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## MARK MASONRY.

By REBTAN.

The peculiar and anomalous position of the degree of Mark Master in England, has, no doubt, been a cause of sincere regret to every member of the Craft, and while calling attention to a report of the consecration &c., of a new Mark Lodge in Manchester, under a warrant from the S.R.A. Chapter of Scotland it may be interesting to many of the brethren, to take a retrospect of the position and status of this essential part of the F. C. degree.

In Scotland from time immemorial, and long before the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, what is now known as the Mark Masters' degree, was worked by the operative Lodges of St. John's Masonry as part of the Fellow Craft degree.

At the institution of the G.L. of Scotland in 1736, and from that date down to the year 1860, it continued to be worked on this footing in the operative Lodges, but in what may be called the speculative lodges, it was never worked at all, or, at all events, only in a very few.

Such was the state of matters, when the Supreme R.A. Chapter of Scotland was formed in 1818, and that body, considering it necessary that candidates for the Holy Royal Arch should be instructed in the degree of Mark Master, assumed the management of it, (which the Grand Lodge of Scotland had declined) and constituted it the fourth degree in Freemasonry, or the first in that series of degrees worked in all chapters, holding of the Supreme R.A. Chapter of Scotland.

Nothing occurred to disturb this arrangement until the year 1856, when the Bon Accord Chapter of Aberdeen No. 70, took upon itself to grant a warrant to certain brethren in London to work the Mark degree there. Immediately on this coming to the knowledge of the Supreme Chapter of Scotland, the Bon Accord Chapter was suspended, but the Supreme Chapter could not get possession of the illegal and spurious warrant granted by the Bon Accord Chapter, neither could they get it cancelled.

At that time the position of Mark Masonry in England was very anomalous. We believe several old Craft lodges (as in Scotland) continued to work the degree, but neither the Grand Lodge,

nor the Grand R.A. Chapter of England would recognise it, and it therefore was, without any lawfully constituted head.

This being the position of the degree in England. Several brethren in London, Bolton and other places, who highly prized it, applied to the Supreme Chapter of Scotland, as the only lawfully constituted governing Masonic body in Great Britain, which recognised and superintended the degree, to issue warrants in England for working it. In the special circumstances of the case the Scottish Supreme Chapter, reluctantly acceded to the petitions, and granted several warrants to Mark Master Lodges in England, with the express condition, contained in the following clause copied from the warrants or charters issued by them: "Farther, in the event of the degree of Mark Master, hereby authorised, becoming at any time hereafter a degree lawfully sanctioned and acknowledged by a Supreme Body of the country in which the Mark Lodge hereby constituted shall be situated, this present warrant or chapter of constitution shall *co ipse*, become null and void, the holders thereof be deprived of their functions under it, and thereupon bound to return the same to our Supreme Chapter."

Since the year 1856, every warrant issued by the Supreme Chapter of Scotland to Mark Lodges in England contains the clause above quoted.

In the year 1856, the members of the Bon Accord Mark Lodge of London (illegally constituted as before mentioned), and the members of several Craft lodges who affirmed they had worked the degree from time immemorial, formed themselves into what is termed "the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales, and the Colonies and possessions of the British Crown," and this body has continued to the present date to grant charters to subordinate lodges, for the purpose of working the Mark Degree, as distinct and separate from the Fellow Craft Degree. The lodges holding of the Supreme Chapter of Scotland, have also up to the present time continued working in England, but have not recognised or visited any of the lodges holding of the Body, calling itself the "Grand Lodge of Mark Masters."

At the quarterly communication of the S.R.A.C. of Scotland on 21st September, 1864, a memorandum from the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, was laid before the meeting, calling on the Supreme Chapter to recognise them as the lawful head of

the Order in England, and as a necessary consequence and in accordance with the clause in the charters before quoted, to recall all these charters, and to cease in all time coming from issuing new ones. This memorandum was referred to the Supreme Committee, who on the 11th November, 1864, unanimously found that until the recognised governing body or bodies in England sanction the working of the Mark Degree, the committee did not think the Supreme Chapter could take the initiative in recognising the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters as a lawful governing Masonic Body in England.

This report was approved of at the Quarterly Meeting, Dec. 16th, 1864, and a memorial was ordered to be prepared, to be laid before the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England with a view of establishing a uniform working in the countries of England, Ireland and Scotland, and the committee was directed to suggest to the Grand Lodge and Chapter of England that if these Grand Bodies would recognise the degree of Mark Master as a part or portion of the second or Fellow Craft Degree; it would tend to promote this object, and failing this, the memorial desired to know if these Grand Bodies were prepared to recognise as the lawful head of Mark Masonry in England, the body styling itself the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England, &c.

On the 21st June, 1865 letters were received from the late Bro. W. Gray Clarke, Grand Sec. and G.S.E. of England, which stated that the Grand Lodge of England gave no sanction to the working of the Mark Degree in England, as it did not, according to the Book of Constitutions, acknowledge this degree to be part of pure Ancient Masonry. Also that the Supreme G.R.A. Chapter of England, did not sanction the Mark Masters' degree in any private chapter under its jurisdiction, and did not acknowledge it as having any connection with Royal Arch Masonry as practised in England. And further that neither the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter would or did recognise the body styling itself the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England, Wales, &c.

The Supreme Chapter of Scotland therefore unanimously declined to accede to the demand of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, and the degree remains at the present date in the same position as in 1856.

We will now glance briefly at the status of the degree in the sister countries, as al-

ready explained, only a few of the Scottish Operative Lodges continued of late years to work the degree, the great majority of lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge knew nothing of it. So much was this the case, that some years ago, an old Operative Lodge in Glasgow, was actually suspended by the Provincial G.L. of that city, for having advanced candidates to this degree, contrary to the Book of Constitutions of Scotland, which provides (Cap. II., Sec. I.) that "the G.L. of Scotland practises and recognises no other degrees of Masonry but those of Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, denominated St. John's Masonry."

The lodge referred to appealed to the Grand Lodge, on the grounds that in the first place they had worked the degree of Mark Master prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge, and down to the date of the proceedings instituted against them by the P.G. Lodge of Glasgow; and that in the second place, apart from this, the degree of Mark Master was truly an integral and essential part of the second or Fellow Craft degree.

The Grand Lodge reversed the decision of the P.G. Lodge on the first ground stated, and referred the consideration of the second point to a committee, who were directed to confer with a committee of the Supreme Grand R.A. Chapter. These committees accordingly met and drew up a joint report, the resolutions in which were adopted by the two governing bodies, and now form the law on the subject in Scotland.

These are as follows:—

1st. "That all lodges holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland shall be allowed to work this degree by virtue of the charters they already possess.

2nd. "That to prevent confusion with brethren belonging to lodges out of this kingdom, or with sister Grand Lodges, this degree although held by the Grand Lodge to be a second part of the Fellow Craft degree, shall only be conferred on Master Masons, and the secrets only be communicated in presence of those who have taken it either from a lodge or chapter entitled to grant it.

3rd. "That the same ritual shall be adopted by the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter in conferring the degree.

4th. "That any candidate for the Royal Arch, who has already received this degree in a regular Lodge of St. John's Masonry shall not be required

to take it a second time from the chapter into which he seeks admission, but should he not have received it, he shall be obliged to take it from that chapter.

5th. "That as regards the R.A. Degrees, this degree shall be reckoned the fourth degree in Masonry.

6th. "That nothing in the foregoing regulations shall interfere with the superintendence which the Supreme G.R.A. Chapter claims over Mark Masonry out of Scotland, or with the lodges holding of it in England or abroad."

In Ireland, Canada, and in all the Grand Lodges and Chapters of the United States, the degree of Mark Master is recognised and worked for the most part, *not* as a portion of the Fellow Craft Degree, but as a separate degree antecedent to the Royal Arch, and England is the only country speaking the English language in which this most interesting degree is not recognized by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter.

It will be fresh in the memory of a few of our brethren, that in 1855, the M.W. Grand Master the Earl of Zetland appointed a committee consisting of members of the G.L. of England, and the S.G.R.A. Chapter of England to investigate and report on the Mark Degree, which was accordingly done.

The committee reported that in their opinion the Mark Degree was not positively essential, but was decidedly a graceful appendage to the degree of Fellow Craft. This report was presented at the Quarterly Communication of the G.L. in March 1856, and was unanimously adopted.

At the next Quarterly Communication, a special motion was duly proposed, seconded, and carried, that, that portion of the minutes of last meeting referring to the Mark Degree, should be rescinded and non confirmed.

Why this should have taken place, and what influence was brought to bear, to insure the rejection of the report must be better known to the brethren in London than to us. We deeply regret the result but do not presume to suggest a remedy.

MRS. STIRLING'S READINGS.—Mrs. Stirling will read Shakspeare's *Tempest*, at St. James's Hall on Friday evening, the 11th, inst, on which occasion the incidental music composed by Arne, Purcell, Linley, and Stevens, will be sung by Miss Edith Wynne and a choir of 400 voices. This will introduce some of the most familiar and charming pieces of vocal music ever written; and in confirmation, we need only mention "Where the bee sucks," "O bid your faithful Ariel fly," "Come unto these yellow sands," and "The cloud-capp'd towers." The whole will be under the direction of Mr. F. Kingsbury.

## AMERICAN CORRESPONDENCE.

BY BRO. MORRIS, LL.D.

Since my last, written early in January, I have been but little at home. On my return from a lecturing tour of three months I found great satisfaction in the perusal of a file of your *MAGAZINE*. Thanks to you and to the worthy little band who, against so many discouragements, work out your weekly task so honourably to the Craft and pleasantly to yourselves. The *FREEMASON'S MAGAZINE* brings me its freight of fraternal salutations as regularly as Saturday comes round. May its file be extended to "the crack of doom" (whatever that means). I am only sorry that while its contributors answer so well to Robert Burn's epithet, "Favoured and enlightened," they should also answer so literally to his word "few." *Few* they are, and pity 'tis they are so few!

What you say of the wearing of Masonic emblems has struck me with interest. There is no doubt that these insignia are too often worn for *unworthy purposes*. And yet I must confess to a fancy in that direction. While I wear none myself, and have not these ten years, yet I *carry a number of them* about, ready for exhibition, should occasion ever require it; and I was glad to see upon the person of that good Mason and exemplary English gentleman, Bro. E. J. Rogers, English Consul at Damascus, Syria, some Masonic emblems worn in no obtrusive manner, yet distinct enough for recognition to the man who knew how to look for him. That is my style; and I confess that the sight of a Masonic emblem upon the person of a stranger, kindles my eye, as that of the tartan is said to do a Scottishman (you see how carefully I write the word; there may be some critic "over the border.") Many a pleasant acquaintance have I made through this simple medium.

I observe that your correspondents are excessively "down" upon the officious Bro. Slack who invited the Prince of Wales to become a Mason. Now this is all natural enough for the American press to do, because in this country we require a candidate to declare upon his honour, before en-

\* I am rejoiced to add by way of marginal note that Bro. Rogers has been promoted within a few weeks to a higher position at Cairo, Egypt. If I were at the head of the British Consular system I know where I would place him.

tering the lodge that he is "unbiassed by friends" which is understood to imply that no one has asked him to join the Order; but in Scotland this is not so. Cases occur there in which profanes are elected to become Masons before they had ever thought of asking for initiation, and nothing was more common in the lodges of Scotland ten years ago than to initiate parties who "entered Freemasonry because they were invited." What indelicacy there was in the particular case of Bro. Slack more than that of any other I am slow to see. The invitation was a respectful one, and the reply shows it. Had his Royal Highness considered the invitation unusual he would have paid no attention to it. I think the custom of inviting persons to become Masons a highly improper one; but the way some of your correspondents have treated it, one would think Bro. Slack's case exceptional. That so-called discovery of ancient statues alluded to on page 168 (February 27th), was nothing but a *canard*. There was not a word of truth in the story.

One of your correspondents says:—"The Americans have a ceremony for a Masonic Baptism." He is mistaken. That "ceremony" is of French origin and may be found described in Clavel's *Maçonnerie Pictoresque*. One of our "Scotch Rite Masons" undertook to introduce it here and did "lay holy hands of Baptism" (as a writer somewhat profanely termed it) upon some children in New York and New Orleans, but the incident was chronicled amidst almost universal disapproval in the Masonic and religious press, and has not been repeated. No we are not quite so *friendly* as all that.

I regret to see that so many imposters are travelling through Great Britain. We are plagued to death here with the rascals. And we always *will* be, so long as the practice prevails of giving every beggar "a quarter (dollar) to get rid of him." My rule is inflexible, to *examine* first, then *relieve*. If *any person* is in immediate want of relief, it is our duty for Jesus' sake to help him, and I trust that I shall never refuse. But when a man comes to me *as a Mason* to gain relief, *it is as a Mason* he shall be dealt with. If he stands the trial he will be the gainer; if he fails, the fraternity will not be the losers.

I will endeavour to be more punctual in my correspondence hereafter.

P.S.—I find that I am neglecting our friend Findel, who on page 129 (Feb. 13), says, in a

most charming mixture of Teutonic and Saxon good nature; "there cannot be any doubt that it is not agreeable to me to have anything to do with Bro. Morris." This is rather *cool*, considering that he has several times attacked me in unkind terms, while I have uniformly kept as silent under the infliction as though under the rod of my father. I will not say, as he has, that "I do not wish for anything to do with him." On the contrary I wish to have his friendship his co-operation, and even more. He is a good writer upon European topics; but when he took up American Masonry, he depended on a man (a clandestine Mason) who has every motive to misrepresent those of us who have refused to recognise him. And I tell him plainly that hereafter when he speaks of me, I wish him to remember that all Freemasons are supposed to be gentlemen.

One thing more. We have some fifteen Masonic presses in this country, and among their conductors are all classes of men. There are Grand Secretaries who publish papers so that they may *be* Grand Secretaries. There are regalia manufacturers who publish papers so that they may *sell* regalia. There are old men with cold sores on them whom nothing can appease; they publish papers as salves for private griefs. And there are third rate men who publish papers because they want to come forward. Finally, there are gentlemen, and there are scholars, and there are men who prize their obligations, and such men publish papers that they may do good. Now I have been the subject of much abuse from several of these classes, but never the last; and my rule has been to pass it over in silence. The reason I replied to Bro. Findel, was that he had left the place, his learning and talents gave him, and had gone low down to abuse me. Dropping the subject now and for ever, I offer this as an apology to those good fellows of your staff of correspondents who wondered "that Bro. Morris was found in a scolding mood."

#### MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES

##### OLD LODGE DIPLOMA.

"To all and sundry to whose knowledge these presents shall come. Greeting." "Darkness comprehendeth it not."

"We the Right Worshipful, the Master, Depute Master, Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary of Saint Luke's Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Gilcomston, in the Kingdom of Scotland, being Legally

assembled and met together with the rest of the mysterious Brethren of the said Lodge. Adorned with all our Honours and Regularity. In the Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-seventh year of Light, Do hereby attest, certify and Declare to all Men Enlightened, spread on the face of the whole Earth. That the Worshipful and Well Beloved Brother John Reid bearer hereof, hath been made by us an Entered Apprentice, and as such his name is Recorded in the Books of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held in Saint Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh, of whom we hold our Patent of Constitution and Erection, Number one hundred and eighty-nine, and conform to powers received from the said Grand Lodge, we have conferred on said Brother the Degree of Fellow Craft, and after having sustained with strength, courage and Resolution under the most Painful Works and Wonderful Trials. We have as a reward due to his Perseverance, Zeal and Magnanimity Raised him to that Sublime Degree of Master Mason, and admitted him as such into our mysterious and secret works, wherein he hath helped us with his Talents and Knowledge. In Testimony whereof these presents are subscribed by the Right Worshipful Thomas Meston, Master, James Ritchie, Depute Master, John Simpson Senior and Alexander Tytler, Junior Wardens, Joseph Yulle, Treasurer, and David Gauld, Secretary of the said Lodge. The Lodge seal being hereunto appended, and this Diploma Recorded in our Grand Book.

"Apud Gilcomstone "Thomas Meston, Master.  
Dien. "James Ritchie, Dep. Master.  
"Anno Christie, 1783. "John Simpson, Sen. Warden.  
"Anno Mundi, 5787." "Alexr. Tytler, Jun. Warden.  
"Joseph Yulle, Treasurer.  
"David Gauld, Secrty."

The above is well written on parchment, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches broad and 7 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches deep, the light blue ribbon, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  inch broad, is still attached, but the seal is unfortunately gone. The parchment is dirty, and therefore old-looking, and it has a few holes in it, not from age but accident, while the signature of "James Ritchie, Dep. Master," is almost entirely obliterated, being written I consider with bad ink. On turning to Laurie's, 1859, History, page, 386, we find, "No. 189, St. Luke Gilcomston," being then dormant; it was in the Aberdeen province. And turning to the Masonic Calendar for this year, page 208, we now find that No. 189 is "St. John," at Castle Douglas. I got a look at the above Diploma from our esteemed Bro. J. D. Porteous, Esq., the principal Editor of the highly valuable "Universal Masonic Calendar." While examining this old Masonic Diploma (86 years old) the idea struck me that, since writing on parchment seems to have been so common last century, it is nothing extraordinary that a number of forged charters should be flying about, some fellows for a hoax, or to serve a purpose, writing them out and then placing them where they might be duly discovered. However, the style of the writing soon betrays to a chartologist the real age of the pretended venerably ancient documents.—W. P. BUCHAN.

BROS. MELVILLE AND W. P. BUCHAN.

I think that Bro. Buchan fairly considered Bro. Melville's claims to being a Masonic instructor as worthless, and hence did right in stating his opinion to

that effect in the *Freemasons' Magazine*. Therefore Bro. Melville should answer his objections through the same valuable medium, or else say nothing. The letter of the 29th from Bro. Melville is a mere subterfuge, as no doubt the W.M. of 254 and others think.—RES NON VERBA.

#### MASONRY AND LITERATURE.

Some of us have heard of the assistant officers and the I.G. Whoever heard of such a toast as "Bro. N. and Literature," "Bro. N. and Science," or "Masonry and Literature?"—QUILIBET.

#### THE EXPLORATIONS AT JERUSALEM.

In the *Illustrated London News* of the 24th ult., there appears an admirable article in reference to these excavations. The discovery of the marks on the stones of the lower courses of the Haram Wall must be viewed with great interest; and it is no less strange than true that, to this very day, the stones for any great work are marked and numbered by the Masons with red paint previous to their transport from the quarries in which they are hewn. It is my own impression that a careful examination of the quarries under Jerusalem, now called the Royal Caverns, will result in the discovery of a passage communicating with the Haram, or a spot in its vicinity. The huge stones composing the S.E. and S.W. angles of the Haram wall could have been transported from these quarries with but little difficulty up the gentle incline of a passage to Mount Moriah.—DNALXO.

#### "MASONIC ARCHAEOLOGY."

At page 89 of the Magazine for February 2, 1867, there is a letter upon the above by "Juvenis," of which, I find, I am supposed to have been the author, but that is a mistake, it was not written by me, I not having at that time been led to take any particular interest in Masonic history or "archæology," but simply taking what I heard for granted, and being therefore, of course, one of the believing fraternity, sailing smoothly with the stream and utterly unconscious of the breakers ahead.—W. P. BUCHAN.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed by Correspondents

#### BRO. MELVILLE'S DISCOVERIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR:

Dear Sir and Brother,—I, with (I doubt not) many others, have been quietly looking on during the correspondence in the Magazine on the subject of Bro. Melville's discoveries, and though not much impressed with the contents of his first letters, cannot but feel that his two last claim our serious attention.

I think the "brotherly" spirit Bro. Melville shows in his letter on page 429, is a marked contrast when compared with the tone in which several of his "brethren" have written. It is scarcely Masonic, according to my knowledge of the Craft teaching, to say a thing is "bosh," because we cannot understand it at first sight—was it not by the so called clever men of the time that Stephenson's discovery respecting the locomotive was sneered at as only fit to be dated from such a place as "Hanwell or Earlswood?" Let us hope (and I now speak for myself and many

brethren who are not "eminent") that Bro. Buchan will accept the invitation given by Bro. Melville, in the spirit it is offered, and go, with the hope and determination to find the truth, even if it is at the bottom of a well, and that well deep; and should he be successful, let us all learn it and participate in the light through the proper channel. I am surprised that any brother should so far forget his first instruction to be *cautious*, as to demand that points of light should be published.

I fear Bro. Carleton is not assisting us by bringing Charles Slyme, Esq., and Mr. Montague Tigg with him into the correspondence.

Yours fraternally,

EXCELSIOR.

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—In a foot-note to the 8th paper on "Masonic Celestial Mysteries," by Henry Melville, he says:—

"On looking at Sir J. W. Hort's letter, I find he uses the Roman triple cross as symbol of the Grand Secretary."

I beg to inform you that Bro. Sir J. William Hort used the triple cross, not on account of his then official position in the Grand Lodge of Ireland, but by virtue of his being a member of the 33°.

Bro. Sir J. W. Hort is at present Grand Treasurer to the Supreme Grand Council of Rites for Ireland.

Yours fraternally,

24th May, 1869.

J. L. W., 30.

#### THE PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—A few months ago I requested you to lay before your readers a communication respecting the operations then being carried on at Jerusalem by the Palestine Exploration Fund; this you kindly did in No. 468 of your valuable Magazine, and I trust you will now accord me a similar favour.

Since that date discoveries have been made fully justifying my assertion that "the object of the Society's researches is of peculiar interest to the Masonic world, and deserving of its warmest support."

Space will only permit me to refer to two of these discoveries. The first, of great topographical importance, has clearly established the identity of the wall of Ophel, and this wall has now been traced nearly 250 yards—three of the towers by which it was defended having been found and examined.

The second, the discovery of "Masons' marks" on the foundations and lower courses of the south-east wall of the Haram, may prove of inestimable value during future researches in the history of the Craft.

The exact nature of these curious inscriptions has not yet been clearly determined—some are carved in the stone, while others are painted with red or vermilion; but it is nearly certain that they are the marks of the ancient Craftsmen by whom the stones were hewn in the quarries.

Mr. Deutsch, of the British Museum, gives the following opinion of these marks:—

"1. The signs cut or painted were on the stones

when they were first laid in their present places. 2. They do not represent any 'inscription.' 3. They are Phœnician. 4. They are partly letters, partly numerals, and partly special Masons' or quarry signs."

Mr. Deutsch predicts that if the excavations are properly carried on, other signs will probably be discovered that will not only give a full explanation of their own purport, but such as will perhaps solve some vital question regarding the plan of the whole building.

Despite this brilliant prospect, the operations of the Society are seriously impeded by the want of funds; in fact, so much is money needed, that Lieut. Warren has been compelled to discharge half his trained workmen.

This is a loss of vital importance, and one that must be disheartening in the extreme to Bro. Warren, after the difficulties he has had to overcome in the enlistment and training of these *fellahin*.

The signs and symbols of Freemasonry are undoubtedly of the greatest antiquity, and, the more we read and study, the firmer will be our conviction that these signs and symbols were *adapted*, not *invented*, by those who organised the Craft on its present basis.

No safer or better plan can be pursued in the endeavour to trace our Order to its origin, than by clearly establishing its connexion with the ancient guilds of operative Masons, and, if that is once done, the great end will eventually be attained.

No stronger proof can be advanced in support of this theory than the evident connexion between the ancient and modern operative Masons, so clearly established by the discovery, after a lapse of nearly three thousand years, of Masons' marks on what are probably the remains of the wall of Solomon's Temple, now buried to a depth of 90ft. by the ruins and *débris* of ancient Jerusalem.

To this very day the operative Masons follow the example of their ancient brethren by carving or painting in red their marks on the stones they may hew in the quarries.

Our splendid Charities must prove to our enemies that we do not falsely lay claim to the virtue of benevolence, and we have now a good opportunity of clearly demonstrating our *desire of knowledge* by coming forward with substantial assistance to the Palestine Exploration Fund.

Under the banners of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland there are at present enrolled more than 2,000 lodges, each capable of contributing at least one guinea annually to the support of a society whose labours are of such peculiar interest to the whole Craft. Much would be gained by the Grand Lodges officially inviting the attention of their respective subordinates to the deplorable position of the Palestine Exploration Fund, and this might easily be done at the next Quarterly Communication.

This is a case involving the *interest and honour* of every Mason, whether Christian, Jew, or Mahometan, and I trust that when the matter has been properly made known to the Fraternity, the most cordial and liberal support will be accorded to the Palestine Exploration Fund.

Yours fraternally,

DNALXO, 954, &c.

## THE MASONIC MIRROR.

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### MASONIC MEMS.

UNIVERSAL MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1869.—A few remaining copies of the second edition are for sale at a reduction of 20 per cent.

PORTRAITS of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie, *K.T. G.C.B.*, *M.W.G.M.* Mason of Scotland, can now be obtained at this office, price 3s. 6d. each. A few copies, with ornamental border and Masonic emblems printed in gold, on large size paper, can be had, price 10s. 6d.

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

We beg to call the attention of our readers to the *AMERICAN FREEMASON*, a monthly, published in Cincinnati, and edited by Bro. Fletcher Brennan. The articles are well written, and as a reflex of proceedings of our brethren in America is well worth reading. Subscription 5s., payable to our office.

VISITORS to the Oxford Commemoration Festivities next week will have the opportunity of attending the Masonic *fête*, on the 9th of June which promises to be a most enjoyable affair, not only for the brethren of the province, but also for their lady friends, who will doubtless grace the meeting in considerable numbers.

NEW CONCORD LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be worked at this lodge, held at Bro. Gabb's, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Southgate-road, on Wednesday next, at 8 o'clock p.m., by Bro. Terry, P.M. 228, P.Z. 975; the musical arrangements by Bro. McDavitt.

### UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England was held on Wednesday evening, June 2nd, in the Great Hall; and, since the present Grand Master has occupied his high position, never has been seen a more numerous or brilliant meeting. This was easy of explanation, as there were two causes to render the occasion more than usually interesting, one being the announcement in the official agenda of business that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master would make a communication to Grand Lodge in reference to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, an event long anticipated; and the other was the consideration of a scheme which has been for some time before the Craft for a re-appropriation of a certain portion of the funds of the Board of Benevolence to the Boys' and Girls' Schools. On the latter project especially the deepest interest was felt in it, and the greater part of the lodges throughout the kingdom sent up their representatives to take part in the proceedings.

At seven o'clock precisely a procession was formed, and the G. Master in due form took his place on the throne, Bro. John Fawcett, Prov. G. Master for Durham, acting as Deputy G. Master in the absence of Earl de Grey and Ripon; the Earl Percy, S.G.W.; and Frederick Perkins, P.S.G.W., acting as J.G.W. There were also present:—The Earl of Limerick, Prov. G.M. Bristol; Sir Daniel Gooch, *Bart.*, *M.P.*, the newly-installed Prov. G.M. for Berks and Bucks; T. M. Talbot, Prov. G.M.

South Wales; Henry Murray, P.D.G.M. for China; John Havers, P.J.G.W.; J. Rankin Stebbing, P.G.D.; Joshua Nunn, G.S.B.; Cooper Foster, G.D.; Llewellyn Evans, President of the Board of General Purposes; the Rev. J. R. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; the Rev. J. Ravenshaw, G. Chap.; Brydges, P.G.D.; G. W. K. Potter, P.G.D.; Udall, P.G.D.; Patten, P.G.S.B.; Hyde Pullen, P.D. Prov. G.M. for the Isle of Wight; R. J. Spiers, D. Prov. G.M. for Oxfordshire; Rev. J. Warren Hayes, P.G. Chap.; Cockerell, G. Supt. of Works; Browse, P.G.D.; John Emmens, P.G. Purst.; J. Smith, P.G. Purst.; T. A. Adams, P.G. Purst.; Lewis, P.G. Purst.; McIntyre, G. Reg.; Clabon, P.G.D.; A. Woods, G. Dir. of Cers.; Fenn, Assist. Dir. of Cers.; S. Tomkins, G. Treas.; W. Farnfield, P. Assist. G. Sec.; John Hervey, G. Sec.; W. Smith, *C.E.*, P.M. 33 & W.M. 1,238; H. Wellington Vallance, P.M.; J. Salter, W.M. 22; T. White, J.W. 22; W. Watson, P.M. 23; R. Spencer, P.G.S.; Campion, P.M. 19; R. Clarke, W.M. 1,158; T. H. Pulsford, P.M. 1158; H. Thompson, P.M. 1,158; C. E. Thompson, J.W. 1,158 & 177; C. T. Dorey, P.M. 176; Mortlock, W.M. 186; Mann, P.M. 186; J. E. Saunders, G. Stewards' Lodge; Bros. Wilson, W.M.; J. Stapleford, jun., S.W.; Craven, J.W.; Cawte, P.M.; Ogburn, P.M. & P. Prov. J.G.W. for Hants; Stapleford, P.M.; Emery, P.M. & P. Prov. G.S.W. for Hants; and Zuedberg, all of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342, Portsea; Edward George Holbrook, W.M.; C. S. Woollons, I.P.M., all of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 369, Fareham; E. S. Main, P.M.; John Wallingford, P.M.; J. Wilson, P.M.; E. Groves, S.W.; W. H. Barrington, J.W. (all of a Hampshire lodge); Dr. H. Hopkins, P. P. S. G. W. Warwickshire; R. W. Little, P.M. 975; Pendlebury, P.M. 1,056; Buss, P.M. 15, and numerous other brethren whose names we were unable to ascertain.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and with solemn prayer.

### MINUTES OF GRAND LODGE AND GRAND FESTIVAL.

Bro. Hervey, G. Secretary, read the minutes of the quarterly communication of the 3rd of March, the special Grand Lodge of the 14th of April, and the Grand Festival of the 28th of April, all of which were confirmed.

### THE PRINCE OF WALES AND FREEMASONRY.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master said,—I have the pleasing duty to make a communication to the brethren, which I am sure must be gratifying to the Grand Lodge and to every Mason in the Craft in England. The communication is that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has joined our Fraternity, having been made a Mason by his Majesty the King of Sweden. I am quite sure that this must be a most gratifying circumstance to communicate to the Grand Lodge. I have had more than one interview with his Royal Highness lately, and he authorised me to express to the Grand Lodge that it was his anxious wish to be present at this Grand Lodge, and he was very much disappointed that the circumstance that it was held on the day set apart for the celebration of the Queen's birthday prevented him having that pleasure. I have also had communicated to me privately by his Royal Highness, but I am authorised by him to mention it publicly, that it is his wish to join one or more of the English lodges. I think I need not say more on this subject, except to express the high gratification which I feel myself in the fact of a Prince of Royal Blood, and more especially the heir to the Throne, having joined Masonry, and having expressed so strong an interest as he has done in the good and welfare of the Craft. I now beg to give notice that in conformity with ancient usage it is my intention to propose at the next Grand Lodge that the rank of Past Grand Master be conferred on his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. I believe that there are numerous precedents for this course; for every Prince of the Blood Royal who has joined Masonry, has, upon the fact being known and recognised, had the rank of Past Grand Master conferred on him.

## THE CHARITY JEWEL.

A report was presented from the Board of General Purposes in reference to the charity jewel, and as to who were entitled to wear the same.

## THE INAUGURAL FESTIVAL.

The M.W. Grand Master moved a vote of thanks to Bros. Albert W. Woods and Thomas Fenn, the G. Dir. of Cers. and the Assist. G. Dir. of Cers., for the very admirable manner in which they conducted the ceremony at the Inauguration Festival on the 14th of April last.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Fawcett, P.G.M. for Durham, and unanimously agreed to.

Bro. A. Woods thanked the brethren for their kind appreciation of their services, and his gratitude to the Grand Master for having moved a vote of thanks to them, being unable adequately to express his feelings for his kindness. He could not sit down without expressing the pleasure and gratification he had experienced in being associated for five years with so worthy a brother as Bro. Fenn, for during the whole of that time there had been the most perfect accord between them, and he had received from him the most able assistance. From the bottom of his heart he thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him.

Bro. Fenn said he could not too highly appreciate the compliment that had been passed upon them, but it was not exclusively due to them for the management of the Inauguration Festival. It was most gratifying however to them to know that their exertions had been successful, and that they had been deemed worthy of his lordship's approbation.

Bro. Udall then moved that the vote of thanks be recorded on vellum, signed by the G.M., and presented to them, which was then put and agreed to.

## PAST GRAND PURSUIVANT.

The M.W. Grand Master proposed, "that Bro. Thomas R. Lewis, late G. Purst., do take rank as, and wear the clothing of P.G. Purst."

This motion was put and agreed to.

## BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

A ballot took place for members of the Board of General Purposes, when the following were the successful candidates:—Bros. Hemsworth, W.M., No. 190; Horace Lloyd, W.M., 143; S. May, W.M., 780; Thomas Price, W.M., 227; T. Richardson, W.M., 14; T. W. Shields, W.M., 33; R. W. Stewart, W.M., 12; W. M. Bywater, P.M., 19; E. Cox, 657; J. W. Halsey, 134; John B. Monckton, 1,150; F. Robinson, 259; and James E. Saunders, 1.

## COLONIAL BOARD.

The following members of the Colonial Board were elected:—Bros. T. Adlard, 7; B. Baker, 21; F. Bennoch, 1; C. A. Cotterbrune, 733; E. Cox, 657; M. S. Machen, 930; and John G. Marsh, 28.

## THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter was presented in which were recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—"The widow of the late Bro. Francis B., of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Hospitality, No. 187, Bristol, £30; Robert Johnstone C., of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull, £75; John A., of the Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1,002, Cockermouth, £30; William H., of the Howe Lodge, No. 587, Birmingham, £30; the widow of the late Bro. Charles Henry J., of the Palladian Lodge, No. 120, Hereford, £30."

The whole of these recommendations were agreed to.

## BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was presented:—

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

"The Board of General Purposes beg to report that they have investigated a charge against the St. James's Lodge, No. 765, Bermondsey, for having neglected to make the proper return to Grand Lodge, as required by the Book of Constitutions, and to pay the full amount of Grand Lodge dues up to the time of death in respect of a member of the lodge who had died. It appeared that the present and a former instance of similar neglect on the part of the above lodge, in respect of another deceased member, had in each instance been brought to light only by the circumstance of the child of the deceased seeking admis-

sion into one of the Masonic Charities, when it appeared to be disqualified by reason of Grand Lodge dues not having been paid by the father for the period required by the law. On the former occasion the lodge had been permitted to pay up the arrears without being summoned before the Board. The Master and Wardens were summoned, attended the Board, and produced the warrant and books. It was admitted by the Master that, in the present instance, the full amount of Grand Lodge dues had not been paid, and it was urged that this had been by oversight. This being a second offence, the Board fined the lodge the sum of three guineas, and ordered the payment forthwith of the arrear of Grand Lodge dues, and retained the warrant and books until payment.

"(Signed) J. LLEWELLYN EVANS,  
"President.

"Freemason's Hall, 19th May, 1869."

This report, on the motion of Bro. L. Evans, was received and adopted.

At the meeting of the board, held on Tuesday, the 18th ult., after the close of the ordinary business it was resolved unanimously, "That the cordial thanks of the Board are due, and are hereby tendered, to Bro. John Llewellyn Evans, for the attentive manner in which he has performed the duties of president during the past year, and for his kind, courteous, and gentlemanly conduct to all the members."

"(Signed) S. LEITH TOMKINS,  
Vice-President.

To the report was subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on the 14th May, 1869, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £2,229 8s. 8d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £50.

The following report of the Building Committee was presented:

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

"The Building Committee beg to report the entire completion of the buildings, and of the repair, redecoration, and furnishing of the great hall.

"They have also to report that they have to the best of their knowledge, discharged all accounts against the society for building, repairs, and furniture. A very large proportion of the buildings having been completed for some years, a good many repairs had become necessary, especially as regards painting, outside work, &c., &c. These repairs the committee felt it their duty to have done at the present time, in order that they might hand over the premises in a proper state to the Board of General Purposes.

"The committee have had plans and sections of the buildings, and especially of its drainage, ventilation, gas and water supply, very carefully prepared; these are nearly completed, and the committee strongly recommend that such plans should be bound and placed with the archives of the society for reference at any future time.

"Provision has been made for placing an organ in what was formerly the gallery of the great hall, where, if it be thought proper, an instrument can be placed at any future time. The committee have not proposed to Grand Lodge to incur the cost of building an organ, because they are informed upon good authority that it is quite impossible to keep an instrument in order which is only used for a few minutes five or six times a year; the committee believe that it will be much cheaper and more effectual to hire an instrument for the occasions when it is required.

As regards the lease to the tenants, the committee report with some degree of regret (because they desired to have everything complete) that it is not yet signed. The committee feel that it has not been necessary for them to insist on, or to enforce by application to a Court at Law, the execution of a lease, because the society has an agreement for a lease, duly executed, the premium has been received, and the rent duly paid, and because the time will come when the tenants, for their own sakes, will be only too ready to obtain a lease; the committee have spared no pains to get the matter settled through their solicitor and otherwise. It will be in the recollection of Grand Lodge, that the reason at one time given for not completing the lease was, that the tenants claimed the coffee room as part of the premises let to them. That claim being (by the production of the plans, which had been temporarily mislaid) proved to be groundless, a fresh claim has been made to certain bedrooms in the front, over the



Preston Lodge Room. The signed plans prove unmistakeably that these rooms were not intended to be, and are not included in the lease; the only ground for the claim being now made is, that your committee, feeling that the society had no use for these rooms, and that the bedroom accommodation to the tenants was scanty, agreed to let the tenants have the use of these rooms, so long as they were not used for any purpose which might be annoying to the society. The tenants have for several years had, and now have the full use of these rooms, and there is no reason why they should not continue to have them, so long as they are used as bedrooms, but they are not included in the lease, and it is very undesirable that they should be so, because, if improperly used, they might hereafter become a nuisance to the society. The committee have also learned, with some degree of astonishment, which they believe Grand Lodge will participate in, that the last claim put forward in behalf of the tenants is, that the "Great Hall" itself is included in the lease. The committee have simply to remark that a reference to the agreement and to the signed plans, which were made, and signed, and coloured, so as to shew exactly what portion is to be for the society and what for the tenants, sets the matter unmistakeably at rest.

"The committee regret very much that the library and coffee room have not met with the support of the brethren generally, and have not been productive of the return expected from them. The committee have used every means in their power to obtain the patronage of the brethren; they believe that the Grand Lodge of England deserves, at least, a library, and they hope that the Board of General Purposes will be more successful than they have been in obtaining a due share of support for it.

"The labours of the committee being now ended, it is their duty—

"1st. Gratefully to acknowledge the confidence which Grand Lodge has been pleased to place in them.

"2nd. To assure Grand Lodge that (under, at times, very difficult circumstances), they have endeavoured faithfully to perform their duty.

"3rd. To claim the indulgence of Grand Lodge for any short-comings, to tender their resignations, and to offer, individually or collectively, any assistance which the Board of General Purposes may at any future time require in the explanation of any matters of doubt.

"The committee respectfully place their resignations in the hands of Grand Lodge, and submit the following resolution for its adoption.

"That the work for which the Building Committee was appointed being now concluded, their resignation of their office be accepted."

"Signed, John Havers, Chairman.

"Freemasons Hall, May 17th, 1869."

The chairman having quitted the chair, it was unanimously resolved that the committee being now virtually dissolved, they cannot separate without offering to their respected Chairman, Bro. John Havers, P.G.W., their deep sense of the ability and kindness with which he has presided over them during the last six years and a-half. His energy and attention in carrying out the works entrusted to the committee by the Craft have only been exceeded by the courtesy with which he has listened to the suggestions of each of its members, and the unity with which they have worked has been mainly owing to the judicious manner in which he has presided over them. They, therefore, on this, the last time of their meeting, desire, with all respect and kind feeling, to offer him their best and most cordial thanks and good wishes for his future health and happiness.

J. Llewellyn Evans.

John Savage.

George Plucknett.

J. Rankin Stebbing.

John Hervey.

The only other member of the committee, Bro. Henry Grissell, is abroad.

Bro. J. Havers, the chairman, moved that the report be taken as read, which was agreed to. He afterwards moved that it be received and entered on the minutes. He said, at the completion of their seven years labour he had to thank the brethren for the confidence they had placed in them, and to ask their indulgence for any short-comings.

The report was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Bro. Havers said he had then to propose the last resolution the Committee would have to offer to Grand Lodge, which was "That the work for which the Building Committee was appointed being now concluded, their resignation of their office be accepted." In proposing that resolution the Committee had no wish to screen themselves from any responsibility, but, having concluded their work, they asked Grand Lodge to accept their resignation.

On the motion being put by the Grand Master

Bro. J. E. Saunders, No. 1, rose to move a rider to this resolution. The Committee had framed the resolution with great delicacy, and, having done a great and good work in the completion of the building, they resigned their trust into the hands of the Grand Lodge. The first stone was laid on careful thought, and the top stone was placed in rejoicing; and he was sure they felt they owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Building Committee, which had been so ably presided over by Bro. Havers, and to whom all honours were due. He was sure that praise was not needed, for the work spoke for itself. He moved as a rider or addenda to the resolution that it should read as follows:—"That the work for which the Building Committee was appointed having been completed, to the entire satisfaction of Grand Lodge, the resignation of their office be accepted."

Bro. J. Nunn, G.S.B., seconded the motion as amended, which was put and agreed to.

Bro. Havers said the committee were exceedingly grateful for the insertion of these words.

#### THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

This report was deferred until the next Grand Lodge, on account of an informality in certain notices not having been given at the Board of Masters.

#### BRO. CLABON'S SCHEME.

Bro. Clabon then rose, and moved that the first report of the Committee of the Board of Benevolence be received and entered on the minutes. As it had been printed and circulated amongst the members of the Craft, it would render it unnecessary for him to go into details, but he would just refer to a few of the principal points. The report was brought forward in July last, in which it was proposed that two-thirds of the surplus funds of the Board of Benevolence should be applied towards assisting children on their leaving their schools, for many of them were in a very helpless state, and his proposition was to come forward and help them. They discharged the boys at 15½ years, and the girls at 16½ years old, and at the last meeting of the committee of the girls' school three were discharged. One of them was Emily Redgrave, who, out of 200 who were examined at the Cambridge examination from all parts of the kingdom, stood first in the order of merit, but as regarded the other two girls, a note was made in the report that they required further education. He would therefore ask them why should they not so educate these girls so as to enable them to get their own living? One of the best boys in the Boys' School was discharged at 15½ years of age, and as he had no friends he got a situation in a stockbroker's office at 6s. a week, but as there was a balance of £10 from an old charity fund, the House Committee supplemented that sum by a subscription out of their own pockets to assist this boy in obtaining a proper position in life. At the same time, they found a large surplus in the Board of Benevolence, but they had never heard one word as to helping these children on their leaving their schools, and the question was whether Grand Lodge should help them, or whether they should take the means for doing so from the Board of Benevolence. The surplus last year was £1,400 in addition to the furnished report, but he did not ask to take one penny of the surplus until the claims of the Board of Benevolence were satisfied. If they were to go on accumulating it would be of no use to Freemasonry. If the accumulation was to go on it would soon amount to £100,000, which would be holding out a temptation to some persons to come into Masonry for the sake of the benefits to be derived from it, who ought to begin in Freemasonry by helping others. He thought, therefore, that the time was come when they should deal with that surplus, for in something like ten years a fund would accumulate sufficient for all the purposes of their school. In the first instance, he would deal with a pamphlet which had been written by Bro. Matthew Cooke, and would read a few extracts from it.

Bro. Gregory, P.G.D., rose to order. He said to quote any printed correspondence, for the purpose of rebutting it, was out of order.

The Grand Master ruled that it would be out of order to do so.

Bro. Clabon said he would pursue that no further. He went on to say that he heard an objection would be made to his proposition, on the ground that at the time of the union, this fund was created as a trust. Now he was bound in the first instance to tell them whether or not it was a trust. For the last 20 years of his life, he had devoted his attention to charitable trusts, and his education told him that his was a trust. He would read the 18th article of union, of the 1st of December, 1813, which says, "The fund, appropriated to the objects of Masonic benevolence shall not be infringed on for any purpose, but shall be kept strictly and solely devoted to charity; and pains shall be taken to increase the same. He said in devoting the surplus of the fund for aged Freemasons to help the children of Masons was the best way of helping Masons themselves; and that was strictly applying the fund to the cause of charity. He ventured to say that it was the highest kind of charity to give to those children, but still that was not necessary for his argument to prove that as he contended it was competent for Grand Lodge, if it pleased to alter the articles of union, and it had repeatedly been done. The next article No. 19 had been frequently altered, but as he had said it was not necessary for his argument, as he said his proposition was within the four corners of the articles of union. He might be asked why he proposed to give some of the surplus to the Boy's and Girl's School, and not to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, but in answer to that, he said they were already assisted by grants from the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. The Benevolent Institution had a large fund, and they did not spend their annual income. The worthy brother then went into a historical account of the different sums required to be paid to Grand Lodge on the admission of Masons from time to time, and said that in addition to these fees a certain sum was required to be paid for the support of the schools, showing that it was clearly intended that they should be supported in some such way as he then proposed, but this was afterwards altered to a specific amount being paid, and the Grand Secretary who deserved an interest from these fees was paid a fixed salary. He then referred to an amendment, of which notice had been given by the Earl of Limerick, which would empower the Board of Benevolence to grant sums to the Boy's and Girl's Schools, on the recommendation of the House Committee, but he thought that brethren who attended the Board of Benevolence would agree with him that the duties of that board were already sufficiently onerous, they having to sit four or five hours to dispose of the business, and that there ought to be no addition to their labours.

Bro. Havers, rose and suggested that as there were many brethren from the country who had come up to vote upon this subject, they should take it at once on the main question.

Bro. Clabon said he would adopt that course, and moved:—

"Until Grand Lodge shall otherwise direct, one-third of the annual surplus of the Fund of Benevolence shall be appropriated for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and another third for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in forming funds for apprenticing the children of Freemasons who have been in those schools, or in otherwise assisting them to commence life.

"Such one-third parts respectively shall be invested in the names of four trustees for each school, to be appointed by Grand Lodge, and the dividends paid to the treasurer of each school."

The General Committee, on the recommendation of the House Committee of each school, may apply the dividends of the funds respectively appropriated to the school for the benefit of children who have been at the school during the preceding twelve months, in apprenticing them to any business or profession, or otherwise aiding them to obtain employment, or in applying any sum granted, by annual instalments, for a limited period, for the benefit of those proceeding to any school, college, or university.

No sum exceeding £25 shall be appropriated for the benefit of any child, without the consent of the quarterly court of the school, and such court shall render to Grand Lodge an annual account of the receipts and expenditure on account of the said funds.

That the scheme, as recommended by the committee, be, and the same is hereby adopted by Grand Lodge, and added to the Book of Constitutions under the head Fund of Benevolence, No. 16, as Nos. 17, 18, 19, and 20.

Bro. Udall seconded the motion.

The Earl of Limerick then rose to move the amendment of which he had given notice:—

"The Lodge of Benevolence, on the recommendation of the House Committees of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls respectively, may grant sums to aid children, who have been at such schools during the previous twelve months, in commencing life. Providing always that the total amount so granted, in any one year, shall not exceed one-half of the surplus of the Fund of Benevolence for the previous year. No sum exceeding £20 shall be appropriated for the benefit of any child, without the consent of Grand Lodge; and such consent, given at a Quarterly Communication, shall suffice without any further confirmation."

Although he could not go the length of the arrangements of Bro. Clabon, he agreed with him so far, as being exceedingly anxious that these children, on leaving school, should get on well in the world, but he had very great doubts whether Bro. Clabon had got the best scheme to promote his object. He would first refer to the consideration under which the scheme was originally proposed, and it is there said—"Considering the large amount of the reserve Fund of Benevolence, and the annually increasing surplus of that fund, that no reason exists for continuing this accumulation, and that without diminishing the principal of the reserved fund, the annual surplus may be applied with advantage for the benefit of this generation." As far as that went, he could not agree with it that no reason existed for continuing this accumulation, for, as they were an increasing body, their responsibilities increased likewise. Bro. Clabon had expressed no doubt that the Grand Lodge was actually competent to deal with the funds of the Board of Benevolence according to the articles of union, but he knew not whether or not he was right, for articles of union did not go for much just now. He felt strongly that the funds of the Board of Benevolence should be devoted to charity, and if they were to be applied to the support of their children, that ought to be done under the control of the Grand Lodge. His objection to Bro. Clabon's scheme was that he wanted to take two-thirds of the surplus funds from the control of the Board of Benevolence and give it to a body over whom they had no control whatever. That was one of his objections to that part of the report in which it was said that "the annual surplus might be applied with advantage for the benefit of this generation." He did not think, too, that it would be the best way to take one-third of the surplus to be invested for the use of the schools, as for years it would be unappreciable to the few children leaving the schools, and it would be constantly varying in amount. He did not see either why there should be devoted one-third to each of the schools, unless it was to prevent jealousy between them, but he looked upon it as a one-sided measure, and saw no reason why a favour should be conceded to one side more than another. After a few other observations, he concluded by submitting the amendment he had proposed.

Bro. Stebbing, P.G.D., said he disagreed with both the propositions then before the Grand Lodge. His object in doing so was not to run a tilt with his learned brother (Clabon), who had with great pains and assiduity prepared the report which had been presented to the Grand Lodge. That report had been prepared with great ability and research. He (Bro. Stebbing) would not go into the law of the case, as to whether or not they could send their children to the universities, but he would contend that that was not the charity for which that fund was created, and which would not serve the best interests of Freemasonry. The Board of Benevolence only possessed the small sum of £27,000, which he looked upon as a reproach to Freemasonry. That was all the fund that was under the protection of Grand Lodge to relieve poor Masons and their widows, and the last class could only knock once at their doors. Why it was only the other day that he heard one small lodge in London had a fund of benevolence of between £11,000 and £12,000, whilst their poor children were looking forward at some future time for relief from a fund of £27,000, which was producing only £1,500 a year. In his own town they had a fund of benevolence which was upwards of £1,000, but they had passed a resolution that it should never be touched until it amounted to £2,000, and any calls in the meantime that might be made upon it they grant out of their own pockets. He did not think that the sum of £27,000 was what the Board of Benevolence ought to be, and he said at the last Grand Lodge that as large numbers were then joining their Order they brought larger claims upon them. The surplus of the Board of Benevolence in 1867 was £2,200, whilst in 1868 it was only £1,200, thereby

dropping down £1,000, although the receipts were greater than in the former year, the surplus being diminished by the extra claims of distressed Masons and their widows, and in consequence of those claims that surplus was reduced. He would ask them to let the words of Bro. Clabon sink deep in their hearts, when he said that a part of his proposition was to further educate girls of 16 years. He would ask how many of their own children were removed from education before they arrived at sixteen years of age. As it was, parents then knew that their children were in schools where they would receive a good education, and they generally took care to provide something for them, although they could not all send them to the universities. He confessed he did not think they would go to the universities, but they would receive a good education. Bro. Clabon had said if they provided too much for old Masons, they would induce men to come into Masonry, but on that point he joined issue with him, for men did not come into Masonry with such objects. They came into it with high hopes and feelings, seeking a position in the world, and did not come into it as was suggested, for the purpose of asking the charity of the Grand Lodge. He trusted that they would not make their schools so rich as to dazzle the eyes of men, and induce them to join Masonry, so that in 5 or 10 years they would be able to send their sons to the universities. Why if they did that, it would be a good thing for a young man with a family to join them with a prospect in four or five years of having the whole of his family educated at the universities at the expense of the Craft. Let him expose another fallacy of Bro. Clabon's, when he said this surplus fund would be devoted to charity. It might be Bro. Clabon's reading of charity, but it was not his (Bro. Stebbing's). To help the poor old Mason and his poor old woman in the hour of their distress, that appeared to him (Bro. Stebbing) more like real charity, than in spending their money in further educating children after they had arrived at sixteen years of age. The clause of the articles of union which had been already referred to, said that the fund should not be infringed on for any purpose, but shall be kept strictly and solely devoted to charity; and pains shall be taken to increase the same. He (Bro. Stebbing) challenged him upon that proposition, as Bro. Clabon had set it forth it would never be increased. If they took one-third of the surplus for the Boys' School, and another one-third for the Girls' School, they would never be able to increase the fund of the Royal Benevolent Institution for the old men and women, who would go away from an election disappointed, and who would wait in deep anxiety, often fatal, as to whether they would be elected in the next year. Old men and women might linger or die, or continue in hope; in that hope which maketh the heart sick. They would be spending their funds in pampering youth, whilst the old might waste away through anxiety from year to year, and at last die in despair. That might be going on, as he said, from year to year, whilst the young would be sent to the Universities. He wished further to call the attention of the brethren to one or two things, for Bro. Clabon had said he would touch but the surplus of the Benevolent Fund, and he was anxious to use his exact words. He said, "That no reason exists for continuing this accumulation, and that without diminishing the principal of the reserved fund, the annual surplus may be applied with advantage for the benefit of this generation." Now, without referring to the law as regards that proposition, as it was always his desire to call things by their proper names—to call a spade a spade—and as it was not in his nature to offer an offence to any one—he would ask whether that proposition was an honest one? Who provided the Fund of Benevolence? Not the present generation; for it had come down to them for years past—from the time of the union, when a sum of £4,000 or £5,000 was devoted to benevolence, and that sum had been added to slowly from year to year. During his lordship's reign in the Craft there had been a rapid increase in numbers, and there might be said to be a plethora of money, but it was their great charities that bound them together. Their origin was ancient, and Freemasonry was a great institution, but it was their noble charities that bound them to each other. Still, they might not always be so prosperous, for those who had just come amongst them might become a legacy upon them, and therefore they ought to make a provision for some time to come, and for those who would come after them. He was inclined to be liberal to their schools, but he trusted while they were supported, they would not rob the fund for those who might come after them. He hoped the fund would go on increasing, and in that spirit he should move an amendment he had placed on the paper for the purpose of

stopping that pernicious project. (Bro. Stebbing sat down amidst enthusiastic and long continued cheering.)

Bro. Gregory supported the original motion.

Bro. Havers opposed the motion at considerable length, and urged that £27,000 was not too large a sum to meet a rainy day, for after all their prosperity a time of adversity might come upon them. If they once gave a sum to any charity, however badly it might be used, they could not take it back again. It was said that men entered their society for the purpose of making themselves "more exhaustively serviceable to their fellow-creatures," but the principle would be reversed, and they would make their fellow-creatures more exhaustively serviceable to them if they held out a bait to them that their children would not only be well taken care of whilst they were in the school, but would receive a handsome sum on quitting it. That would be a great inducement to many to come amongst them for the purpose of receiving those benefits which would be open to them.

Bro. Col. Lowry Cole opposed the motion.

Bro. Clabon briefly replied, and the Earl of Limerick withdrew his amendment.

Bro. Stebbing then moved the following amendment:—

"That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is not desirable that any portion of the interest arising from the capital invested to the credit of the Fund of Benevolence should be treated as surplus income, but that it should be added from time to time to the capital, and be invested accordingly."

Bro. Mason seconded the amendment.

The G. Master then put the amendment, which was carried by an immense majority, and it was afterwards put as an original motion and agreed to.

The rest of the report was put off for consideration to the next Grand Lodge, as well as the rest of the business on the paper.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form and with solemn prayer, and adjourned shortly before eleven o'clock.

## METROPOLITAN.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1,158).—The installation meeting of this lodge, was held on the 25th ult., at the Montpellier Tavern, Walworth, when the retiring W.M. (Bro. Pulsford), installed his successor (Bro. R. E. Clarke) in the chair of K.S., in a very able and impressive manner. After the appointment of the officers, and the transactions of some further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

## PROVINCIAL.

### CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

CARLISLE.—*Union Lodge* (No. 310).—The members of this lodge met in due course at the Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., under the presidency of Bro. J. Slack, I.P.M., Prov. G. J.D., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. W. Johnston; T. Blacklock, P.M., as S.W.; G. Murchie, J.W.; A. Woodhouse, Sec. 310 & 1220, P.M. 412; A. Taylor, S.D.; T. Woodall, J.D.; W. Court, I.G. & Treas.; J. Barnes, Tyler. There were also present:—Bros. F. W. Hayward, P.M., P.Z., P. Prov. S.G.W.; W. Murray, P.M., P. Prov. G. Assist. Sec.; Sergeant-Major G. Murray; G. Roberts, Armoury Sergeant; Corpl. G. J. Weatherall, all of the 40th Regt.; P. Milbourne, and visiting Bro. C. Dove, Old Globe Lodge, No. 200. The lodge was opened and the preliminary business transacted. The ballot was then taken for Mr. William Robson, game dealer, Castle-street, Carlisle, and also for M. Leopold Michelsohn, wine merchant, Mayence on the Rhine, and in both cases were found to be unanimous. Mr. Robson, being in attendance, was prepared and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by Bro. F. W. Hayward (at the request of Bro. W. Murray, the candidate's proposer). M. L. Michelsohn then put in his appearance, who was also prepared and afterwards initiated by Bro. J. Slack, the acting W.M. The charge was then delivered to the candidates by Bro. F. W. Hayward. The W.M., Bro. W. Johnstone, having arrived, took the chair and announced to the brethren that the board of the Fund of Benevolence had granted the sum of £10 to Bro. Barnes, Tyler

of this lodge. Bro. Barnes afterwards thanked the brethren for their kindness in forwarding his petition, and also he wished the same to be forwarded to the board of the Fund of Benevolence. Bros. G. Murray, Sergeant Major of the 40th Regt. and P. Milbourne signed their certificates, which were presented to them by the W.M. After the roll was called the lodge was closed and the brethren parted in harmony.

## DEVONSHIRE.

**TOTNES.**—*Pleiades Lodge* (No. 710).—The brethren had been summoned to attend the monthly meeting at six p.m., on Thursday, the 20th ult., but at the time fixed there were but three present, namely, Bros. Marks, P.M.; Cuming, J.W.; and Dr. Hopkins, P.M., No. 43 and 958; besides the Tyler. After waiting half an hour, Bro. Adams, Sec., and Bro. Watson, Treas., arrived. The S.D. sent a message explaining the cause of his unavoidable absence. The W.M., S.W., J.D., and I.G., reside at Exeter, and thus was proved the disadvantage of having a lodge officered by brethren at a distance. At half-past six Bro. Marks, P.M., took the chair, and opened the lodge, assisted by Bros. Dr. Hopkins, as I.P.M.; Watson, as S.W.; Cuming, J.W.; and Bro. Adams, Sec. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, and the accounts which had been prepared last October, but were not examined till recently, were read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. From these it appeared that the income of the lodge during the previous year had been about £75, and the expenses about £60. Some discussion took place on the arrears of dues, but owing to the limited attendance nothing was done. The lodge was closed at a quarter past seven.

## ESSEX.

## COLCHESTER

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

A meeting of the Prov. G.L. of Essex took place on Tuesday, the 18th ult., at the Town Hall, Colchester, under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. G.M. Bro. Robert John Bagshaw, who was accompanied by his Deputy, Bro. Andrew Meggy, and attended by the various Grand Officers and Deputations from the Lodges in the Province.

The Finance Committee, having previously audited the Grand Treasurer's accounts, the Lodge was opened in due form at two o'clock.

The Prov. G. Sec. (Bro. J. W. Carr), read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed, after which he announced that letters of apology for their absence had been received from several Brethren who had been invited by the R.W. the Prov. G.M.; amongst others, a letter from the G. Reg. of England, Bro. Aeneas J. McIntyre; from the G. Sec. of England, Bro. John Hervey; from Sir Shafto Adair, Bart., Prov. G.M. Suffolk; from Sir John Hayes, Bart., D. Prov. G.M. for Berkshire; from the R.W. the G.M. for China, Bro. Henry Murray; from the P.G. Chap. for Essex, Bro. Rev. S.R. Wigram &c., &c.

The returns were then read from the various Lodges, and the Auditors' report, and also the report of the Committee on Bye-Laws, after which the Prov. G.M. proceeded to invest the Officers for the present year, the appointments being as follows:—D. Prov. G.M. Andrew Meggy, the W.M. of the Angel Lodge (Colchester), Alfred Cobb, to be Prov. G.S.W.; Bro. William Pissey, P.M. (Rochford), to be Prov. G.J.W. Bro. Henry Rowley, P.M. (Southend), to be Prov. G.S.D.; Bro. George Newman, P.M. of United Lodge (Colchester), to be Prov. G.J.D.; Bro. Joseph Burton, P.M., P.C.S. to be again Prov. G. Treas.; Bro. John Wright Carr Prov. G. Sec. Bro. J. W. Myer, P.M. (Chelmsford), to be Prov. G. Reg.; Bro. Peter Matthews, P.M., to be again Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; and Bro. J. E. Wiseman, P.M. (Brightingsea), to be Assistant-Director of Ceremonies; Bro. W. S. Cox (by deputy) to be the Prov. G.S.B.; Bro. John Austin to be Prov. G. Org.; Bro. George Cooper (Chigwell Lodge) to be Prov. G. Purst.; Bro. W. Lidington to be Prov. G. Tyler.

The Prov. Grand Chaplains appointed for the year were Bro. the Rev. E. R. Horwood (Maldon) and the Rev. W. J. Skilton (Romford). The Prov. G. Stewards, Bro. J. Nicol, 276; Thomas Smece, 276; Thomas Aldham, 1,024; W. Griffin, 51; T. R. Quilter, 51; Samuel Chaplin, 51; A. C. Velez, 276; Joseph Francis, 433; H. Darken, 51; G. H. Ray, 697.

Amongst the other brethren assembled in Lodge were Bros.

the Rev. E. J. Lockwood, D. Prov. G.M. for Suffolk; Andrew Meggy, D. Prov. G.M.; Rev. E. R. Horwood, P.M., Prov. G. Chap.; Joseph Burton, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; J. Wright Carr, Prov. G. Sec.; Samuel H. Wymark, Prov. S.G.D.; Peter Matthews, Prov. G. Dir. of Cer.; Thos. R. Quilter, 51, S.W.; John Bosworth, 51, P.M.; C. O. G. Becker, M.D., 51, P.M.; Thos. Rix, 697; J. S. Smith, J.W., 697; P.M., 351; U. B. Mat-tacks, 51; G. Cooper, J.W., 214; John South, W.M., 65; William Middleton, 697; George South, Steward, 51; Samuel Greenhill, 51; Philip Hast, J.D., 51; John Henry Pettitt, 51; Wm. Bright, 1,024; Benjamin Bates, 51, 697; W. P. Lewis, 51, J.W.; George Motion, P.M., 453; Thos. Eustace, J.D., 697; George Evans, 51 (433); William Clubb, 51; George Allen, 51; W. Shury, P.M., 167 and 51; Thomas Day, 51; Henry Rowley, P.M., 1,000; James Cantor, S.W., 1,000; C. E. Wheable, 51; W. Hickford, 51; Charles Cobb, 51; Richard Evens, 51; William Slaney, 51, P.M.; T. Bolton, 51; C. M. Ivon, W.M., 214; T. Lucas, P.M., 214; William Munnings, John Simson, Edward Robbins, 276; J. Ward, W.M., 433; W. Clarey, P.M., 433; G. Riches, P.M., 453; W. Bragg, J.W., 433; William Minter, S.W., 433; James Rodger, 433; Fred. A. Cole, I.G., 51; William Pissey, P.M., 160; D. R. Groat, J.W., 160; Jos. Salmon, 433; H. Egerton Green, 51; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, W.M., 276; Henry Wisbey, 51; Horace Darken, P.M., 51; John Glass, P.M., 433; John Machin, P.M., 51; Henry Sandford, 51; James Francis, P.M., 433; W. H. Bagg, 51; W. S. Pavitt, W.M., 160; A. C. Velez, 276 and 4; William Humpherys, P.G.J.W., W.M., 1,024; George Inskipp, 276; Thomas W. Bear, 1,003; Thomas Smece, I.G., 276; E. Nicholson, 276; J. E. Wiseman, 433; W. Griffin, P.G.D., 51; James Nicholls, S.D., 276; Joshua Nunn, G.S.B., Grand Lodge of England; Frank Whitmore, 81; Joseph Bell, P.M., 441; Dr. Fleming, P.P.G.S.W., Suffolk; W. J. Gill, 697; John Bell, 697; Andrew Durrant, P.M., 276, P.S.G.W.; G. C. Matthams, 279; George H. Ray, S.W., 697; William Calthorpe, S.D., 697; Edward J. Lockwood, D.P.G.M., Prov. Suffolk; W. O. Ward, P.P.G.P., 650; R. Dickson, S.W., 650; W. Barlow, 653; J. Brooks, 650; W. G. Walford, 433; I. J. Watts, 51; Joseph Saunders, 51; Adolphus E. Church, 51; P.P.G.W.; George P. Jay, 1,024; F. G. Green, P.M., 1,024; Thomas Aldham, S.W., 1,024; C. M. Davey, 51; H. Samuel, 51; T. B. Harrington, 51; E. S. Bean, 51; J. T. Gale, P.M., 1,024; W. Sprent, 51; George K. R. Bowler, Secretary, 51; Richard Ellisdon, P.M., 51; and A. Cobb, W.M., 51.

The Brethren then left the Lodge, and marched in procession, by High Street and Queen Street, to the Church of St. Botolph, where prayers were read by the Prov. G. Chap. the Bro. Rev. F. B. Shepherd, W.M., for the Chelmsford Lodge; the lessons for the day by the officiating minister of the parish, the Rev. H. J. Bodily.

An excellent sermon was then preached by the V.W. the Chaplain of the Province, the Bro. Rev. E. R. Horwood, from 1 Corinthians, xiii., 13.—“*And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.*”

The collection, in aid of the Colchester National Schools, amounted to £10 9s. 6d.

After service, the procession re-formed, and, by Wyre and High Street, returned to the Town Hall.

Lodge being resumed, a vote of thanks was passed to the Prov. G. Chap., accompanied by the request that he would allow his sermon to be printed for circulation amongst Masons.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the Worshipful the Mayor of Colchester (Francis Smythies, Esq.), the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary specially drawing attention to the fact that not only had his Worship granted them the use of the Hall, but had himself called to enquire if the wishes of the Brethren had been fully carried out, and their comforts attended to.

Votes of thanks were also passed to the Rev. H. J. Bodily for the use of the Church for service; to the R.W.P.G. Master, and the D.P.G. Master for their attendance. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

About a hundred of the Brethren proceeded to Banquet at the Three Cups Hotel, under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. G.M., at which the ample provisions of Bro. J. W. Salter deservedly gave general satisfaction.

The loyal toasts were drank with full honours.

Foremost amongst the strictly Masonic toasts were the following—“The Earl of Zetland,” 26 years Grand Master of England; “The R.W.D.G.M., the Earl de Grey and Ripon;” and the officers of the Grand Lodge.

Thanks returned by Bro. Joshua Nunn, G.S.B.

The D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Andrew Meggy, proposed "the health of the Prov. G.M.," remarking that, as a man and as a Mason, their Master was one of whom they might all feel justly proud; and he expressed a hope that for many years Bro. Bagshaw might be spared to preside over the Province.

The R.W. Prov. G.M., returned thanks, and said that during the 40 years he had been a member of the craft he had many opportunities of experiencing the advantages of Masonry. He expressed his gratification at seeing so large an attendance that day, and at the reception that he always met with in the Province. He acknowledged the able manner in which the business of the day had been conducted, and was pleased with the compliment that had been paid him by the attendance of many visiting brethren, and particularly by one who sat upon his left, the D.G.M. for Suffolk, Bro. the Rev. E. J. Lockwood.

The Rev. Bro. returned thanks, giving utterance to truly Christian and Masonic sentiments.

The Prov. G.M. proposed "the Health of the Chaplains, Bros. the Rev. E. R. Horwood and the Rev. W. J. Skilton."

The former, in returning thanks, said he had hoped that in descending from the pulpit that day his duties for a time had ceased; still he was pleased to have that opportunity to meet so many of the Brethren upon that festive occasion, for he was convinced that the sentiments and the Grand principles of Masonry were calculated to stifle personal selfishness—to make us more happy here, as well as to prepare us the better for a future and eternal state of being.

The R.W.P.G.M., proposed "the Grand Officers;" and Bro. A. Meggy, Bro. J. Burton, Bro. A. Cobb, and Bro. John Wright Carr having replied, the last toast of the evening proposed was the "Masonic Charities," which was drunk in silence.

The Prov. G.M. then left the chair, and the Brethren separated about half-past ten o'clock.

#### KENT.

DARTFORD.—*Lodge of Emulation* (No. 299).—The installation meeting of this excellent working lodge took place at the Bull Hotel on the 25th ult. The minutes of the previous lodge having been read by the W.M., Bro. G. W. C. Bonner, and confirmed, Bro. Adams, a P.M. of the lodge, installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Edward Mackney, into the chair. The W.M. then elected his officers for the ensuing year; viz., Bros. Tinkley, S.W.; Miles, J.W.; Andrews, S.D.; Tyler, J.D.; Bateman, I.G.; and Dr. Thompson, Dir. of Cers. Bros. S. Harvey and N. Martin, re-elected respectively Secretary and Treasurer. After the lodge was closed, the brethren retired to a splendid banquet at which the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. The toast of the retiring Master having been proposed, the W.M. in an eloquent and feeling manner presented him, on behalf of the lodge, with a gold P.M.'s jewel for his able working and courteous demeanour in presiding over the lodge during the past year. Among the numerous visitors we noticed Bros. F. Binckes, P.M. 60, G. Steward; R. P. Atkins, W.M. 829, P.G. Reg.; T. F. Nettleingham, P.M. 77, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Paget, P.M. 289, P.G. Org.; White, P.M. 489, P. Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; W. Sheen, W.M. 77; Relph, W.M. 188; E. W. Mackney, 134; H. Moore, P.M. 20, &c. The harmony of the evening was enhanced by the excellent singing of Bros. E. W. Mackney, Frank Elmore, &c. After spending a delightful evening the brethren separated in peace and harmony.

#### LANCASHIRE (EAST.)

MANCHESTER.—*De Grey and Ripon Lodge* (No. 1,161).—The installation took place on the 26th ult., before a large number of members of the lodge and visiting brethren, among whom were—Bros. Gouldthorp, Prov. G. Org.; Dr. Lees, P. Prov. G.S.V.; Croxton, P. Prov. S.G.D.; Rev. Figgins, P. Prov. G. Chap. East Lancashire, and H. T. Baldwin, P. Prov. G.S.B. Cheshire. Among the W.M.'s and P.M.'s present were—Bros. Bibby, P.M. 993, 204; Seed, P.M. 204, 397; Foulson, P.M. 1,134; Edwin Simpson, W.M. 993, P.M. 615; Towle, W.M. 815; J. W. Maclure, W.M. 1052; Conway, W.M. 1,167. The lodge was opened in due form at 3.15 p.m. by Bro. William Wayne, W.M., assisted by his officers, all of whom were present. The only business being the installation of the W.M. elect, it was at once proceeded with, and Bro. S. P. Bidder, P.M. presented Bro. W. G. Turner, S.W., who had been unanimously elected, to the W.M. for the benefit of installation. After the necessary

preliminaries a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Turner was with all due formality installed in the oriental chair of K.S. The brethren were then admitted, and the following officers were appointed and invested with their respective badges of office:—W. Wayne, I.P.M.; Plews, S.W.; Phillipson, J.W.; McGregor, Treas. (elected); Greenhalch, Sec.; Huffam, S.D.; Longworth, J.D.; Keiley, Org., and Burslem, I.G. Bro. Wayne, I.P.M., was the Installing Master, and performed the ceremony and addressed the officers in so excellent a manner as to command the admiration of all present. The lodge was closed at 5 o'clock, and the brethren, to the number of 70, adjourned to a splendid banquet, laid in the Ardwick Town Hall, and prepared by Bro. Lees of the Corporation Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured by the brethren. Bro. Wayne, P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., alluded to the fact of nearly 200 ceremonies being worked in the lodge in two years, and hoped still greater things from the newly-installed Master, of whom he spoke in a most flattering manner. The W.M. briefly returned thanks, and trusted he would be able to prove himself worthy of the high honour conferred on him that evening. The toast of the evening came next, and was given by the W.M., and received by the brethren in the most enthusiastic manner, "The health of the I.P.M., Bro. Wayne." After a highly eulogistic speech, the W.M., in the name of the lodge, presented Bro. Wayne with a P.M.'s jewel of solid 18 carat gold, with the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. W. Wayne, P.M., by the brethren of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Freemasons, 1,161, as a token of esteem, and for the skill and ability displayed by him during his year of office as W.M." On Bro. Wayne rising to return thanks he was received with loud and repeated applause. He said:—"Words cannot express the gratitude I feel at being honoured with this most cordial token of your approbation. I am well aware the work of the W.M. has been most arduous, and when taking office I made up my mind to give all my energies to carry it through in a manner that would not disgrace the lodge over which I had the honour to preside. However good my intentions were, I am afraid my services have not been worthy of recognition, still less worthy of being honoured with so substantial a mark of approbation as that with which you have this evening decorated me. I trust the Great Architect of the Universe will spare me for many, many years to wear this jewel, and that as we grow older in Freemasonry, we may pardon all imperfections in our brethren as readily as you have overlooked all my shortcomings in my year of office." "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. Bidder, P.M., and responded to by Bros. Maclure, Simpson, and Bibby. "Success to the neighbouring lodges," was proposed by Bro. McGregor, Treas., and replied to by Bros. Matier (E.W.M., 22, Mark Lodge, Scottish Constitution), Hind, and Conway. A glee party of brethren added materially to the enjoyment of the visitors, who separated at 11 o'clock highly pleased with the entertainment.

#### LANCASHIRE (WEST).

WARRINGTON.—*Lodge of Lights* (No. 148).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday last at the Masonic Rooms, at half-past six, the W.M., Bro. D. W. Finney, was supported by Bros. W. Mossop, S.W.; W. Richardson, J.W.; W. S. Hawkins, S.D.; Dr. Cooper, J.D.; Rev. H. P. Stedman, M.A., Chap.; John Bowes, P.M., P.Z., &c., Hon. Sec.; Jos. Maxfield, P.M.; W. Fletcher-Wood; J. Pattison, Org.; W. Robinson, W. H. Spring, H. Syred, Rev. J. Nixon Porter, Rev. W. Whitelegge, Jos. Robinson, George Bailey, Robert Gibbons, J. Johnson, Tyler, and J. Hannah, Tyler, No. 1,250. Visitors:—Bros. Arthur Worrall, W.M., No. 1,225, and P. J. Edlestein, 1,134. The lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Rev. W. Whitelegge being a candidate for preferment, and having proved his claim, was entrusted and retired, and in due time passed. Bro. George Bailey being desirous of advancement, and having given proof of proficiency, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the third degree. Bro. Bailey re-admitted, and raised, the W.M. being assisted by Bro. Bowes. The lodge was duly lowered, when Grand Lodge certificates were duly signed and delivered to Bros. W. Fletcher-Wood, and James Curry, of the United Lodge, No. 697, Colchester, and two gentlemen were proposed as fit and proper persons to be made Masons. Nothing further being proposed for the good of Masonry, the lodge was duly closed.

## OXFORDSHIRE.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

Monday was a busy day with our Oxfordshire brethren, the annual Provincial Grand Lodge, and also the annual festival of the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, being held, and followed in the evening by a banquet. The business of the Alfred Lodge commenced at half-past two, and afforded one of the most interesting spectacles we have ever witnessed in connection with the Order; the worthy Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B. of the Grand Lodge of England, having undertaken the pleasing duty of installing his son, Bro. S. P. Spiers, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works, as W.M., who, in his turn, initiated a younger brother, Mr. Frank E. Spiers, into the ancient mysteries of Freemasonry. The admirable manner in which he performed the ceremony would have done credit to a veteran Mason, and gives great promise for the future. The officers appointed for the ensuing year are as follows:—Bros. J. Juggins, S.W.; W. G. Emberlin, J.W.; Rev. T. G. Mortimer, Chap.; H. Houghton, P.M., Treas.; W. R. Hobbs, Sec.; Walter Thompson, S.D.; G. T. Prior, J.D.; W. Barling and J. Saunders, Dirs. of Cers.; Dr. Spencer, I.G.; J. Chapman, Org.; W. J. Thurland, Steward; W. Stevens and G. Norwood, Tylers.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened between five and six o'clock, in the University Masonic Hall, Cornmarket-street, when the reports from the different lodges were read, and the Prov. G.M. congratulated the brethren upon the satisfactory position of the province. He also expressed his deep obligations to the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. R. J. Spiers, and the Prov. G. Officers, for the valuable assistance they had rendered him.

The lodge voted £10 10s. to the Masonic Charities; the usual sum to the local charities; £10 10s. to the Zetland Testimonial Fund; and £5 5s. towards the expenses incurred by the recent visit to Oxford of the Girls' School.

A letter from the children was read, in which they stated the pleasure they experienced, and thanked Bros. Thompson, Spiers, and other brethren, who made special efforts in connection with this treat to their young "sisters."

The P.G.M. invested Bro. the Rev. W. F. Short, P.P.S.G.W., and Bro. F. H. McCalmont, G. Reg., with the charity jewel in acknowledgement of their services as stewards to the Masonic Charities, and in the name of the province thanked them for their zeal and interest in behalf of those charities.

The P.G.M. then invested his officers for the year as follows:—Bros. Capt. G. F. Lamert, W.M. 357, Prov. S.G. Warden; Samuel Patey Spiers, W.M. 340, Prov. J.G. Warden; Rev. S. E. Hodgson, Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. C. H. Norwood, Prov. G. Chap.; T. Randall, Prov. G. Treasurer; D. W. Horlock, W.M. 1,036, Prov. G. Registrar; W. C. Borlase, Prov. G. Secretary; F. B. Howell, Prov. S.G. Deacon; C. V. Lockwood, Prov. J. Grand Deacon; E. M. Walkerman, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; A. A. Moorsome, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; E. Conolly, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; W. R. Hobbs, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; W. H. Arkwright, Prov. G. Org.; G. Moor, Prov. G. Purst.; H. Dean, Prov. Assist. G. Purst.; C. Churchill, J. Saunders, B. de M. Dowson, A. S. Churchill, J. Cooke, P. Irving, Prov. G. Stewards; W. Stephens, Prov. G. Tyler.

The Prov. G. Lodge was afterwards closed in ample form.

Immediately the lodge business had concluded, the brethren, numbering nearly 90, adjourned to a banquet served in the Assembly Room of the Clarendon Hotel. The chair was occupied by the R.W. Bro. Colonel H. Atkins Bowyer, Prov. G.M., and the company included Bros. Talbot, Prov. G.M. of South Wales; Murray, District G.M., China; Colonel Adair, P. Prov. G.M., Somerset; Spiers, P.G.S.B., and D. Prov. G.M., Oxford; the Reverend Sir J. Warren Hayes, P. G. C. & D. P. G. M., Berks and Bucks; W. E. Gumbleton, P. G. D.; S. P. Spiers, P. J. G. W., W.M. Alfred Lodge; the Rev. C. Martyn, G. Chap.; Capt. Lamert, W.M. Apollo; Short, P.M. 357; Blandy Jenkins, W.M. Abbey Lodge, Abingdon; Horlock, W.M. Bowyer Lodge; Gumbleton, W.M. Churchill Lodge; Looker, P.M. Cherwell Lodge; the Rev. Hodgson, Prov. G. Chap.; and Bros. Hobbs, Havers, Griffin, Hartley, Lockwood, Faulkner, J. T. Morland, E. Morland, H. D'Almaine, Juggins, Emberlin, Borlase, McCalmont, Houghton, Marah, Arkwright, Harrison, Bruton, Raudell, G. J. Cosburn, Smith, F. Spiers, Williams, Hurford, Pye, &c. "*Non nobis Domine*" was sung by several brethren, who subsequently favoured the company with some excellent glees, &c.

The Prov. G.M., in proposing the first toast, that of "The Queen and the Craft," said he felt sure it required no words of his to ensure for it a loyal and cordial reception. He prayed that Her Most Gracious Majesty might long reign over them, and that this kingdom might continue as happy and prosperous as at the present time.

The Prov. G.M. next proposed "The health of the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family." The Heir Apparent was so well known to them when at Oxford, and so much beloved that he need say little respecting his Royal Highness, but he might mention that the Prince now belonged to their Order, and as a brother deserved their best wishes. His Royal Highness had lost no opportunity of qualifying himself for the high position which he would one day be called upon to fill.

The Prov. G.M. next gave "The health of the M.W.G.M., the Earl of Zetland." Those who as Masons had for some years served under the reign of Lord Zetland, must know how faithfully he had discharged the duties of his high office, and how completely he had devoted himself and his wealth to the interests of Freemasonry. They knew also how he had assisted the charities, and how generously the Craft had responded to his appeals. He called upon the brethren to drink most cordially to the health of their G.M., who he trusted would be spared for many years to serve the Order as he had done in the past.

Bro. Spiers, the D. Prov. G.M., rose and said he was fortunate in having the high privilege of proposing the next toast, because he need only mention the subject of it to ensure general enthusiasm—it was "The health of the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Colonel Bowyer." It was quite impossible for him to say in the presence of their worthy Prov. G.M. all that he and they felt respecting him, but on no occasion had they so much reason to drink to the good health of their Prov. G.M. as on the present. Their Prov. G.M. had, as most of the brethren were aware, been suffering from serious indisposition, and having partially regained his strength, he had come among them to show how deeply he felt the pleasure of visiting them, and being, as he had for the last 15 years, one of themselves. His kindness was well known to them all, and also the personal regard he entertained for every brother in the province. They knew likewise how liberally their Prov. G.M. supported the Masonic Charities, but if he (Bro. Spiers) were to continue speaking for half an hour he could not do justice to the qualities of the beloved brother who presided over this province. They all hoped Col. Bowyer might long be spared to occupy the position he now so efficiently filled.

The Prov. G.M., who was enthusiastically greeted on rising, remarked that he need not assure the brethren he deeply felt the kind manner in which his health had been proposed, and the most cordial way in which it had been received. It reminded him of the many kindnesses he had received at their hands ever since he had had the pleasure of presiding over the province—he might say "reigned" over the province; but the fact was, no reigning at all was required, as the brethren generally had most readily helped him in guiding this province in the true path of Freemasonry, and had given him no pain or trouble. Therefore, it had afforded him the greatest happiness to preside over them. He was sorry that of late his health had rendered him inadequate to do not what they required of him, but what he considered was due to such a province as his. He would not say with poor Macbeth, "I have lived long enough;" but he was advancing in years, and it was for him earnestly to seek for one who would preside over them. He felt extremely sorry to enter upon this subject, as he had always derived the greatest possible pleasure in observing the hearty way in which the brethren of the province had striven to promote the interests of Freemasonry. Their faithfulness and cordiality had—he would not say enabled him to perform his duty—made up for his shortcomings, and when he retired from that position he now had the pleasure of occupying, he should do so with a deep sense of grateful satisfaction and fraternal regard and affection for them. There had been an absence of everything like uncomfortable feelings, and the province had attained a position in the Craft most honourable to itself, and by no means unworthy of Masoury at large. He thanked the brethren most sincerely for the kindness and for the honour they had done him, and hoped for their health and happiness.

The Prov. G.M. again rose, and said he had next the pleasure of proposing a toast most interesting to the Craft in general, because they were extremely indebted to the subject of it. He called upon them to drink "The health of the R.W.D.G.M., Earl de Grey and Ripon, and the Grand Officers, past and

present." They knew the D.G.M. devoted himself to Freemasonry to the utmost limit of his leisure, and that, notwithstanding all his duties connected with the State, he was frequently at his post in Grand Lodge. However, their interest in this toast principally rested in its connexion with this province, and they had had a most excellent Prov. G.M. in the person of Bro. Spiers, who was P.G.S.B. They had also among them that evening their excellent and worthy brother, the Rev. Sir John Hayes, P.G. Chap., whom they all delighted to see; also Bro. Gumbleton, P.G.D., Bro. the Rev. Charles Martyn, G. Chap., and other brethren who had held office in Grand Lodge.

Bro. the Rev. C. Martyn expressed the great gratification he felt in re-visiting Oxford, every building in which brought back to his mind most vividly and forcibly the happy days he spent there. When he returned and attended a Masonic gathering, it seemed but yesterday when he took part in the business of one of the Oxford lodges. He well remembered all the kind things that the D. Prov. G.M. said of him 11 years ago, when he (Bro. Martyn) occupied the position now filled by Bro. S. P. Spiers, and how the Prov. G.M. prophesied for him a happy and brilliant career in Freemasonry. He considered that he should attain the height of his ambition if he filled the post of G. Chap., to which he had been appointed, but he must say his position was quite insignificant when he compared it with what he had seen that day: he, of course, referred to the installation of Bro. Spiers as W.M. of the Alfred Lodge by his worthy father, the D. Prov. G.M. Eleven years ago the P.G.M. spoke in flattering terms of Bro. Martyn and his bride, and now he stood before them as the happy father of two sons and he would not say of how many daughters. The eldest boy was constantly declaring that he would be a Freemason and a clergyman, and he (Bro. Martyn) hoped he might be spared to instal him as Bro. Spiers had his son, and that he in his turn might initiate his brother, who, however, was now but 14 months old. He heartily trusted their P.G.M. might be spared for many years to preside over this province.

The Prov. G.M. in eulogistic terms, next called on the brethren to drink "The health of Bros. Sir J. W. Hayes, Murray, Col. Adair, and Talbot," (the latter of whom had taken his departure). The toast was cordially received.

Bro. the Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes, Bart., in returning thanks, acknowledged the great assistance the Province of Berks and Bucks always derived from the Masons of Oxfordshire, and he rejoiced that the Province of which he had the honour of being D. Prov. G.M. was in such close affinity to them. Most sincerely did he wish prosperity to the Province of Oxford.

The G.M. of China responded, and said he hoped that within 12 months from the present date he should be presiding over a Prov. G. Lodge in Hong Kong, when nothing he could say would evoke their enthusiasm more than the knowledge that the Masons assembling at this ancient seat of learning, remembered their brethren in the Chinese Empire. He had always regarded Oxford as a most important nursery for Freemasonry, as many of the brethren who were initiated there, spread the good principles of the Order throughout all parts of the world. His immediate predecessor was one of themselves, and it was owing to the good Masonic principles which he took so much trouble to disseminate and the organisation he introduced, that he (Bro. Murray), had been able to carry on the work of the lodge and hold the position which entitled him to return thanks as the representative of the Grand Lodge of China. He trusted the great Architect of the Universe would continue to vouchsafe to them peace and happiness.

Col. Adair, P. Prov. G.M., (Somerset) also responded, and assured his Oxfordshire brethren, that whenever they came so far westward as Somerset, they would always receive a hearty welcome. He was succeeded in the office of Prov. G.M. by a member of the Apollo Lodge, Lord Carnarvon, who took much interest in everything connected with Freemasonry. He felt much pleased to see his worthy Bro. Col. Bowyer, in the chair; and it afforded him gratification to meet his mother lodge and other lodges of the Province. He congratulated the Alfred Lodge on their new W.M. who had that day been installed in the chair of K.S., and he might truly say that a worthy father had been succeeded by a worthy son. He saw another son of their excellent D. Prov. G.M. receive the secrets of Freemasonry and what he had that day witnessed was altogether sufficient to move the hearts of them all. In conclusion he thanked his Oxford brethren very heartily for their kindness and hospitality.

The Prov. G.M. said he now rose to propose a toast most interesting to the Province and Provincial Grand Lodge, it was

"The health of the V.W. D. Prov. G. Master, and the Prov. G. Officers, Past and Present." They could do very little in the Province, without the zealous assistance of the Prov. G. Officers. He assured the brethren it was quite impossible for him to express in any adequate terms what he felt with regard to the D. Prov. G. Master, and he would not attempt to say much in his presence. Indeed no remarks of his were necessary, as Bro. Spiers had for some quarter of a century lost no opportunity of advancing the interests of Freemasonry, but had devoted himself to the Craft in a manner which one could scarcely conceive possible seeing that he had many other duties to perform. Having referred to the great good Bro. Spiers had done as a Mason, the Prov. G.M. complimented the other officers in the Province for the efficient way in which they had promoted the welfare of the Order in this Province.

Bro. Spiers, the D. Prov. G.M., ably returned thanks, and spoke of the pleasure he felt in installing his son as W.M. of the Alfred Lodge, and in seeing his third son initiated. Whenever the Masons of this province thought he could do anything to promote the interests of the Craft they might rely upon his services, as that object was one of the greatest he had in view.

Bro. Capt. Lamert, W.M. of the Apollo Lodge, also responded, and was followed by

Bro. S. P. Spiers, W.M. of the Alfred Lodge, expressed the feelings of pride realised by the brethren of that lodge in entertaining the Prov. G. Lodge, and assured the brethren in different parts of the province that they would always meet a hearty welcome in the lodge over which he now had the honour to preside. Speaking on behalf of himself, Bro. Spiers said he had received so much kindness and good feeling from every one present that he scarcely knew how to express his thanks. Suffice it to say, he had always endeavoured to do his duty both as a man and as a Mason, and for anything he had done he had been amply repaid by the honour conferred upon him that day. They could well understand how much his pleasure had been enhanced by the fact that he had been installed by his father. It had also been a source of much gratification to him to initiate his younger brother into Freemasonry. In conclusion he again thanked the Prov. G.M. and brethren for the honour they had done him.

Bro. Gumbleton, W.M., Churchill Lodge, Bro. Looker, P.M., Cherwell Lodge, and Bro. Horlock, W.M., Bowyer Lodge, severally responded.

The Prov. G.M. then proposed the health of the visitors, associating with it the name of Bro. George J. Cosburn, Sec., Lodge of Hope, Newbury, who returned thanks.

Bro. S. P. Spiers gave the health of the entered apprentices and the D. Prov. G.M. admirably rendered the Entered Apprentice's song, after which, Bro. Frank Spiers and Bro. Richard Williams (Paymaster in the Royal Navy) duly returned thanks.

"The Masonic Charities" and other toasts were honoured, and this most agreeable gathering of Masons broke up about midnight.

The Prov. G.M. entrusted the banquet to the charge of the Alfred Lodge, and the whole of the arrangements were excellent.

We may add that the R.W. P.G.M. of Berks and Bucks (Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P.) was prevented attending by Parliamentary duties.

Visitors to the Oxford Commemoration Festivities next week will have the opportunity of attending the Masonic *fête*, which promises to be a most enjoyable affair, not only for the brethren of the province, but also for their lady friends, who will doubtless grace the meeting in considerable numbers.

OXFORD.—*Alfred Lodge* (No. 340).—The annual festival of this lodge was held, prior to the meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge, at the University Masonic Hall (by permission of the Apollo University Lodge), Bro. Alfred Spiers, D. Prov. G.M., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., took the chair, and installed, in a most admirable manner, his son, Bro. Samuel P. Spiers, as W.M. On the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Juggins, S.W.; W. G. Embertlin, J.W.; Rev. T. G. Mortimer, Chap.; H. Houghton, P.M., Treas.; W. R. Hobbs, Sec.; Walter Thompson, S. Deacon; G. T. Prior, J.D.; W. Borling and J. Saunders, Dirs. of Cers.; D. Spencer, I.G.; J. Chapman, Org.; W. J. Thurland, Steward; W. Stephens, Tyler; and G. Norwood. The W.M. then initiated his brother, Mr. F. E. Spiers and Mr. R. Williams into Freemasonry. The lodge was closed in due form.

## IRELAND.

## DERRY AND DONEGAL.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Derry and Donegal held a special meeting on Friday the 21th ult., in the temporary Masonic Rooms, Strand-road, Derry, for the purpose of installing Brother Captain William Edward Scott, J.P., Willsboro', in the office of D. Prov. G.M. The following members of the Provincial Grand Lodge were present:—Bros. William Dale, P.G.J.W.; John F. Dempster, P.G.S.D.; William Miles, P.G.J.D.; Edward Smith, P.G.S.; Rev. H. Ffolliott, P.G.C.; Robert M'Cleery, P.G.J.G.; with Bros. Captain William Edward Scott, P.M., Lodge 52; Major Blackall, P.M., 52; John I. Haslett, P.M., 52; Conolly Skipton, P.M., 52; Robert William Newton, P.M., 52; James Skipton, W.M., 52; Henry J. M'Corkell, S.W., 52; Fitzgibbon Louch, P.M., 69; John Rainger, P.M., 69; H. Gaston Rogan, S.W., 69; D. M'Namain, P.M., 102;—Moody, P.M., 102; J. G. M'Murray, P.M., 164; James Cairns, P.M., 164; John Price, P.M., 164; Wm. Hanna, P.M., 164; Marcus H. Babington, S.W., 164; William Corscaden, P.M., 196; John Macnie, J.W., 196; David M'Carter, P.M., 256; John Fleming, W.M., 588; John M'Cautehon, P.M., 640; George Stafford, P.M., 640; A. H. Walters, S.W., 640. The following were also present as visitors:—Bros. Acheson W. Smyth, Lodge 52; James Ramsey, 69; Thomas Lindsay, 69; Lieut. Joseph E. Alexander, 69; John Horan, 69;—Colhoun, 102; R. Baird, 164; William Spears, 164; David Hogg, 164; H. Babington, 164; John W. M'Arthur, 164; Robt. Philson, 164; Samuel Knox, 164; George D. Christie, 196; William Fleming, 589; Robert Gilmour, 640; James A. M'Lellan, 640; Wm. Kerr, 640; James H. Macauley, 158, Dublin; Samuel Gamble, 188, Strabane; and—Gamble, 891, Enniskillen. The lodge was opened at twelve o'clock, noon, Bro. William Dale, P.M., Lodge 164, the senior Prov. G. Officer, present, in the chair. Letters of apology were read from Bros. Thomas H. Babington, J.P., (Mayor of Derry) W.M., of Lodge 69, and William Thompson, J.P., P.M., 69, who, in consequence of magisterial duties, were unable to attend; also, one from Bro. Sir James A. Stewart, Bart, P.G.M., expressing his regret that, through illness, he was unable to be present at the installation. A letter from the Provincial Grand Master appointing Bro. Captain Wm. Edward Scott D. Prov. G.M., was read, after which the installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Dale, and the usual salutations given by the brethren present. Bro. T. G. M'Murray was then installed by Bro. Scott in the office of Prov. G.S.W. On the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge being brought to a close, Bro. Captain Scott invited the brethren to meet him at luncheon at two o'clock, p.m., in the Northern Hotel. The cloth having been removed, the usual loyal and masonic toasts were given and responded to, after which the brethren separated, much gratified with the day's proceedings, about half-past three o'clock. It is only due to Bro. M'Hutchinson to say that the luncheon was served in his usual good style.

**LONDONDERRY.**—*Provincial Grand Master's Lodge* (No. 52).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Strand-road, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., when there were present.—Bros. James Skipton, W.M.; Conolly Skipton, P.M., Sec.; Rev. P. Robinson, Chap. and S.D.; Acheson W. Smyth, and P. A. Jacobson. Visitors:—William Hanna, P.M., Sec., No. 164; and James A. M'Lellan, 640. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hanna brought before the lodge the fact of a Lodge of Instruction having been established, and those members present who had not previously done so, enrolled their names as members. Bro. C. Skipton proposed, and Bro. Smyth seconded, Bro. K. Gamble, Lieut. R.A., of Lodge 891, as an honorary member. The next business was the election of officers for the ensuing six months, which resulted as follows:—Bros. Henry J. M'Corkell, W.M.; Charles A. Smyth, S.W.; Rev. Percy Robinson, J.W., and Chap.; John J. Haslett, Treas.; Conolly Skipton, P.M., Sec.; Acheson W. Smyth, S.D.; P. A. Jacobson, J.D.; and James Skipton, I.G. An adjourned motion as to change of the hour of meeting was then brought forward, and after considerable discussion was again postponed. The lodge was then closed.

## CHANNEL ISLANDS.

## GUERNSEY.

**DOYLE'S LODGE OF FELLOWSHIP, (No. 84).**—This lodge met on the evening of Wednesday the 12th May, and a goodly number of members and visitors were present, amongst them were: Bros. Gallienne, P.D. Prov. G.M.; Gardner, W.M. in the chair; Martin, I.P.M.; Guilbert, P.M.; Stickland, P.M.; Millington, J.W.; Clarke, Act. Sec.; Sparrow, P.M.; Cohen, I.G.; Bougourd; Glencross, S.W.; Churchouse, P.M.; Lucas, Collings, Sharpe, Barter, Sarchet, Sec.; Willcocks, P.M.; Collenette, P.M.; Manger, Tyler. Visitors, Smythson, P.M. 168; Bowen, 243; Hunt, J.W. 243; Richards, J.W. 1003. The time for meeting named in the summons was 7 punctually, and a few members were present at that hour or within a short time after, the majority however were much later, and the lodge was not opened until nearly a quarter to eight. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, Bros. Sharpe and Collings, were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the W.M., in the same excellent manner in which during his term of office, he has carried out all his work. He also gave the traditional history of the third degree illustrated by reference to the tracing board, in a manner which proved he had well studied and was completely master of his subject. This was one of the most solemn and at the same time melancholy Masonic meetings it has ever been our lot to attend. The sudden death of Bro. Muntz, J.D. of the lodge, (referred to in another portion of these pages) was in itself enough on such an occasion to depress the spirits of all present, and cause them to think deeply on the awful uncertainty attending this life; (his vacant chair alas too sad and sure a proof) but when it is considered that with the exception of one or two, every brother had only a few hours previously returned from witnessing the lowering of the body of their lost brother into the grave, all Masonic readers of this, will understand how the figurative ceremonies of the third degree were painfully increased; all were sensibly affected, many very much so. Bro. Gallienne read in a feeling manner and with his usual good taste a funeral oration, from Preston's well-known work. This beautiful composition is most marked with religious gravity, and was peculiarly applicable to the melancholy circumstance which was the cause of its delivery. The lodge room was in mourning and will remain so for three months. By a notice conspicuously exhibited in the ante-room, all brethren were requested to attend in the habiliments of mourning. Thanks are due to Bro. Churchouse for his kind performance on the harmonium. The lodge was closed shortly after nine, and all at once separated, no refreshment of any kind being partaken of.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

## NEW WESTMINSTER.

## UNION LODGE (No. 899).

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th March, Present:—Bros. S. Clute, W.M.; Hon. H. Holbrook, D.D.G.M. and P.M.; A. W. S. Block, S.W.; John S. Mara, J.W.; Chas. C. Hughes, W.M. Mount Moriah Lodge (S.C.) Barrard's Inlet, as S.D.; Julius Franklin, J.D.; Oliver Hare, I.G.; and several brethren and visitors. The minutes of the last meetings were read and confirmed, and a communication was read from the District Grand Lodge, summoning the officers and brethren to Victoria for the quarterly communication, to be held in that town on the 11th March; also communication from Masons of the S.R. in Victoria, asking for united action in forming an independent Grand Lodge, free from Great Britain. No action was taken on this, as it had not come through the District Grand Lodge, who no doubt would pass some resolution on the subject at their meeting on the 11th, it being on their summons as one of the affairs to be discussed; also communications from lodges at Carrbo, S.R.; Victoria, East, E.R. and S.R.; Barrard's Inlet, S.R.; and Narraimo East, relating to officers installed to preside over the lodges during the present year, and other Masonic matters, all of which were ordered to be placed on the file. Mr. Ovid Allard, of Langley, made application to this lodge to be made a Mason: also Mr. Christopher Leo, of New Westminster. Both applications were referred to a committee of three, with orders for them to report at the next regular meeting. Bro. Thomas E. Ladner was examined, as to his proficiency in Masonry, which being satisfactory, he was entrusted



with the test of merit, and retired. Bro. the Hon. H. Holbrook being requested to take the chair, the lodge was opened to the second degree, when Bro. T. E. Ladner was duly passed, and the lodge closed to the first degree, and the chair resumed by Bro. J. S. Clute. The D.D.G.M. stated that the handsome granite monument erected in the cemetery to the brethren of Union Lodge who had died, was now uncovered, and it reflected great credit on the Masons from the mainland who had alone contributed towards its erection; it bore the following superscription:

"In memory of Bro. J. J. Miller, who was drowned at Douglas, 10th July, 1863.

"Bro. Valentine Hall, Samia, Canada West, died 18th March, 1866.

"Bro. J. F. Whitford, died 2nd July, 1866; all buried by the Freemasons here.

"Also, Bro. John B. Gaggin, J.P., of Cork, died April, 1867, and buried at Rontenay, Honduras, died at Belize, 1866, and buried there.

"Bro. Greville C. Mathers, Colonial Secretary, Honduras, died at Belize, 1866, and buried there.

"The above brethren were members of Union Lodge, 899, E.R., New Westminster, and this monument is erected by the Freemasons to their memory."

A sum was now required to complete the railing, for which sufficient money was subscribed but not collected, and he proposed the money should be advanced by the lodge to pay the workmen, and to be paid back to the lodge when the subscriptions come in. This was seconded by Bro. Mara, and on being put to lodge was declared carried. The W.M. stated he intended to make arrangements to have weekly lodges of instruction. The W.M. asked before the lodge closed, that the Masonic honours should be given to Bro. C. Hughes, who was made in this lodge, and many years an active member thereof; he was now W.M. of Mount Moria Lodge, S.R., Burrard's Inlet, of which place he was a resident, and he now visited us for the first time. They ought to have received him with the honours, and he now requested them to be given before he left. The honours were then given.

No further work appearing for the good of this lodge in Masonry in particular, it was closed to the next regular communication.

## ROYAL ARCH.

### CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

CARLISLE.—*Union Chapter* (No. 310).—The above chapter held its annual convocation on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at half-past one o'clock, for the installation of Principals and investing the officers for the ensuing year. The M.E.C., T. Blacklock, Z.; W. Murray, H.; F. W. Hayward, P.Z., as J.; H. Fleming, J. 412 S.C.; G. G. Hayward, J., as Prin. Soj. The chapter was opened in due form, and afterwards Comps. A. Woodhouse, Prin. Soj.; W. Johnston, Assist. Soj.; W. Court; J. Porter, 333, J. McKelving, 119, Whitehaven, were then admitted. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, after which a Board of Installed Principals was formed, and Comps. W. Murray, G. G. Hayward, A. Woodhouse, were severally installed as Z., H., and J. for 310; H. Fleming was also installed as H. for 412, Longtown; W. Johnson was invested S.E.; W. Court, S.N.; J. Slack, Prin. Soj.; and John Barnes, Janitor, for the fourth time—M.E.C. C. J. Banister, P.Z., being the Installing Principal. No other business presenting itself the chapter was closed according to ancient custom.

### YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER.

A special Provincial Grand Chapter of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire was held by special appointment, in the Old Globe Chapter, Scarborough, on Wednesday, 19th ult. There were present:—M.E. Comp. John Pearson Bell, M.D., G.S. of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, Z.; E. Comps. J. Kemp, jun., 294, Prov. G.H.; Rev. J. E. Mayne Young, M.A., 237, J.; M. C. Peck, 250, Scribe R.; J. Walker, 57, Scribe N.; W. Reynolds, 250, Assist. Soj.; R. W. Hollon, 236, Treas.; W. Lawton, 286, Reg.; J. N. Scherling, 250, Std. Bearer; Dr. S. H. Armitage, 200, Dir. of Cers.; Comps. H. Grover, 200, Org.; J. Ward, 236, I.J.; W. Johnson, 57, O.J. Prov. G. Stewards:—Comps. W. Tesseymann, 57; J. Groves, 200; J. Balmford,

236; J. Thompson. Together with the following Principals and Past Principals of the Chapters in the province, viz.:—E. Comps. W. B. Hay, M.D., P.Z.—Z.; J. Walker, H.; M. W. Clarke, P.Z.; of the Humber Chapter, 57, Hull. E. Comps. W. F. Rooke, M.D., Z.; W. T. Farthing, H.; H. A. Williamson, J.; J. W. Woodall, P.Z.; J. F. Spurr, P.Z.; of the Old Globe Chapter, 200, Scarborough. E. Comps. Rev. J. E. M. Young, Z.; T. Cooper, W. Cowling, W. Lawton, R. W. Hollon, and J. March, P.Z.'s; of the Zetland Chapter, 236, York. E. Comps. W. Reynolds, Z.; G. Hardy, J.; M. C. Peck, P.Z.; of the Minerva Chapter, 250, Hull. E. Comp. J. Kemp, Z., of the Constitutional Chapter, Beverley. E. Comps. J. N. Lawson, Z.; W. Wood, P.Z.; of the Britannia Chapter, 312, Whitby; E. Comp. J. Story, of the Marwood Chapter, 602, Middlesbro'. and many visiting companions.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened in ancient and solemn form, the minutes of the last Prov. G. Chapter, held 25th March, 1868, were read and confirmed. The various chapters then communicated, all of which (with the exception of the King Edwin Chapter, Malton), were represented.

The by-laws for the government of the Prov. G. Chap. were then submitted for confirmation, when, on the proposition of Comp. Cowling, it was resolved "That by-law 3 be altered so that the fee of honour on re-appointment should be half that on first appointment." The by-laws (with the above amendment) were then finally confirmed.

Comp. Spurr then moved "that the sum of five guineas be voted to the Palestine Exploration Fund," which was duly seconded. Comp. Cowling moved, as an amendment, "that ten guineas be voted for the above object," which was seconded by Comp. March, and supported by the Prov. Grand Registrar; whereupon Comp. Spurr withdrew his motion, and the amendment was carried unanimously.

The Prov. G. Treas. moved "that the sum of twenty-five pounds be voted to the Zetland Commemoration Fund," which was seconded by Comp. Dr. Rooke and carried unanimously.

Comp. Cowling suggested that the Prov. G. Treas. be empowered to pay the sums voted at once, without waiting for the confirmation of the next Prov. G. Chap. A motion to this effect was then put to the companions present and carried unanimously.

The M.E. G. Supt. then appointed the following Prov. G. Officers (with the exception of the Prov. G. Treas., who was re-elected by the Prov. G. Chap.):—E. Comps. John N. Lawson, 312, H.; W. T. Farthing, 200, J.; Michael Charles Peck, 250, Scribe E.; George Hardy, 250, Scribe N.; H. A. Williamson, 200, P. Soj.; William Wood, 312, First Assist. Soj.; J. Storey, 602, Second Assist. Soj.; Richard Welsh Hollon, 236, Treas.; William Lawton, 236, Reg.; John Thompson, 250, S.B.; Wm. Tesseymann, 57, S. Bearer; D. R. Ramsay, 312, Dir. of Cers.; Geo. Balmford, 236, Org.; Comps. John Ward, 236, I.J.; William Johnson, 57, O.J.

The M.E. G. Supt. ordered that the Nine Chapters in the Province should each nominate a Prov. G. Steward.

The M.E. G. Supt. then offered some remarks upon the proceedings of the last Prov. G. Chapter with reference to the efforts of himself and others for securing correctness and uniformity of ritual, but stated that although the subject was now engaging the attention of the Craft generally, yet he feared some time would still elapse before anything could be determined upon. He thanked the Companions for their large attendance which manifested an increased attention to Royal Arch Masonry, and he trusted that nothing would be found wanting on his part to promote the success of the Prov. G. Chapter, and stated that he should be always at their service.

The M.E. G. Supt. then delivered an interesting address on the Antiquity of the Order, and stated that, having received an invitation from the Britannia Chapter, he should hold the next Prov. G. Chapter at Whitby.

The Prov. G. Chapter was then closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer.

A banquet was held at the George Hotel the same evening, at which the M.E. G. Supt. presided. During the evening the greatest harmony and friendship prevailed.

### LEICESTERSHIRE.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—*Consecration of the De Mowbray Chapter*, (No. 1,130).—At the last quarterly convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter, a warrant was granted to Comps. the Rev. W. Langley, as Z., Fred. P. Newcome, H., and W. Kelly,

(P.Z. &c.) J., and others, for a new chapter, under the above designation, to be attached to the Rutland Lodge. Friday, the 28th ult., having been fixed for the consecration of the chapter and the installation of the principals, the officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter, and other companions attended for that purpose. Amongst those present, were:—Comps. Kelly, P.Z., and P.G.H., (who presided and performed the ceremonies as the representative of the Rt. Hon. Earl Howe, G.C.H., G. Supt. of the Province); W. Weare, P.Z. as P.G.H.; the Rev. J. Spittal, M.E.Z. 279, as P.G.J., (who most impressively delivered the two portions of the solemn and beautiful consecration prayer), Major Brewin, P.Z. 279, P.G.S.E.; Rev. W. Langley, M.E.Z. nominate, F. P. Newcome, H. nominate, Geo. Toller, P.S. 279, W. Mann, W. Adcock, J. E. Bright, J. B. Leadbeater, E. J. Crow, 279, (who added greatly to the impressive effect of the ceremony of consecration, by his conducting the anthems, the air of one of them having been expressly composed by him for the occasion). On the conclusion of the very effective ceremony [of consecration, a board of installed principals was formed, and the ceremony of installation was performed by Comp. Kelly, the Rev. Comp. Langley being installed in turn, in the third, second and first chairs, and Comp. Newcome in the third and second chairs; the appropriate charges and addresses being delivered to them in the progress of the ceremony. The companions having been called in, a ballot was taken for Bros. the Rev. W. Kay Robinson, P.M., Henry Douglas, S.W., J. J. Fast, J.W., and J. Selby, all of No. 1,130, as candidates for the degree, due notice having been given in the summons. They were unanimously elected, and were severally exalted by the newly installed M.E.Z. most efficiently, who was most ably assisted by Comp. Toller, as P.S., and Comp. Brewin, as N. On the conclusion of the ceremony the historical lecture was delivered by Comp. Brewin, and the symbolical and mystical lectures by Comp. Kelly. The following were then elected as the officers of the chapter, and those who were present, were invested, viz.:—G. Brown, E., Rev. W. Kay Robinson, N., Douglas, P.S., Markham, A.S., Bright, A.S., Mann, Treas., Adcock, Dir. of Cers., Bembridge, Janitor. The by-laws having been adopted, votes of thanks were passed to Comp. Kelly, P.G.H., and the other P.Z.'s who had assisted in the ceremonies of the day, and to Comp. Crow for his admirable manner of conducting the musical ceremonies. Several propositions having been made, the chapter was closed in solemn form and with prayer, after which the visitors were most hospitably entertained at a banquet by the members of the new chapter.

## MARK MASONRY.

### HAMPSHIRE.

WINCHESTER.—*Lodge of Economy* (No. 52).—A preliminary meeting of this Mark Masters' lodge took place on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present:—The M.W. Grand Mark Master, Bros. W. W. B. Beach, W.M. 52; E. Shepperd, S.W.; G. Oakshot, J.W.; J. Naish, Treas.; C. Sherry, Sec.; J. W. Lamb, S.O.; H. Pattle, Tyler. The minutes of the previous lodge were read and confirmed. The following candidates were then admitted and advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Masters:—Bros. W. Lumsden, E. Snelling, J. T. Doswell, H. Priddis, H. Warren, W. Whale, Atweek Penton, E. Carter, W. H. Wooldridge, J. W. Snelling, S. R. Everitt, and H. Pottle. Bro. Sherry proposed, and Bro. Naish seconded, Bro. Edward Shepperd as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ballot was taken, which proved unanimous. Bro. Shepperd proposed Bro. Naish as Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Oakshot, which also proved unanimous. There were eleven more candidates for advancement on the 27th ult.—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, 27th ult. The following brethren were present during the evening:—Binckes, G.S., as W.M.; Thomas Everitt, S.W.; Oakshot, J.W.; Harris, M.O.; Whale, S.O.; E. Snelling, J.O.; Stopher, Reg. of Marks; Naish, Treas.; Sherry, Sec.; Warren, S.D.; D. Lumsden, J.D.; Warner, Dir. of Cers.; Priddis, I.G.; Stebbing, Doswell, W. H. Wooldridge, Sealey, Hewitt, Bishop, Pattle, Tyler. The following dispensation was read:—"Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, Winchester, 25th May, 1869.—It having been represented that it will be for the advantage of the interests of the Economy Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 52, that Bro. Edward Sheppard should be installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the members of the lodge are hereby authorised to elect and install Bro.

Sheppard as W.M., notwithstanding he has not filled the office of Warden in a Mark Master's lodge. This dispensation must be read in open lodge prior to the confirmation of the minutes of the election, and must be entered on the minutes of the lodge.—By command of the M.W.G.M., Frederick Binckes, G.S." The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed, and the R.W. brother then "advanced" the following candidates:—Bros. Thomas G. Sealy, J. Stopher, F. J. Warner, C. Bishop, James Harris, E. Hewitt (the last-named, in conjunction with Bro. F. J. Barratt, having this evening been balloted for and elected). The R.W. brother then proceeded with the installation Bro. J. R. Stebbing, G. Treas., presented the W.M. elect, Bro. Edward Sheppard, in an eloquent address, and the ceremony was proceeded with. Bro. Sheppard being placed in the chair appointed his officers as recorded in the fore-part of this report. The R.W. Bro. Binckes then addressed the W.M., Wardens, Overseers, and brethren, concluding with an eloquent speech. Bro. Stebbing proposed that a vote of thanks be given and recorded on the minutes of the lodge to Bro. Binckes for his very great kindness in attending here to-day at great personal inconvenience, and for the very great Masonic treat he had given us by his skill in working the ceremonies of "advancing" and installation. Bro. Naish, Treas., seconded the proposition, which was put to the lodge and carried with great acclamation. Bro. Stebbing invited the W.M. and as many of the brethren of this lodge as could make it convenient to attend at Southampton the next day at his installation as W.M. of the St. Andrew's Mark Master's Lodge, No. 63. Nine other candidates being proposed for advancement at the next meeting, which will take place on Thursday, the 24th inst., the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Priddis, and enjoyed a most pleasurable and intellectual evening, separating at high twelve.

### LANCASHIRE (EAST).

MANCHESTER.—*St. Andrew's Lodge* (No. 22, S.C.)—*Consecration and Installation*.—This new lodge of Mark Masters was consecrated on Thursday, the 27th May, at the Bush Hotel, Deansgate, in presence of a large number of the brethren of that degree. Bro. Entwistle, R.W.P.M. St. John's (No. 2, S.C.), Bolton, was appointed by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, as the consecrating and installing officer, and was assisted by Bros. Whitaker, R.W.M.; and Taylor, S.W. of No. 2. The lodge was opened in due form at five o'clock, and Bro. Entwistle ordered the warrant to be read, as also the document authorising the consecration. The R.W.M. designate, Bro. Charles Fitzgerald Matier, was then presented and installed in due form. The other brethren named in the warrant, Bro. W. Wayne, S.W., and Bro. J. A. Whyatt, J.W., were invested with the badges of office. The following officers were then appointed:—Bros. W. G. Turner, M.O.; James Parr, jun., S.O.; Hopkins, J.O.; Abbey, Treas.; Phillipson, Sec.; Robberds, T. Kelper; Dean, Tyler; and received the appropriate addresses from Bro. Entwistle. The brethren were highly pleased with the solemn and impressive manner in which Bro. Entwistle performed the ceremony throughout. The following brethren were advanced to the degree of Mark Master by Bro. C. F. Matier, the R.W.M.:—Bros. Walter Ridgeway, H. T. Robberds, J. W. Allison, Swalwell, and Dean, and passed through the ceremony in due and ancient form. Bro. Edwin Simpson, No. 2, was proposed as a joining member, and unanimously elected. The first regular meeting was appointed to take place on the 8th inst., and labour being ended, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer at eight o'clock. The brethren then adjourned to a sumptuous banquet provided by Bro. Harvey, of the Bush Hotel. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured, the R.W.M. proposed "The Visiting Brethren, and success to the Bolton Lodge, No. 2." Bro. Whitaker, the R.W.M. of No. 2, returned thanks in a most eloquent manner. "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Entwistle," was entrusted to the S.W. In replying, Bro. Entwistle spoke at some length of his connection with Mark Masonry under the Scottish Constitution, he being one of the oldest members of that degree in England. He trusted that the brethren of the St. Andrew's Lodge would all study hard to attain excellence in the working of this beautiful degree, and that under the able guidance of their newly-installed R.W.M., Bro. Matier, who had performed the ceremony of advancement in a most impressive manner, they would soon be unrivalled by any lodge in the Order. Bro. Edwin Simpson then rose to

propose the toast of "The Newly Installed R.W.M., Bro. Charles Fitzgerald Matier." He spoke of the pleasure he had in witnessing the inauguration of this degree in Manchester, and of the happiness he would always have of attending on every possible occasion. He was sure from what he had seen of the R.W.M., the St. Andrew's Lodge had cause for congratulation in possessing so good a working Mason as their first Master. The R.W.M. returned thanks for the honour conferred on him, and assured the brethren of his earnest desire to promote the interests of Freemasonry. He trusted that the favourable opinion expressed of him by the brethren that evening, would never be altered by any shortcoming on his part. The other toasts were "The newly-advanced Brethren," and "The Officers of the Lodge." The harmony of the evening was contributed to in no small degree by Bros. Robberds, Stimpson, Taylor, and Locke. The meeting was dissolved in peace and concord at eleven o'clock.

#### DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT DARTMOUTH.

The new Masonic Hall of the Hauley Lodge, (No. 797), was dedicated in the presence of a large number of members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, visiting brethren, and members of Hauley Lodge on Tuesday, the 27th ult. The new lodge is one of a suite of rooms in the old Mayoralty House, in Lower-street, a place sacred to the memories of festal jollities of the ancient fraternity connected with the then wealthy Corporation of Dartmouth, but which duly departed into Hades, or somewhere else, on the passing of the Municipal Reform Bill, and thenceforth became a reminiscence only. Bro. Seale Hayne, the owner of the property, has let it on a lease of fourteen years to his Masonic brethren, and they have now a most elegant room, beautifully decorated, and adorned with ancient panellings of oak, and everything in keeping in which to hold their fraternal gatherings. The approach to the lodge rooms was through a well-executed triumphal arch of evergreens and flowers, and a display of flags and banners showed a jubilant feeling on the part of the inhabitants. There was also a flag extended across the street, on which were the words, "Welcome to Hauley Lodge."

The business of the day was first to instal the Worshipful Master of Hauley Lodge, and then the appointment of the officers of the lodge. This portion of the work was admirably done by Bro. Augustus Newman, the immediate P.M. We ought to state that Mrs. Augustus Newman had worked and presented to the lodge a very beautiful cushion for the W.M.'s pedestal. It was worked on purple with gold embroidery and gold lace. The brethren expressed their pleasure at the presentation, and passed unanimously a vote of thanks to Mrs. Newman, which was to be sent in writing to her, for her very handsome present.

The following officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were present:—The R.W. the Rev. John Huyshe, *M.A.*, Prov. G.M.; the V.W. L. P. Metham, D.P.G.M.; Lieut. Colonel Elliott, *R.M.*, S.G.W.; T. L. Prinsep, acting J.G.W.; W. G. Rogers, P.G. Reg.; Isaac Latimer, G. Sec.; A. Newman, Acting S.G.D.; Browning, Dir. of Cers.; E. Bartlett, Assist. Dir. of Cirs.; Jarvis, Org.; J. Sadler, Sword Bearer; Major Yates, Enssor, and Austin, Stewards; Rev. J. R. Nankivell, Chap.; Rev. John Carwithen, Acting G. Purst.; Gregory, Tyler. Several officers and representatives of other lodges were also present, and amongst the visitors was Bro. Gumbleton, P.G.D. of England,

Besides the officers of Lodge Hauley, whose names will be mentioned presently, there were also present—Bros. James Davis, of Darlington, P.M. 111; Rev. R. Bowden, P.P.G.C.; R. Bowden, P.M. of St. John's; W. Cuming, S.W. of Pleiades; Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G. and S.W. of Warwickshire; A. B. Niner, S.D. of Pleiades; E. Appleton, of Torquay, Supt. of Works; Rev. J. C. Carwithen, P.P.G.C.; Rev. W. Langley, Pope, *D.D.*; Dr.

Owen, P.M. of Pleiades; R. Hingston; W. G. H. Ellis, W.M.; &c.

After the lodge had been duly formed, the W.M. elect, Bro. T. Levett Prinsep, was installed as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, and the following were appointed officers of the lodge:—Bros. A. Newman, I.P.M., Treas.; P. Widdecombe, Sec.; Rev. W. L. Pope, *D.D.*, Chap.; H. Barber, S.W.; P. Oldreive, J.W.; J. Hurrell, S.D.; J. Covey, J.D.; W. Warden, I.G.; O. Bowes and B. Prescott, Stewards; S. Jarvis, Org.; H. Winsor, Tyler.

The R.W. the P.G.M., Bro. John Huyshe, then proceeded with the consecration and dedication of the lodge, which was done with all the solemnity and with that perfect knowledge of the mysterious rites and ceremonies, which mark every work in Freemasonry which that learned and distinguished brother has to perform. The Rev. Bro. Nankivell officiated admirably as chaplain, and Bro. Jarvis presided over the musical services in a very creditable manner. We have frequently described the dedication of new Masonic lodges, so that we need not do more than say that the imposing ceremony was regarded by those who witnessed it for the first time with the greatest possible interest. At the close of the ceremony the D.P.G.M., Bro. Metham, delivered an eloquent oration on Freemasonry, its objects, and value as an institution for the good of mankind, which we hope to be able to give next week.

The brethren, at the close, loudly applauded the D.P.G.M. for this additional literary labour in the cause to which he has given so much valuable service. The Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, a blessing having been first invoked on all its labours.

At three o'clock the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which had been provided at Mr. Strike's. It was presided over by the P.G.M., who was supported on his right and left by his G. Officers. After the cloth was withdrawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and an afternoon was most agreeably passed.

#### Obituary.

##### THE LATE BRO. W. H. MUNTZ.

With sincere regret we notice the death, on the 6th ult., of Bro. W. H. Muntz, of Fer-emina, St. Martin's, Guernsey, J.D. of Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship (No. 84), in that island. Bro. Muntz, who had been only a short time a Mason—about two years—had much endeared himself to all the brethren of the island, and especially to those with whom he was in the habit of more particularly associating in lodge and otherwise. His enthusiasm in the good cause, regular attendance at his lodge meetings, strict and able attention to his duties when there, and his genial and hearty bearing at the banquet board, will cause his memory to be long and affectionately cherished, and his death has made a gap in the ranks of Doyle's Lodge, which will not be easily filled up. His very sudden death (occasioned by a fall over an embankment in his own grounds) has cast a sad gloom over the little Masonic world of Guernsey. His funeral was most numerously attended by members of the Craft, a great many of whom carried with them sprigs of cassia, which, when the last mournful rites of the Church were over, they let fall into the grave of their departed brother. The deceased was a Knight of the Order of Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, and was a member of the well-known Birmingham family whose name he bore. He died at the early age of 45, leaving a widow but no children. By all who knew him he will long be remembered as a most kind-hearted and upright man, possessed of a strict integrity of purpose and actions, and guided in all his doings by a punctilious sense of honour. *Requiescat in pace.*

LIST OF LODGE, &c., MEETINGS FOR WEEK  
ENDING 12TH JUNE, 1869.

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

## METROPOLITAN.

*Sunday, June 6th.*

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

*Monday, June 7th.*

LODGES.—Royal Alpha, St. James's Ho., Piccadilly; Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.—LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Union Waterloo (for M.M.), King's Arms, Woolwich; Temple, Old George, St. Mary Axe; Justice, Royal Albert, New Cross-rd., Deptford; 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.—ROYAL ARCH.—Chapter: Victoria, George Ho., Aldermanbury.—MARK MASONRY.—Lodge of Instruction, Kent, Lyceum Tav., Strand.

*Tuesday, June 8th.*

LODGES.—Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford; Ranelagh, Windsor Castle Ho., Hammersmith; Doric, Anderton's Ho., Fleet-st.—LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Strong Man, White Horse, Little Britain; Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich; Faith, Fisher's Restaurant, Metropolitan District Railway, Victoria Station; Domatic, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell; Jordan, Alvyne Castle, Canonbury; Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney; British Oak, Silver Lion Tav., Pennyfield, Poplar; Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney; New Wandsworth, F.M. Ho., New Wandsworth; Royal Union, Hotel de Cologne, Haymarket.—CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—Metropolitan, George Ho., Aldermanbury.

*Wednesday, June 9th.*

Com. R.M.B. Inst.—LODGES: Montefiore, F.M.H.; Beacon-tree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.—LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Eastern Star, Royal Hotel, Burdett-st., Mile-end-rd.; Confidence, Sugar Loaf, Great St. Helens; Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse; 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; Zetland, Adam and Eve Tav., Kensington.—CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—St. James's Union, Swan Tavern, Mount-st., Grosvenor-sq.

*Thursday, June 10th.*

LODGES.—Bank of England, Radley's Hotel, Bridge-street, Blackfriars; Capper, Marine Ho., Victoria Dock, West Ham; Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton.—LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.; Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd.; Globe, No. 10, Old Bond-st.; United Mariners, Three Cranes, Mile-end-rd.; St. John's, Hollybush Tav., Hampstead; Manchester, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Berkeley-sq.; Tranquillity, Sugar Loaf Tav., Gt. St. Helen's, St. Mary Axe; Whittington, Crown Ho., 41, Holborn; Royal Oak, Royal Oak Tav., Deptford; City of London, Shepherd and Flock Tav., Bell-alley, Moorgate-st.—CHAPTER.—Royal Jubilee, Horns' Tav., Kennington.—CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—Joppa, Prospect of Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping-wall.

*Friday, June 11th.*

LODGE.—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tav., Leadenhall-st.—LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-street, Regent-street; St. Luke's, Pier Hotel, Chelsea; Temperance, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford; Union's (Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.), Freemasons' Hall; United Pilgrims, Horns' Tav., Kennington; Wellington, Lord Duncan Tav., Broadway, Deptford; Belgrave, Hand and Raquet, Whitcomb-st., Leicester-sq.; St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-row, Bermondsey;

Lily, Greyhound Ho., Richmond; Doric, Three Cranes, Mile End-rd.; Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes, Surrey; Metropolitan Lo. of Instruction, George Ho., Aldermanbury.—CHAPTERS.—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's; Britannic, F.M.H.

*Saturday, June 12th.*

LODGES.—London, F.M.H.; Caveac, Radley's Ho., Bridge-st., Blackfriars.—CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—Mount Sinai, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

## PROVINCIAL.

## DORSET.

WIMBORNE.—*Mon.*, Lodge: Cuthberga, Crown Inn.—PORTLAND.—*Mon.*, Lodge: Portland, Breakwater Ho.—BORTON.—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Science, Red Lion Inn.—WEXMOUTH.—*Fri.*, Lodge: All Souls, Ma. Ha.—POOLE.—*Fri.*, Chapter: Amity, Ma. Ha.

## EAST LANCASHIRE.

ASHTON-UNDER-LAYNE.—*Mon.*, Lodge: Milton, Burlington Ho.—BOLTON.—Lodges: *Mon.*, Anchor and Hope, F.M.H.; *Wed.*, Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate.—BURNLEY.—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Borough, Bull Ho.—CHEETHAM.—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Derby, Waterloo Ho.—MANCHESTER.—Lodges: *Wed.*, Caledonian, F.M.H.; *Thurs.*, St. David, F.M.H.; *Fri.*, Fortitude, Queen's Ho.

## WEST LANCASHIRE.

KIRKDALE.—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Prince of Wales, St. Mary's Schoolrooms, Everton Valley.—LANCASTER.—Lodges: *Mon.*, Rowley, Ma. Ro.; *Wed.*, Fortitude, Music Ha., Leonard-gate.—LIVERPOOL.—Lodges: *Tues.*, Merchants, Ma. Temple; Alliance, Ma. Temple; *Wed.*, Temple, Ma. Temple; *Thurs.*, Croxteth United Service, Ma. Temple; *Fri.*, Perseverance, Ma. Temple. Lodges of Instruction: *Tues.*, Merchants, Ma. Temple; Downshire, 90, Duke-st.; *St. John*, 90, Duke-st.—PRESTON.—Lodge: *Mon.*, Unanimity, Bull Ho. Assembly Ro.

## CHESHIRE.

BIRKENHEAD.—Lodge: *Thurs.*, Mersey, Ma. Chambers, Hamilton-sq.

## OXFORDSHIRE.

ABINGDON.—Lodge: *Thurs.*, Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber.

## WARWICKSHIRE.

BIRMINGHAM.—Lodges: *Mon.*, Forward, Ma. Ro.; *Tues.*, Faithful, Ma. Ro.; Emulation, Ma. Ha.; *Wed.*, Fletcher, Ma. Ro.; *Thurs.*, Temperance, Ma. Ro.—COVENTRY.—Lodge: *Mon.*, Trinity, Castle Inn.—KENILWORTH.—Lodge: *Wed.*, Stoneleigh, King's Arms Ho.

## SCOTLAND.

EDINBURGH AND METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.—*Mon.*, Lodges: St. Luke, F.M.H.; St. Kentigern, Penicuik and Roslin, Penicuik. *Tues.*, St. Mary's Chapel, Ship Ho. *Wed.*, Canon-gate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel. *Thurs.*, Journeymen, 80, High-st.; Caledonian, Albert Ho.—Chapters: *Tues.*, Naval and Military, F.M.H. *Wed.*, Edinburgh, F.H.M.—GLASGOW.—*Mon.*, Lodges: Union, 170, Buchanan-st.; St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st. *Tues.*, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.; Robert Burns, Thom's Inn, Baillieston; Glasgow, Antigua-pl. *Wed.*, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.; St. George, 213, Buchanan-st. *Fri.*, St. Mary, Ma. Ha., Partick.—Chapters: *Tues.*, St. Andrew's, Ma. Ha., 170, Buchanan-st. *Fri.*, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

## IRELAND.

DUBLIN.—Lodges: *Tues.*, No. 245, F.M.H. *Wed.*, Nos. 120, 143, F.M.H. *Fri.*, Grand Lodge. Chapters: *Mon.*, Nos. 2, 143, F.M.H. Knights Templar: Encampments, *Fri.*, No. 4, F.M.H. *Sat.*, Kilwinning, F.M.H.—BELFAST.—Lodges: *Mon.*, Belfast, Ma. Ro. *Thurs.*, Ark, M.H.—LONDONDERRY AND DONEGAL.—Lodges: *Mon.*, Ancient Donegal, F.M.H., Donegal. *Tues.*, Unity, Draper's Arms, Moneymore. *Thurs.*, Harmony, Ma. Ha., Lifford; Vernon, Assembly Rooms, Coleraine; Cumberclaudy, Stevenson's, Lackagh, Donema nagh; Royal Blue, Assembly Rooms, Coleraine. *Fri.*, St. John, Ma. Ro., Londonderry.

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