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## EARS OF WHEAT FROM A CORNUCOPIA.

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### RAIDS UPON THE RIGHTS OF MOTHER KILWINNING.

If we except the periodical boastings on behalf of a lodge whose claims for precedence over all other Scotch lodges were based upon the alleged genuineness of a document which one of our most accomplished antiquarians (Cosmo Innes) has unhesitatingly declared to be a forgery, the Lodge of Kilwinning has for sixty years been in unchallenged possession of the first place on the roll of daughter lodges under the Scotch Constitution. The last attempt to disturb this order of things was made by parties who seem in that movement to have been animated less by a desire for the humiliation of Mother Kilwinning, or the aggrandisement of its ancient metropolitan rival, than by a wish to gratify a spirit of retaliation and thereby mar the harmony of the Grand Lodge.

When the agreement of 1807 was entered into between the Grand Lodge and Mother Kilwinning, by a clause in which rank next to the former body was secured to the latter, a solitary individual of Mary's Chapel entered his protest against the arrangements then made; but nothing farther took place in the shape of objection or opposition. Soon after the business with Kilwinning was finished, to the satisfaction of all parties, some members of Mary's Chapel, and others, leading members of Edinburgh Lodges, were found guilty of practices which were by the Grand Lodge considered so unmasonic, that it most reluctantly expelled the offenders. In 1814, however, these expelled brethren applied to the Grand Lodge to have the sentences of expulsion rescinded and themselves reponed in their former privileges, and they professed so much contrition for their offences that the Grand Lodge opened its arms and received them again into its bosom. Thus reinstated, the moment an opportunity occurred, these brethren at a meeting held a few days previous to St. Andrew's day, in absence of the Substitute Grand Master (William Inglis of Middleton, W.S.), and, contrary to all former

practice, endeavoured to bring forward a different set of office bearers for the Grand Lodge, from that proposed by Bro. Inglis, and approved of, on the first Monday of November, the day unalterably fixed for such nomination. The policy of the newly-restored but secretly-dissatisfied brethren having become apparent, an adjournment of the communication was effected, and on St. Andrew's day the object of Mary's Chapel and its adherents was completely defeated in the election of those Grand Officers who were originally put in nomination.

Frustrated in their endeavours unconstitutionally to influence the election referred to, and being desirous of still farther fomenting disunion in the Grand Lodge, the then Master of No. 1 and others formerly expelled, instigated a part of Mary's Chapel to agitate the question of seniority between that Lodge and Mother Kilwinning. Accordingly at the Grand Quarterly Communication held in February 1815, a petition was presented by Mary's Chapel, praying that, as Mother Kilwinning had shown no evidence of its being the oldest lodge in Scotland, Mary's Chapel, should be placed at the head of the Grand Lodge roll.

Consideration of this petition having been deferred till next Quarterly Communication, the interval was occupied by the opposing parties in procuring proxies in support of their respective positions. As showing the importance which was attached to the subject, we here give an extract of a letter addressed to the Lodge of Kilwinning by the Grand Clerk:—" . . . Should Mary's Chapel persist in her groundless and urgent demands, it will be necessary for the Grand Lodge to make Mother Kilwinning a party to the question, in order that she may defend her own just rights and privileges. . . . In order that the Grand Lodge may be enabled completely to defeat the intentions of Mary's Chapel and her adherents, it may and will be necessary that the friends of the Grand Lodge should come readily forward, especially as we understand the other party is moving in every quarter, endeavouring to procure what proxies they can lay their hands upon from country lodges. . . . Now that Mother Kilwinning's rights are about to be challenged it is indispensably necessary that she should have some one in Edinburgh to watch over and protect her privileges . . . and it is equally necessary that all those lodges who formerly held from Kilwinning, but who have since got charters from the

Grand Lodge should likewise be represented, it being now not only their interest but their bounden duty to support and maintain the contract and agreement entered into between the Grand Lodge and Mother Kilwinning."

On this letter coming before the Mother Lodge the following resolution was submitted: "That Mother Kilwinning considers herself to have nothing whatever to do with, nor will she be any party in, the disputes or differences that may subsist betwixt the Grand Lodge and Mary's Chapel. Mother Kilwinning Lodge further declares she will have nothing to do with any third party, but the Grand Lodge alone, whom she looks to, and expects will cordially fulfil the treaty so solemnly entered into, ratified, and approved of by both lodges for their rule of conduct in all time coming." This was successfully met by a counter motion for the appointment of the Substitute-Grand Master to represent Mother Kilwinning in the Grand Lodge.

In the nomination of Bro. Inglis to this post, he was spoken of as being "a most warm and strenuous advocate for the rights and privileges of Mother Kilwinning. His abilities and extensive knowledge of Masonry; his high respectability as the first efficient officer in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and his character as a gentleman, every way renders him a fit and proper person to be the representative of so ancient and honourable a lodge as Mother Kilwinning." That this distinguished brother's acceptance of this Proxy Commission was indeed a proof of the interest he felt in the Lodge of Kilwinning, is evident from his hitherto and repeated refusals to accept commissions from country lodges.

The petition, the presentation of which had caused such uneasiness to the officers and leading members of the Grand Lodge, and disturbed the equanimity of the Kilwinning Lodge, was, notwithstanding the exertions of its originators, thrown out by the Grand Lodge—every office bearer and member of which, unconnected with Mary's Chapel and its adherents, being represented as unanimous in their condemnation of the conduct of those who would by a simple vote of Grand Lodge set aside an "Agreement so solemnly entered into, ratified, and confirmed by both contracting parties, and had been acted upon for nearly eight years without the smallest challenge."

The next occasion on which the inviolability of

the agreement in question was in danger, the Grand Lodge itself took the initiative.

It was in the spring of 1825 that, in consequence of the great number of new lodges that had been added to its roll, the Grand Lodge of Scotland deemed it expedient to make a new arrangement and classification of the Provinces, particularly where the counties were extensive and the lodges numerous, and to divide these counties into two, and in some instances into three provinces or districts; and in furtherance of this most desirable object, which it was proposed should be given effect to at the Quarterly Communication on the 4th of May next, the Grand Lodge overtured Mother Kilwinning on the subject, under date April 20, 1825, and in the following terms:—

"... In looking over the lodges in the county of Ayr, there appears to be no fewer than thirty-four lodges in that province, a great proportion of which are widely scattered and lying at a considerable distance from Kilwinning, the principal seat of the Ayrshire province, and thereby rendering it not only most inconvenient, indeed in some cases almost impracticable, for these distant lodges and brethren to attend the Provincial Grand Master when he assembles his Provincial Grand Lodges, and in that view proves injurious to the interests of Masonry, by not having more frequent opportunities of meeting at the Provincial Grand Assemblies, and assisting at and enjoying together their Masonic labours. The Grand Lodge of Scotland having accordingly taken into their consideration the distance and detached situation of the lodges, in the widely-extended county and province of Ayr, from the Provincial Grand Lodge—and being highly sensible that it will tend to the good of Masonry, as well as to the comfort and conveniency of the brethren, to divide the county into two districts or provinces, which they have accordingly done as follows:—

"WEST PROVINCE.—Alex. Hamilton of Grange, Esq., R. W. Master of Mother Kilwinning, ex-officio Provincial Grand Master. Mother Kilwinning; Loudoun Newmilns Kilwinning; Irvine or Monkton Navigation; St. Andrew, Kilmarnock; Thistle, Stewarton; St. Andrew, Irvine; Thistle and Rose, Stevenston; St. John, Largs; St. Clement, Riccarton; Moira, Fenwick; St. Salem, Beith; Netherholm, Kilmarnock; Blair, Dalry; Union and Crown, Barrhead; Caledoniau, Dunlop.

Lodges struck off roll: St. Marnock, Kilmarnock; Galston, Kilmarnock.

"EAST PROVINCE.— . . . . ., Esq., R. W. Provincial Grand Master. Maybole Kilwinning, Ayr; St. James, Newton-on-Ayr; St. Andrew, Girvan; St. David, Tarbolton; St. James' Kilwinning, Tarbolton; Operative, Ayr; St. Mungo, Mauchline; Royal Arch, Ayr; Royal Arch, Maybole; St. Thomas, Muirkirk; Ayr and Renfrew Militia St. Paul, Ayr; St. Barnabas, Old Cumnock; St. John, Beith. Struck off: St. Andrew, Newton-on-Ayr; St. Andrew, Glenbuck.

"The Grand Lodge is aware that by the Agreement, 20th October, 1807, entered into with Mother Kilwinning, the Master of that lodge for the time shall be *ipso facto* Provincial Grand Master for the Ayr District—and I am directed by the Grand Lodge to send the foregoing classification of that province for your sanction and approbation, and to request that you will alter and arrange the provinces in any shape you may think proper for the convenience and interest of the Craft at large. It is intended, however, to be distinctly understood that the Master of Mother Kilwinning shall be *ipso facto* Provincial Grand Master of the West district of Ayrshire, and that the Provincial Grand Master of the East district shall be named by, and subordinate to, the Master of Mother Kilwinning, and subject to the approbation of, and obtaining his commission from, the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Grand Lodge have therefore to request that you as Master of Mother Kilwinning will have the goodness to name any gentleman in the Eastern Province that you may consider a fit person to fill that situation."

This proposal, although in some respects most reasonable and in accordance with the spirit of the compact to which it refers, was obnoxious to the Lodge of Kilwinning as containing a clause, giving to Grand Lodge the power of vetoing any appointment which, under the new arrangement, might be made by its Master. Colonel Hamilton of Grange, who then held that post, gave expression in the following terms to Mother Kilwinning's objections to the sub-division of the province, as suggested by the Grand Lodge, and with this communication the negotiations terminated:—

" . . . I must confess to you that this proposal has surprised me a good deal, as it was most distinctly stipulated in the year 1807, when

Mother Kilwinning waived her ancient privileges in favour of the Grand Lodge, that the Master of Mother Kilwinning should be Provincial Grand Master of all the Masonic lodges in Ayrshire in all time coming. Mother Kilwinning has uniformly acted in strict conformity to the articles of that stipulation and agreement, and certainly did not expect that any deviation would be made from the opposite quarter. She thereupon feels confident that the Grand Lodge upon reconsidering this subject will be of opinion that matters should continue in the same state as they have been in since the year 1807, agreeable to the terms and conditions then entered into betwixt the parties. Upon consulting with the office-bearers and brethren of this lodge, they are unanimously and decidedly of the same sentiments I have now delivered."

In 1827, Mother Kilwinning again found itself in antagonism to the Grand Lodge, which had on its own responsibility placed two of the Ayrshire Lodges—Beith St. John and Largs St. John—under the jurisdiction of the P.G.M. of the Renfrew province. The dismemberment of its Masonic territory was firmly resisted by the Mother Lodge, whose Master (Smith of Swinridge) thus curtly addressed the Grand Lodge on the subject of its aggression:—

" . . . . . As I am anxious, as becomes my duty, to preserve the jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Lodge in the same way as I received it, I insist that the lodges transferred into the two new provinces of Renfrew shall be immediately restored—and if not, I shall call a chapter of the lodge to take their advice."

This remonstrance had the desired effect: the lodges in question were forthwith disjoined from Renfrew and restored to their former position.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow was the next aggressively to come into collision with Mother Kilwinning. The foundation-stone of the Wallace Monument was laid with Masonic honours in June, 1861. When the procession was about to march off to the Abbey Craig the deputation from Mother Kilwinning discovered that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow had, as a separate body and under its own banner, taken its position immediately in front of the Grand Lodge. This was resented by the deputation from Kilwinning, who claimed the right of precedence next to the Grand Lodge, and carried their protest to the

Grand Master (the Duke of Athole) who was standing within ear-shot of the altercation that was being carried on between the disputants. His Grace, after a brief consultation with his officers, decided that Mother Kilwinning should take precedence of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, and gave directions accordingly. Although giving tacit compliance to this decision, the party by whom it had been provoked afterwards addressed the Grand Lodge "as to the place and precedence of Provincial Grand Lodges in processions at places other than in their own provinces." In answer to this, it was ruled by the Grand Committee "that wherever the Grand Lodge is present all Provincial Grand Lodges are absorbed in the higher body—the members comprising the Provincial being likewise members of the Grand Body." Thus was confirmed Mother Kilwinning's claim to rank next to the Grand Lodge in all processions at which the Supreme Body is present.

THE ORIGINAL SEAL OF BURNS' MOTHER LODGE.



Some time ago we presented a fac-simile of the seal of Burns' Mother Lodge, but in subsequent gleanings we have stumbled upon the original seal of that now defunct body. It was adopted in 1775, and in its design harmonises with the name of the lodge; but that it should bear only one Masonic emblem is suggestive of the primitive character of the lodge's knowledge of the symbolism of Freemasonry, as contrasted with its subsequent acquaintance with the mongrel system of Degrees depicted in its diploma-plate, of which it is recorded that it was "engraved at Dublin, in the most fashionable style, in 1785." The Irish metropolis was at that period regarded by the brethren in the West of Scotland as the chief seat of "High Masonry." The seal as now shown was that of Tarbolton St. David's at the time of, and for twenty years subsequent to, Burn's initiation.

CHIPS OF FOREIGN ASHLAR.

By J. A. H.

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No. 11.—MASONIC EAU DE COLOGNE.

Cologne—what a flood of memories the name recalls! Cologne—the gate of the far-famed Land of the Rhine—the entrance to that enchanted region which facts and romances have peopled with the creatures of fancy—the last glimpse of the wonder-teeming country of castled crag, quaint old cities, luxuriant vineyards, curious churches, flying bridges, and all the other characteristics which have made Old Father Rhine glorious throughout the world.

As we sit in the Hotel de Hollande, glancing ever and anon at the curious visions which float past us on the waters, we dreamily remember how many great souls have sought inspiration in Rhineland, and we reflect that perhaps future generations of American pilgrims may invest even the hospitable hotel in which we find our shelter, with historic interest, because Henry Wadsworth Longfellow made it his home when he sojourned here, and possibly polished some poetic gem while resting within the rooms we occupy. Perhaps there is no greater sign of modern progress than the fact that our worthy host, Herr Krone, derives greater pleasure from the presence of the great "Excelsior" than from a retrospective glance at the pomp and retinues of all the Serene Highnesses who have bestowed their patronage upon him.

Probably the name of Cologne is better known in England than that of any other continental city. Few are the rustics who have not "heard as how *Addy-go-long* is the tip-top thing for pocket-hankerchers," and fewer still of the boarding-school misses, fresh from the hands of a French master, and rejoicing in their "Perishyen" accent, who do not value the virtues of *How-dee-cow-long*. Who is there that has been to the Rhine who has not found on his return, fair friends eager to know if he has brought back some bottles of the famous *Eau*? and luckless is he who forgets such an indispensable duty. He may at once retire into private life. But the hero of the hour is the person who has contrived to "smuggle" a few bottles. As "stolen pleasures are sweet," so *Eau de Cologne* which has been smuggled, is in the estimation of ladies, incomparably superior to any which has passed through the Custom House.

Writing about *Eau de Cologne*, reminds us of a piece of pleasantry perpetrated by an English Craftsman. Bro. J. W. Chudley, of Birmingham, has a well-established reputation for wit and humour. During one of the frequent visits to the continent Bro. Chudley found himself domiciled at Cologne, in the same hotel with an exquisite specimen of the *dandy-lion*, upon whom Bro. C. conceived the idea of executing the peculiar operation usually denominated as "pulling down a peg." Bringing the conversation on to the subject of *Eau de Cologne*, Bro. Chudley inquired whether the "swell" knew that two miles out of Cologne, in a certain direction, *Eau de Cologne* could be seen pumped out of the earth in thousands of gallons? The tourist was astounded, and expressed his intense surprise; only to receive a more solemn answer that it was strictly true. The result was that the dandy walked two miles to see the Cologne water-works, and returned regretting that his ignorance of French had prevented his knowing that *Eau de Cologne* simply meant *water* of Cologne.

The actual scents in Cologne are, however, very different to the celebrated scent of Cologne, and Coleridge's oft-quoted remark, that there were one hundred—or one thousand, we forget which—separate and distinct offensive odours in Cologne, is still true. The drainage here, as elsewhere on the continent, is execrable. Lady Morgan used to speak of the Irish metropolis as "dear, delightful, dirty Dublin," and her ladyship's adjectives precisely apply to Cologne.

On Saturday evening, February 27th, 1869, we visited the Minerva Lodge, at Cologne. It cost us a great deal of trouble to find out when the lodge met, as we had misplaced the only Masonic introduction we possessed, and we found the Catholics extremely averse to talk with us on the subject of Masonry. In fact, a very intelligent Roman Catholic advised us to be "very careful," as he said the priests had imbued their followers with the idea that all Freemasons had a secret and unholy alliance with the Devil. It will thus be seen the belief in necromancy is not quite dead even in the Fatherland, where the supremacy of intellect is supposed to be universal. One of the most bitter opponents of Freemasonry is a Diocesan Bishop in the Archbishopric of Cologne, and this individual is a living monument of the benevolent generosity of the Craft, for it was at the expense of Freemasons that he was supplied with the

University education, which ultimately enabled him to reach his present position.

The Minerva Lodge possesses a very good Masonic Temple, containing numerous rooms for all the purposes of the Craft. This lodge is affiliated to the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, at Berlin, and has about 200 members, being the only lodge in Cologne. The lodge was opened and closed in the first degree only, and as there were no initiations the proceedings did not last long. We were seated between two brothers, who spoke excellent English, and whose conversation we greatly enjoyed—Bro. Franz Herman Wolf, and Bro. Weithaff. The W.M. occupied a chair on a raised platform, flanked on either side by models of the Sphinx. The ordinary wands of the Deacons were replaced by a couple of Masonic maces, which would excite the admiration of many municipal officers in England.

Bro. Wolf gave us an account of a visit which the Minerva Lodge received last year from Bro. His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Prussia and husband of the Princess Royal of England. After the labours of the lodge H.R.H. accompanied the brethren to the banquet hall, where he remained until two o'clock in the morning conversing in the most free and unrestrained manner with all present. So great was the charm of the Prince's fraternal greeting, that although there had been some members of the lodge who were prejudiced against him, he had won all hearts before he left. The Crown Prince is Deputy Protector of the Three Globes Grand Lodge of Berlin, and Supreme Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Germany, which is worked on the Swedish system. Perhaps it would do no harm if the M.W.G.M. of England were some times to visit private lodges as quietly and unostentatiously as the Crown Prince has visited German lodges in this and other instances.

It is satisfactory to know, that in the Minerva Lodge there is a large proportion of intelligent Roman Catholics, who are too sensible to be led by the nose by a bigoted and unscrupulous priesthood. It was these brethren who expressed to us the greatest contempt for priestly usurpations. On the whole it is gratifying to know that what Dr. John Pearson Bell denominated the "Stream" of Freemasonry is pure and unadulterated in the city where the tombs of the Three Kings and the Eleven Thousand Virgins awaken the awe of the curious. In fact the Masonic Eau

de Cologne may safely be said to be as wholesome and fragrant as its more famous namesake of the toilet table.

#### MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

##### THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.

Will your correspondent "Lupus," who wrote the article published in the *Magazine* of January the 16th, furnish a colonial brother with some detailed information respecting the branch of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, whose "Chancery is at St. Martin's-place, Trafalgar-square?" Or, if "Lupus" has not the time to do so, will he kindly inform the writer through your columns, how the information may be obtained?—J.

##### THE PRINCE OF WALES AND ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

If the Prince of Wales had any disinclination towards English Masonry, he will receive early instruction as to its wide diffusion. In the remote regions of Africa he will make acquaintance with English lodges under the constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England. At Cairo there are the Bulwer, Hellas, and other lodges; at Alexandria the St. John's, Hyde Clarke, Zetland, &c. The D.G.M. is Prince Halim Pasha. At Cairo Bro. the Prince of Wales was received by Bro. Reade, D.D.G.M., Bro. Rogers, and a host of Masons. Thus he will get a timely reminder of the Grand Lodge of England and of the M.W.G.M., whose name is attached to one of the lodges?—AN EGYPTIAN G.O.

##### GRAND LODGE AND ITS RECORDS.

Is it true that boxes and boxes of records are now under examination at Grand Lodge, Queen-street, with a view to their reduction and destruction? Who has charge of this responsible duty? What may be rubbish to the inspectors may be treasure to others.—P.M.

##### BRO. HYDE CLARKE AND THE HIGHER DEGREES (page 167).

RES NON VERBA.—I said nothing against the high degrees any more than I did against the Craft degrees. The allusion was to a simple fact that in the R.A., or any other degree, an ordinary candidate in the usual course of events does not get a full explanation of the degree, and can obtain no solution of a doubt. *This is the nature of things, as we conduct our work here.* A F.C., R.A., &c., goes through the ceremony more or less fully. *A doubt occurs to him. He cannot stop the ceremony to ask, and it will be found he has no effective means of obtaining a solution.*

This has nothing to do with the circumstance that there are in each degree members possessed of rare knowledge, but this is unknown to the initiate, and he cannot get at the information. The A. & A. Rite, for instance, has among its members Dr. Leeson. This gentleman has devoted a liberal education, abundant leisure, and considerable means, to the investigation of Masonic subjects connected with the A. & A. Rite. The casual opportunities of hearing Dr. Leeson at a meeting, or in his own house, have been a privilege to the members of the A. & Rite, but accompanied with this regret, that they could not obtain enough of these conferences. *It is speaking*

within bounds to say that Dr. Leeson has been the means of attracting many intellectual men to cultivate Masonic researches, and of making the A. & A. Rite an institution for Masonic scholarship. A brother may, however, become a member of the A. & A. Rite without deriving any such advantages. The points raised at the last meeting of the Masonic Archæological Institute were such as in the course of events are not discussed in a lodge, and thus it is that the Institute invites many brethren to join in its discussions, and confirm their adhesion to Masonry.

As to the relative merits of several degrees, I do not propose to enter upon them. The three Craft degrees suffice for everyone, and they are two or three too many for some of our candidates —HYDE CLARKE.

##### THE ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND THE RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.

Is there any connexion between the Order of the Temple and that of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine? Are the Orders given in a Conclave of the latter worked in connexion with K.T. Encampments, and do those who receive Knighthood from the Temple enter the Red Cross Order without payment of any extra fee? There has been some discussion here on this point. Several parties have been urged to sign a petition for a warrant for the Red Cross by the promoters of a scheme to get up an *English Encampment*. In fact, those who are trying to get up the Encampment of K.T. are also trying to get up the Conclave of Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. I understand that both petitions have gone home. It has been announced that the two bodies will work in connection, and that the one fee will cover all the Orders. Can this be done? If there is any union, is it through the governing bodies, or in what way?—K.S. St. John's. N.B.

##### HISTORICAL FREEMASONRY.

Would Bro. Bywater mention (see page 193) what foundation he has discovered for saying it is a "fact" that Prince Edwin got a charter "to constitute a Grand Lodge at York A.D. 926?" And, secondly, could he say what this pretended charter says? I would be most happy to admit the "fact" if I had some proof, which would prevent me thinking it a *lie*. Again, at page 198, it says that Bro. J. T. M'Calmont "showed that Freemasonry existed from the earliest age of the world, (but under different names, and traced its connexion with the idolatrous rites of the ancient heathens." I am sure many brethren would desire to know how Bro. M'Calmont "traced its connexion," &c. Perhaps he might send a copy of that portion of his paper to the *Magazine*, which would be most interesting to all Masonic students. I ask this because, in common with Bro. M'Calmont in regard to Freemasonry, I consider it to be "the duty of every true Freemason to advance its cause and to free it from misrepresentation."

Referring again to page 157. Where is the proof that "the tradition is 500 years old? And who admits that "an ancient MSS. engrossed on vellum" was really "written in the 16th century," or that "another manuscript similar to the first" was really written "in the 15th century?" Were Bros. Hyde Clarke or Hughan to admit any of the above assertions, it would be worthy of consideration, especially as either would give a reason for their faith. How-

ever, perhaps the brethren who made the above assertions will favour us with the reasons for their faith.—  
PICTUS.

MASONIC PERSECUTION (p. 182)

It need not be wondered at that the Church of Rome and Freemasonry do not agree. The mere fact of Freemasonry being *free* is sufficient, in the eyes of Rome, to show cause why it should be condemned. And the secret lies here, viz.: the spirit of Freemasonry and the spirit of Rome are diametrically opposed. Freemasonry treats men as brethren; Rome as slaves. No freedom of opinion with Rome; believe as Rome believes, and obey whatever she commands; or, if you assert a right to judge for yourself, you are damned. Freemasonry is opposed to bigotry. Bigotry is the dear child of Rome. Freemasonry is the spirit of love, liberty, progress, and kind fraternal intercourse. Rome has its spirit displayed in her inquisition and her dear maternal *auto da fe*, where the liberty of her subjects was so lovingly crowned with glory on the *Quemadero*.\* The Freemason cries for light, more light. Rome feels, acts, and says—no, no; no light, or we are lost; the fabric which we have by every means been building at for centuries past would burst asunder if the light, shining through its widely-gaping, or slovenly-plastered chinks, be seen by those within. Rome has attacked Freemasonry again and again and been baffled. As Julian Hernandez (who with 13 others and three effigies were burnt in Spain A.D. 1560) used to sing (when the monks who tried to pervert him found all their attempts in vain):—

Vencidos van los Frailes, vencidos van;  
Corridos van los lobos, corridos van.

“There go the Friars, there they run!  
There go the wolves, the wolves are done!”

—FREEMASON.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Bro. Melville has, I presume, presented you with a copy of his paper on the “Astrolabe,” showing the grave error into which Bro. Layard had fallen in supposing, or misleading the public to suppose, that the Assyrian marble in the British Museum represented “the interior of a castle and pavilion or tent;” whereas Bro. Melville’s Archæological researches enable him to prove that the marble is an astronomical memorial of great scientific value.

The same paper contains a letter or certificate from the Grand Registrar, acknowledging in effect that the author had shown him that the Masonic ceremonies are symbolized on the plane projection of the heavens. This is, indeed, a most wonderful discovery, for, hitherto, the figures on the place have been considered meaningless, or serving merely to facilitate the study of practical astronomy. The very

\* The *Quemadero* was a piece of pavement set apart for the especial purpose of burning human beings.

ingenuity, however, with which the ceremonies have been so curiously recorded by our Masonic forefathers, attests the priceless value they attached to them as the ritualism of their sacred mysteries; and, as those ceremonies have been so secretly preserved from profane or uninitiated eyes, we may well ask where and how are the mysteries recorded?

Do the questions referred to in the Deputy Grand Master’s letter, transcribed in Bro. Melville’s paper, relate to those mysteries, and can that be the reason why the Deputy Grand Master states that, *however interesting* those questions may be in themselves, they lie beyond the scope of ordinary Masonry to which alone he has leisure to attend. It was as easy for the Deputy Grand Master to refer those interesting questions to some brother possessed of more leisure than himself, as for him in the first instance to refer Bro. Melville to the Grand Registrar.

It is sincerely to be hoped that Bro. Melville may find some brother or archæologist who has both leisure and inclination to examine into those questions, fraught as they appear to be with such profound interest to mankind.

Yours fraternally,  
W. N. CRAUFORD.

MASONIC LIFEBOAT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

Dear Sir and Brother,—On reading the Grand Lodge Report, many would be disappointed at the result of the motion anent the Masonic Lifeboat. I am one of those who imagine that nothing could be more *apropos* for an English Masonic lodge to subscribe to, for England is particularly a maritime country.

The Grand Registrar says,—“They ought to look at home;” but, I would ask—is providing the means of life for many of her own members not “looking at home?” I should think so. The Grand Registrar may thank his stars if he is never cast on a lee shore where there is no lifeboat. If such should (although we hope not) ever happen, perhaps the words might be remembered—“they ought to look at home.”

Yours fraternally,  
NEPTUNE.

MASONIC LIFEBOAT FUND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

Dear Sir and Brother,—As one of those who neither voted for nor against Bro. W. Smith’s motion at the last Grand Lodge, I am very desirous to write a few lines. With the principle of Bro. Smith’s motion the majority of Grand Lodge concurred, and I congratulate Bro. Smith on the impression he made, and strongly urge him to persevere and go through the usual course to success. It does not often happen that a motion unconsidered should for the first time pass through Grand Lodge at the fag end of the evening. It has to be properly discussed. That was not the case the other night. The majority of opinions—that of the M.W.G.M. included—was in favour of the National Lifeboat Fund, but divided as to the mode of action, and the opposition of the Grand Registrar was on untenable grounds. According to his doctrine, no contribution would be given to any charity having claims upon the Craft.

It is as well to explain how the matter appeared to myself and others. Bro. Smith's statement of the reasons for making a grant were strong and conclusive, and he gave a satisfactory account of the measures taken up to this time, though not a satisfactory account of the action of the Craft. Where Bro. Smith failed in gaining our votes on that occasion was that his case was too strong and his proposal too small. It is not very likely we are going to be under a cloud when, as he stated, the Odd Fellows, the Foresters, and the schoolchildren, &c., have contributed boats, while we, who have so many seaport lodges and seafaring brethren, have not contributed a boat. What most of us was convinced of was that one boat at least ought to be provided, and Bro. Smith says that the cost is about £600, and so I understood the M.W.G.M. What did Bro. Smith propose towards this valuable object? One hundred guineas, a sum utterly insufficient. Had he proposed two hundred guineas it is possible the vote would have been carried, at all events more hands would have been held up for it. Opinions are not yet all agreed. Many think that, after a full appeal to the Craft, or to those lodges in which there is a special claim, the balance, whatever it may be, large or small, should be made up by Grand Lodge. Some think that, besides the general subscription, there should be one boat presented by Grand Lodge direct to the National Lifeboat Institution.

It was quite out of the question to discuss Bro. Smith's motion at that late hour; but, if it had been brought on earlier and when there was a large Grand Lodge, and many supporters present, we might have agreed on the means of carrying it out. What has to be done now is to make the appeal to the Craft, particularly to the seaport lodges in the colonies, and then for Bro. Smith to bring the matter forward. I am glad he failed in his motion as far as the one hundred guineas is concerned, but I think that, if he had even carried that, it would have been a considerable stimulus to the movement. He has, however, stirred up a number of persons, as it is, and the Craft is generally indebted to him for his exertions.

Yours fraternally, P.M.

#### MASONIC DISCIPLINE. BY CRUX.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

Dear Sir and Brother,—With your permission, I will now redeem my promise, and endeavour to exculpate myself from the imputations cast upon one of my articles on the above subject, by Bro. Pictus in your number of the 27th ultimo. I will, however, premise that I do not intend for one moment to be drawn into any disquisition respecting the origin of Freemasonry. It will be quite sufficient for me to show that I have good authority for the foundation of any statements that I may have made, whether historical, pseudo-historical, or metaphorical. In the first place, Pictus observes,—“Imagine the meaning of the words that ‘Freemasonry is coeval with the creation of the firmament.’”

As I have just observed, I decline all controversy respecting the antiquity or origin of the Order. I take Freemasonry as it exists at present. I am not blind to its defects, nor indifferent to its merits. I know what it is, both in theory and practice; and that, while the former is beyond all human ameliora-

tion, the latter is not only susceptible of, but imperatively demands considerable modification and improvement.

In asserting, therefore, that the principles of our ancient and honourable institution were “coeval with the creation of the firmament,” I assert no more than what I have full warrant for, and in which, moreover, I am amply borne out by our Supreme Authority. Let me ask Pictus, or any other brother who cannot comprehend the meaning of the simple sentence I employed, what he considers the signification of the letters A.L. to be. Let him turn to his Grand Lodge certificate, and he will find that he was admitted into the Order, on such a day of such a month, A.L. . . . If, then, the supreme authority among the Craft dates the certificate of our initiation from A.L., I maintain that I more than justified in doing the same. It is not of the slightest consequence whether the truth of the fact can be demonstrated or not, whether it is intended seriously, or merely *pro forma*. It is quite plain that the fact is so, and I would submit to any sensible person, that the not very elegant term employed by Bro. Pictus, cannot, with the slightest pretence of truth or propriety, be applied to any statement or assertion, that is simply a corroboration of a printed fact.

Passing over the presumed antiquity of the Order in the E.A. charge, which is also another support of my incomprehensible sentence, I would mention that many of the great Masonic luminaries, among which, if I do not mistake, may be included that eminent Mason and accomplished divine, the late Dr. Oliver, have maintained in their writing the immemorial origin of ideal Freemasonry. It appears to me that, while anyone is free to use his own option respecting a belief in the sentence Bro. Pictus so strongly condemns; yet it is absurd for anyone who is acquainted with the facts I have just stated, and every real Mason ought to be acquainted with them, to ask what is its meaning. I confess I am at a loss to see how the perusing of a sentence, that is nothing more than a corroboration of an assumption made over and over again throughout the whole of the Masonic system can possibly “injure us in the eyes of educated and thinking men.” In dissent *in toto* from this view, the more especially as I am on my own ground. In the articles I have written, I have referred to numerous facts, that are unmistakably calculated to produce the effect, Pictus anticipates from the paragraph in question.

I need scarcely pause to refute the charge of any intended blasphemy, for neither Pictus nor any other of your readers will really entertain any such ridiculous idea. I would merely observe that, in the strict sense of the Greek term, *βλασφημῆω*, or its equivalent, though less-used synonym, *λοιδορῶ*, the remark of Pictus does not hold good.

Let me now pass on to the latter portion of the letter of Pictus, wherein he ridicules the idea of our Masonic predecessors getting into the saddle. Whether I believe in the tradition that assimilates the Knights Templars with the Craft, is nothing to the point. It remains to be proved, as in the former instance, if I have any foundation for my metaphorical statement; and here it will be seen that Pictus has fallen into a very grievous and flagrant error. He ridicules the idea of a working Mason being ready at any moment to lay by his working tools and take up the weapons



of warfare. Really this is too bad. Pictus should have "got up his subject a little better" before he rushed into print. Let him turn to the 4th chapter of Nehemiah and read the last eight verses. Among them occurs the following passage:—"They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon. For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded." Now, I do not assert, whatever I may believe, that these builders were Masons. It is sufficient for me that they were *men*. They were ready at any moment to leave off operating upon the rough or smooth ashlar and betake themselves to fight; and, if men could do this, it may be safely asserted that Masons could do it likewise. Curiously enough, too, as if Pictus were determined to "hang himself," he states as a culminating piece of satire,—“But, hark, the trumpet sounds,” &c. Now, among the verses I refer him to, will be found the passages:—"And he that sounded the trumpet was with me. And I said unto the nobles and to the rulers and to the rest of the people. The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another. In what place, therefore, ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us; our God shall fight for us."

I think I have now "made out my case," as the lawyers say, and that no one will be disposed to again ridicule the idea of "our Masonic predecessors getting into the saddle." Will Bro. Pictus allow me to suggest, in a fraternal spirit, that the not very complimentary term he applied to my little effusion may, perhaps, with greater propriety be applied to the latter part of his letter. It would have been quite pardonable in me to have been guilty of a little absurdity when speaking metaphorically, but to ridicule facts is quite unpardonable.

Had I not already trespassed too much on your valuable space, I could, dear sir and brother, quote other instances where men worked in momentary expectation of being engaged in mortal combat. I cannot, however, conclude without referring to an error which, in my opinion, Pictus indulges in. He appears to think that Masonry is weakened in the opinions of educated men by associating it with any romantic histories. I altogether disagree with him. Far better that we should associate with the Craft some beautiful legend, or some chivalrous romance, than unite it solely with the symbols of sensuality and materialism. Which is preferable? To have outsiders say,—“Oh! the Masons assert that the Templars were Freemasons, that the Fraternity existed at the time of the building of the Tower of Babel,” or for them to observe,—“Oh! the Masons are jolly good fellows, and give capital feeds, but have no pretensions to intellectuality or antiquity.” Does not nature overlay the naked rock with the velvet moss? Does she not entwine the knotted and knarled trunk of the lofty oak with the creeping tendrils of the “dainty ivy?” And why should not we adorn the rock of Masonry in a similar manner? The Craft does not depend for its support upon any one of the legends with which it is associated, any more than, to use my own simile, the rock is supported by its mossy covering, or the lord of the forest sustained by the clinging arms that wrap him in their manifold embrace. Whatever may be one’s belief in the connexion between Masonry and the romantic stories of bygone times, they cannot fail to arrest the attention, enlist the sympathies, and excite the admiration of all educated and thinking members of the Fraternity. Unfortunately, I regret that the same cannot be asserted respecting its modern associations.

Yours fraternally, CRUX.

## THE MASONIC MIRROR.

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### MASONIC MEMS.

THE UNIVERSAL MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY, AND POCKET BOOK FOR 1869.—A second edition of this useful and comprehensive publication has been just issued. It can be obtained at the office of the FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE, 19, Salisbury-street, Strand, London, or in Glasgow, in addition to the regular agents.

DORIC LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 933).—The brethren of the above lodge have engaged the Masonic room at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, for the evening of Wednesday, the 17th inst., for the purpose of hearing Bro. J. G. Stevens, P.M. of Yarboro' Lodge (No. 555), and Hon. Sec. of Doric (mother) Lodge (No. 933), give a reading from "Oliver Twist;" the episode of Bill Sykes and Nancy being selected for the reading. After which Bro. Stevens has also kindly consented to introduce the company to the celebrated "Mrs. Bullwinkle." The hearty co-operation of the Craft is on this occasion earnestly solicited, as the *entire proceeds* of the reading will be applied in aid of the Masonic Girls' School Fund. The reading will commence at 7-30 precisely. Admission, by ticket, free; but a collection will be made in the room at the close of the reading. Tickets may be obtained at Anderton's Hotel; of Bros. D. Scurr, G. Snow, J. G. Stevens, C. Ireland, T. J. Barnes, and others.

MASONIC LIFE BOAT FUND.—We are requested to mention that a committee is about to be formed for carrying out the purposes of the fund, and the Secretary (Bro. Anthony Oneal Hays) will be glad to receive the names of brethren willing to serve upon it. When the committee is formed, a list of subscriptions received will be published.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.—We desire to bring before the notice of our numerous readers as worthy of their support, the case of Alice Ritson Molineaux, aged eight years, a candidate for admission at the ensuing Election for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Her father was for twenty-one years Assistant Locomotive Engineer to the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company. He died very suddenly in November 1867, leaving a Widow and seven children. The Widow has since been confined of a posthumous child, making eight in all, and as six of these are wholly, and the two eldest nearly dependent upon her, we need hardly say it is a case particularly deserving the interest of all Freemasons, and more especially, perhaps that portion of them belonging to or in any way connected with railways. Bro. Molineaux was a very rising man in his profession, but unfortunately was unable to leave his widow and large family provided for. He belonged to the Royal York Lodge at Brighton, No. 315, of which he had been a member four years. Bro. George Hawkias of the London Brighton and South Coast Railway, Brighton, will be happy to receive proxies.

The daughter of Mrs. S. Palmer is a candidate for admission. We understand this to be a truly deserving case for fraternal sympathy. We are requested to mention that Clara Mercedes Wicks, who has been three times a candidate for election, comes up again in April. She has the support of the Norfolk Provincial Lodges, and the case is a very deserving one. Also the case of Theresa Mary Claisen, which is warmly recommended and which is peculiarly distressing.

THE following is the text of the circular issued by the Grand Secretary relative to the inauguration of the new buildings of the Grand Lodge of England, to the W.M.'s of every lodge under its constitution:—"I am directed to inform you, that the Most Worshipful Grand Master has fixed the 14th of April for the inauguration of the new buildings, in Great Queen-street. It is the intention of the Most Worshipful Grand Master to appoint twenty Stewards; the remainder will be nominated by the various lodges. If, therefore, it is the desire of your lodge to name a Steward to serve on the occasion, you will have the goodness to forward the name of the brother, on or before Saturday, the 6th day of March. If the number of Stewards returned should exceed eighty, the selection will be decided by ballot. The Most Worshipful Grand Master has sanctioned the striking of a jewel to commemorate the occasion, which will be worn by the Stewards only. The probable cost to each Steward is estimated at about £6 6s."

**JOPPA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 188).**—This lodge meets now at Bro. Davis's, Rose and Crown, Fort-street, Union-street, Bishopsgate, on Sundays, at seven p.m. Bro. Littaur, P.M. 205, Preceptor.

**OLIVER TESTIMONIAL.**—We beg to refer to our advertising columns anent this testimonial, which deserves universal Masonic support.

**BRETHREN** are reminded that the Lodge Music published a few weeks ago, in several issues of the MAGAZINE, has been republished in a convenient form for Lodge use, price 2s. 6d.

**MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.**—The third meeting of the Institute will be held on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., when Bro. Besant will read a paper upon the recent discoveries in connection with the Palestine Exploration Fund. Brethren who may wish to be present, must communicate the same to the Honorary Secretaries not later than Wednesday, the 17th inst.

**GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND ORGAN FUND.**—A subscription list for this fund is opened at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin. Bros. Francis Quin, Davenport, Crosthwaite, and Humphrey Minchin will be happy to receive subscriptions. His Grace the Duke of Leinster, G.M., has headed the list with the magnificent donation of £100. £400 is the amount required.

A **GRAND MASONIC BALL** will take place at the Exhibition Palace, Dublin, under the patronage of the Duke of Leinster, G.M., upon Friday, the 9th of April.

A **MEETING** of the District Grand Lodge of Turkey will be held at the Oriental (687) Lodge Room, Constantinople, on the 18th inst., under the presidency of the Acting Senior Grand Officer of the District.

THE Royal Arch Masons of Smyrna have petitioned the Grand Chapter of Scotland for a warrant to open a chapter in that city.

THE "Freemasons' Calendar for the Province of Durham" is now published, and may be obtained on application to Bro. William Brignall, jun., or Bro. R. Cooke, S, Silver-street, Durham.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Seventy-first Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was celebrated on Wednesday evening last, at the Hall in Great Queen-street, and with a success unparalleled in its history, and almost of any other which is supported by the voluntary contributions of a comparatively small section of the general community. For some time past, as is well known, frequent and urgent appeals were made to the

Craft to endeavour to rid the institution of a heavy mortgage debt which was a very unpleasant incumbrance, and materially limited the sphere of its usefulness, as the building is capable of receiving a much larger number of boys than the ordinary income would support, to say nothing of the dead weight that was hanging to, and which annually required a considerable amount to be paid as interest accruing thereon. Accordingly the subject was taken up heartily, we believe, although we speak under correction, by some energetic members of the Craft in East Lancashire, who were determined to use every effort in their power to free the Institution from the debt which hung like a millstone round their necks, and the result of the combined operations brought to bear has been attended with magnificent results, as this festival produced a sum more than sufficient to rid the school of it, and thus set it free for wider and more extended operations. This pleasing state of things is highly honourable and gratifying to the Craft, for it shows what can be done by perseverance, and it realises in an extraordinary degree the truth of our professions that Masonry is something more than a name, having truth for its guide, honour as its watchword, and charity for its foundation, and long may such principles ever distinguish the noble Order to which it is our privilege to belong.

Bro. the Right Hon. Earl de Grey and Ripon, R.W. D.G. Master, and Prov. G. M. for West Yorkshire, presided, supported by Bros. Augustus Smith, Prov. G.M. for Cornwall; Stephen Blair, Prov. G.M. for East Lancashire; Lord Eliot, P.G.W. and D. Prov. G.M. for Cornwall; Llewellyn Evans, President of the Board of General Purposes; John Hervey, G. Sec.; Patten, P.G.S.B.; William Farnfield, P. Assist. G. Sec.; E. H. Patten, P.G.S.B.; Udall, P.G.D.; Spiers, P.G.S.B., and D.P.G.M. for Oxfordshire; Head, P.G.D.; Browse, G.D.; Major Greaton, P.G.D.; H. Bridges, P.G.S.B.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B. and D. Prov. G.M., Isle of Wight; W. Young, P.G.S.B.; Rev. C. Woodward, Chap. to the Institution; Col. L. Cole, P.G.W.; L. B. P. Metham, D.P.G.M. for Devonshire; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Murray, D.G.M. for China; Dr. Senior, P.G. Chap.; Bentley Shaw, D.P.G.M. for West Yorkshire; J. M. White, P.J.G.W. for West Yorkshire; J. B. Ciabatti, W.M., No. 11; Peter Matthews, Sec. No. 11, and Treas. 507; Capt. Cope, P.G.S.B., and Prov. G.W. for Cheshire; W. R. Callender, D.P.G.M. for East Lancashire; E. Farthing, P.P.G. Supt. of Works for Herts; John Walker, W.M., No. 12, M.M., &c.; H. Thompson, P.M. 177 and 1,158; E. Farmer, W.M., 28; A. Avery, P.M. and Treas. 619; H. Massey, W.M., 619; A. Irvine, W.M., 1,216; and J. L. Hine, P.P.G.T., and P.P.G.W. for East Lancashire; and many others whose names we were unable to ascertain. The great hall was completely filled, indeed, in some instances, uncomfortably crowded, and a large body of the fair sex graced the assembly by their presence, but as the gallery was unable to contain them, the rest were accommodated with seats in the body of the hall.

The M.W. the D.G.M. (the chairman), entered soon after six o'clock, preceded by the whole body of Stewards, upwards of 200 in number, and was heartily cheered on his arrival. Having taken his seat, grace was said by the Rev. C. Woodward, Chaplain of the Institution.

The banquet was of the usual character supplied by the Freemasons' Tavern Company, and reflected great credit upon Bro. Gosden, the energetic and pains-taking manager of the Company.

The repast having concluded and the cloth removed, Grace was sung by the professional singers.

The chairman in giving the first toast "The Queen," said:—Brethren you will not doubt what is the first toast which I am

about to propose to you, for there is but one toast which should pre-eminence where Englishmen are gathered together, but Brethren under any circumstances it has been our duty and our happiness to drink in the first place the health of Her Majesty the Queen, but it is a duty especially incumbent with us on this occasion, because we have not only to toast the Queen as the Sovereign of these realms, but as the Patroness of the Institution.

The toast was cordially responded to, followed by "God Save the Queen."

The Chairman next gave "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and said the toast required more than usual honour, as that was the sixth anniversary of the wedding day of the Prince of Wales, a day auspicious because it had made the Princess an Englishwoman amongst them, and, therefore, the toast demanded a special honour.

The toast was well received.

The Chairman said: Brethren, I am sure you will now unite with me in drinking the health of the "Most Worshipful the Grand Master," and I am confident, brethren, that it needs no words of mine to induce you to receive that toast as it ought to be received in any assembly of Freemasons, because I know well that, throughout the length and breadth of the land, wherever Masonry spreads her arms, or where it extends, we are anxious to acknowledge the eminent services of Lord Zetland. They are revered by the Craft, and are fully and justly appreciated for the quarter of a century he has presided over us. You all know with what earnestness he has devoted himself to the duties of the office which by your suffrages he fills; and those who have the privilege of being closely connected with him in the administration of Masonic business, will agree with me that the Craft owes a deep debt of obligation to him for the ability and earnestness with which he has devoted himself to the important administration of his office. I therefore give the health of the M.W. the G. Master.

The toast was enthusiastically responded to.

Bro. Augustus Smith, Prov. G.M. for Cornwall, in very glowing terms, proposed the "Health of the Deputy Grand Master (Earl de Grey and Ripon)," which was cordially responded to.

Earl de Grey and Ripon, D.G.M. in responding said—Brethren, I am deeply grateful to you for the manner in which you have so kindly received the toast that has been proposed in too flattering terms by my friend and brother on my left, (Bro. A. Smith). I feel I only discharge one of the most important duties of the high office, which by the confidence of the Grand Master, I have the honour to fill in the Craft. When I consented to occupy the chair on this occasion, I felt it my duty to assist so far as lay in my power in promoting the interests of the Institution, and for which we are this evening assembled. I hold it to be one of the first duties of all who belong to the Craft to labour, each in his respective degree, to promote the interests and the usefulness of our Masonic Charities, and certainly as Bro. Smith, the P.G.M. for Cornwall, has said, it does so happen that since I accepted the task to fill the chair to-night, I have been called to fill another office, not in the Craft, but in the State, in which there are greater interests to engage my attention, for in my official duties, as a Minister of the Crown, I shall have to promote by all the means that I can, the great cause of public education, but I still tell you as a Freemason, it will also be my duty to promote the education of the children of our brethren who have not the means of providing for them that education themselves. I should have been wanting in my duty, not only as a Grand Officer, but as a Mason

had I shrunk from undertaking any duty for the support of the magnificent Boys' School, that would be likely to conduce to the prosperity of that Institution. I thank you for the manner in which you have drunk my health, and I need not tell you how much I am attached to the Craft, but such a reception as you have given me to-night will bind me if possible more closely in affection to our ancient and noble Institutions.

The Chairman next proposed "The Provincial Grand Masters and the Present and Past Grand Officers," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Murray, the Deputy Grand Master for China.

Bro. Murray returned thanks, and alluded to the good that Freemasonry did in the distant land of China; for, on account of the kindly feelings which there prevailed amongst the brotherhood, the Order gained the esteem of the population there who were not Masons, and induced many to join them.

Bro. Binckes, the Secretary, then said it was his duty to introduce to his lordship the three boys who were entitled to three prizes to be distributed by the hand of the chairman at this Festival. He had the honour to introduce to his lordship one boy who had earned the silver medal given by the Institution as a reward for general good conduct. The medal for 1868 was earned by a boy who had received commendations of the head master, and was sincerely regarded by all for the amiability of his disposition, and who had pursued an unvariable line of good conduct. The prize had been awarded to Adam Anderson James, who left the Institution last Christmas with the esteem and approval of all who had been connected with him in the Institution.

The chairman said, I have great pleasure in presenting you with this medal, and I trust that you will act through life on the principles which have guided you at school.

His Lordship then placed the ribbons round his neck amidst loud applause.

Bro. Binckes said the next prize was not one given by those by whom the boy was educated, and governed in the Institution, but by those with whom he mixed in his hours of relaxation. The prize was given by Bro. Edward Cox, to the boy who should obtain it by the unbiassed votes of his schoolfellows, who gained their esteem, and was marked by those good qualities which made up the true Englishman. He presented Arthur Rumbow, who had received 58 votes out of 103, given by his schoolfellows, the rest of the votes being distributed amongst the other candidates.

The chairman then presented him with the prize, and being a small boy he was lifted on to the table to receive it amidst loud cheers.

Bro. Binckes next presented Harry William Wildman, whom he stated had carried off first class honours at the Oxford middle class examination in June last, and had since submitted himself to Cambridge middle class examination in December, where he was one of the two selected for first class honours.

The chairman then presented him with the prize, and he was loudly cheered.

The Chairman said,—Brethren, I now rise to ask you to drink the most important toast of the evening, "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." Your presence here to-night is a proof of the interest you feel in the success of this admirable institution, whose seventy-first anniversary we are met to celebrate to-day. For nearly three-quarters of a century this institution has been pursuing its career of usefulness. It is the means of educating no less than 105 boys, the children of those amongst our brethren who are unfortunately themselves unable to provide for the education of their children, and if the scheme of the managers is carried out, it will provide education for ten

more boys, making the total number 115. By a reference to this book, which is in the hands of all, you will see it will not be difficult or expensive to extend the benefits of the institution to not less than 200 boys. Now, let us ask, what is the kind of education that this institution gives? If we make the inquiry, we shall be told that its first course is to ground the boys intrusted to its care in a sound English education. Every boy passes through what is called the commercial division; and, if he possesses an aptitude, he passes onward from a sound English education to classical and mathematical studies; and it seems to me that these arrangements are wise and proper. They secure, in the first place, for the students a sound English education, and on the foundation so securely laid, other studies may safely follow. They do not check the onward progress of the studious boy, but at the same time they take care that those who shall do the most credit to the school are not unduly pressed forward to the prejudice of others who are entrusted to their care. We all know that if you desire to make the boys in the school of such a description that they should benefit by the intellectual training we are giving them, we must also look to their physical requirements and sanitary condition; for, if the boys are not healthy, they cannot properly devote themselves to the studies of a school like this. Therefore, the managers of this institution some years ago felt themselves called upon to build a more commodious building, so that they might have a more salubrious habitation for this great object, and thereby they will not only be able to secure the intellectual but that physical condition of the boys which is necessary to its intellectual development. They accordingly, at the time, thought it right to erect a new building for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and it is our duty, not only for our honour and reputation, not only for the honour of the Institution, but of the Craft, that we should have a building worthy of Masonry and the great cause we have in hand. These things, however, cannot be done in these days without a large outlay of money, and when it was decided to erect this building it was agreed that the funds should be extensively drawn upon, and large demands should also be made upon the munificence of the Craft. You all know that the school so erected is now in working order, and its benefits are fully appreciated, but there remains an unpleasant thing behind, which is a mortgage debt of £10,000. When we look at the character of our Institutions, and see the accord they are in with the principles of the Craft and Masonic objects, it becomes a great duty and it is incumbent upon us by every means in our power to endeavour to wipe off this debt, a debt for which no blame is due to those who managed this institution, but its long continuance will cast discredit on the Craft. The amount is £10,000, and I entertain a hope and I may be disappointed, but I do not think that I shall. I feel confident that a large amount of this incumbrance will be swept off to-night. Proud shall I be that I have presided on this occasion, if it could be said that they sent forth that night this institution free from debt. You will naturally ask what proof have we of the success of the working of this Institution, that its claims may be good, but that it has not been brought to the test of practical public examination. What fact is there that shows that this Institution is doing its work well. We have two significant facts brought under our notice this evening, when we heard of the success of the pupils of this School at the Oxford and Cambridge Middle Class Examinations. I set great value on the prizes given in the School at our examination, but it may be said that the prizes are given by those who are charged with the management of the institution, but when they go to be examined with those pupils of other

public schools, collected from the length and breadth of the land they have to compete on equal terms, and therefore I think that this is a test with which we ought to be satisfied, as to the working of this institution. Of that you have had a marked example in the case of the boy who came up to receive the last prize, who took first class honours at Oxford, and gained first class honours also in the Cambridge middle class examination. The noble lord having gone into an examination of the merits of education proceeded to say. In early years those who are managers of the school have to deal with boys whose faculties are unformed, whose powers are not developed, and the institution takes charge of the children of brethren who are not able to provide for their education. They took them within the walls of the institution, but they could not send them forth with a fortune into the world. Even with a fortune I do not believe that a man can do without the widest and largest amount of education. If we cannot, in the case of those youths, send them forth into the world with a fortune, we may give them the means of carving out a fortune for themselves, and give them the means of doing for themselves what their parents, through misfortunes, were unable to do for them. We can do more than that for them. We can give them the means by which their faculties may be developed, their minds stored with education, which will open to them the secrets of science and literature, and place in their hands that magic key by which they can make truth their own; dispel the mists of darkness and ignorance, and walk forth in the broad light of day. If that was what education can do; if that is the power which it bestows, then, no duty can be more plainly incumbent upon us than that we should give the means and opportunities to others of obtaining those blessings which we enjoy. If that is our duty as men, it is emphatically more so as Freemasons. It is more incumbent on us, as it is one of our fundamental principles, not of our secrets, but as one of those principles which has preserved our Order through so many ages. Brethren, this is a cause worth pleading for. I earnestly implore you to discharge this obligation, and you will entitle yourselves to the gratitude of hundreds unborn, and which will surround your names for ever. If you provide for them the advantages you yourselves enjoy, you will have the proud satisfaction of knowing that you have taken your stand on the road, and been engaged in a great and noble warfare of truth against falsehood, of knowledge against ignorance, and light against darkness. The noble lord sat down amidst loud cheers.

Bro. Binckes then read the list of subscriptions, and amongst them were:—The noble Chairman, P.G.M. for West Yorkshire, £78 15s.; the Provincial Grand Lodge, 500 guineas; 58 Stewards for West Yorkshire, 2,411 guineas, making the subscriptions for West Yorkshire £3,015. "Brethren," said Bro. Binckes, "the next item is from Bro. Stephen Blair, P.G.M. for East Lancashire who has given the munificent donation of one thousand guineas. (Unless witnessed it would be impossible adequately to describe the burst of enthusiasm which followed the announcement of this splendid donation. The whole assembly rose *en masse*, the more enthusiastic of the members—ladies included—waving their handkerchiefs and demonstrating in every possible way their appreciation of this contribution. There were loud cries for Bro. Blair, which continued for some time, but the worthy brother, who sat on the right of the Chairman, did not respond to the call. It was some time before this ebullition of feeling subsided, and enabled Bro. Binckes to proceed with his announcement.) The Prov. G. Lodge of East Lancashire, 500 guineas. Bros. Callendar and Wike, each 100 guineas, and, in mentioning their names, he acknowledged the great and invaluable assistance in every way rendered by Bro. J. L. Hine, P.P.G.W., and Pre-

sident of the Charity Committee of East Lancashire, who aided most largely in bringing about the great result which the province had achieved. There were thirty-five Stewards for the province, who produced £2,100, making the total for East Lancashire, £3,835. The following were the contributions by London lodges:—Fidelity, £67 4s; Somerset House, £17 17s; Westminster and Corner Stone, £40 7s; York Lodge of Perseverance, £29 7s; Albion, £15 3s; Neptune, £53 11s; Strong Man, £51 14; Mount Lebanon, £133 7s; London, £105; Macdonald, £37 16s; Beedon, £56 4s., &c., &c. The total amount of the London lodges was £2,629, and the provinces, exclusive of the above-named, £2,409. The total of the whole of the lists was then announced as upwards of £12,000.

A fresh scene of excitement took place and the announcement was received with waving of handkerchiefs and a loud burst of cheering.

Bro. Binckes, the Secretary, said he could imperfectly convey his feelings to the brethren for the glorious result he had the pleasure of announcing, and remarked that a few years ago he said he should never rest satisfied until he had the pleasure of announcing a subscription of £10,000, but his expectations had by the splendid result been exceeded, for the subscriptions were over £12,000.

The Chairman also expressed his gratification, and congratulated them on the result of the Festival of which Masons had good reason to be proud. He concluded by proposing the "Health of the Stewards, and coupled with it the name of Bro. Stephen Blair, who after many other donations had presented this charity with the munificent sum of 1,000 guineas.

The toast was most enthusiastically received.

Bro. Blair, in returning thanks, said he had long wished to see this debt wiped off, and he had determined to do his best to get rid of it, and the brethren of East Lancashire had materially assisted him in doing so. He had great pleasure in knowing that the mortgage of £10,000 on the building was now paid off. He hoped the brethren would not stop, but go on in the good work, and if every brother would only give sixpence, it would amount to a very large sum. On behalf of the Stewards he thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received.

"The other Masonic Charities" was the next toast given by the Chairman, for which Bro. Patten responded, reminding the brethren that the festival for the Girls' School takes place on the 12th of May, on which occasion Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M. for Warwickshire, will preside, and he solicited their support on that occasion.

Some other toasts were given, and the proceedings were brought to a close.

The professionals who attended for the amusement of the company were: Madlle. Rose Hersec, Miss Agnes Hower, Miss Eyles; Bros. George Perren, Fred. Penne, Acbalta, and Bro. Wilhelm Ganz.

Bro. Spencer as usual discharged his duties as toast master in a very efficient manner.

#### METROPOLITAN.

ALBION LODGE (No. 9).—This excellent working lodge met at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 2nd inst., the W.M., Bro. E. Coots, in the chair. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. C. R. Bailey, which proving unanimous, he was initiated into the Order. The W.M. then raised Bro. Fouchard to the sublime degree of a M.M., both ceremonies being very impressively worked by the W.M. The brethren then adjourned to a very excellent banquet, at which the usual loyal and

Masonic toasts were given. There were several visitors. Bro. T. Bartleman returned thanks. Bros. T. Bartleman; S. Coste, I.P.M.; Stevens, Willey, and Charles Sloman contributing to the harmony of the evening, the latter brother delighted the brethren with an improvisatore song. The brethren separated at an early hour.

UNION WATERLOO LODGE (No. 13).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place, on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Henderson, P.M., took the chair and installed Bro. Dr. John Graydon, P.M., as W.M. for the ensuing year, this being the second time that brother has occupied the K.S. chair in that lodge, the first having taken place in 1859. The Board being dissolved, the brethren were admitted, and saluted the W.M., who in an able manner appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Appleby, S.W.; Davis, J.W.; Tattershall, P.M. (invested on behalf of Bro. Young, and in his absence through illness) as S.D.; Cooke, J.D.; T. Hosgood, I.G.; J. Henderson, P.M. & Treas.; Picking, I.P.M., and Norman, Sec. Mr. J. Hartley and Mr. R. Russell being already approved of, were then initiated into the sacred and mystic rite. The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. De Grey's, where an excellent banquet was served. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with some excellent vocal and instrumental music, under the able presidency of Bro. J. Hedley, P.M. of this lodge, Visitors:—Bros. C. Hosgood, P.M., Lowenstark, P.M., and Rowland, P.M.

EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27).—This lodge, so well known in the Craft for its excellent working, met on Thursday, the 4th inst., Bro. W. H. Libbis, W.M., ably performing the working, and presiding. The first business was the raising of Bro. Jones to the sublime degree of a M.M., passing Bro. Sutherland, and initiating Mr. C. Walter, all of these ceremonies being beautifully and impressively performed by the W.M., assisted by the officers, who were all perfect in their working. The brethren then sat down to a splendid banquet, provided by Bro. Clemow, and superintended by Bro. Smith. After the usual toasts, Bro. John Coutts, I.P.M., with his usual eloquence, proposed "The Health of the W.M." whom, he stated, from his thorough Masonic knowledge, was well adapted to fill that proud position. Bro. W. H. Libbis, the W.M., returned thanks in a very appropriate manner, fully justifying the remarks made by Bro. Coutts. "The Health of the Visiting Brethren" was proposed and responded to. The visitors were Bros. L. P. Merriman, W.M. 49; H. Webster, 172; and H. Huddleston, 975. Bro. Buss, P.M. and Sec., was then nominated by the unanimous voice of the lodge to act as Steward at the inauguration festival on the 13th of April; so proud a position he will be happy to accept with pleasure. Bro. D. H. Jacobs, P.M., in returning thanks for the Past Masters, stated that his list for the Royal Masonic Institution of the Girls' School amounted to £60, he having consented to act as Steward, and the brethren acknowledged the announcement with repeated plaudits. There was some very excellent singing by Bros. Skidmore, Gardner, D. H. Jacobs, and Harrison, which brought a very convivial meeting to a close.

LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).—A meeting of this numerous lodge was held on the 1st inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, Bro. M. Van Diepenheim occupying the chair in the absence of the W.M., who was prevented from attending owing to illness. Bros. S. Davis and Heineman were raised to the third degree, and Bro. S. Levy was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. A ballot was taken for the admission of Messrs. Susman and C. Nathan. The latter gentleman was by special desire initiated into the Order by Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., in a very impressive manner. The brethren then sat down to a very excellent banquet, superintended by Bro. Jennings, the manager, which gave great satisfaction. The toast of the Earl de Grey and Ripon was responded to by Bro. E. Ransford, P.G.O. The toast of "The Benevolent Fund attached to the Lodge" was responded to by Bro. W. W. Aaron, in a very eloquent speech, and was liberally subscribed to by the newly-initiated brethren. Bro. Worrell, J.W. 795, returned thanks for "The Visiting Brethren," who were Bros. Satiel, 9; F. Walters, W.M. 871; A. Borgen Zerobbabel, Copenhagen; Justaveth, 360, Glasgow; C. Paveley, 25; E. Ransford, P.G.O., 14; and H. Harris, J.W. 205. Bro. H. M. Levy, P.M., returned thanks for the Past Masters. The singing, under the able management of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, was excellent. Bro. Ransford and

Miss Mabel Brent and Sig. Gomez, and a young lady, Miss Emerick, a pupil of Bro. Van Noorden, delighting the brethren by her charming fresh voice. The brethren separated at an early hour.

**LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).**—The last regular meeting of this lodge for the season, took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street; the W.M., Bro. E. King, being supported by his officers as follows:—Bros. Higman, S.W.; Roberts, J.W.; Child, S.D.; Trott, J.D.; and Newman, I.G. The W.M., punctual to the time specified on the notice, which was half-past four, having then duly formed the lodge, opened the same with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Among the members present were Bros. W. Goodyer, P.M. and Treas.; C. Hosgood, P.M.; H. Cates, P.M.; J. G. Marsh, I.P.M.; W. Baker, G. E. Baker, G. Kenning, Brookman, Davis, W. Harwood, G. Harwood, Marsland, Bright, Haynes, Cohn, Taylor, Elliott, Kout, Sian, E. L. Roberts, Grosvenor, Dickenson, Crotty, and McKiernan. The lodge was then opened by the W.M. to the 2nd degree. Bro. C. Hosgood, P.M., then took the chair, and Bro. Cohn, after having answered the usual questions in a satisfactory manner retired. The lodge was then opened to the third degree, and Bro. Cohn was raised in a most impressive manner to the sublime degree of M.M. The lodge being resumed to the first degree, and Bros. Haynes, Taylor, and Crotty, having been interrogated, and having satisfactorily answered, retired. The lodge was then opened to the second degree, and those brethren passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge having been closed down to the first degree, two gentlemen, Mr. W. Younger, and Mr. Charles Arkell, having been regularly proposed, were then balloted for and approved of. Those gentlemen having undergone the usual ceremony of preparation, were introduced by the I.G. to the acting W.M., who initiated them into ancient Freemasonry, the ceremonies being worked by Bro. C. Hosgood. Among the distinguished visitors we noticed. Bros. Dr. O'Connor, P.M., No. 27; Anthony Oneal Haye, P.M., No. 145 (S.C.); J. Brett, P.M., 177; G. Honner, P.M., 28; Levy, P.M., 188; Terry, P.M.; Robbotts, King, S.D., 766; Harker, 766; Garden, 22, James, 704, and several others. The W.M., Bro. E. King, then took the chair, and after the usual enquiries had been made, closed the lodge in due form. The brethren, numbering about forty-five, then adjourned to the banqueting hall, where an excellent dinner was served, and to which ample justice was done. Grace having been said, and the cloth removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. On the initiates' health being proposed by the W.M., and after the E. A. Anthem had been sung, Bros. Arkell and Younger returned thanks for the honour the brethren had conferred upon them, in admitting them into the light of their mysteries, and said it would ever be their study to uphold and maintain those true principles of brotherly love they had seen so amply illustrated that evening. The W.M. then proposed the healths of the visitors, coupling with that toast the names of Bros. Dr. O'Connor, Oneal Haye, Brett, and Garden. Dr. O'Connor then returned thanks on his own behalf in one of those speeches for which he is so famous. Bro. Oneal Haye next followed, and said that while English Masonry undoubtedly was far ahead of Scots, yet some useful points could be learned from the North. He spoke at some length upon the English charities, and gave his opinion that while such noble specimens of the spirit of Freemasonry existed, the Craft might afford to smile at imbeciles, whose knowledge of the Craft not extending beyond their limited range of vision, abused what they were incapable of understanding. He concluded by saying that if nothing else could prove the genuineness of the brotherly love which animated the Craft, the kindness which he had received at the brethren's hands that night, to him an utter stranger, would prove it, and as he had fed so heartily with the lion, he proposed enjoying himself very pleasantly with the lamb. The speeches of these worthy brethren were listened to with breathless silence, and on resuming their seats they were warmly applauded, their elocutionary powers contributing in no small degree to its effect. Bro. C. Hosgood then took the gavel, and in highly eulogistic terms proposed the health of the W.M. He felt certain that the brethren would drink his health in bumpers if ever the health of a W.M. was so drunk, and said he had no doubt that the W.M. of this lodge would, before his year of office had expired, be able to perform the whole of the ceremonies with satisfaction to the lodge and with credit to himself. He (Bro. Hosgood) felt certain that no brother had

the good of Freemasonry at heart more than the W.M. of this lodge. Bro. E. King then returned thanks in an appropriate speech, and proposed the health of the P.M.'s Bros. Goodyer, Hosgood, Cates, and Marsh, and said he had a duty to perform not only in proposing the health of the P.M.'s of this lodge, but to present the I.P.M. with a P.M. jewel, and on affixing the same on Bro. Marsh's breast, he wished him long life to wear the jewel, and health and strength to support those principles of Masonry of which he had during his year of office been so able an expounder. Bro. Marsh then returned thanks for the splendid jewel which they had that evening presented to him, and said it was the second jewel of that pattern which had been presented to the P.M.'s of the lodge, further adding that as he had won the esteem and respect of the brethren, it would ever be his study to deserve a continuance of the same by faithfully and assiduously discharging the duties of the I.P.M. Bro. Goodyer then returned thanks for the rest of the P.M.'s, and said he was truly pleased to see love and harmony over the predominant feeling prevailing in this lodge, and as an old P.M. of this, his mother lodge, was equally gratified to witness its great prosperity. Bro. Hosgood then called the brethren's attention to the fact of Bro. Terry, the collector for the Aged Freemason's Charity being present, and it was responded to in a manner worthy of the members of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, the collection amounting to £31. Bro. Levy then gave some capital imitations of living actors, and his funny description of "Mrs. Brown at the Play," together with some capital vocal music by the brethren, brought the evening to a close with "happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

**MACDONALD LODGE (No. 1216).**—This lodge met at the lodge rooms, at Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, Cumberwell, on Wednesday the 3rd inst. The W.M. Bro. Major Irvine presided, and there were present Bros. James Stevens, P.M. Senior Warden, Thomas, P.M. as Junior Warden, Curtis, Sec., Waterall, S.D., Wagstaffe, J.D., Green, I.G., Wire, T., Irvine, Fletcher, Purekle, Fourdrinier, Dicker, Cronin, Bridges, Hastie, Cornell, Cowdry, Walton, Bull, Ketlas, Patton, Sarlham, &c., and visiting brethren Thomas, Griffith, Dix and others. The lodge was opened in due form in first and second degrees. Bros. Fletcher and Cowdry having proved their proficiency as F.C.'s, the lodge was opened in the third degree, and those brethren were raised by separate ceremonies to the degree of W.M. The performance of these ceremonies was most impressive. Bro. Capt. Wire officiated as organist, and the musical accompaniment and general preparation of the lodge added greatly to the solemnity of the ritual. The lodge being closed in the third degree, was resumed to the first, and placed under the charge of the Junior Warden. The brethren retired to an adjoining room and partook of light refreshments. The Tyler's toast was given, and the charity box put into requisition. The Junior Warden then called the lodge on, and Bros. Patton and Walton proved their proficiency as E.A. The lodge was resumed to the second degree, and those brethren were passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge was closed to the first degree, and Mr. W. A. Willis was introduced and duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order. The W.M. then invested Bro. Bridges with the collar of D.C.—an appointment not previously made in the lodge. Bro. H. J. Godden by letter resigned his office of Treasurer, his engagements preventing continued attendance. By unanimous consent Bro. Dr. Cronin was appointed to the office, and, being present, was invested. The W.M. announced that he had engaged to represent the lodge as Steward at the ensuing festival of the Boy's Masonic School, and desired to head his list by a personal contribution of £10 10s. to the charity. The lodge unanimously voted a sum of ten guineas to be added to the W.M.'s list, and to constitute a life governorship for the lodge. Several members then added their names as individual subscribers to the W.M.'s list. The lodge was then closed in order and harmony, the proceedings having occupied the evening from half-past six, to half-past eleven—a good evidence of sincere liking for Masonic work.

## PROVINCIAL.

### DEVONSHIRE.

**TOYNES.**—*Pleiades Lodge* (No. 710).—At the monthly meeting held at the Masonic Rooms on Thursday, the 25th ult., the chair was taken a few minutes after six o'clock p.m., by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, who opened the lodge in the first degree, assisted

by Bros. John Heath, I.P.M.; Pridham, S.W.; W. Cuming, J.W.; Adams, Sec.; Watson, P.M., Treas.; Niner, S.D.; Stafford, J.D.; and other brethren. A letter from Bro. G. Heath, W.M., was read, explaining his inability to attend, on account of urgent business, and requesting Bro. Dr. Hopkins to perform his duties. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge being subsequently opened in the second degree, Bros. Northam and Shopland were presented as candidates for the rank of M.M. They were then examined, entrusted, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the third degree. These brethren were then re-introduced, and duly raised by the acting W.M., who also gave them the traditional history, at the same time promising on the next occasion to give them the charge and a lecture in further elucidation of the chief characteristics of the degree, for which there was not time on this evening. The lodge was closed in the third, and afterwards in the second degree. Bro. Niner then brought forward a proposition, of which due notice had been given, for an addition to the by-laws, with a view to define clearly the manner in which the ballot for the W.M. should be conducted at the annual election, pointing out that the clause is at present so loosely worded, that each successive occupant of the chair might put a different construction upon it, and that a W.M. might be elected by a small number of those who voted, as had been the case on one occasion, when he received only seven votes out of eighteen. This was seconded by the acting W.M., who strongly urged its adoption, as tending to increase the influence of the W.M., and to prevent dissatisfaction at the ruling from the chair at each election. The S.W. and Treas. argued in opposition to it, the latter stating his objection to any alteration in a set of laws which, on the whole, had worked well. After a warm discussion, on a show of hands the proposition was lost by one vote. Bro. Niner had a change in another by-law to propose, which, owing to the protracted proceedings, he deferred till the next meeting. Consideration of proposals for grants to the two Masonic schools, and to the Lifeboat Fund was deferred for the present, in consequence of the Treasurer's statement as to a low financial condition on account of the expenses recently incurred in decorating the lodge room, adding, however, that most of the subscriptions for the current year are due. The lodge was closed at about a quarter past eight.

**TEIGNMOUTH.**—*Benevolent Lodge (No. 303).*—On the 1st inst., this lodge met for the second time under its new W.M., Bro. H. M. Bartlett, who opened the proceedings with the customary forms of the first degree, at a quarter to seven o'clock, assisted by Bro. Ward acting as I.P.M.; Bros. G. Burden, S.W.; Hallett, J.W.; Blanchford, Sec.; Coles, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Toms, I.G.; Richards, Steward; Haggerty, Tyler. Other members of the lodge were present, and also as visitors, Bros. Beechey, W.M. 1,138; Lumble, P.S.W. 1,138; Lakeman, 156; Dr. Hopkins, P. Prov. S.G.W., and P.M. 43 and 958, &c. The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Charles Lucius Cary, a candidate for initiation, which was unanimous in his favour. A ballot was also taken for another gentleman, to whose character as irreprouchable, the highest testimony was borne; nevertheless it proved adverse, as it was generally understood on the ground that he resides at another town in which there is a lodge, and thus the caution recommended in circulars from the M.W. the Grand Master and the Prov. G. Master was fully observed. The chair was then taken by Bro. Dr. Hopkins. Bro. Newman was presented as a candidate to be passed to the rank of F.C., examined, entrusted, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Newman was re-admitted and duly passed to the second degree by the acting W.M., who also gave the charge appertaining to it. The lodge having been closed in the second degree, Bro. Bartlett, W.M., resumed his place in the chair. Mr. Thomas Morris, previously balloted for, was admitted, properly prepared, and legally initiated by the W.M., the closing part of the ceremony being administered by Bro. Beechey, W.M. 1,138. The same course was afterwards adopted with regard to the second candidate, Mr. C. L. Cary. Both of these brethren were then placed before the pedestal, and from the chair of I.P.M. Bro. Dr. Hopkins delivered the usual charge on the first degree. It was intended that he should also give both lectures on the two degrees administered, but the length of the proceedings prevented. Several matters of routine were discussed, and circulars were read in reference to the Commemoration Fund in honour of the Earl of Zetland, and the Masonic schools. Bro. Dr. Hopkins presented to the lodge a highly finished Masonic diagram, of his own construc-

tion, on which a unanimous resolution was passed, that it be gratefully accepted, suitably framed, and that the best thanks of the lodge be presented to him. The lodge was finally closed at nine o'clock, and the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where a banquet was prepared by the liberality of the newly-initiated brethren. After the cloth had been drawn, the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent, with which, however, it should be stated that much regret was mingled at one of the proceedings, namely, the rejection of a candidate who was admitted by all to be well qualified socially and morally for the privileges of the Craft, in obedience to the injunctions of higher authorities.

DURHAM.

**DURHAM.**—*Marquis of Granby Lodge (No. 124).*—On Tuesday evening the 2nd inst., the regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall. The lodge was opened shortly after 7 o'clock by the W.M. Bro. C. Rowlandson, assisted by the following officers, viz., Bros. W. C. Blackett as S.W.; W. Brignall jun., as J.W.; W. Carr, Sec.; J. Wortley, S.D.; R. Cooke, J.D.; J. Sewell, I.G. The minutes of the previous general lodge were read and confirmed. Bros. J. Robson, E. Heffernan and W. Fairbairn Hall, being candidates for the F.C. degree, were interrogated in the usual manner, and having satisfied the brethren that they were duly entitled to receive higher privileges in Freemasonry, they were regularly entrusted by the W.M. and withdrew. During their absence the lodge was opened in the second degree, when they were separately re-admitted and passed according to ancient form. Bro. P. Forster who was a candidate for the degree of M.M. was also raised. Several matters of a private nature were brought before the lodge, and the circular from the Grand Secretary read, announcing the festival on the 14th April next, when Bro. W. Brignall jun., was nominated by the lodge to represent it as a steward at the same. In consequence of the advanced hour of the evening, the brethren decided on not adjourning to refreshment; the lodge was accordingly closed in solemn form.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

**LEICESTER.**—*St. John's Lodge (No. 279).*—A regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday the 3rd inst., when there was present—Bros. W. Kelly, Dep. Prov. G.M. and W.M., in the chair, P.M.'s Pettifor, P.P.S.G.W., Dr. Back, P.P.G.W., Kinder, P.P.J.G.W., Weare, P.P.G.D. and Treas., and Clarke, P.G.D., Stanley, S.W.; Stretton, J.W. and about thirty other brethren. The visitors were Bros. Duff, W.M., Toller, S.W., Sculthorpe, Sec., Partridge, Baines, and other members of No. 523. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last lodge read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. Jno. Edw. Montague Finch, M. A. Cantab, M.R.C.S. &c., of the Leicestershire and Rutland Lunatic Asylum, and Mr. Joseph Hellaby Skevington of Rothley, as candidates for initiation, and for Bro. Leoi Lincoln Atwood, of Garden City Lodge, Chicago, U.S. as a joining member, which passed to be unanimous in their favour. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bros. Jacobs and Palmer, having been called to the pedestal passed a satisfactory examination as F.C.'s after which they retired, and a M.M.'s lodge having been opened, they were severally raised to that sublime degree. The lodge was then resumed in the first degree, and Bros. Pegg and Widdows, were examined as to their proficiency in that degree, after which they were passed to the degree of F.C. Mr. James Astill of Anstey, elected at the last lodge, and Messrs. Finch and Skevington were then severally initiated into our mysteries, letters were read from Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton, M.P., and Col. the Hon. Leicester Smyth, C.B., &c., (Son-in-law) and Son of the Senior P.M. of the lodge, and Prov. G.M., the Earl Howe) expressing their great gratification at the honour conferred upon them in being elected honorary members of the lodge, and which were ordered to be entered on the minutes. The W.M. announced, that on Monday the 8th inst., the young Earl Ferrer would be initiated into Masonry, in the Ferrer and Ivanhoe Lodge, Ashbey-de-la-Zouche, an event which would possess an additional interest to the brethren of St. John's and the John of Gaunt Lodges, from the fact that, the last Earl but one was a member of the former lodge, and that the late Earl was a member of the latter lodge, as well as one of the founders of the lodge at Ashby. He added that, as Dep. Prov. G.M., he should pay an official visit to Ashby on the

occasion, and should be glad to be accompanied by as many of the P.G. officers and other brethren as could attend. Three gentlemen were then proposed as candidates for initiation, and the W.M. intimated his intention of holding a lodge of emergency for their admission into the Order, in consequence of the large amount of business on the minute book. The lodge, after being at work from 6 o'clock to 9.30, was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. After supper the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and heartily responded to, including the toast of the newly initiated brethren. The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by the excellent singing of Bros. C. Johnson, Crow, (who presided at the piano,) Palmer, Atwood, Hunt, Thorpe, and Bithrey. At twelve the Tyler's toast, and the national anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—*Rutland Lodge* (No. 1,130).—The annual festival of this flourishing young lodge took place at the George Hotel, on Thursday the 25th ult., under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. the Rev. W. K. Robinson. There were also present the Dep. Prov. G.M. Bro. Kelly, the W.M. elect, Bro. the Rev. W. Langley, and upwards of thirty other brethren. The visitors present were Bros. Corby Stamford, Pettifor, P.P. S.G.W., Hunt, Prov. G. Stew., and Atwood, of Nos. 279 and 523 Leicester. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, Mr. Thomas Bernard, Architect, was initiated into the Order. Bro. Berridge was then examined as to his proficiency in that degree, and having retired, a F.C.'s lodge was opened, and he was passed to the second degree. Bros. Clark, Hardy, and Snoden, then passed a satisfactory examination as F.C.'s, and the lodge having been opened in the third degree, they were severally raised to the sublime degree of M.M. in a most impressive manner. The whole of the ceremonies, indeed, were worked by the officers from the W.M. to the I.G. in a most efficient and admirable manner. The chair was then taken by the D.P. G.M., and the Rev. Bro. Langley, having been presented by his predecessor for the benefit of installation, he was duly installed in ancient form, and was proclaimed and saluted in the several degrees. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year—Rev. W. K. Robinson, I.P.M., Douglas, S.W., Fast, J.W., Adcock, (elected) Treas., Weaver, Sec., Bright, S.D., Markham, J.D., Mann, I.G., Fernsley, Org., and Turville, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was proposed by the W.M., seconded in strong terms of eulogy by the D.P.G.M., and unanimously passed, to the Rev. Bro. Robinson, for his very efficient services as W.M. during the past year, and a life subscribership to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was presented to him—the Rev. Bro. having requested that the presentation should take that form in lieu of a P.M.'s jewel which the lodge had voted to him. After several gentlemen had been proposed for initiation, and some business of a routine character transacted, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet, after which the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. A petition was signed by nine of the members for a Royal Arch chapter to be attached to this lodge, and several members who reside in the county of Rutland, are about to found a new lodge at Oakham, no lodge at present existing in that county.

#### MONMOUTHSHIRE.

NEWPORT.—*Silurian Lodge* (No. 471).—On Wednesday, the 3rd inst., the usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, and there was a large muster of the Craft from all points of the compass. The W.M., Bro. Parnall, took the chair, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Dir. of Cers. stated a deputation from Pontypool was in attendance. We noticed amongst them Bros. Bartholomew Thomas, P.M. 471, and Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; W. Williams, Prov. G. Sec.; H. Griffiths, R. Woolley, E. Prosser, and C. M. Trehane, of Pontypool, &c. Bro. B. Thomas acted as spokesman, and said: "W.M., Officers, and Brethren,—We have the honour of attending before you this evening as a deputation from several gentlemen, members of this and other lodges in the province, who are interested in Masonry, and in the formation of a new lodge at Pontypool. I do not think it necessary to offer many suggestions as to the desirability of a lodge being held there. From the fact that there are several brethren residing in that town and neighbourhood who are prevented from attending any lodge in this province without being absent from home all night, which, you must admit, is at all times undesirable, and, in addition thereto, there are several gentlemen who have been for some time

anxious to become members of our ancient and honourable fraternity, who have been debarred that privilege for the same reason. Particulars of the proposed new lodge you will best glean if you will allow me to read our petition, showing that a new lodge is about to be held there, to be called the Kennard Lodge, and to meet on the third Monday in every month. The following brethren have had the honour of being nominated as officers for the first year, viz., myself as the first W.M.; Bro. Martyn Kennard, of Cruallen Hall, as first S.W.; and Bro. H. Griffiths, as first J.W. I should have been elated to accept the proud position of W.M. but from the fact that your Secretary, Bro. Williams Williams, who has held office under you for twenty years, and who is Prov. G. Sec., had most cordially consented to act as our Secretary for the first twelve months. Permit me to observe also, we have the hearty good wishes of our beloved R.W. Prov. G. Master and his esteemed D. Prov. G. Master, and Bro. Kennard has heartily thrown his good name into the proposal. So far we have proceeded according to the laws laid down by the "Book of Constitutions," and our next step is to obtain the recommendation of the officers of a lodge in the province. It seems to us only meet and right, that inasmuch as four of the promoters of the new lodge are members of the Silurian, we should first ask the favour at your hands, and I know we shall not ask in vain. You have already, as a lodge, granted similar applications, viz., for the Isca Lodge, at Newport, and for the Bute Lodge, at Cardiff, and should you be pleased to grant our request we shall pledge ourselves to act in strict obedience to the commands of the G.M. and the laws and regulations of Grand Lodge." It was then proposed by Bro. Hellyer, P.M. 471, P.Z. 471, and Prov. G. Purst,—"That the W.M. and officers be requested to sign the recommendation for a warrant for a new lodge at Pontypool." This was seconded by the venerable Bro. S. Coombs, P.M. 471, P.Z. 471, and P. Prov. S.G.W., who observed we could not have too many lodges, and he had great confidence in the proposed new officers, and he was quite sure it would materially advance the good old cause and the province, which every one knew was near and deaf to his heart. The W.M., Bro. Parnall, in an excellent speech—which, we regret we cannot this week report—warmly supported the application, which on being put to the brethren, was carried unanimously and with much acclamation. Bro. Parnall, W.M. 471, said he was most happy to inform the deputation the brethren would be most unanimous in their recommendation; that the petition be forthwith signed, and that it would afford him very great pleasure when at Pontypool to pop in and have a look at them, and if he could in any other way assist he would be most happy to do so. Bro. Thomas, on behalf of the deputation, heartily and cordially thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kindness, and especially for taking the application at such an early hour, so as to allow the brethren from Pontypool to return home so early, and he trusted, as the lodge would be considered an off-shoot from the Silurian, he should frequently receive visits from members of this and all the lodges in the province, to assist in carrying out the noble principles of our institution, and he could assure one and all they would receive a truly Masonic welcome. The petition for the new warrant was then signed by thirty-five brethren present and forwarded at once to the V.W. the D. Prov. G.M., to be handed to the R.W. the Prov. G.M., with his observations thereon. The lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and Bro. Thomas Smith, of Blaenafon, was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M., the ceremony being most ably performed by the W.M., Bro. H. J. Parnall. The lodge was then closed down to the first degree, when three gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and after some other routine matter had been gone through, the lodge was finally closed in harmony at twenty minutes to ten o'clock.

#### YORKSHIRE (WEST).

ROTHERHAM.—*Phœnix Lodge* (No. 904).—The members of this lodge held their annual festival at the Ship Hotel, on Thursday, the 4th inst., when Bro. T. W. Parker was installed as W.M., according to the ancient rites and usage of the Craft. The charge was delivered in an impressive manner by Bro. John Oxley, P.P.G.R., P.M., and the other brethren who took part in the ceremony were Bro. F. W. Hoyle, who had filled the chair during the past year; Bro. Farrer, P.M.; and Bro. White, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. Amongst the other Past Masters present were Bros. Needham, Garnett, and the Rev. P. Browne, M.A.



The appointments of officers were as follows:—Bros. C. H. Perrot, S.W.; W. Savile, J.W.; F. W. Hoyle, P.M., Treas.; H. Hutcheson, Sec.; J. Goodhall, S.D.; E. Firth, J.D.; T. Swann I.G.; and the Rev. Peter Browne, P.M., Chap. The lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, at which the usual Masonic and loyal toasts were duly honoured, and a happy evening was passed.

SHEFFIELD.—*Wentworth Lodge* (No. 1,230).—This new lodge—only consecrated two months since—bids fair to hold a high position in the locality as any of its predecessors, without aiming at rivalry. It was considered by the projectors that there was room for an additional lodge in this district, only two being then in existence in Sheffield, hence the reason of founding a new lodge, and if anything could show the unanimity of feeling on the subject, it was prominently evinced on Monday last by the large attendance of visitors high in the Craft, among which we may mention Bros. Drury, P.M., No. 139; Alex. Hay, P.M., 139; Longden, P.M., 139; Brennan, 344, &c. Bro. Garnett, the W.M., opened the lodge, assisted by Bro. Matthews, S.W., and the officers, upon which the worthy secretary, Bro. John Ward, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which received unanimous confirmation. After which, Bros. J. B. Wolstenholme and Gibbs were introduced, and being found worthy, were entrusted with the high degree of M.M. This was followed by a ballot being taken for the admission of two gentlemen for the honours of Freemasonry, viz., Messrs. White and John Young, M.D. The result of the ballot being unanimous in their favour, the degree of Apprentice was conferred upon them, for which they expressed their great gratification. Lodge closed, the brethren partook of refreshment, and passed a pleasant musical evening, separating soon after ten o'clock.

## TURKEY.

### CONSTANTINOPLE.

ORIENTAL LODGE (No. 687).—At the installation of Bro. H. Arnold as W.M. of this lodge, held on the 29th ult., there was a very numerous attendance of Turkish, English, French, Italian, Armenian, German, Persian, and Greek brethren of the different lodges of the Ottoman capital, the W.M. invested as his officers for the ensuing year,—Bros. W. B. Hopper, S.W.; J. L. Hanly, J.W.; A. W. Mountain, Treas.; R. A. Carleton, Sec.; B. Hadly, S.D.; H. Graham, J.D.; Cuckett, I.G.; Cipristi, Tyler. The R.W. Bro. Halim Pasha, D.G.M. for Egypt, who was present as a visitor, was received with the customary honours. The W.M., in appropriate terms, addressed the R.W. visitor, and expressed the pleasure it afforded the brethren to have amongst them one who had in every respect proved himself so worthy a Master of their Order, and who had done so much in the neighbouring district of Egypt to make Masonry well thought and spoken of. The R.W. His Highness Halim Pasha, in reply, said,—If my first words should have for their object to thank this respectable lodge for its very cordial reception, the second must be to celebrate with you the festival of the Patron of Freemasonry. Like him, my brethren, I find myself in the face of truth, and feel in my conscience the necessary courage to maintain my dignity. Separated by long distance from my country, and the seat of the District Masonic authority which the Grand Lodge of England has done me the honour to confide to me in Egypt, I have addressed to our illustrious Grand Master, Lord Zetland, a solemn declaration which can leave no doubt on my Masonic conduct, and the loyalty of all my Masonic acts. Superior in many things to others, the English people rank highest in their self-respect, justice, and sense of right, and this protecting trinity guards its liberty as well as its domestic well-being. District Grand Master of English Masonry, in my own country, I can, better than any person, appreciate those elements of progress and civilisation which are embraced in the Order of which we all have the honour to form part, and this, to me, is no less a duty than a pleasure to proclaim. Intended by its nature to be the indissoluble tie which binds people together, our Order, of which the origin is lost in the depths of time, while its history is mixed with that of all nations, such an institution can be but little affected by persecution. If there are still governments which fear us, because they do not understand us; strangers to this policy and administration with which our constitutions make it a duty never to occupy ourselves with, we do them good, in

spite of themselves, in elevating their people, by teaching them in our lodge the great civil virtues—liberty and courage—not the liberty which rises rampant, and terminates in disorder; not the courage which braves useless perils; but that liberty and courage like John's, which asserts, when it must, by its life, the dignity of truth, and the utterances of a pure conscience. Let us raise ourselves then, my brethren, to the height of the noble mission that we have truly accepted, and faithful to our obligation, let us persevere in its accomplishment without being discouraged. Having placed our hands to the plough, let us never look back, but work with head and heart earnestly. Let us raise our eyes on high unto Him from whom emanates all power, all virtue, and pray Him to bless universal Masonry. In conclusion, I can only add my best fraternal greeting to the Worshipful Master and brethren of this respectable lodge." After the business of the evening was concluded the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, the W.M. presiding. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the fare was done ample justice to.

## BRITISH AMERICA.

### VICTORIA.

PLEASANT CREEK.—*Euroka Lodge*, (No. 987).—The anniversary of St. John was celebrated Dec. 23rd last, by the brethren of the above lodge. The ceremony of installing the W.M. Bro. Nicholas Duffield, was gone through, Bro. Thomas Stubbs, P. Prov. G.S.D., I.C., acting as Installing Master, ably assisted by Bros. Ronald Campbell, H. G. Freame, and W. Matthews, of Moyston. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a vote of thanks to the retiring W.M. Bro. Thomas Brown was ordered to be placed on the minutes, congratulating him on the very prosperous condition of the lodge at the termination of his period of office. A brief discussion took place relative to the disposal of a portion of the lodge funds amongst the local charities, the subject being adjourned to a future meeting for further consideration. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren partook of a collation, which was got up in the most elegant style, and for which Bro. Sauerbrey deserves great credit. The wines supplied were of the first quality, and were fully appreciated by the assembled guests. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts commencing with "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Three Grand Masters and their Officers, Past and Present," were drunk with enthusiasm, and briefly responded to by Bro. Stubbs; but the great toast of the evening was "The W.M. Bro. N. Duffield," which was enthusiastically received, accompanied by Masonic honours. Bro. Duffield, in a neat speech, returned thanks for placing him in the high and honourable position he then occupied. "The Visiting Brethren" and several other toasts were given and responded to. It is evident the lodge is sharing in the increased prosperity of the district, being now in a flourishing condition, especially taking into consideration that it did not meet in session for nearly two years after the calamitous fire which occurred three years ago. The lodge has paid off a large amount of arrears of dues which accrued during that period, and will shortly have a good balance at its bankers. There was a tolerably good muster of brethren, considering that the thermometer was at 105 degrees in the shade only a few hours previous.

## INDIA.

### BENGAL.

#### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.

A Quarterly Communication of the District G.L. of Bengal, Calcutta, was held on Monday, the 28th December, 1868. There were present the following District G. Officers:—Bros. Hugh D. Sandeman, D.G.M.; William J. Judge, D.G.M.; John B. Roberts, P.D.G.M.; J. B. Knight, D.S.G.W.; F. Powell, D.J.G.W.; J. E. Cooke, as D.G. Sec.; J. H. Linton, D.G. Treas.; J. Mackintosh, D.S.G.D.; C. H. Wilson, D.J.G.D.; D. M. Folkard, D.G. Dir. of Cers.; W. B. Farr, P. Assist. D.G. Dir. of Cers.; W. Stansfield, as D.G.S.B.; C. Halford, as D.G. Purst.; L. A. Goodeve, J. Conway, G. M. Goodricke, W. G. Amos, D.G. Stewards; D. J. Daniel, D.G. Tyler; and the following representatives of lodges:—Bros. McKelvey, J.W., as

W.M. 67; W. B. Mactavish, Soc., as W.M., and R. Harvey, as S.W. 109; J. Lindley, W.M., and G. J. Scott, J.W., as S.W. 218; W. Nicholls, W.M., W. F. Westfield, P.M., D. J. Zemin, S.W., and J. Morison, J.W. 229; H. B. Lewis, P.M., as W.M., and J. Rodriguez, S.W. 232; A. J. Sharpe, W.M., and J. L. Taylor, P.M. 392; H. R. Cooke, S.W., as W.M. 459; O. B. Andrews, Treas., as W.M. 486; H. J. Frew, J.W., as W.M., J. Davison, Sec., as S.W. 825; W. F. Tucker, J.W., as W.M. 848; J. Andrews, W.M. 1160. The following visitors were present:—Bros. J. Davidson, W.M. 371; G. Burbidge, W.M. 401 of Scotland; L. Shragar and M. Robins, 404, all of Scotland; George Massey, Rev. F. S. Ferro, and Buzloor Ruhoem.

The District Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, apologies from the following brethren were recorded:—Bros. H. Howe, Past D.P.G.M.; W. H. Abbott, Past D.S.G.W.; H. H. Locke, G. Sec. (prevented from attending by severe illness); J. H. Matthews, Past D.G. Dir. of Cers.; C. Fritsch, D.G.O.; F. F. J. Toke, D.G. Steward.

The minutes of the quarterly communication of the 24th June, 1868, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read, put to the vote, and confirmed. The R.W. the D.G. Master, then delivered the address from the throne, in the course of which he stated that it was requisite to consider at once the address which has been prepared by the Committee appointed for the purpose, for presentation to the M.W.G.M., the Earl of Zetland, which should be transmitted to England without delay. He noticed also, in connection with this address, the "Zetland Commemoration Fund," and the mode of raising money for the Charities by lotteries, which we think is illegal. In conclusion, he congratulated the brethren upon the general welfare of Masonry in Bengal, and trusted that the ensuing year might not pass away without some marked benefits accruing to the Craft in India. The report of the Finance Committee was then read.

It was proposed by W. Bro. J. B. Roberts, and seconded by W. Bro. J. Conway, that the portion of the foregoing Report relating to accounts be adopted. Carried unanimously.

With regard to the views of the Committee touching the question of replacing the piano in the banquet-room, the R.W. D.G.M. observed that he thought it would be unnecessary to do more at that meeting than to consider the second proposition.

W. Bro. W. J. Judge thereupon moved that the second proposition be adopted, stating that he felt satisfied that practical benefit would result from the course therein recommended.

W. Bro. Polkard seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. The R.W. District G.M. said that he would direct the District G. Sec. to communicate with the Masters of the several Lodges at the Presidency, in furtherance of the objects of the foregoing resolution.

The following Report of the Grand Committee of the Bengal Masonic Fund of Benevolence was read for the information of the District Grand Lodge.

An address to be presented to the Right Hon'ble the Earl of Mayo, on his arrival in India, humbly soliciting his Lordship to be Patron of Freemasonry in India was then considered, and the D.G.M. in addressing G.L., said that he felt quite confident that there would be no dissentient voice to the proposition which he was about to make. There were two precedents in the history of the country upon which he was acting in making the proposition, in the persons of the Right Hon'ble the Earl of Moira and the Marquis of Dalhousie, who, when Governors-General, had each in his turn been the Patron of the Masonic Brotherhood in India, and had rendered very material assistance to the Order by their countenance and support. Like these two illustrious Noblemen, the coming Viceroy was also a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and, as Lord Naas, had for many years represented the Grand Lodge of Ireland in that of England, and been known as an active supporter of the Craft. No one could gainsay the fact that one of the principal causes, if not the chiefest cause, of Freemasonry failing to occupy that high position in India which it undoubtedly ought to hold, was the circumstance of so many Brethren of high social position ceasing to be borne on our rolls, or to subscribe to our charities. Such men had, like their fellows in Masonry, vowed on their initiation to support the Order, and it was most lamentable to see so many withdraw just at the very time when their influence and example were most needed, and would be of the greatest service to the brotherhood. This circumstance was one that was beyond dispute, but unfortunately it was also one that was beyond their control, and it would therefore be an idle waste both of time and of words for him to dwell upon it. The G.M.

was confident that every Freemason in British India would hail with delight the arrival of a member of the Masonic Craft as the head of the government of this great country, and he augured very material and substantial good to the fraternity if his Lordship would be graciously pleased to comply with the terms of the address, which he (the G.M.) proposed should be presented to him on arrival. He deemed it only unnecessary, but superfluous, to say much on a subject which he knew would be cordially approved by every Mason in India, and he would therefore, without further comment, propose "that an address be presented to the Right Hon'ble the Earl of Mayo on his arrival in India humbly soliciting his Lordship to be Patron of Freemasonry in India." The D.G.M. seconded the proposition, which being put to the vote, was unanimously carried, amid acclamations.

10. The following address is the text of the address to the Earl of Zetland:—

WE, THE FREEMASONS IN BENGAL and its Territories, working under the constitution of England, venture to approach your Lordship with this Address, in the confidence that our labours in the cause of Freemasonry in this distant Province of your Lordship's Masonic Rule are not overlooked, and that your Lordship will condescend to give a favourable reception to this tribute of our affectionate respect and admiration. At the Quarterly communication of the District G.L. of Bengal, held at the Freemasons' Hall, in Calcutta, on the 24th of June last, the Right Worshipful the District G.M. proposed the following resolution, of which due notice had been given, namely, "that inasmuch as the present year completes a quarter of a century during which the Right Honorable the Earl of Zetland has presided over the United Grand Lodge of Antient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England as MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, a congratulatory Address be submitted from this District Grand Lodge as a token of the esteem and regard which are entertained for his Lordship by the Freemasons working under his rule in Bengal."

And the resolution was unanimously adopted. In introducing the resolution to the District G.L. of Bengal, the R.W. the District G.M. echoed the sentiments of the Masons of Bengal, when he stated that your Lordship fully possesses the esteem and regard, and the most complete confidence, of the thousands of Masons who range under your Lordship's banner in all parts of the world. It is, then, with these feelings that we venture to approach your Lordship, and tender our grateful acknowledgement of the benefits which FREEMASONRY AND MASONIC INSTITUTIONS have derived from your Lordship's government. It is our earnest prayer that that government may endure for many years to come, and that the eminent success which has hitherto attended your Lordship's good and wise exertions for the Craft may continue, under the Supreme Government of the Great Architect of the Universe, to bind all good and loyal Masons to your Lordship's rule.

The District G.M. appointed the undermentioned brethren as officers of the District Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:—

D.G.M. Bro. William J. Judge; G.S.W. Bro. Frank Powell, M.D.; G.J.W. Bro. John Mackintosh; G. Reg. Bro. J. Pitt Kennedy, Barrister-at-law; G. Sec. Bro. H. H. Locke; G.S.D. Bro. William B. Farr; G.J.D. Bro. L. A. Goodeve, Barrister-at-law; G. Sup. of W. Bro. Col. J. D'O. Baring; G.D.C. Bro. J. Conway; G. Asst. D.C. Bro. W. G. Amos; G.S.B. Bro. R. Alexander, C.S.; G.S.B. Bro. Charles Fritsch; G. Pours. Bro. Major John Macdonald; G. Stewards Bros. W. B. Mactavish; J. E. Cooke; John Lindley; W. Nicholls; H. B. Lewis; T. McKelvey; G.T. Bro. David J. Daniel.

THE DISTRICT GRAND MASTER accompanied each investiture with a suitable address, and took the opportunity of warmly thanking the past Grand officers for their services, assuring those whose names were not on the list for the ensuing year that their claims to promotion would not be lost sight of, but that it was obviously necessary to omit some for a season, owing to the paucity of offices at his disposal. WORSHIPFUL J. H. LINTON was proposed by WORSHIPFUL W. B. FARR, and seconded by WORSHIPFUL DR. POWELL, for re-election as District Grand Treasurer, and being unanimously re-elected, was duly invested with the insignia of his office by the District Grand Master, who complimented him upon the mark of confidence he had received from the brethren, and thanked him on behalf of the District Grand Lodge for his past services as custodian of their funds.

13. THE DISTRICT G.M. appointed the following brethren to be members of the finance committee for the ensuing year:—

Bros. W. J. Judge, *ex officio*, H. H. Locke, F. Powell, M.D., John Mackintosh, W. B. Farr, John Lindley, W. Nicholls, H. B. Lewis, J. Conway.

The business being completed, the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

ROYAL ARCH.

METROPOLITAN.

CANONBURY CHAPTER (No. 657).—A convocation of this chapter was held on the 25th inst., at the George Hotel, Aldermanbury, Comp. William Ough, M.E.Z., in the chair, who exalted Bro. S. Wray of the Temple Lodge. This being the night for the election of M.E.Z., Comp. Wescombe was unanimously elected. The Comps. then adjourned to a very splendid banquet. The usual toasts were given. Visitors,—Comps. W. Mann, M.E.Z., No. 186.; C. H. Driver, W. Rearden, of the Crystal Palace Chapter, and W. H. Warre, Domestic. Comp. E. Garden, and several companions, contributed to the harmony of the evening, and a very delightful evening was spent.

ROSE OF DENMARK CHAPTER (No. 975).—A convocation of this chapter was held on Saturday, the 6th inst., at the Star and Garter, Kew, for the purpose of installation of principals, and investiture of officers. Comp. J. Brett installed as first principal, Comp. Pendlebury, and Comp. W. F. Smith as H. Comp. Terry, P.Z., then installed Comps. Powell as J., Tanner, S.W., Wells, P.S., and Mayo, Assist. S. Bro. J. T. Cazalay having been duly proposed and approved, was regularly exalted into R.A. Masonry. Among the members present we noticed Comps. Buss, P.Z. and Treas.; Brett, P.Z.; R. W. Little, P.Z.; and S. E. Arnold. Visitors,—Comps. Bell, M.E.Z.; F. Walters, P.Z.; and C. Hosgood, M.E.Z., No. 1,056. The chapter having been closed in ancient form, the brethren adjourned to a splendid banquet, supplied by the host of the Star and Garter. A P.Z.'s jewel and collar was presented to Comp. Terry, the I.P.Z., for his efficient services during the past year. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, likewise the Janitors. The Comps. then returned to town.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

NEWPORT.—*Silurian Chapter* (No. 471).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Dock-street, on Friday, the 26th ult., when the principals and officers for the ensuing year were duly installed and inducted. The ceremony of installation was very impressively performed by Comp. Hellyer, immediate P.Z., the following being the appointments:—Comps. Bartholomew Thomas, Z.; John Laybourne, H.; C. H. Oliver, J.; R. B. Evans, E.; A. Whitmarsh, N.; W. Pickford, Treas.; H. J. Gratte, P. Sojr.; J. G. Huxtable, J. B. Skeates, Assistants; W. McFee, Janitor. Five brethren were exalted on the same day, and several gentlemen were proposed. The companions afterwards dined together at the Westgate Hotel, the dinner being served up in excellent style. The company, including members of "Blue Lodges," who were admitted to the festive part of the day's proceedings, numbered about fifty. The chair was occupied by Comp. B. Thomas, Z.; Comp. H. J. Gratte, P. Sojr., being in the vice-chair. The following companions were present:—B. Thomas, Z.; J. Laybourne, H.; C. H. Oliver, J.; W. Pickford, P.Z.; J. Middleton, P.Z.; J. H. Hellyer, P.Z.; S. Coombes, P.Z.; E. J. Thomas, Cardiff, P.Z.; R. Laybourne, P.M. 683; Thomas Williams, P.M. 683; R. S. Roper, 683; E. M. Williams, visitor; J. B. Skeates, 683; Wm. Parfit, 683; R. J. Chambers, 683; G. Hoskins, 471; J. G. Huxtable, 471; J. James, 471; W. Williams, 471; H. J. Gratte, 471 P.S.; E. Bromage, 457; Wm. Jones, 471; W. G. Edwards, 471; W. Williams, 818; E. J. D. Tapson, 471; F. W. Lewis, 683; E. Whitehall, 471; — McCormack, visitor; H. J. Griffiths, P.M. 457; G. Fothergill, 471; R. B. Evans, P.M. 471; E. B. Sherrin, 471; C. Rowe, 471; G. Tweedy, 471; J. Horner, 471; D. L. James, 471; — Whilwell, visitor; N. Broadley, 883; W. Randall, 471; J. Leach, visitor; H. J. Parrall, W.M. 471; J. Griffiths, P.M. 471; C. W. Ingram, 471; S. T. Hallen, 471; G. Perks, 471; R. Cook, 19.

TO LEARN AND TO DO.—This is man's work when he listens to his soul's requirements; for thus only can his reason increase, his intellect expand, and his soul grow.

MARK MASONRY.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—*Northumberland and Berwick-upon-Tweed Lodge of Mark Masters*.—This Ancient Mark Lodge held an Emergency Meeting on Monday the 8th ult. for the purpose of balloting for and advancing Bro. John C. Milbourne, of lodge No. 919, St. John's, Alexandria. The W.M. Bro. John Stokoe, occupied the chair, and there was a fair attendance of brethren. After the ballot Bro. Milbourne and Bro. J. T. Tully of Sunderland (who had been elected at a previous regular meeting,) were admitted and advanced to the degree of Mark Masters by the W.M., and shortly afterwards the lodge was closed. The regular meeting was held on the 24th ult., when four brethren were balloted for and accepted,—viz., Bros. T. O. Wood, M.D., of lodge No. 48, Gateshead; Bros. Holmes, Burnup, and Ingledew, of lodge No. 685, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Bros. Wood and Burnup being present together with Bro. W. Cook of lodge No. 48, (elected at a previous meeting,) were duly advanced to the degree of Mark Master by the W.M. Bro. John Stokoe, ably assisted by the officers present. We are glad to report the increasing prosperity of this—one of the oldest Mark Lodges in England, and one of the four lodges which founded the Grand Mark Lodge of England. Like all Old Lodges (Craft or Mark) there has been in its history many changes of fortune, but we have no doubt under the present energetic W.M., and with the assistance of his zealous and experienced officers the present flourishing condition of the Old Lodge will long continue.

REVIEWS

*Freemasons' Calendars.*

We have just received an elegant and excellent little Calendar for the Province of Durham. It is edited by that indefatigable Craftsman, Bro. W. Briguail, jun., and reflects the highest credit upon the manner in which he has collected and arranged his materials. This work deserves the support of the brethren. We have also received one for the province of Dorset, compiled by the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Coombs, and one for the Grand Lodge of Ireland. We have also to state our high opinion of both these works, which doubtless will be appreciated by the Craft, as they are alike ornamental and useful, besides being prepared with great care.

MEETINGS OF THE LEARNED SOCIETIES.

MONDAY, 15th March.—Royal United Service Institution (Captain Edmund Wilson, R.N.), "Working heavy guns on the broadside; with some observations on the all-round fire combined with the broadside system of armaments," at 8-30.

TUESDAY, 16th March.—Institution of Civil Engineers at 8.

WEDNESDAY, 17th March.—Society of Arts at 8.

FRIDAY, 19th March.—Royal United Service Institution (Samuel J. Mackie, Esq., Associate Inst. C.E.), "Summary of results of Artillery Experiments at Shoeburyness during the year 1863," at 3.

LIST OF LODGE, &c., MEETINGS FOR WEEK ENDING 20TH MARCH, 1869.

ENGLAND.

(Abbreviations.—F.M.H., Freemasons' Hall; M.H., Masonic Hall; Tav., Tavern; Ho., Hotel; R., Rooms; L., Lodge; St., Street; Sq., Square.)

METROPOLITAN.

*Sunday, March 14th.*

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—Joppa, Rose and Crown, Fort-st., Union-st., Bishopsgate.

*Monday, March 15th.*

LODGES.—G.M., F.M.H.; British, F.M.H.; Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.; Felicity, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.; Tranquility, Radley's Ho., Bridge-st., Blackfriars; Panmure,

Balham Ho., Balham; Whittington, Anderton's Ho., Fleet-st.; City of London, Guildhall Co. Hotel, King-st., City; Eclectic, F.M.H.—**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**—Union Waterloo (for M.M.), King's Arms, Woolwich; Prosperity, White Hart, Bishopsgate-st.; Temple, Old George, St. Mary Axe; Justice, Royal Albert, New Cross-road, Deptford; Old Concord, Turk's Head, Motcombe-st., Belgrave-sq.; Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars; St. James's Union, Swan Tav., Mount-st., Grosvenor-sq.; Industry, Dick's Coffee House, Fleet-st.; Salisbury, 71, Dean-st., Soho; Camden, Adelaide Tav., Haverstock Hill; Westbourne, Running Horse, Duke-st., Grosvenor-sq.; Crystal Palace, City Arms Tav., West-sq., Southwark; High Cross, White Hart Ho., Tottenham; Tower Hamlet Engineers, Duke of Clarence, Commercial-road, East.—**CHAPTER.**—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

*Tuesday, March 14th.*

Board of Gen. Purp., at 3.—**LODGES.**—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Ho., Wellington-st., Southwark; Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.; Cadogan, F.M.H.; St. Paul, Cannon-st. Ho.; Salisbury, 71, Dean-st., Soho; Camden, Lion Ho., Islington; St. Mark's, Horns' Tav., Kennington; Cosmopolitan, City Terminus Ho., Cannon-st.—**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**—Strong Man, White Horse, Little Britain; Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich; Faith, Albert Arms, Victoria-st., Westminster; Domatic, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell; Jordan, Alwyne Castle, Canonbury; Euphrates, White Hart Tav., Bishopsgate-st.; Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney; British Oak, Silver Lion Tav., Pennyfield, Poplar; Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney; City of London, Shepherd and Flock Tav., Bell Alley, Moorgate-st.; Royal Albert, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-lane; New Wandsworth, F.M. Ho., New Wandsworth.—**CHAPTERS.**—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Ho., Fleet-st.; St. John's, Radley's Ho., Bridge-st., Blackfriars; Industry, F.M.H.—**CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**—Robert Burns, Sussex Stores Upper St. Martin's-lane; Mount Zion, White Hart Tav., Bishopsgate-st.; Rose of Denmark, George Ho., Aldermanbury.

*Wednesday, March 17th.*

Grand Stewards' Lo.—**LODGES.**—United Mariners, George Ho., Aldermanbury; St. George, Trafalgar Ho., Greenwich; Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars; Oak, Radley's Ho., Bridge-st., Blackfriars; Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich; Maybury, F.M.H.; Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.; Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.—**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**—Eastern Star, Royal Ho., Burdett-st., Mile End-rd.; Confidence, Sugar Loaf, Great St. Helens; United Strength, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town; Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John's Tav., St. John's Wood; New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton; St. Mark's, Mawby Arms, Mawby-st., S. Lambeth; Peckham, Edinboro' Castle Tav., Peckham Rye; Temperance in the East, George the Fourth, Catherine-st., Poplar.—**CHAPTERS.**—Westminster and Key Stone, F.M.H.; Beadon, Greyhound Ho., Dulwich.—**CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.**—St. James's Union, Swan Tav., Mount-st., Grosvenor-sq.

*Thursday, March 18th.*

House Com. Fem. Sch., at 4.—**LODGES.**—Globe, F.M.H.; Gihon, Guildhall Tav., King-st.; Constitutional, City Terminus Ho., Cannon-st.; St. Mary's, F.M.H.; Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford; Manchester, Anderton's Ho., Fleet-st.; South Norwood.—**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.; Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark; Globe, No. 10, Old Bond-st., W.; United Mariners, Three Cranes, Mile-end-rd.; Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth; St. George's (for M.M.), Globe Tav., Royal-hill, Greenwich; St. John's, Hollybush Tav., Hampstead; Manchester, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Berkeley-sq.; Tranquillity, Sugar Loaf Tav., Gt. St. Helen's, St. Mary Axe; Merchant Navy, Jamaica Tav., West India Dock-rd., Poplar; Whittington, Thatched House Tav., 9, Red Lion-st.; Royal Oak, Royal Oak Tav., Deptford; City of London, Shepherd and Flock Tav., Bell-alley, Moorgate-st.—**CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**—Domatic, City Arms, West-sq.; Joppa, Prospect of Whitby Tav., Wapping-wall.—**TEMPLARS.**—Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

*Friday, March 19th.*

House Com. Boys' School.—**LODGES.**—Friendship, Willis' Rooms, Ring-st., St. James's; Middlesex, Albion Tav., Alders-

gate-st.; Jordan, F.M.H.; New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.—**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**—Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.; St. Luke's, Pier Ho., Chelsea; Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford; Stability, Guildhall Tav., 33, Gresham-st.; Union's (Emulation Lo. of Improvement for M.M.), F.M.H.; United Pilgrims, Horn's Tav., Kennington; Wellington, Lord Duncan Tav., Broadway, Deptford; Belgrave, Hand and Racquet, Whitcomb-st., Leicester-sq.; St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-row, Bermondsey; Lily, Greyhound Ho., Richmond; Ranelagh, Windsor Castle, King-st., Hammersmith; Doric, Three Cranes, Mile End-rd.; Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes, Surrey; Victoria (Metropolitan Lo. of Instruction), George Ho., Aldermanbury.—**CHAPTERS.**—St. George, F.M.H.; Caveac, Radley's Ho., Bridge-st., Blackfriars.—**TEMPLARS.**—St. George, 14, Bedford-row.

*Saturday, March 20th.*

**LODGE.**—Panmure, George Ho., Aldermanbury.—**MARK LODGE.**—Southwark, Bridge House Ho., Southwark.—**INSTRUCTION.**—Mount Sinai, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

#### PROVINCIAL.

##### EAST LANCASHIRE.

ARDWICK.—*Wed.*, Lodge: De Grey and Ripon, Corporation Inn.—**BOLTON.**—*Wed.*, Lodge: St. John, Commercial H.; *Templars: Mon.*, St. James of Jerusalem.—**BURY.**—*Wed.*, Lodge: Relief, Hare and Hounds Inn.—**HEATON NORRIS.** *Mon.*, Lodge: Egerton, Chapel House Inn.—**LEVENSHULME.**—*Fri.*, Lodge: Alexandra, Midway Ho.—**MANCHESTER.**—*Mon.*, Lodge: St. George, *Wed.*, Yarborough, *Fri.*, Virtue, Chapter, *Thurs.*, Caledonian; *Templars: Thurs.*, St. Joseph, all at F.M.H.—**OPENSIAW.**—*Wed.*, Lodge: Faith, New Inn.—**ROCHDALE.**—*Wed.*, Lodge: St. Chad, Roebuck Ho.—**SALFORD.**—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Richmond, Spread Eagle Ho.

##### WEST LANCASHIRE.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—*Tues.*, Lodge: Hindpool, Queen's.—**KIRKDALE.**—*Wed.*, Lodge: Walton, Queen's Arms Ho.—**LIVERPOOL.**—*Wed.*, Lodges: Everton, M.T.; *Thurs.*, Ancient Union, M.T.; *Mon.*, Chapter: Jerusalem, M.T.—**PRESTON.**—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Concord, Shelley Arms Inn.

##### CHESHIRE.

BIRKENHEAD.—*Wed.*, Lodge: Zetland, M. Cham.—**SEACOMBE.** *Thurs.*, Lodge: Combermere, Seacombe Ho.

##### DORSET.

POOLE.—Lodge: St. Cuthberga, Wimborne Minster; *Wed.*, Amity.

##### DURHAM.

GATSBHEAD.—*Mon.*, Lodge: Borough. **SUNDERLAND.**—*Tues.*, Chapter: St. John. **HARTLEPOOL.**—*Thurs.*, Lodge: St. Helen.—**STOCKTON.**—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Philanthropy.

##### SCOTLAND.

EDINBURGH.—*Mon.*, Lodge: St. Luke, F.M.H.; *Tues.*, Lodge: St. David's, Cafe Royal; Rifle, F.M.H. *Wed.*, Lodge: Roman Eagle, 98, So. Bridge. *Thurs.*, Lodge: St. Andrew, F.M.H.; Portobello, Town Hall. *Fri.*, Chapter: St. Andrew's, F.M.H.—**GLASGOW.**—*Mon.*, Lodges: St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st.; Star, 19, Croy-pl. *Tues.*, Lodge: St. John, 213, Buchanan-st.; Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.; Govendale, 207, Govan-rd. *Wed.*, Lodge: Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-st.; Caledonian Rail, 213, Buchanan-st. Chapter: Commercial, 19, Croy-pl. *Thurs.*, Lodge: St. Andrew, J. Rays, Castle-st. *Fri.*, Lodge: Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st. Chapters: Cathedral, 213, Buchanan-st.; Shamrock and Thistle, 13, Main-st., Bridgeton.

##### IRELAND.

DUBLIN.—*Mon.*, Lodges: No. 126, 494. *Templars: 93. Tues.*, Lodges: Nos. 141, 666; *Wed.*, *Templars: 153; G.C. of Rites,* at 3.30. *Thurs.*, Lodges: Nos. 12, 93. Chapter: 93. *Fri.*, Lodges: 53, 728; Committee of Inspec. *Sat.*, Lodge: 25.—**BELFAST.**—*Mon.*, Lodge: Belfast, M.R. *Tues.*, Lodge of Instruction: Prince of Wales' Own, M.H. *Wed.*, Lodge: St. John, M.R. Lodge of Instruction: Concord, N.H., Donegal-pl. *Thurs.*, Lodge: Acacia, Ulster Ha.; St. Patrick, M.R. *Fri.*, Lodge: True Blue, M.R.—**LONDONDERRY AND DONEGAL.**—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Industry, Bundoran; Northern Star, Raphoe.

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