

LONDON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1866.

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN
CORNWALL.

By ✠ Bro. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, 18^s, &c,

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It was proposed by Bro. Stephen Bell, D.P.G.M., "that in future every person who shall be made an E.P. in this lodge to pay the sum of three pounds three shillings; for a F.C. an additional sum of ten shillings and sixpence; and to the degree of a Master also a similar amount extra, being in all four pounds four shillings." A ballot was taken on this question, and as there were six white balls for, and two black against, the proposition was carried, and declared entered accordingly. Another meeting was held 30th January, 1771, being the third during that month. Two brethren settled their quarterages "agreeably to the preceding order." Bro. Allison proposed that a committee of three members be appointed to examine the bye-laws, and produce a copy of them at the next lodge night that they may be read in the lodge, so that each member may have an opportunity of assenting or dissenting from them; the whole to be determined by ballot. Bros. Wheelwright, Bell, and Allison were appointed for that purpose, and moreover were favoured with orders to "draw upon the Treasurer for the expenses of the day."

A letter was read from the Grand Secretary, informing the lodge that a quarterly communication was to be held the 6th February, at the Crown and Anchor. "It was ordered that two guineas be sent to the grand charity, together with an account of what has been given in charity within the last year, and that Bro. Allison do acquaint the Grand Secretary of the several sums that have been expended in the course of this year for that purpose. Lodge closed in due time."

On February 13th, 1771, a letter was read from the Grand Treasurer, with an account of the proceedings of the quarterly communication, with a list of the charities disposed of. It was ordered that Bro. Allison do send for one of the "Book of Constitutions" for the use of the lodge. Probably a new edition was then published, and so notified by the Grand Secretary. The year 1771 will always be especially remembered by the Craft as the one in which the R.W. Bro. The Honourable Charles Dillon, D.G.M., brought a bill into the House of Commons for incorporating the Society of Freemasons by Act of Parliament. Its opposition, by Mr. Onslow, at the desire of several brethren; the petitions against it;

its postponement *sine die*; and ultimate failure are facts of history and require no comment here.

The Lodge of Love and Honour unanimously approved of the by-laws prepared and revised by the committee, and ordered that the same should be printed at the expense of the lodge. We have made inquiries and regret to state that there are no copies in existence of this date, however, through the kindness of Bro. W. F. Newman, W.M. 75, we have the satisfaction of possessing a neat and perfect copy of one edition, adopted and printed in 1809, when the number of the lodge was 87. To make all secure, and following out the motto "Prevention better than cure," the lodge about this time decided that a chest should be provided for the purposes of the Craft.

We should state that the by-laws were signed by the members, February 27th, 1771. A considerable accession of members resulted from the increased activity of the brethren, and in consequence the minutes are in general lengthy.

The lodge was opened in due form on June 12th, when Bro. J. L. Casembroot, of the Astrea Lodge, Utrecht, attended as a visitor. "According to Article 3rd, in the By-laws our election of officers for the ensuing half year was called, when Bro. Stephen Bell was unanimously chosen Master, who appointed Bro. Westcott, Senior Warden, and Bro. McLellan, Junior Warden; there was also a ballot called for the Treasurership, Secretaryship, and Tylership, when Bro. E. Snoxell was elected Treasurer; Bro. A. Trenhazle, Secretary; and Bro. John Pellew, Tyler. It was proposed by Bro. E. Snoxell, that the suppers of the respective persons that attend at the lodge nights shall be charged in the accounts of the lodge, and carried."

The festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated in procession June 24th, 1771. The following members attended:

PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.
FALMOUTH LODGE:

George Bell, P.G.M.	N. Symons
Stephen Bell, D.P.G.M.	N. Trowhayle, Secretary
R. Vivian, P.S.W.	T. McLellan, J.W.
P. Wescott, P.J.W.	R. James
M. Allison, P.S.	H. Row
E. Snoxell, P.T.	V. Williams
T. Wheelwright, P.M.	E. Lawronce
J. Lilly	C. Stewart.

REDRUTH LODGE:

W. Price	M. Jacob
Penrose	R. Smith
T. Halso	G. Aungur
W. Rawle	S. Knight
P. Trevena	S. Hugoo
P. Mitchell	J. Jenking
G. Angove	H. Williams
S. Hocking	W. Dennis
J. Night	W. Trevena
T. Seccombe	

ST. IVES LODGE:

R. B. Lane, P.M.	J. Wallis, J.W.
N. Hicks, J.W.	N. Wallis, S.

PENZANCE LODGE:	
S. Luko	J. Stone
VISITING BRETHREN:	
D. Pindor Falmouth Tylor.	M. Longes Redruth Tylor.

In the list appears the forefathers of several Masons who are members of the lodges at the present day, and we have therefore given it in full for the purpose of recording them in this widely circulating Magazine.

In accordance with the request of the Redruth Lodge, August 12th, 1771, twelve members of the Falmouth Lodge agreed to attend the Redruth Lodge, on Saturday, the 24th instant, at the celebration of their anniversary, viz., August 24th, so that in all probability the Redruth Lodge was constituted August 24th, 1754, and in the absence of other authority we take this as good evidence of the fact, because it was not until then that it was mentioned in the Falmouth minutes as a circumstance of very late occurrence. Mr. Charles Newman was balloted for and accepted Sept. 11th, 1771. A song in "Praise of Masons" is next inserted, consisting of thirteen verses and the chorus, to the tune of the "First of August." We have examined several collections of Masonic songs (both British and American), but cannot find it given in any, and as it possesses little, if any, merit, we forbear quoting it in these pages. On the last leaf of the first volume occurs the following:—"The undermentioned agree that if they are in the town of Falmouth, and do not by six o'clock in the evening on lodge nights send an excuse for their not coming, shall forfeit sixpence—Edward Snoxell, Nathaniel Steel, Richard James, Matthew Allison, Thomas McLellan, and Stephen Bell. A valuable and interesting minute concludes the leaf, and contains the signatures of several bright ornaments of the Craft, who, though departed, will ever be cherished and revered in the hearts of all Cornish Freemasons.

ORATION IN HONOUR OF MASONRY

Delivered by Bro. METHAM, Prov. S.G.W. Devon, at the Consecration of the Devon Lodge (No. 1138).

Having more than once lately addressed the Provincial Grand Lodge on the recorded history and antiquity of Freemasonry, I propose on the present occasion to confine myself to its association with the sacred teaching of the Bible. We know that upon Freemasonry the passing events of the world can make no change and exert no influence. Her doctrines were established before the foundation stones of the Pyramids were laid, and they will flourish when not one brick remains upon another to show where the Pyramids were

placed. We firmly believe that the day will come when her doctrines will overspread the earth, as the waters cover the caves of the sea, from the frozen hills of the North to the unexplored ice-fields of the South; from the East, the birthplace of the cheerful day, to the West, the bed of the mournful night. And why have we this confident belief?—because it is founded on eternal truth, which knows and can know no change; because on this book, the volume of the Sacred Law, we rest our faith, our principles, our teaching. Coming to us not as a discovery of the genius of man, but as the revelation of the Great Architect of the Universe himself, it is in the nineteenth century what it was in the first—fresh, immutable, eternal. It appeals, and Masonry echoes its divine voice, not to a creed, not to a party, not to a generation, but to all mankind and to all ages. It speaks alike to the multitude and to the individual, it prescribes to the loftiest genius "Thus far shalt thou go and no further," while it whispers in parental tones to the humble spirit, "Be calm and content with a lowly lot." It tells us of the past, its teachings and its warnings, it spreads out the present like a map of the strange land, its shoals and quicksands, its sunny spots and pleasant resting-places, through which our pilgrimage lies as we journey forward to

The undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns, and it tells us of the future in words true as the rising and the setting sun, that as the world began with Paradise to our first parents, so to the faithful and obedient of the human race, as the world recedes from view Paradise shall again open her portals to their longing eyes. The volume of the Sacred Law has given to Masonry those allegories and analogies which appeal so warmly to the bosom of every brother, and convey so vividly to his mind the great truths which belong to the science. Its aim is to promote the happiness of mankind, to cultivate the understanding and impress upon its members the solemn truth that there is an omnipotent, omniscient, and ever-living God who governs all, and to whom we must render an account of our life, whether it has been well or ill spent. In the beautiful ceremonies of our Order derived from the Bible we are constantly reminded that the same Almighty Power has fashioned and sustained the world, that He has created man, endowed him with a reasoning and feeling nature, placed him in a universe of beauty and wonder, given him faculties to com-

prehend these divine attributes, and thus led him, by a gentle compulsion as it were, to

Look through nature up to nature's God.

By such associations Masonry is calculated to make on the minds of its members impressions which can never be effaced, although they may, from time to time, be dulled by the cares and temptations of life. It enforces the obligation laid on us, and then when comes upon us that "last scene of all which ends this strange eventful history," and we stand on the brink of that grave which will so soon receive us into its cold bosom, whence but from the teaching of this Sacred Volume can we learn to look unflinchingly through its gloomy portal and raise the eye of faith to that bright morning star whose rising shall bring peace and salvation to all those who accept its teachings and follow its injunctions? where but from its promise can we learn to regard death, not as the king of terrors, a ghostly, grinning skeleton of decaying humanity, but as a sweet, smiling mother, come to claim her own child again, yearning to shelter him in her protecting arms, to clasp him to her warm bosom, to soothe him to forgetfulness of life's trials and disappointments, and lull him into a grateful and eternal rest? If we prove ourselves good Masons, we shall realise this picture in our own case. Our obligations, if they mean anything, mean that we have given ourselves to others, that we have resolved to do our utmost to bring all classes together, to make them feel that they are brethren, to gather together, as it were, the fragments of a fallen nature, and build them up into a perfect temple. Such is the work to which every Mason, in his generation, has bound himself to add a stone. The builder builds for centuries, we for eternity. A hundred thousand men were employed to raise a pyramid over a dead king; let us feel and show that we are engaged in a far nobler work, in erecting a living temple to the glory of the living God, not to be judged of by its outer magnificence, but by its inner decorations, and by its fruit, which is to endure for ages. If we would understand and value at their full worth those wondrous pillars of wisdom, strength, and beauty on which Freemasonry rests, we must begin with that practical humility which can alone break down the barriers and bridge over the gulf which now interposes between man and man; with that charity which judges with candour and reprehends with mercy;

with that submission to the Divine will which teaches us to trust in God ourselves, and to feel towards others that love of which He is the essence, and with that benevolence which so many need treading side by side with us the uncertain and thorny path of life, and for which we may have to appeal in turn, how soon, and under what circumstances of danger, difficulty, and distress God only knows. Let us in daily life be guided by prudence, temperance, fortitude, and justice. We must be prepared, at any moment, to give an exact account of the employment of time, intellect, and worldly wealth, those precious jewels committed to us by the great Lord to whom we are stewards. We must show that our Lord's talents have been spent not in neglect or self-indulgence, nor laid aside in uselessness or buried in a napkin in the ground, but expended in such works as may be found most consonant to His law and will. And to the comprehension of that will and law how plain is the direction, how sure and yet how gentle are the guides. When at night we lift up our eyes and contemplate the peace and splendour of the host of heaven, how each in that countless multitude revolves in its own orbit, and rejoices, as it were, to subserve the universal order, we recognise an omnipotent, yet gentle, influence which demands and receives a willing and exact obedience. When we turn our eyes down to the earth on which we dwell, we see in all the works of the First Great Cause the same unswerving principle. It ruled at the Creation, has prevailed throughout all time, and will bless the countless ages of eternity. It is the law of kindness and of love; that is the law given to Masons for their humble imitation. It is rich in promise, joyous in operation, and certain in its fruition as truth itself. Of such a law how can I better speak than in the language of an old divine, language as noble as ever fell from the lips of uninspired man; would that voice or gesture of mine could do it justice:—"Of this law there can be no less acknowledgment than that her tent is in the bosom of God, her lodge the harmony of spheres; all things in heaven and earth do her homage, the very least as feeling her care, the very greatest as not exempted from her power; both angels and men, and creatures of what condition soever, though each in different voice and manner, yet all, with uniform conduct, admiring and praising her, the mother of their peace

and joy." Worshipful Master, your commands are obeyed, but before I resume my seat, permit me to address a few words to our new lodge. Worshipful Master and Brethren of Lodge Devon,—To-day we commit to you the honour of this province and of the Craft; see that you guard it well. Your history is yet unwritten; see that its pages be unstained by the record of a single act which you in your Masonic career may wish to blot! Let the corn, the oil, and the wine used in the ceremony of to-day, and the qualities which they typify, be ever present to your thoughts! Remember you have vowed to be prudent, discreet, and temperate; liberal in your charity, steadfast in your friendships, just and virtuous in your deportment; so shall the outer world see what great and beneficial effects flow from our ancient and honourable institution. Say not I have entered on too lofty a flight of speculation, and left terrestrial difficulties too far below. Not so; you cannot attain excellence unless your aims are measured by the highest standard. The actual powers of fallen man forbid perfection, but we are commanded to be perfect, and as Masons it is your especial and self-imposed duty to do your best to become so. It is good for you to reflect how much of the misery which man suffers or inflicts is due to himself; it is good for you to resolve that, as far as your influence extends, those ills so pathetically lamented by our gifted brother the poet Burns,

Man's inhumanity to man
Makes countless thousands mourn.

shall cease for ever. It is good for you to reflect how the principle of self-control which this involves is the mainspring in all social and individual happiness. Whether it be in the case of the sovereign on the throne, the labourer at the plough, or ourselves in our daily public, domestic, or Masonic life, this self-control, this forgetfulness of self, this care for the happiness of others, is the great and vital source of all that is virtuous, dignified, considerate, and true. This is indeed real Masonry. I pray that the Great Architect of the Universe will prosper you in your undertaking so auspiciously commenced to-day, and that He will bless and preserve you all through time and eternity.

Pythagoras was deeply indebted to the Masonry of Solomon, for his trestle-board was filled with the ancient emblems, the triple triangle, the point within a circle, the cube, the perfect square, and the 47th Problem of Euclid.

EARS OF WHEAT FROM A CORNUCOPIA.

By Bro. D. MURRAY LYON, *one of the Grand Stewards
in the Grand Lodge of Scotland.*

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SWARMING OF A MASONIC HIVE.—MOTHER KILWINNING IN VIRGINIA.

In tracing the history of Freemasonry in America, neither Laurie nor Findel takes any notice of the share Mother Kilwinning had in disseminating among the colonists of North America a knowledge of the Royal Art. Such omissions on the part of acknowledged authorities in matters coming within the compass of their historical researches, show the necessity that exists for the co-operation of some "Old Mortality" in rescuing from oblivion the hoary mementoes of the Craft which lie neglected in the repositories of the more ancient of our lodges. Information regarding the erection of lodges in North America at dates prior to the severance of the tie that bound our transatlantic cousins to the mother country, besides being of interest to every student of Masonic history, possesses features of special attraction to brethren in the States. The records of the Lodge of Kilwinning while showing that at least two of its charters found their way across the Atlantic, side by side with others emanating from the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland to authorise the holding of regularly constituted lodges, contribute a chapter anent the origin of the Falmouth Lodge, which affords an inkling of the well-intentioned liberties with supreme Masonic functions that were occasionally taken by daughter lodges of the period referred to. It was in June, 1758, that on the petition of certain Masons in Essex County, Virginia, a charter was granted by the Mother Lodge, under the title of "Tapahannock Kilwinning." Seventeen years later, a Kilwinning charter is asked for another town in Virginia, the petitioners accompanying their application with documentary proof of their status as true men and brothers, officebearers of a lodge constituted by a daughter of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The petition and enclosure we give entire:—

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Master and other officers of the ancient Lodge of Kilwinning in North Britain:

"The petition of the Masters, officers, and other members of the lodge of Freemasons in Falmouth, Virginia, humbly sheweth that your petitioners have been constituted a lodge of Freemasons by the chartered Lodge of Fredericksburg, as may

appear by the annexed certificate; and as they are apprehensive that a charter from some lodge in Great Britain is necessary in order to enable them to hold lodges and do other acts therein agreeable to the rules of Masonry, they take this method of applying for the same from your ancient lodge—which request they hope will be readily complied with, and an ample charter forwarded to them as soon as may be: And your petitioners will pray, &c.

“Signed in the name of the lodge, the 22nd day of October, 1774, anno que mundi 5774: William Allason, G.M.; William Love, S.W.; William Smith, J.W.; Edward Moor, Treas.; Andrew Buchanan, Sec.”

“To all and sundry, to whose knowledge these presents shall come—Greeting:

“Whereas, by virtue of a charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, bearing date 21st July, 1758, during the presidency of the Right Hon. and most Worshipful Alexander Earle of Galloway, the Right Worshipful Col. John Thornton, Grand Master: John Neilson, Senior Warden; Dr. Robert Halkerstone, Junior Warden; James Strachan, Treas.; and Robert Armistead, Sec.; of the lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Fredericksburg, and the other constituent members of that lodge, and their successors in all time to come, are fully entitled to hold a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the designation of the Lodge of Fredericksburg, and to advance and reward their brethren according to the custom of all well-regulated lodges. And a petition being presented by a number of the members of this lodge, inhabitants of the town of Falmouth, bearing date the 30th January, 1768, as appears by the records of this lodge, setting forth as follows, viz.:—‘To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and other members of the Lodge at Fredericksburg: Know ye, that whereas your petitioning brethren have by long experience found it greatly inconvenient, and sometimes impossible, to attend constantly at this our lodge, by which they, and many others on the north of the Rappahannock, are deprived of the society, fellowship, and instruction that they sincerely wish for from a regular and well-constituted lodge; and whereas we are well assured that many worthy persons (not Masons) are desirous of becoming such, but for the above-mentioned inconveniences decline, and deprive themselves from receiving the benefits of Masonry; therefore we, the subscribers, having the good of

Masonry entirely at heart, and from no other motive, have ventured to address the Right Worshipful Lodge, praying them for their consent, approbation, and assistance, to erect and found a lodge in the town of Falmouth. To our worshipful and worthy brothers we wish health. Signed: John Neilson, Alexr. Woddrow, James Buchanan, William Allason, William Love, Alexr. Cunningham, Edward Moor, William Knox.’”

“The lodge, taking the same into consideration, unanimously resolve to attend on whatever day the above petitioning brethren should appoint for the purpose; and accordingly the said Lodge of Fredericksburg, on the 30th March, 1768, with their Master and other officers, and clothed in their proper insignia, did go in procession from the lodge of the town of Fredericksburg to the town of Falmouth, and then and there did, by virtue of the authority aforesaid, constitute, erect, and appoint the R.W. John Neilson, G.M.; Alex. Woddrow, S.W.; Jas. Buchanan, J.W.; William Allason, Treas.; Alex. Cunningham, Sec.; William Love and Edward Moor, Stewds., and their other constituent members, and their successors in all time coming, to be a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the title and designation of the Lodge of Falmouth;—and we request all regular lodges to hold, acknowledge, and respect them as such, hereby granting and committing to them and their successors, full power and authority to assemble and convene as a regular lodge, and to enter and receive Apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts, and raise Master Masons, and to confer upon their deserving brethren all honours, dignities, and pre-eminences known or practised in any regular lodge; and to elect and chuse Masters, Wardens, and other officers, annually or otherwise, as they shall think proper; and to exact from their entrant members such compositions as they shall judge necessary for the relief of their brethren in their distress,—recommending to the brethren foresaid to reverence and obey their superiors in all things lawfull and honest, as becomes the honour and harmony of Masonry; and to record in their books this present charter, with their own private regulations and bye-laws, and their whole acts and proceedings from time to time as they shall occur; and not to desert their said lodge hereby constituted, or form themselves into separate meetings, without the consent and approbation of their Master and Wardens for the time being. And for the more

effectual preservation of these presents, the same is hereby ordered to be recorded in the books of the Lodge of Fredericksburg. And furthermore, we recommend it to the said brethren to apply as soon as may be to the Grand Lodge at Edinburgh, in Scotland, hereby recommending them to the said Right Worshipful Lodge, that the same may be confirmed by more ample charter.

"Given at the Lodge of Fredericksburg, under the hands of the R.W. Hugh Mercer, G.M., and the other officers, and seal of this Lodge, this eighth day of February, 1774; annoque mundie, 5774. Hugh Mercer, G.M.; Ch. Mortimer, S.W.; Neil M'Coull, J.W.; David Blair, Treas.; Lachlan Campbell, Sec."

Such then were the circumstances under which were opened the mystic quarters of Falmouth. We have elsewhere shown the erection of one lodge by another to have not unfrequently occurred in the west of Scotland threescore years ago. This was by warrant (recallable at pleasure) binding the brethren accepting the same to pay to their mother lodge a fixed proportion of the fees exacted from intrants under such dispensation. But in the erection of the Lodge of Falmouth, the Craftsmen of Fredericksburg were animated by no such mercenary motive; their object was to gratify those of their number to whom regular attendance at the communications of their lodge was found to be inconvenient. While recording an unwarrantable interference with the functions of Grand Lodge, the simple, unembellished narrative of the founding of the Falmouth Lodge preserves to posterity the remembrance also of an episode in the history of Virginian Freemasonry fragrant with the perfume of fraternal love, and illustrative of a spirit at antipodes to the acerbities which in our own day are too often engendered by the planting of new lodges in contiguity to others already existing.

We have no knowledge as to the influence which guided the Falmouth brethren in their desire for a Kilwinning charter in preference to one from Edinburgh; neither do we possess information as to the agency by which, after nearly twenty years' existence, the lodge was enlightened as to its illegitimacy, and convinced of the propriety of having the reproach removed; but in the books of the mother lodge it is recorded that the charter sought for was on the 10th of April, 1775, granted under the title of "Falmouth Virginia Kilwinning."

In the year of the Lodge of Falmouth's regeneration were set up many landmarks of importance in American history. It was only some ten days subsequent to the issue of the Kilwinning charter that hostilities began between the colonists and the British troops, and the same year found George Washington in command of the rebel army. The title worn by the present Senior Grand Deacon in the Grand Lodge of Scotland (the Earl of Dunmore) will be familiar to Virginians as being that also of the British Governor who, in 1775, was frightened from the viceregal palace of Williamsburg by the patriotism of their ancestors in resisting the attempts of the Imperial Parliament to lord it over the American colonies.

THE NEMESIS: A TALE OF THE DAYS OF TRAJAN.

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CHAPTER XII.

THE OLD PRIEST AND THE YOUNG PHILOSOPHER.

Toss'd like a ship upon some stormy sea,
One moment up to Heaven, the next beneath
The furious waves. I pant and cry in doubt,
"Oh for the land, the firm sure land of truth,
Where I may rest, and gaze upon the tide
Of error rushing over rocky life,
Secure, and smiling to eternal stars."

The sun was setting, his purple beams shot over the domes of Rome, and broke in glory on the foaming Tiber. It was one of Italy's rare Autumn evenings in October, when the night clear from fog and mist, yet had a sharp nip in their breath. The moon was slowly rising in the darkened east, and the stars appeared against the back ground of blue sky like diamonds on a purple robe. Adrian Maddened with thought stood on such a night upon the Janiculum, close by the tomb of Numa. Beneath him stretched the great city, and from it arose a babbling cry, made up of its many voices. As he gazed upon the setting sun, his thoughts took the form of speech.

"Sink down, oh Sol! thy brightness sears my heart. All glare and glitter, what art thou to me, proud tyrant of the skies, before whose face the timid stars retire in awe? Away? Thy light,

ominous, terrifies me more than the still pallid face of death. Come forth, fair stars, you virgins pure appear in robes of silver, mystical, sublime. Dance forth! The haughty sun has gone to sleep upon the billows of his bloody home. Dance forth, and give me peace, while sweetly sound the timid Zephyrs on the Alban hills. Oh, this is grand! Yon blue transparent sea, o'er which the myriad midnight lamps are slung, whose lustre guides the wavering bark of man. Shine out, ye harbingers of peace and joy! In you I feel a higher power than man, fixed on eternal bases and on truth, and still unchanging amid our change. You have seen men come and go, live and die, on through the countless days, since the dread hour you poured upon him from your crystal homes the pent-up water's power, and swept him from the earth, as rivers sweep bridge, bank, and hut in winter's angry mood. You, too, have seen the seed of serpents' teeth, the grain of warriors on Deucalion's field, and watched the bloody stain on Rome's first wall. All have you seen, and yet you are unchanged! All have you seen, but yet you may not tell the secret whose dread fire now chars my heart. Now can you give me peace, knowledge give, nor take the hungry tooth of knowledge from my heart."

His meditations were broken in upon by the sound of approaching footsteps. He withdrew a few paces, as Sextus, the old Flamen, toiled up the steep to gaze upon the night, and pay his devotion to his god. White as snow fell his hair upon his shoulders, and his frame was bent beneath the weight of years.

"Once more," began the Flamen, in a quivering voice, raising his hoary head to heaven in reverence, "benignant night showers down the dew upon the thirsty earth to glad the flowers, and give soft repose to man, wearied and tired with life and its dull toil. Down drops the blessed sleep to still the pain, which crushes from the heart a painful cry. Beneficent sleep, great boon of Somnus, hail! Spirit of Mercy! come, and spread thy wings upon the tortured hearts of men. Smooth out the iron wrinkles from their brows, the wrinkles from their hearts, and give them peace."

"Peace to the weary," said Adrian advancing, "to the suffering peace. But Sextus, can this sleep give peace to doubt, to the fierce thirst for knowledge, and the desire to know what yonder stars can tell of heaven? Canst thou invoke a

power to teach me how each beat tells in the heart, the arm, or the wrist, and how the spirit comes at first within the breast."

"Seventy long years," replied the Flamen, "even from mine infant days, morning and night I've knelt before Jove's shrine, and prayed for wisdom of these things, but all in vain! Jupiter alone can tell, and we may but guess the decrees of the stars."

"Then Jupiter is not lord of all; each star has an individual power on earth and man?"

"So taught the fathers of my early days. Each star fulfils its allotted part distinct within its sphere. One rules the head, another sways the heart. Life and death, joy and love, have each a star; each passion has its star.

"Who then commands the stars? Our gods are not a few! Is there no king among them, one to whom the others bow. On earth we have kings, why not among the gods? Jove rules the sky, and Neptune sways the sea, while hell belongs to Pluto. Each one great and powerful in his own domain, but no one greater than his brother kings. One day I saw in Athens, as I paced its streets, an altar to 'the unknown god.' I asked a citizen, who passed me at the time, why so strange a shrine should have been raised? and he replied: 'Each day we add a god to our wide roll, and still there may be one above them all, so him propitiate by leaving not his fame untempted, although we neither know his lineage nor his name.'" He added, "Such an one there is, we know by faint report, but of him or his powers we know nothing more. Who can this unknown god be?"

"Can there be one?"

"Aye, Sextus, this unknown god can never be Jupiter! He slumbers, eats and drinks like puny man. God, to my mind, should be as free as the air from every taint and failing of the flesh. His works beheld, but his presence unseen and unknown by man. There must, O Sextus, be such a higher power. We come into the world not with our will: we go out from the world against our will: a greater will than ours decrees the change. You tell me it is Jupiter. But 'who is Jupiter?' I ask, who is this god to whom we lisp our early prayers, whose shrines reek with bullock's blood? Our gods, see what a numerous roll they are!"

"So are our powers, Adrian," replied Sextus, "we have strength, wisdom, valour, and the

passions that turn earth into a very hell; the virtues that can, when properly directed, turn earth into Elysium."

"Aye, but these lie within the compass of a single breast, as yonder myriads of stars lie within the sky. What is the power that chains the trees to earth, that brings the changing seasons round the year, and kills and makes anew the silver moon. There is a power oer all, a power of might that could, within the twinkling of an eye, annihilate this world, and the stars in heaven, could spread ruin over the fields in which the light haired Ceres reigns. Oh, would yon blue eternal veil fall down that I might see what lies hidden behind it. In vain, alas! These doubts kill more than death."

"Death will resolve these doubts," replied Sextus, "meanwhile live on."

"Oh what a strange, weird, ghastly thing is death," cried Adrian, in a burst of passionate feeling. "See you how still life is; a pool of weary waves, that, battling with a wind, is tired to sleep, on which the ooze grows green and fat. Yet throw the stone of death upon it, lo, the deep quivers from bank to bank, and heaves in pain, rent with emotions terrible, for are they not vague? Yet soon, alas, how very soon, the waters come to rest, and settle calmly on their banks, as if they never had felt their wake from slumber to a fell dismay. A broken spot on the green ooze may point the vacant place: all else is still and quiet: the bolt has flown, the soul has passed from earth, and life lies calmly sleeping, as if never disturbed."

"Death comes to terrify," answered Sextus, "forgetfulness to chase away the fear and yield us peace. But there must come a time when we shall see our life as in a scroll, but when or where, death can alone reveal."

"Ah for that peace of death!" cried Adrian, "if peace can come where knowledge is, a knowledge that knows nothingness in peace. But even the thought that I shall yet know all, although that all may yield me endless woe, is soothing. A calm falls on my spirit like the dew upon the parched fields. I shall go home. Good night. Oh Sextus, would that these doubts were over."

"Trust to the blessed stars, my son," replied Sextus, mournfully, "they may give you peace. Good night."

Sextus gazed after the retreating form of the young Roman, with a countenance of the deepest

melancholy, and as he slowly descended the hill, he heaved many a sigh, murmuring to himself.

"Poor boy, already has the iron barb transfixed his soul, that dread desire to know what earth cannot tell. After a lifetime, coming to the grave, then will he know how little peace earth yields her children: study yields them none, but only fans the fever of the flame. All my life long have I dreamed on his dream, but never came a satisfying answer to my anxious heart. Now in my dying hours, I envy him, the stout strong-bodied son of Vertumnus, who knows not, cares not what fell knowledge is; whose life is bound in the small round of day and night, the one in toil, the other in repose."

When Adrian entered the city night had fallen. Drawing his toga around him, and feeling in his belt for a sharp dagger, kept its hilt in his hand, for in spite of all the endeavours of Trajan, the dissipated nobles by their rudeness and drunkenness rendered the streets far from safe. He was approaching the Pantheon, when he heard females shrieking for help in the distance. He hurried forward, and came across a party of revellers, who were surrounding a couple of females. Adrian recognised among them Maremma the Bacchanal, Publius Appius and Servius, three rich but dissolute noblemen."

"Tear aside their veils," cried Maremma, "and let us see the nymphs faces. Never fled Daphne from Apollo with such speed, as did these fair ones from us. Doubtless they wished not to escape us, or else, by their prayers, we might have embraced trees instead of flesh and blood. Pull off their veils Servius."

"Hold!" cried Adrian, pushing his way through the band, and drawing the terrified women behind him.

"Adrian!" cried the attackers.

"The same, and deeply grieved to see that Rome's chivalry can only attack women."

"Pass on your way, Adrian, we do not stand lectures from pedagogues here," said Publius. "Pass on and leave us to deal with the women as we please."

"I shall do no such thing," replied Adrian, "if you can aid in bringing disgrace upon Rome, I at least shall attempt to parry such. Begone your ways."

"Not without the women, Mr. Schoolmaster," said Maremma, "come hand them over, or we shall

flog you. They would prefer to be with us, would they not Publius?"

"Aye, knock him down without so much talk."

Maremma pressed forward to seize one, but Adrian knocked him down, and drawing his dagger, cried, "Your deaths lie at your own doors, if you do this wrong."

"What has set you by the ears, Romans," said a new voice, and a centurion pressing forward, Adrian recognised a friend, Sempronius. Behind him came another, Lycus. "Adrian, you brawling, by Father Tiber what next?"

"Nay, there was no brawling on my part, these noble youths were offering an insult to these ladies, I was simply protecting them against their rudeness."

"Aye, and spilt Maremma in the mud. You are rather an old youth Maremma," he said to that hero, who had recovered his feet, "to play such pranks. You had better go home now, the game is up, and permit me to warn you, that if Trajan heard of this, you would have to pay richly for your joke."

The assailants sneaked off before the laughter of the Centurion, who turning to Adrian, said "where have you hid yourself. Lycus and I have scoured Rome for you. You are wanted immediately, so march along."

"I cannot do so till I place these ladies in safety. Have you far to go," he asked of the women.

"Not very far," replied a low sweet voice, "we are out of danger now, and need not further intrude upon your kindness. We give you our best thanks for your gallantry."

"Nay, I cannot permit you to go farther alone. Allow me to see you home."

"It is but a street off."

"It lies in our path," said the Centurion, impatiently, "ladies go forward, and we will see you home."

Upon this the girls, for they appeared young, hurried forward, and shortly paused at the door of a splendid mansion. The Romans saluted them, and were passing on, when one of the girls seized Adrian's hand, and pressed it to her lips. The moon rushed from behind a cloud at the same instant, the veil was slightly raised and revealed a face of such heavenly beauty, but oh, so sad, that Adrian's heart, almost stopped its beating surprise.

"Hearts thanks," came to his ear, as the porter opened the door, and the girls passed in.

"Whose house is that?" asked Adrian.

"Murtius the Greek's," answered the Centurion.

"Murtius!" ejaculated Adrian, "could that have been his daughter Phryne that we rescued?"

"No, it must have been the younger, Myra. I was fetched away from Cornelius' house by Lycus here, and Murtius, his sister Lais, and Phryne were there."

"Forward," said Lycus impatiently, "we have lost too much time. Adrian, where were you initiated?"

"In Athens, by the mystagogue Moscus."

"A good man and a true. He also initiated me. Have you ever met any of our brethren here?"

"No. I was not aware that any, except one, were in Rome, till I met you. I have however a letter from Moscus to one Paulus a tanner on the marsh."

"A terrible danger threatens the Roman brethren, who are numerous. I have summoned them to meet to-night regarding it. We pass your house on the way, get your letter, for you will meet Paulus to-night. Our friend Sempronius is a member. We have little time to lose so forward with your best speed.

(To be continued.)

MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

THE HIGH GRADES, &c.

In answer to "Inquirer," December 1st. 1. No member of the 30°, Grand Elected Knight Kadosh, or Knight of the Black and White Eagle, of France, will be entitled to entrance in an Encampment under the Grand Conclave of England and Wales, of the Chapter General of Scotland, or the corresponding Grand Conclave in the United States, by virtue of being a member of that degree, although before the formation of the Ancient and Accepted Rites for Great Britain and Ireland in all probability the Knights Kadosh was a part of the ceremonial of the Knights Templars. There is just this difference between an English Royal Arch certificate and a diploma of the 30°; that whereas, the former would prove that the possessor was a Craft Mason, the latter would not indicate the brother to be a Knight Templar, as a candidate for any of the degrees of the

Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales is neither required nor expected to be a Knight Templar, but on the contrary has to divest himself of any jewel, clothing, or device that would tend to show his connection with that degree, during the ceremony of his being perfected.

2. According to the Constitutions of the Craft, Grand Lodge of England, pages 18, 68, and 115 (32mo., 1866) it appears that no member can be admitted into any lodge or chapter who is decorated with any jewel, medal, or device belonging or appertaining to any order or degree not recognised by the Grand Lodge of England as part of pure and ancient Masonry. The degrees so recognised consist only of the three Craft degrees and the Holy Royal Arch, according to the solemn Act of Union, in December, 1813. Hence the W.M. or Prov. G.M. of any lodge or province would have an undoubted right to refuse admittance to any brother wearing the jewels of any other degrees. In an encampment it would be otherwise, and although the before-mentioned law may not always be enforced in a Craft Lodge, the fact of the illegality of such jewels being worn is none the less true on that account.

3. No member of the 30° has any right to occupy the chairs of a Craft lodge, unless possessed of the qualification for that office, which are, having served that of Warden for twelve months, and been elected and installed as Master in a Board of Installed Masters. This law holds good in England, and it cannot be altered in any degree, excepting in the formation of a new lodge with respect to the Warden's qualification. In Scotland the degree of Past Master is not recognised by the Craft Grand Lodge, but only by the Grand Chapter.

4. Whatever may be the custom in Italy, the son of a Master Mason in England cannot be initiated for a less sum than three guineas, exclusive of the registration fee and certificate, but in lodges where more than that sum is charged, of course an allowance might be made for Lewises, provided the sum so charged be not less than the amount specified in the Book of Constitutions, under the article "Makings," clause 2, page 86, and the payment of that sum cannot be deferred or lessened on any pretence whatever after the evening of initiation for a Lewis any more than for an ordinary candidate.

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BURNING THE APRON.

Glad to read "Kappa's" friendly note in your last issue. Can he or any of your numerous correspondents furnish authoritative information as to what Freemasons were in existence in London at the time of the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1717, who took no part in the institution of that important body.

In "Ahiman Reyem," published under the authority of the so-called Ancients, it is stated that the members of the ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons had no hand in the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of Moderns, but subsequently communicated their mysteries to the rival Grand Lodge styled Ancients. It would be interesting to know what evidence there is of the historical truth of such a statement.

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THE MASONIC MIRROR.

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MASONIC MEMS.

THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRAND MASTERSHIP OF PRINCE FREDERICK OF THE NETHERLANDS.—This interesting festival, the postponement of which we announced in June last, was celebrated in the most imposing manner, at Amsterdam, on the 27th ult. Our august Bro. Prince Frederick William was born on the 28th February, 1797. He is the son of King William I. and Princess Frederica of Prussia, and uncle of the present king. We have prepared a report of the proceedings, which, however, we regret we are prevented, owing to want of space, inserting in our present issue.

DEATH OF THE PROV. G.M. AND OF THE PROV. G. TREAS. OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.—The province of Cumberland and Westmoreland has suffered a severe loss by the death of the Prov. G.M. Bro. Frecheville Lawson Ballantine Dykes, the Prov. G. Treas.

GRAND LODGE.

At the quarterly communication of the United Grand Lodge of England, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., the following business was placed upon the paper to be transacted:—

1. The minutes of the quarterly communication of the 5th September, 1866, for confirmation.
2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
3. The Grand Master will bring forward a motion to give enlarged powers to District Grand Masters, in distant parts with respect to establishing new lodges.
4. The Grand Master will lay before Grand Lodge a memorial from the District Grand Lodge of Victoria, praying for an alteration in the law relating to the formation of new lodges in foreign parts.
5. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence.
6. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which is a recommendation for a grant of £40 to a brother of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231, London.
7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

1. The Board of General Purposes beg to report that, in consequence of the new laws that have recently been passed by the Grand Lodge, and more especially those conferring enlarged powers on District Grand Lodges in the colonies and foreign parts, they have found it necessary to collate the "Book of Constitutions," and have directed that a small impression in 32mo. be printed for the interim use of the Craft, embodying therein all new laws already confirmed by Grand Lodge, with such transpositions of Articles, and verbal amendments in certain cases, as appeared necessary to render the sense more clear.

2. The Board have had under consideration the propriety of making certain further amendments, alterations, and additions in, and to, the "Book of Constitutions" previous to the issue of a new edition, and submit the same for the adoption of Grand Lodge, as follows:—

1. At Page 35.—In the fifth line of Article 3, after the words "shall be annually audited by," to erase the remainder of the article, and in place thereof to insert "the professional

- auditor to be appointed by the Grand Master, pursuant to a resolution passed in Grand Lodge on the 23rd June, 1859."
2. Page 48.—Article 9, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth lines, to omit the words "together with a list of such lodges as may have been constituted since his last return, and the fees due thereon to Grand Lodge."
 3. Page 50.—Article 2, second line from top, to erase "presides," and insert in lieu thereof "may preside."
 4. Page 52.—At the end of Article 3 to insert "But such by-laws shall not be valid until submitted to, and approved by, the M.W. Grand Master."
 5. Page 55.—Article 1, near the end to introduce the words "and on Masters of lodges in the colonies and foreign parts, where there is no District Grand Master," so that the sentence may read "The M.W. Grand Master may confer on District Grand Masters, and on Masters of lodges in the colonies and foreign parts, where there is no District Grand Master, a power of dispensation in cases of emergency, for a brother to be advanced to a higher degree at an interval of one week, instead of four weeks."
 6. Page 68.—Article 28, fourth line, to erase the words "or a Provincial Grand Master."
 7. Page 87.—Article 1, seventh line, after the word "initiated," to insert "or admitted to join from lodges under other Constitutions."
 8. Page 91.—After Article 4, to introduce, as a fresh article, "5. The concurrence of the Grand Master is not required for the removal of a lodge in the colonies or foreign parts."
 9. Page 91.—Under the heading "Of Public Processions," erase Articles 1 and 2, and substitute the following—"No brother shall attend in any public place as a Mason, clothed in any of the jewels or badges of the Craft, nor at any funeral or public procession without the licence of the Grand Master, or Provincial or District Grand Master. If a brother shall transgress this law, he shall be rendered incapable of ever being an officer of a lodge, and excluded the benefit of the general charity. And if a lodge shall so offend, it shall stand suspended until the Grand Lodge shall determine thereon."
 10. Page 93.—Omit the Article relating to the Audit Committee.
 11. Page 105, Article 12, line 4.—To erase the words "Audit Committee," and to substitute in place thereof the word "Auditor."

The Board regret to have to report that the following lodges, notwithstanding repeated notices and summonses, have neglected to make the prescribed returns, and therefore recommend that they be respectively summoned to attend the next meeting of Grand Lodge to show cause why they should not be erased, and their warrants declared forfeited, viz.:—Lodge of Rectitude, No. 502, Rugby; Segontium Lodge, No. 606, Carnarvon.

(Signed) J. LLEWELLYN EVANS,

Freemasons' Hall, President.
21st November, 1866.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on the 15th instant, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £1,274 8s. 3d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £50. Of these sums there belongs to the Fund of Benevolence £1,300 8s. 1d.; to the Fund of General Purposes £2,436 14s. 8d.; and in the Unappropriated Account £587 5s. 6d.

Punctually at eight o'clock the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. A. Woods, announced the arrival of the members of Grand

Lodge. In the absence of the M.W. the Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, the throne was occupied by the R.W. Bro. T. H. Hall, Prov. G. Master for Cambridgeshire supported by the R.W. Bro. A. Dobie, Prov. G.M., Surrey, as Dep. G.M.; R.W. Bro. A. Perkins. P.G.W. as S.G.W.; R.W. Bro. J. Havers as J.G.W. There were also on the dais—

Bros. R. J. Bagshaw.....	P.G.M. Essex.
„ Rev. J. Huyshe	P.G.M. Devon.
„ S. Rawson	P.D.G.M. China.
„ Col. A. L. Cole, C.B.	P.S.G.W.
„ Rev. C. R. Davy	} G. Chaplains.
„ R. J. F. Thomas	
„ Æ. J. McIntyre	G. Registrar.
„ F. Roxburgh	P. G. Registrar.
„ J. Llewellyn Evans.....	Pres. B. of Gen. Purps.
„ W. Gray Clarke	G. Secretary.
„ J. M. Clabon	} S. G. Deacons.
„ L. Newall.....	
„ E. S. Snell	} J.G. Deacons.
„ W. E. Gumbleton	
„ G. W. K. Potter.....	} Past G. Deacons.
„ J. I. S. Hopwood	
„ C. H. Gregory.....	
„ J. I. Pullen.....	
„ B. Head	} G. Sword Bearer.
„ G. Cox	
„ J. Mason	} P.G. Sword Bearer.
„ R. J. Spiers	
„ H. Bridges	
„ W. Young	} G. Dir. of Cers.
„ E. H. Patten	
„ A. W. Woods	} P.G. Assist. Dir. of Cers.
„ J. Symonds	
„ N. Bradford	} P. Assist. G. Secretary.
„ W. Farnfield	
„ J. Emmens	G. Purst.
„ T. Lewis	Assist. G. Purst.
„ J. Smith	P. G. Purst.

The attendance of those of the Craft privileged to attend Grand Lodge was, in consequence of the unfavourable state of the weather, very small, and many of the *habitués* at the quarterly communications were missed.

The acting Grand Master then proceeded to open Grand Lodge in ample form and with solemn prayer. He expressed his regret at the unavoidable absence of the M.W. the Grand Master the Earl of Zetland, owing to the recent death of his lordship's sister. He also informed Grand Lodge that, owing to the engagements, absence from town, and illness of other members of Grand Lodge, from whom communications had been received, he, in common with the members of Grand Lodge, and the brethren present, represented the absence of the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and others of the Grand Officers for the year.

NOMINATION OF GRAND MASTER.

The GRAND SECRETARY read the minutes of the last quarterly communication, which were confirmed. The nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year being the next business in order, Bro. J. Sharpe, D.C.L., G.S. for Lodge No. 26, nominated the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, the present M.W. Grand Master, as the Grand Master for the ensuing year.

In the absence of the Grand Master, and at his request, Bro. J. McIntyre, G. Reg., proposed a motion to give enlarged powers to District Grand Masters in distant parts, with respect to establishing new lodges.

Bro. MCINTYRE explained the objects of the motion in detail, citing the inconveniences at present existing, and the reasons which necessitated the alteration.

Bro. LLEWELLYN EVANS, President of the Board of General Purposes, seconded the motion, and Bro. Col. L. COLE having asked several questions relative to the probable working of the new rule, the motion was put and carried unanimously.

The Acting D.G.M. Bro. DOBIE proposed, and Bro. EVANS seconded a motion that the prayer of the petition or memorial from the District Grand Lodge of Victoria, asking for an alteration of the law relating to the formation of new lodges in foreign parts, be granted; and the G. SECRETARY and G. REGISTRAR respectively explained that the previous motion having been carried would provide the remedy for the inconvenience complained of, the motion was put and unanimously agreed to.

THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The following Past Masters were unanimously elected to serve on the Board of Benevolence—Bros. Adlard, 7; Brett, 177; Cottebrune, 733; Frost, 704; Gale, 19; Kirke, 144; Levinson, 19; Nicholson, 172; Nunn, 134; Potter, 11; Sheen, 201; and Tyrrell, 144.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The report of the Board of Benevolence for the months of September, October, and November was then read, which contained a recommendation for a grant of £40 to a member of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231, London, was presented. Upon the recommendation being put from the chair by the acting G.M., a discussion ensued, in which Bros. Havers, Cole, Clayton, Mason, Evans, Gregory, and Emmens took part, and ultimately the recommendation was carried.

THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was presented, and taken as read, it being printed, and in the hands of the members present.

Bro. L. L. EVANS, as President of the Board of General Purposes, proceeded to read the several paragraphs 1 to 11, embodying the amendments, alterations, and additions recommended to be made in the "Book of Constitutions" previously to the issue of a new edition, and, in each case, the motions having Bro. Evans as proposer, were seconded by Bros. McIntyre, Roxburgh, or Symonds, and although the several paragraphs were not proposed and carried in the same order in which they were printed, paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11 were carried unanimously, with but slight alteration in the wording; but paragraph 9, relating to the alterations proposed under the head of Public Processions provoked an animated discussion, in which Bros. C. H. Gregory, Colonel L. Cole, and other prominent members of Grand Lodge, took part, when Bro. C. H. Gregory moved an amendment, seconded by Bro. Colonel L. Cole, "that paragraph 9 be referred back to the Committee of General Purposes for reconsideration, with instructions to report the result to Grand Lodge at the next quarterly communication."

The amendment was put and carried by a large majority, and the President of the Board of General Purposes expressed his desire and that of the other members of the board, that the utmost consideration should be given to the wishes of the Grand Lodge, that the subject should be reconsidered, as no doubt there were some ambiguities and inconsistencies to be removed, to give proper effect to the object of the proposed alterations. Upon the motion being made, that the lodges mentioned in the business paper, be summoned to show cause why they should not be erased and their warrants forfeited. Bro. Evans explained that since the report had been printed and circulated, the Segontium Lodge (No. 606), had sent in the return, and, therefore, the only lodge to which the motion would now apply, was the Lodge of Rectitude (No. 502), Rugby. Bro. L. EVANS then moved, and Bro. C. H. GREGORY seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

The acting Grand Master then proceeded to the ceremony of

closing Grand Lodge, and it was closed in ample form and with solemn prayer.

Want of space compels us to defer giving in our present issue the Prov. G. Registrar's motion as to the proposed enlarged powers to District Grand Masters in distant parts, as well as the details of the discussions arising upon this and other matters brought before Grand Lodge.

METROPOLITAN.

OLD KING'S ARMS LODGE (No. 25).—Bro. Dr. O'Connor, S.W., has been unanimously elected Worshipful Master of this lodge. The installation festival takes place next month.

TEMPLE LODGE (No. 101).—On Tuesday, at a numerous meeting of this lodge, held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, Bro. Bond, W.M. in the chair of K.S., Bro. W. W. Wynne was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Weedon, P.M., Treasurer; and Bro. Vesper, Tyler, for the ensuing year. The brethren afterwards partook of one of Bro. Painter's sumptuous banquets.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—This justly celebrated lodge held its usual monthly meeting at the Horus Tavern, Kennington, on Wednesday, the 28th November. The lodge was opened by Bro. F. Lee, W.M., supported by Bro. E. Worthington, S.W.; H. C. Levander, J.W. (pro. tem.); Grellat, S.D.; A. Perrot, J.D.; Oliver, I.G.; also Bro. John Thomas, P.M.; C. M. Haddock, P.M.; Murr, P.M.; D. Rod Farmer, P.M., and several other brethren. The business of the evening consisted in initiating Mr. H. C. Overall, and raising Bro. C. H. Hill, both of which ceremonies were performed by Bro. John Thomas, P.M., with his usual well known efficiency; after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

LODGE OF FINSBURY (No. 861).—At the last usual monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge there were present Bros. T. E. Preedy, W.M.; R. Leach, S.W.; Hames, S.W.; Alfred Day, P.M., Treas.; J. Bond, P.M., Sec.; Watson, S.D.; Hervey, J.D.; Haydon, S.G.; about twenty-five other members, and six visitors, among whom were the W. Bro. R. Barnes, of the Old Kent, and several other much respected brothers. Bro. Metcalfe was raised, and Bros. Isaac and Beltham passed to the second degree. After business the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, after which the usual toasts were given, interspersed with some good vocal and instrumental music.

INSTRUCTION.

STRONG MAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 45).—On Tuesday, the 27th ult., the usual weekly meeting of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction was held at Bro. Challoner's, the White Horse Tavern, No. 8, Little Britain, when the second and third ceremonies and the first and second sections of the first lecture were worked.

METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1056).—The second meeting of this newly-formed lodge of instruction was held at Bro. Todd's, the George Hotel, Aldermanbury, on Friday, the 30th ult., at which a very large number of brethren were present, including Bros. Brett, Wrenn, Foulger, Penny, F. Y. Latreille, Massey, Poulford, Forter, Murray, Hopkins, Pendlebury, &c. The ceremony of initiation was very efficiently performed by Bro. Wrenn, W.M., the candidate being Bro. J. Davis, after which sections of the first lecture were worked by Bros. Brett (the Preceptor), Foulger, Poulford, Solomons, and Green, respectively, assisted by the brethren. It was unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Wrenn, W.M., for the very able and impressive manner in which the ceremony had been rendered by him. It was unanimously resolved that Bro. T. Foulger be elected an honorary member of the lodge. To many brethren well versed in the ceremonies and lectures of the various degrees, being members of this lodge, render it one in which brethren in need of instruction may obtain it in its fullest extent. The lodge is held every Friday evening, from seven to nine o'clock, and brethren having the time to spare, and desirous of information, could not do better than attend, as under such an able Preceptor, assisted by other eminent brethren, they could not fail to gain the Masonic information they may require.

PROVINCIAL.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

BEDFORD.—*Stuart Lodge* (No. 540).—This flourishing lodge celebrated its nineteenth anniversary on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when Bro. John Sergeant was duly installed Worshipful Master by Bro. Nash, P.M., who for the second time is mayor of Bedford. Previously to the installation the retiring W.M., Bro. Fisher, raised a brother to the sublime degree of Master Mason, in a manner which elicited the admiration of all present, the beautiful performance of Bro. Cookson upon the organ during the ceremony contributing in no slight degree to the solemnity of the occasion. The report of the audit committee, which was read by the secretary, showed a highly prosperous state of the finances of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. Lieut.-Col. Stuart, M.P., Prov. S.G.W.; the Rev. R. P. Bent, Prov. Grand Chap. for Norfolk; Thompson, P.M. 803; Hooper, P.M. 803; Campion, P.M. 697, and Burnett 803. A splendid banquet was provided by Bro. Wicks, to which forty brethren sat down. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and appropriately responded to, and the convivial harmony was protracted to high twelve.

CHESHIRE.

CHESTER.—*Lodge of Independence* (No. 721).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Bro. Tasker's, Bars Hotel, on Tuesday, the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. W. R. Bainbridge, W.M.; Venables Williams, S.W.; W. Brown, J.W.; J. Gerrard, P.M., Treas.; E. Tibbitts, Sec.; H. Alsop, S.D.; W. B. A. Bainbridge, I.G.; W. Brisland, Tyler; W. Ellis, E. Tasker, J. S. Breerton, Booth Mason, W. M. Richmond, J. Smith, F. Green, P. Jeffrey. Visitors, Bros. A. Seath, 914, and G. W. Crook, 216. The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read, a ballot was taken for Messrs. R. C. Smith, J. Conway Davies, R. W. Worrall, J. Jones, and D. Thomas, all of whom were unanimously elected, and afterwards initiated into Freemasonry; the whole of the working being done by the W.M., in his usual impressive and able style. Bro. W. R. Bainbridge, W.M., having presented the lodge with a handsome seal, Bro. E. Tibbitts proposed, and Bro. J. Gerrard seconded, "That a vote of thanks should be given him, and the same be recorded in the minute book." Bro. E. Tibbitts having proposed a gentleman as a candidate for initiation, the lodge was closed down and adjourned, and the brethren retired for refreshment.

CORNWALL.

CONSECRATION OF THE CAREW LODGE (No. 1136) AT TORPOINT.

Freemasonry continues to flourish in this province and the sister province of Devon. Our number for this week contains the reports of the consecration of a new lodge in each of the provinces, celebrated with full Masonic honours last week. The consecration of the Devon Lodge (No. 1135) on the 30th ult., a report of which will be found on another page, was followed the next day by the consecration at Torpoint, Cornwall, of the Carew Lodge (No. 1136).

The procession of the brethren having been formed in the grounds attached to the residence of Bro. Major Brine, R.E., the W.M. designate of the new lodge, and having entered the new lodge room, which was very beautifully arranged, the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Aug. Smith, ascended the throne, and we observed on the dais, supporting the Prov. G.M.'s right, Bros. J. Roscorla, D. Prov. G.M.; the Rev. J. Huyshe, M.A., Prov. G.M. of Devon; W. Denis Moore, D. Prov. G.M. of Devon; L. P. Metham, S.G.W. of Devon; R. Rodda, P. Prov. G. Reg.; and the Right Hon. Lord Elliot; and on the left Bros. the Rev. J. Bannister (incumbent of St. Day), and Prov. G. Chap. of Cornwall; Rev. F. H. A. Wright (vicar of Stithians), and D. Prov. G. Chap. of Cornwall; Rev. R. Bowden (rector of Stoke Gabriel); R. R. Rodd, P. Prov. G. Reg. of Devon. The Senior Warden's chair was filled by Bro. Colonel Peard, Prov. S.G.W. of Cornwall; the Junior Warden's chair by Bro. R. Rogers, D. Prov. G.M. of Cornwall, and the ceremonies were ably directed by Bro. S. Harvey, Prov. G. Purst. of Cornwall. There were also present Bros. W. M. Tweedy, Prov. G. Treas. of Cornwall; E. D. Anterton, W.M. 331, Phoenix Lodge; E. T. Carlyon, Prov. G. Sec. Cornwall; M. O. Mayne, Assist. Sec. Cornwall; E. H. Hawke, jun., P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; H. J. Ferguson, Phoenix Lodge, No. 331; G. Kerswill, Prov. G. Sec., W.M. 970; T. Jones,

Prov. G. Sec. 75; T. S. Bayly, J.W. 189; T. E. Lanyon, 331; Durrant, 189; C. Trotter, W. Cox, E. Butchers, and Radford.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, after which the Carew Lodge was opened in the three degrees by Bro. Major Brine, R.E., the W.M. designate, who then announced to the Prov. G. Master, that the lodge desired to be duly constituted and consecrated in ancient form. The Prov. G.M. desired the Secretary to read the warrant from the M.W. the Grand Master of England, which having been done, the Prov. G.M. called upon the brethren of the new lodge to signify their assent to the officers named in the warrant.

The following oration in honour of Masonry was then delivered by

The Rev. J. BANNISTER, Prov. G. Chap.: Worshipful Master and Brethren,—I must express to you the great diffidence with which I appear before you on this occasion, being but a young Mason; but I feel, at the same time, honoured at being selected by the Right Worshipful Bro. Smith to perform this duty, as Provincial Grand Chaplain for the year, although I had rather that the duty had been taken by the senior Chaplain, Past Master Bro. Wright. One of the most excellent characteristics of this noble and distinguished Order is the attention which is more particularly directed to obedience of orders received, and I am prepared to do as directed, trusting to your good will and pardon to any offence which I may give. I must congratulate the members of this lodge—No. 1136—on the ceremony which has completed the formation of the Carew Lodge by the consecration which has now been completed. The custom of setting apart or consecrating for holy purposes of buildings of worship has been practised from the most remote antiquity. Solomon dedicated the Temple of Jerusalem, and the same ground had been consecrated previously by the sacrifice that King David offered when he inadvertently numbered the people, and before that by Abraham when, being prepared to offer his son Isaac the lamb was substituted in his place. Our churches are consecrated by holy ceremonies, and in the most ancient times the sites of our churches were consecrated by holy men, whose names, although they appear as Cornish saints, are not acknowledged in the Romish Church, or admitted into her calendar. I congratulate this newly-constituted lodge on having chosen, and being associated with, so distinguished a name as that of Carew, and I wish that, as it is enjoined upon us Masons, you will dedicate yourselves to such pursuits as may make you at once respectable in whatever rank of life you may be, useful to mankind, and an ornament to society, and more particularly to study such liberal arts and the sciences as may be within your attainment. I hope, as it is called the Carew Lodge, that there may spring up a will to follow, though at a humble distance, in the steps of the great, learned, and accomplished Carew, the first historian of Cornwall.—The remainder of the oration was composed of an elaborate and explicit account of the different Masonic mysteries.

The Prov. G. MASTER then pledged the Worshipful Master, Major Brine, and the officers, to obey the constitution, &c., and declared Carew Lodge (No. 1136) to be a regular and duly constituted lodge. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with in accordance with the ancient forms used on such occasions. The brethren, who numbered 153, then separated, and about sixty afterwards sat down to a banquet of the most *recherche* description, which did credit to the catering of Bro. Hawton, of the Crown Hotel, Devonport. After the cloth was removed, the usual loyal toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, and also the Masonic toasts, which were responded to, amongst others, by Bros. A. Smith, Prov. G.M.; Lord Elliot, Huyshe, Prov. G.M. Devon; Major Brine, &c.

CUMBERLAND.

CARLISLE.—*Union Lodge* (No. 310).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall. The chair was occupied by Bro. the Rev. W. Cockett, W.M., P. Prov. G. Chap., supported by Bros. G. V. Hayward, Prov. G. Steward, as S.W.; J. Slack, J.W.; G. T. Clark, Sec.; W. H. Pulford as S.D.; G. Murchie as J.D.; W. Irwin and G. Somerville, Stewards; A. Woodhouse, I.G.; J. Barnes, Tyler. The lodge was opened according to ancient custom, the minutes were read and confirmed, and the lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. R. Metcalf, being a candidate to be raised, was tested, intrusted, retired, and again admitted; and the lodge having been opened in the third degree, he was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. F. W. Hayward, P.M. and Dir. of Cers., Prov. S.G.W., in a manner

that won him the approbation of the meeting. The lodge being closed down to the E.A. degree, Bro. Lambert was examined, retired, and was prepared, and after the lodge was re-opened in the second degree, was admitted and duly passed by Bro. G. G. Hayward, S.W. The business being again resumed in the first degree, and this being the night for the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, the ballot was taken for that office, which after a spirited contest between Bro. C. J. Banister, P.M.; G. G. Hayward, S.W.; and J. Slack, J.W., proved to be in favour of the S.W. The ballot was then taken for the Treasurer, which was announced to be in favour of, and accepted by, Bro. W. Court, a young, but a true and promising Mason, all the brethren appearing to be highly satisfied with the result. The brethren present were Bros. W. Murray, I.P.M.; T. Blacklock, P.M.; J. Sherrington, P.M., the latter was chosen by show of hands to be Tyler for the ensuing year, in consequence of his age as a Mason, and inability of following his employment; M. Fisher, M. Higgins, T. Cockbain, J. Gibson, J. Atkinson, T. Woodal, G. Armstrong, J. B. Paisley, and T. Southcot. The lodge was then finally closed by the W.M. The majority of the brethren retired to the refreshment board, which was provided over by Bro. W. Murray, I.P.M. In the course of the toasts which were given, Bro. Hayward, Prov. S.G.W., alluded in appropriately touching words, to the news that had only been very recently received announcing the death of Bro. Dykes, Prov. G.M., which he had every reason to believe was too true, from the source he had received the information. Bro. W. Hayward, the retiring Treasurer, in returning thanks for the honour the W.M. had done him in proposing the health of himself, wife, and family, took a retrospective view of the history of the lodge, and of his connection with it. He said that he loved Masonry from the bottom of his heart; that he had been a Mason, and belonged to this lodge for upwards of fifteen years, and it had always been his ambition to work faithfully, onwards and upwards, not so much with a view to gain honour as it was to become proficient in the true workings of Masonry. Bro. Hayward congratulated the lodge upon their having such an able successor for their Treasurer as Bro. W. Court, who already had given sufficient proofs of his ability. The Tyler's toast brought this happy meeting to a close. The vocal parts were sustained by Bros. A. Woodhouse, J. B. Paisley, and others, who contributed by their vocal powers to enhance the pleasures of the evening.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

KENDAL.—*Union Lodge* (No. 129).—The regular monthly meeting of this ancient lodge was held on Thursday evening, Nov. 29th, at the Masonic Hall, Kent-street. Present: Bros. Major Whitwell, W.M.; Rev. James Simpson, S.W.; M. Atkinson, J.W.; William Wilson, P.M.; C. Garduer Thomson, Treas.; W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec.; Jones Taylor, M.C.; Doubleday, J.D.; Hodson, Scott, Bowes, P.M.; Prov. G.D.C.; Dr. Leeming, Dr. Noble, Hibbert, Thomas Jones, H. D. Robinson, Robert Butterwith, Org.; Thomas Busher, Sykes, Rev. Dent. D. Harrison, Lieut. Gawith, George Cartmel, Holme, and Titus Wilson. Visitors: Bro. Dr. Greaves, D. Prov. G.M.; C. J. Banister, Past G.S.B. of England; Capt. Mott, P.M. 241, Prov. G.S.B., West Lancashire; S. T. Hull, P.M. 86; and Robert Wilson, J.W. 241. The lodge was opened in solemn form according to ancient custom when the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot box was then taken round for Mr. Horne, a candidate for initiation, which proved unanimous in that gentleman's favour. At the special request of W.M. the active offices of the lodge were now filled as follows:—Bros. Capt. Mott as W.M.; C. J. Banister as S.W.; John Bowes as J.W., and Robert Wilson as S.D. The lodge was now opened in the second degree when Rev. Bro. Dent sought advancement and having proved his claim was intrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the third degree, Bro. Dent duly admitted and raised to the sublime degree of a in Capt. Mott's usual exact and impressive manner. Bro. Dent was fortunate in having a conductor so able as Bro. Robert Wilson, who promises to become a model in working. The Prov. G. Reg., Bro. William Wilson now announced the death of the Grand Master of the province, Bro. F. L. B. Dykes, whereupon the W.M., Major Whitwell, rose and briefly recounted the many excellent qualities of the late Prov. G.M. and the increasing interest he had of late years taken in the mystic art and concluded by moving that the lodge send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Dykes and her family. Bro. Bowes mournfully seconded the proposition and suggested that the letter be written and forwarded by the W.M. A similar proposition was made with reference to the late Bro. Dr. Thomson, Prov. G. Treas. Both propositions were carried unanimously. The lodge was

closed in the third and second degrees. The W.M. proposed and the S.W. seconded, "That a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to Capt. Mott and his able disciple, Bro. Robert Wilson, for their impressive rendering of the third degree." This was carried with acclamation. Capt. Mott gratefully acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and his friend and assured the brethren that nothing afforded him greater pleasure than to be of service to the fraternity. There being nothing further proposed for the food of Masonry in general or of this lodge in particular, it was closed with the usual solemnities and the brethren separated at 9 o'clock.

DEVONSHIRE.

CONSECRATION OF THE DEVON LODGE (No. 1138) AT NEWTON ABBOTT.

The present Prov. G.M. Bro. the Rev. J. Huyshe has, since he succeeded the late Prov. G.M. Earl Portescue in that office, brought to the discharge of his onerous duties the same untiring energy, zeal, and religious feeling as distinguish him elsewhere as a clergyman, a landlord, and a magistrate. For the sixth time during the last three months he was on Wednesday, the 28th ult., called on to consecrate a lodge at Newton Abbot, which was the only large town in the province without one.

The ceremony of consecration was performed in a large room in the Queen's Hotel, near the railway station, which was neatly decorated for the occasion.

The following Provincial Grand officers were present:—Bros. the Rev. J. Huyshe, Prov. G.M.; W. Denis Moore, D. Prov. G.M.; L. P. Matham, Prov. S.G.W.; Rev. R. Bowden, Prov. G. Chap.; W. R. Rogers, Prov. G. Sec.; P. Holmes, Prov. G. Supt. of W.; Sydney Force, Prov. G.D. of Cers.; Arthur Adams, Prov. G. Org.; Lieut. Shanks, Prov. G. Sec.; Geo. Glanfield, J. R. H. Spry, and W. H. Maddock, Prov. G. Stew. There were also present Bros. Major Brine, W.M., designate of Carew Lodge, Torpoint; and Bros. R. Rodda, Plymouth; T. S. Bayley, Stonehouse; W. R. Thomas, Plymouth; Radford, Devonport; and representatives from nearly all the lodges in the province of Devon.

The business of the day was commenced by the new lodge being opened by Bros. Capt. F. D. Bewes, as the W.M.; G. Humberstone, S.W.; W. Lambie, J.W.; J. Cull, S.D.; and H. Stookes, J.D. The W.M. then announced to the Prov. G.M. that the "Devon Lodge" desired to be duly constituted, and consecrated in ancient form. By the desire of the Prov. G.M. the Sec. read the warrant M.W., the Grand Master of England. The Prov. G.M. then called on the brethren of the new lodge to signify their assent to the officers named in the warrant. This form having been complied with,

Bro. Metham, Prov. S.G.W., who officiated on the occasion, delivered an oration in honour of Masonry, which will be found at length on another page.

At the close of this oration, which was delivered with fervour and warmly received by the brethren, the Prov. G.M. complimented the Prov. S.G.W. upon it. He then pledged the W.M. and officers of the new lodge to obey the constitutions, and this having been done declared the "Devon Lodge" to be regularly and duly constituted. The ceremony of the consecration of the lodge followed. The officiating Prov. G. Chap. delivered the opening invocation, and afterwards read a portion of Holy Scripture. The Prov. G.M. then delivered an invocation, and proceeded with the solemn ceremony of the consecration in due and ancient form, in which he was assisted by the Prov. G. Chaplain and Wardens. During the ceremony appropriate chants were very ably rendered by the brethren, under the leadership of Prov. G. Orgs. Bros. Blight and Adams. At the close of the ceremony the Prov. G.M. gave the final benediction, and the brethren the "grand honours." This concluding the business, the lodge was closed in due and solemn form.

The brethren then adjourned to Bro. Magor's Commercial Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided, to which ninety sat down. The Prov. G.M. presided, supported by the officers of the Grand Lodge. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and warmly responded to, and at seven o'clock the company rose with the Prov. G.M., who left by the 7.38 train for Plymouth to attend at the opening of the Torpoint Lodge on the following day.

MORICE TOWN.—*St. Aubyn* (No. 954).—On Tuesday the 27th ult. the members of this lodge met at their lodge room to transact the usual business named on the summons. A very large number of brethren and visitors were present, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Lieut. Shanks, R.M.L.I., Prov. G.S.B.;

Stratford 125, Ireland; W. J. J. Sprig, *R.N.* 230, and many others. The business of the evening, after the necessary formula had been worked, commenced by raising Bro. Woollon to the M.M. degree, which was most ably and expressively given by the W.M. The degree having been closed the lodge was worked down to that of E.A. when the Right Hon. Thomas Brudenell Bruce, was introduced and initiated into the Order by Bro. Chapple, P.M., Prov. S.D.C. Labour having terminated, the brethren adjourned, and a happy hour was spent in quiet and social intercourse.

DURHAM.

DURHAM.—*Marquis of Granby Lodge* (No. 124).—On Wednesday evening, the 28th ult., a lodge of emergency regularly summoned, was held in the Freemasons' Hall. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Nicholson, I.P.M., (in the absence of the W.M.), supported by Bros. W. Stoker and W. Brignall, P.M.'s, and the regular officers. Bro. Pechell, W.M. United Service Lodge (No. 215, I.C.), attended as visitor. The circular calling the lodge having been read and entered on the minutes, Bro. J. Henderson, *M.P.*, who was a candidate for advancement, underwent the usual examination, and acquitting himself in a most satisfactory manner, he was entrusted in the regular manner, and withdrew. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. Donkin, who was also a candidate for the M.M. degree, having satisfactorily complied with the usual requirements, withdrew, and the lodge was opened in the third degree, when he was re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of M.M., by Bro. W. Stoker, P.M. The lodge being closed down to the second degree, Bro. Henderson was admitted and passed to the degree of F.C. in due form. The lodge being further closed down to the first degree, Mr. R. Peele, who was approved of at the last general lodge, was regularly introduced and made an E.A. The business of the evening being ended the lodge was closed in due form, after which the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, the brethren separated after an enjoyable evening.

ESSEX.

COLCHESTER.—*Angel Lodge* (No. 51).—At the meeting of this lodge, on Nov. 20th, after an unusually lengthened evening's business (including the raising of a fellow craft to the degree of M.M., performed by Bro. Bean, P.M., and three initiations by the W.M. Bro. Darken), a pleasing ceremony followed in the presentation to Bro. William Williams, now of Liverpool, of a testimonial of regard and esteem for the efficient manner in which for twenty years he discharged the duties of secretary to the Angel Lodge. The testimonial—a handsome silver table mug—had engraved upon it the following commemorative inscription:—"Presented to Bro. W. Williams, P.M., by the brethren of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester, as a mark of their esteem and regard for his long and faithful services as their secretary for a period of twenty years.—Nov. 20th, 1866." The presentation (in the absence of Bro. Pattison, P.M., who had been specially invited to undertake the duty) was made by the W.M., who, in a brief but earnest address, expressed to Bro. Williams the fraternal regard of those who had been so long associated with him in Masonry, and their most cordial wishes for his success in his new sphere of business activity. Bro. Williams, in feeling terms, acknowledged the presentation, which, he said, would daily remind him of a town in which he had lived so many years; and of a lodge of Masonic brethren from whom, under all circumstances, whether of prosperity or otherwise, he had always experienced that sympathy and support which, as an old Mason, he could say were attributes rightly claimed and justly exercised by our Order.

NORTH WALES AND SHROPSHIRE.

CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF SAINT OSWALD (No. 1,124), AND INSTALLATION OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

In a recent number we gave an account of the consecration of the Anglesea Lodge, No. 1113, we have this week the pleasure of giving our readers a report of the consecration of another new lodge in this province, viz., the lodge of St. Oswald, No. 1124, which took place at the Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry, on Monday, the 5th ult., when Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn, *Bart*, *M.P.*, the Provincial Grand Master, and the following present and past Provincial Grand Officers attended:—

Bros. Rev. E. H. Dymock,.....	Prov. G. Master.
" T. W. J. Goldsbro', P.M. 201, 998	Prov. S.G. Warden.
" W. Brightwell, P.M. 262.....	P. Prov. S.G.W.
" J. R. Heathcote, P.M. 262	P. Prov. J.G.W.
" J. Chandler, P.M. 262	P. Prov. J.G.W.
" C. Wigan, P.M. 262	Prov. G. Sec.
" B. H. Bulkeley Owen, P.M. 262	Prov. S.G.D., J.W. design.
" C. Oakley, <i>M.D.</i> , P.M. 262	Prov. G.S.B.
" R. Forrest, 262	Prov. G. Org.
" H. Atkin	P. Prov. G. Purst.
" T. B. Brown, W.M. 998, 201 ...	Prov. G. Steward.

The following visiting brethren were also present, viz., Bros. Colonel Brownrigg, P.M. 6, Prov. S.G.D. of England; C. Dutton, 425, P. Prov. S.G.D. Cheshire; W. R. Ormsby Gore, *M.P.*, P.M. 20; Major B. Williams, 998; E. Tipton, W.M. 262; C. Fleet, W.M. 117; B. H. B. W. Wynne, 262; E. P. Jones, 425; C. Peele, J.D. 262; T. Cartwright, 998; C. Trubshaw, 726; J. Mickleburgh, 998; P. H. Evans, 117; G. Holt, 721; G. J. Saunders, 262; T. Gough, 998; J. Lloyd, 14; J. C. Frank, 998; E. Mallard, 262; J. Roberts, 26; A. J. Brereton, 721; R. Sloman, *M.B.*, 262; G. Davies, 188; J. Dovaston, 262; J. C. Edwards, 998; E. B. Wood, 262; W. Thomas, 262; A. Taylor, 601, &c.

Letters expressing regret at inability to attend were received from Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Richard Grosvenor, *M.P.*, 425; Shirley Brookes, 117; the Hon. W. J. Clement, *M.P.*, P. Prov. S.G.W.; J. More, *M.P.*, and other brethren, who had promised to attend but were unavoidably prevented.

The following is a list of the first members forming the Lodge of St. Oswald, the nine first-named of whom signed the petition for the warrant of constitution, viz.—Bros. W. H. Hill, P.M. 726, P. Prov. G.S.B. Staffordshire, W.M. designate; G. Owen, 262, S.W. 998, S.W. designate; B. H. B. Owen, 10, P.M. 262, Prov. S.G.D., J.W. designate; E. H. Dymock, D. Prov. G.M.; the Right Hon. Lord Hill Trevor, *M.P.*, 425; E. Oswell, 262; H. Davies, 252; Captain Hamer, 262; A. Roberts, 998; D. Lloyd, 262; W. H. Spaul, 998; E. Elias, 998.

We cannot avoid remarking, that the lodge room presented a very elegant appearance, due in a great measure to the beauty of its furniture, more especially the three antique, carved, and gilded Masonic chairs and six luminaries presented to the lodge by Bro. Sir Watkins Williams Wynn, and the beautifully carved oak pedestals, the work of Messrs. Vaughan, of Oswestry. A Craft lodge was held at two o'clock, in which Messrs. J. Ormsby Gore, *M.P.*, J. W. Hill, and C. Owen, were initiated into the Order by the W.M. designate, in a very efficient manner. A special Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened, and by command of the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Goldsbro', Prov. S.G. Warden, at once proceeded to consecrate the lodge, being ably assisted in the musical portion of the ceremonial by Bro. R. Forrest, Prov. G. Org., who presided at the harmonium. On the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration the usual preliminaries to the installation were observed, and a board of I.M.'s (consisting of about sixteen or seventeen Masters and Past Masters) was formed, and Bro. Hill was duly installed by Bro. Goldsbro' into the ancient chair of K.S. The customary honours having been rendered by the brethren present, the board of I.M.'s was closed, and the M.M.'s, F.C.'s, and E.A.'s being admitted seriatim, the usual homage was paid to the W.M. by each class of the brethren. The working tools, warrant, &c., were delivered to the W.M. in due order, and at his request Bro. Goldsbro' invested the following brethren as the officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. George Owen, S.W.; B. H. B. Owen, J.W.; Oswell, Treas.; A. Roberts, Hon. Sec.; Hamer, S.D.; H. Davies, J.D.; Spaul, I.G.; and Bro. Duncan was elected and invested as the Tyler. The usual charges and addresses were then given by the Installing Master to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren.

The lodge having been resumed in the third degree, the Prov. G.M. resumed the chair, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was, by his command, duly closed and adjourned.

The Craft lodge was then closed by the W.M., and at six o'clock the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. and Mrs. Lloyd, of the Wynnstay Arms Hotel. Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn, *M.P.*, presided, supported on his right by Bros. Dymock, Colonel Brownrigg, W. R. Ormsby Gore, *M.P.*; Dr. Goldsbro' &c., and on the left by Bros. W. H. Hill, W.M.; Lord Hill Trevor, *M.P.*; J. R. Ormsby Gore, *M.P.*; C. W. Owen, &c. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bro. G. Owen, J.W., and Bro. B. H. B. Owen, J.W. supported by Bros. T. B. Brown, J. Mickleburgh, H. Davies, E. Burke Wood, Oswell, Doraster, &c. Grace having been said,

Sir WATKIN rose and said: Brethren, the first toast I have to propose to-day, is one which is always drunk with all Masonic feeling and loyalty. It is "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty, the Queen." Unfortunately though Masons are good subjects, they do not admit ladies into their Order, therefore the Queen cannot be a Mason, but her father was an excellent Mason, as were also many other of the male members of the Royal Family. As we are loyal subjects, the first toast, than which none can be more acceptable to us (particularly as Masons) is that of "The Queen and the Craft." The next toast I have to offer to you is that of "The Grand Officers of the Order." You all know how many years Lord Zetland has presided over this Order, and I think, if you look over the list of the lodges, you will see how they have increased in number through the length and breadth of the kingdom since he has presided over them. Lord de Grey is a very hard working Mason, and I am sorry that he has not been in this province. With this toast I shall couple the name of a very near relation of my own, who was so before he became a Mason, Bro. Colonel Brownrigg, and I hope he will be as distinguished as a Mason as he was as a soldier.

"Prosper the Art."

Bro. Colonel BROWNRIFF said: Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and brethren,—I always avail myself of these occasions when called upon. The older one grows, the more frequently one is called upon to return thanks for the toast of the Grand Officers, and the oftener I return thank the more I feel that, in venturing to make allusion to Lord Zetland as the head of our Order, the more I think it is like a subject venturing to return thanks for the Queen. Practically, as regards Masons, it is so. However, I beg to acknowledge the compliment paid to our Masonic sovereign. Any of you who share with me in the honour of being members of the private lodge of the Grand Master (which he denominates his privy council), can testify to his fraternal solicitude in everything that relates to the Craft, and to the kind construction which he puts on every act of the brotherhood. I well remember that a few years ago, an attempt was made, legally certainly, but done with a show of design, to oppose the Grand Master as the head of the Craft, and it was entirely due to his character as that of an English gentleman, by gentleness of manner and kindness of demeanour, that he was enabled to put down what a more impulsive or energetic man could not have done. The meetings are conducted by him with admiration in Grand Lodge. I believe that all the members of the Grand Lodge share with myself the feeling that, although the Grand Officers have privileges they have also great duties to perform, and that their duties do not cease. It is more incumbent on them than upon others to assist the Masters of lodges to preserve the landmarks of the Order. It is with no ordinary gratification this evening that I see another lodge added to this province. You referred just now to the fact of Lord Zetland's popularity and its making great additions to Masonry. It is entirely carried out in this province. Two new lodges have been consecrated within a very short time (a fortnight) and there is about to be another. It must be to you, standing in your position, Right Worshipful Sir, a source of great satisfaction. I thank you for the honour you have done the officers of Grand Lodge.

Bro. DYMCK, D. Prov. G.M.: A toast has devolved upon me which is at once a privilege and a pleasure,—it is the health of a gentleman so well known to you all as being at the head of the Craft in this province, that it is quite unnecessary for me to say anything in his favour,—but I cannot help adding my meed of praise of a gentleman so well known for his kind feelings, as a friend, as a neighbour, as a sportsman, and as a landlord. Few can stand, at the head of that fame if it is not our excellent Grand Master. If I speak of him as a landlord, where is there one so good? or as a master of foxhounds, where is there a pack that shows more sport? as a private gentleman, his hospitality is well known to us; and as a man and as a Mason, in popularity he is at the head of the Craft in this province and you know how esteemed he is by us all. He is very well known; born, as he was in the neighbourhood, and possessing, as he does, a princely property. It is not for me to speak of what is well known to you all. It is a very great pleasure and privilege to me to propose his health, long life and prosperity, and may he long live to be at the head of the Craft in this province.

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Bro. Sir W. W. WYNN: Brethren, you all heard in the very

impressive ceremony this day what are the duties of us all. I hope and trust, since I have the honour to preside over this Provincial Grand Lodge, and so long as I continue to do so, that I shall not be wanting in keeping up the dignity of the Craft. Masonry is one of those old Orders of which there are very few instances where succeeding generations have kept up and adhered to the old rites of their forefathers. We know that many of our ancient rites have thus come down from King Solomon. We see how Masonry has been perpetuated over the world, you see it whether you go to one end of Europe or to the other. I myself have attended lodges from very nearly the north to the south, and I believe that in all countries where Masonry is, you may see the good it does. You find that if our precepts are carried out, you see on the one hand, loyalty to the sovereign, and on the other, charity and kindness to those who are not so well off as we are. I hope and trust that so long as it may please you to allow me to preside over you, this province will continue to prosper as it does now, I drink all your very good healths.

Sir WATKIN: Brethren, it is no use a Grand Master trying to preside over a province without the assistance of his officers, and more particularly, I own, myself; I have a good many other things which take up a certain proportion of my time but I have the advantage, and I may here thank them, of having a great many both past and present provincial officers who are very kind in assisting me in my duties, and I think it be a want of feeling in my not paying a tribute of respect to them. Allow me to propose the health of our old friend Dymock, the old Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and of all the Provincial Grand Officers. I am afraid my voice is not very good, but there is one toast which I must give you, it is "Prosperity to the Lodge of St. Oswald." Although this town is in Shropshire, still again it is to some extent in North Wales. If you went into the market you would not know which country you were in. The ancient name of Oswestry was "Battlefield," but now the Welsh and the Saxons are all as good friends as possible, and those fighting days a thousand years ago are only looked up as black-letter manuscripts are. It is a great thing when you think that all the rancour of those days is only raked up by those people who like to look up those manuscripts for the sake of amusing others. This country is, as you know, one where all are very happy in it, and so long as the rivalry between Wales and Shropshire is as to who can make themselves most useful to their fellow-creatures, it is a rivalry that can be praised. However, brethren, I think that all of us will join in giving a very hearty cheer to the Lodge of St. Oswald, and I couple with the toast the Worshipful Master, Bro. Hill.

Bro. HILL, W.M., said: I thank you, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, for proposing this toast, and coupling my name with it as the first Master of the lodge. It will be my duty to establish the principle of punctual attendance which will create fervency and zeal, and which shall be the only qualifications for promotion. We shall be very careful whom we recommend for a participation of our mysteries, and that they will reflect honour and credit on our Order. I trust that the respective officers will be giving birth to a race of Masters, so that each year may bring to us more excellence. This course will be mine, with the assistance of my officers, and I hope that the pure principles of the Order may be transmitted through this lodge from generation to generation.

Bro. HILL then said: Right Worshipful Grand Master, I rise with trepidation, since I do not possess eloquence in words to do justice to the toast I have to propose, but I am sure that it only requires to be laid before you to obtain for it that reception which it merits. I have, to-day, had the honour and privilege of initiating into our Order three gentlemen who will reflect honour on the Craft. The name of the first initiated, Bro. Gore, alone, will ensure that reception. The toast I have to propose is "The Health of the Newly Initiated," Bros. I. R. O. Gore, T. W. Hill, and C. Owen.

"Song of the E.A.," with the ancient observances.

Bros. J. R. O. GORE, T. W. HILL, and C. OWEN briefly but eloquently replied to the last toast, expressing their thanks for the honour conferred upon them in being admitted members of the Order.

Bro. B. H. B. OWEN, J.W., in proposing "The Health of Lady Williams Wynn," remarked that Oswestry, was a town in which her ladyship took the deepest interest, and that she was a firm supporter of the Provincial Grand Master in Freemasonry. Bro. Owen expressed the hopes of the members of

St. Oswald's Lodge, that her ladyship might be long spared to be his helpmate; with health, long life, and prosperity.

Sir WATKIN returned thanks on behalf of Lady Williams Wynn.

Bro. Lord HILL TREVOR, *M.P.*, said: A toast has been committed to my care, and I will do the best I can to endeavour to represent the feelings of the members of this new lodge, of which I am glad to become a member on this our opening day. I hope that the brethren of other lodges who have honoured us with their presence here to-day, will also visit us at our monthly meetings, and that we shall have as comfortable and pleasant parties as we have been here to-day. I give you "The Health of the Worshipful Masters of the Province," and I couple with the toast the names of Bro. Tipton, *W.M.* of No. 262; and Bro. Fleet, *W.M.* of No. 117.

Bro. TIPTON said: Right Worshipful Grand Master,—on behalf of my own lodge, I beg to thank you for distinguishing it, and connecting my name with it. On behalf of the Masters of this district, from what I know of them, they are only too ready to afford a helping hand to any new lodge as well as to individual members. I thank you for the honour you have done me.

Bro. FLEET thanked the brethren on behalf of his lodge, and said that nothing gave him greater pleasure than to see new lodges rise up in the province.

Bro. Colonel BROWNRIGG, *P.G.D.* England said: Brethren, as you have doubtlessly observed, the Provincial Grand Master is suffering from a very severe cold this evening, and through this misfortune I have the honour to propose a toast, which I do with very considerable diffidence, for if there is a toast that should be drunk with acclamation and applause, this is one. I have but a few minutes for what I have to say as a preamble to the toast. I have seen a great deal of Masonry throughout the world, and it is the duty of all Masons to take an interest in the way in which all lodges are worked, yet there is always something to be picked up, and I can hardly realise to myself that, behind that curtain so impressive and solemn a ceremonial could have been conducted so admirably as it was in that small and crowded space, yet under these difficulties I must say that the ceremony of consecration was most solemnly, ably, and admirably performed by Bro. Goldsbro'. I never saw a brother more thoroughly up in his work, and the way in which he has acquitted himself of his labours this day is above all praise.

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Bro. GOLDSBRO', *Prov. S.G. Warden*, said: I beg to express my sincere and grateful thanks to the Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Brownrigg, for the very kind and highly complimentary terms in which he has been pleased to speak of me in connection with the duty of the consecration of the Lodge of St. Oswald, and to the brethren for their equally warm and fraternal reception of the toast. It is almost a proverb "that what is worth doing, is worth well doing." I have endeavoured to discharge my duties to the best of my ability, and have done so with very great pleasure on the present occasion. I beg to assure you that I am much gratified in receiving such testimony of approval as that which has been so kindly expressed by such a distinguished Mason as the Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Brownrigg. Bro. Goldsbro' concluded by drinking "The Healths of the Brethren," and wishing every prosperity and success to the Lodge of St. Oswald.

The *R.W. Prov. G. Master* then retired, and the chair was taken by Bro. Dymock, *D. Prov. G.M.*

The *Hon. Bro. W. O. Gore, M.P.*, said: Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master and brethren, a toast has been put into my hands to which (from the very short notice I have received, that the duty would devolve upon me to give) I fear I shall do very inadequate justice. The toast I have to propose is "The Officers of the Lodge of St. Oswald." There are a great many experienced Masons here who have seen the working such as can be rarely seen in any lodge. Although a very young lodge, where will you find more zealous and accurate officers than those who performed their duties this day? The whole of the proceedings went on without a single hitch, and from the number of very influential gentlemen who attended here to-day, you heard that the officers of the lodge did their duty to the satisfaction of those brethren. I cannot say more than to wish prosperity to the Lodge of St. Oswald, and we hope we shall always have officers as efficient as those who officiated this day.

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Bro. B. H. B. OWEN, *Prov. S.G.D., J.W.*, said:—I feel extremely proud of what I have up to the present seen of the officers of the Lodge of St. Oswald. I can assure the Worshipful Master and brethren, that many of them had not been in office before to-day, and I was afraid that the working might not be satisfactory. I am glad to find that an honoured stranger from a neighbouring county has thought well of us. I feel sure we shall all work well together in this lodge, and I hope that under every subsequent Master whom we may honour with the title of Worshipful, it will be conducted in the way in which it has been to-day.

Bro. DYROCK said: Brethren, it is late in the evening, but I have a toast to propose which will receive from Masons just appreciation, as the name is as familiar as a household word. It is "The Health of the Worshipful Bro. William Gore."

The *Hon. Bro. W. R. O. Gore, M.P.*, said: I beg to thank you in the name of the other visitors for drinking our healths this evening, and for your kindness in admitting us to the great advantage of witnessing the interesting ceremony of the consecration of this lodge. I never saw a proceeding carried out more admirably or impressively than this was this evening. Not one brother will go from here but will carry with him an addition to his Masonic knowledge. It has been an evening of great satisfaction to me when I have seen my elder brother turning from the error of his ways, and (like a blushing maiden taking the veil as a novice) being initiated into the first degree of Masonry. I hope, before long, to have the satisfaction of seeing him become a Master Mason. I know no one more capable of exercising the noble duties with more distinction to himself, and advantage to the brethren. I can only say that I hope that this lodge may go on prospering till time shall be no more.

The Tyler's toast was then given, and this concluded the formal proceedings of the evening.

ROYAL ARCH.

METROPOLITAN.

ROSE OF DENMARK CHAPTER (No. 975).—A convocation of this chapter was held on the 1st inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Surrey. The chapter was duly opened by Comp. R. W. Little, *Z.*; Hubbard, *H.*; Terry, *J.*; Buss, *P.Z.* and Treas., and among the companions present were Comps. G. H. Oliver, *E.*; W. F. Smith, *N.*; A. A. Pendlebury, *P.S.*; C. Page, *2nd Assist.*; W. Turner, *Dir. of Cers.*; W. Dodd, *C.* Willcox, *J. M. Graham.* &c. Visitors, Comps. B. P. Todd, *Z.* 382; and H. Potter, *P.Z.* 19. After the confirmation of the minutes, ballots were taken for several candidates, and Bros. R. Gurney, *J.D.* 788 and 975; and J. E. Walford, *177*, being in attendance, were regularly introduced and exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place with the following result: Comps. Hubbard, *Z.*; Terry, *H.*; Oliver, *J.*; Little, *E.*; Smith, *N.*; Pendlebury, *P.S.*; Buss, *P.Z.*, Treas.; Radford, *Janitor*. It was unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes, and a *P.Z.*'s jewel presented to Comp. Little, the retiring *M.E.Z.*, for his services during the past year. The audit committee was then appointed, Comps. Turner, Graham, and Gurney being selected by the members. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, where a pleasant evening was spent under the presidency of Comp. Little, *Z.*, the usual toasts being given and responded to with great cordiality. The absence of Comp. Brett, *P.Z.*, through indisposition, from the proceedings of the day, caused general regret, the worthy companion being a great favourite, and held in high estimation by every member of the chapter.

DURHAM.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER.

Freemasonry in the county of Durham, like its extensive mining, commercial, and manufacturing operations, seems to progress steadily and healthily. Two new lodges were opened within the last three months, the one on the banks of the Wear (Bishop Auckland), and the other on the banks of the Tyne (Jarrow). The chapters in the province have had corresponding accessions of new candidates for the lights in Masonry, known only to members of that sublime degree, the Royal Arch Chapter of Jerusalem.

The necessity of holding a Provincial Royal Arch Chapter in the county, was no sooner suggested to the Prov. G. Supt., Comp. J. Fawcett, than he at once promptly acceded to the request of the various chapters, and summoned all the present and past Principals of the chapters in his province, to a Provincial Grand Chapter on Tuesday, the 27th ult., in the Freemason's Hall, Durham, where the Royal Arch Chapter in that city is held, and of which the M.E. Prov. Supt. is a P.Z. This chapter was constituted in April, 1757, and there does not appear to be any record of any Provincial Grand Chapter ever having been held since then. This, therefore, must be regarded as the first; and it is only right to observe that the several chapters were well represented, and they reported favourably, with one exception, as regarded the financial position and working-powers of the several institutions.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened at three o'clock precisely by the Prov. G. Supt., the following companions being present:—Comps. J. Sparks, Z.; J. Riseborough, J.; W. Charlton, P.Z.; D. Browell, P.Z. No. 94; J. Hamilton, Z.; J. Graham, J.; B. Levy, P.Z.; W. H. Crookes, P.Z.; E. Evans, P.Z.; R. Naylor, P.J. No. 97; J. Crossby, Z. No. 111; W. Brignall, Z.; J. Nicholson, H.; A. Wilkinson, P.Z.; W. Stoker, P.Z. No. 124; J. Roddam, P.Z. No. 213; A. Clapham, P.Z.; H. Hotham, P.Z. No. 424; W. Lawson, J.; J. G. Thompson, Z.; D. Cadle, J.; W. Best, P.Z.; A. C. Knowles, P.Z. No. 509.

The M.E. Prov. G. Supt., after opening the chapter, and stating the object of the convocation called on the representatives of the several chapters, and put a code of rules for approval, which were accepted; after which the M.E. Prov. G. Supt. presented the chapter with a set of jewels and badges connected with the different office bearers. He then proceeded to nominate his provincial officers for the first year as follows:—Comps. A. Wilkinson, H.; B. Levy, J.; W. H. Crookes, E.; J. Crossby, N.; W. Best, P.S.; W. Lawson, A.S.; W. Charlton, A.S.; J. Cundell, Treas.; W. Brignall, Regis.; E. Evans, Sword Bearer; D. Cadle, Std. Bearer; J. Sparks, G. Org.; J. G. Thompson, Dir. of Cir.

The officers present were severally invested, superadded by suitable remarks. On appointing the first officer, H., the M.E. Prov. G. Supt. observed that he regretted the absence from indisposition of Comp. H. Fenwick, Esq., D. Prov. G.M. of this province, whom he should liked to have placed in office, as by right he was entitled to.

For the purpose of raising a provincial fund it was proposed by Comp. Crookes, and seconded by Comp. Best, "That each companion in every chapter should subscribe one shilling annually," which being deemed sufficient, was ultimately carried. The business of the chapter being ended, the same was closed in ancient and solemn form.

DURHAM.—*Chapter of Concord* (No. 154).—On Tuesday evening, the 27th ult., the regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall. The chapter was duly opened by the M.E.Z., Comp. Brignall, with Comps. W. Stoker, P.Z., as H.; J. Hamilton, as J.; and Comps. W. H. Crookes, B. Levy, P.Z.'s; and J. Graham, J. No. 97, after which the rest of the companions were admitted, including Comps. T. W. Hearon as S.E.; T. Thwaites, N.; W. A. Malcolm, P.S., Rev. Dr. Thompson and C. Rowlandson, A.S.'s, &c. After the minutes were read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. G. Canney, M.D., J. Proud, and H. Kilburn, of No. 1121; and A. H. Hunt, J.P., No. 375, all of whom were duly elected. All the candidates being in attendance, as also Bro. Ebby, who was approved of at the last chapter, were severally introduced and exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. B. Levy gave the mystical lecture in a faultless manner, for which a vote of thanks was moved, and carried unanimously. In consequence of the indisposition of Comp. Nicholson, H., who nevertheless appeared at his post, much to his inconvenience, and the absence of J., who was in London, the two other lectures were not given, but postponed until the next chapter. The business of the chapter being ended, the same was closed in due form, after which the companions adjourned to supper at the County Hotel.

WESTMORLAND.

KENDAL.—*Kendal Castle Chapter* (No. 129).—An emergency convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Kendal, on Thursday, November 29th, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Companions present Dr. Greaves, D. Prov. G.M., M.E.Z.; Edward Busher, Prov. G.J.W., H.; John Bowes, Prov. G.D.C., J.; Titus Wilson, Scribe E.; Major Whitwell, Scribe N.; Lieut. Gawith, P.S.; William Wilson, Jones Taylor, Rev. M. Simpson,

Robert Butterwith, Org.; J. Ottley Atkinson, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. C. J. Banister, P.Z., P.G.D.C. of England, Capt. Mott, Z. 241, and Robert Wilson, P.S. 241. The chapter was opened in solemn form according to ancient custom by the chiefs when the rest of the companions were admitted. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Rev. James Simpson, S.W. 129; Henry Davies, Hon. Sec. 1,074; C. Gardner Thomson, Treas. 129; William Dodd, 1,074; and William James, 1,074; who had been for twelve months and upwards M. M.'s, as candidates for exaltation. On the return of the ballot box to the east each brother respectively was declared to be unanimously elected. The M.E.Z. now vacated his chair in favour of Captain Mott and the P.S. in favour of Comp. Robert Wilson. The five brethren were severally introduced and exalted in a most impressive exact manner. The mystic and symbolic lectures were delivered by Comp. Mott; the historic lecture by Comp. Bowes. The death of the Grand Master of the province, Bro. F. L. B. Dykes, of Dovenby Hall, as also that of Bro. Thomson, M.D., Prov. G. Treas., was announced and votes of condolence to their widows and families unanimously accorded. Dr. Greaves, M.E.Z., here intimated his wish to present to the chapter a set of handsome sceptres. They had honoured him by appointing him their first M.E.Z., and he was wishful, before leaving the chair, to give them tangible proof of his appreciation of their kindness. He therefore begged their acceptance of the gift. The sceptres, we need scarcely record, was gratefully received and it was resolved that Scribe E have them suitably inscribed at the expense of the chapter. The M.E.Z. reminded the companions that the next regular convocation of the chapter, to be held on the last Friday in December, was the annual meeting when, in addition to other business, the principals would be elected. This being the whole of the business the chapter was duly and solemnly closed and the companions separated in perfect harmony.

MARK MASONRY.

METROPOLITAN.

SOUTHWARK LODGE OF MARK MASTERS (No. 22).—At a meeting held of this prosperous lodge on Monday, December 3, at the Green Man Tavern, Tooley-street, Southwark, Bro. Dr. F. J. Lilley, W.M., occupied the chair of K.S. There were present Bros. A. Avery, S.W.; M. A. Loewenstark, S.O. as J.W.; A. D. Loewenstark, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.M., Sec.; R. Ord; G. Morris, M.O.; M. A. Loewenstark, S.O.; Warr, J.O.; J. Read, S.D.; A. P. Steadman, S.D.; A. P. Steadman, J.D.; L. Fox, I.G.; J. Hido, G. Schuck, J. Hawker, T. H. Meredith; C. A. Cathie, and many others. Amongst a large number of visitors were: Bros. C. Swan, P.G.S.B.; Warr, G.S.; Dr. Dixon, P.M. 86; L. Fox, S.W. 1; J. Green, 86; H. Muggerridge, P.M. 8, and others whose names we were unable to ascertain. The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots were taken for Bros. T. H. Meredith, J.W. 87, and R. Laundry 619, as joining members and declared to be unanimous in favour of their admission. Ballots were taken for Bros. J. Trickott, 73, R. W. Gunnell, 73, S. Harman, 73, W. Dalziel, 147, D. Linos, 619, D. Masson, 371, as candidates for the Mark Masonry and for members of this lodge, which were all declared to be unanimous in favour of their admission. Bros. J. Trickott, W. Dalziel, and D. Masson, being in attendance, were regularly advanced into this ancient and honourable degree of Mark Master Freemasons. The ceremony being rendered by Bros. A. D. Loewenstark, W.M. 86, and C. Swan, P.G.S.B. The bye laws were revised. The lodge was duly closed until Monday, February 4, at 7 o'clock.

CORNWALL.

TRURO.—*Fortitude Lodge* (No. 78 E.C.).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held, at the Masonic Rooms, on Thursday, 22nd November, at 7 p.m., when a numerous muster of the members supported Bro. Thomas Chirgwin, W.M., who occupied the chair. Amongst those who were present we noticed Bros. F. M. Williams (M.P. for Truro); Thomas Solomon (Mayor of Truro); William James Hughan, G.J.O. and P.M. 73, 87, 94, &c.; Rev. H. B. Bullocke, M.A. (rector of St. Mary's); William Tweedy, S.W.; William J. Johns, J.W.; and D. W. Trenewen, S.O. 87. Bros. Dr. H. S. Leverton, Capt. Barber, Grand Steward, and several other members were unavoidably absent. The minutes having been read and confirmed, two candidates were ballotted for, accepted, and advanced according to the

ancient ceremonials by the W.M., who subsequently called upon Bro. W. J. Hughan, J.G.O., &c., to instruct the newly-admitted members in the mysteries of Mark Masonry. We are glad to hear that this degree, under the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales, is making such rapid progress in the west of England. There are some twelve lodges in Devon and four in Cornwall, and we hear that other lodges, besides, have decided on applying for warrants also. As yet the promoters of the Mark Degree in Cornwall have kept to extending its principles and sowing the seed wherever congenial soil can be found, but very soon it is their intention to have a general harvest, and combine their forces, so as to be formed into a provincial grand lodge. Fortunately amongst their members are several gentlemen whose influence and position would well qualify them to hold the distinguished office of P.G.M. in a county where Freemasonry has so rapidly extended of late.

DEVONSHIRE.

MORICE TOWN, DEVONPORT.—*Lodge of St. Aubyn* (No. 64).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 26th ult., under the presidency of Bro. V. Bird, Grand Master Overseer. Two brethren were elected to this degree, and most ably advanced to the secrets peculiar thereto. A large gathering of brethren was present, and we must really congratulate the W.M. on the appearance of the lodge, and think the Grand Lodge itself should be proud of No. 64, it being furnished complete in all respects, and has what few Mark lodges possess, a collar and jewel for every officer.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—*Royal Kent Chapter, Rose Croix 18°*.—A chapter of emergency, duly convened by circular, was held on Thursday, Nov. 29, in the Masonic Hall, Bull's-court, the M.W.S. Robt. J. Banning, M.D., presiding. Amongst the members present were Sov. Princes H. G. Ludwig, P.M.W.S.; Henry Hotham, P.M.W.S.; Wm. Foulsham; Anthony Clapham; Jens Jensen, 1st Gen.; J. H. Thompson; W. C. Ward-Jackson. Sir Kut. Wm. Brignall, jun., Royal Kent Encampment of Knights Templar, Newcastle, having been duly proposed and seconded, was unanimously elected and subsequently installed into this princely order, the beautiful ceremony being performed by the M.W.S., ably assisted by the officers of the chapter. The next regular meeting of the chapter will be held in February, when the installation of the M.W.S. elect will take place.

MASONIC FESTIVITIES.

COUNTY MASONIC BALL AT KENDAL.

On Wednesday evening, the 28th ult., the county masonic ball, announced in our issue of the 17th ult., was held in the handsome sale room of Messrs. Whitwell and Busher, wool merchants, Albert-buildings, kindly lent for the purpose. A portion of one of the wool stores was partitioned off to serve as a supper room. This was lined with scarlet cloth, kindly lent by an eminent manufacturing firm of the town. Both the ball and supper rooms were beautifully and tastefully decorated, under the direction of Mr. Sandford, head gardener to Lord Kenlis, Underley Hall, and Mr. Meldrum, florist of this town. The refreshments were supplied by Mr. Jackson, of the King's Arms Hotel, and gave the utmost satisfaction in every respect.

Dancing commenced soon after 9 o'clock. The music was conducted by Bro. Norwood, of Preston. The *coup d'œil* in the ball room was strikingly beautiful and constantly changing. The naval and military uniforms, the Masonic clothing of the different degrees, and the varied dresses of the ladies, combined to give the whole a most charming effect. At one time a number of brethren wore the "purple," at another the clothing of the Royal Arch degree seemed to predominate, nor were the sombre costumes of the Knights Templar absent.

The ball in every respect was a great success, although a gloom was cast over the company when, at a late hour, the death of the Prov. G.M. was rumoured—a rumour which, we regret to announce, turned out to be correct.

Active among the many who manifested anxiety for the success of the ball were Bros. Lord Kenlis, Dr. Greaves, D. Prov. G.M. Busher, Prov. J.G.W.; Bowes, Prov. G.D., W. Cartmel, Thos. Atkinson, Holme, Titus Wilson, &c. The proceeds, which we believe will reach a handsome sum, will be devoted to Masonic charity. Dancing was kept up with great animation until about five o'clock.

About 120 ladies and gentlemen were present, including the following:—Lord Kenlis, Mrs. Robert Wilson, Underley-hall; Miss Ponsoby, Rigmaden; Mr. H. Pocklington Senhouse, Nether-hall; Mr., Mrs., and Miss Wilson, Dallam Tower; Mr. E. G. S. Hornby and Miss Hornby, Dalton-hall; Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlayne Starkie, Ashton-hall; Mr. Rawstorne; Penwortham-hall; *Lieut.-Col.*, Mrs., and Miss Gandy, Heaves; Mr. and Miss Argles, Eversley, and Miss E. Wilson, Kendal; Mr. North North, Thurland Castle; Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Wilson, High Park; Mr., Mrs., and Miss Kay, Haverbrack; Captain and Mrs. Braithwaite, Plumtree Hall; Mrs. Moore, Grimeshill; Miss Simpson, Helecott; Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, Shaw-end, and Miss Chabot; Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson, Reston-hall; Mr. William, Mr. Robert, and Miss Thompson, Moresdale-hall; Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Legh, and Mr. W. Fitzjames Legh, Blawith; *Lieut. Colonel* and Mrs. Murray, Kendal; Mr. Arnold, Aikrigg-end, and Miss Harrison, Kendal; Mr. D. Harrison, Kendal; Captain and Mrs. H. Gandy, Eden-grove; Major Robinson, Tarn-house; Captain G. Gandy, 6th Royal Regiment; Mrs. Simpson, Kirkby Stephen; Mr. and Miss Hewitson, Ellergill; Mr. E. L. Barker, Broughton-lodge; Mr. J. Gibson, jun., Whelprigg; Mr. E. J. Dickson, 3rd Buffs; Mr. James Bousfield, jun., Elterwater; Mr. G. L. Jervis, Croft-lodge; Mr. W. R. Gregg, Mrs. H. A. Gregg, and Mrs. Novello, Kirkby Lonsdale; Mr. Grant, Miss Grant, and Miss Jane Wilson, Kendal; Mr. and Mrs. Leeming, Kendal; Mr. Brunskill, Kendal; Mr. W. Vicars, Manchester; Mr. T. Lumb, Mrs. and the Misses Lumb, Lother, and Miss H. Bintley, Kendal; Mr. T. J. Harrison, Singleton-park; Mr. H. Rooke, Tunstall-Vicarage; Mr. and Mrs. Holme, Parksido, and Mr. W. Tattersall, St. Anthony's; Mr. William Cartmel and Mr. and Mrs. George Cartmel, Kendal; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Busher, Miss Stuart, Kendal, and Miss Macfarlane, Spoko, Liverpool; Mr. and Miss Atkinson, Kendal, and Mr. Agar, London; Captain and Mrs. Mott, Liverpool; Mr. and Miss Baunister, Liverpool; Dr. Graves, Penrith; Mr. Bowes, Warrington; Mr. Stawert, Helsington Laithes; Mr. J. A. Dickinson, Brough Sowerby; Mr. T. N. Wilson, The Landing; Mr. G. Pearson, Kirkby Lonsdale; Mr. T. Tuto, 2nd Northumberland A.V.; Mr. W. Peol, Knowlmore; Mr. G. and Miss E. Garnett, Kendal; Miss and Miss E. Horne, Kendal; Mr. T. and Mr. R. Wilson, Kendal, and Miss Marshall, Disley; Mr. S. Gawith, Kendal; Mr. Bigland, Bigland; Mr. R. James, Kirkby Lonsdale; Mr. J. Atkinson, Liverpool; Mr. J. T. Hall, Prescott; Mr. R. Harrison, Ambloside; Mr. E. Longton, Woolton; Mr. E. Sloc, Liverpool; Mr. E. Grayson, Kendal; Mr. F. Sharp, Lancaster; Mr. F. Punchard, Kirkby Lonsdale; Mr. D. Robinson, Sottlo; Mr. Robert Wilson, Liverpool, &c., &c.

MEETINGS OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND LEARNED SOCIETIES FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 15TH, 1866.

Monday, Dec. 10th.—ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, at 8.30.

Tuesday, Dec. 11th.—INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, at 8.

Wednesday, Dec. 12th.—SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 8.

THE WEEK.

THE COURT.—The Queen, accompanied by Princess Christian, walked and drove in the grounds on the 28th ult. Her Majesty drove out on the morning of the 29th ult. with Princess Beatrice, attended by Lady Susan Melville. The Queen, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess Christian, and Princess Louise, drove out in the afternoon. Her Majesty the Queen, with their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Christian, and Princess Louise, drove on the

morning of the 30th ult. to the Great Western Railway station in Windsor, where a special train was waiting to convey her Majesty to Wolverhampton, for the purpose of inaugurating the statue of the Prince Consort, which had been erected there. The Queen went out in the grounds on the morning of the 1st inst., accompanied by her Royal Highness Princess Beatrice. The Queen walked and drove in the afternoon, accompanied by her Royal Highness Princess Christian. Princess Louise, attended by the Hon. Flora Macdonald, went out walking. The Queen, Prince and Princess Christian, Princess Louise, and Princess Beatrice, and the Ladies and Gentlemen in Waiting, attended Divine Service in the private chapel on the morning of the 2nd inst. The Rev. E. M. Goulbourn, chaplain in ordinary to the Queen, officiated. The Queen, accompanied by her Royal Highness Princess Beatrice, went out in the grounds on the morning of the 3rd inst. The Queen, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Christian, and Princess Louise, drove out in a carriage and four in the afternoon. Her Majesty, with their Royal Highnesses Princess Christian and the Princess of Teck, drove out on the morning of the 4th inst. Princess Beatrice also went out. The Queen walked and drove in the afternoon, and drove out on the morning of the 5th instant, accompanied by her Royal Highness Princess Louise. Prince and Princess Christian also went out.

GENERAL HOME NEWS.—The weekly return of the Registrar General for the past week contains the gratifying intelligence that in the past week there were only three deaths from cholera registered, and that the epidemic is now virtually extinct. There were fifteen deaths from diarrhoea, but that number is below the ordinary average of previous years. Those who died from cholera were a labourer at Kingsland, aged 18; a butcher in Spitalfields, aged 21; and the daughter of a weaver in Bethnal-green, aged 2 years. The deaths from all causes in the metropolis were 1,459, being 137 less than the average, calculated with a correction for increase of population. The total deaths from cholera in the late epidemic have been 5,548 (exclusive of 2,692 deaths due in part to the cholera element). The deaths per 10,000 of the population in the three last visits of cholera have been—1849, 62; 1852, 43; and 1866, 18. In the present year the west districts lost 4, the north 6, the south 8, the central 9, and the east 64 inhabitants out of every 10,000. The return contains some interesting particulars respecting the disease in Holland, Belgium, and Paris.—A circular has been issued from the Board of Trade announcing that the Royal Society has undertaken the duties hitherto performed by the Meteorological Department of the Board of Trade. The storm warnings are declared to be in effect useless, and they are to be discontinued, but the weather reports will be published as usual.—A serious charge has been preferred against two police-constables at Worship-street Police-court. Davis and Jarvis, of the N division, took a respectable man named Henry Crampton into custody on a charge of assault. There undoubtedly had been a fight. One of the policemen was a good deal knocked about, but Crampton had sustained injuries of a frightful kind. The statement of Davis was that when he went to the prisoner's house to inform him that his two boys had been taken to the station-house on a charge of loitering, he was violently assaulted. On the other hand, Crampton asserts that he did no more than order Davis out of his house, and that when the two policemen returned together they thrust open the door and beat him with their truncheons. Charge and counter-charge having been made, the magistrate expressed his intention to commit all parties for trial.—The Duke of Edinburgh on the 30th ult. laid the foundation stone of the Smalley wing of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum.

There was a numerous gathering on the occasion. The ceremony was perfectly successful.—In the Court of Exchequer, a person named Bevan sued Lord Newry for £150. Lord Newry pleaded infancy, and also that the debt was a gambling debt. In 1861 Lord Newry was at Brighton, and went to a tennis-ground and there met Bevan. They played together, and after some time Lord Newry had lost £150, for which he gave a cheque. Subsequently, he went again and played with Bevan, and won much more than he had lodged, but did not get back his cheque. Bevan proposed that they should play at billiards, and Lord Newry consented. After playing for some time with locked doors, his lordship was told he had lost £2,000. This roused his suspicion, and he stopped the payment of the cheque he had previously given. The Countess of Newry was called to prove the plea of infancy, and did so. The verdict was, of course, for his lordship.—A curious case of forgery has been investigated at the Mansion House. Francis William Stevens, a cap-spring maker, was charged with the offence. He worked for Messrs. Leaf and Son, of St. Pauls'-churchyard. When he took completed work to their warehouse, he took with it an invoice, which was shown to the clerk, who initialed it as evidence that the work had been brought home. Then the prisoner had to take the invoice to a second clerk, who initialed it as proof that the work was in accordance with the order-book, and that the price was correct. Next the invoice had to be taken to the cashier, who paid the amount stated in it. Between the second clerk and the cashier the prisoner altered the amount. In one invoice for 16s. he had inserted £16, and was paid. He seems to have carried on the practice for some time, and was finally discovered through having made the addition in a bungling manner. He was committed for trial.—Stephen Joseph Meaney, who figured so prominently as a defrauder of tradesmen and exhibitors at the Exhibition of 1862—who was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for his offences—who subsequently was assisted out to America, and there became a Fonian senator—recently appeared here. A fortnight since he came to London, and was recognised by several persons, who had known him before he went to America. On the 1st inst. a police-officer from Dublin arrived with a warrant for Meaney's arrest, on a charge of conspiring against the Queen. The officer caught his man in the Strand, and took him to Bow-street. There seems, however, to have been no necessity for his examination there, for it is stated that he was taken away almost immediately *en route* for Dublin. The police in London are said to have information that Stephens is in the metropolis, and they are pretty confident about capturing him.—Mr. R. Arthur Arnold has addressed a letter to the various local boards in Lancashire, announcing that the office of the Public Works Act, established during the cotton famine, will be closed after the 21st inst.—It is announced that the Queen will confer the honour of knighthood on Mr. Alderman Phillips, the late Lord Mayor.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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ERRATA.—*South Metropolitan Masonic Hall Company*.—By an error in our issue for last Saturday, in the report of the meeting, the day on which it was held is stated to be "Sunday," whereas it should be "Tuesday," the 27th ult.

An unusual press of matter compels us to defer inserting this week, several reports which have duly reached us, together with correspondence and other matter intended for publication.