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United Grand Lodge. THE result of the more important portion of the business transacted at the regular Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge on Wednesday is precisely what we anticipated it would be. The recommendation of his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER that the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, which was constituted in September last, with Bro. Lord CARRINGTON, P.S.G. Warden of England, as Most Worshipful Grand Master, should be recognised by our Grand Lodge as a sovereign and independent Masonic Power, was unhesitatingly adopted, and we are now in a position to congratulate the new Grand Lodge, not only on the successful termination of the schism which had prevailed for some years past among the Masonic Fraternity in the colony of New South Wales, but also on the brilliant career which apparently awaits this particular section of Masonry. It is a pleasure also to be able to record that the Prince of WALES, though he will no longer preside over the New South Wales brethren as Grand Master, will retain his connection with them as Patron of their United Grand Lodge. Under his auspices the old and the new will work together as harmoniously as ever, but each will have its own government and laws. As for the other business, it will be seen from the report elsewhere, that a letter of thanks was read from the King of SWEDEN for the clothing of a Past G. Master of England which was presented to his Majesty on his acceptance of that exalted position; that Bros. EDWARD TERRY and GEORGE EVERETT were severally nominated for the Grand Treasurership for the ensuing year, and that the usual reports from the Boards of Benevolence and General Purposes were submitted. Such remarks, however, as we may consider it desirable to offer on Bro. WOODWARD'S motion must be deferred till next week.

Festival of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. THE Grand Lodge of Scotland, on St. Andrew's Day, has been the first to recognise the newly-formed Grand Lodge of New South Wales. Such an act will speak more eloquently than words to Scottish brethren belonging to any of the 57 lodges chartered for that Colony by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who still hold aloof from the new organisation, and coupled with a similar kindly recognition from the Grand Lodge of England, affecting almost double the number of lodges, will prove unmistakably and emphatically to the M.W. Bro. Lord CARRINGTON, Grand Master, and the members of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales that the home authorities desire the separation to be thorough and the union to be complete. The telegram sent from the banquet, with Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, Bart., Grand Master, in the chair, on behalf of the Scottish Craft (by desire of Lord SALTOUN, J.G.W., and through the medium of the Grand Secretary, Bro. D. MURRAY LYON) will be an earnest to the brethren in New South Wales that the recognition thus granted is given in no grudging spirit, but with heart and soul, as from members of the same great family. The toast proposed by the GRAND MASTER to the health of Bro. LYON was not only well received, but well deserved, and we echo the hope and wishes of Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL that the Grand Secretary's health will continue equal to the great strain, not only of the past, but also in store for him in regard to the new scheme of Masonic benevolence.

The Mark Grand Lodge. THE Winter Half-yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, on Tuesday, was very numerous, and, as will be seen from our report of the proceedings which appears in another part of our columns, the business appointed to be done was transacted with commendable promptitude. The most satisfactory part of this record is the report which was presented, as usual, by the General Board. From this it appears that the Mark Degree is as popular as ever, and that its position becomes more and more prosperous every year. In the six months ending on the 30th September last warrants for five new lodges and 577 Mark certificates were granted. Five provinces have been re-

organised under newly-appointed Provincial Grand Masters and the patents of three other P.G.M.'s have been renewed for the customary term of three years. Financially, the position of this Grand Lodge is most satisfactory, the balances on each Fund being on the right side of the account, that of the General Fund amounting to upwards of £203, and that of the Fund of Benevolence in its several branches, and including the Festival Account, to over £1442, while the investments are not far short of £10,000, taking the General and Benevolent Funds together. We congratulate the Executive of the Mark Grand Lodge on the excellence of the work they have done during the past half-year.

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The Coming Festival of the R.M.B.I. Our readers are aware that every now and then it becomes our duty to remind them of the near approach of one of those occasions on which it is necessary they should fulfil the grave responsibilities they have undertaken in respect of one or other of our Charitable Institutions. It is, no doubt, to be regretted that these Charities, which effect so much good, and of which, therefore, we are so justly proud, should be as yet unable to maintain themselves without the voluntary contributions of the Craft; but the fact remains that they are thus circumstanced, and the appeals which are annually made to the brethren in their behalf are a necessity that must be confronted to the best of our ability. The particular occasion which is now approaching is the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The preliminary arrangements for its celebration, so far as time, place, and the Chairman who will preside are concerned, were long since settled, Bro. TERRY, Secretary of the Institution, having fortunately been able to announce at the annual meeting of the Governors and Subscribers in May last, that his Royal Highness the M.W. GRAND MASTER had been graciously pleased to approve of next year's Festival being held on the 27th February, 1889, and that the Earl of EUSTON, R.W. Provincial Grand Master Northants and Hunts, had very kindly consented to act as Chairman on the occasion. Since then—indeed, we may say with truth since the morning after the Anniversary Festival of the current year—our indefatigable Bro. TERRY has been exerting all his influence and powers of persuasion to enlist the services of brethren as Stewards; and if he has not succeeded in his task to the full extent of his wishes, we may be sure it is not due to any failure of zeal or eloquence on his part, but rather to the intervention of difficulties of a more than usually formidable character. However, up to the present time he has obtained the assistance of some 160 brethren, or about a dozen short of his usual number at this advanced period of the season. So slight a falling off may not appear to be of great importance to some of our readers, who will naturally argue that fluctuations in the number of brethren who give their services as Stewards must be expected, and that there is plenty of time between now and the 27th February to make up the necessary leeway. It may be so. The Board of Stewards for this year's Festival was 276 strong, and it is devoutly to be wished that the Board which is now in course of formation will be at least as numerous. As regards the subscriptions we are confident Bro. the Earl of EUSTON will make an excellent Chairman, and that, as far as he is concerned, no effort will be spared to raise the sum required for the purposes of the Institution. We know, too, that his lordship's efforts will be loyally supported by the lodges and brethren of his Province of Norths and Hunts, which, since 1878, when the Duke of MANCHESTER, its then Prov. G.M., presided at the Festival of this Institution, has had no opportunity of distinguishing itself as "the Chairman's Province." But, for all its loyalty and the generous instincts which characterise it, Norths and Hunts is but a small province, with less than a dozen lodges on its roll, and we cannot expect from it, even in these days of astounding totals, more than it is capable of performing. There are, of course, the Provinces which always enter an appearance, and to good purpose, at all our Festivals, and we may assume that London will figure at least as prominently as it ordinarily does at the Anniversaries of this particular Charity. But, even when we have taken into account every possible and probable source of supply, we may be pardoned if we still experience some misgivings as to the requisite total being forthcoming on the appointed day. We all know the effect on the Boys' School Festival receipts of the Centenary Celebration of the Girls' School, and he must be indeed a sanguine man who imagines that the influence of the efforts then made has entirely passed away. Under no circumstances is it an easy task to compass the receipt of £15,000 at a single Festival, and the task is certain to be still less easy of accomplishment when so large a total as £50,000 has been absorbed at a previous Festival. Yet this is the sum—or, at all events, as nearly as possible £15,000—which Bro. TERRY, to use a familiar expression, is moving heaven and earth to obtain for the necessary disbursement in annuities during the coming year, the permanent income of the Institution

being about sufficient to defray the cost of management. Nor is this the whole of the case which it is our duty to lay before the Masonic public. There are 428 annuitants—men and widows together—who derive their principal—in the majority of cases their only—means of subsistence from the funds of the Benevolent Institution; but the 42 men and 47 women, who were unsuccessful at the Election in May last, are still appealing for admission, and we may safely reckon on the addition during the year now current to the already over-burdened lists of candidates of 50 new petitioners. In other words, there is every likelihood of the candidates being 140 in number, while, so far as present appearances go, the vacancies to be filled in May next will be about the same as at the last Election. Thus, then, stands the case. A sum of £15,000 is needed to satisfy the 428 annuitants now on the Funds of the Institution. The Board of Stewards for the coming Festival, so far as it has been constituted, musters about 160 brethren, and, in order to raise in February next as much as was raised in February last, this Board should be strengthened by the addition of at least 120 brethren. The question to be determined in the course of the three months still remaining is—Will the services of these additional brethren be forthcoming and the requisite £15,000 be obtained? We hope the answer will be in the affirmative, and that the total to be announced in February next will be certainly not less than it was at the Festival of the current year.

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Bro. STEPHEN BERRY, Portland, Maine, is again "to the Compliments of fore," and desires all the Templar Correspondents in Europe the Season, to unite with all the fratres in the United States on Christmas Day, at noon, Eastern Standard time, equivalent to 5 p.m. at Greenwich, "in a libation pledging Grand Master, CHARLES ROOME, the sentiment to be:—

"To the Grand Master of American Templars."

To this, the Grand Master sends the following response:—

"To the Grand Masters of Templars in Great Britain and Ireland, and of Canadian Templars."

The invitation is open to all Craftsmen who would like to honour this annual Toast from the one side of the "big pond" to the other, each, we presume, in the form preferred. Bro. HUGHAN, who is the Representative for Great Britain in this pleasant interchange of International and Masonic Courtesies, will, doubtless, observe the sentiment in Tea, or Adam's Wine, and so will several of his friends. Others will select a stronger beverage, but in all, we feel assured, there will be no lack of heartiness and good-will, and for ourselves we can say we shall rejoice once again to take part in such a pleasant duty.

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WE are more often amused than scandalised by the vagaries of our Transatlantic brethren, for, as a rule, they inflict no harm on Freemasonry. But it is time to protest when we find men in high places and of tried experience encouraging and sanctioning the presence of outsiders at ceremonies which are essentially private, and should be sacredly guarded from the knowledge of the uninitiated. There are some Masonic jurisdictions in the United States in which it is the custom for lodge officers to be installed publicly, that is to say, in the presence of outside friends, both masculine and feminine, the reason assigned being that it is beneficial to the brethren, and involves no departure from the laws and customs of the Society, that their wives and daughters and male friends should witness something of our proceedings. We need not tell our readers that this custom is as foreign to the laws and traditions of the Craft as it can possibly be, and that if our United States brethren are desirous of being known as true and faithful members, they will at once put an end to this innovation. However, if this laxity is occasionally met with in the States, we have never before heard of their going the length of the Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of Canada, the veteran Frater Col. MACLEOD MOORE, who, according to Frater SPRY, Grand Chancellor of the Templar Order in the Dominion, considers the precautions hitherto taken to prevent the Templar ceremonies of installation and consecration being witnessed by non-Templars are of no consequence whatever, and may, in future, be dispensed with. Frater SPRY writes that the Grand Master had "no possible objection to the Masonic friends and ladies of the families of the Order being present at such ceremonies"—those of installation, dedication, and consecration—"indeed, he considers it desirable that our families and friends should be admitted to judge for themselves—as, above all other rites and ceremonies of the Masonic system, those of the Templar Order are meant to inculcate the teachings of that Universal Charity so strongly laid down in the Christian faith." We cannot congratulate Frater Col. MOORE on the strength of his reasoning. It is true that Masonry and Templary are not the same thing; but, if it is lawful for these Templar ceremonies to be made public because they are meant to inculcate "the teachings of Universal Charity" according to "the Christian faith," then, as Freemasonry proper, of which Masonic Templary is an offshoot, is neither more nor less than "a system of morality," there appears to us to be no valid reason why its rites and ceremonies, which are intended to inculcate the teachings of Charity and everything else which is included in "Morality," should not be witnessed by the friends and families of members, the distinction between what are mere formularies and the "esoteric essentials" of Freemasonry being too fine for the general body of Masons and the public to appreciate.

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OLD WARRANTS, XXXII. AND XXXIII.

COPY OF No. 1, CORK, A.D. 1731-2.

Kingston, G.M.

Netterville, D.G.M.

No. (1) Seal in Wax broken

Wm. Ponsonby G.W.

By the Right Worshipful and Right Honourable Lord Kingston Grand Master of all the Lodges of Free Masons in the Kingdom of Ireland, the Right Honourable the Lord Nettervil, Deputy Grand Master, the Honourable William Ponsonby and Dillon Pollard Hamson, Esquires, Grand Wardens.

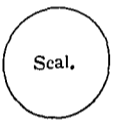
Whereas our Trusty and Well-beloved Brothers John Freke and Cooke Esqrs James Connor and Florence McCarthy have besought us, that we would be pleas'd to erect a Lodge of Free Masons in the town of Mitchellstown of such Persons, who by their Knowledge and Skill in Masonry, may contribute to the Well Being and Advancement thereof. We therefore duly weighing the Premisses, and having nothing more at Heart than the Prosperity and true Advancement of Masonry, and reposing special Trust and Confidence in our Trusty and Well-beloved Brothers the Said John Freke and [Cooke] James Connor and Florence McCarthy of whose Abilities and Knowledge in Masonry, we are satisfied; Do, by these Presents of Our certain knowledge and Meer Motion, Nominate, Create, Authorise and Constitute the Said to be Master of the Said Lodge [illegible] to be Wardens of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be held by them and their Successors lawfully admitted in the town of Cork* for ever. And we do hereby Give and Grant unto the Said Master Wardens and the rest of the Worshippful [Brethren] and their Successors, full Power and lawful Authority from Time to Time to proceed to Election of new Master and Wardens, and to make such Laws, Rules, and Orders, as they from Time to Time shall think proper and convenient for the Well Being and Ordering of the Said Lodge; reserving to Our Selves and Our Successors, Grand Masters and Grand Wardens of Ireland, the sole Right of deciding all Differences which shall be brought by Appeal before us, and Our Successors, Grand Masters and Grand Wardens of Ireland. In Witness whereof, We have hereunto Set our Hands and Seal of Office this first Day of February in the Year of our Lord God 1731 and in the Year of Masonry, 5731.† Intratur per—THO: GRIFFITHS, Secretary.

*The words "of Cork" are written on an erasure, and doubtless, Mitchellstown was the original name—the space after Cork being obliterated. The transfer to the city named, was agreed to 1st August, 1776, by endorsement and consent of "Robert Davies, P.G.M. M[unster]." The Lodge is still No. 1 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

W. J. H.

† The final figure one is written on an erasure, and, doubtless was, originally, 1731-2 (1732, new style).

COPY OF No. 819, ELDERNEY, IRELAND A.D. 1795.



Donoughmore, G.M.

Walter Wade, D.G.M.

No. 819.

By the Right Worshipful Lord Baron Donoughmore Grand Master of all the Lodges of Free Masons in the Kingdom of Ireland the Right Wpful. Walter Wade Deputy Grand Master, Right Wpful. Hon. Jno. H. Hutchinson Senior Grand Warden, Right Wpful. Lord Dillon Jur. G.W.

Whereas our trusty and well-beloved Brothers Gerard Brandon, James Beacon, and Robert Jones—have besought us that we would be pleased to erect a Lodge of Freemasons in the Town of Crumlin And County of Fermanagh of such Persons who by their Knowledge and Skill in Masonry, may contribute to the well-being and advancement thereof. We therefore duly weighing the Premisses and having nothing more at heart than the Prosperity and true Advancement of Masonry and reposing special Trust and Confidence in our Trusty and well-beloved Brothers, the said Gerard Brandon, James Beacon, and Robert Jones—of whose Abilities and Knowledge in Masonry, We are satisfied: Do by these Presents of our certain knowledge and meer Motion Nominate, Create, Authorize and Constitute the said Gerard Brandon, James Beacon, and Robert Jones to be Master and Wardens of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be held by them and their Successors lawfully admitted in the said Lodge, for ever. And We do hereby give and grant unto the said Gerard Brandon, James Beacom & Robt. Jones and their successors full power and lawful Authority, from Time to Time to proceed to election of a new Master and Wardens to make such Laws, Rules and Orders, as they, from Time to Time shall think proper and convenient for the Well-being and Ordering of the said Lodge; reserving to ourselves and our successors, Grand Masters or Grand Wardens of Ireland the sole Right of deciding all Differences which shall be brought by Appeal before Us, and our Successors, Grand Masters or Grand Wardens of Ireland. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and Seal of Office this First Day of October in the year of our Lord God, 1795 and in the year of Masonry, 5795.

Entered by me,

THOS. CALDER D.G. Secy.

NOTES ON THE CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION.

BY BRO. H. SADLER.

(Continued from page 682).

An endorsement on the signature sheet of the last meeting of the Board of Installation states that on the 17th December, 74 brethren attended, on the 22nd, 33, and on the 28th, 21. At that time there were only 90 lodges in the London district, so that the first meeting appears to have been fairly well attended; from the comparatively small number that attended afterwards I should imagine that the brethren found they had not much to learn, and that the mode of installation approved by the then Grand Master was much the same as that which some of them had witnessed at the Lodge of Promulgation 16 years earlier.

The first name to which I shall direct attention is that of Edwards Harper, P.M. of No. 1, in which lodge he was initiated in the year 1800; he is registered as a Goldsmith and Jeweller, 207, Fleet-street. In 1801 he succeeded his father as Deputy Grand Secretary of the "Ancients," which office he held till the Union. Having already mentioned his connection with the United Grand Lodge, I have only to say that in the capacity of Secretary he regularly attended the numerous meetings of the Lodge of Reconciliation. As Grand Secretary he attended, with other Grand Officers, the opening of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, in 1823, and was apparently so well satisfied with the proceedings, that in December following he became a member of it.

R. F. Mestayer, who was also initiated in No. 1 in 1805, appears to have been a zealous and active member of the Order from a very early period of

his Masonic career. He was nominated by the Duke of Kent, one of the original members of the Lodge of Reconciliation, and was seldom absent from its meetings, generally officiating as S.W. He was a warm supporter of the Boys' School, and a regular attendant at the meetings of the Committee of that Institution.

Henry Rogers, P.M. No. 5, is thus referred to by the writer of his obituary in the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, 1835. "Brother Rogers's career in Masonry was sincerely characterized by strict propriety. Fully competent to the most important duties, he was always ready to fill the junior offices when circumstances rendered it necessary. For several years he was the Installing Officer of the Bank of England Lodge, the members of which entertain an affectionate reverence for his worth."

In contemplating the signatures of these old brethren, and hunting up their achievements, I find it somewhat difficult to avoid running into a sort of Masonic biography, and thereby losing sight of my first intention, which was merely to show in what manner our ceremony of installation originated and received official sanction, and the channel by which the present generation obtained a knowledge of it. Having completed, I hope to the satisfaction of all concerned, the former portion of my undertaking, I will now endeavour to discharge the latter, and for this purpose will first offer a few observations on the subject of general lodges of instruction. In all probability assemblages of Masons for the purpose of mutual instruction are coeval with the formation of regular lodges meeting on stated days, but when the lodges met much more frequently than they do now, there was, as a matter of course, less need of lodges of instruction.

An examination of the old lists will show that many lodges formerly held fortnightly meetings, and some even more frequently; for instance, No. 163, of 1738, is advertised to meet on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Thursday, and to hold a Master's Lodge every Sunday; and, as I happen to have the minute book of the period before me, I can safely say that the lodge did so meet. No special legislation for instruction purposes seems to have been required until after the Union, when the ceremonies were re-arranged and promulgated throughout the English Fraternity, and lodges of instruction naturally became important factors in our Masonic system. I cannot find them mentioned in the Constitutions prior to 1819; but in this edition regulations similar in substance to those now in force appear, and others have been added as circumstances required. Fifteen Lodges of Instruction are named in the Calendar for 1814 (issued in November, 1813), and the same number in that for 1815, after which years they appear to have been entirely omitted from the Calendar until 1841, when, under the heading of "Lodges of Instruction which have given notice of their meetings in conformity with the laws of the Grand Lodge," three only are named in London, although it is quite certain that many others were at this time in active and regular work. Ten years later the list includes 29, and others were added, increasing year by year, the last issue of the Calendar showing no less than 148 in the London district alone.

The first volume of the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, published in 1834, gives a list of 12 Lodges of Instruction in London, with the names of about 20 brethren who attended them for the purpose of imparting Masonic knowledge. At the head of this list stands the "Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Rathbone Place; Friday, at 7 in the winter and 8 in the summer. Brothers Dowley, Cooper, Wilson, Pitt, &c."

Each of the lodges mentioned appear to have been attended by several of these old instructors, some of whose names are appended to more than one of the lodges. Unfortunately, the early records of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement are lost, but the list of members from its commencement is still preserved intact.

The last-named publication for 1836 contains the following brief outline of its origin. "About the year 1823 several Brethren considered that the Masonic lectures were not worked in Lodges upon a sufficiently regulated system, and that if those whose attainments as working Masons placed them as a prominent authority were to meet together and to work efficiently, they might be the means of effecting much improvement. They accordingly met, we believe, in Wardour Street, pursuant to a general notice in the public papers, which advertisement created a considerable sensation in the Craft. Some members of the Grand Stewards Lodge, hitherto the only authority for a recognised system, felt that it was necessary to watch the proceedings. Some Grand Officers, with Brother E. Harper, the Grand Secretary, also attended. The several chairs, from the Master to the Outer Guard, were all filled with the most practical and experienced Masons of the day; and we have the authority of a Grand Officer for stating, that never was there so perfect an illustration of the ceremonies and lectures ever before manifested. The visitors separated highly delighted; amongst them the lamented Peter Gilkes, who so highly approved of the proceedings, that in about twelve months afterwards he joined the Lodge, and supported it until the time of his death.

"At first the object was confined to the delivering of lectures, but afterwards the ceremonies were introduced which gave great satisfaction. Gratified as we are to bear testimony to the value and importance of this Lodge, and satisfied as we are of its influence on the Craft, we must enter our caution to the leading members of it not to relax from the discipline so unremittently enforced by the institutors, and which was especially observed by the late Peter Gilkes. We do not make this allusion without cause. Let the excellent Brethren to whose care the interests of the Lodge are unanimously confided, feel no diffidence in correcting the passing errors. They should remember that error may become practice unless early checked. And we further call upon the junior members to weigh with scrupulous care the language which the landmarks permit, and not to be too ready to alter, in the *slightest degree*, what is in itself so excellent."

The estimation in which this Lodge of Improvement was held half a century ago is thus plainly manifested, and the distinguished place it has ever since occupied is ample evidence that the warning contained in the concluding sentences was fully appreciated by those for whom it was intended.

The reader will observe that one person is particularly mentioned in the foregoing quotation, and as there are probably very few now living who were acquainted with the "late Peter Gilkes" I will here introduce a few extracts from his biography in the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review* of 1834.

"An honest man's the noblest work of God."

"Brother Peter William Gilkes was born on the 1st of May, 1765, in the neighbourhood of Carnaby Market, and baptised a member of the Catholic church in the same year; he was named after the late Lord Petre, who had been an excellent friend to his family. . . . The funeral of a distinguished brother, whom the Craft honoured by a public procession, first directed his attention to Masonry; enquiry satisfied his mind of the utility and benevolent views of of the Order, and he was initiated in the year 1786, at the age of twenty-one, in the British Lodge, now No. 8. Delighted with the science, he devoted his energies and time to qualify himself for those honours which Masonry holds out for the deserving. . . .

"The Lodge of Unity, now 82, satisfied with his attainments and general conduct, first elected him their Master. He filled successively the chairs of 23, 188, 201, 211, 318, 259, and 7, several times each, and died the Worshipful Master of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 255. For the last 16 years of his life he was a distinguished member of the Board of Benevolence, to qualify himself for which he, during that period, annually filled the chair of a lodge, and discharged its arduous duties. . . .

"The difficulties Bro. Gilkes had encountered in perfecting himself in Masonry made him resolve to teach gratuitously such brethren as were disposed to attend him every day from one o'clock till time to attend some lodge or other, where his evenings were generally spent; he was always ready to receive them for this purpose, and even made several journies into Lincolnshire, Cambridge, and Norfolk, refusing all remuneration further than the mere expenses of his visit. . . .

"He was in a manner something Johnsonian in regard to Masonry—no advantage could be taken of him in lodge—he would not allow the slightest deviation in *word*, or *manner*, or *matter*, to please the most learned or the most accomplished in other subjects; we have observed him correct many men of rank and influence for deviations from the standard of Masonic illustration, and who, to their credit, acknowledged the reproof with all the courtesy which became their allegiance to the Craft. . . .

"In his youth he must have been an extremely powerful man, for when in his 67th year, on his return from the Blackfriars Lodge, he was attacked in Lincoln's Inn Fields by four men, three of whom he knocked down; he generally carried a cook's knife to defend himself with in case of attack, but, fortunately, he had left it at home on the night of the attack.

"Although universally held in esteem amongst Masons, his conduct was always characterised by good sense; he never aspired beyond his station in life, and declined the honour of an office in the Grand Lodge, because he considered that his circumstances in life were not equal to the appointment."

Peter Gilkes died on the 11th, and was buried on the 19th December, 1833, in St. James's Churchyard, Piccadilly. "The highest tribute of respect to departed merit was amply offered in the number as well as by the character of a larger concourse of the Fraternity than were probably ever congregated at any Masonic meeting, whether of a public nature or upon any occasion of festivity." In the following year (1834), a Committee was appointed to collect subscriptions for the purpose of erecting a monument to his memory. As may readily be imagined, the many admirers of the departed brother, soon enabled the Committee to carry out their wishes, and a most appropriate and handsome tablet, the gratuitous design of his friend and pupil, the late Stephen Barton Wilson, P.G.D., was placed on one of the pillars in the South aisle of the above-named church, where it can still be seen by anyone who cares to inspect it. No doubt the foregoing extracts will sufficiently evince the esteem in which this worthy brother was held by the Fraternity in London, forming, however, but a very small portion of the well-merited encomiums bestowed upon him; indeed, I question whether any single individual, either before his time or since, has attained to such distinction as a Masonic instructor. Gifted with an extraordinary memory, he seems to have to come to the front at a period when his peculiar qualifications were most in demand, and consequently fully appreciated. The official records show that he was a frequent attendant at the Lodges of Promulgation and Reconciliation, and, as will be seen, he attended every meeting of the "Board of Installation." The following copy of a letter written by W. H. White, Grand Secretary, will indicate the official estimate of his character and abilities:

"F.M. Hall, 6 Sept., 1843.

"W. Master,

In reply to yr letter of the 5th instant enquiring whether any alterations have been made in the Ceremonies of Initiation, &c., since the late P. Gilkes was in the Country; I beg to say (without knowing at what period that visit took place) that no alterations have been made since the G. Lo. formally approved and decided on them in the year 1816. Br. Gilkes was fully Master of all the Ceremonies and I believe most strictly observed them.

"I remain

W. Master,

Yrs fraternally,

"Lodge 523,
Kidderminster."

W.H.W., G.S.

I cannot well close my remarks on the career of Bro. Gilkes without adverting to his connection with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

As before stated, he was present at the opening of this lodge in 1823, but I have somewhere read that so far from approving of the plan on which it was established, he strongly objected to it, on the ground that a lodge of instruction restricted to M.M.'s. and working the lectures only, on a new system, could not succeed; he, however, had reason to alter his opinion, for in May, 1825, he joined the lodge, and continued an active, and I need scarcely say, the principal, member of it the remainder of his life, thus showing that prejudice was *not* one of his failings.

It will readily be conceived that so remarkable a character would be long remembered in the lodge with which he had so strongly identified himself, and, up to a comparatively recent period, "The pious memory of the late Peter Gilkes" was the first toast given at the Annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. His admirers and pupils were numerous, and, I might say, various, and, although familiar with the names of many whose merits I should like to notice, I think it better, under the circumstances, to confine my remarks to those whom I have personally known, and with whose abilities the brethren of the present generation are best acquainted. According to Masonic tradition, the designer of the monument to Peter Gilkes succeeded him in the leadership of his favourite lodge of instruction. I am somewhat doubtful on this point, as there were much older and more experienced brethren intimately associated with the lodge for many years after Gilkes' time, as the following paragraph from a report of the anniversary festival in 1835 will show:—

"The meeting was, in particular, marked by the presence of the three leading lecturers on Masonry, upon whom, by general consent as it were, the mantle of 'Peter Gilkes' may be said to have fallen. We feel an honest pride in our association with Brothers Dowley, Cooper, and S. B. Wilson, and entertain so high an opinion of their value to the Society, that we take the liberty of making as public as we can, their well-earned character for intelligence, grounded upon a careful adherence to the landmarks of the Order, for the strict observance of our laws and regulations, and still more for the modesty with which they receive the homage so readily offered to their merits as individuals."

(To be continued).

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday evening. The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, presided; Bro. W. W. B. Beach, R.W. Provincial Grand Master Hants and the Isle of Wight, acted as Deputy Grand Master; Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W., occupied the Senior Grand Warden's chair, in the absence of the Lord High Chancellor; the Rev. C. J. Martin, Dep. G.M. for Suffolk, occupied the chair of Junior Grand Warden, in the absence of Lord John Taylour; and the other Grand and Past Grand Officers present were—

The Grand Lodge having been opened, GRAND SECRETARY (Col. Shadwell H. Clerke) read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 5th September, which were put, and confirmed.

Col. SHADWELL CLERKE then said: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master,—I have just read the minutes of the last Grand Lodge, in which is reported the presentation to his Majesty the King of Sweden of a Past Grand Master's clothing. I have now the honour to lay before Grand Lodge a letter, which has been received from his Majesty, acknowledging that present, and with your permission I will read it. It is as follows:

Stockholm, 12th November, 1888.

Sir and Most Worshipful Brother,

With great pleasure I have received the insignia that your Royal Highness, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England, has been graciously pleased to send to me in token of the dignity as Past Grand Master of the said Grand Lodge, with which I was invested during my last sojourn in England.

I pray your Royal Highness and the Grand Lodge to accept my sincere and cordial thanks for this new testimony of the friendly relations that exist between the Grand Lodges of England and Sweden.

I have the honour to remain, your Royal Highness'

faithful Brother and true friend,

OSCAR,
V.S.V.,

To P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of England.

His Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales, etc., etc., etc.

The reading of this letter was accompanied with loud applause.

The Earl of CARNARVON: Brethren,—I have now to move that the Royal letter from the King of Sweden be entered on the minutes.

Bro. W. BEACH: I beg to second it.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Earl of CARNARVON: Brethren,—It becomes my duty now to submit to you a resolution by command of our Illustrious and Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Some, perhaps, here present may remember that I alluded at our last Quarterly Communication to the possibility of some such reference being made to you, and I doubt not that the general facts are more or less within the knowledge of all who are now present. You will, no doubt, remember that for some time past, Masonry in New South Wales, that great and most flourishing colony, has not presented that unanimity which, as Masons, we could desire to see exhibited by the Craft all over the world. And, brethren, when I, myself, was in the Colony of New South Wales at the commencement of this year, it grieved me to see the disunion and the dissension which existed in so many quarters. It would be alike a painful and an unnecessary task for me to recite or to expatiate upon those dissensions; and all the more that during the last six months, to my infinite satisfaction, those difficulties have cleared away, the dissensions have passed into ancient history, and a new order of things has arisen in the colony. Brethren, it is my good fortune and my great satisfaction to you this evening to announce formally that those dissensions have been closed, and that all the dissensions, as far as I know, whether English, Scottish, or Irish, of those who stood aloof and formed themselves into a separate and dissentient Grand Lodge, all those

have combined to unite upon what I believe to be true Masonic principles, and to constitute henceforward a United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. (Applause.) New South Wales has the good fortune to be governed by one of the most popular and successful administrators who could be found, and whom England has sent forth to that great country. In New South Wales I think there is no name that is more popular than that of my noble friend and brother, Lord Carrington. (Applause.) Our Illustrious Grand Master, with that happy perception of circumstances which characterises him, appointed Lord Carrington District G. Master of New South Wales, and it was very much due, indeed, to that felicitous appointment that the present happier state of things came to pass, for Lord Carrington, being in that position of District Grand Master, was hailed through the length and breadth of that great land, with one unanimous acclaim, as the future Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge. Our Illustrious Grand Master has not withheld his consent, and now the United Grand Lodge has been formed, and Lord Carrington has accepted the position of Grand Master of that Grand Lodge. Brethren, it was but a short time since that his installation took place in Sydney. There are few towns in the New World which are more worthy of admiration than Sydney, with its exquisite harbour, and probably no place in Australia could have been better fitted for such a solemnity. In the Old World, from all that I have heard, Lord Carrington's installation would have been a splendid and a noteworthy event. In the New World of Australia it was absolutely without precedent. Between 400 and 500 Masons, of all ranks and estates, and degrees, and conditions, and kinds, met from all parts of that mighty continent to do him honour who was so well worthy to receive it, and at the same time to lay fit hands upon the foundations of the new United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. (Applause.) And now, brethren, to-night it is my duty, in the name of our illustrious Grand Master, to ask you to confirm that act of our New South Wales brethren, and I cannot doubt that you will readily do so. You, as Englishmen, whether Masons or otherwise, have the wholesome practice of being largely guided by precedent, and the precedents leave us in this matter no option, but identically, I may say, the same state of things arose only three years ago in South Australia. A Grand Lodge was there formed, and it applied to this Grand Lodge, as the Grand Lodge of New South Wales applies to us to-night—applied to this Grand Lodge for recognition; and this Grand Lodge wisely—as I think most wisely—following upon the conditions which have been established now, and which have guided us for many years, at once accepted and confirmed the act, and I trust that they will do the same unanimously this evening. I can say from my own experience that the results in South Australia have been very happy. The Grand Lodge there thrives and flourishes; and if the welcome that they gave to me in my capacity of Pro Grand Master can be accepted as any evidence of the strength of the ties of affection, then I have a proof that I could not for one moment doubt that the old loyalty, though turned into a different channel, remains identically the same, and that our brethren in South Australia are as much our brethren as if they were our brethren in West Yorkshire. (Applause.) Our Illustrious Grand Master has fully accepted that principle, because you may remember that at last Grand Lodge I announced to you that his Royal Highness had consented to become the Grand Patron of the Grand Lodge of South Australia. (Cheers.) Now, brethren, I have one word more, and only one, to say with regard to this new Grand Lodge of New South Wales. I believe that the vote has been practically—perhaps actually—unanimous. We have not received news of any one single lodge being dissentient on any ground; but there are two or three lodges that have not given in their answers. There are 82 English lodges that have consented, 56 Scotch, and 51 under the dissentient Grand Lodge, and my belief is that there is no one single lodge throughout the length and breadth of the colony that dissents from the proposal; but it is right, and it is in accordance with all our practice up to this time, that we should reserve the full right of any who may chance to dissent from the vote of the majority. I believe that in this case it is a purely formal act, but it is my duty not the less to mention it and to insist on it. Brethren, I have nothing further to add except to say this, that if we seem to lose from under our control, so to say, the prosperous lodges of the Grand Colony of New South Wales, we are losing nothing that we could possibly have retained for one moment against their wish. We are following the analogy of Imperial Administration in this matter. Self-government has been freely and fully accorded, without stint and without reserve, to these great self-governing colonies, and there is no one in England so blind or so mad as to repent that gift. They have paid it with a feeling of affection and loyalty towards the mother country, and it is my conviction that in the same way we are bound to give freely, generously, and without stint the powers of self-government in Masonic matters to our Masonic brethren in the New World. They deserve it, they are fully capable of using it; and I am convinced that as time goes on we shall find that the ties of Masonic affection have not in the least degree been weakened by that concession. Brethren, I have now, on the part of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, to move "That this Grand Lodge do recognise the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales." (Loud cheers.)

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Registrar: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and brethren,—After the very eloquent speech that we have heard, it wants but little, beyond the simple seconding of the proposition, to insure its acceptance with this Grand Lodge. But the duty devolves upon me—and a most grateful duty it is, having in years gone by seconded the proposition that this Grand Lodge recognise the Grand Lodge of South Australia—to second the proposition to recognise the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. We, as the Grand Lodge of England—the oldest

Grand Lodge existing in the world—when we find the brethren of lodges owning allegiance to our jurisdiction, and situated in a country where a spontaneous wish of many and divided Masonic authorities has created a Grand Lodge for the district or country where the creation of such a Grand Lodge is spontaneous and practically unanimous, where it tends to the great cause of Masonic unity, have never in a grudging spirit withheld our recognition or have considered aught but the great interests of the Craft, which we have so much at heart. That the limitation which the Pro Grand Master has expressed is a wise one it is our duty to accede to. No establishment of a new body, however lawful it may be, however much, and however gladly, and however cordially we may recognise it as we do this new Grand Lodge, can for one moment be held to render unlawful that which was lawful before its creation. To invalidate acts to which we ourselves are committed by granting warrants and accepting the allegiance of brethren and of lodges which have been faithful to us and which we view with feelings of gladness, a unanimous movement in which all join, at the same time we are bound to protect; and, having the honour to hold the position of adviser to this Grand Lodge, I should say it is my duty to inform the brethren that we are bound to protect those who should not feel themselves enabled to join with the majority. I am sure this Grand Lodge, under the happy circumstances which have been detailed, wishes God speed to the newly-established Grand Lodge—that its foundation may be the foundation of healing all Masonic strifes and differences, and that that great colony, separated from us by the breadth of the whole globe, may show by its future history how great, how universal is the spread, how universal the acceptance of the doctrine of Masonry, and that this one of the offshoots of the Grand Lodge of England may be a worthy scion of its parent. (Cheers.) I have the greatest pleasure in seconding this motion.

The Earl of CARNARVON: Brethren,—Is it your pleasure to agree to this resolution? All who agree with it will signify their assent in the manner common to Masons. (Cries of "All, all!") I think it unnecessary to call for a show of hands on the other side; and I declare that this resolution has been carried unanimously. (Loud applause.)

The Earl of CARNARVON next said: Brethren,—Before this subject passes away I have a further communication to make from his Royal Highness, our Illustrious Grand Master, which I could not have properly made to you until that vote was taken. The new Grand Lodge of New South Wales has requested his Royal Highness to consent to become the Patron of the Grand Lodge. (Cheers.) It is an honorary title, but it marks the feelings of loyalty and affection on the one side, and the position which his Royal Highness ought to occupy on the other. I rejoice to think that his Royal Highness has assented to the request of the New South Wales Grand Lodge, and that as he has become Grand Patron in Australia so he will be Grand Patron in New South Wales.

Bro. Sir J. E. GORST, Q.C., Under-Secretary of State for India, W.M. Drury Lane Lodge, then rose and said: M.W. Pro Grand Master and Brethren,—I rise for the purpose of nominating our present Illustrious and Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Cheers.) The task which has on this occasion devolved upon me becomes every year in one sense an easier, but in another sense a more difficult one for the brother who has to propose it. It is easier because as years go by the services which his Royal Highness has rendered to our Craft become more conspicuous and more widely known; and, therefore, the brethren of the Grand Lodge require no argument to induce them to confer upon his Royal Highness the position of Grand Master for another year. But it is more difficult because the brother who is entrusted with the duty of making this nomination has more difficulty in discovering anything new which he can urge upon the brethren, and he is in this somewhat embarrassing position of having to recommend his Royal Highness in the presence of men far more cognisant of the services which his Royal Highness has rendered and of the qualifications which he has for the high office than the brother who has the nomination to make. I will, therefore, on this occasion confine myself simply to reminding the brethren of the past, and looking forward for one moment to the future. I remind the brethren of the past of the example which H.R.H. has set to others, which has tended so greatly to the spread of our Craft during the last few years, not only in England and Scotland, but in the Colonies of the English-speaking races throughout the world; and I remind the brethren of the devotion to the Craft, and to the principles of Masonry, which his Royal Highness has in so many conspicuous instances exhibited; and then I look forward to a moment in the future, and I am sure I am expressing the feelings and wishes of every Mason throughout the English-speaking world, when I say that we hope that his Royal Highness will long be spared to take this office upon him year after year, and that it may be a long time before Freemasons have to go further afield to have to look for any other than his Royal Highness to nominate as Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Loud Applause.)

The Earl of CARNARVON: Brethren, I am afraid that I must ask your indulgence, and be allowed to retire now rather sooner than I would, inasmuch as I have to leave England to-morrow morning, possibly by a very early train. Perhaps I have accomplished that which was the most important duty—at all events, it was one which was most on my mind. I must now beg to retire from the chair.

The Pro Grand Master then left the lodge, and was saluted with loud cheers as he and the accompanying Grand Officers passed down the Temple.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. Grand Master for Hants and Isle of Wight, took the Grand Master's chair.

Sir J. R. SOMERS VINE, W.M. Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, next said: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair,—It is my great privilege, as the selected representative of a large and influential Committee, numbering over 700 members of the Craft, and comprising brethren resident in all parts of the country, to nominate for the high office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year an eminent brother, whom I believe to be universally known, highly esteemed, and eminently qualified to discharge the important duties of that position; I allude to Bro. Edward O'Connor Terry. (Applause.) That brother, M.W.G.M. in the chair, entered the ranks of Masonry more than 20 years ago; he was initiated in the Royal Union Lodge, Uxbridge, No. 382; he joined the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, which most of our brethren may know is a lodge composed mainly of professional gentlemen connected with the liberal arts and sciences, in which he served all the offices, and was installed W.M. in 1877. He also joined the St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29, of which he is a Past Master. He is a member of the Savage Club Lodge, of which I am at this moment in the proud position of being W.M.; he has been Treasurer for the last two years; he is also a Past First Principal of the Asaph Chapter, and was appointed a Grand Steward in 1885—86, and has been two years a member of the Board of General Purposes; he is a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and Life Governor of the two other Masonic Institutions; he has also served the office of Steward eight times. That M.W. Sir, I think is a Masonic record which would commend itself to any brother. But, apart from all Masonic associations, I venture to assert that the public and private life of Bro. E. O'Connor Terry is such as should commend him to the unanimous suffrages of the brethren in Grand Lodge. For several years past he occupied positions of public trust, and he has discharged the duties appertaining to those positions in a manner which has reflected credit on him as a patriotic citizen. He has also the pleasure of being, among those who have his private acquaintance, a most consistent friend, and, therefore, as I said before, in public and in private life he has shown those attributes which are essential to a good Mason. On those grounds, M.W. Grand Master, I beg to nominate him for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. (Cheers.)

Bro. FERGUSON, P.M. Domatic Lodge, No. 177: M.W. Grand Master in the chair, Grand Wardens, Grand Officers, and Brethren,—I have also to nominate a distinguished Mason for the office of Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge, a brother who has worked justly and honestly in Masonry for 30 years—(applause)—one who has worked in founding lodges, and in keeping those lodges going in a manner that they have been enabled to supply large sums of money to the Charities. He is not only a brother who exercises Charity in general, but he is forward in promoting the same virtue in others. I have very great pleasure in proposing Bro. George Everett—(cheers)—Past Master, and Treasurer of the Domatic Lodge; founder and Past Master of the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381; founder and Past Master of the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, and about seven years its Treasurer; he is a founder, Past Master, and Treasurer of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012. He has not only laboured in Craft Masonry but also in Arch; he is Past Z. of the Rose of Denmark Chapter, No. 975; Past Z., founder, and Treasurer of the Kennington Chapter, No. 1381; he also has served the office of Steward five times; he has been the means, as a member of the lodges with which he has been connected, in subscribing money which they might not have done, and had not done until he was their Treasurer, one of them being the Domatic Lodge, and by the example that he has shown the brethren themselves have supplied far more to the funds of Grand Lodge of England. He has also made himself a Vice-President of each of the three Masonic Charities. Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren,—I think a record of services like that shows that this brother is worthy of being elected Grand Treasurer. I have been deputed by the brethren of the various Masonic bodies with which he has been connected to represent to you that we have a perfectly worthy brother among us, one whose merits have been pretty well explained by what he has done. I might say that he is an independent man; free from the anxieties and cares of business; and with these qualifications, as I have laid them before you, I am sure you will think he is a proper person for the office of Grand Treasurer. (Cheers.)

Bro. BEACH having enquired whether there was any other nomination for the office of Grand Treasurer, and receiving no reply, said the next business was appointing and investing the President of the Board of Benevolence. The M.W.G.M., he said, had appointed Bro. Robert Grey President of the Board of Benevolence. (Cheers.)

Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., was then re-invested as President of the Board of Benevolence amidst loud applause.

Bro. BEACH announced that Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., had been re-elected Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Charles Alexander Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, of that Board—(renewed cheering)—and that the following brethren were elected the 12 Past Masters to serve on the Board: Bros. George Pole Britten, 183; William Peter Brown, 90; Thomas Cull, 1446; George A. Cundy, 901; Charles Dairy, 141; James Burgess Grieve, 1351; Lewis Christopher Haslip, 813; David D. Mercer, 1641; George Read, 511; Francis R. Spaul, 1768; Robert J. Taylor, 144; and Alfred Cooper Woodward, 1538.

The following recommendations of the Board of Benevolence for grants from Grand Lodge were adopted:

	£	s.	d.
A brother of the St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39, Exeter ...	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 673, Liverpool ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, No. 1007, Loughborough ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Temperance, No. 169, London ...	100	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Justice, No. 147, Deptford ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21, London ...	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the St. Margaret's Lodge, No. 1872, Surbiton ...	75	0	0
A brother of the Fort Lodge, No. 1528, Newquay ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Royal Leopold Lodge, No. 1669, Camberwell ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Meridian Lodge of St. John, No. 729, Melbourne, Victoria ...	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the All Souls' Lodge, No. 170, Weymouth ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 422, Gainsborough ...	50	0	0

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted:

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

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of November inst., showing a Balance in the Bank

of England of £4026 os. 8d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100, and Balance of Annual Allowance for Library £24 8s. 7d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
20th November, 1888.

Bro. JOHN F. H. WOODWARD, P.G. Swd. Br., then moved—

"That in Rule 210, Book of Constitutions, the five words, 'receive due notice in writing' in line 4, be taken out, and the following inserted in their place: 'had due notice sent to him in writing by the Secretary of his Lodge in a registered letter to his last known address.'"

"Also, in line 10, to add the words 'who vote' after the word 'present.'"

The Worshipful Brother said, as far as he was aware, this was the only rule in the Book of Constitutions that worked badly. In his Province of Middlesex several Secretaries of lodges had written to him to know what course they should take. The rule, as at present framed, threw on the Master and Secretary of a lodge the onus of proving that a brother summoned had received the notice, and if he appealed to the Board of General Purposes, the Board would rightly require the Secretary to prove the brother had received the notice in accordance with the requirements. If the notice when posted was registered, that would be proof. With regard to the second proposition, the addition of the word "vote," he thought that necessary to be inserted, strong objection having been taken against the vote of those who did not vote for exclusion, and not voting at all being taken against exclusion.

Bro. BEAVIS seconded the motion.

Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER objected to tinkering the Book of Constitutions. If there was any difficulty about Rule 210, Rule 211 would set it right. If a brother could show he never had notice, he could not be excluded. If he was excluded he could appeal, and the Board of General Purposes would reinstate him.

Bro. PHILBRICK advised the brethren not to make the alteration. Before the Book of Constitutions was revised, a very strong Committee took four years to go over the old Book. The proposed alterations were submitted to all the lodges on the roll, and were thoroughly discussed in Grand Lodge. As to the second part of the motion, the rule now was that before a vote on such a question as that of expulsion was taken, the Master must count the brethren in the lodge. If he found two-thirds voted for the exclusion that was enough; he did not have to put the contrary. The present rule was a safeguard against a tyrant majority—a word he did not wish to use against brethren, for he did not suppose that any brother would try to stab a brother in the dark.

Bro. THOMAS FENN supported Bro. Philbrick.

The motion of Bro. Woodward was then put and lost.

Bro. PHILBRICK, O.C., G. Registrar, brought up the following appeal:—By the Star in the East Lodge, No. 918, Queenstown, South Africa, against a ruling of the District Grand Master of South Africa (E.D.) cancelling a sentence of exclusion passed by the lodge on a brother for alleged Masonic offences. The brother in question had been excluded by his lodge because he belonged to, and was Master of, a Scottish lodge in the same district, and had said he should induce candidates and joining members to join that lodge. The District G.M. cancelled the sentence of exclusion, and the lodge appealed. Bro. Philbrick advised that the appeal should be dismissed. There was nothing un-Masonic in a brother of an English lodge being a member of a Scotch or Irish lodge.

Bro. FENN seconded the motion of Bro. Philbrick.

The appeal was dismissed, and the District Grand Master's decision upheld.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge took place at the Town Hall, Swindon, on Thursday, the 22nd ult., being held under the banner of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355. The P.G.M., Bro. Lord Methuen, was unavoidably prevented from attending, and in his absence the chair was filled by Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, P.G.W. England, the Deputy P.G.M., who was supported by the following Prov. Grand Officers and brethren: Bros. H. J. Birch, as P.S.G.W.; W. J. Mann, as P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. A. Lloyd, G. Chap. England, as P.G. Chap.; F. H. Goldney, P.G. Treas.; B. H. Watts, P.G. Reg.; Harry Bevir, P.G. Sec.; F. Griffin, P.S.G.D.; John Bryant, P.J.G.D.; G. J. Farrington, P.G. Supt. of Works; J. Chandler, Past P.S.G.W., P.G.D.C.; E. Jones, P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Burt, as P.G.S.B.; W. S. Bainbridge, Mus. Bac., P.G. Org.; J. Green, as P.G. Purst.; H. C. Tombs, P.G.D. England; Alfred Plummer, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Ringer, P.P.J.G.W.; W. H. Brinkworth, P.P.G. Org.; and others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was attended by Bro. Henry Wilson, P.P. J.G.W. Worcester, and Bro. W. Purnell, P.P.G.S.B. Bristol, and by a considerable number of brethren, being members of No. 355 and of the Gooch Lodge, No. 1295, as well as by brethren from all parts of the province.

The roll of the various lodges was called, and it was found that each lodge was duly represented.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge having been printed and circulated, were taken as read, and were duly confirmed.

The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. H. BEVIR, then read, as a report, the minutes of the Board of General Purposes, held prior to the assembling of the Provincial Grand Lodge, from which report it appeared that the Prov. Grand Treasurer's account had been duly audited, with the following result: General account—balance in hand of £1 15s. 11d., after paying a donation of £52 10s. to the Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies and India, and the working expenses of Provincial Grand Lodge. Charity account—balance in hand of £75 17s. 9d., out of which the Board recommended that £26 5s. should be granted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and placed on the list of Bro. W. H. Burt, whose Stewardship for that Institution, on behalf of the Province of Wilts, had been approved by the Board.

The report was received and unanimously adopted.

The P.G. REGISTRAR (Bro. B. H. Watts) then presented his report, which, having been printed and circulated, was taken as read. It noted the increase in the number of Masons in the province, the larger receipts, the increased amount subscribed to Charitable purposes, and the greater voting power of the province.

The report was adopted, with a very hearty vote of thanks to the P.G. Reg. for the trouble he had kindly undertaken in preparing it.

In the absence of Bro. W. Nott, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. Charity Sec., his report on behalf of the Provincial Benevolent Fund and Charity Organisation Committee was then read, as follows:

The Charity Secretary, on behalf of the Committee, has the honour to report as follows:—

BENEVOLENT FUND.—Eight years have now passed since the establishment of this Fund, and, owing to the exceptionally good fortune which the province has experienced in having had no claim made upon it, the Fund is now represented by an accumulation of £335 1s. 2d. in Consols, and £78 5s. 3d. in the Treasurer's hands. Judging from the experience of similar organisations in other provinces, the exceptional immunity from any claim which Wiltshire has enjoyed can hardly be expected to continue, and it is therefore a subject for congratulation that the Fund has already reached such a substantial amount.

The Committee has strongly felt that all the lodges in the province should contribute to the Benevolent Fund—every lodge being entitled to participate in its benefits,—and accordingly, at a recent meeting, passed a resolution expressing this feeling, and directed a copy of such resolution to be sent to every lodge.

CHARITY ORGANISATION.—The work of the "Western Provinces Charity Association" having increased, it has been found necessary to adopt for its guidance certain definite rules, the principal, so far as this province is concerned, being one under which the eight several provinces in the Union will bear, in definite proportions, the expenses of the Association (which, however, will be but trifling). The proportion of Wiltshire will be one twelfth.

At the elections for the Masonic Institutions during the present year Wiltshire had only one candidate, viz., Frederick Joseph Harris, son of a late member of the Longleat Lodge, 1478, Warminster, who was adopted by the Committee at its meeting in March last, and having been placed on the list of candidates for the 26th October election, was then successful at the first attempt, and this with no waste of votes since he was last on the list of those who succeeded.

Several candidates from the other provinces forming the "Western Provinces Charity Association" were also successful during the year.

The associated provinces have between them something like 70 recipients of the benefits of the Masonic Charities, Wiltshire alone having three boys, two girls, and two widows, representing something like £400 per annum.

The Festival of the Girls' School this year having been the Centenary of that Institution, especial efforts were made by its supporters to raise funds which would enable them to carry out a much needed extension of the School Buildings. The result was most satisfactory, for at the Festival which took place at the Albert Hall, on the 7th of June last, under the presidency of the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, an approximate sum of £51,483 18s. was realized. To this Wiltshire contributed £340 8s. 6d., through the medium of six Stewards, viz.: The P.G.M., Lord Methuen; Bros. W. J. Mann, £285 6s. 6d.; William Nott, £10 10s.; Rev. the Hon. Sidney Meade, £10 10s.; F. S. Hancock, £10 10s.; and R. W. Merriman, £23 12s.

All the ordinary votes of lodges and private subscribers are now, with but nominal exceptions, regularly placed at the disposal of the Charity Organisation Committee of the Province, whilst extra votes to a considerable extent are also frequently sent in, principally through the medium of Lodge No. 626.

The votes which have during the last three years been rendered available for the work of the Committee have reached the following numbers:—

	1886.	1887.	1888.
ORDINARY VOTES—Royal Masonic Institution for Boys	560	637	652
Royal Masonic Institution for Girls	467	472	597
Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons	223	223	243
Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Widows	212	218	250
EXTRA VOTES—for Boys and Girls	—	240	116
	1462	1790	1858

It will be noticed that the above figures show a steady and satisfactory increase from year to year.

The report was approved, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. W. Nott for the same.

The Prov. Grand Secretary was requested in conveying the vote of thanks to Bro. Nott to assure him of the deep regret which the brethren entertained at his absence from the Provincial Grand Lodge, through illness, and the unanimous expression of their hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. H. C. TOMBS drew attention to the fact that some of the lodges in the province did not subscribe to the Provincial Grand Benevolent Fund, and expressed a hope that they would give the matter serious consideration, as he thought it was the duty of every lodge in the province to support that fund. He gave notice of a proposition on the subject to be brought before the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. J. A. LLOYD, G. Chap., gave notice of his intention at the next Provincial Grand Lodge to propose an amendment to the by-laws by providing that every brother advanced to provincial rank shall receive a certificate of his appointment without paying any further fee, beyond the fee of honour provided by the by-laws.

Bro. Sir GABRIEL GOLDNEY then addressed the brethren, explaining the absence of Bro. Lord Methuen, and expressing his regret at Bro. Nott's illness. He referred with much gratification to the fact that Bro. Lloyd, a P.G. Chap. of the Province, had been appointed Grand Chaplain of England, and after alluding to the presence in the Provincial Grand Lodge that day of Bro. C. N. P. Phipps, the High Sheriff of Wiltshire, in his capacity of W.M. of the recently founded White Horse Lodge, No. 2227, at Westbury, concluded a most interesting address by referring to the inquiry now pending with regard to the Boys' School, in which he believed the brethren to take great interest.

Bro. F. H. Goldney was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, and Bro. John Savory (who has held the office continuously since 1869) was re-elected Prov. Grand Tyler.

Bro. Wm. Dean, Tyler No. 355, was appointed Prov. Assistant Grand Tyler.

The D.P.G.M. then declared all offices vacant, and approved and invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. Campbell Maclean, 355 and 1295	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
Edward Baverstock Merriman, 1533	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. Wm. N. C. Wheeler, 1271	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
F. H. Goldney, 626	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Benjamin Hicks Watts, 335 and 626	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
Harry Bevir, 355	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
Walter Hugo Reed, 227	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
Henry Kemble, 345	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
J. Howard Foley, 632 and 2227	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
John Chandler, 355	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
W. L. Martin, 355	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
Francis Barton, 1271	...	...	Prov. G.S.Br.
W. H. Brinkworth, 626	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
E. E. Bartlett, 586	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
A. H. Lapham, 626	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
John Savory, 355	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The business of the Provincial Grand Lodge being concluded, the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Goddard Arms Hotel, Swindon, which was presided over by Sir Gabriel Goldney, and attended by about 60 brethren, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

CONSECRATION OF THE THORNHAM LODGE, No. 2279.

The consecration of the above lodge took place at St. Paul's National Schools, Royton, near Oldham, on Wednesday, the 28th ult. The ceremony was performed by the Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, assisted by Bros. E. Bigoe Bagot, P.M., P.G. Chap. East Lancs., P.P.G. Chap. Cheshire; Abraham Clegg, acting D.P.G.M. East Lancs.; James McLaren, P.S.G.W.; J. J. Meakin, P.J.G.W.; Jno. Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; Pemberton, P.G. D.C. East Lancs.; and other Prov. Grand Officers.

The brethren having assembled in the lodge room, the Consecrating Officer, with his assistant officers, together with such Grand and Prov. Grand Officers as were present, entered into procession, when the Presiding Officer took the chair. There were present—

Bros. John E. Harrison, 1011; J. W. Riley, 1561; T. Sykes, 252; J. R. Meacock and R. J. H. Riley, of 277; J. Gullagher, E. F. Wigg, Ambrose G. Howarth, P.M.; B. C. Mattinson, W.M.; James Mihie, Henry F. Murphy, and Thomas Collins, of 467; T. H. Duckworth, P.M., T. W. T. Cocker, and James McKennell, 277; John Riley, John Heywood, Luke Wield, S.D., and Joseph Brierley, of 467; William Wilson, Jno. Chadwick, J.W., and Frank Lawton, of 277; A. Lewtas, 1588; B. Halliwell, 1496; Thos. Partington, 1868; Joseph Wardle, 854; James Wilton and A. Mills, of 1886; F. Kelly, 854; S. Dawson, W.M., Chas. Turner, P.M., and W. Dumville, P.M. of 1011; William Fielding, P.M., 298; Thomas Higson, P.M., P.G. Tyler; G. W. Irving, P.M., P.G. Std.; W. Collinge, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; S. W. Richardson, P.M. 1549; E. Hulton, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; James Cookson, W.M. 1080, P.G.D.C.; Abraham Pemberton, P.M. 1030; John Kenyon, P.M. 348; A. E. Campbell, 277; Samuel Ayland, W.M. 1134; Edward Entwistle, 999; Walter Owen Pettitt, I.P.M. 1055; Robert G. Bennett, 1534; John Salnan, P.M. 163; James Kershaw, I.P.M. 1011; John Chadwick, I.G. 277; John Williams, S.D. 1011; Henry Jones, 1011; John Crabtree, 1129; Geo. Samuel Smith, P.M. 1134; J. Bowdon, P.M. 467; John Greaves, P.M. 277; B. Matley, P.M.; Colonel Le Gendre Starkie, P.G.M. East Lancashire; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.J.G.W., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; John Chadwick, P.G. Swd. Br., P.G. Sec. East Lancashire; James McLaren, acting Dep. P.S.G.W. East Lancashire; J. J. Meekin, P.J.G.W.; Abraham Clegg, acting Dep. P.G.M. East Lancashire; James Newton, P.A.G. Sec.; Samuel Warburton, P.G.S.B.; James Wilkinson, P.M. 298, P.P.G.S.; William Davies, P.P.A.G.P.; W. M. Holt, P.M. 317, P.P.G.T.; E. J. Jennings, P.M. 1450, P.P.G.S.B.; Geo. Board, P.M., P.J.G.D.; C. D. Cheetham, P.M., P.J.G.D.; Thos. Woodcock, P.A.G.D.C.; Joseph Mellor, P.M., P.G.S.B.; Wm. Bagnall, P.M., P.S.G.D.; James Harfind, P.M. 1129; J. W. Kenyon, P.M. 42 and 191; John Holroyd, P.M. 1134, P.G. Supt. of Wks. East Lancashire; H. L. Hollingworth, P.M. 277, P.P.G.T.; Jos. Harling, P.M. 283, P.G.D.; John W. Abbott, P.M.; N. Nicholson, P.M., P.S.G.D.; R. Williamson, P.M., P.S.G.D.; E. B. Bagot, P.G. Chap.; and Walter H. Vaughan, P.G. Registrar.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER then addressed the brethren on the nature of the work which had called them together, and requested the Prov. Grand Chaplain to give the opening prayer.

The Presiding Officer was then addressed by the acting DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER.

The PRESIDING OFFICER then directed the members of the new lodge to be arranged in order, and called upon the Prov. Grand Secretary to read the petition and produce the warrant, which was read in a distinctive manner by Bro. W. H. VAUGHAN, P.G. Reg. When it had been approved by the large number of brethren present in the usual Masonic manner,

A charming oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. E. BIGOE BAGOT, P.M., P.G. Chap. East Lancashire. He said

That in the "Arabian Nights" we read of a fairy tent which a young prince brought hidden in a walnut shell to his father. Placed in the Council Chamber it encanopied the King and his Ministers. Taken into the Court Yard it filled the space till all the household stood beneath the shade. Brought into the midst of the great plain outside the city it spread its mighty awning all around until it gave shelter to a host. It had infinite flexibility, infinite expansiveness, and infinite power of development. So it was with Masonry; it had covered Europe with its shadow, it had found acceptance with east and west, with African and American tribes, and it was still spreading in the world and operating unspent by its own divine and earnest vitality. They all rejoiced that the latest development and expansion of the Craft was in their own Province of East Lancashire. When the needy knife grinder in Canning's immortal poem was asked for his history, he replied, "Story! God bless you, I have none to tell Sir!" The position of a Provincial Grand Chaplain when called upon to deliver an oration upon the principles of the Craft was directly the reverse. He suffered from an "embarras des richesses," so wide, so luminous, and so comprehensive was his subject. But among the many aspects and varied hues in which Masonry appeared there were three to which a brief reference would be made—the universality of Masonry, its unity, and its large-heartedness. Freemasonry addressed itself to the universal wants, to the great rudimentary, universally diffused characteristics of human nature. It committed itself to no transient human opinions; it addressed itself to no sectional divisions of mankind; it brushed aside the surface distinctions which separated us one from another, and went right down to the depths of the central identities in which we were all alike. The great Poet of the Lakes said—"We have all one human heart;" and Masonry addressed itself to the common humanity which belonged to all, and to the wants and sorrows and inward consciousness which were the heritage of man as man. Secondly, there was the unity of Masonry. We were living in times when all over the world there was a manifest longing for more of visible unity. France and Germany had both given us new words expressive of this desire for cosmopolitan unity. Conventions, congresses, and assemblies were held, in which representatives from all countries met to exchange ideas and commodities. These were signs which, like the tufts of grass and sprigs of berries which met the eye of Columbus from the masthead of the "Pinta," betokened the vicinity of land. It had been said—whether in poetry or history it matters not—that there was a certain point in the upper atmosphere at which all the discordant sounds of earth, the rattle of wheels, the chime of bells, the roll of the drum, the laugh of the child, and the moan of the beggar all meet and blend together in perfect harmony. Surely if that bright and cultured conception were realised anywhere on earth it would be within the portals of a Masonic lodge. There we meet together in that kindly spirit of friendly intercourse which does not sanction the intrusion of a single uncharitable thought, or require the compromise of one sincere conviction. We did not set up a tabernacle for sect, for party; but united various grades and sections of mankind, diverse elements of conflicting society, in one reasonable and harmonious whole, and on one broad and comprehensive basis. Thirdly, there was the large-heartedness of Masonry; we read in the volume of the Sacred Law that the Great Architect of the Universe gave to our great Grand Master, King Solomon, wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart even as the sand that is on the sea shore. The need of this large heartedness was evident where we observed the hurtful influence of the power of selfishness in the world around; we almost persuaded ourselves that unselfishness was merely some abstract quality to be found in the dictionary alone, and that selfishness, like a moral maelstrom, absorbs every nobler feeling, and then insatiate, turns upon itself and eats its own heart away. Masonry exhibited beautiful contrasts by the bestowments of this largeness of heart, it was taught and inculcated by the magnanimity and nobility of our sentiments, and when the mind and heart were exercised to grasp the great and stupendous ideas connected with the attributes of the Great Creator and His work and procedure, strength and power and vigour were bestowed upon them by the exercise of the thought and grasp of view

necessary to understand these great and majestic fields of contemplation. All that was contracted and unworthy was sought to be replaced by all that was noble and sympathising, and brother was taught to grasp the hand of brother in fraternal recognition. All these principles of Masonry gravitated in one direction, to inspire and stimulate the brethren to the active, practical Benevolence and Charity which were the key note and index of the system:

"Heaven does with us as we with torches do
Not light them for ourselves; for if our virtues
Did not go forth of us, 'twere all alike
As if we had them not. Spirits are not finely touched.

"But to fine issues! Nor nature never lends
The smallest scruple of her excellence;
But, like a thrifty Goddess, she determines
Herself the glory of a Creditor—
Both thanks and use."

There was a large field of labour open to their energy; there are two worlds in which to work—the world of the heart, with its many-phased and wondrous life; the world around us, with its problems waiting for solution and its contradictions yearning for an harmoniser. Masonry exhorted us, with trumpet-tongued earnestness, not to be enchaind in idleness or indolence, enthralled by the blandishments of pleasure, or unmanned by its enervating air. Crude and ignorant objections, unjust and false prejudices against the Craft were often raised. It was often said we were a foolish and silly coterie, clothed in grotesque and unmeaning costume. It was also frequently charged against us that we were selfish and self-indulgent; that our degrees ran parallel with the arrangements of a dinner menu; and the only working tools with which we were cognizant were the knife, the fork, and the corkscrew. The Craft was becoming, day by day, more and more recognised as one of the most important and valuable bodies in the community, embracing a large share of the nobility, rank, intellect, culture, and goodness of the land; and we could now afford to smile complacently at these criticisms. It was not worth the trouble to refute them; and, like the vapid and senseless opposition which every philanthropic and beneficial movement encountered, it would be useless to hope to silence them.

"Destroy his fib and sophistry! In vain!
The creature's at his dirty work again!"

In an age when morality was depreciated, and the newspapers day by day contained the unsavoury records of impurity, dishonesty, and vice; when order was divided, and submission to anything or anybody was coming to be regarded as antagonistic to freedom and intelligence; when ancient loyalty was rapidly disappearing under the name of modern independence—it was not a time to ignore, or weaken, or set at naught a great and generous and loyal Society, which for many generations and in many ages had set forth, and still sets forth, the beauty, the power, the liberty, and the blessing of discipline, obedience, honesty, purity, and subordination. He trusted that the principles and practices of Freemasonry might ever find in that lodge their truest expression, and that from generation to generation the Craft might increase and prosper, placed by the unanimous verdict of society among the salutary and beneficent institutions of the country, enthroned deep in the hearts of its earnest and devoted worshippers, clothed in beauty, health, and vigour; the bloom of never-decaying beauty upon her cheeks, and the light of an immortal youth upon her brow.

An appropriate hymn was then sung by the musical brethren. Then followed the dedication prayer—first portion—after which the brethren all turned to the East, and the Presiding Officer delivered the "Invocation." The Chaplain then read the portion of Scripture appointed for the occasion—II. Chronicles, c. 2, v. 1 to 16. The Presiding Officer and P.G. Chaplain advanced to the mosaic pavement. The lodge board was then disclosed, and the Presiding Officer and his Wardens, bearing the elements of consecration, marched in procession round the lodge three times, halting in the East after each circuit. During this time the choir sang a suitable hymn. The P.G. Chaplain then read Exodus c. xxx., v. 25 and 26. Then came the dedication to "Universal Benevolence" by the Presiding Officer. Musical response, "Glory be to God on High."

The P.G. Chaplain took the censer three times round the lodge slowly, while the choir sang the following hymn:—

"Supreme Grand Master, God of Power,
Be with us in this solemn hour,
Smile on our work, our plans approve,
Fill every heart with joy and love.
Let each discordant thought be gone,
And love unite our hearts in one,
May we in union strong combine,
In work and worship so divine."

And then proceeded with the second part of the Dedication Prayer—response by brethren "So mote it be."

Whilst the Presiding Officer and Chaplain were resuming their places in the East, solemn strains of music from the organ, rendered by Bro. Walter Pettitt, P.M., gave great effect to the concluding portion of the ceremony.

The Presiding Officer then proceeded to constitute the new lodge, and the brethren heartily responded with "So mote it be."

The most interesting ceremony was then brought to a close by the final benediction being given by Bro. E. Bigoe Bagot.

The lodge was then closed to the Fellow Craft Degree. At this stage the Prov. Grand Master retired, and the chair was filled by the Installing Master, Bro. J. H. Sillitoe. The first W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Ambrose J. Haworth, P.M. 1011, was then presented to the Installing Master by Bro. Pemberton, P.G.D.C., and, after the customary formula, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, when Bro. Haworth was installed into the chair of K.S. in a most effective manner. On the brethren being re-admitted Bro. Haworth was proclaimed and saluted by them.

Bro. Hollingworth, P.P.G. Treas. East Lancs., then invested the officers as follows: Bros. Ralph Young, S.W.; J. E. Harrison, J.W.; R. Meacock, Treas.; Whittaker, Sec.; Wigg, Chap.; J. W. Riley, S.D.; Sykes, J.D.; R. H. Riley, I.G.; Bernard C. Mattinson, D.C.; and T. Collins, Tyler.

The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. J. H. SILLITOE; the address to the Wardens, by Bro. PEMBERTON, P.G.D.C.; and to the brethren, by Bro. HOLLINGWORTH, P.P.G.T. East Lancs.

The lodge was closed to the Second Degree, and the W.M. again saluted, and afterwards closed to the First Degree.

At this point the WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed a vote of thanks to the P.G.M. for his services and presence that day. He felt sure, and indeed knew, Col. Starkie was there at great inconvenience to himself, but it only showed the brethren, not only of that lodge, but all the brethren of the province, to what a large extent he was interested in the Craft to make such a sacrifice, and assured the P.G.M. that his presence there that day had

given great pleasure to them all, and concluded by requesting him to become an honorary member of the lodge.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER responded in graceful terms, wishing the lodge every prosperity in the future, and accepting the request as above.

The P.G.M. and his officers then retired from the lodge. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from a large number of visitors present.

The lodge was then closed by the W.M., when many of the large assembly partook of a banquet at the Town Hall.

The furniture, jewels, and clothing for the above consecration were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held on Tuesday, the 4th instant, at the Holborn Restaurant, London. M.W. Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Pro Grand Master, presided. Baron de Ferrieres, R.W. Prov. G.M. of Gloucestershire, occupied the S.G.W. chair, and the Hon. A. de Tatton Egerton took the chair of J.G.W. Bro. C. L. Mason, Deputy G.M. of West Yorkshire, acted as Deputy G.M., and the Rev. Canon Portal, M.W.P.G.M., as Past Grand Master. Among the other brethren who attended were—

Bros. Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett, Prov. G.M. N. and E. Yorks; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W.; Frederick Binckes, P.G.W., G. Sec.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Asst. G. Sec.; C. H. Driver, G.M.O.; Gen. C. W. Randolph, S.G.O.; Ralph Clutton, J.G.O.; Robert Berridge, G.D.C.; Col. F. Gadsden, P.G.O.; Sir R. N. Howard, D.P.G.M. Dorset, P.G.O.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.O.; Henry Venn, P.G.O.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.O.; J. S. Cumberland, P.G.O.; Major A. B. Cook, P.G.O.; Charles Bolton, P.G.O.; J. S. Eastes, P.G.O.; Reginald Mure, P.G.O.; Alfred Williams, P.G.O.; Rev. F. Vernon Bussell, M.A., G. Chap.; Rev. J. A. Lloyd, M.A., G. Chap.; Rev. Hayman Cummines, M.A., D. Prov. G.M. Kent, P.G. Chap.; Rev. T. Cartwright Smyth, D.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorks, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, M.A., D.P.G.M. North Wales, P.G. Chap.; Rev. H. G. Morse, M.A., P.G. Chap.; Edward Letchworth, G. Treas.; James Moon, P.G. Treas.; Frank Richardson, G. Reg.; R. L. Loveland, D.P.G.M. Hants and I. of W.; R. B. Reed, D.P.G.M. Northumberland and Durham; T. Y. Strachan, P. Dep. P.G.M. Northumberland and Durham; C. S. Lane, P.G.D.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.D.; D. P. Cama, P.G.D.; J. Ramsey, A.G.D.C.; James Terry, P.A.G.D.C.; Col. G. H. Haldane, G.S.B.; J. Boulton, P.G.S.B.; George Graveley, P.G.S.B.; Henry Hore, P.G.S.B.; J. T. Briggs, G. Std. Br.; F. Graves, G. Std. Br.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; B. R. Bryant, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Stevenson Hoyte, G. Org.; John Kenyon, G.I.G.; W. Vincent, P.G.I.G.; R. J. Voisey, A.G.I.G.; E. J. Mills, P.A.G.I.G.; H. J. Holdsworth, G. Stwd.; Wyndham Hart, G. Stwd.; G. Miller, G. Stwd.; A. C. Bauke, G. Stwd.; G. Allen, G. Stwd.; L. G. G. Robbins, G. Stwd.; C. Coupland, G. Stwd.; F. Levick, G. Stwd.; H. S. Goodall, P.G. Stwd.; P. L. Simmonds, P.G. Stwd.; H. Massey, P.G. Stwd.; C. W. Hudson, P.G. Stwd.; Jabez Church, P.G. Stwd.; J. D. Birken, P.G. Stwd.; J. Tomkins, P.G. Stwd.; J. C. Collier, P.G. Stwd.; and H. Fajja, P.G. Stwd.

After the minutes of the last half-yearly communication of 5th June, and of the November Grand Lodge, held at Cheltenham, 10th July, had been read and confirmed Bro. BINCKES read the reply of Sir Francis Knollys from the Prince of Wales to the address of condolence on the death of the German Emperor Frederick, as follows:

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W.

Sir Francis Knollys is desired by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to convey to the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons the expression of his sincere and fraternal thanks for the address of condolence which they have unanimously voted on the occasion of the lamented death of the late Emperor Frederick.

August 14th, 1888.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W.

Dear Lord Egerton,

I enclose you a formal reply to the address which you forwarded to me. As regards that part of the address which refers to the Empress Frederick, the Prince of Wales of Wales thinks the best plan to adopt will be for the Lodge to embody what is said in the form of a resolution, and that you should send it to his Excellency the Count Seckendorf, Schloss Friedrichskron, Potsdam, and be laid by him before her Imperial Majesty.

Believe me, yours very truly,

FRANCIS KNOLLYS.

Bro. BINCKES then read the following address of condolence voted to the Empress Frederick:

Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

To her Imperial Majesty Victoria, German Empress and Queen of Prussia, &c., &c.

May it please your Majesty,

At a Moveable Grand Lodge, held at Cheltenham, in the Province of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, on Tuesday, the tenth day of July, 1888, it was proposed by the Most Honourable the Marquess of Hertford, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, in the chair, seconded by the Most Worshipful Bro. Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., &c., Past Grand Master, and resolved unanimously—

"That a humble address of condolence on the lamented death of his Imperial Majesty Frederick, German Emperor and King of Prussia, be presented to her Imperial Majesty Victoria, German Empress and Queen of Prussia, expressive of the deep sympathy felt by the members of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown with her Imperial Majesty on the irreparable loss which her Imperial Majesty has sustained."

EGERTON OF TATTON, Pro Grand Master.

FREDEKICK BINCKES, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons,

SA, Red Lion-square, London.

To his Excellency the Count Seckendorf, Schloss Friedrichskron, Potsdam.

Sir,

By command of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I am instructed to forward to your Excellency copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Grand Lodge, held at Cheltenham, on Tuesday, 10th July, 1888, and to humbly beg that it may be laid before her Imperial Majesty the Empress Victoria.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

EGERTON OF TATTON, Pro Grand Master.

The following reply from Count Von Hatzfeldt, German Ambassador in London, acknowledging receipt of the address was also read:

Germany Embassy, London,

October 16th, 1888.

Dear Marquess,

I am instructed, and have the honour, to convey to you her Imperial Majesty the Empress Queen Frederic's sincerest thanks for the expression of sympathy with the loss of his Majesty the Emperor Frederic, our late lamented Sovereign, contained in the address of the members of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown of the 10th July last.

Believe me, dear Marquess,

Von HATZFELDT, German Ambassador.

The Most Honourable the Marquess of Hertford,

Park Hall, Eversham.

On the motion of the M.W. PRO GRAND MASTER, it was resolved that these documents should be entered on the minutes.

The following report of the General Board was, on the motion of the acting D.G.M., Bro. C. L. MASON, taken as read, received and entered on the minutes:

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

During the six months ending 30th September last, there have been issued: Mark Certificates, 577; total number registered 24,637. Warrants for new lodges, 5, viz.:

- No. 390, Granville, Deal, Kent.
- „ 391, Lewis, Lewes, Sussex.
- „ 392, Sanford, Dugshai, Bengal.
- „ 393, Liverpool, Liverpool, Lancashire.
- „ 394, Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Lancashire.

Royal Ark Mariners Certificates, 162; total number registered, 2637. Warrant for new lodge, viz., Jordan, attached to Jordan Lodge, No. 319, Torquay.

The following Provincial Grand Masters have been appointed: Bro. Col. G. E. L. Somerset Sanford, C.B., Bengal, in succession to R.W. Bro. Brigr.-Gen. G. B. Wolesley, C.B.; R.W. Bro. G. F. Travers-Drapes, Burma, in succession to R.W. Bro. Rev. J. Fairclough; R.W. Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres, Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, in the place of R.W. Bro. John Walker; R.W. Bro. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, North and East Yorkshire, in the place of R.W. Bro. J. Woodall Woodall; R.W. Bro. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, Mediterranean, this province having been for some years in charge of the Deputy P.G.M., V.W. Bro. Watson, P.G.O.

Patents of the following brethren have been renewed for terms of three years:

- R.W. Bro. Rt. Hon. Earl of Jersey, Berks and Oxon.
- M.W. „ Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., Hants and Isle of Wight.
- R.W. „ Rev. F. Robinson, M.A., Kent.

A Moveable Grand Lodge was held at Cheltenham on the 10th July, 1888, which was presided over by the R.W. Bro. the Marquess of Hertford, D.G.M., and attended by a large number of Present and Past Grand Officers and other brethren. After the R.W. Bro. Baron de Ferrieres had been installed as Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, it was proposed by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by the M.W. Bro. Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., Past Grand Master, and carried unanimously, that the following address of condolence be presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.:

"Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

"To His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, K.G., &c.

"Most Worshipful Grand Master,

"May it please your Royal Highness, at a Moveable Grand Lodge, held at Cheltenham, Province of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, on Tuesday, 10th July, 1888, it was proposed by the Most Noble the Marquess of Hertford, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, in the chair, seconded by M.W. Bro. Rev. Canon Portal, Past Grand Master, and unanimously resolved—

"That a humble address of condolence on the lamented death of his Imperial Majesty Frederick, German Emperor and King of Prussia, be presented to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and that his Royal Highness, the M.W. Grand Master, be humbly requested to convey to her Imperial Majesty, Victoria, German Empress and Queen of Prussia, the deep sympathy felt by the Members of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies of the British Crown, with her Imperial Majesty in the irreparable loss which her Imperial Majesty has sustained."

His Royal Highness was pleased to accept the address, and to return the following reply:—

Marlborough House.

"Sir Francis Knollys is desired by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, to convey to the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons the expression of his sincere and fraternal thanks for the address of condolence which they have unanimously voted on the occasion of the lamented death of the late Emperor Frederick.

"August 14, 1888."

There is invested on behalf of the General Fund the sum of £2800.

The Board acknowledge, with thanks, copies of Reports of Proceedings from Grand Chapter of Michigan, Arkansas, New York, Scotland, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Nebraska, and Canada.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Twentieth Annual Festival was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on 25th July, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. the Marquess of Hertford, Deputy Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, supported by a most efficient Board of Stewards, and attended by a large number of ladies and brethren.

The sum of £1818 2s. was announced on this occasion, and the thanks of the Mark Degree are due to the 188 Stewards whose zeal and liberality were instrumental in producing this satisfactory result.

With a view to still further extend the benefits and usefulness of the Fund, the Board recommend that the Annuity payable to Male Annuitants be increased to £26, and that to the Female Annuitants of £21, and that a sum of £5 be annually presented at Christmas to each Annuitant for the purpose of procuring clothing or fuel, or other necessities; and that the Book of Constitutions, page 76 clause viii., and page 79 clause iv. be altered accordingly.

Joseph Stafford Taverner, son of the late Bro. Jos. W. Taverner, has been admitted to the benefits of the Educational Branch as a pupil to be educated at King Edward VI. Grammar School, Nuneaton.

On consideration of the reports of progress of the various pupils, which are highly satisfactory, the Board have awarded the silver medals for proficiency to Thomas Montagu Quinn, a pupil at the North London Collegiate School, Camden Town, and to Alice White, a pupil at Summerbrook School, Reading.

The total investments on behalf of the several branches of the Mark Benevolent Fund are—

Benevolent Fund	...	...	...	...	£2100
Educational Fund	...	...	...	...	2200
Annuity Fund	...	...	...	...	2800

The Board have relieved the following cases:

Bro. F. H., No. 97	...	...	...	...	£20
„ J. A., No. 220	...	...	...	...	5
„ J. A., Nos. 14 and 24	...	...	...	...	20
„ H. D. M. W., No. 267	...	...	...	...	20
„ E. J. W. T. (Foreign)	...	...	...	...	10

And recommended to Grand Lodge:

Mrs. P., widow of Bro. P., No. 39	...	...	...	...	£25
Mrs. C., „ Bro. C., Nos. 36 and 302	...	...	...	...	30

(Signed) G. R. PORTAL, Past G.M.M.M., President.

The Grand Treasurer's accounts are as follows:

DR.	GENERAL FUND.		
To Balance, 31st March, 1888	...	...	£672 2 4
„ Half-Year's receipts	...	...	774 13 6
„ Interest on Investments	...	...	53 12 5
			£1500 8 3

CR.				
By Expenditure	...	...	...	£896 4 1
„ Investments	...	...	...	398 18 6
„ Bank Charge	...	...	...	2 1 8
„ Balance	...	...	...	203 4 0
				£1500 8 3

DR.		BENEVOLENT FUND.		
To Balance, 31st March, 1888	...	...	...	£238 19 3
„ Interest...	...	...	...	40 11 11
„ Stock Realised	...	...	...	530 6 6
				£809 17 8

CR.				
By Grants in Relief	...	...	...	£122 15 0
„ Investments	...	...	...	598 7 3
„ Balance	...	...	...	88 15 5
				£809 17 8

DR.		EDUCATION FUND.		
To Balance, 31st March, 1888	...	...	...	£134 2 7
„ Interest...	...	...	...	44 18 6
„ Stock Realised	...	...	...	318 4 0
				£497 5 1

CR.				
By Education Fees	...	...	...	£140 5 4
„ Investments	...	...	...	299 3 9
„ Balance	...	...	...	57 16 0
				£497 5 1

DR.		ANNUITY FUND.		
To Balance, 31st March, 1888	...	...	...	£105 1 8
„ Interest...	...	...	...	52 17 8
„ Stock Realised	...	...	...	742 9 0
				£900 8 4

CR.				
By Annuities	...	...	...	£40 0 0
„ Investments	...	...	...	797 16 0
„ Balance	...	...	...	62 12 4
				£900 8 4

DR.		BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL ACCOUNT.		
To Balance, 31st March, 1888	...	...	...	£48 13 0
„ Half-Year's Receipts	...	...	...	1401 7 9
				£1460 0 9

CR.				
By Bank Charges	...	...	...	£2 1 8
„ Donation returned, paid twice in error	...	...	...	5 5 0
„ Balance	...	...	...	1442 14 1
				£1450 0 9

DR.		MARK MASTER MASONS FUND OF BENEVOLENCE BANK ACCOUNT.		
To Balance as per Pass Book, 31st September, 1888	...	...	...	£1651 17 10
				£1651 17 10

CR.				
By Balance Account of Benevolent Fund	...	...	...	£88 15 5
„ „ Education Fund	...	...	...	57 16 0
„ „ Annuity Fund	...	...	...	62 12 4
„ „ Festival Accounts	...	...	...	1442 14 1
				£1651 17 10

Audited and approved this 1st day of November, 1888,
 CHARLES EDWARD SOPPRT, P.G.O.,
 Auditor.

M.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon PORTAL moved:

That the Annuity payable to Male Annuitants be increased to £26, and that to Female Annuitants to £21, and that a sum of £5 be annually presented at Christmas to each Annuitant for the purpose of procuring clothing or fuel, or other necessaries; and that the Book of Constitutions, page 76, clause viii., and page 79, clause iv., be altered accordingly.

He said that with regard to this motion it was only necessary to inform Grand Lodge that their Annuity Fund amounted now to a considerable sum, no less, according to the report the brethren had in their hands than £2800; and thanks to the exertions of the Stewards from year to year at all the festivals their funds were increasing to a large extent annually. Last festival the sum realised was £1818. Therefore, being in very good funds indeed, he did not think Grand Lodge could do better than increase the amount of the annuities to ten shillings a week to the males and eight shillings a week to the females, to all those who from unfortunate circumstances were compelled to appeal to Grand Lodge for assistance. He could assure Grand Lodge it was well to give them also a gratuity of £5 at Christmas in order that they might provide themselves with some little comfort. They had now four male annuitants and no females, and they could well afford to do it.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, G. Reg., said that in seconding the motion, he could add nothing to what had been said by Canon Portal. The matter had been very carefully considered by the Board, and he trusted their decision would meet with the approbation of all the brethren.

The motion was put and carried.

The other recommendations in the report were then read by Canon PORTAL, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, and carried unanimously.

On the motion of Canon PORTAL, P.G.M., seconded by Bro. C. L. MASON, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, the report of the General Board was adopted.

Lord EGERTON of TATTON: Brethren,—I have now formally to nominate

the Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, for election as Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Cheers.)

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH: I have great pleasure in nominating for election to the office of Grand Treasurer, Bro. Henry Faija, P.S.G.W. Middx. and Surrey, P.M. of the Grosvenor Lodge, and first Master of the Davison Lodge.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH: I have much pleasure in nominating Bro. W. M. Stiles, Old Kent (Time Immemorial) Lodge, and founder of the Royal Savoy Lodge, as Treasurer.

Charity Festival jewels were then awarded to the following brethren who served as Stewards at the last Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The following brethren received jewels:

Bros. T. R. Arter, J. Belcher, Col. A. J. Briggs, G. M. Bond, B. R. Bryant, Rev. F. V. Bussell, J. K. R. Cama, R. B. Cater, S. B. Catterson, R. Clutton, J. R. Cocks, T. Cohu, J. C. Collier, H. E. Cousins, H. O. Crane, H. Creed, A. Evert, R. H. Hon. the Earl of Euston, the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, C. Fendelow, W. Fisher, W. Forrest, H. Fisher, G. Galloway, F. Graves, J. B. Green, Robt. Grey, F. R. Hales, Augustus Harris, H. P. Hay, G. C. Heron, Most Hon. the Marquess of Hertford, C. Y. Huldgate, H. S. Holdsworth, Sir R. N. Howard, F. R. W. Hedges, G. W. P. Harris, W. Hillman, H. M. Imbert Terry, E. H. Jennings, Dr. W. H. Kempster, C. E. Keyser, E. Lea, J. E. Lees, Rev. J. A. Lloyd, R. A. Luck, J. P., C. H. McKay, G. Milner, H. McCalmont, J. Naysmith, H. C. Okeover, J. C. Onions, the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett, E. Palmer, Rev. J. N. Palmer, Major-General C. W. Randolph, P. Saillard, the Right Hon. Lord Saltoun, G. Saxby, H. Stocker, J. Strachan, H. Tipper, Rev. W. Valentine, M.A., C. Waters, G. H. Wilkinson, jun., W. Woodward, and F. Hughes Hallett.

The following brethren received bars:

Bros. H. W. G. Abell, Capt. G. P. Airey, Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, J. E. Anderson, Chas. Belton, F. T. T. Bennett, R. Berridge, J. D. Birkin, D. T. Briggs, A. R. Carter, Jabez Church, F. C. Cleaves, G. Cooper, T. Cubitt, Rev. Hayman, Cummings, W. J. Cunliffe, Baron de Ferrieres, C. H. Driver, J. S. Eastes, J. W. Edwards, R. J. Emmerson, W. J. Frier, G. Fletcher, J. Gardiner, Capt. C. H. Garnett, A. F. Godson, M.P., G. Graveley, E. G. Harwood, C. W. Hudson, W. Jaffrey, A. H. Jefferis, S. Kelly, G. Kenning, J. Kenyon, F. S. Knyvett, Major Geo. Lambert, J. P. Lewin, J. Lane, J. H. Lane, H. J. Lardner, R. Loveland Loveland, W. Maple, C. L. Mason, M. Mildred, H. Massey, C. F. Matier, G. Norman, Sir Love Jones Parry, Bart., G. Powell, G. Page, F. Richardson, Rev. T. Robinson, J. Ramsay, J. G. Gordon Robbins, T. H. Smith, Col. Patrick Stirling, H. Stone, Jack Sutcliffe, P. A. Scratchley, J. Terry, W. J. Thompson, Percy Wallis, H. Ward, A. Williams, W. B. Williamson, J. Witting, jun., S. B. Wilson, A. Woodiwiss, A. F. Warrillow, J. Wilson, and R. Young.

Bro. BINCKES read a list of brethren from whom letters of apology had been received by him for inability to attend on this occasion.

Apologies were received from Bros. Most Hon. the Marquess of Hertford, D.G.M.; Right Hon. Lord Henniker, P.G.M.; Sir E. Lechmere, Bart., P.D.G.M.; Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, S.G.W.; and others.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a choice banquet, and subsequently honoured the usual toasts.

HIGH DEGREES.—We have already said a good deal on this subject under GRADES, HIGH, and we do not think it needful to dilate upon it here again. Suffice it to observe that the High Degrees, "Les Hautes Grades," may all, we believe, be traced back to Chevalier Ramsey, though, such as they are, they are the amplification and development of his more modest addition to the Craft Degrees. At the same time, it is but fair to observe that recent investigations seem to show that, before Ramsey, in England an Hermetic Society existed, though of its exact nature there seems some doubt. It may have been only an adaptation of the older Rosicrucian confraternity, the historical "Fratres Rosæ Crucis;" or it may even have been a quasi revival of the same. That the real Rosicrucians existed, is, we apprehend, incontestable; what their connection with English Masonic Hermeticism, is another and very different question. We prefer, as we have said more than once, the simpler system of our English Grand Lodge, which limits true and ancient Masonry to the Three Degrees and the Royal Arch.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

DALCHO, FREDERICK.—A brother who played an important part in the history of American Freemasonry. Mackey's account of him is the best we have seen, and the fullest. He was, it seems, born in London in 1770, of Prussian descent. He emigrated to Baltimore on his father's death, and was there brought up for the medical profession. He served in the American army as a medical officer, but resigned his commission in 1799, and settled at Charleston, where he resumed his medical practice with a certain Isaac Auld. In 1818 Dr. Dalcho was ordained a priest in the American Protestant Episcopal Church, and the same year was elected assistant minister at St. Michael's Church, Charleston, where he laboured until his death in 1836. He published more than one religious work, and edited for some time the "Gospel Messenger." He is supposed to have been initiated into Masonry in an Athol Lodge, but when exactly is not known. In 1801 he was admitted into the 33rd Degree of the A. and A. S. Rite, and soon after aided to form the "Supreme Council" of that body at Charleston. So much interest did he take in this high grade, that Mackey and others term him actually one of the founders of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in its present arrangement, a position which his own acceptance into the 33^o previously renders improbable and impossible. We cannot accept the Charleston arrangement of the rite, and feel sure that it is an error historically and critically. In 1803 Dalcho published his "Orations," which are undoubtedly able productions; and in 1807 he published at the request of the Grand Lodge of York Masons in South Carolina, another "Ahiman Rezon," based on Dermott's original work. In 1808 he became Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and he seems to have devoted all his energies to the union of the two Grand Lodges which then claimed the allegiance of the South Carolina Masons. In 1817 the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of South Carolina, and the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons of South Carolina, became happily one united Grand Lodge under the appellation of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of South Carolina, and Bro. Dalcho was appointed Grand Chaplain, which post he filled for many years, delivering a public address or sermon on the Festival of St. John. In 1822 he prepared a second edition of "Ahiman Rezon," and in 1823, in consequence of an unpleasant controversy, which more especially related to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, he retired from Masonry, and gave up for the remainder of his life, as Mackey tells us—to whose biography we are indebted for our main "précis" of it—"all participation in the active duties of Masonry." He was an instructed and earnest member of our Order, and we must all regret such a termination to his Masonic career.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

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gram was not in time to alter the date of Burns' last visit
to Edinburgh from 16th September to 20th October, 1787.—
Vide Freemason, December 1st, 1888, "The Poet Burns."

The following communications among others unavoidably
stand over:—

INSTRUCTION—

Islington Lodge, No. 1471.

Wanderers Lodge, No. 1604.

Kensington Lodge, No. 1767.

St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"South African Freemason," "The Tyler," "Victorian Free-
mason," and "Keystone."



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1888.

Original Correspondence.

BRO. WOODWARDS' MOTIONS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I had intended to speak in Grand Lodge last night upon the suggested alterations in the Book of Constitutions, but it appeared to me to be unnecessary after the clear statement and argument of the Grand Registrar. In such an assembly unnecessary speechifying is much to be avoided. But notwithstanding the decision of Grand Lodge I have found so much misapprehension to exist, especially among distinguished Grand Officers connected with the Metropolitan counties, that I ask your leave now to express the view I should have urged at the time.

Stripped of technicality and mere phraseology, if I understand the matter, the questions submitted practically were two.

I.—Before a proposition for exclusion can be entertained by a Lodge ought proof of personal service of notice to be insisted on?

II.—Ought the vote required to be a given proportion of those present or of those voting?

The suggested amendment would have left the matter so far as No. I. is concerned—just where it is. The registration of a letter is no better proof of service than the posting of a letter in the ordinary way. No doubt in our legal processes requiring personal service, a power resides in the Court to sanction a substituted service on application disclosing sufficient cause. *Theoretically* therefore it may be our Constitutions would be more perfect if some provision were made for some such dispensing power. But what is the *practical* grievance justifying what was called "finkering" the Book of Constitutions? If the obnoxious brother whom it is desired to exclude, ever appears in Lodge, it cannot be contended by the officers that they do not know where he is, and personal notice of any proceeding can be then and there given to him. If he *never* appears, the lodge need do nothing, for he excludes himself—and his name without much strain of legality may reasonably drop out of the list of members.

Upon question II. it seems to me the existing law is absolutely right. Exclusion is so severe a penalty that it ought to require the *active* co-operation of two-thirds of those present. It is surely conceivable that brethren present may not be able to make up their minds to exclude, but still hesitate to vote so as to express some toleration of conduct objected to. But until they can make up their minds can any other conclusion be possible than that it would be unjust to exclude.

The Grand Registrar last night quoted a wise saying that "Hard cases make bad law." It is not wise to attempt to change the law to meet special cases if such exist, and I submit that the decision of Grand Lodge last night was sound and judicious.—Yours faithfully,

Holland Park, SAMUEL POPE, P.G.D.
6th December, 1888.



Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This old lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. Hakim, W.M.; Steng, S.W.; Wetzlar, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Langdale, S.D.; Bye, J.D.; Sheppard, I.G.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.W. Middx.; Fronholtz, P.M.; Coop, P.M.; Hudson, P.M.; Cotham, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Godfrey was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. in a most admirable manner.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned. There was no banquet.

LODGE OF UNITY (No. 183).—This lodge met at the Ship and Turtle, E.C., on Monday, the 27th ult. Present: Bros. E. A. Francis, W.M.; H. Hooper, S.W.; R. Corsham, J.W.; G. P. Britten, P.M. and Treas.; G. W. Speth, P.M. and Sec.; J. W. Oliver, S.D.; G. H. Lindsey-Renton, I.G.; G. R. Langley, P.M.; S. Richardson, P.M.; G. W. Pinnock, P.M.; H. C. Archer, P.M.; A. J. Hirsch, P.M.; J. D. E. Tarr, F. W. Zimler, F. W. McIlwraith, A. Cook, W. J. Godwin, E. Wareham, G. Pragnell, A. O. Side, T. C.

BANQUET AND BALL OF THE SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1658.

A banquet and ball in connection with the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at which a large number of influential Masons, as well as many lady visitors, were present.

After the regular business of the lodge, which consisted of the initiation of Mr. Alfred Emary into Freemasonry (the ceremony being performed by the W. Master, Bro. Humphrey Cohen, in his usual perfect manner) and the admission of Bro. Joseph Evans, 1901, as a joining member, the company, which was by this time considerably augmented by the arrival of the ladies and other visitors to considerably over 100, adjourned to the large hall, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Mr. Venables, and thoroughly appreciated by all the guests, who pronounced it a complete success.

After the usual loyal toasts, "The Health of the W. Master" was proposed in felicitous terms by Bro. JAMES HILL, P.M., to which the W.M. made a suitable reply.

The W.M. then rose to propose the toast of the evening, viz.: "The Health of the Ladies," and said they were all delighted and proud to welcome the ladies amongst them, and, seeing how beautiful and happy they all looked, it seemed almost a pity that Masonry was restricted to the sterner sex; but perhaps, when ladies were admitted into Parliament, they might at the same time be admitted into Freemasonry. He cited the case of a lady—the Hon. Miss St. Leger—as the only instance on record of a lady being initiated into Freemasonry; it was owing to an inquisitive propensity on the lady's part, she having secreted herself in a cupboard of a large 8-day grandfathers' clock, in a room in her father's house, when he was performing the ceremony of initiation, being discovered through having sneezed, she was then and there initiated into the First Degree of Freemasonry. He also related some humorous anecdotes in connection with Masonry and the ladies. He was sure the ladies could not help entertaining a high and just opinion of the Craft when they reflected for a moment the great good it had done through the influence of its numerous Charities, and, although Masons were sometimes accused of indulging a little too much in festivities, it could not be denied, even by their accusers, that they performed some real, good, and solid work, and countless orphans and aged people had had cause to bless the name of Freemasonry. In conclusion, he sincerely hoped that those who might succeed him in the ruling of the lodge would make that banquet and ball an institution, and thus give an opportunity for the members to welcome the ladies amongst them at least once a year.

After the banquet, the ladies and gentlemen betook themselves to dancing, and kept the ball rolling until long past 4 o'clock a.m. Mr. Sargood provided a splendid band, and Bros. Arthur and Earl Douglas Side proved most efficient M.C.'s.

During the interval between the dances, several songs were excellently rendered by Messrs. Joseph Healey, R. B. Sadlier, F. W. Stephens, and Miss Mackway, whilst Master Joe and Miss Blanche Wellsbourne sang some very clever duets, and the W. Master recited with his usual ability and success.

Amongst the members and visitors present with their ladies were Bros. H. Cohen, W.M.; E. A. Francis and E. Shrimpton, Wardens; G. J. Earnley, P.M. and Treas.; W. H. Boys, P.M. and Sec.; J. D. Smith, P.M.; J. Cox, P.M.; Jas. Hill, P.M.; M. S. Larlham, P.M.; A. B. Norman, J.D.; R. Rowlands, Stwd.; J. Letchford, D.C.; C. J. Pigeon, S. Zucker, B. Cohen, S. F. Bygrave, A. O. Side, E. D. Side, W. Croxon, H. Line, S. Evans, T. F. Mackway, A. Emary, L. Sigle, J. A. Routzen, J. Austin, G. Whittock, J. George, M. Syer, and C. Pinnock. Visitors: Bros. A. Doig, S.W. 1539; C. Taylor, P.M. 1624; J. W. Kay, W.M. 1624; Jas. Smith, 1598; W. J. Hingston, 232; G. White, 975; J. Howard, 1692; and F. Wells, 190; besides several other visitors, both ladies and gentlemen.

It was unanimously agreed that the whole affair was a perfect success, and well worthy the high reputation in which the Skelmersdale Lodge is universally held.

THE ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE RANELAGH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 834.

The annual supper of the above lodge of instruction was held at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammer-smith, on Friday, the 23rd ult., under the presidency of Bro. James Sims, P.M. and Preceptor of the lodge, faced by Bro. D. S. Long, as Vice-President.

After a repast, prepared by the worthy host, Mr. Dorey, and fully enjoyed by the brethren, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and heartily responded to.

The toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," was given, coupled with the name of Bro. K. H. Williams, P.M., and P.P. J.G.D. Middx., which was duly honoured in true Masonic fashion.

Bro. R. H. WILLIAMS replied that it had taken him somewhat by surprise that his name had been placed in company with such distinguished ornaments of the Craft as the Grand Officers, but whilst he felt the honour which had been conferred upon him to be more than he deserved, he could only thank the President in the simplest way possible, and hoped the time would come when many of those around him would have similar honours.

Bro. H. PURDUE, P.M., then proposed "The continued prosperity of the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, combined with the Health of its Preceptor, Bro. Sims," under whose kind care and instruction the lodge was enabled to continue its career in the prosperous manner it had done for many years, and maintain its prestige. The toast was drunk enthusiastically.

Bro. SIMS replied briefly that, having been for a long time a member, he was very proud of the honour conferred upon him by his election as Preceptor, and, feeling that it became his duty as well as his pleasure to carry out those principles of the Craft with regard to instruction, he hoped to continue to deserve the confidence of the members in the future as in the past.

The PRESIDENT proposed "The Health of the Past Preceptors of the Lodge" in a very feeling manner, stating how much he was indebted to them for the advance he had made in his knowledge of Freemasonry, and he felt that the example they had shown him had made such an impression on his mind, that he could not sufficiently express the admiration and gratitude due from him to them.

Bro. GEO. READ, P.M., and JESSE COLLINGS, P.M., replied that it had afforded them much pleasure to be present, and they viewed with delight the progress the lodge had made under the guidance of its present Preceptor, having thereby practical knowledge that the care bestowed by them during their respective terms of office had produced such a good pupil as Bro. Sims.

"The Pious Memory of the Late Bro. Andrew, the Early Preceptor of the Lodge," was proposed, and drunk in silence.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed, and responded to by Bro. J. J. CANTLE, P.M.

"The P.M.'s of the Ranelagh Lodge" was proposed, and replied to by Bro. PURDUE.

"The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" was proposed, and responded to by Bro. LONG, on behalf of himself and Bro. A. Williams, who was unavoidably absent.

Other toasts followed, and were replied to by various brethren in rotation.

The meeting was enlivened by musical and other entertainments by several brethren.

PRESENTATION OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE CLOTHING TO BRO. HENRY AXLEY, P.M. No. 495.

An unusual number of brethren of the Wakefield Lodge (No. 495), together with many visitors from Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Pontefract, &c., assembled in the Masonic Hall, Wakefield recently, to take part in the presentation of Provincial Grand Lodge clothing and jewel to Bro. Henry Axley, P.M., in recognition of his appointment by Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire as Treasurer of the province.

Prior to the presentation, the ceremony of raising Bro. J. W. Whitaker to the Sublime Degree was admirably performed by Bros. B. F. Glover, P.M., and A. Goldthorpe, P.M., the musical part being effectively rendered by the Organist and several brethren.

Bro. T. Hargreaves was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. R. Bowman was chosen as Treasurer of the lodge.

Bro. E. PICKERSGILL, W.M., then, on behalf of the brethren, made the presentation to Bro. Axley, and spoke in high terms of his services not only to the lodge but to the Craft in general.

Bro. B. F. GLOVER referred to the great honour that had been conferred on Bro. Axley by the province, which was regarded by the brethren also as an honour to their lodge.

Bro. AXLEY having suitably responded, Bros. J. W. MONKMAN, P. Prov. G.D. of C.; G. BUCKLEY, P. Prov. G.D. of C.; W. WATSON, W.M. 2069, Prov. Lib.; H. G. E. GREEN, Prov. G. Sec.; A. GOLDTHORPE, P.M., and several other brethren took the opportunity of expressing their appreciation of Bro. Axley's valuable services and their satisfaction at such a pleasing recognition of them.

FESTIVAL OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The annual festival of St. Andrew's was celebrated, on the 30th ult., by the Freemasons of Scotland in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. At 4 o'clock the election took place of the Grand Officers who had been nominated at last Quarterly Communication.

Bro. F. E. VILLIERS, Prov. Grand Master of Dumfriesshire, who acted as Grand Master, in a sentence expressed the gratification of the brethren that Sir Archibald Campbell had seen his way to again occupy the throne. While there were great honours attached to the position, yet, he added, there were great responsibilities resting upon the head of the Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry.

Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL having returned thanks, the following office-bearers took the customary obligation:

Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., Greenock and Blackhall	Past G.M.
" The Earl of Haddington	Depute G.M.
" Sir Charles Dalrymple of New Hailes, Bart., M.P.	Substitute G.M.
" James T. S. Elliott of Wolfelee	S.G.W.
" The Right Hon. Lord Saltoun	J.G.W.
" D. Murray Lyon	G. Sec.
" David Kinnear	G. Cashier.
" Rev. Robert Henderson, M.A.	} G. Chaps.
" Rev. Thomas Somerville	
" James Dalrymple Duncan	S.G.D.
" Lieut.-Col. John Campbell	J.G.D.
" James McIntyre Henry	G. Architect.
" James Crichton	G. Jeweller.
" David Reid	G. Bible Bearer.
" John B. McNaught	G.D. of C.
" John Wilson	G. Bard.
" James Carmichael, M.D.	G. Swd. Br.
" Emile Berger	G.D. of Music.
" Robert Davidson	G. Org.
" George Christie	G. Marshal.
" Colin Galletly	G.I.G.
" Andrew Landells	G. Tyler.

The brethren then adjourned to the great hall, where the banquet was spread. Over 150 brethren sat down.

After dinner, Grand Lodge was reopened, and the usual loyal toasts were given from the chair.

The Rev. Dr. STORY gave "The Navy and Army and Reserve Forces."

The toast was responded to by Bro. Sir J. BUCHANAN for the navy, Bro. R. T. SHAW-STEWART for the army, and Bro. Col. LUMSDEN, commanding the London Scottish, for the reserve forces.

Bro. Sir CHARLES DALRYMPLE, M.P., next proposed the toast of "The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Scotland," and in doing so expressed gratification that his

health had now been restored, that he had been able to appear in his place in Grand Lodge during the present year, and that with the assistance of that singularly gracious and distinguished lady who adorned his home he had been able to fulfil manifold private and public duties during the last few months.

The GRAND MASTER, in returning thanks for the kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health, and of Grand Lodge, regretted nothing more than that last year he was unable to take the chair, but he was thankful to God that he was able to do so on this occasion. Since they had last met on a St. Andrew's Festival, they had lost from their midst one of their Past Grand Masters, the late Earl of Mar and Kellie. They had in Grand Lodge passed a resolution which was forwarded to his family, and he had every reason to know that their condolence had been received with due appreciation. Referring in friendly terms to the Past G. Master, the Earl of Rosslyn, he said he was sure Grand Lodge would be glad to see Lord Rosslyn there again, and receive from him those sallies of wit which he was accustomed to give, and the services for which he was renowned. He was sorry Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart was not present. There was no Grand Master who had served Grand Lodge so well as Sir Michael. During the year they had to look back upon, Grand Lodge had been able to do a very considerable amount of work. The entrants numbered 4584, and the income had been £4543. Not only that, but nine new lodges had been added to the roll. In that way they saw that Masonry in Scotland was going on and prospering. If the daughter lodges went on thus Grand Lodge must also prosper. To the office-bearers of Grand Lodge he must return thanks, as they had assisted him to uphold the dignity and honour of the Craft. Referring to the formation of a new Grand Lodge in New South Wales, Grand Master said it was not altogether unfortunate that Grand Lodge would lose her daughter lodges there. He hardly wondered at it, for the new Grand Master, Lord Carrington, his brother-in-law, was a thorough good Mason. Next referring to the new scheme of extended benevolence, Sir Archibald suggested that if they had an organisation throughout Scotland by which the required sum of £10,000 would easily be raised; if they tried, if every province were to furnish a stall in a bazaar next year, that money would easily be raised. That idea, he desired, should be taken home by all, and probably would be considered at next Quarterly Communication.

Bro. Lord SALTOUN next proposed "The Grand Master Depute," to which Lord HADDINGTON replied.

A toast to "The Health of Lady Campbell" was given by Lord HADDINGTON, and responded to by the GRAND MASTER.

Bro. Colonel STIRLING, of Kippendavie, next proposed "The Grand Wardens and Office-bearers," and after referring to them in detail, he said he had reserved for the last the name of their most excellent Grand Secretary, Bro. Murray Lyon. He was by no means the least in the work he had done to promote the cause of Masonry, not only in Scotland, but throughout the Colonies. He could assure them that Bro. Lyon did far more work than many of the brethren had the least idea of.

Bros. Lord SALTOUN and Rev. THOS. SOMERVILLE replied.

Bro. the Rev. J. HENDERSON proposed "The Visitors," and Bro. JOHNSTONE DOUGLAS, Lockerbie, replied.

The toast of "The Provincial and District Grand Lodges" was proposed by Bro. DALRYMPLE DUNCAN, Glasgow, and responded to by Bro. J. M. MARTIN, of Auchendennan.

Bro. VILLIERS then proposed "The Grand Committee and Standing Committees," and in doing so said that he would desire that the Benevolent Fund Board should be more representative than that of Grand Committee, to whom had been given the power of administering the fund by last Quarterly Communication.

Bro. MANN replied for the Grand Committee; Bro. CALDWELL for the Finance Committee; and Bro. OFFICER for the Foreign and Colonial Committee.

The GRAND MASTER proposed the toast of "Prosperity to the Daughter Lodges" who were represented, and replies were made by the brother heading each deputation. The deputations present were as follows, and were headed for the most part by the Masters of the lodges, as under: No. 1, Edinburgh Mary's Chapel, R.W.M., Bro. Webster; No. 2, Canon-gate Kilwinning, R.W.M., Bro. Drummond; No. 5, Canon-gate and Leith, R.W.M., Bro. Clark; No. 8, Journeyman, R.W.M., Bro. Douglas; No. 60, St. John, Inverkeithing, R.W.M., Bro. Hall Grigor; No. 87, Thistle, Glasgow, R.W.M., Bro. Kean; No. 97, Edinburgh St. James, R.W.M., Bro. A. Roden Hogg; No. 327, St. Serf, Kinross, R.W.M., Bro. Begg; No. 392, Caledonian, Edinburgh, P.M., Bro. Roberts; No. 405, Lodge Rifle, Edinburgh, P.M., Bro. James Thomson; No. 553, St. Vincent, Glasgow, R.W.M., Bro. Kennedy; No. 606, Rosslyn St. Clair, Rosslyn, R.W.M., Bro. Simpson; No. 617, Sir George Cathcart, J.W., Bro. McGlashan; No. 757, Dramatic and Arts, R.W.M., Bro. Stevenson, A.R.S.A.

A telegram was at this stage read from Bro. Sheriff Thomas, intimating that he was detained in the north by a snowstorm; and his health was proposed from the chair and heartily drunk.

Lord SALTOUN proposed "Prosperity to the New Grand Lodge of New South Wales," remarking that on account of the prosperity of the Colony it was only natural that they should form themselves into a Grand Lodge under the Mastership of Lord Carrington. Of the 130 lodges of Freemasons in New South Wales no fewer than 57 held of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He would desire, with leave of Grand Lodge, that Bro. Murray Lyon be requested to forward a telegram to the new Grand Lodge of New South Wales, congratulating them upon the foundation of their lodge, and expressing the kindly feelings held respecting them by their brethren in Scotland.

The suggestion was at once agreed to.

The GRAND MASTER next proposed a toast to "The Health of Bro. Murray Lyon," and passed a high eulogium on him for the manner in which he discharges the duties of his office, and expressed a hope that, notwithstanding the extra duties now imposed on him in connection with the new scheme of benevolence, he would be found in good health at next St. Andrew's.

The toast was heartily received, and Bro. MURRAY LYON briefly acknowledged it.

Saint Helena.

SAINT HELENA.—St. Helena Lodge (No. 488).—At a lodge of emergency held on Monday, the 3rd September, at the Masonic Hall, Napoleon-street, Jamestown, Mr. John Alfred Sykes, artificer of H.M.'s gunboat Acorn, was regularly proposed and seconded as a candidate for initiation into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. There were present on the occasion Bros. R. Dowling, P.M., W.M.; Ackley, P.M., S.W.; L. Mark, D.C., as J.W.; B. H. Knipe, Treas.; A. S. Brady, P.M., Sec.; Thomas Carr, as S.D.; E. Thomas, J.D.; J. S. Truebody, I.G.; Wm. Howes, Tyler; James Truebody, P.M.; W. E. Dowling; and R. A. Clarke, Stwd. Visitors: Bros. J. Stanbury, 202; T. Baldwin, G. Bragg, A. J. Childs, Hy. Branton, and T. Davies, of 1860 (all naval brethren of H.M.'s ship Acorn); B. M. C. Knipe, F. J. Broadway, E. Woodman, and F. Manuel, of 912.

The lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. John A. Sykes, which proved unanimous, and being in attendance he was regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry.

The business being concluded, the brethren and their guests repaired to the banqueting-room, and sat down to an excellent repast, provided by their excellent Steward, Bro. R. A. Clarke, and a very enjoyable, pleasant, and merry evening was spent.

On Monday, the 10th September, was the regular monthly meeting of the lodge, which took place at the lodge house, when there were present Bros. R. Dowling, P.M.; Ackley, P.M., S.W.; L. Mark, as J.W.; B. H. Knipe, Treas.; A. S. Brady, P.M., Sec.; R. A. Clarke, Stwd.; Thos. Carr, as S.D.; E. Thomas, J.D.; Knipe, P.M. (visitor), as I.G.; Howes, Tyler; Jas. Truebody, P.M.; Adams, and W. E. Dowling. Visitors: Bros. G. Weston, W.M.; F. J. Broadway, Sec.; Woodman, S.W.; G. J. Bruce, T. J. Scullard, Congdon, Haigh, Storer, and Manuel, of 912; Capt. Atkinson, R.N., St. John's Lodge, Malta; Lieut. Valentine, R.N., 1593; Davies, Baldwin, Childs, and Bragg, of 1860, Simons Town; Branton, 420; J. Standbury, 202; J. T. Gilbert, 159 (all brethren from H.M.'s ship Acorn); Jas. Marquand and Jas. J. Thatcher, of Star-in-the-East Lodge, New Bedford, United States of America.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. William E. Dowling (son of the W.M.) was regularly raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and Bro. Sykes was passed to the Degree of a F.C. All other business ended, the lodge was closed.

The brethren and their numerous guests then adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent repast was provided for them by their good Steward, Bro. Clarke, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The Worshipful Master expressed the pleasure of himself and brethren of the lodge at having so many brethren of the navy amongst them that evening, and whom they were always glad to meet at the lodge when at the Island.

Bro. Capt. Atkinson, for himself and members of his ship, said he felt it a great pleasure and honour to attend the lodge on that occasion, where he met with the greatest of kindness and friendship, and he wished the lodge every happiness and prosperity.

The toasts of the other visitors were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, interspersed with songs and recitations, and the brethren separated.

It is the usual custom of the lodge to entertain their naval brethren when at the Island, and that occasion was one of the many jolly ones, where all seemed to enjoy themselves so well. And it is indeed a pleasure to them to come to such gathering (as expressed by them) after their long and somewhat monotonous tour round the West Coast of Africa.

Bro. Capt. Atkinson and the brethren of his vessel invited the members of both lodges on the Island and the Fraternity generally to a banquet at the St. Helena Hotel. The accompanying account of it speaks for itself.

The banquet was held at the hotel in recognition of the many happy hours spent by the Freemasons of the Acorn amongst their brethren on the island. The centre of the table was occupied by Bro. Capt. Atkinson, who was supported on his right by Bro. R. Dowling, P.M., W.M. 488, and on the left by Bro. R. M. L. Pritchard, P.M., for the W.M. of 912, who was unavoidably absent; the head being occupied by Bro. Lieut. Valentine, the senior lieutenant, a son of the Rev. William Valentine, M.A., and the foot by Bro. J. Stanbury, boatswain's mate, the beau ideal of a British tar.

Thirty-eight sat down to an excellent repast provided by Bro. R. A. Clarke, who had evidently spared no trouble to provide the hosts and their guests with a first rate spread.

At the end of the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by Bro. Capt. Atkinson, and drunk with honours, after which followed a large number of songs and several recitations, between which speeches were made and duly responded to.

Good humour reigned around the festive board. A military officer, who wore the orthodox evening dress of a civilian, being called upon in turn for a song, requested his brother on the left, Sergt. Harris, of the Plymouth Division of the Royal Marines (who wore the full uniform of that distinguished corps, his breast decorated by a row of medals), to get him out of his trouble, as he felt sure that a veteran soldier would never leave an officer in distress.

The gallant sergeant, being unable to comply, called upon Bro. Stanbury, who has an unlimited amount of songs at his command, and who replied that the request reminded him of an adventure he had had whilst serving on the West Coast some years back, when his captain, whilst out shooting in plain clothes, had been attacked by a buffalo, which compelled him to climb a tree. On being pitched into by the skipper for deserting him, he had replied that, although he would never desert an officer in uniform, the rules of the Service did not compel a blue jacket to recognise an officer in plain clothes.

Most of the songs were accompanied on the St. Helena Lodge harmonium by Bro. Lieut. Valentine, which added materially to one of the pleasantest evenings spent by the Fraternity on the island.

The room was festooned with national flags—at the top were drooped the Union Jack and the American Ensign, the latter being in honour of three guests who were present. The table was most tastefully decorated with choice

flowers, showing that the fair sex had been diligent in exerting themselves on the occasion. Their exertions were not overlooked, but, on the contrary, their healths were drunk in bumpers, for, as the old Masonic ditty says:

We're true and sincere, and just to the fair,

They'll trust us on any occasion,

No mortal can more the ladies adore

Than a "Free and an Accepted Mason."

So happily passed away the evening that the small hours of Friday morning crept unawares upon the happy assembly, and the married men thought of the salutation, "Look at the clock!" which awaited them on their return home.

"Auld Lang Syne," followed by the National Anthem, with three hearty cheers for the Acorns, was the finale of a truly happy gathering.

HISTORICAL NOTES ON SCOTCH LODGES.

BY D. MURRAY LYON.

GLASGOW KILWINNING, No. 4.

It has hitherto been very much the custom to ascribe to Mother Kilwinning the paternity of all the lodges which were found in last century to have adopted its name. To have "Kilwinning" incorporated in the designation of a lodge was regarded as a mark of antiquity, just as "Royal Arch" was meant to imply the possession of Degrees higher than those of Craft Masonry. In the establishment of the few Scotch lodges that were in existence apart from bodies of operative Masons in the third decade of the 18th century, as a rule, the sanction of no authority higher than themselves was sought. Some, indeed, had asked and obtained from Kilwinning confirmation of their position, but the majority were self-constituted and independent. GLASGOW KILWINNING belonged to this class. It was erected at a communication under the presidency of John Anderson, Master of the "Lodge of Kilwinning held at Edinburgh" (Scots Arms), at the sign of the Globe, in the Gallowgate of Glasgow, 1st April, 1735. The sederunt bears the names of three Master Masons and five apprentices. The brethren of the lower grade having been passed Fellow Crafts and raised Masters, and a new member admitted, "the lodge was constituted." Honoured with the privilege of nominating the Master of the new lodge for the current year, the presiding brother named John Clerk, merchant, and afterwards "installed and congratulated" him. The Wardens—Robert Mollison, supervisor of excise, and James Montgomerie, merchant—were chosen and installed by the Master. The minute from which this information is derived is notable as containing the earliest record of the Third Degree being worked in the west country. And it is only one day later than the first occasion of the Degree being conferred in Scotland, of which there is documentary evidence, viz., in Canongate Kilwinning, March 31, 1735. The earliest mention of a Master's reception in Ayrshire is contained in the Kilwinning minute of 12th July, 1735, where it is reported by the Master that "at a lodge held at Irvine the fifth of April last Cuninghame of Collenian and Forbes of Watertoun were received and admitted Fellows of Craft and Masters." One of the brethren who were raised at the first communication of the Glasgow Kilwinning was present in Canongate Kilwinning as a "gentleman visitor" in December of the same year, and "sufficiently acquitted himself in a trial of his qualifications as a Master Mason." Another visitor, somewhat boastful of his being a Master Mason, was, after examination, declared to be a "very weak entered apprentice."

Shortly after his election to the Wardenship of Glasgow Kilwinning, Mr. Mollison removed to Ayrshire. He joined the Lodge of Kilwinning, and became one of its leading members. As a collector of excise, he was frequently in the district of Carrick, and on one of his journeys thither, in 1735, we find him, in terms of a commission from Mother Kilwinning, "inquiring into the affairs" of certain Masons in Maybole and Girvan, charged with "admitting members to the lodge without accounting for or making payment of their entry-money." He was Master of the lodge in 1741, and was succeeded by William, Earl of Kilmarnock, who, on the day of his "installation and proclamation," 20th January, 1742, admitted and "pass'd and rais'd" Alexander, Earl of Eglington. Mr. Mollison was Deputy Master of Mother Kilwinning when, in 1747, he was appointed to the Provincial Grand Mastership of Glasgow province, and for several years discharged the duties of both offices.

There were two candidates for the Grand Mastership at the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, viz., William St. Clair of Roslin and the Earl of Home. Like Mary's Chapel, Glasgow Kilwinning instructed its representatives to vote for Lord Home. No division took place, and St. Clair was chosen by the unanimous voice of the brethren. He visited the lodge in May, 1739. The Earl of Home was at the institution of the Grand Lodge Master of Kilwinning Scots Arms. He held a cornet's commission in the 2nd regiment of Dragoon Guards in 1735, and got a troop of Churchill's Dragoons in 1740. He rose to the rank of lieutenant-general in the army. He was in Scotland in 1745 when the Rebellion broke out, and joined Sir John Cope at Dunbar in September, and was at the battle of Prestonpans. He joined the Royal army at Stirling in December, at the head of the Glasgow regiment of 600 men. At his death, in 1761, he was Governor of Gibraltar.

Although a self-constituted body, Glasgow Kilwinning professed to be a branch of the Kilwinning Fraternity. In the minute of a meeting which it held at Port Glasgow, in August 1735, the Master and six other brethren, "well mett," are represented as having made a surgeon and a custom-house clerk "Free and Accepted Masons of the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning, who forthwith paid to the poor box of the said lodge held at Glasgow five shillings ster. each." A fortnight afterwards a "select lodge" was held at the Old Coffeehouse in Glasgow, at which Harry, Lord Grey, was made, the Earl of Kilmarnock, then Master of Kilmarnock Kilwinning, being present as a visitor. In December following, the lodge went to the house of a "musician" in the Salt Mercat, and there initiated him—probably for the sake of the host's professional services, although he is credited with the sum of five shillings paid to the poor's box.

About this time and long after, Glasgow Kilwinning was accustomed to visit with the highest penalty members "refusing to give attendance either at monthly or quarterly

meetings." Brethren making respectful application "to be dismiss'd the lodge, and no longer to be reputed members," had their request complied with, but were permitted to attend as visitors. In the absence of diplomas it was customary for brethren from a distance to be introduced on letters of recommendation. From a copy of one such document, engrossed in the books of Glasgow Kilwinning under date 2nd November, 1736, information is obtained of, perhaps, the earliest regularly-organised lodge in America: "... Our lodge was constituted at Boston, in New England, by our Right Worshipful Master, Henry Price, Provincial Grand Master, on the 31st day of August A.M. 5733, and is held at the Royal Exchange Tavern, in King's Street, the second and fourth Wednesday of every month,—and is adorn'd with the most eminent gentlemen of this great town, and kept up to its primitive beauty and purity... Henry Price, G.M.; James Gordon, D.P.G.M.; Robt. Tomlinson, M.; Hugh M'Daniell, S.W.; Jno. Osburn, J.W.; F. Bretherth, Secretary." The establishment of a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the then colony of Massachusetts Bay followed upon Mr. Price's appointment to the Provincial Grand Mastership of New England, under the Grand Lodge at London. His commission was subsequently made to embrace "all North America." This, however, did not prevent the introduction of Scotch charters, the first of which there is any record being that issued by the Grand Lodge to St. Andrew, Boston, Massachusetts, in 1756; although Washington is understood to have been initiated in a Virginian lodge under a Scotch charter in 1752. The Tappahannock (Essex county, Virginia), chartered in 1758, was the first American Kilwinning Lodge.

In its earlier years the bulk of the lodge's members were merchants—with a sprinkling of writers, physicians, university students, and excitemen—master mariners and "merchant sailors." One of this class, the master and owner of the ship "FreeMason," was in 1738 presented by the lodge with a "badge of Masonry to be placed on the stern of said ship." The roll was swelled also by officers of the regiments that from time to time were quartered in Glasgow. There is a hiatus in these records from December, 1742, to January, 1753. We are thus left in ignorance of the effect of the Rebellion of 1744 upon the lodge.

The "solemnities" of the St. John's Day communications embraced a dinner, toasts, songs, instrumental music, and a torch-light procession, the flambeaus being carried by boys from the poor's hospital. While, as the minutes record, the brethren were on such occasions accustomed to enjoy themselves with "music, wine, and mirth, in that innocence peculiar to the noble Institution," they were not unmindful of the claims of Charity. On St. John's Day, 1740, the lodge gave a concert to a "genteel company" in the Merchant's Hall for the benefit of the poor. Mason songs sung by the brethren, with organ accompaniments, were a leading feature of the entertainment. A Charity ball was given in 1742. The fascinations of music were in those days largely employed to attract attendance at lodge communications—the "Mason songs" being "sung and played on musical instruments" at all stated meetings. In September, 1742, the brethren resolved to "purchase an organ for the benefit of the lodge," at a cost not to exceed £30. This resolution was shortly afterwards given effect to—"good brother Deans being paid, with a glass of thanks, twenty pounds eight shillings sterling, the price of that musical instrument which now adorns our lodge." "Ladies and stranger Masons" had the privilege of hearing the organ, which could only be used apart from Masonic meetings at the request of at least three contributing members of the lodge.

These records contain what is perhaps the earliest notice of a Scotch Provincial Grand visitation, viz., that made to Glasgow Kilwinning in March, 1739, by the Provincial Grand Master of Argyle, Clydesdale, Dumbarton, Renfrew and Stirling. In the course of this and subsequent visits the brethren were catechised on "the proper questions of Masonry"—a custom which has long since become obsolete; although the twin practice of "drinking the usual healths" had been retained in all its integrity. There are no Mason marks, or any mention of a Mark Degree, in these old minute books.

In accordance with a custom inaugurated by Mother Kilwinning towards the end of the 17th century, and followed in after years by other lodges, Glasgow Kilwinning began at a very early stage of its existence to grant commissions to make Masons. The following is a copy of a letter of authority to work in Edinburgh:

"Dearly beloved Brother,—

"Your letter to us of the 30th of last Aprile, praying for a power to receive and admitt Masons as members of Glasgow Kilwinning, being read at our monthly meeting of May, it was unanimously resolved to comply with your request. In consequence of which resolution you are vested with power, privilege, and authority from us, as we doe hereby give you full power, priviledge, and authority to receive and admitt all such of a worthy and honest character as shall apply to you to be received and admittted members of Glasgow Kilwinning; and this we authorize you to doe tho' at a distance from our lodge. Provided always and wt this restriction that no brother or brethren shall be admittted or received under the name of Glasgow Kilwinning till he or they shall pay the sum of twenty seven shillings and six pence sterling, as the ordinar and usual charge stipulated and appointed by our rules and regulations as the expense to be paid by ev'ry brother who shall be admittted. At same time, you are required pointedly and exactly to make remittance of such sums of money as you shall receive for the admision of a member or members, and that per first post or other opportunity after such admision or admissons, and you are at the same time to send the name and designation of ev'ry new brother, with the date of his admision, so as he may be inrolled in our books. As we are well convinced of your abilitys, we think it noways necessary to putt you in mind of the charges and instructions to be given the young intrants. Wee therefore only add that we wish you, as a dear brother, all spiritual and temporal blessings in Chryst Jesus our Lord. Amen. These presents, retaining a power at our pleasure to revoke and repeal them, are given at our Lodge of Glasgow Kilwinning, and sign'd and seal'd with our seals, the 23d of July, in the year of our Lord 1741, and of Masonry 5741. Sic Subr., George Murdoch, Glasgow Kilwinning; William Clark, S.W.; Jno. Hamilton, P. J.W. To our worthy and well beloved brother John Cumming."

In 1817 a member residing in Hamburg reported that

with the assistance of some German Masons he had entered two Scotchmen to Glasgow Kilwinning. The lodge indorsed the act, and instructed the brother to be careful to remit the entry-money of any future entrant he should admit.

The second volume of minutes opens with the record of a joint communication of the Glasgow and Johnston Kilwinning Lodges, January, 1753, to receive and consider the report of a Committee which had been appointed to "conclude on articles for the happy union of both lodges." The following terms of agreement were adopted, and the union was consummated amid "great harmony and jollity:"

"1. That all the members of both lodges are to be members of one united lodge, under the name of the Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge, and are to be received members of this lodge in the ordinary forms.

"2. That the stocks, jewels, books, organs, charters, etc., belonging to either lodge, shall henceforth be in common.

"3. That the Masters of each lodge shall preside alternately with their respective officebearers, till next St. John's-day—and that the meetings of the lodge shall be alternately in the New Inn and Old Coffeehouse.

"4. That the two Masters shall both agree who they shall nominate for their successor.

"5. That in commemoration of this happy union, as the ribbons of the Glasgow Kilwinning are straw colours, and the ribbons and aprons of the Johnston Kilwinning Lodge are red, after next St. John's-day the ribbons and mountings of the aprons shall be chequered straw and red.

"6. That the two Masters shall appoint a Committee to make up a body of laws agreeable to this, out of the by laws of the two lodges.

"7. That the articles now agreed upon and signed are not to be altered by any future meeting of the lodge."

The bye-laws adopted in conformity with the terms of agreement were as follow:

"1. The Master is to congregate the lodge when and where he pleases.

"2. That the lodge meet once every month; and after the lodge is duly opened, no member is to leave it without liberty asked from and given by the Master.

"3. That the lodge, beside their monthly meetings, meet quarterly, viz., on St. John the Evangelist's Day, being the 27th of December; on Lady Day, the 25th of March; on St. John the Baptist's Day, the 24th of June; and upon St. Michaelmass Day, the 29th of Sepr.

"4. That at each of these quarterly meetings every member pay one shilling sterling for the use of the poor, and this the members are to pay tho' absent from the meeting. And no cause, save a whole year's absence from the lodge, can excuse any member from this quarterly payment.

"5. That the present Master nominate his successor at the meeting immediately preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day. And on that day the member so nominate, if approved of by the lodge, is to be installed by the late Master, and saluted and congratulated by the lodge. But if not approved of, the lodge shall proceed to a general ballot, and the member having the majority of votes shall be received for Master with the usual solemnity.

"6. That the new Master shall nominate his two Wardens, Secretary, and Treasurer, who, if approved of by the lodge, are to be installed by the Master; but, if not approved of, they are to be chosen by general ballot in like manner as the Master.

"7. That none can be made members of this lodge but in virtue of a written petition presented by a member at a meeting to which the whole members have been duly warned. And no petition to be received on any occasion but by balloting. And that if there is one single NO, such petitioner cannot be received. And this article of balloting not to be subject to any alteration.

"8. That the members admitted pay five shillings sterling to the poor of the lodge, two shillings and sixpence to the poor of the Grand Lodge, and twenty shillings sterling to the common expence of this lodge.

"9. That the stock of the lodge when arisen to any sum is to be lent out at interest in the prudentest manner. And notwithstanding a brother is to be preferred before a stranger, yet it must not be lent him without two sufficient securitys.

"10. That every brother who emitteth an oath is to pay one shilling sterling for each failure.

"11. That at the meeting before St. John the Evangelist's Day, which is our annual feast day, the Master and lodge appoint Stewards to provide a proper entertainment for that day, and to continue in that office for a year.

"12. That if the Master so far misbehave as to render himself unworthy the subjection of the lodge, he is to be treated by a new regulation—no Master having in this ancient society ever misbehaved so far as to occasion such regulation.

"13. That if the Master be absent the Senior Warden is to congregate and form the lodge, after which the last Master take the chair. But if neither he or any other brother who has been Master formerly be present, then the Senior Warden continues in the chair and acts as Master.

"14. That every member who enters this lodge shall pay to the Stewart one shilling sterling every night, for which he shall have a bottle of punch or what other liquor he chooses to the value of that sum. And whatever any brother or member calls for above the value of that sum, he shall upon getting of the liquor pay the overplus to the Stewart.

"15. That the rules and regulations be read every night."

No explanation of the circumstances under which the Johnston Lodge came to sit in Glasgow is given in the records, neither do they indicate the length of time during which the union between the two lodges subsisted. That it was subsequently dissolved is certain. The minute of September 28, 1829, records the admission of a brother of the St. Patrick's Lodge as an honorary member, for having presented to Glasgow Kilwinning "a minute-book that had been formerly used by it when in conjunction with the Johnstone Lodge."

The following peculiarity occurs in the designation of one of the visiting lodges attending the first St. John's-day feast of the united lodge (1753): "St. Mungo's Lodge, founder of the Cathedral, Glasgow." This pretentious claim could not have been made on the part of St. Mungo, had the story of Malcolm Canmore and the Lodge Glasgow St. John been then in existence.

A new code of by-laws was adopted in 1830, in which

"soundness of body and mind, good moral character, above the age of eighteen and under that of dotage," are made essential requisites to admission. Entering, passing, raising, and "chairs" were the steps then given in the lodge. Provision was made for excluding brethren "the worse of liquor, or known or reputed to be quarrelsome or disorderly;" and "to curse and swear, or use any profane or obscene expression," subjected offenders to fine or expulsion.

A law for the excommunication of Freemasons was passed by the Associate Synod of Scotch Presbyterians in 1755. In March, 1764, Glasgow Kilwinning was visited by a brother "who represented that he had been persecuted by the Seceding part of the Church for being a Mason, which obliged him to publish a pamphlet in defence of the Royal Art of Masonry, of which he produced some copies, which were bought by all the brethren, and a dozen of them were laid by for the use of the members who were not present." In 1740 the lodge had subscribed for six copies of Oswald's "Collection of Scots Tunes."

Robert Mollison, noticed in a former paper as the first Warden of the lodge, was an Entered Apprentice of Mother Kilwinning.

In April, 1765, the Secretary was authorised to order a "publick seal" bearing "the ordinary device of Masonry on the lower part of the shield, with this motto below, 'Amor, honor, et justitia,' and in the upper part of the shield the top of the tree of the Glasgow arms, coup'd with the bird and the bell, and round the whole, 'Glasgow Kilwinning.'" Twelve dozen glasses of "the bell kind," with the name of the lodge engraved thereon, were at the same time ordered to be procured from England. Purveyors of Masonic feasts in those days supplied the "mugs" from which the brethren quaffed their ale, but glasses for punch fell to be provided by the lodge.

The foundation-stone of Jamaica-street Bridge was laid with Masonic honours in September, 1768, by a "Grand Lodge," elected by the Glasgow lodges, and composed of a Grand Master, Depute and Substitute Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and nine Grand Stewards—George Murdoch, then Lord Provost of Glasgow, and a Past Master of Glasgow Kilwinning, being Grand Master, and Lord Glencairn one of the Grand Stewards. After the ceremony Grand Lodge and Glasgow Kilwinning held a joint communication in the Assembly Hall, and exchanged deputations with the city lodges, who met in their respective lodge rooms. This Grand Lodge subsequently determined to retain the position that had been temporarily assigned to it, and to "preside over all the lodges of Glasgow whenever it thought proper." Although resisting this usurpation, Glasgow Kilwinning afterwards agreed to accord to this body the honours due to a grand visitation. The city lodges were afterwards called to account by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and made to apologise for their irregularity in electing a Grand Lodge.

The fact of Sir Daniel K. Sandford and Dr. J. P. Nichol, professor of astronomy, being on its roll of Past Masters, is often referred to with pride at festivals of the Lodge Glasgow Kilwinning. Sir Daniel was affiliated from St. Luke's, Edinburgh, in December, 1832, and was in the same month elected Master. The minutes of two meetings held within a fortnight of his election are all that have been recorded in the books during his three years' tenure of office. No minutes have been entered of the lodge's proceedings between January, 1833, and November, 1842, the year of Professor Nichol's retirement from a three years' occupancy of the chair. Another Master of the lodge, Professor Ramsay, had his reign signalled by the initiation of the historian of Europe, the late Sir Archibald Alison.

A most eccentric devotion to the Craft was some years ago shown by a member who bequeathed his skull to No. 4. After passing through periods of vicissitude, the lodge has rallied, and is one of the few Scotch lodges possessing a hall of its own, used for purely Masonic purposes. Its "harmonic meetings" have been revived, and, as they were a century and a half ago, are an attractive feature of the lodge.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

ANGLO-AMERICAN CONCLAVE (No. 6). —The first regular meeting of this conclave was held at the Criterion (Masonic Temple) Piccadilly, S.W., on the 20th ult., when there were present Bros. Theodore H. Tilton, S.R.; Major George Lambert, C.; Adolphus Clark, G.; J. B. Cuming, Treas.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; W. Hancock, D.C.; J. Skinner, Stwd.; F. Kedge, S.V.D.; C. Corby, V.D.; Dr. Wedgwood, V.D.; F. Jackson, Gd.; T. C. Seary, Org.; W. Walkley, S.; Dr. I. Zacharie, G.S.R.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G. S.R.; W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., G.R.; J. Lewis Thomas, D.R.O.; James Rowe, C.O.; Burgess, D.R.; Verley, Francis W. Frigout, James Woodward, Angelico Cogliati, E. A. Ronaasen, Thos. C. Pratt, Robert Sparrow, Douglas W. Tough, A. Walford, J. Rayner, and J. H. Lane. Visitors: Bros. F. S. Pocock, G.S.; Charles Gross, G.Gd.; James Costello, J. M. Collins, G.C.; R. W. Brown, A. Saunders, P.G.K.; Sidney Smith, Dr. G. W. Weldon, C. F. Matier, P.G.S.R.; W. H. Kempster, and others.

The conclave was opened, and the minutes of the consecration meeting read and confirmed. Ballot was then taken for the following brethren, and, proving unanimous, they were inducted into the Order: Bros. Thomas C. Pratt, P.M. 957; Douglass W. Tough, P.M. 905; Thos. C. Seary, 1987; E. A. Ronaasen, 2191; John Henry Lane, P.M. 1269; J. Rayner, 2191; Robert Sparrow, 1614; A. Cogliati, 1559; and T. Tooley, 1824. Communications were read from the Grand Council, and a vote of condolence passed to the widow of the late Bro. P. D. Rees, one of the founders of the conclave. Several brethren were proposed for induction at the next meeting.

The conclave having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Princess' Room, where an excellent banquet, under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini, the manager, was served.

After the banquet, speeches were made by several distinguished brethren of the Order, and one not to be forgotten by Bro. Dr. Weldon.

The brethren, on parting, expressed themselves as being delighted with the order, and also with having enjoyed a most pleasant and interesting evening.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Special General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday—Bro. Frank Richardson in the chair—for the purpose of considering and, if approved, adopting the following recommendation of the General Committee, viz.:

"That the Centenary Committee be empowered to accept Messrs. Haden and Son's estimate for warming and ventilating the whole of the building in three sections, as under—

1. New Wing—	
Warming, ventilation, and hot water	£1572 15 0
2. Centenary Hall, Corridors, &c.—	
Warming and ventilation ...	748 0 0
3. Whole of Existing Building—	
Warming and ventilation ...	1364 10 0
	£3685 6 0

Exclusive of builders' work—say £4000 in all." After some discussion, the resolution was received and adopted.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution held their usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Bro. W. Roebuck, P.G.S.B., Vice-Patron and Trustee, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. Frederick Walters, C. F. Hogard, Rev. Richard Morris, M.A., LL.D., Stephen Richardson, Walter J. Gregory, W. H. Saunders, Geo. P. Gillard, George Mickleby, M.A., M.B., W. Maple, W. W. Morgan, J. Glasse, F. W. Imbert-Terry, C. H. Webb, W. A. Scurrah, W. M. Stiles, Andrew Motion, A. E. Gladwell, G. R. Wace, J. S. Cumberland, J. L. Mather, P.A.G.C.; and Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, nine petitions were successively taken into consideration and dealt with, the result being that six were accepted, and the names directed to be entered on the list of candidates for the election in April, 1889; two were deferred, and one was rejected.

There being no other business, the proceedings terminated with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Eastern Archipelago.

DEDICATION OF NEW LODGE PREMISES.

Freemasons are always well pleased to hear of the advancement of the Craft. All, therefore, will be glad to know that the few brethren who reside in Deli have subscribed and built a Masonic Temple (Bro. Capt. Stort being the Architect), and on Saturday, 20th October, at 7 p.m., Deli Lodge was consecrated in an impressive manner by Bro. Capt. Schotman.

Invitations had been sent to all the surrounding lodges, and although Deli Lodge numbers only twenty-one members, there were sufficient visitors to bring the total to thirty-four. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. H. S. Zimmerman, Deputy of the Grand Master Nationale in the Netherlands from Batavia; F. H. Gottlieb, 32°, representing the Grand Lodge of England, and the D.G.L. of the Eastern Archipelago; E. A. Thomson, 18°, representing Lodge Zetland in the East, No. 508; and T. Rex and J. H. Lunberg, representatives of Royal Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1555.

The following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Captain Schotman, W.M.; Van Brakel, D.W.M.; Van Reeseema, S.W.; F. H. H. J. W. and Treas.; T. C. A. Jolles, Sec.; P. de Heer, S.D.; Major de la Perra, J.D. and D.C.; Captain Vlasblom, R.E., I.G.; and Mulder, Tyler.

Amongst the members present were Bros. G. Scherer, Captain Stort, Captain Fischer, M.D., Lieut. V. Alderwerelt, T. A. Van Zyp, F. F. Pietersz, and others.

When the business was completed, the W.M. thanked all the representatives of the several lodges for their attendance, each member replying in appropriate terms. The W.M. then read a letter from Bro. Pesgrave, W.M. 1152, expressing his regret that no members of his lodge were able to be present, but nevertheless wishing the new lodge all prosperity. Bro. Van Reeseema then proposed Bro. E. A. Thomson as a joining member of Deli Lodge, after which the lodge was closed, when the brethren retired to the banqueting hall, and sat down to an excellent banquet, in order to celebrate the occasion.

The toasts were many and numerous, including "The King of Holland and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," coupled with the name of the G.M. of Netherlands.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Lodges in the Eastern Archipelago."

Bro. F. H. GOTTLIEB replied in a very able manner for the District Grand Lodge and Royal Prince of Wales Lodge, Penang.

Bro. E. A. THOMSON replied on behalf of Lodge Zetland in the East, and said he was sure if the W.M. of Lodge St. George were present, he would wish them every success and himself reply to the toast which had been so kindly given.

During the evening a collection was made on behalf of distressed Masons and the orphans of departed brethren, which amounted to over 100 dollars.

All the visitors met with the greatest hospitality, and when they departed from Medan the next day by the one o'clock train, nearly all the local brethren had assembled at the station to bid adieu.

According to a New York Correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, a Mrs. E. Quinsley has recently announced her intention of delivering lectures and collecting subscriptions for the purpose of buying the City of Jerusalem and rebuilding Solomon's Temple from the original designs. She estimates that the sum required for the purpose will be about £10,000,000, and the Correspondent says she has already succeeded in raising towards this amount, the large sum of 75, 6d.



The next monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 12th inst.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed at the Barnato Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Hotel, 28, Charterhouse-street, on Monday, the 10th inst., at six o'clock, by Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.B., to be followed by a supper, at 8. Tickets may be obtained from Bro. M. J. Jessop, Secretary pro tem., 11, Hatton Garden, E.C.

At the quarterly meeting of the F. R. Sewell Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, No. 213, at Whitehaven, on the 30th ult., Bro. P. de E. Collin, J., was unanimously elected W.C.N., Bro. Geo. Ryrie, Treas., and Bro. J. Casson, Warder. Two candidates were balloted and accepted, and one elevated, and Bro. Joseph Nicholson, P.W.C.N., was, on the motion of Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, W.C.N., unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge.

At the meeting of the Leigh Lodge, No. 957, on Monday next, Bro. J. Frost Creswick, P.M., will deliver his lecture on "The House which King Solomon built for the Lord," and will explain various plans and diagrams in illustration. We noticed this lecture in our number of 24th December last.

The first supper of the Beaconsfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1662, was held on Monday, the 26th ult., at the Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow. Bro. J. Wildash, P.M. 1662, occupied the chair, and Bro. T. Franklin, P.M. 1662, the vice-chair. About 30 brethren sat down to an excellent repast, amongst whom we noticed Bros. F. Carr, P.M.; N. Hallows, P.M.; S. Jackson; H. Inman, W.M. 1662; C. Avison, C. Collins, Sir W. Macgregor, Bart., and H. French-Bromhead, Hon. Secretary. After the usual toasts and some very good songs and recitations, a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

The annual supper of the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65, was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., Bro. D. Moss, P.M. 1275, Preceptor, presiding, Bro. Roberts, P.M. 65, occupying the vice-chair. There were also present Bros. Lashbrooke, Treas.; Cary, S.D. 1625, Sec.; B. Da Costa, S.D. 1349; L. Da Costa, S.W. 1349; Stone, 192; Fisher, 192; Sarson, 192; Hancock, 192; B. Valentine, A. Valentine, Simmons, Holmes, Rouse, Waterman, Jarroms, and Corry, 392. The usual toasts were given, and a pleasant evening, enlivened by song, was passed.

The Star Lodge of Instruction, held for many years at the Five Bells, New Cross Gate, has removed to its new quarters, the Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, and is under the Preceptorship of Bro. Walter Martin, P.M. 879.

It is understood that the Queen, the Empress Frederick, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family will attend the service which will be held in the Mausoleum at Frogmore, on the 14th inst., in memory of the Prince Consort and Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse, who both died on that day.

The first smoking concert of the present season by the Brighton Railway's Cricket Club, was held at the Terminus Hotel, adjoining the London Bridge Station, on Tuesday, under the presidency of the General Manager of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company, who was well supported by the Deputy Chairman and the principal officers. An excellent programme had been arranged, and the concert proved very successful.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., presided at a further meeting at 10, Downing-street, on Tuesday, of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the administration of our Naval and Military Departments.

Bro. Lord Brassey, as President, and the other officials of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, have issued an urgent appeal to the public for funds, more than £1000 being immediately required to meet the most pressing demands, while a much larger income has become necessary.

H.R.H. the Princess Christian has consented to become a Patroness of the London Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

A vote of condolence with the family of the late Bro. Col. Duncan, M.P., was unanimously passed at a meeting at the Constitutional Club on Friday, the 30th ult., of the Council of the Metropolitan Division of the National Union. Bro. F. Seager Hunt, M.P., was subsequently re-elected chairman of the Union, and Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., one of the Treasurers.

Bro. Walter Abbott announces a special smoking concert at St. James's Hall (Banqueting-room), on Thursday, the 20th inst. The following well-known artists have promised to appear: Messrs. G. Stone, E. J. Lonnen, Chirgwin, Tom Squires, Arthur Combes, James Bayne, W. H. Pennington, by kind permission of Mrs. Jodrell, S. B. Garcia, Walter Grace, De la Haye, Odell, Chas Coborn, Rayner Bros., first appearance for two years, Rob Rae, J. A. Collins, Curtis Dalton, J. Bellingham, A. Smithson, J. Leverett, Chas. Goff, J. D. Fitz Gerald, Angelo A. Asher, P. H. Fell, Geo. Newman, Joseph Healy, W. H. Webb, Sydney Barraclough, M. Ryan, Rapley De Poncey, Norman Appleton, T. Bassett, Harris, and W. H. Andre (The Wand). Mesdames The Sisters Preston, Nelly Lennox, Katie Seymour, Marie Le Blanc, Lottie Dettmar, and Alice Leamar.

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Bro. George Beattie, Boddam, Inch, who is in his 91st year, and has been a Freemason for the long period of 71 years, was able to take part in the celebration of St. Andrew's Day, along with the brethren of his mother lodge (St. Andrew, 228). He was born February 16th, 1798, and if not the oldest Freemason in Scotland, may well lay claim to it until shown not to be so.

The Queen, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, left Windsor for London, on the 29th ult., for the purpose of visiting the Princess Louise at Kensington Palace and the Duchess of Cambridge at St. James's Palace. The Empress Frederick also visited London, and paid the same visits, returning with her Majesty to the Castle at 7.30 p.m.

The 224th anniversary festival of the Scottish Corporation was held at the Hotel Métropole on Friday, the 30th ult. (St. Andrew's Day), under the presidency of the Right Hon. T. Ritchie, M.P., President of the Local Government Board, the amount of subscriptions announced in the course of the evening being £2500.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley has consented to preside at the annual presentation of prizes of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers (of which he is Colonel) on Saturday, the 13th inst.

Bro. the Earl of Onslow, who has been appointed to the Governorship of New Zealand, received a number of the members of the Legislative and others at his private residence in Richmond-terrace on Tuesday, the Agent-General in London introducing them individually to his lordship.

THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY.—A Committee of the whole Court of Common Council was held on Monday, Bro. the Lord Mayor presiding, at which it was resolved that at the next meeting of the Common Council, Bro. Deputy Halse shall move that his Royal Highness Prince George of Wales be invited to take upon himself the freedom of the City of London, to which he is entitled by patrimony. It will be recollected that in 1840 the freedom was conferred on the Prince Consort "as a testimony of the affection and profound respect entertained by the Corporation for his person and distinguished character." Since then the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Connaught, and the Duke of Albany, have each taken up their freedom by patrimony, as did Prince Albert Victor of Wales in 1885. At the same meeting Bro. F. P. Alliston will propose that the freedom of the City should be conferred on the Marquis of Dufferin, late Governor-General for India, in recognition of his distinguished services to his country as a statesman, administrator, and diplomatist.

The Queen was pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on Mr. P. H. Edlin, Q.C., Assistant Judge, Middlesex Sessions, and Bro. Alderman Polydore De Keyser, the late Lord Mayor of London, at Windsor Castle, on Tuesday.

We regret to hear it reported that Bro. Sir William Pearce, M.P. for Goran, who has been for some time past indisposed, has become much worse.

An entertainment will be given in St. Andrew's Hall, Newman-street, on Monday next, the 10th inst., for the purpose of raising funds to provide Christmas dinners for the poor of St. Pancras. The programme, so far as it has been arranged, gives promise of a very pleasant, and, we hope, successful evening.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., will be present at a banquet which will take place at Ealing, on Saturday, the 15th inst., to mark the opening, on that day, by the Prince and Princess of Wales, of the Ealing Jubilee Memorial Hall. On the 3rd January, Bro. Lord and Lady George Hamilton will open a bazaar in aid of the building fund of the Hall.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., will be the guest of the Earl of Derby, at Knowsley, during his approaching visit to Lancashire.

Bro. the Earl of Meath has accepted the position of President, for the ensuing year, of the Church Army, the office having become vacant through the death of Bro. Lord Mount Temple.

A marriage has been arranged to take place between Bro. the Hon. T. A. Brassey, only son of Bro. Lord Brassey, K.C.B., and the Lady Edina Nevill, third daughter of the Marquis of Abergavenny.

Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh has accepted the office of Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, rendered vacant by the acceptance of a Colonial Governorship by Bro. the Earl of Onslow.

It is officially announced that the Queen has been pleased to approve of the Borough of Birmingham being raised to the rank of a city.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Lord George Hamilton, and Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., attended the Cabinet Council at the Foreign Office on Monday.

The anniversary meeting of the Royal Society was held at Burlington House on St. Andrew's Day (the 30th ult.), when Professor G. G. Stokes delivered his address, and the medals were presented. The officers for the ensuing year having been elected, the Fellows and their guests dined together at Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

The Prince of Wales left Sandringham for London, on Monday, in order to attend a meeting the day following, of the Council of the Duchy of Cornwall. On Wednesday, his Royal Highness went on a visit to Bro. Tyssen-Amherst, M.P., and Mrs. Tyssen-Amherst, at Didlington Hall, Norfolk.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—The combined ill-effects of over-crowding, sedentary occupations and monotony of life, are only too well known to those who have to pass the best part of their lives labouring in factories and crowded work rooms. The compulsory confinement weakens the general health and induces chronic constipation, indigestion, and various forms of skin diseases. Holloway's remedies are of priceless value to the persons of this class, for they can be used without entailing loss of work, being purely vegetable in their composition, and consequently act without harshness on the most delicate system. The experience of more than 40 years proves that no means surpass Holloway's remedies for curing bad legs, bad breasts, piles, and wounds of all kinds.

In our report last week of the installation meeting of the Whittington Lodge, 862, we omitted to state that the newly-installed W.M., Bro. James Irvine, volunteered his services as Steward at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that the course of the evening sums amounting to £62 were placed on his list. So excellent a beginning augurs well for the success of Bro. Irvine's Stewardship.

Bro. Lord Wantage, V.C., Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, has issued an address, in which he offers himself as a candidate to represent the Hundred division in the Berks County Council.

The Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, distributed the late Lady Peck's prizes at the National Orphan Home, Ham Common, on Saturday last. Her Royal Highness was warmly thanked at the close of the ceremony for her kindness in undertaking the duty.

Bro. Joseph Dodds, M.P., has resigned his seat in the House of Commons as representative of the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees.

While out last week with Colonel North's hounds, Bro. Colonel Sir Alfred Kirby met with an accident that necessitates his confinement to the bedroom. The doctors report that he is making satisfactory progress.

Bro. Thomas Benskin took the chair at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday, at the fifty-fourth anniversary festival of the Metropolitan Beer and Wine Trade Asylum.

The Princess Mary Adelaide, Duchess of Teck, has consented to open a sale of work at the Poplar Town Hall on Monday, the 17th inst., the proceeds to be devoted to the Charities of St. Saviour's, Poplar.

Saturday last, as the 44th anniversary of the birthday of the Princess of Wales, was observed with the usual honours at Windsor and London, while at Sandringham, where the Prince and Princess and their family are staying, the rejoicings were most hearty. The annual tenants' ball had taken place the day previous; but, on Saturday afternoon, all the children of the Sandringham, West Newton, and Wolferton Schools were entertained at tea in the large room at the Royal Mews.

Bro. Broadley has played many parts in his time with considerable success, but in no rôle is he happier than in that of host. The fame of his little dinners, whether they be at the Bristol Hotel or the Criterion, has gone forth to the uttermost bounds of "Society." At the latest, given by him at the Prince's-room, at the Criterion, on Tuesday evening, Masonry was very much in evidence. Out of a company numbering upwards of thirty guests, all but nine were members of the Craft. Amongst these were Bros. the Lord Mayor, Earl of Onslow, Cecil Raikes, M.P., Sir Polydore De Keyser, Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, M.P., Sir George Bowen, M.P., Edmund Yates, Augustus Harris, Frank Lockwood, Q.C., M.P., Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Sir Coutts Lindsay, Sheriff Newton, Samuel Pope, Q.C., Admiral Sir E. Inglefield, K.C.B., Sir W. Hardman, Sir Henry Isaacs, J. C. Parkinson, John Aird, M.P., Collin Hunter, A.R.A., Horace Sedger, Dr. Robson Rouse, P. C. Javal, Col. North, Edward Dicey, C.B., and others. The Menu du Dîner was perfect, and Spiers and Pond were at their very best.

The members of the Girls' School Club dined together on Thursday, the 29th ult., after the business of the General Committee, when there was a goodly number present under the presidency of Bro. J. Tickell, C.C. During the evening a very interesting discussion took place, and Bro. W. Vincent, of the Eccleston Lodge, was proposed as a member.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction to-morrow (Saturday) at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. A presentation will also be made to the late Secretary, Bro. Arthur Williams.

Bro. Deputy Beard, we are glad to learn, has recovered from his indisposition to such an extent that he is now able to take walking exercise. It is hoped he will be able to leave Brighton for his residence at Putney in the course of a few days. A fortnight will probably elapse before he is again able to resume his civic duties.

Of Bro. Sir John Bennett the *Western Daily Press* says: "There are few figures among London celebrities better known than that of the cheery, genial knight, who, like his still more redoubtable namesake, Sir John Falstaff, is not only witty in himself, but the cause of wit in other men."

The West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, will in future be held at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Monday evenings, as usual, at seven o'clock, commenced on Monday evening last. On Monday next the Fifteen Sections will be worked.

CARLETON COLLEGE, TUNNELL PARK.—Alderman and Sheriff Gray has promised to preside at the distribution of the prizes and certificates obtained by the pupils of the above college, on Saturday, the 15th inst., at 7 p.m. Rev. Prebendary Whittington, M.A., and Bro. Rev. Canon Benham, M.A., Bro. Rev. Richard Morris, LL.D., Bro. Rev. Silvanus Saunders, M.A., and Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., are expected to be present.

A performance of Mr. Thomas Murby's unique and charming juvenile cantatas "Elsa and the Imprisoned Fairy" and "Queen Iloveyou's Five o'clock Tea," which lately drew such crowds to Brixton Hall, is announced to be repeated at the Horns, Kennington, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., in aid of the funds of the Lambeth Pension Society.

ROYAL PRINCESS'S THEATRE.—Miss Grace Hawthorne has arranged with Mr. Wilson Barrett to produce a new play at the Princess's on the termination of the run of "Hands Across the Sea." The engagement with Mr. Barrett is limited to twelve weeks. Miss Grace Hawthorne will herself appear in weekly matinées during Mr. Barrett's engagement. There is no truth in the rumour that Miss Hawthorne proposes to part with the lease of the Princess's Theatre, which she has recently renewed for a further term of five years. The patrons of this theatre will be pleased to hear that Mr. W. W. Kelly will still retain the reins of management.

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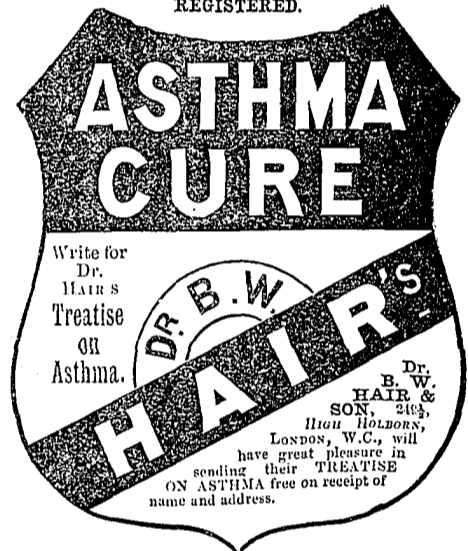
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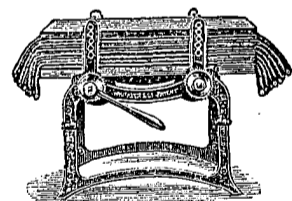
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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, December 15, 1888.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8.

CRAFT LODGES.
108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, at 7.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1297, West Kent, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10.

CRAFT LODGES.

5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
29, St. Albans, Albion Tavern.
59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Tavern, Tottenham, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern.
58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-square, W.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

96, Burlington, Albion Tavern.
180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Camden, Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern.

MARK LODGES.

223, West Smithfield, 8a, Red Lion-square, W.C.
236, Clapton, 191, Bishopsgate-street.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

71, Bayard, 33, Golden-square, W.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12.

General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.

147, Justice, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
1306, St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7 till 9.
Cray Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tavern, Battersea-park-road, at 7.30.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

1, Grand Metropolitan, Criterion, Piccadilly.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13.

CRAFT LODGES.

19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-street Hotel.
206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.
263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
City of London, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, at 6.30.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

72, Royal Jubilee, Anderson's Hotel.
554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane.

MARK LODGES.

7, Carnarvon, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
86, Samson and Lion, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

117, New Temple, Inner Temple, E.C.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14.

K.T. GREAT PRIORY, Cannon-street Hotel.

CRAFT LODGES.

134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
177, Domatic, Anderson's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, at 7.30.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.

St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

569, Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-road.
MARK LODGE.
144, Carnarvon, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

26, Faith and Fidelity, &c., Cannon-street Hotel.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15.

CRAFT LODGES.

1641, Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1732, King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel.

PROVINCIAL MASONIC MEETINGS

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 10.

CRAFT LODGES.

37, Anchor and Hope, New Masonic Hall, Silverwell-st., Bolton.
40, Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings.
68, Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
75, Love and Honour, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Falmouth.

CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.

206, Hope, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.