifty copies only are being issued. The process employed in the reproduction is the "light printing" of A. Naumann, of Leipzig.

"St. Martin's Summer" is the title of a three volume novel by Shirley Smith, the popular author of "His Last Stake," and other widely-read and admired works of fiction, which Messrs. Hurst and Blackett will publish on the 10th current. The story, which promises to be of exceptional interest, is dedicated to John Everett Millais, R.A., whose picture, exhibited in 1878, suggested the title.

**THE BALLOON SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN.**—This Society have made arrangement for the forthcoming balloon contest on Saturday, the 4th September for ascents from the following places:—Crystal Palace, Alexandra Palace, Lillie Bridge, Clapham, Wormwood Scrubs, Kensal Green, Hendon, and Epping Forest. Each balloon is to be manned by a practical aeronaut, a representative of the Press, and a scientific man.

The *Academy* says that the Imperial Library in St. Petersburg contains in Cordex No. 510 a very valuable collection of shorter sayings of Melancthon, the "praeceptor Germaniae," which until now were not known, although other *dicta* of Dr. Luther's learned friend are known to have been preserved, especially those recorded by a hearer of his lectures in 1537, and are collected in the twentieth volume of the *Corpus Reformatorum*.

The publication of Mr. W. A. Clouston's "Arabian Poetry for English Readers" has been delayed by the addition of fresh material. The selections from "Antar" will be woven into a continuous narrative, and a translation added of the poem of M. Caussin de Perceval. Mr. J. W. Redhouse has made some important contributions. The appendix will contain extracts from Prideaux's "Lay of the Himyarites," of which only twenty-five copies were printed at Lahore.

**ART IN THE COLONIES.**—The Government of New South Wales have purchased for the Art Gallery of that Colony a number of Black and White Drawings from the collection exhibited by the Proprietors of *The Graphic* at the recent Sydney Exhibition. They comprise Drawings by Messrs. Frank Holl, A.R.A., J. E. Hodgson, R.A., Hubert Herkomer, A.R.A., Charles Green, William Small, Henry Woods, J. C. Dollman, Benjamin Constant, E. J. Gregory, Arthur Hopkins, and John Charlton.

The *Athenaeum* states that under the title of "The Staff Officer's Guide and Statesman's Handbook to Central Asia," Mr. Charles Marvin is preparing for the press, with the author's co-operation, a translation of a voluminous work just published on Turkestan, by Colonel L. F. Kostenko, of the Russian General Staff. Colonel Kostenko, who for twelve years has been attached to the Intelligence Department of the Russian army in Central Asia, and who leaves St. Petersburg next week to take up a special appointment on the staff of General Kaufmann in Kulджа, has embodied in three bulky volumes a great deal of information bearing upon Turkestan, the greater part of which is unknown to Europe.

Mr. Francis George Heath's illustrated edition of the Rev. William Gilpin's well-known *Forest Scenery* is about to be reissued by Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston, and Co., in a series of six two-shilling monthly parts.

A correspondent writes to the *Guardian*: "While lately reading some sacred Cornish poetry in the library of the college at Cumbræ, N.B., I found, in a rhymed history of the Crucifixion, several stanzas to the effect that the soldier of St. John xix. 34 was blind and named Longis—i.e., Longinus, of which Longis is a French corruption or contraction. For the whole legend see Mrs. Jameson's *Sacred and Legendary Art*, ii., 788, ed. 8. The book containing the poem is entitled 'Mount Calvary, written in Cornish and interpreted in the English tongue in 1682 by John Keigwin, gent., edited by Davies Gilbert, P.R.S., F.S.A., London 1825, 8vo., and contains both Cornish and English. The poem is noticed by Professor Sayce (Sc. of Lang ii. 86) thus: 'The only remarkable specimen of Cornish literature is a Passion Play (though it is in no way dramatic) of the fifteenth century, which is full of English loan-words.' He notes that it has been edited by Whitley Stokes (in *Transactions of the London Phil. Soc.*, 1862), but does not mention this earlier edition and version. Mr. Gilbert also edited in 1827 a Cornish account of the 'Creation and Noah's Flood, written in Cornish in the year 1611 by William Jordan, with an English translation by John Keigwin,' a semi-dramatic poem, in a rhymed irregular verse, somewhat like Mrs. Browning's *Drama of Exile*. This latter poem contains more English words, and its orthography is more corrupt and arbitrary than in the 'Mount Calvary.' English is used even to complete rhymes."

Mgr. Lavigerie, Archbishop of Algiers, has recently received news of the movements of the supplementary expedition of the Algerian Missionary Society to East Central Africa. Père Moinet, with the Tanganyika detachment, had arrived safely at the lake, after experiencing serious difficulties on the road, which, indeed, they would probably not have been able to overcome but for the timely succour received from the Belgian station at Karema. At the date of the last letters there was no certain intelligence of the party destined for the Victoria Nyanza, which was under Père Levesque, and had parted company with the Tanganyika detachment, probably at Tabora. It was rumoured, however, on native authority, that they had a severe encounter with natives on the road, owing to one of their escort, an ex-Zouave, having killed a man. It is quite possible that the true explanation may be that they had been attacked by bandits. The original expedition at Lake Tanganyika, under Père Deniaud, is said to be in a satisfactory condition, and to have established several stations on the lake shore. Detailed journals of the proceedings of these missionaries, with several interesting letters, have been received, and will be made public in due course. Dr. Passagiotis Potagos, the Greek traveller, whose African explorations we recently referred to, arrived in London last week. Having given an account of his journeys in Africa at Paris, he has come over to give us the benefit of his Asiatic experiences, perhaps at the geographical section of the British Association. Dr. Potagos appears to have travelled across Asia from Constantinople to Hami in the Eastern Tien Shan, visiting we are afraid to say what countries *en route*. At Hami he was imprisoned for two years, and during that time acquired information regarding the regions of Koko-Nor and Loh-Nor and the scarcely-known northern belt of the Chinese Empire east of Hami. The United States expedition, engaged in making scientific investigations in regard to the Gulf Stream, has recently discovered in the course of its work in the Western Caribbean Sea an immense submarine valley, 700 miles long and eighty miles broad. It extends from between the islands of Cuba and Jamaica to the Bay of Honduras, and its depth is stated to vary from two miles to three miles and a half.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

The annual meeting of the Provincial G. Lodge of Worcestershire will be held on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at Kidderminster, under the banner of the Hope and Charity Lodge, No. 377.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire will be held under the banner of the Athelstan Lodge, No. 1333, on Monday, the 27th inst., at the Town Hall, Atherstone.

The Paris correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* states that the ladies' singing professorship at Brussels has been offered to and accepted by Madame Lemmens-Sherrington.

The Court of the Drapers' Company have recently voted twenty guineas to the Rev. H. Solly for the maintenance of a Technical Carpentry and Joinery Class at Croydon.

At the general meeting of the British Association, held on Monday last, Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P., was elected president for next year, when the meeting will be held at York.

Bro. Sir John and Lady Monckton, accompanied by Sir Charles and Lady Young, have been staying at Weggis—the well-known starting-point on the Lake of Lucerne for making the ascent of the Rigi on foot—where they have had some enjoyable fishing.

The Leicester Town Council, at a special meeting, on Tuesday afternoon, the 31st ult., decided to establish a permanent Art Gallery at Leicester, under the provisions of the Free Libraries and Museums Acts, the gallery to be maintained by rate and managed by the Corporation.

The Railway Signalmen and Switchmen's Aid and Sick Society took its annual excursion on Monday, the 30th ult., when about 600 of the members and their friends visited Eastbourne. We are glad to learn from the last report of the Committee that this useful benefit society continues to make progress both financially and in the increase of its members. Donations of ten guineas each have been received, through Mr. J. P. Knight, from the Empress Eugénie and the Messrs. Rothschild. The Secretary (Mr. A. Ray, 130, Dalrymple-road, Stockwell) would be glad to add the name of any other lady or gentleman who may be disposed to help a very hard-working class of the community to provide for days of sickness and trial.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed at 6.30 p.m., on Wednesday, September 15th (not on the 11th as stated in our last week's issue) by Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.J.W. Herts, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, &c., and Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, No. 879, held at the Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park-road, Bermondsey. Brethren to appear in Masonic clothing.

Bro. George Sims, C.C., is spending a few weeks at the Bath of St. Moritz, in the Upper Engadine.

Our distinguished Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P., will be installed G.S., of the Province of Worcestershire, at a special meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter, to be held under the banner of the St. Wulstan's R.A. Chapter, No. 280, at the Masonic Hall, 95, High-street, Worcester, on Tuesday, the 21st inst. We are informed that several distinguished visitors are expected to be present.

**FATAL ACCIDENT TO A TOURIST.**—On Saturday, the 28th ult., as the steamer Prince of Wales was on its late run down Loch Lomond, Samuel Harren, auctioneer, of London, while sitting on the gunwale, fell overboard. Some time elapsed before small boats were lowered, and Harren was never seen again. The deceased was twenty-eight years of age, and accompanying a number of gentlemen on a tour through Scotland.

Bro. Frederick Jas. Blake, P.M. 410 and 855, P.P.G. Registrar of Surrey, and P.P.G.S.D. of Gloucestershire, was, on Wednesday last, elected Master of the Worshipful Company of Coachmakers and Coach-harness Makers of the City of London, and in the evening presided at the usual court dinner. H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, Col. Jas. Peters, Sir John Monckton, and several other worthy brethren are members of this Company.

General E. M'Cook, one of the most successful and distinguished officers in the United States army, and for seven years Governor of the State of Colorado, arrived in this country on Sunday, the 29th ult., by the White Star steamer Adriatic, and is now staying at the Westminster Palace Hotel. His visit to England is in connection with the establishment of an international code of fog signals, a system which the United States Board of Marine Supervisors have, in the strongest terms, recommended to the Government of Mr. Hayes, as greatly tending to diminish the large number of shipwrecks and the loss of life arising from collisions at sea during fog or in snow storms.

**THE PRINTERS' ALMSHOUSES.**—It is gratifying to know that the Committee who undertook the task of raising a reparation fund for the almshouses of the Printers' Pension, &c., Corporation, at Wood Green, have been so far successful that they have felt justified in putting the work in hand; and before winter sets in therefore it is hoped that the repairs, which were so greatly needed, will be completed, and that the inmates will be housed in such a way as shall conduce to their comfort and redound to the credit of the trade. The Chairman of the Reparation Committee is Mr. W. Blades, and the Treasurer Mr. G. A. Spottiswoode.

**COLOGNE CATHEDRAL.**—The *Wochenblatt für Architekten und Ingenieure*, discussing the question of the cost of Cologne Cathedral, says: "The sums which between 1821 and the present time have been contributed to the Cathedral Building Fund, both from public and private sources, amount to eighteen millions of marks (£900,000). This amount has been pretty evenly expended on the erection of the towers and the additions to the church. If to this we add the monies contributed during past centuries, and notably what has been sunk in the colossal foundations and spent in purchasing various necessary parcels of ground, it will appear that the cathedral as it now stands represents about forty millions of marks (£2,000,000)."

**HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND.**—The annual meeting of the Board of Delegates of the Hospital Saturday Fund was held at the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields, on Saturday, at which Mr. R. Frewer presided. Over 200 ladies have volunteered their services to preside at tables in various parts of the metropolis, and it is hoped that at least 300 stations will be occupied. Local tradesmen and others have also consented as heretofore to grant the loan of a table and chair for the use of the lady collectors. To make the fund a greater success this year an entertainment will be given gratuitously, and 200 performers have volunteered their services. The proceeds of the entertainment will be given to the fund.

**HILL AND VALLEY IN LONDON.**—The first English inhabitants of the most populous of English countries in the present day were a handful of rude settlers dwelling far apart along the bank of the Thames, and still further apart in the valleys of the Brent or of the tributaries of the Lee. A few villages marked the course of the ancient roads; but there were no populous towns, no great market-places, no fortresses. Down to the time of the Norman Conquest, and much later, Middlesex remained but half cultivated, and a vast forest flourished over the face of the county. The land-springs of the heavy clays sent forth water-brooks in abundance, and the brooks nourished willows and hazels, oaks and beeches. Many of the names which survive tell us of this time. The North Haw and the South Haw were divided by the Coln. Acton is the town of the oak. Norwood and Ashford, Hounslow and Willesden, Southgate, Highgate, and a score of names besides testify to the ancient condition of the country. There were, as there still are, high hills and lesser ones, but there was, and is, but little level ground. The undulating character of the surface of Middlesex cannot be better tested than by taking the levels along a line at a distance of about a mile from the river's bank. This is easily done by following the course of a great modern thoroughfare like Oxford-street. There is almost a straight line of roadway from Shepherd's-bush to the site of the old City wall at Newgate; but, in spite of the leveling process which the ground has suffered, there are not 100 yards of really flat ground along the whole route. At Shepherd's-bush we are only 21ft. above the sea-level. Thence there is a gradual ascent to Plough-lane on the top of Notting-hill, which is 72ft. higher. Orme-square is 34ft. above the ornamental water in Kensington-gardens, whence the ground again rises, until at Park-lane a height of 92ft. is reached. From Cumberland-gate there is a slight downward slope to the bottom of the valley, through which the

St. Mary, or Ty-bourne, once flowed. This is at 62ft; but the ground rises immediately, and at Regent-circus the level of Notting-hill is again almost attained. From Regent-circus to Farringdon-street, in the valley through which the open Fleet river flowed within our memory, we find a constant but slight fall; and at the site of what used to be the Holborn-bridge, below Snow-hill, we are little higher than at Shepherd's-bush. Many such examples might be given from the suburbs of London. Thus Regent-street falls as much as 30ft. between Oxford-street and Piccadilly, and there is a difference of nearly 100ft. between Westminster Abbey and St. Marylebone. Along another great thoroughfare, the Strand, there are also changes of level, but they are slight in comparison; for the three brooks which once crossed the roadway under bridges have long since disappeared, and the valleys through which they ran have been raised to the general level. It is the same with almost every part of the country, and there is likewise but little variation in its geological features. Here and there a hill higher than the rest has a capping of sand; here and there a valley deeper than the others has a layer of peat. The glacial drift cast over it at some remote period and fossils are occasionally found. But for the most part Middlesex offers as little to the geologist as to the landscape painter, and the suburbs of London rapidly obliterate all the more prominent natural features. Where are the rivers which used to flow by the meadows of St. Mary-bourne or Westbourne, of Holbourne, and Kilbourne? The names are still there, but the water is gone, to the eye at least.—*Quarterly Review*.

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

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, September 10, 1880.

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

##### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.

##### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd., at 7.  
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.  
Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Camberwell.  
Alexandra Palace, Masonic Club, Loughborough, at 7.30.

##### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

Lodge 144, St. Luke's, Victoria Chmbs., Victoria-st., S.W.  
" 1025, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.  
Mark 139, Pannure, Balham Hot., Balham.

##### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.  
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10.  
Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston, 7.30.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.  
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.  
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.  
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.  
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.  
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.  
British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tav., Mile End.  
Eastern Star, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., 7.30.  
St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas-rd., N., at 8.  
Kilburn, South Molton Hot., South Molton-st., W., at 8.  
Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Avenue, Barbican, 7.30.  
Metropolitan, White Swan, Coleman-st., at 7.30.

##### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

Colonial Board, at 4.  
Lodge 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., High-st., Woolwich.  
Mark 1, St. Mark, F.M.T., Gt. Queen-st.

##### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.  
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.  
Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hot., Wandsworth, at 7.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-rd., Battersea, at 8.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.  
Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7.  
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.  
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.  
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.

##### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

Gen. Com. R.M.B., at 3.  
Lodge 87, Vitruvian, South London, M.H., Belvedere-rd.  
" 1718, Centurion, The Imperial, Holborn Viaduct.  
Chap. 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.

##### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.  
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, S.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
Burdett Coutts, Salmon & Ball, Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.30.  
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham, at 8.  
Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, S.  
United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 8.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.  
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.  
Thistle, M.M.M., The Haro Tav., at 8.  
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.  
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.  
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.  
Creton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting-hill, S.  
Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.  
Pannure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.30.

##### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Lodge 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 1321, Emblematic, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill.  
Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tav., Kennington.

##### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.  
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at 8.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.  
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.  
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.  
Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amhurst-rd., Hackney, 7.30.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.  
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.  
North London Chap., Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
St. Michael's, The Moorgate, 28, Finsbury-pavement, at 8.  
Guelph, Oliver Twist, Church-rd., Leyton.  
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

##### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Lodge 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.

##### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.  
United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.  
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.  
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.  
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Golborne-rd., Notting-hill.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.  
Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hot., Wandsworth, at 7.  
Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons' Avenue, at 6.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

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##### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.  
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.  
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Manchester.  
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.  
Chap. 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Mossdale, Manchr.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

##### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.  
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.  
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
Mark 11, Joppa, M.R., Birkenhead.

##### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st.  
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.  
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.  
" 1344, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

##### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

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

##### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.  
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**BIRTHS.**

BOYLE.—On the 31st ult., at 70, Ebury-street, Mrs Mor-daunt Boyle, of a son.  
CUTBILL.—On the 29th ult., at St. Margarets, West-hill, Sydenham, the wife of Mr. Edward Cutbill, of a son.  
ENGLISH.—On the 30th ult., at Balham, the wife of Mr. Henry Godfrey English, of a son.  
MANN.—On the 30th ult., at 7, Pall-mall East, S.W., the wife of Mr. Edward Mann, of a son.  
VINCENT.—On the 30th ult., at Ryde, Isle of Wight, the wife of Mr. Charles Greaves Vincent, of a daughter.

**MARRIAGES.**

BRYCESON—HILL.—On the 31st ult., at the Congrega-tional Church, Lewisham High-road, by the Rev. R. Tuck, B.A., Bromley, Kent, H. J. Bryceson, son of Mr. G. Bryceson, of Plumstead, to Teresa Hannah, daughter of Mr. W. H. Hill, jeweller, of Lewisham High-road, Newcross.  
DAVIS—DIXON.—On the 26th ult., at St. Stephen's, South Lambeth, by the Rev. Richard Adams, Robert Gent Davis, of Albert-square, Clapham-road, to Blanche Ellen, daughter of the late Mr. William Dixon, of the Admiralty.  
TUCKER—SIM.—On the 28th ult., at Chapel Style, Lang-dale, by the Rev. Alfred Olivier, of Derby, assisted by the Rev. James Coward, Frederick Tucker, of The Woodlands, Langdale, to Annie Brassey, daughter of Mr. William F. Sim, of Elterwater, formerly of Bir-kenhead and Liverpool.

**DEATHS.**

COLLINS.—On the 28th ult., at Bath-road, Hounslow, Matilda, widow of the late Mr. H. G. Collins, in her 75th year.  
CUFF.—On the 29th ult., at 4, Marlborough-road, St. John's-wood, aged 40, Mr. John Cuff.  
LEE.—On the 28th ult., at Ravenswood, West-hill, Put-ney-heath, Mr. Charles Lee, in the 76th year of his age.  
METCALFE.—On the 27th ult., at 157, Adelaide-road, Mr. Charles James Metcalfe, aged 66.  
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