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LONDON, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1870.

ENGLISH GILDS.*

(Continued from page 289.)

We shall close our extracts from this very interesting work by giving specimens of the ordinances of each of the three classes of Gilds, viz:—the Religious Gilds, the Merchant Gilds, and the Trade Gilds, with the notes thereon by the author.

YORK.

GILD OF THE LORD'S PRAYER.

As to the beginning of the said gild, be it known that, once on a time, a play, setting forth the goodness of the Lord's Prayer, was played in the city of York; in which play all manner of vices and sins were held up to scorn, and the virtues were held up to praise. This play met with so much favour that many said:—"Would that this play could be kept up in this city, for the health of souls, and for the comfort of the citizens and neighbours." Hence, the keeping up of that play in times to come, for the health and amendment of the souls, as well of the upholders as of the hearers† of it, became the whole and sole cause of the beginning and fellowship of the brethren of this brotherhood. And so the main charge of the gild is, to keep up this play, to the glory of God, the maker of the

* "English Gilds," by the late Toulmin Smith. London, Trubner and Co.

† "Audientium" in the original. This was therefore a spoken play, and not, as with the gild next following, a dumb show of set pieces in an array of pageants. In each case, however, it is equally clear that the performance, or show, was made whilst passing along the streets.

said prayer, and for the holding up of sins and vices to scorn. And because those who remain in their sins are unable to call God their father, therefore the brethren of the gild are, first of all, bound to shun company and businesses that are unworthy, and to keep themselves to good and worthy businesses. And they are bound to pray for the brethren and sisters of the gild, both alive and dead, that the living shall be able so to keep the gild that they may deserve to win God's fatherhood, and that the dead may have their torments lightened. Also, they are bound to come to the burial services of the dead brethren and sisters of the gild. And if any one does not leave enough to meet the cost of such services, the rest of the brethren shall bear that cost. And if any brother dies and is buried away from the city, the brethren shall hold services for him within the city of York. Also it is forbidden that any brother of the gild shall, in the belief that he will have help from his brethren, be forward in getting into lawsuit or quarrel, or in upholding any wrongful cause whatever, upon pain of losing all help and friendship, or any relief, from the gild. And because vain is the gathering of the faithful, without some work of kindness is done, therefore the brethren have made this ordinance:—That if haply it befall that any of the brethren be robbed, or his goods or chattels perchance be burned, or he be imprisoned for any wrongful cause, or be brought to want through any visitation of God, the other brethren shall, for kindness' sake, help him according to his need, under the guidance of the wardens of the gild, so that he may not haply perish through lack of help. Also, they are bound to find one candle-bearer, with seven lights, in token of the seven supplications in the Lord's Prayer; which candle-bearer shall hang in the cathedral church of York, and be lighted on Sundays and feast days, to the glory and honour of God Almighty, the maker of that prayer, of St. Peter the glorious confessor, of St. William, and of all saints. Also they are bound to make, and as often as need be to renew, a table showing the whole meaning and use of the Lord's Prayer, and to keep this hanging against a pillar in the said cathedral church, near to the aforesaid candle-bearer. Also they are bound, as often as the said play of the Lord's Prayer is played in the city of York, to ride with the players thereof through the chief streets of the city of

York; and, the more becomingly to mark themselves while thus riding, they must all be clad in one suit. And, to ensure good order during the said play, some of the brethren are bound to ride or to walk with the players until the play is wholly ended. And once in the year a feast shall be held, and fresh wardens shall be chosen by the gild, and a true account shall be given to the newly chosen wardens of all that has been done on behalf of the gild during the last year. Also it is ordained, that no one shall be let come into this gild, until after he shall have been questioned by the wardens of the gild as to whether he has bent his will to live rightly, and so to deal towards the gild and its affairs that he may be at one with the wardens. And because the founders of the said gild well knew that they themselves might not be wise enough to make, at once, all needful ordinances, therefore, at the end of the ordinances then made, they added this clause:—"Whensover, and as often sover, as it may perchance happen that we or our successors, wardens and brethren of this gild, may become wiser than we now are, none of us nor our successors shall be deemed a rebel, or as standing out against our wishes or against those of any of our successors, if haply we put forth, or there shall be put forth at any time hereafter, any new ordinance that will be for the greater glory of God or the welfare of this gild." Under which saving clause other wardens of the gild have since added, that a chaplain shall, once a year, celebrate divine service before the gild, for the good of the bretheren and susteren of the gild, alive and dead, and for that of all the good-doers to the gild. Moreover, the bretheren are wont to meet together at the end of every six weeks, and to put up special prayers for the welfare of our lord the King and for the good governance of the kingdom of England, and for all the brethren and susteren of this gild, present and absent, alive and dead, and for all the good-doers to the gild or to the gild-brethren; and also, once in the year, to have a general service for the dead brethren and susteren. There do not belong to the gild any rents of land, nor any tenements, nor any goods save only the properties needed in the playing of the before-named play; which properties are of little or no worth for any other purpose than the said play. And the gild has one wooden chest, in which the said properties are kept.

[It is added that,] as the seals of the wardens

of the gild will be unknown to many, they have asked that the seal of the Vicar-General of the Archbishop of York shall be put to this return; which has accordingly been done, in witness to the truth of the return, on the 21st January, 1388 [9].

[The people of York seem to have been fond of plays and pageants. Though nothing more is found touching any of these in the Returns made by the gilds in 1389, there is, in the British Museum (Lansdowne MSS. 403), a volume containing the ordinances of a very famous gild of that city, which long kept up an extraordinary annual show of pageants. It seems to have been founded by the priests of York; and these ordinances, instead of being written in the unadorned simplicity of those contained in Part I. of this work, and of most of the others that were sent up with them, show themselves to have been drawn up by some learned ecclesiastic, more anxious for the display of his rhetorical powers than to bring himself to the level of men of common sense. They begin with a tedious scholastic disquisition upon the creation of man, the fall, what thence followed, the mystery of Christ as appearing in the flesh and in the eucharist, subtle illustrations of the unity of Christ's body and of the brethren, and the seven rules of charity upon which it is declared that the Gild is founded. Then follow the ordinances themselves; the marked meagreness of which shows that, though the priest who wrote them might be equal to all manner of scholastic subtleties, he was not able to bring himself to the level of the ordinary common sense and good feeling of the laity in framing a body of gild-ordinances.]

COVENTRY.

THE GILD MERCHANT.*

This return begins by stating that the merchants of Coventry found themselves much troubled about their merchandise, through being so far from the sea; and therefore got a charter (letters patent) from Edward III. for the foundation of a Gild Merchant. This charter, dated 20th May, 14th Edward III. (A.D. 1340), is set forth at full length. It recites that an enquiry had been held, under the Writ *ad quod damnum*; and that it had been found, by the jury, that no harm

* CCCVIII. 87. Condition, fair, but destroyed in places. Old French.

would befall Coventry, or any one, if a Gild Merchant were founded there, with bretheren and sisteren, and a Master, and the usual powers of a gild, including that of making ordinances. The charter goes on to declare that King Edward, "so far as in us lies," enables the men of Coventry to establish their Gild Merchant, and to take ordinances as they list.* The inscription round the Great Seal having shortly afterwards been changed, the charter of 20th May was, two months later (20th July), confirmed by an *inspeximus* charter, under the new Great Seal.† This second charter

* As the gild could have been founded without any charter, there can be little doubt that this charter was got in the hope of smoothening the way towards the licenses of mortmain which were needed to enable the gild to hold lands; and which licenses would be more likely to be given when the gild was thus formally acknowledged. There seems, indeed, to have been some obstacle in the way of this gild as to getting these licenses; for this Return shows that forty-eight years after the gild had been founded, the licenses were not yet got. Probably the hitch arose through some of the middle lords; the license of every middle lord being quite as essential as the license of the Crown. The way in which these licenses are spoken of near the end of this Return, seems to point to these middle lords as giving trouble on this matter.

† The curious facts here stated as to the Great Seal are instructive. Superficial writers on English history often point to the frequent confirmations of Magna Charta, as showing that it was not much heeded. The facts are exactly the reverse. The Great Seal has always been held to carry unimpeachable authenticity. But every Great Seal bears the style of the reigning king. Parliament insisted on one king after another re-affirming the Great Charter, under oath and the Great Seal, in order that it might not be pretended that the obligations contained in it were *personal* only to any one king. The same idea is well illustrated, though in another shape, in the present case. The letters patent (or "charter") of 20th May were sealed with the Great Seal then in use. But, another Great Seal having come into use soon after, the Gild Merchant of Coventry took the wise precaution to have the same identical letters patent exemplified under the new Great Seal, so as to stop all quibble. This was a new Great Seal under the same king (not the only change of the sort in Ed. III's time), and not the Great Seal of a new king. But the principle is the same, and it is only brought out the more strongly by such an illustration.

These changes in the Great Seal of Ed. III. give rise to some puzzling questions. We learn from the Close Rolls (14 Ed. III. p. 1, m. 33, d), under date of 21st February, that it was, on that day, made known to all the Sheriffs in England, that Ed. III. had taken the style of King of France, and that a new Great Seal would be therefore made and would be thence-

is also set forth; and then follow the Ordinances.

The Ordinances of the bretheren and sisteren of the Gild.

First: the brethren and sisteren of the gild

forth used; all which would be explained to the Parliament that was to meet on Wednesday next after Mid-lent Sunday (29th March, 1340). The same Close Roll, a little further on (m. 35, d), tells us that, on the 1st March following, the King gave into the hands of the Master of the Rolls a Great Seal then newly made [*de novo fabricatum*] for use in England, and which he had brought with him from abroad; the Master of the Rolls at the same time giving up to the King the Great Seal that had been used while the King was in parts beyond sea. It is added, that the Master of the Rolls, on the 1st March, opened the purse in which the new Great Seal was kept, and put it to use. [*Eodem die apereri, et brevia inde consignari, fecit.*] This 1st March would, however, be four weeks earlier than the time when the promised explanation would be given to Parliament; and possibly the Parliament might demur to the new seal. The Rolls of Parliament show that much jealousy was felt at the King's having taken the style of the King of France; for it was formally declared, in this very Parliament, and admitted under the Great Seal, that the Lords and Commons of England owed no allegiance to the King as King of France, but only as King of England. What then was the Great Seal actually in use in the May following? The Coventry Charter of 20th July expressly says that the Charter of 20th May was sealed with "the seal which we then used in England" [*sub sigillo quo tunc utamur in Anglia*]; and, after setting forth the words of the Charter of that date, adds, that this charter is (on 20th July) exemplified "under the seal which we now use in England" [*sub sigillo quo nunc utimur in Anglia*]. It is therefore unquestionable that an authentic Great Seal was in use in England on 20th May, which was not the same as that which was in use on 20th July, though both were used in the name of King Ed. III. The question is was the general use of the new Great Seal, bearing the new style of Ed. III., as King of France, delayed until July, notwithstanding the writ sent round to the Sheriff on 21st February, and the Close Roll of 1st March; or, was the seal used in July a *special* Great Seal, used in the King's name, but, in the absence of the King, by the Duke of Cornwall (Edward the Black Prince)? The Duke had been declared, by the same Parliament of 1340, Warden of the kingdom during the absence of Ed. III. in France. Bearing in mind the facts, as to two seals, stated in the Close Rolls of 1st March, the latter is perhaps the true explanation of this puzzle of dates and seals. The Charter of May is tested by the King himself; that of July is tested by the Duke of Cornwall. Still, there is a difficulty in accepting this explanation, inasmuch as the above Return expressly tells us that the reason for getting the second Charter was, that the inscription (*i.e.* the style of the King) round the seal had been changed:—"Quele chartra feust apres renouellez par mesme laiel, par cause que lescripture de souz seal feust changeur."

shall find as many chaplains as the means of the gild can well afford; and shall enlarge or lessen the number of chaplains according to the more or less flourishing state of the gild; saving to the bretheren and sisteren of the gild who are fallen into poverty the finding of their means of living, according as need may be, as is hereafter said; and also saving the reasonable costs and charges of the gild. And such chaplains, if the gild can keep them, shall be wise and fit men, of honest and chaste life, and shall be chosen by the Master, bretheren, and sisteren of the gild; and they shall read, pray, and chaunt, for the welfare of the holy church, for our lord the King, the Queen, Archbishops, Bishops, and other prelates and clergy of the realm, for dukes and duchesses, earls and countesses, barons and baronesses, and all other good men, and for the commonalty of the realm of England, and for all the bretheren and sisteren of the gild, and for all the good-doers to them. And if these chaplains, or any of them, misbehave, they shall be removed, and other fit persons shall be put in their stead.

Also, if any man or woman of the gild, who has been helpful to the gild according to his means, has, by mishap, and not by any fault of his own, fallen into poverty, the gild shall lend him a sum of money, to trade and make gains with, for one year, or two, as they think well, without taking anything for the loan. And if any man or woman of the gild becomes so feeble, through sickness or old age, that he can neither work nor trade for himself, he shall be maintained, at the cost of the gild, in such a manner as befits his need.*

No man nor woman who has been openly reputed or charged as guilty of any shameful crime, † shall be taken into the gild. And if any one, after he has been taken into the gild, falls into such crime, he shall be put out from the gild.

Every year, on the feast of the Assumption of our Lady, there shall be a gathering of the Wardens, bretheren, and sisteren, to celebrate the feast; and to look over and examine the affairs of the gild, and all that concerns them.

* The original of this generous clause is as follows:—
“Et si ascune homme ou femme de la dite fraternite soit si feble, par maladie ou veillesse, qil ne purra travailler ne marchaunder, il serra troue, a les costeges de la dite gilde, couenablement solonc ce que soun estat demaunde.”

† The words of the original are:—“Appertement allose ou esclandre de ascun crime abhominable.”

Once every quarter there shall be a gathering of the Master, bretheren, sisteren, and chaplains, to pray and chaunt for the welfare of the noble King Edward, the Queen Isabella his mother, the Queen Philippa his wife, our lord the Prince, son of our noble lord King Edward; for the welfare of all the bretheren and sisteren of the gild; for the souls of the dead; for the souls of the bretheren and sisteren of the gild; and for the souls of the good-doers to the gild, and of all Christians.

No one of the gild shall raise a quarrel, or uphold any wrong-doer, in the name of the gild, or to the discredit of the gild, on pain of being put out from the gild for ever.

When any brother or sister of the gild dies, each of the chaplains shall chaunt for his soul, by his name [*and surname of baptism*], for a whole year next following; and the said name and surname of baptism shall be written on a tablet, and put on the altar, in the place where the chaplains chaunt.

If any brother or sister of the gild dies and is buried outside the city, so soon as the Master knows it, he shall call together all the chaplains of the gild, the “clerks,” and the other good men of the gild, and they shall fulfil watch, dirige, mass, and oblations, as if the body were present; and the “bedeman” shall pray for the soul of the dead, and for the souls of all Christians, at the cost of the gild.

If any brother or sister of the gild, at the time of his death, is so poor that he leaves not enough wherewith to pay for his burial, he shall be honorably buried, as becomes a brother or sister of the gild, at the cost of the gild.

Which articles aforesaid, the Master, bretheren, and sisteren have ordained shall endure for ever, according to the purport thereof. And the gild has continued and been managed according to those ordinances.

Moreover, the said Master and brethren shall be sworn that they will, in good faith, uphold and put in force the articles aforesaid. And the Master shall be sworn that he will well and loyally keep and expend the goods and chattels of the gild; and that he will render a true account thereof, at the end of every year, before auditors chosen by the brethren.

The Master, bretheren, and sisteren of this gild have divers goods; that is to say, maser tankards,

vessels of pewter and brass, and napery worth xx.li.; and gold and silver in the treasury, to the sum of xx. marks.

And they have also chalices, vestments, liveries, and other ornaments of holy church, for the use of the chaplains in divine service, worth xv. marks vj.s. viij.d.

Also, certain well-wishers to the gild now hold certain lands, houses, and rents, worth xxxvij.li. xij.s. iij.d. a year; which they wish to make over to the gild in mortmain, if they can get the license of our lord the King, and of the other [middle] lords of whom the said lands, houses, and rents are held.

And the Master and bretheren of the gild, with the consent of those who now hold the lands, houses, and rents aforesaid, find every year four chaplains; who have, for their yearly salary, xxxij. marks; the bretheren and sisteren finding such vessels and napery as are needed, worth xls.

Out of the rest of the profits of the lands and houses aforesaid, and out of the goods and chattels of the gild, they find means of living for thirty-one men and women, who are unable either to work or to gain their own living; and the charge of this amount to xxxv.li. iij.s. a year.

Moreover, one of the houses beforenamed is lodge poor folks coming through the land, on pilgrimage or any other work of charity, in honour of God and of all saints. And there is a Governor of this house, and a woman to wash their feet, and whatever else is needed. The yearly cost hereof is x.li.

The bretheren and sisteren, on the feast of the Assumption of our Lady, are clad some of them in livery suits at their own cost, and others in hoods at the common cost of the gild. And the poor whom they provide for, are every year clad in gowns and hoods worth x.li. and more.

[This Return is indorsed:—"Gilda Mercatoria de Coventre."]

(To be Continued).

PROFESSOR MANTEGAZZA, of Milan, to whose researches on coca we have before alluded, has shown that the cultivation of our common herbs and flowers is worth something more to us than arises from the pleasure of inhaling sweet smells. They are in reality great storehouses of health, by evolving quantities of ozone, which is developed by the direct action of the sun's rays; and, in some cases, continues to be evolved during the dark. Clove, lavender, cherry-laurel, narcissus, hyacinth, and mignonette, are mentioned as among the most valuable of these ozonisers; and the Professor points to the improvement that might be effected, by planting these and other flowers and herb in marshy and unhealthy districts.—*Food Journal.*

LODGE MINUTES, ETC.—No. 12.

By BRO. W. P. BUCHAN, PAST S.W. No. 3 bis;
GRAND STEWARD GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

(Continued from page 245, March 26th.)

The following from the minute book of Glasgow St. Mungo Lodge, No. 27, contains account of proceedings and correspondence anent the laying of the Foundation Stone of Nelson's Monument on Glasgow Green:—

"Glasgow 21st July, 1806.

"Convened by regular warning from Bro. James Young, in the house of Mr. Henderson, Vinter, Trongate; Bro. James Young, R.W.M., of St. Mungo; John Wilson, R.W.M., of Glasgow Montrose; John Jones, R.W.M., of St. David's; James McCormick, R.W.M., of St. Patrick's; Brother Young suggested to the meeting the propriety of offering in grateful remembrance of the much-to-be-lamented Lord Nelson, the attendance of the Masonic bodies at laying the foundation of the intended monument about to be erected to Lord Nelson's memory. This proposition having been agreed to, Bro. Young, as Master of the Senior Lodge, was required to intimate the same to the Lord Provost of the City for his approbation; it was further proposed that should their services be accepted of, it should be requested of his lordship to order a military guard for the procession.

J. W. YOUNG."

Copy Letter by Bro. James Young to the Lord Provost:—

"Glasgow, 22nd July, 1806.

"My Lord,—As it is understood that the Foundation of the Monument to be erected to the memory of Lord Nelson is near about to be laid, the Masonic bodies in town are desirous of testifying their grateful respect for this most illustrious character; and having held an official meeting, have directed me, as Master of the Eldest Lodge in town, to communicate to your lordship the annexed minute, and solicit your answer to the proposal there made. I have the honour to be with the greatest respect, My Lord,

"Your most obedient Servant,

JAMES YOUNG."

"I am deputed by the Committee of Subscribers for the purpose of erecting a Monument in honour of Lord Nelson to acknowledge the receipt of your letter respecting the propriety of a Masonic pro-

cession on laying the Foundation Stone, to inform you that the measure has their unqualified approbation, and to assure you that they will be happy to concur in whatever steps may be pointed out by you as instrumental in forwarding this purpose.

"The Committee are anxious that the ceremony should take place on the first of August, particularly marked out as the Anniversary of the Battle of the Nile, for a solemnity of this nature. I have only to add that the Committee are desirous of receiving your answer as soon as possible, that no part of the very short period between this and the proposed day may be lost, and that for the information of the Lodges in the country, every publicity may be immediately given to the proposal.

"I am, Sir, your most obedient Servant,
" WILL DUNLOP."

" Glasgow, 23rd July, 1806.

" Convened by regular warning from Bro. James Young in the house of * * * *, Bros. James Young, of St. Mungo; John Wilson, of Glasgow Montrose; John Jones, of St. David's; and James McCormick, of St. Patrick's. Bro. Young reported a letter from Mr. William Dunlop, for the Committee for erecting Lord Nelson's Monument, mentioning that the ceremony of laying the stone, &c., would take place 1st August next. The members of this meeting are of opinion that the bodies can be ready to attend on that day. Also that the Lodges in the country adjacent to Glasgow should be invited to attend. Likewise that Bro. Young communicate these things to Mr. Dunlop for the Committee, and settle with him as to the time and place of assembling, &c., and thereafter give due warning to all concerned. Recommended that a letter be wrote to Lord Archbald Hamilton, P.G.M., on this subject, in case he may think proper to give his attendance and instructions. Appoints Bros. James Young, John Jones, and William Thomson, a Committee to call on Mr. Dunlop and the other gentlemen of the Committee.

" J. W. YOUNG, R.W.M."

" Glasgow, 24th July, 1806.

" At a meeting of Committee and Masters of Lodges in Mrs. Pollock's, 24th July, 1806, Bro. James Young as Master of St. Mungo Lodge, No. 28—being the Senior Lodge—stated that he intended to report in his official capacity to the Grand Lodge of Scotland that a procession is intended upon the 1st August to lay the Foundation Stone of Lord Nelson's Monument; and he also agreed to intimate the same to Lord Archbald Hamilton, Provincial Grand Master of the Lower Ward of Lanarkshire, and to all the Lodges under his Lordship's jurisdiction. The country

Lodges to be directed to meet in the Merchant's Hall, Bridgegate, on Friday, the 1st of August, 1806, at Eleven o'clock, forenoon.

" J. W. YOUNG, R.W.M."

" Copy of a Letter addressed to William Guthrie, Esquire, Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Edinburgh:—

" Glasgow, 24th July, 1806.

" Brother,—On the 1st of August next, there is to be a procession at laying the Foundation of a Monument here to the memory of Lord Nelson. The Lodges in this neighbourhood are to attend that ceremony; if there be any instructions necessary you will please forward them immediately.

" I am, with esteem, your most obedient Servant and Brother,

" JAMES YOUNG,

" Master of St. Mungo Lodge, No. 28."

Copy of a letter sent the Provincial Grand Master.

" Right Worshipful Brother,—On the 1st of August next, a Procession will take place here, at Laying the Foundation of a Monument in memory of Lord Nelson. The Masonic bodies in the Lower Ward of Lanarkshire are to attend that ceremony. As Master of the Senior Lodge in Glasgow, I am directed to communicate to your Lordship, as P.G.M. of this district, in case your Lordship may choose to attend, or to send such instructions as to your Lordship may seem proper.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest respect, my Lord, your Lordship's most ob. Sev. and Bro.

" JAMES YOUNG,

" Master of St. Mungo Lodge No. 28."

Addressed to the Right Honourable Lord Archibald Hamilton, Palace, Hamilton.

On the back:—If his Lordship is not at Hamilton, it is requested this may be immediately forwarded to him."

Copy of letter addressed to William Guthrie, Esq., Grand Secretary:—

" Glasgow, 26th July 1806.

" W.G.S., W.B.,—Having wrote you on Thursday last requesting any instructions you might be pleased to communicate relative to the Procession of the Lodges of the F. and A. Masons of the under ward of Lanark, in the ceremony of Laying the Foundation Stone of an obliisk to perpetuate the memory of our much lamented Lord Nelson; having received no answer, I have further to request your positive orders how I am to regulate myself in my official capacity as Master of St. Mungo Lodge here, being the senior lodge.

"The Glasgow St. John's Operative Lodge claiming presidence of ours in the intended procession through, they resting their claim on a pretended Charter granted them by King of Scotland* Anno 1051, but upon examining the book entitled 'History of Freemasonry,' printed by Alexander Lawrie and Co., 1804, and addressed to the Earl of Dalhousie, G.M., Ex. in c. 12, appendix 3, I find that all lodges not holding of the Grand Lodge are excluded from holding any intercourse with constituted lodges at any procession or meeting whatever.

"Your immediate answer to this will oblige, as it is my wish to act conformably to the authority of the Grand Lodge.

"I am, &c.,

"JAMES YOUNG."

Copy of letter of Sir John Stuart to Bro. James Young, R.W.M. dated Edin., 28th July, 1806.—

*This honourable and recent forgery, or a so-called 'translation' of it may be perused at page 69 of this Magazine for January 25th, 1868. Also an exposé of it at page 490, June 20th, 1868, or more recently still at page 30, July 9th, 1870. Notwithstanding this, at page 277 ante, we perceive a highly creditable, and of course most Masonic attempt to foist this imposition upon the public still. We are told of an 'old Glasgow newspaper of A.D. 1813 (just seven years after its fortunate and well-timed "discovery" in 1806), which contained an account of the origin of this lodge, of its being chartered by Malcolm Canmore, &c.' It will also be observed that 1051 is six years before "Malcomus Tertius Rex." began to reign; the worthy forger seems to have been trusting to his memory, but he ought to have been more careful, and not been under the necessity of afterwards rubbing out the line in this "venerable charter!" where the date occurs; instead of writing the date in words had he only put it down in figures he might have managed to turn the 1 into a 7, just as was done with the large flag. Manufacturers of ancient charters cannot be too careful when working out their motto; principle must ever bow to pretension.

This "venerable charter," so designated by the Chairman of the wonderful Masonic Court-martial alluded to at page 117 of the Magazine for Feb. 6th, 1869, we are told was discovered in the 1684 old carved oak box belonging to the lodge, but I now begin to doubt its being a fact that this really old box did belong to the lodge. I fancy this old oak box was got by, and for the use of, the Incorporation in 1684; but a considerable time after that date, this oak box getting too small, a much larger mahogany box was got for the use of the Incorporation, after which, and comparatively recently, the lodge managed to get a hold of the old oak box. The inscription "God save the King and Mason's Craft, 1684," which is cut out in relief on the old oak box, is copied off and engraved on a piece of brass which is inserted in front of the large new mahogany box,—whether or not, this was done for the purpose of passing off the mahogany box, as being also made in 1684, I do not know, and shall leave each one to judge for himself.

In reference to the report given at page 277 ante, I may mention that I was not present on "refreshment," when Malcolm was brought forward, but meeting several of the members next day, I was duly informed of the "grand treat you missed." The brethren I allude to seemed to make a joke of the affair—poor Malcolm.

"Sir.—Your letter was sent to me by the Grand Secretary as P.G.M. of the ward of under Lanark, which I transmitted to the Grand Master of Scotland, desiring his commands thereupon; the first moment I receive them will inform you. In the event of his Lordship not having it in his power to go himself, probably he may command me there as his constituted and regular representative, in which case it is my intention to attend you. Nothing will prevent me, except any alteration to the worse of one of my children, who is very unwell. In the case I come, I will be at Glasgow, on Thursday evening, when I would wish much the honour of seeing you, and I dare say you have no need of any assistance of instruction from me, being as you must be all prepared for the purpose already. What I can do to add to the solemnity shall not be wanting.

"I have the honour to be your most obdt.,

"JO. STUART.

‘To James Young Esq. R.W.M. St. Mungo’s Glasgow.’

Copy of a letter from Mr. W. Guthrie, Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, dated Edinburgh, the 28th July, 1806.—

"R.W. Sir and Bro.—I received both your letters, and immediately enclosed the first to Sir John Stewart, P.G.M. over the district in which your lodge is classed. I requested his immediate answer, but have never got any. I also sent him the one I got to-day, as I thought he was, from the office he holds, entitled to be consulted; but as he has returned none of them, I can no longer delay answering you, and I think myself authorized to say that your attention and respect to the Grand Lodge of Scotland entitle you to their protection and approbation, and if I thought any instructions were necessary in the present case, should be happy to convey them, but as I understand by your letter that you have a copy of a Book, published by Mr. Laurie, I refer you to it for any information you may want. You are perfectly right as to holding no intercourse with the lodge you mention, or with any one that does not regularly hold of the Grand Lodge. And as the Lodge St. Mungo's is the oldest in Glasgow—except Glasgow Kilwinning, which I believe is extinct—you are entitled to precedence, and I have no doubt, Sir, but under your auspices the business will be conducted in the manner the occasion merits. With best wishes for the undertaking intended to perpetuate the virtues and valour of our gallant, and ever-to-be regretted hero, as well as for the harmony of the meeting,

"I remain, R.W. Sir and Bro., yours with esteem,

"WILLIAM GUTHRIE, Gd. Secy.

"To M. James Young, Junr., R.W.M., St. Mungo's Lodge, Glasgow."

(To be continued.)

MASONIC JOTTINGS.—No. 40.

BY A PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

SYMBOLIZATION.

The old Stonemasons of Germany are said, by writers of that country, to be themselves the inventors of the symbolization of their art.

TOWER OF BABEL.

The assertion that a Tower of Babel was built four thousand years ago, is equivalent to an assertion that there then was a lodge, and that there then was Masonry.

THE OLD LECTURES.

All the doubts of a Member of Grand Lodge will be removed, if he will only read the portions of the old lectures cited by our Bro. H. B. White, in the communication "Freemasonry and Christianity," *Freemasons' Magazine*, vol. xvi, page 444, and vol. xviii., pages 22 and 23.

PROBABILITY.

On examination it will be found that the only ground of our belief in numerous historical facts, is probability.

PHILOSOPHY OF THE TYRIANS.

Brother G. M. P.—In this philosophy you will find nothing that throws light upon our Freemasonry. You may look at the article "Philosophie chez les Tyriens," in the "Dictionnaire des Sciences Philosophiques," It is by Monsieur Renan.

TYRIANS,—CORRECTION.

In the Jotting "Evidence," page 168 of the present volume, for "Syrians" read "Tyrians."

TOLERATION.

A learned brother thinks that, in practice, there was toleration in our Freemasonry as early as 1717, although it was inconsistent with our constitutions until 1738.

TIME IMMEMORIAL.

A Time Immemorial Institution is an institution, the beginning of which, like that of Masonry, is unknown.

HERDER.

This illustrious German thinker was a Freemason. Of his great work "Ideas towards the Philosophy of the History of Mankind," it is said that in it all the rays of his genius converge. "His aim is to represent the entire history of the race as a series of events pointing to a higher destiny than has yet been revealed. His love and reverence for humanity are intense, pure, and passionate.

An ideal humanity, it might almost be said, is his divinity, in whose service he labours with restless zeal." Herder was Secretary of a Lodge, and on the death of the Master, delivered the funeral discourse. He wrote some short Masonic Treatises.

RIND,—PULP.

Masonry is a fruit. There is the rind, and there is the pulp.

MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

THE JEW, PARSEE AND MAHOMMEDAN MASON, IN THE LODGE OF A CHRISTIAN MASONRY, BY TOLERATION BECOME A UNIVERSAL MASONRY.

The communications made by me to the "Freemasons' Magazine," of which a list is appended, if considered with the attention that the subject requires, will be found to answer all the questions contained in a paper thus entitled, that a member of Grand Lodge has sent to a distinguished brother. The questions are not here set forth, as they are sufficiently manifest from the communications.

Communications:—"Religion of English Freemasonry," "Freemasons' Magazine," vol. 13, page 349. "Religion of Freemasonry as a Universal Institution," *Ibid*, page 391. "Great Architect of the Universe, Natural Theology," *Ibid*, vol. 14, page 6. "Freemasonry as a World-wide Association," *Ibid*, page 69. "The Lodge in English Freemasonry," *Ibid*, page 89." "Toleration in Freemasonry," *Ibid*, page 466. "True Freemasonry," *Ibid*, vol. 15, page 51. "Natural Religion, Freemasonry," *Ibid*, page 130. "The intolerance which would be incompatible with true Freemasonry," *Ibid*, page 433. "Of what the true Freemason is the Depository," *Ibid*, page 470. "Divers positive Religions in Lodge," *Ibid*, vol. xvi., page 208. "Toleration and true Freemasonry," *Ibid*, page 350. "Positive Religions and our Freemasonry," *Ibid*. "Christian, Jewish, Parsee, and Mahomedan Freemasonry," *Ibid*, page 426. (In this communication for "its signification" read "its correct signification.") "Universality," *Ibid*, vol. 17, page 49. "Mahomedan Lodge and Christian Brother," *Ibid*, page 230. "Natural Religion in and out of Lodge," *Ibid*. "Reciprocity," *Ibid*, page 269. "Christian, Jewish, Parsee, and Mahomedan Freemasonry," *Ibid*, vol. 19, page 148. "The true Freemasonry A true Freemasonry," *Ibid*, page 169.—CHARLES PURTON COOPER.

ORIGIN OF THE MASONIC BODY.

"There are ample reasons in favour of the assumption that the organization of the so-called Masonic Body owes its origin to the age when social gatherings increased in importance, when greater mutuality increased amongst men, and a lively desire of promoting the welfare of the human species at large became manifest in certain classes. Those men who considered as sacred the character of Divinity thought that they would not do greater honour to its name than by discharging their duty to the utmost,

and their spirit of benevolence must have prompted them to coalesce, and jointly combine their efforts and endeavours in favour of the cause of humanity." From a bundle of Masonic Excerpts.—CHARLES PURTON COOPER.

THE LETTER HEADED "MASONIC SERMON," FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE, Vol. 21, page 331.

My answers to the two questions of a Member of Grand Lodge on the subject of this letter are as follows:—First, the charter of 926, being one of the famous "Kunststücken" of Krause, undergoes a good deal of not altogether conclusive criticism in Bro. Findel's History. Next, that in relation to Freemasonry, Adam and Eve, Solomon, Pythagoras, St. Alban, St. Augustine, Alfred, Edward III., and Henry VI., are in the most esteemed English and American Masonic publications, treated in our days very much as they were, in the like publications, treated in the days of our forefathers.—A PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

FREEMASONRY IN 1717 AND AFTERWARDS.

Speculative Freemasonry in 1717 may be compared to a ship newly launched, which, although complete in all essentials, yet contains considerable space for adornment, which adornment in the shape of extra ornamental painting, gilding, &c., can be afterwards added at leisure, or otherwise, as the owner desires. Or, again, our Speculative Masonry, or "Craft Masonry" as it is sometimes *craftily* designated, in 1717 may be compared to some mediæval church which has just been erected, which, although complete in all essentials,—with its basement floor, triforium, and clerestory—yet affords scope for adornment, and was so constructed as to admit of that adornment; there are the rude, or roughly-cut stones in situ out of which beautifully carved capitals have yet to be formed; the walls have to be properly decorated, and so on, thus leaving scope for some able artist to set his mark upon it, and prove himself a thorough "Master Mason." So with our Speculative Freemasonry, the structure is the same now as it was when first erected in 1717, only it has had some decorations added to it since then, in fact, we sometimes perceive these decorations, or otherwise, just as the "guide" may happen to point them out or omit them. Taking into consideration the object they had in view we must allow that Desaguliers and Anderson ("Desaguliers and Co." is not mentioned in disparagement, but because it comes handy), were not only successful but also able architects, and likewise showed considerable knowledge of the workings of human nature.—W. P. BUCHAN.

MASONIC AND ASTRONOMIC SCHOLARS.

It seems to be with Masonic "Scholars" in 1870 as it was with Astronomic "Scholars" in 1633. For any 17th century student of Astronomy to assert in defiance of the *infallible* dogmas of the schoolmen, and the notions of the then "philosophers," that the earth moved, that the sun had spots, &c., was, of course, most absurd, and entirely anti-Christian; while, of course, the propagator of such nonsense? surely merited the direst punishment, and his ideas were worthy of nothing but ridicule. So with the Masonic student of 1870 who would dare to assert

that our system of Speculative Freemasonry, with its ceremonies and "secrets" was not as yet two centuries old. What? Say our Masonic *scholars*, not two centuries old! The idea is absurd, we know better; cannot we point to such names as Anderson, Granddier, Preston, Oliver, and a host of others, who all *assert* otherwise, and uphold the great antiquity of our most ancient and venerable Order. Not two centuries old! the man that says so must be mad?—However, "E pur, se muove" will answer just as well in 1870 as it did in 1633.—PICTUS.

MASON OR ARTIFICER.

The Hebrew word for Artificer is *Harash*. *Harash* is derived from the verb signifying "to cut into, to inscribe," equivalent to the Greek *Charassow*. The verb *harash*, therefore, is used to signify to cut out of metal, or wood, or stone.

It also used in the sense of cutting into the soil, *i.e.*, *ploughing*. Hence, in Arabic, *Haris* means a Ploughman.

Such being the primary idea of the verb *harash*, the noun *harash* has been variously translated:—

(a) *Engraver.*

Exod. xxviii. 11. With the work of an engraver.

—xxxv. 35.

—xxxviii. 23. *An engraver* and a cunning workman.

(b) *Craftsman.*

Deut. xxvii. 15. Work of the hands of the *craftsman*.

2 Kings xxiv. 14. All the *craftsmen*. &c., &c.

(c) *Smith.*

1 Sam. xiii. 19. Now there was no *smith* found.

Is. xliv. 12.

(d) *Carpenters and Masons.*

2 Sam. v. 11. And *carpenters and masons*: *i.e.* lit. workers, carvers, or cutters of wood, and carvers or cutters of stone.

2 Kings xii. 11 (12). They laid it out to the *carpenters* (lit. cutters or workers of wood).

—xxii. 6. &c.

Masons and Carpenters.

1 Ch. xiv. 1. With *masons and carpenters* (lit. workers or cutters of wall, and workers or cutters of wood).

(e) *Workers.*

1 Ch. xxii. 15. And *workers* of stone and of timber.

(f) *Artificer.*

1 Ch. xxix. 5.

(g) *Workman.*

Is. xl. 19-20, xliv. 11.

(h) *Maker.*

Is. xlv. 16. *Makers* of idols.

From the above, it is clear that the term *harash* is employed in the sense of *cutter* or *carver* whether it be

(1) The Cutter or Carver in *wood*—*i.e.* Carpenter;

(2) The Cutter or Carver in *metal*—*i.e.* Engineer or Smith; or,

(3) The Cutter or Carver in *stone*—*i.e.* a Mason.—
Rev. WAZIR BEG, M.D., LL.D.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed by Correspondents

MASONRY AT THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.
"SCOTTISH CONSTITUTION."

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

Cape Town, 2nd September, 1870.

Dear Sir and Brother.—Agreeable to promise, I now enclose further particulars, respecting the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in granting a Warrant to suspend a member of the Albany Lodge, Graham's Town.

I am dear Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,
MICHAEL T. KING.

District Grand Lodge of South Africa, and of the Colonies adjacent thereto.

Report of the proceedings which have led to the suspension of communication and intercourse between the District or Grand Lodge and various lodges in South Africa holding Charters under the Constitution of Scotland.

1.—On the 23rd May, 1869, the Albany Lodge, No. 389, under the Constitutions of England, and meeting in Graham's Town, South Africa, was suspended by the District Grand Lodge for contumacy.

2.—Due notice hereof was formally communicated to the Craft working under the Constitutions of England, Holland, and Scotland.

3.—In October, 1869, it was represented (on reliable authority) to the Board of General Purposes that the suspended lodge had applied to the Grand Lodge of Scotland for a Charter under the title of the Albany Lodge, and has thus tried to elude the sentence, as well as the jurisdiction of the District Grand Lodge.

4.—It was further stated that the application of the contumacious and suspended lodge had been transmitted through Bro. Saunders, Past Master of the Senior Scotch Lodge, the Southern Cross, of Cape Town, and who is generally understood to be the representative or other organ of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and that the application had been granted.

5.—Thereupon the Board, with the sanction of the W.M. and P.G.M., specially deputed Bro. Cowen, W.M., of the Joppa, and acting P.G. Sec., to await officially upon Bro. Saunders to enquire into the alleged facts, and if ascertained to be as represented to urge on Bro. Saunders, as the Agent of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the gravity of the irregularity which had been committed.

6.—Bro Cowen, accordingly so waited on Bro. Saunders, on the 30th October, 1869, and explained the object of his visit.

7.—Bro. Saunders at once admitted the correctness of the information which had reached the Board of General Purposes, and added that he had used the influence he possessed with the Grand Lodge of Scotland to sustain the application of the Albany Lodge.

8.—But he further said, though some books for

the proposed new lodge had arrived, the Charter itself was still on its way to the Colony.

9.—In the course of discussion between Br. Cowen and Br. Saunders, the latter stated that the application of the Albany Lodge had been supported by some twenty brethren resident in Graham's Town, and by the Master and members of the St. John's Lodge.

10.—From the manner in which Bro. Saunders referred to the St. John's (No. 828) Br. Cowen was led to understand that the Lodge, as a Lodge, supported the application; subsequent enquiry has shown that certain members of the St. John's individually supported the application, in ignorance, as they plead in excuse of the irregularity.

11.—Be that as it may, Br. Saunders himself did not affect ignorance of the suspension of the Albany Lodge; and had he been ignorant of the fact previously, it certainly was formally and officially brought to his notice by Br. Cowen, and he then and there undertook not to forward the new charter on its arrival, but to hold it until such time as the case which he was informed by Br. Cowen was to be submitted to the consideration of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and England had been adjudicated.

12.—The disclosures thus made were regarded by the Board of General Purposes as peculiarly unsatisfactory, and constituted a matter of serious complaint on the part of the District Grand Lodge; still the important point of impounding the Charter so irregularly obtained pending further enquiry, was supposed to have been attained, under the circumstances: therefore it was deemed unnecessary to take any further steps at the Cape, but to leave matters in abeyance, until the joint action of the respective Grand Lodges determined the question, but, for certainty sake; the annexed special notice was sent to Br. Saunders (as yet unanswered.)

Board of General Purposes,
Cape Town, 30th October, 1869

The Worshipful Bro. J. Saunders, P.M. &c.,
Southern Cross Lodge, Cape Town.

Dear Sir and Brother,

As the Board has learned that a Warrant has been granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland for the Albany Lodge, Graham's Town, which works under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, and is and was suspended at the time that the application was made for the above warrant.

I am requested to ascertain the circumstances which led you to obtain it, and whether it is your intention to proceed in the matter.

I am also to, as I hereby do, remind you, and give you notice, that the said Albany Lodge and members thereof are still under suspension for contumacy.

I have the honour to be,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours Fraternally,

(Signed) MICHAEL T. KING,

Vice-Chairman of the Board of General Purposes.

13.—It was therefore with equal surprise and concern that the District Grand Lodge accidentally discovered, some time last month, that on arrival of the new Charter for the contumacious Lodge, it had been forwarded to its destination by Bro. Saunders

in breach of his promise, and without previous notice to the District Grand Lodge, or to any one on its behalf, and the intelligence thus obtained was accompanied with information that the new lodge was preparing to act on the Charter.

14.—The District Grand Lodge thus suddenly confronted, and affronted, felt itself constrained to vindicate its authority and the respect due to it, and forthwith suspended all communication with the Brethren of the Scotch Constitution.

15.—Since this painful measure has been imposed on the District Grand Lodge, it has come to their knowledge that many of the more influential members of the Scotch degrees have declared that they repudiate the proceeding of Bro. Saunders, which they treat as his own unauthorized act.

16.—It will afford the District Grand Lodge the deepest gratification to learn that this view will be expressed by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and it hastens to record its thorough confidence that this eminent and illustrious section of the Craft would not have granted the obnoxious Charter, and countenanced Masonic disobedience, had the facts of the case been represented as they ought to have been.

17.—But while cheerfully and sincerely according thus much as due to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the District Grand Lodge of South Africa most firmly submit and respectfully hold the Grand Lodge onerous for the acts and proceedings of the Brother whom it had (on this occasion at all events) selected to be its representative, and whom it has entrusted with important responsible functions. And it would be a source of unfeigned grief to the District Grand Lodge of South Africa if the step they have felt themselves compelled to take should be unhappily misconstrued by the Grand Lodge of Scotland into anything beyond a proper desire to maintain their self-respect, to vindicate their lawful authority, and to enforce that just discipline and order, without which all efforts for self-government amongst the Craft will be rendered nugatory, if not indeed destroyed.

(Signed) CHAS. A. FAIRBRIDGE, P.G.S.W.
MICHAEL T. KING, P.G.J.W.

Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board of General Purposes.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AFRICA AND
OF THE COLONIES ADJACENT THERETO.

Cape Town, September 3rd, 1870.

To the most Worshipful Brother, W. H. Laurie,
Secretary Grand Lodge of Scotland,

Dear Sir and Brother.—Wishing to pay every respect to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and, fearing that the original, per "Cambrian" might not have reached you, I respectfully beg to forward per "Briton" Duplicate of report of proceedings in connection with the suspended "Albany" Lodge, (No. 389,) Graham's Town.

You will perceive from the dates of the various communications that Bro. Saunders had special notice from this lodge in time to have enabled him to communicate his error to your Grand Lodge, before the

charter for the suspended brethren of the "Albany" Lodge was dispatched by you to this Colony.

I remain Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,
(Signed) M. T. KING,

Vice-President Board of General Purposes.

N.B.—Bro. Saunders is the representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in this Colony.

MASONIC SAYINGS AND DOINGS ABROAD.

The "Australian Freemasons' Magazine," which we have not received for some months, has reached us. We learn that six months trial has proved its success, although the editor's enthusiasm is somewhat toned down. The proprietors have, therefore, increased the size and lowered the price. We hope his enterprise may meet with the success it deserves.

The following translation from an article in a Bruges newspaper has been forwarded us by a correspondent. It affords another proof of the bigoted opposition of the ultramontane Roman Catholics to Freemasonry:—

"Italy is the hot bed of revolution, and has forced on King Victor Emmanuel the necessity of crushing a peaceful state and the Pope's dethronement.

"To gain this shameful end all the Lodges in the world have lent their aid and assistance.

"The Lodges in Italy cry out triumphantly; they go so far and deny the God of rectitude, and take the place where the head of Holiness has always had its throne.

"The G.M. Frappoli promulgated a letter to the Freemasons' Lodges as follows:—'Very worthy brothers! the Italian Government takes possession of Rome, the Grand Lodge of Freemasonry in Italy and its dependencies have resolved to remove the Grand Lodge to Rome. I have given the necessary orders that the Grand Lodge of Florence shall be removed to Rome, to the metropolis of the nation.'

"The few orders or commands are definite, Freemasonry declares itself as the chief head. It has resolved that Rome, from this time forth, shall be the seat of the Grand Lodge of Italy; Victor Emmanuel is only a tool in their hands, nothing more.

"Now we ask one question, is it possible that this robbery, this taking by force, this plundering of a lawful sovereign and his loving subjects, shall be permitted to go unpunished?

"We fear it is so, no one troubles himself, but, on the contrary, all say let it go. The secret is, that various Governments are in concert with the revolution, which, however, in its turn will one day or other break its own neck. *Hodie mihi, cras tibi.*"

The Americans have brought out a still more copious body of the rituals of the Craft:—Arch degrees, Royal Master and Templars, making 878 pages, that is nearly one thousand, and costing thirty shillings. This is a nice lot to learn by heart.—MIRANS.

THE MASONIC MIRROR.

* * All communications to be addressed to the EDITOR, at No. 19, Salisbury-street, Strand, London, W.C.

MASONIC MEMS.

THE NEW POSTAL ARRANGEMENT.—On the 1st of October the new postal arrangement came into operation, by which the postage of the MAGAZINE is reduced one-half, of which our subscribers will receive the full benefit. In future, those of our subscribers who pay one year in advance will receive the MAGAZINE post-free. The price of the MAGAZINE will thus be reduced from 17s. 4d. to 13s. per annum. Under this arrangement the following be the terms of subscription:—One year, paid in advance, 13s.; six months, 7s. 9d.; single numbers by post, 3½d. We hope that by thus giving the advantage to our subscribers they will, in return, use their best endeavours to increase our circulation, by inducing their friends to become subscribers. Anticipating a large increase in our circulation, arrangements are in progress for special new features in the MAGAZINE.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—OCTOBER ELECTION, 1870.—The votes and interest of the Governors and Subscribers are earnestly solicited on behalf of Harry Tappolet, aged nine years, son of Bro. Richard Tappolet, who died of pneumonia in March, 1861, leaving a widow and eight children, two dependent on the widow, with an insufficient income for their support. Bro. Richard Tappolet was initiated in the Lodge of Temperance (No. 169), in 1864; joined the Lion and Lamb Lodge (No. 192); was a P.M. in both lodges, and a member of the Royal Arch Chapter; he was also a subscriber to all the Masonic Charities until his death. The case is strongly recommended by many eminent brethren. Proxies will be thankfully received by the widow, 18, Culford-road, Kingsland.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS, OCTOBER ELECTION.—Votes are earnestly solicited on behalf of Robert Gurton, born 8th April, 1863. His father, the late Bro. John Gurton, was a wholesale wine merchant in Northumberland-street, Strand, and died October 23rd, 1867, after a short and severe illness, at the age of 44, caused by distress of mind through failure in business, leaving a widow and four children totally unprovided for. The widow died very suddenly in the following January. The eldest son is in a situation, the second and third sons are in the Licensed Victuallers' School, and the Candidate is being supported by a Brother Mason, who is entirely unconnected with the family. The case is well known and strongly recommended by the R.W. Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. of Middlesex, and a large number of brethren whose names will be found in our advertising columns.

VOTES of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys are requested on behalf Alfred Nutt, of Leicester, which should be forwarded to Bro. George Toller, jun., Provincial Grand Secretary of Leicestershire, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

ROYAL FREEMASONS' SCHOOL FOR BOYS.—OCTOBER ELECTION.—The support of the subscribers is earnestly solicited on behalf of George James Fitzwater, aged nine years, whose father, Bro. Charles Fitzwater, was initiated into Masonry in the Ranelagh Lodge (No. 834), in 1861, and was a builder and contractor. Having suffered many heavy losses, became bankrupt in 1866; his wife died in March, 1869, leaving eight children; he has since broken up his home, and is unable to give them an educa-

tion. The case is strongly recommended by the W.M., officers and brethren of the Ranelagh Lodge (No. 834). Proxies will be thankfully received by the father, Chas. Fitzwater, 7, Addison-street, Notting-hill.

THE ROBERT BURNS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 25), has commenced its winter session, and now meets every Friday evening at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at half-past seven o'clock.

Attention is called to the report of the first meeting of the Prudent Brethren Chapter of Improvement, held at Freemasons' Hall, which bids far to assume the same rank in the Royal Arch degree as the Emulation Lodge of Improvement has shown in the Craft.

A Lodge of Instruction under the sanction of the warrant of the St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306, will be held at Bro. Hayward's, the Gem Tavern and Hotel, High Street, Wapping, every Monday evening, and that at the first meeting on Monday, the 24th inst., at seven o'clock, the ceremony of Consecration and Installation will be performed by the W. Bro. James Brett, G.P., when all brethren are invited to attend. Bro. Thomas S. Mortlock, P.M. 186, has kindly consented to act as Preceptor for a time.

Several lodge and chapter reports stand over till next week.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND. INSTALLATION OF BRO. H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES AS GRAND PATRON OF SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY.

On Wednesday, the 12th inst., Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was installed as Grand Patron of the Freemasons of Scotland. The Freemasons' Hall, in Edinburgh, was specially fitted up for the occasion, and a large number of members of the Grand Lodge were assembled. The Grand Master Mason of Scotland, the Right Hon. Earl Dalhousie, K.T., G.C.B., having announced the purpose for which the Lodge had been constituted, the Prince of Wales was introduced, and was received with great enthusiasm.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then said:—Brethren;—It is my duty to announce to you, and I do it with the highest satisfaction, that our Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Duke of Rothesay, and Great Steward of Scotland, has condescended to accept the offer which we laid before him, and to become the Patron of the Scottish Craft. Our Royal Brother has done us the honour to attend here to-day, in order to be installed into that dignified position, and I beg now, Sir, that you will permit me to conduct you to the altar, where I can administer to you the obligation.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was now conducted from the platform to the centre of the Hall by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Rt. Hon. Earl Dalhousie; the R.W.D.G. Master, Rt. Hon. Earl Roslyn; the R.W. Bro. J. Whyte Melville, P.G.M.; and the R.W. Bro. Henry Inglis, Substitute Grand Master; where he was formally installed and invested with the insignia of office.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master here addressed His Royal Highness in the following terms:—Most Illustrious Sir and Brother;—The Grand Lodge of Scotland, through the unworthy hands of me, the Grand Master, have now installed you as the Patron of Masonry, not only in Scotland, but of Scottish Masonry throughout the world. In the name of that ancient and distinguished body, I have to thank your Royal Highness for the

honour you have done us. It is the highest honour we have it in our power to offer to a brother, and, as your Royal Highness is aware, it has been already held by your Royal Highness's illustrious predecessors, their Majesties George IV. and William IV. As it has now, Royal Sir, descended upon you, it is not only my earnest wish, but it is the prayer of every good Mason here, and throughout the bounds of Scotland, that you may be long spared to fill the office in which you have now been installed, and when in the course of events you shall come to occupy the same high station in this country which your predecessors in this office have occupied before you, we may hail in the Grand Lodge of Scotland another Sovereign of the country as the Patron of our Craft. Permit me, most Royal Patron, to tender, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Masons of Scotland, the right hand of fellowship.

The M.W. Grand Master cordially shook hands with his Royal Highness, and congratulated him on his appointment amid loud and prolonged cheering.

Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in acknowledgment, said—Most Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens and Brethren—I cannot tell you how deeply the ceremony of to-day has touched me, and how thankful I am to you all for the great honour you have conferred upon me in making me patron of the Craft in Scotland. I have also to express to you how deeply touched I have been by the exceedingly kind manner in which, Most Worshipful Grand Master, you have addressed me. Brethren, I have not been long a member of the Craft; still I hope that I may be considered a worthy member of it. You may be all convinced that I shall always, and on every occasion, and at every time endeavour to do my utmost to fulfil such duties as may be imposed upon me as a brother mason. Allow me once more to thank you for the honour you have conferred upon me—an honour I shall never forget. I can assure you that I felt it was a high honour when I was made last year a Past Grand Master of the Freemasons of England. Now, an additional and further honour, I consider, has been conferred upon me—an honour which was only wanted to make me feel happy as a member of your Craft, and that is the honour of being made the Patron of this illustrious Craft in Scotland.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master presented to His Royal Highness a copy of the laws and constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and also an elegantly bound copy of "The History of Freemasonry and of the Grand Lodge of Scotland," edited by Bro. W. Laurie, the Grand Secretary, which his lordship remarked might, in his opinion, be profitably studied by his Royal Highness as the head of the Craft of Scotland. At the request of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the lodge saluted the Grand Patron of Freemasonry in Scotland, the Prince of Wales bowing repeatedly in acknowledgement of the compliment. The Grand Lodge was then closed with the usual formalities, and His Royal Highness and the chief officers of the Grand Lodge, as they retired in procession from the hall were loudly cheered.

His Royal Highness was requested to accept affiliation to Lodge, (No. 1.) Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel). The Right Worshipful Master, addressing his Royal Highness, said—"Most Illustrious Patron—In compliance with your Royal Highness's commands, I am here with this deputation from the lodge to administer the rite of affiliation. The lodge I represent is one of great antiquity, probably the oldest Masonic body in Scotland, and it certainly possesses the oldest Masonic records of any

Masonic body in the world." The ceremony of affiliation having been celebrated in the usual manner.

The Prince of Wales expressed the gratification which he experienced at being affiliated with such an ancient and honourable lodge.

This concluded the proceedings, and his Royal Highness was enthusiastically cheered by the members of the Craft who had assembled on the occasion.

We learn that the Grand Lodge has had a suitable jewel prepared for presentation to His Royal Highness. The jewel which has been designed and executed by Bro. Alex. Hay, goldsmith and jeweller to the Grand Lodge, consists of a gold star surmounted by a Prince of Wales's feather in silver, studded with small gems, and having the square, compass, and segment attached underneath. In the centre of the star is the figure of St. Andrew, on a dark-blue enamelled ground, surrounded with a wreath of thistles. The jewel bears the following inscription:—"The jewel of His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, K.T., Duke of Rothesay, Grand Steward of Scotland, and Patron of the Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland, 1870." Extensive preparations were made for the public ceremonial in which His Royal Highness took the leading part. Round the intended site of the foundation-stone covered platforms of substantial construction were erected by Messrs William Beattie & Sons, under the superintendance of Mr. Bryce, architect for the Infirmary buildings. These platforms were duly inspected by competent parties appointed under judicial authority, so as to make sure of their sufficiency. The High Constables, acting in the capacity of Honorary Stewards, rendered assistance in preserving order,

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The election of eleven girls from a list of 21 candidates for admission to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls took place on Thursday, 18th inst., at the Freemason's Hall. The following we understand were unsuccessful:—A. Chapman, A. R. Selley, A. S. Dawson, J. R. Coombs, A. Dunn, E. Hollis, H. M. Greene, C. J. Andrew, M. E. Gull, C. Allard. No official communication has reached us up to the time of going to press, but no doubt the Secretary will furnish us with full particulars for our next.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following Circular has been issued:—

"Office, No. 4, Freemason's Hall, London, W.C.,
"October, 1870.

"W. Sir & Brother,—Permit me most earnestly to solicit the favour of your influence in obtaining the services of a Member of your Lodge to represent it as a Steward for the Anniversary Festival appointed by The Right Hon. The Earl De Grey and Ripon, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master, to be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 25th January, 1871, under the Presidency of the R.W. Brother Colonel Francis Burdett, Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex.

"This Institution has great claims for aid on account of the number of Candidates seeking to receive its benefits. Since its formation there have been elected on its funds 316 Brethren and 128 Widows; and after the last Election there were 100 Brethren

and 69 Widows, receiving the full allowance of £26 and £25 respectively, besides seven Widows receiving half their late Husband's Annuity.

"In the hope of receiving a favourable reply, with particulars on the annexed form,

"I am, W. Sir and Brother, "

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,

"WILLIAM FARNFIELD, (P.A.G.Sec.),

"Secretary.

"CHARITY JEWEL.

"Any Brother serving the Office of Steward to this Institution and giving a donation of not less than Ten Pounds is entitled to wear the Charity Jewel provided he has served the Office of Steward to either of the two Masonic Schools, and duly qualified as a Life Governor.

"FESTIVAL STEWARDSHIP.

"Every Brother accepting the Office of Steward is called upon to pay a Fee, usually £3 3s. (according to circumstances) to "The Stewards' Fund," separate from the funds of this Institution, and for which sum the Steward receives his Dinner Ticket, value 2s., and Two Tickets for the admission of Ladies to the Gallery, and a Collation, value 17s., the Balance being applied to the expenses of the Festival, such as Music, Stewards' Rosettes, Printing, Postages, &c.

"The Rule with respect to the additional Votes allowed to Stewards is as follows:—

"Every Donor of £5 shall be a Life Governor with the privilege of Two Votes at each Election of Annuitants according to the Fund to which such Donor subscribes."

"Every Donor who serves the Office of Steward at the Anniversary Festival, and subscribes £5 to each Fund, shall be entitled to Three Votes at each Election of Annuitants (Male and Female), or should a Donor subscribe £10 to one Fund, he shall be entitled to Six Votes at each Election for that particular Fund."

"Every Life Governor who has served the Office of Steward at the Anniversary Festival and subscribed £10 or upwards, shall on every occasion of subsequent service of such office, if accompanied with a similar Donation, be entitled to Four extra Votes—if accompanied with a Donation of £5 to Two extra Votes—if unaccompanied with a personal Donation, but by means of his services not less than £20 shall be paid to the Funds, he shall be entitled to One additional Vote for every subsequent Stewardship."

"Every Donor who has qualified as a Life Governor, and afterwards serves the office of Steward at the Anniversary Festival, and qualifies again as a Life Governor, shall be entitled to the same number of Votes as if he had paid both at the time of serving the Stewardship."

[We earnestly call the attention of the brethren to these liberal arrangements, which have been sanctioned by the Committee.]

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METROPOLITAN.

LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 185).—The brethren of the above lodge met on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street, City, the W.M., Bro. B. W. Aaron, in the chair; L. Lyons, P.M., S.W.; M. Alexander, J.W.; E. P. Albert, P.M. Sec.;

J. Abrahams, P.M., Treas.; O. Roberts, I.G.; A. Swanborough, D.C.; and P.M.'s Bros. L. Alexander, H. M. Levy, &c.; and Bros. H. J. Isaacs, Mellish, Stranoky, C. Dispecker, Dodson, Platts, Lyons, Spiegel, J. R. Cook, Hudson, Faulkner, Wagstaff, &c. The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., by the courtesy of the W.M., passed Bro. Rosenheim to the second degree, and a ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. J. Goldsmid, who was duly initiated into the order (by fiat). The ceremonies were excellently and impressively, worked by Bro. Alexander, P.M. A candidate was proposed for initiation on the next regular meeting. A distressed Bro. was relieved from the funds of the lodge. Bro. Israel Abrahams, P.M., volunteered his services as Steward at the next festival, on Jan. 25th next, for the Royal Masonic Institution for the Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a slight repast. The W.M., Bro. B. W. Aaron, although labouring under severe indisposition, very ably presided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, including that of the Earl of Zetland and H.R.H., as Past Grand Masters of the order. (Cheers.) The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Benevolent Fund attached to the lodge, and he also informed the brethren that the newly-initiated brother had been so impressed with the ceremony, that he had at that early period following his initiation, subscribed to that fund. Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., very eloquently returned thanks. The toast of "The Initiate" was responded to by Bro. J. Goldsmid, in a very excellent and appropriate manner. Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., then proposed the toast of the W.M., whom he stated was labouring under severe indisposition, but he paid him a very just tribute of respect for the manner he had on every occasion presided over the brethren; he hoped that he might, on future occasions, be present in good health. (Cheers.) The W.M. very briefly and appropriately returned thanks, and he said he had to propose a toast that the lodge was always pleased to hear, and that was, the visitors who had honoured the lodge by their presence this evening; they had not come on this occasion to a banquet, but the right hand of friendship was held out to them; they were glad to see them; they were brethren who were well known in the Craft, and he, as well as every brother present, were pleased to see them. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. They were Bros. Lacey, P.M. 174; H. Themans, 144; Charles Davis, 222; E. B. Reekes, 27; J. H. Dodson, 55; Lieut. J. H. Evans, 1017; E. Parker, Middlesex Lodge, U.S.; A. Anderson, 190, Scotland; E. H. Limberti, 382. Bro. C. Lacey, P.M., 174, responded to the toast in a very able manner, and paid a very excellent compliment to the P.M. who had occupied the chair, and he was pleased to see the lodge had a Benevolent Fund that had so large an amount at its disposal in the great cause of charity, that could afford so large an amount as £100 to a distressed brother; that in itself was a credit to any lodge, and although he had visited many lodges, there were none that could boast of giving so large amount of charity. Bros. Themans, Reekes, Evans, and Parker followed. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters, which was responded to by H. M. Levy, P.M. The toast of the junior officers was responded to by Roberts, I.G. Some very excellent singing was rendered by Bros. L. Alexander, P.M., Limberti, J. Abrahams, Aaranson, &c., and a very agreeable evening was passed.

STABILITY LODGE (No. 217).—The brethren of this lodge held a regular meeting at Mr. Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Tuesday, 4th inst., Bro. Thomas James, W.M., in the chair. Bros. Gladding, Star of India, 1,062, and Hillard, Acacia, 1,309, were unanimously elected joining members, and Mr. Gurney was approved as a candidate for initiation. Bro. Brodey, P.M., moved that two guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; seconded by Bro. Taylor, P.M., and carried unanimously. Bro. E. Hughes, I.P.M., again brought forward "The Stability Charities' Fund," and the Secretary (Bro. Taylor, P.M.), having announced a sufficient amount in hand to allow three ballots, the brethren subscribing proceeded to elect that number of life subscribers, and the lots fell to Bros. Henry Wilson, No. 1; Henry Wilson, No. 2; and E. Hughes, I.P.M.

LODGE OF ST. JAMES' (No. 765).—The brethren of this lodge held the first meeting of the season on Tuesday, 4th inst., at Bro. Kennedy's, the Leather Market Tavern, Bermondsey. The only business was the initiation of a candidate. There were present:—Bro. G. Hyde, W.M.; also Bros. R. P. Hooton, S.W.; T. Neville, J.W.; W. Jones, Treasurer and S.D.; F. Child,

J.D.; and P. Mac Callum, I.G. Bro. R. White, P.M. and Secretary, was absent through severe indisposition, and his duties, which were more than usually onerous this evening devolved upon Bro. Jones, Treasurer and Deacon. The charity-box of this lodge has been abolished, and a fixed subscription substituted. Several visiting brethren were present at the capital banquet which closed the evening.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1,178).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday at Bro. Drapper's, the Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica Road, Bermondsey. The chair was taken punctually at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. J. W. Avery, and the lodge opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting, and the report of the audit committee read and confirmed. The second and third degrees were announced to be worked, but the various candidates being principally nautical men, and at present absent from England, the business of the evening, beyond the ceremony of installation, was confined to the initiation of four gentlemen into the Order, and those candidates, each arriving at different periods of the evening, had to be separately initiated from the beginning to the end of the ceremony, thus rendering the Master's office no sinecure. The labour having been concluded, and the lodge properly constituted, the W.M. elect, Bro. Josiah Green, was introduced and presented, and, according to ancient form and custom inducted into the Master's Chair, the installing master, Bro. Avery, being enthusiastically greeted by the numerous assembly at the close of his arduous labours. The ceremony was admirably done. The appointment of officers on this occasion afforded such an opportunity for rapid promotion as is seldom the case in any lodge. The Senior Warden had been elected to the chair, the Junior Warden, Bro. Bartlett, although earnestly pressed to accept the vacant office by the W.M. and other brethren, firmly refused, and the Senior Deacon of the lodge had resigned his membership of the lodge at its last meeting, thus the W.M. had three of the most important offices of the lodge at the disposal of those who but yesterday held but subordinate positions in it. The W.M. may be congratulated on the choice he has made, as he has secured a thoroughly good working staff, and we trust that they may have many opportunities of proving their powers during the ensuing year. In the course of the evening, the retiring Master, Bro. J. W. Avery, returned thanks to the lodge for the very handsome vote of five guineas presented to him for the purpose of purchasing a Past Master's jewel to commemorate his year of office; he stated, however, that as he was conscious that during his mastership he had upheld the honour and usefulness of the lodge, and that he well knew that his brethren felt and appreciated his exertions, he required no other remembrance of the happy year he had passed as Master of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge, and therefore, instead of purchasing a jewel with the money, he had devoted it to the Royal Masonic Girls' School, where it would do more substantial good than if spent in a personal decoration. The installation banquet was a very excellent one, and a very interesting and agreeable evening was brought to a close at an unusually early hour, the London division arriving in town at eleven o'clock, every one delighted with the days' proceedings.

LEBANON LODGE (No. 1,326).—A regular meeting of the Lodge was held on the 30th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. The chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. T. T. Moss, when Bro. Saville passed to the Second Degree. Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.S.B., Herts, raised at the same meeting Bros. J. T. Dalby and Watkins (of No. 879) and Bro. J. Thomas. The W.M. called attention to his Stewardship for the Aged Freemasons and obtained the names of most of them as his supporters at the next Festival. The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren adjourned to slight refreshment. Bros. J. Palmer, 27; Jas. Terry, P.M., 228; and J. H. Moss, 169, were present as visitors.

PROVINCIAL.

CHESHIRE.

CREWE.—Lodge of the Four Cardinal Virtues (No. 969).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at Crewe Arms Hotel, on Tuesday, 4th inst., when upwards of forty brethren assembled. The lodge was opened at 3 o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. announced that Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord de Tabley, Prov. G.M.,

Capt. Cope, Prov. G.S.B., and Prov. G.S.W., Rev. F. Terry, Prov. G. Chap., I. A. Birch, Prov. S.G.D., were outside the lodge seeking admission, and called upon the brethren to receive them in due form. The Chair of K.S. having been offered to the R.W.P. Grand Master, who politely declined, the W.M. proceeded with the initiation of Mr. S. Heath, Junr., of Crewe, and worked that ceremony so efficiently as to call forth the encomium of most of the members present. The Installing Master, Bro. Capt. Cope, Prov. G.S.B., and Prov. G.S.W., then took the chair, and Bro. Thos. E. Gibson was introduced to him as the W.M. elect. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and conducted in that admirable and impressive manner for which Bro. Cope is so justly celebrated, and which was a great treat to all who had the privilege of witnessing it. At the completion of this ceremony, the lodge being closed to the first degree, and after hearty good wishes from several lodges, and other business, Bro. Whale, P.M., gave notice that at the following lodge he should move that a further sum of ten guineas be given out of the lodge funds to the Masonic Boys' School. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired from labour to refreshment. The chair was occupied by the W.M., who was supported on his right by the Rt. W. Prov. G.M. the Rt. Hon. Lord de Tabley; Bro. the Rev. F. Terry, Prov. G. Chap.; Bro. the Rev. J. N. Tanner, P. Prov. G. Chap., and Bro. J. A. Birch, P.S.G.D., and on the left by Bro. Capt. Cope, P.G.S.B., and P.S.G.W.; the Immediate P.M., and P. Masters of the Lodge. Grace having been said, and the cloth removed, the W.M. proposed the following toasts:—The Queen; The Prince and Princess of Wales, and rest of the Royal Family; The Most W.G.M., the Right Hon. Earl de Grey and Ripon; The Deputy G.M., and other G. Officers, past and present. This was responded to by the R.W. Prov. G.M. Lord de Tabley. The W.M. next proposed in appropriate and eloquent terms the health of the Right W. Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, referring to the honour that the Prov. G.M. had conferred upon them as Masons and as a Lodge, and hoped that it would stimulate them to increased Masonic exertion, and hoped that the time was not far distant when they would again have the pleasure of welcoming him amongst them. His Lordship replied in a most earnest manner, thanking the W.M. and the Brethren for their good wishes, and expressed the sincere pleasure it gave him being present on that occasion, and the gratification it would afford him to assist the Lodge at some future occasion, and assured them that the warm and truly Masonic welcome they had greeted him on his appearance amongst them would ever be remembered by him with feelings of gratitude. He also expressed himself very favourably impressed with the excellent working of the Lodge; the unanimity and concord evident amongst the Brethren, and the great hospitality and heartiness with which the visitors had been received, and concluded by proposing the health of the W.M. The W.M. responded in an animated and eloquent speech, and hoped the lodge would continue to prosper under his management as it had during the mastership of his predecessor. The toast of the Deputy Prov. G.M., and other Prov. G. officers was next proposed, associated with the name of the Prov. G. Chap., Bro. Rev. F. Terry, who responded, and said that they (the officers) had such an excellent Prov. G. Master that it was impossible they could be other than good officers; therefore he did not think that they were entitled to so much credit as they generally received. He urged upon the Brethren the necessity of doing more good to their fellow creatures, not only in a Masonic point of view, but also to the outer world; and although they might say that "charity begins at home," he was sure there was nothing in Masonry to teach that it should end there. The Prov. G.M. then addressing the T.P. Master, Bro. Banks, said it gave him much pleasure on behalf of the members of the Lodge to present him with a P.M. Jewel in token of their esteem and appreciation of his service while Master of the Lodge, and was sure from the manner in which he had worked the ceremony of initiation that he was well deserving of it. Bro. Banks very feelingly responded, and thanked the Brethren for their kindness—a kindness which he should never forget, and which he appreciated more from the feeling of good will which it evinced than for the intrinsic value of the jewel itself. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Capt. Cope, and referred to his kindness on previous occasions. Bro. Cope briefly thanked the Brethren, and stated that the "four Cardinal

Virtues" being one of the Lodges which he had consecrated, he took an especial interest in its welfare, and would only be too happy to have the pleasure of installing the present S.W. into the chair of K.S. when occasion required. Bro. Ratcliffe next proposed in an able speech the Masonic Charities, in the cause of which he urged upon the brethren the necessity of supporting these, drawing particular attention to the Boys' School, and was highly pleased to hear the notice of motion given by Bro. P.M. Whale. He was proud to be in a position to say that the "Four Cardinal Virtues" was one of the three Lodges in this province, which could boast of its W.M. being a Vice-President, and that although it was not the first to attain to that honour, it even possesses more votes than any other Lodge in the province. He again volunteered his services as a Steward at the next March Festival, and hoped the Brethren would exert themselves as they had done on previous occasions. The Prov. G.M. ably responded. The health of the Visitors, the Initiate, and the Officers of the Lodge were proposed and duly honoured and responded to, finishing up with the Tyler's toast. The Brethren dispersed about half-past ten, after a most successful meeting.

DEVONSHIRE.

TOTNES. — *Pleiades Lodge* (No. 710.) — The annual meeting for the installation of W.M. and investment of Officers of this lodge was held at the Masonic Room, on Thursday the 6th inst. at 2 p.m. After the close of the chapter business, Bro. Capt. Bridges, P.M., P.G.S.B. of England; and D.G.M. for Somerset, presided as Installing Master, and amongst the brethren present were the following: J. Pridham, W.M.; W. Cummings, W.M. elect; Rev. J. Pomeroy, P.M.; Dr. Owen, P.M.; R. Watson, P.M.; J. Heath, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Marks, P.M.; G. Heath, P.M.; Kellock, P.M.; J. Haines, the Worshipful the Mayor of Totnes; Capt. Keddell, P.M.; Rev. R. Bowden, P.M., 328, P.P.G.C.; G. Glanfield, W.M. 328, P.P.G.S.D.; Bros. Fowler Chudley, Presswell, Bartlett, Rowse, Miner, W. H. Schmidt J. Chudleigh, Middleton, Taylor, Adams, Stafford, &c. The lodge was opened by Bro. Pridham up to the second degree, when Bro. Bridges took the chair, and installed the W.M. elect according to ancient form, who after receiving homage from the brethren, proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers as follows:—J. Pridham, I.P.M.; A. B. Niner, S.W.; Stafford, J.W.; W. H. de Schmidt, S.D.; G. M. Fowle, J.D.; Colven, I.G.; Taylor, Org.; Crocker, Tyler. The audit committee presented their report, by which it appears the finances of the lodge are in a satisfactory position, there being between £70 and £80 in hand after all obligations has been discharged. At the close of the lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the Seven Stars Hotel, where a most excellent dinner was provided by Bro. J. Heath. The W.M. presided, the S.W. occupying the Vice-President's chair; there were eleven P.M.'s present, besides brethren from other lodges, who are always greeted most cordially by the members of the Pleiades Lodge. After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in appropriate speeches. Bro. Bridges was most warmly thanked for having come all the way from Bridgwater to instal the W.M., and that worthy Brother responded in an excellent address, in which he recalled circumstances that had happened thirteen years since, when he opened the Lodge Pleiades, of which he was the originator. Speeches were also made by many of the brethren, and the party broke up early after a most agreeable day. Bro. Taylor efficiently presided at the harmonium, both in lodge and banquetting hall.

DEVON.—*Sincerity Lodge* (No. 189).—A regular meeting of the lodge was held in St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse, on Monday, 10th inst. There were present:—Bros. Balkwill, I.P.M., as W.M., pro. tem.; Bayly, P.M.; Rodd, P.M.; Rae, P.M., Secretary; Trickett, P.M.; B. Roberts, S.W.; Coffin, J.W.; Coates, S.D., pro. tem.; Bissett, J.D.; Hutchings, I.G.; and W. B. Dampney, W.M. of No. 1071. Three visitors were present. Mr. George Man, M.D., and Mr. Alfred Latimer, were initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The Secretary was directed to write letters of sympathy and condolence to the widow of a deceased brother, and to the mother of a deceased brother lost in the Captain. A candidate was proposed for initiation. The business ended, the lodge was closed

KENT.

CANTERBURY.—*United Industrious Lodge* (No. 31).—The first meeting of the Brethren of this Lodge after the summer vacation was held at the Lodge Room, in High Street, on Thursday last,

The Lodge was attended by a large number of its members, and among the visitors were some of the officers of the 19th Hussars at present stationed in our barracks, and some of the brethren of the Ashford Lodge. After the minutes of the previous Lodge had been read and confirmed, Bro. John R. Hall was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year in a very impressive manner, according to ancient custom by Bro. John Hemery, P.M., in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters, numbering thirteen members, among whom were several past and present Provincial Grand Officers, including the P.G. Treas., Bro. Thorpe. After the ceremony the Lodge was resumed in the first degree, when Bros. Austen, Gardner, W. Davey, J. G. Hall, R. Strand, H. M. Bigglestone, and W. F. Pringuer, were appointed S.W., J.W., S.D., J.D., I.G., and Tyler respectively. Some other business was transacted, and the Lodge was then closed in due form with solemn prayer. The customary annual banquet, which was well served up, took place in the evening at Bro. Coppin's Rose Hotel, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the Chair, and duly honoured by the Brethren present. The toasts of the Prov. G.M. and his officers was responded to by Bro. Thorpe, who expressed himself much pleased at the manner in which the working of the Lodge was conducted, and the cordial reception they had met with. That of the W.M. was given by Bro. Callaway in a truly fraternal manner, and in responding the W.M. said that he was a very young mason, four and a-half years only having elapsed since his initiation; yet, with the aid of those old members of the Lodge, Bros. Delmar, and Pout, who were always ready to give their kind assistance and advice, he trusted he should be able to direct and rule the Lodge in such a manner, that when his year of office should have expired, the brethren would have no reason to regret the high honour they had paid him in electing him to the chair of such a well-known Lodge as that of the "United and Industrious (No. 31). Some other toasts having been given, and responded to, the W.M. vacated the chair, and the party broke up.

FOREST HILL.—*West Kent Lodge*.—The members of the newly-established lodge met at Forest Hill Hotel, on Saturday, 8th inst., being an emergency meeting called for the purpose of passing Bros. John Allen and William Genseric-Kent, who, being present, were duly admitted to the degree of Fellow Craft. The ballot was taken for one brother as a joining member, and one gentleman was proposed for initiation.

LANCASHIRE, (WEST).

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

By command of Bro. Sir Thomas George Fermor-Hesketh, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. of the Western Division of Lancashire, the annual provincial Grand Lodge meeting of this Province was held yesterday in the Town Hall, Southport. The gathering of brethren from different parts of the province was unusually large—nearly 300 being present—showing that the interest in the Craft, instead of diminishing, continues to increase in every part of the Province. A large number of brethren from the lodges in Liverpool started from Exchange station, and a considerable increase was made to the first detachment by the arrival of an additional number at a later hour. As a whole, the meeting in point of numbers was considered, even by veterans, one of the most successful gatherings in connection with this province, and one likely to add largely to the prestige of the Craft in this and other parts of the country. Besides the R.W. Prov. G.M., and other officers of Prov. Grand Lodge and others present were—Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D. Prov. G.M.; H. W. Schneider, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, Prov. G.C.; James Homer, Prov. G.T.; Thomas Wylie, Prov. G.R.; C. Sherlock, P. Prov. G.R.; H. S. Alpass, Prov. G., Sec.; A. C. Mott, Prov. S.G.D.; H. B. White, Proc. J.G.D.; J. D. Moore, Prov. G.S. of Works; R. Wylie, Prov. G.D. of C.; T. Marsh, A. Prov. G.D. of C.; Samuel Ibbes, Prov. G.S.B.; J. Skeaf, Prov. G.O.; W. Laidlaw, Prov. G. Pur.; Capt. J. T. Bourne, P. Prov. J.G.W.; H. Holbrook, D.D.G.M., British Columbia; Col. Birchall, P. Prov. G.J.W.; T. Armstrong, P. Prov. G.J.D.; J. Molineux, P. Prov. G.O.; J. B. Lambert, P. Prov. G.S., East Lancashire; F. Binckes, P.G. Steward of Eng.; Bros. Broadbridge, Pickering, Rowson, and Fowler. Amongst the more prominent brethren present from the different lodges in the province were Bros. T. Jones, W.M. 590; J. Cobham, W.M. 241; J. Atherton, W.M. 1032; J. Sellar, W.M. 220; W. Smith, W.M. 314; J. Hatch, W.M. 281; J. Worsley, W.M. 333; J.

Birchall, W.M. 86; W. Bowden, W.M. 1213; J. K. Smith, P.M. 1094; and W.M. 249; E. Slee, W.M. 155; W. H. Grimmer, P.M. 155 and 226; E. Harbord, W.M. 477; W. Crane, W.M. 1299; J. Pemberton, W.M. 1264; J. Kirshaw, W.M. 613; A. H. Whitehead, W.M. 113; R. Heap, W.M. 613; W. Vinas, P.M. 220; J. W. Baker, P.M. and Treas. 220; R. Jones, S.W. 220; R. H. D. Johnston, P.M. 1094; J. G. Bntterfield, Sec. 220; J. Wood, 249 and Treas. 1094; J. Cook, P.M. 220 and S.W. 1299; J. Jackson, P.M. 823; J.H. Johnston, 477; J. Boxendale, P.M. 580; J. Porter, W.M. 343; J. Pritt, P.M. 343; J. Banning, S.W. 343; W. Heaps, J.W. 343; Rev. J. Taylor, Sec. and Chaplain, 343; J. Cockshott, S.D. 343; M. Quayle, P.M. 343; Wilson, Dawson and many others.

Shortly after eleven o'clock, the Craft Lodge was opened in the several degrees by the W.M. of lodge 113 (Preston), assisted, among others by Bros. J. Sellar, W.M., 220; Cobham as S.W. and Hitch as J.W. After a "wait," which proved more lengthened than pleasant, the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were received in due form, and the lodge having been properly opened, business was proceeded with.

The Provincial G. Secretary read the roll of lodges within the province, and the result showed that the 49 lodges were represented with the exception of four. — Bro. T. Wylie moved that the rule with regard to fines for non-representation should be put in force with regard to these four lodges. The matter was left over.

The minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodges, held at Liverpool and Rufford during the previous year, were read, and unanimously confirmed.

The R.W.Prov.M.G. Master said that, as the brethren would all receive copies of the balance sheet, he would merely intimate that the sum in hand at present was was £134 12s. 9d., and the amount in the bank £900, making a total of £1034 12s. 9d. The accounts were passed unanimously.

Bro. R. Wylie moved, and Bro. A. C. Mott seconded, that Bro. Hamer should be re-elected Grand Treasurer, the duties of which he had so efficiently fulfilled for many years. Bro. Hamer said he had last year intimated his intention of resigning his office, and he would now only accept it on two conditions — first, that he should be allowed to carry that intention into effect at the next annual meeting; and second that the names of Prov. G. Reg., and Prov. G. Sec. for the time being should be put in connexion with him as security at the bank. — The request was agreed to, and Bro. Hamer was accordingly re-appointed the Grand Treasurer.

The following brethren were then chosen Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, the new Officers being invested by the R.W. Prov. G.M. :—

Bro. Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale	-	D. Prov. G.M.
" Hon. F. Stanley, M.P.	-	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. H. Schneider	-	" J.G.W.
" H. G. Vernon	-	" G. Chaplain.
" Bro. T. Wylie	-	" G. Reg.
" H. S. Alpass	-	" G. Sec.
" Long	-	" G.S.D.
" White	-	" G.J.D.
" Laidlaw	-	" G. Supt. of W.
" R. Wylie	-	" G.D. of C.
" Marsh	-	" A.P.G.D. of C.
" Ibbs	-	" G.S.B.
" J. Skeaf	-	" G.O.
" Pickering	-	" G. Purst.
" Broadbridge	-	" G. Steward.
" Bawson	-	" G. Steward
" Fowler	-	" G. Steward
" M. Johnston	-	" G. Steward
" Sharrock	-	" G. Steward
" Baxendale	-	" G. Steward
" P. Ball	-	" Senior G.T.
" W. Ball	-	" Assist. G.T.

It was unanimously resolved, on the notion of Bro. R. Wylie that the sum of £21 be voted for the purpose of purchasing consecration vessels for the Prov. G. Lodge. — Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, however, intimated his intention of furnishing the cup at his own cost — an act of generosity which was received with true masonic cordiality.

After several grants had been made from the benevolent fund to distressed applicants.

Brother T. Wylie gave notice that at the next Provincial

Grand Lodge he would move that the laws of the Benevolent Fund be so altered that the Prov. G. Lodge might vote sums not exceeding £15 to applicants, and also that the bye-laws, when altered, should be printed and circulated amongst the lodges in the province at the cost of production. He made the latter suggestion because he thought that many brethren were not aware of the existence of the fund of benevolence.

The Prov. G. Secretary reported that during the past year two new warrants had been granted, viz. :—one for the Pembroke Lodge, to meet at West Derby, and one for the Fernor Lodge, to meet at Southport. The lodges in the province were generally in a satisfactory state. Through the active exertions of Bro. Robert Wylie, Prov. G. Dir. Cer., and with the assistance of the West Lancashire and Cheshire Lodges, Bro. W. Robinson had been elected an annuitant on the Institution for Aged Freemasons. At the same election the Cheshire brethren secured the election of their candidate. This pleasing result, it was hoped, would, on future occasions, induce all the lodges in the province to co-operate in voting for the candidate whom the majority of the brethren at the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge should decide to support.

The Provincial Grand Lodge then resolved itself into a Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution for the Education and Advancement in Life of the Children of Distressed and Deceased Freemasons. The minutes of the meetings held during the year were read by Bro. Mott, Honorary Secretary, and confirmed. He also submitted the following report :—

"Your committee have again the honour and pleasure of presenting you with a report of their proceedings, together with a statement of the finances of the institution for the year 1869, and in doing so they feel confident that the results of the past year's labours are such as will give satisfaction to the supporters of the institution, whilst they venture to hope their efforts will merit and obtain your approval.

"When your committee presented their last report to you, there were twenty-five children upon the foundation, whilst at the present time thirty-four children are receiving the benefits of the Institution for the Education and Advancement in Life, of whom the sum of £238 Gs. 8d. has been paid during the year,

"The financial statement will bear a favourable comparison with those of former years, showing a steady and highly satisfactory increase in the funds of the institution, and proving that the interest of the brethren of the province, in the welfare of the charity, has in no way diminished.

"If we except the proceeds of the Masonic Balls, held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, in the years 1863 and 1869 respectively, the exceptional and splendid results of the former being such as it can seldom be hoped to realise—the income of the institution from the ordinary sources shows considerable improvement; whilst taking the total financial results of the year, there now stands to the credit of the institution the sum of £7,400 invested, and £890 in the bank, against £6,600 invested, and £504 in the bank at the end of last year, thus showing a clear addition to the funds of £686.

"Your committee have noticed with much satisfaction the adoption by the various lodges and chapters, of a suggestion made in the report of 1867, and the subscriptions of the brethren have, in a number of instances, been paid in the name of their respective lodge or chapter, to constitute some brother a vice-president or life governor. Such a plan, if more extensively adopted, cannot fail, your committee believe, to prove a benefit to the institution, and a source of satisfaction to all. It tends to establish the vice-presidency and life governorship of the institution as recognised honours in the province; it brings the claims of the charity more prominently before the brethren generally; it creates a spirit of healthy emulation among the lodges and chapters, and in many instances proves the means of directing to our funds donations which would not otherwise reach them.

"To the officers and members of lodges and chapters, &c., your committee beg to tender their heartfelt thanks for their cordial sympathy and liberal support during the past and previous years; and for this assistance and co-operation they confidently hope in the future, feeling assured that the hearts of the brethren generally are in the cause not less than those of your committee.

"Finally, your committee commence the labours of another year with renewed encouragement and hope, feeling assured that the object of this noble institution is one which commends itself to every Mason; and whilst doing their utmost for the accomplishment of the good purposes of the charity, they earnestly pray,

and humbly hope, that He who is 'a Father to the fatherless' will bless and prosper their efforts. So mote it be."

Bro. Mott was re-elected Treasurer of the institution, and Bro. R. Wilson, Sec.

The Prov. Grand Lodge then resumed, when, on the application of Bro. Binckes, the sum of 100 guineas was voted from the funds in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The Prov. Grand Lodge and Craft Lodge were afterwards closed in due form. The effect of the proceedings was greatly heightened by the excellent musical services kindly given by Bros. Joseph Busfield, 1,299; D. Jones, P.M., 155; J. Jones, 216; and T. Armstrong, P. Prov. J.D.; the organist being Bro. J. Skeaf, Prov. G.O., whose anthem "Behold how good and how pleasant"—a composition of rare merit, and admirably suited to the occasion—was rendered with striking effect.

After labour came refreshment, and the brethren accordingly adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, Southport, where a banquet was provided by Bro. Ballard, the manager. Upwards of 100 brethren sat down to an excellent repast, under the presidency of Bro. Birchall, P. Prov. J.G.W., who took the chair in the absence of the R.W.P.G.M. After dinner, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed (the latter being responded to by Bros. Mott, Moore, Wilson, and the W.M. of Lodge 613). "The Earl de Grey and Ripon, M.W.G.;" "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W.D.G.M. and the other officers of the Grand Lodge;" "Lieut. Col. Sir G. T. Hesketh, R.W. Prov. G.M., W. Lan.;" "Lord Skelmersdale, W.D. Prov. G.M., and the Prov. G. Wardens;" the Prov. G. Masters of the adjoining Provinces;" "The Prov. Grand Officers, past and present;" "The P. G. Organist, musical brethren, and the P.G. Stewards," were amongst the other toasts on the lists. Harmony of a highly enjoyable nature was furnished by Bros. Busfield, D. Jones and J. Jones, Bro. Skeaf presiding at the pianoforte.

ULVERSTON.—*Lodge of Furness* (No. 995).—The Regular Meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 4th inst., in the Masonic Temple. The chair was occupied by Bro. John Case, W.M.; supported by Bros. Dr. Hy. Barber, P.M., M.D. R. Pearson, S.W.; Jas. W. Grundy, J.W.S.; Robert James, Hon. Sec.; R. Dodgson, S.D.; James Paxton, J.D.; Robert Carson, Organist; Geo. Kennington, P.M., and D.C.; F. J. Blacklock, Steward, J. Robinson, Tyler; and 20 other brethren. The following visitors were present.—Bros: Wm. Johnson, 1225; P. Derbyshire, 1225; F. H. Clarke, 1021. The Lodge was opened, and the ballot taken for Mr. James Hudson, which proved unanimous in his favour; he was initiated by the W.M. Bros. Lockett and Charley were raised by Bros. Kennington and Barlow respectively in a most impressive manner. Bro. Postlethwaite proposed, and Bro. Jenkins seconded, that Bro. Geo. D. Harding, of Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, be admitted a joining member. Treasurer's quarterly statement of accounts was read, after which Lodge was closed in due form.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

LEICESTER.—*St. John's Lodge* No. 279.—A monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. E. S. Stanley. There were also present Bros. Kelly, Prov. G.M. Weare, and L. A. Clarke, P.M.'s; Stretton, S.W.; Crow, J.W.; Dr. Pearce, Sec.; Palmer, S.D.; Widdowson, I.G.; Gurden, Blankley, and others. Visitors, Bros. Buzzard, W.M.; Toller, and Smith, P.M.'s; Partridge, S.D.; Rev. W. T. Fry; Rowlett, Lange, and others of No. 523. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. S. Shuttlewood, and Mr. G. W. Statham, as candidates for Freemasonry, who having been duly elected, were severally initiated into our mysteries. The W.M. having concluded the ceremony, gave the charge. Bro. Pettifor, an old and esteemed P.M. of the lodge, being confined to his house by a dangerous illness, a resolution was unanimously passed, on the proposition of the Prov. G.M., seconded by Bro. Clarke, P.M. expressive of the sympathy of the members, with Bro. Pettifor in his affliction, and of their fervent hope that the Great Architect of the Universe, would be pleased speedily to restore him to perfect health. Two presents were announced to the Library of the Masonic Hall, through the Prov. G.M., namely copies of the interesting and handsomely got up "Reminiscences of the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, by Bro. C. C. Whitney Griffiths," and of the Sermon preached in

May last, at Peterborough Cathedral, before the Duke of Manchester, and Grand Lodge of the province, by the Right Rev. Bro. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough; the former being the gift of the Worcester Lodge; and the latter of Bro. Inns, D.P.G.M. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. During the ceremony of initiation Bro. Rowlett presided at the organ, and conducted the musical service

MARKET HARBOURGH.—*St. Peter's Lodge* (No. 1330).—The first regular monthly meeting of this recently established Lodge took place at the Assembly Rooms, Three Swans Hotel, on Thursday last, the following brethren being present:—W. Kelly, Prov. G.M., W.M.; Sir Henry St. John Halford, Bart., S.W.; Rev. John F. Halford, J.W.; Robert Waite, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Marris, P.M., Sec.; F. Kemp, S.D.; W. Symington, M. H. Lewin, Douglass, Macaulay, Freestone, Lawrence, and Martin, C. Bembridge, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Partridge (as J.D.); and Rowlett (as Organist) of the John of Gaunt Lodge, Leicester. The first business after opening the Lodge was to read and confirm the minutes of the meeting on the 16th September, for the consecration of the Lodge, and of an Emergency meeting on the 30th ult., for the adoption of By-laws, the election of joining members, and the initiation by dispensation, of eight candidates—which having been done, Messrs. John Whitehead, and James Edward Dixon, were balloted for and elected as candidates for Freemasonry; Frederick Grant M.D., and Messrs. Edward Fuller and James Shovelbottom, elected at the previous meeting, and Messrs. John Whitehead, and James Edward Dixon, all of Market Harborough, were then severally initiated. The ceremony was accompanied by the musical chants, &c., conducted by Bro. Rowlett on the harmonium. The W.M. afterwards gave the lecture on the tracing board and the charge. Arrangements having been made for the purchase of furniture, &c., and two gentlemen having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

NEWPORT.—*Silurian Lodge*, (No. 471).—The regular monthly meeting of the members of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Great Dock Street, on Friday last, and was very well attended. There were several Prov. G. Officers present, including the Prov. G. Chaplain P.P.S.G.W.; Treas. P.G.; Sec. Prov. G. D.C. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, the ballot took place, and Mr. A. Judd, of Newport, was unanimously advanced; Bro. H. Fletcher, who was initiated in the Beaufort Lodge, 103, Bristol, was also elected a subscribing member; Bro. Voigt was then passed to the degree of F.C.; C. D. Phillips, W. H. Pickford, and A. P. Williams, were raised as M.M.'s. Both ceremonies were most cordially rendered by the W.M.—One guinea was voted to the fund for the relief of the families of those drowned in the "Captain," and the lodge was closed in harmony, at 9.30. p.m.

SUFFOLK.

ALDEBURGH.—*Adair Lodge* (No. 936).—The brethren of this prosperous Lodge held their regular Monthly Meeting on Friday, the 7th inst., and for the first time assembled in their new lodge room. Acting on the conviction that Masonic meetings should not (if possible) be held in hotels, or public houses, this subject was first brought before the lodge by the W.M. in the early part of this year; and with the unanimous approval and support of the members the work has been satisfactorily carried out. The lodge is erected on the property of Bro. Hayward, S.W., to whose assistance and taste in decorating the room the brethren are much indebted. The lodge having been opened with prayer and minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed. Bro. E. C. Ling, Surgeon, was examined as to his proficiency in the first degree and retired; the lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Sing was passed as a "Fellow Craftsman." The W.M., Bro. G. Harper, addressing the brethren congratulated them on the completion so far of their new lodge room as to enable them to hold their first meeting. Referring to the beautiful prayer on opening the lodge, wherein we invoke a blessing from the G.A.O.T.U. on all our undertakings, he said that it ought specially on this occasion to fill their minds with a deep sense of the importance of meeting there for the first time. Briefly sketching the second degree he exhorted them, as in our progress in Masonry, to express their gratitude to "The Most

High" for this as well as every other favour vouchsafed unto us. Encouraged by such powerful motives as that of prayer, he entreated them not to fail in their earnest endeavours to maintain that brotherly love and harmony which is necessary for the support of every well regulated lodge, that the short address delivered by the W.M. on being invested with the distinguishing badge of an "E.A.," and the still more impressive and solemn obligation of the third degree should be ever present in their thoughts, words, and actions. The W.M. strongly urged upon the brethren the exercise of cautious and wise discretion in proposing candidates for our mysteries; pointing out some of the objects which applicants might have in seeking to share with us in our secrets, and that care was necessary to not abuse the privileges of our Order unless there was good ground to believe that the candidate proposed would ultimately reflect credit on our choice. In conclusion, the W.M. expressed an earnest hope that under the "All powerful guidance of the G.A.O.T.U." their lodge might continue to prosper. Nothing farther offering for the good of Masonry the lodge was closed with prayer. The brethren then adjourned to the "Lion Hotel," where a banquet was prepared. The visiting brethren present were Bro. J. Banning, P.M., No. 4; and Bro. F. M. Rickes, St. Edmund's Lodge, No. 1,008. The toasts and speeches were intermixed with songs and recitations, all contributing to the pleasure and harmony of the evening.

ROYAL ARCH.

METROPOLITAN.

VICTORIA CHAPTER.—(No. 1,056).—A convocation was held on the 3rd inst., at Comp. Charles Gosden's, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, City. The Companions having met, the Chapter was opened in due form by the Principals. A ballot was then taken for Bros. William Walter Anderson, of Lodge 19, and S. Tilley, Sec. of Lodge 890. The ballots were unanimous, and those brethren were prepared, admitted, and in due course exalted into R.A. Masonry. A ballot was then taken for Comp. Nardus Gluckstein, of Chapter 51, for joining, which was proposed by Comp. E. Gotthel, J., of this Chapter, and seconded by Comp. A. E. Harris, which was also unanimous. The annual installation of Principals and the investiture of those officers who were present then took place, the following Companions being present were installed: E. Clark, Z.; W. Long, H.; E. Gotthel, J.; and J. Taylor, N. A motion was then proposed and carried that this Chapter shall in future meet in February next instead of June as heretofore. The Chapter was then closed in due form, and the companions adjourned from the Chapter Rooms to the Masons' Hall, where an excellent banquet was served by our worthy Comp. Charles Gosden, the proprietor, and never since the consecration of this Chapter, when it was catered for by Comp. B. Todd, have the companions been so well served as on this occasion. The cuisine and wines were of the first quality, and such as would please the most fastidious, added to which the courtesy of the proprietor, and the indefatigable attention of his manager, Comp. J. Nicholson, together with the rest of the staff, left nothing to be desired. It may be truly said this ancient Hall has never looked so gay as on this occasion.

After the cloth was cleared the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The members present were Comps. Clarke, Z.; Gotthel, J.; A. Pendlebury, P.Z. and founder; Hosgood, P.Z. and founder; J. Brett, P.Z. 177, Hon. Mem. and founder; R. Little, P.Z. 177, Hon. Mem. and founder; W. J. Hubbard, P.Z. 177, Hon. Mem. and founder; N. Gluckenstein, P.J. 51; W. J. Jones, J.; D. Taylor, N.; G. Green, W.; R. Baker; R. Bright; M. Ashby; H. Ellenhouse; W. Taverne; G. Newman; J. Forge; G. Parker; J. J. Caney; W. Ferguson; J. W. Taylor; A. E. Harris, and G. Chubb, &c. &c. Visitor: Comp W. Worrell, 700. The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by Comps. Bright, Ashby and Brett, and the evening was spent in a happy and fraternal manner, was brought to a close.

DEVONSHIRE.

TOTNES.—*Pleiades Chapter* (No. 710).—The meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Rooms, Totnes, on Thursday the 6th inst. The Chapter was called for high twelve, and soon after that it was opened by the three Principals, and on the admission of the companions the minutes of the last as well as of an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Beechey of the

Devon Lodge, for whom a ballot had been previously taken, was admitted as a candidate for this supreme degree, the ceremony of exaltation being performed by the Rev. R. Bowden, P.Z., Comp. Glenfield, Z., acting as P.S. The lectures of the several chairs were given by M.E. Comps. Bowden, Marks, and Glenfield. The ceremony concluded, the Chapter was at once closed in form, so as to allow the room to be prepared for the installation of the W.M. appointed to be held at 2 p.m.

INSTRUCTION.

PRUDENT BRETHREN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 145).—A very important and influential meeting of R.A. Masons took place on Thursday last, 6th Oct., 1870, in the de Grey and Ripon Chamber, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, to witness the consecration and opening of the new Chapter of Improvement, held under the warrant of the Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145. James Brett, Z.; John Hervey, G.S., H.; Wentworth Little, J.; John Boyd, P.Z.; G. S. States, E.; and about 100 companions were present, including several Grand Officers and many eminent London and provincial R.A. Masons. After the consecration a portion of the Sections were worked by Comps. West, Smith, Green, and Gotthel. Comp. Brett then gave the explanation and illustration of the R.A. jewel and banners. The whole of the proceedings were of a most interesting and instructive character. Comp. John Boyd, M.E.Z., of the mother chapter was elected first Z.; West Smith, H.; Gotthel, J.; and Green, P.S. Ninety-eight companions gave in their names and were enrolled members, and we understand there are already about sixty more to be added. We are glad to find this, as the movement deserves every success, being promoted by the companions of the Prudent Brethren Chapter, whose open, or public night, caused so great a sensation last season, it being acknowledged to be the greatest achievement ever effected in R.A. Masonry. The meetings are to be held at the Hall every Thursday, at seven o'clock, from October to May, inclusive. The working for each night will be given with the Bye-Laws, thus affording companions the opportunity of knowing, previously, the work they will witness on every night they may select to attend. This will be a great advantage to London as well as Provincial Companions, who may wish to have uniformity of working.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

SYDNEY.

THE ZETLAND CHAPTER OF AUSTRALIA (No. 390 E.C.)—The regular bi-monthly convocation of this, the senior Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Australasia was held on Monday the 25th July, 1870, at 7.30 p.m. The Chapter was honoured by the attendance of a large number of visitors, and some of the principal officers of the local Chapter, the Robert Burns, No. 817, E.C. One candidate was balloted for and accepted. Two suppliants were exalted to the supreme and sublime degree of the Holy Royal Arch in a magnificent manner, every officer being well up in his work. The musical department is being strengthened, and adds a sacred and inexpressible charm to the impressiveness of the ceremonial, the music from the Creation having ever been a favourite with the educated and intellectual. A large number of Grand Chapter Certificates were signed and distributed to members. A small sum in aid of furnishing the Grand Secretary's offices was voted. Ballots were severally taken for the Office Bearers for the ensuing year. Chapter finally closed in peace, love, and harmony at 10.15 p.m.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE, (No. 817).—This lodge held its regular meeting for July on Monday, the 11th. Two brethren were passed and one accepted as joining member. Bro. E. Masters was invested with the collar of J.D. Afterwards a discussion on financial matters ensued, which terminated satisfactory. W.P.M. Dr. Brown continued his Lecture on "Masonry: past and present." At the conclusion a vote of thanks on the motion of the W.M. (Bro. Cassidy), seconded by W. Bro. Montag, was unanimously accorded to the able Lecturer. Lodge closed a few minutes past 10, p.m.

ERRATA.—No. 588, Oct. 8th, 1870, page 292, line 14, for *Concert*, read *Council*; page 292, line 5, for £50,000, read £5,000.

Poetry.

TO A FRIEND (GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL), WITH A POSY OF POESY.

Not mine, the mad ambitious thought to gain
The poet's wreathed renown : my simple strain
Is but the fitful cadence of a heart
Which, by the aid of Poesy's sweet art
(As sorrow finds a vent in sighs and tears),
Relieves its burning hopes and chilling fears.

It is a gentle madness,
Of ideal gladness,
Even though sadness
Should qualify the theme :
A refuge from the losses,
The trials and the crosses,
The worrying woe that tosses
Us, as in a fever'd dream.

Is fame an immortality on earth ?
'Tis but it's echo ! and as much is worth :
An earthen deep will settle o'er our head,
And waves of teeming life will o'er us spread
(Our earthly part I mean,—for then the soul
Hath seized its freedom, and hath spur'd control
Of earthly things). Then why still verses write ?
Because in these I find a sweet delight !
My small poetic flower-pot, though it seem
Shaped by mere fancy, and though weeds may teem
More plentiful than flowers, yet by me
Has cultured been, with quiet pleasantry.
Such flowers I have I pluck and send to you :
If you are pleased, I have my pleasure too.

Middlesborough, Sep. 30, 1870.

ANGUS MACPHERSON.

[The above poem, received by us last week just before going to press, having been very incorrectly printed, in justice to the Author, we reproduce it as written by him.—ED. F.M.]

LIST OF LODGE MEETINGS, &c., FOR WEEK ENDING 21st OCTOBER, 1870.

METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

Monday, October 17th.

Quarterly Meeting, Boy's School, at 12.
LODGES.—Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street ;
Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street ; Tranquility,
Radley's Hotel, Bridge Street, Blackfriars ; Panmure, Balham
Hotel, Balham ; Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street ;
City of London, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham Street ;
Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall ; Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

Tuesday, October 18th.

Board of General Purposes at 3.
LODGES.—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark ;
Eastern Star, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall Street ; Salisbury,
71, Dean Street, Soho.—CHAPTERS.—Enoch, Freemasons'
Hall ; Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street ; Industry,
Freemason's Hall.

Wednesday, October 19th.

General Committee of Grand Chapter at 3.
Lodge of Benevolence at 7.
LODGES.—United Mariners, George Hotel, Aldermanbury ; St
George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich ; Sincerity, Guildhall
Tavern, Gresham Street ; Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich ;
Nelson, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich.

Thursday, October 20th.

House Committee, Girls' School at 4.
LODGES.—Gihon, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham Street ; Con-
stitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street ; Temperance,
White Swan Tavern, High Street ; Manchester, Anderton's
Hotel, Fleet Street ; South Norwood, South Norwood Hall,
South Norwood.

Friday, October 21st.

House Committee, Boys' School.
LODGES.—Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street ; New
Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton ; Rose of Denmark
White Hart Tavern, Barnes.

METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Monday, October 10th.

LODGES.—Temple, Old George, St. Mary Axe, E.C. ; Justice, Royal
Albert, New Cross-rd, Deptford ; St. James's Union, Swan Tav.
Mount-st., Grosvenor-sq. ; Industry, Dick's Coffee House,
Fleet-st. ; Crystal Palace, City Arms Tav., West-sq., South-
wark ; High Cross, White Hart Ho., Tottenham ; Eastern Star,
Royal Ho., Burdett-rd., Mile-end-rd. ; Camden, Adelaide Tav.,
Haverstock Hill ; British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tav., Mile
End.

Tuesday, October 11th.

LODGES.—Faith, Fisher's Restaurant, Metrop. Dist. Rail., Victoria
Station ; Domatic, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor-park, Cambér-
well ; Jordan, Alwyne Castle, Canonbury ; Yarborough, Green
Dragon, Stepney ; Prince Frederick William, Knights of St.
John's Tav., St. John's-wood ; Dalhousie, Royal Edward,
Triangle, Hackney ; Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-
lane ; Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich ; City of
London, Shepherd and Flock Tav., Bell-alley, Moorgate-st. ;
New Wandsworth, Freemasons' Ho., New Wandsworth.
—CHAPTER.—Metropolitan, Price's Portugal Ho., Fleet-st. ;
Royal Union, Dubby's Hotel, Winsey-st., Oxford-st. ; Mount
Sion, White Hart, Bishopsgate-st.

Wednesday, October 12th.

LODGES.—Confidence, Railway Tav., London-st. ; United Strength
Bull and Gate, Kentish Town ; New Concord, Rosemary Branch
Tav., Hoxton ; St. Mark's, Mawby Arms, Mawby-st., S. Lam ;
beth ; Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham-Rye,
Temperance in the East, George the Fourth, Catherine-st.,
Poplar ; Prosperity, Gladstone Tav., Bishopsgate-street.—
CHAPTER.—St. James's Union, Swan Tav., Mount-street,
Grosvenor-square.

Thursday, October 13th.

LODGES.—Fidelity, Goat and Compasses, Euston-road ; Kent,
Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark ; United Mariners, Three
Cranes, Mile-end-rd. ; Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st.,
Lambeth ; St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich ;
Manchester, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Berkeley-square ; Tran-
quillity, Sugar Loaf Tav., Great St. Helen's, E.C. ; Whittington,
Crown Hotel, 41, High Holborn ; Royal Oak, Royal Oak
Tavern, Deptford ; Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria-
park, at 7.—CHAPTER.—Joppa, Prospect of Whitby Tav.,
57, Wapping-wall.

Friday, October 14th.

LODGES.—St. Luke's, Pier Hotel, Cheyne-walk, Chelsea ;
Temperance, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford ;
Unions (Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.),
F.M.H. ; United Pilgrims, Horns' Tavern, Kenning-
ton ; Westbourne, the Grapes, Duke-st., Manchester ;
square ; Wellington, Lord Duncan Tavern, Broadway,
Deptford ; Florence Nightingale, Freemasons' Tav., Woolwich ;
Ranelagh, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith ;
Belgrave, Duke of Wellington, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross ;
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-row, Bermondsey ;
Doric, Three Cranes, Mile End-rd. ; Victoria, Anderton's Ho.,
Fleet-st. ; Hervey, Britannia, Walham-green ; Metropolitan,
Price's Portugal Ho., Fleet-st. ; Charter House, Hat and
Feathers Tavern, 27, Goswell-rd. ; Robert Burns, Union Tav. ;
Air-street, Regent-st.—CHAPTERS.—Domatic, Fisher's
Restaurant, Victoria Station ; Robert Burns, Knights of St.
John's Hotel, St. John's Wood.

Saturday, October 15th.

CHAPTERS.—Mount Sinai, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-
street ; Domatic, Horns, Kensington.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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street, Strand, W.C.

We shall be glad to receive from brethren any proceedings of
Masonic meetings, which shall be duly inserted. Communica-
tions should be forwarded so as to reach us as early in the
week as convenient—not later than Wednesday if possible.
We have to request our correspondents to be particular in
writing names distinctly.