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### The ALNWICKE MS. & RECORDS of the ALNWICKE LODGE.

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Bro. "E. T. T." has kindly placed in my hands for perusal and publication the records of the Alnwick Lodge, the rules of which are dated 29th September, 1701, and are signed by the members belonging to the lodge of that period, and subsequently as late as August 31st, 1722. At the commencement is a good copy of the "Masons' Constitutions," evidently of date A.D. 1701, or a little earlier, and certainly a transcript from a much older document. It is similar to the "York Constitutions of A.D. 1704," which we made known to the Craft, in the "Masonic Annual for 1871" (M. C. Peck and Son, Hull). It differs, however, from it and other MSS. in some few unimportant particulars, and belongs to a year in which no other was written of those still preserved. The following beginning to the MS. is new to us:—

"Draw near unto me, ye unlearned, and dwell in the house of Learning."

*Ecclesiasticus*, cap. 5, ver. 23.

"In the hands of the Craftsmen shall the work be commanded."

*Ecclesiasticus*, cap. 9, ver. 19.

Then follows the commencement of the MS. proper:—

"The might of the Father of heaven with the wisdom of his Glorious Son, through the Grace and Goodness of the Holy Ghost, Three Persons in one Godhead be with us att our beginning, and give us Grace soe to govern us here in our living that we may come to his Blisse thatt never shall have ending. Amen."

It finishes with—

"These charges thatt we have reckoned, and all other thatt belongeth to Masonry you shall truly keep and well observe, so helpe you God and Holydoome, and this Book to the uttermost of your power." FINIS.

The rules of the lodge are of much value, as they are dated A.D. 1701, and follow

immediately after the MS.; besides which their antiquity is such as to attach much value to the clauses then agreed on as the laws for the members. They are headed:

*Orders to be observed by the company and Fellowship of Free Masons at a Lodge held at Alnwick Sept. 29, 1701, being the genll. head meeting day.*

1st. First it is ordered by the said Fellowship thatt there shall be yearly Two Wardens chosen upon the said Twenty-ninth of Sept. being the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, which Wardens shall be elected and appoynted by the most consent of the Fellowship.

2nd. Item thatt the said Wardens Receive, summonie and sue all such penalties and Forfeitures and fines, as shall in any wise be amongst the said Fellowship, and shall render and yield up a just Account att the year's end of all such fines and forfeitures as shall come to their hands, or oftner if need require, or if the Master and Fellows list to call for them, for every such offence to pay ... ..

3rd. Item, Thatt noe mason shall take any worke by task or by Day, other then the King's work, butt thatt att the least he shall make Three or Four of his Fellows acquainted therewith, for to take his part; paying for every such offence ... ..

4th. Item, Thatt noe mason shall take any work thatt any of his Fellows has in hand with all to pay for every such offence the same off ... ..

5th. Item, Thatt noe mason shall take any Apprentice, Enter him and give him his charge within one whole year after. Nott soe doing, the Master shall pay for every such offence ... ..

6th. Item, Thatt every master for Entering his apprentice shall pay ... ..

7th. Item, Thatt every mason when he is warned by the Wardens or other of the Company, and shall nott come to the place appoynted, Except he have a reasonable cause to shew the Master and Wardens to the contrary; Nott soe doing shall pay ... ..

8th. Item, Thatt noe Mason shall throw his Fellow or give him the lye or any ways contend with him or give him any other name in the place of meeting then Brother or Fellow, or hold any disobedient argument, against any of the company reproachfully, for every such offence shall pay ... ..

9th. Item, There shall noe apprentice after he has served seven years be admitted or accepted but upon the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, paying to the Master and Wardens ... ..

10th. Item, If any Mason either in the place of meeting or att work among his Fellows, swear or take God's name in vain thatt he or they soe offending shall pay for every time ... ..

11th. Item, Thatt if any Fellow or Fellows shall att any time or times discover his master's secrets, or his owne, be it nott onely spoken in the Lodge or without, or the secrets and counsell of his Fellows, thatt may extend to the Damage of any of his Fellows, or to any of their good names; whereby the Science may be ill spoken of, For every such offence shall pay ... ..

12th. Item, Thatt noe Fellow or Fellows within the Lodge shall att any time or times call or hold Assemblys to make any mason or masons free: Nott acquainting the Master or Wardens therewith For every time so offending shall pay ... ..

13th. Item, Thatt noe Rough Layers or any others thatt has nott served their time, or admitted masons, shall work within the Lodge any work of masonry whatsoever (except under a Master) for every such offence shall pay ... ..

14th. Item, Thatt all Fellows being younger shall give his elder fellows the honour due to their degree and standing. Alsoe thatt the Master Wardens and all the Fellows of this Lodge doe promise severally and respectively to performe all and every the orders above named, and to stand by each other (but more particularly to the Wardens and their successors) in suing for all and every the forfeitures of our said Brethren, contrary to any of the said orders, demand thereof being first made.

Sixty-nine signatures are attached to these rules, some of which were written A.D. 1701, when the rules were inserted in the book, and the remainder were appended according to the dates of initiation: e.g., "Patrick Mills 1706, made Free Decr. 27th, and George Potts made Free this 20th of Jany. 1708." To some of the names marks are attached in the form of monograms, &c. The records are mostly taken up with the narration of fines, the arrangements for indentures, and such like, as from the earliest minute to the last (ranging from 1703 to 1757) the lodge was of an operative character, and the members assembled for the purpose of aiding one another in sickness, for the preservation of their secrets as Freemasons, and for the proper conduct of Master and Fellows, both *within* and *without* the lodge. The earliest minute of the Alnwick Lodge preserved is dated October 3rd, 1703:

"Item. Itt is agreed by us whos names is under written thatt Wm. Bahnbrow for a brech of ye 12 Artickole shall be prosecuted according to Law, and furdur James Mills of some other offence thatt will be mad apeer at time convenient."

On Dec. 27th, 1705: "It is agreed and concluded upon by the genll. consent of the Lodge thatt James Mills and James Gammon, Matthew Doores [these names are all subscribers to the orders of A.D. 1701] Jno. Kennington and othrs. offenders. be prosecuted and fined Nobles each for their absence from Warkworth and Alnwick Lodge, as witness or hands the day & year above written. The Fines upon the said offenders. to be forthwith prosecuted as agreed by us present this day att the Lodge holden att Alnwick." (Signed) ... ..

At the Lodge held — 1706 (?) several brethren, "for not meeting at the Lodge held on this Day at the usuall place upon due summons are fined six shillings Eightpence each of them."—(Signed by Thomas Davidson, master, and 14 members.)

Dec. 27th, 1707: "Agreed upon by the consent of this Lodge holden att Alnwick this St. Jnos. Day, the Day and year above written, Thatt James Mills of Alnwick aforesaid is by general consent of the sd. lodge chosen and elected master of the sd. Lodge. Thomas Dally jr. and Thos. Davidson Wardens."

The next election occurred 27th Dec., 1708.

At Alnwick Dec. 27th, 1710: "Its ordered by the genll. consent of our Lodge thatt on the Third Day of February next after the Date hereof thatt all the Brothers and fellows concerned in the sd. Lodge then & there to appear & to concert & enquire into all such offences contrary to the Orders and Constitutions of the sd. Lodge & and to put the same in Execution, according to Law, as they shall answer the contrary the Penalty for not answering on the Day aforesaid six shillings, eightpence, as witness our hands the Day and year above written,"

—(Signed) THOMAS DAVIDSON, Master;  
MATTHEW FORSTER } Wardens;  
DARRICK MILLES }  
and Brethren.

Then follow several instances of fines for non-attendance and disobedience. The next minute is the most important of those recorded, and is the only instance I can find of a reference to sermons being preached on behalf of the Society, or, indeed, of any public appearance of the members of the Lodge in the book. That the Masons walked in procession with their aprons on, and that the Masters for the time being were held responsible for such taking place annually, the record proves clearly; and these old minutes are therefore of much value, apart from the importance which is necessarily attached to the "MS. Constitution" of A.D. 1701, which prefaces the volume:—

That at a true and perfect Lodge kept at Alnwick at the house of Mr. Thomas Davidson, then one of the Wardens of the said Lodge the twentieth Day of this instant Jany. 1708. It was ordered thatt for the future noe member of the said Lodge Master, Wardens, or Fellows should appear at any Lodge to be kept on St. John's Day in Christmas without his apron and common square fixt in the belt thereof; upon pain of forfeiting two shillings sixpence, each person offending, and that care be taken by the Master and Wardens for the time

being that a Sermon be provided and preached on that day at the Parish church of Alnwick by some clergyman at their appointment: when the lodge shall all appear with their aprons on and common squares as aforesaid, and that the Master and Wardens neglecting their duty in providing a clergyman to preach as aforesaid shall forfeit the sum of Ten Shillings. The severall forfeitures to be disposed of as the then Lodge shall direct, and all persons offending shall upon refusall of paying the severall mulcts above mentioned shall be excluded the said Lodge.

Witnesses our hands the said Twentieth Day of Jany. 1708.

JAMES MILLES, Master of the aforesaid Lodge.  
THOS. DAVIDSON } Wardens of the said  
JOHN CHARLTON } Lodge.  
(and eleven others.)

The next minute is dated Alnwick, 27th December, 1748, and

"Is to certify that we whose names are hereunder subscribed are made Free Bros. of the said Lodge holden at the House of Mr. Thos. Harrison, Jr., Alnwick. The Lodge erected as follows: Roger Robson in Thropton, chosen Master; George Snowdon and Richd. Atkinson, Wardens; Cuthb. Yeuns, Robt. Snowdon, and Wm. Anderson, Bros. to the assistance of the said lodge."

The minute is also signed by twelve other brethren. It appears as if several leaves had been removed, and in fact in some places the remains of a few pages are distinctly visible. The proceedings sometimes are well recorded, but generally speaking the minutes are not well written. The MS. Constitutions, however, and the orders of A.D. 1701, are good specimens of caligraphy. That the lodge continued true to its operative origin even in later years is evident from the fact that *all the business* transacted at the meetings had reference simply to Operative Masonry in one form or other. On Saturday, 31st December, 1748,

"It was ordered that all apprentices that shall offer to be admitted into this Lodge, after serving due apprenticeship, shall pay for such admittance Ten shillings. Also that all other persons and strangers (*not serving a due apprenticeship*) that shall apply to be admitted into said Lodge, shall pay for such admittance the sum of Seventeen shillings. The meeting days for said Society to be the 24th day of June and the 27th day of Decr. in every year."

Certain fines are then agreed on, and officers chosen. It was

"Ordered that none shall be admitted into the said Lodge under the age of 21 or above 40. Also that in case of any of the said members of the said Society shall fail in the world, Its ordered that there shall be paid weekly out of the said Lodge 4s. Producing proper certificates of the same, and when able, the said sum to be withdrawn."

On the 24th June, 1749, provision was made for the relief of the wives and children of deceased members to the extent of half a crown weekly. It was also

"Ordered that there shall be paid out of the said Lodge Dan. Cuthbertson musicians the sum of Ten shillings yearly (to wit) 5s. at Christmas and 5s. at Midsummer."

The same sum was also agreed to be paid to Mr. Nich. Brown, as Clerk to the Society, and in like manner. At this lodge (24th June, 1749) there was left "in the Box or Lodge" £3 4s. On the 27th December in the same year the amount was raised to £7 5s. 10d. The largest sum recorded was at the lodge held June 24th, 1756, when a net balance was declared of £51 16s. 10d. The following entry is made:—

"Inrollment of Apprentices—James Swan bound apprentice to Patrick Mills, November, 1751; Edward Robinson bound apprentice to Michael Robinson, April, 1752."

We find that these two Master Masons were members of the lodge.

The minutes conclude with a statement of account dated "June ye 24th, 1757," and mentions that two shillings were "paid for Travelling Brother." Whether any but operative masons were admitted we cannot determine from the volume of records. It is probable other than masons were accepted

as members, which, after all, would be nothing unusual, for gentlemen were received into operative lodges in the seventeenth century. Mainly, however, if not *wholly*, the Alnwick Lodge was an operative one, and was for the protection of the Craft and the benefit of the Craftsmen.

## ENCYCLOPEDIA METROPOLITANA.

BY BRO. C. G. FORSYTH.

(Continued from page 20.)

In the proper course of my extracts, the next one in succession should be that respecting the Knight Templars; but as it has already been given in No. 90, page 608, and is of but little consequence to the present essay, I shall pass it over, merely saying that the justice or injustice of their dissolution has been long and eagerly discussed, and among the many works that it produced we may take notice of one by the celebrated Orientalist, Hammer, who, in his work entitled "*Mysterium Bosphomete Rivalatum*," vol. 1, part 1, Vienna, 1818, attacks the Templars in no measured terms. He accuses them of infidelity and Gnosticism, and from the monuments in their churches, he taxes them with the commission of those crimes charged against them by their enemies at the time of their persecution. He gives several representations of the figure Bosphomet, which, he contends, is typical of the secret doctrines; but Reynouard in the "*Journal de Savans*" for March and April, 1819, in a review of the above treatise, endeavours to prove that the above figure was Mahomet, and apparently with success refutes the imputations cast by Hammer. In some of the churches formerly belonging to the Templars strictly Masonic emblems are found, as at Erfurt, Schœngraben, and Prague—especially in the last, of which Hammer gives several specimens, including among them the square, the level, the triangle, the compasses, the compasses with quadrant, the maul, the interlaced triangle, the flaming star (*étoile flamboyant* of French Masonry), the truncated cross, &c. (several Masonic emblems may be seen in the church of Calais, but this is of more recent date). Hammer wishes to derive the Freemasons from the Ismailites who originated in the *Ædes Sapientie* founded at Cairo in the eleventh century, where philosophy and the sciences were taught and various degrees given. It is possible that some of the travelling Masons may have visited England at an early age of Christianity, as St. Alban, the proto-martyr of England, is represented to have been the great patron of the art, and to have increased the emoluments of its professors; but this report stands principally on the traditions of the Society. The earliest authentic account of their introduction into this country is in the year 674, when Wilfred, Archbishop of York, built the church at Hexham and Benedict Biscop the abbey at Weymouth. The latter personage went to France to collect a number of Masons to build his church of stone after the Roman manner, as it was then called. At the same time he procured some glassmakers, their art being unknown at that time in England. Before that time the churches had, with little exception, been built of wood, the Anglo-Saxon term for building being *Getymbrian*, to make of wood; for, although Bishop Ninias is stated by Bede to have built a church of stone near Wigan in 432, yet the stone churches built before the eighth century were probably on a small scale. The first Christian church in Northumberland was built by Paulinus in 627, of wood. When Alfred, in the ninth century, formed the design of rebuilding his ruined churches and monasteries, the greater part of the new buildings were of wood. He was also obliged to send abroad for artificers to assist his own people. In the middle of the tenth, Edgar the Peaceable, after his accession, complained that the monasteries of England were in a ruined state and consisted of rotten boards only. The introduction of these masons in the seventh century by Benedict Biscop improved by degrees the architecture of

the country, though at first they were principally confined to the northern counties. Alfred subsequently brought over some more, as above stated; others, perhaps, occasionally joined their comrades. The Society would thus soon obtain a permanent establishment, keeping themselves a distinct body from other artificers, and preserving their scientific knowledge secret from those not admitted into the order, by means of their peculiar signs and tokens. According to the traditions of the Society, the first Grand Lodge of England was formed at York in the time of King Athelstan, A.D. 926, where Prince Edwin presided as Grand Master, having obtained a charter for it. At the same time he collected all the writings connected with Masonry, "and there was some in French and some in Greek, and some in English and some in other languages." Whatever credit may be due to the Grand Mastership of Prince Edwin, it appears certain that York was considered the principal seat of Freemasonry, until the division which took place in the Craft in the beginning of the eighteenth century. The members of the Society were not strictly confined to the masons themselves, though the exceptions were in general kings, princes, and men of rank and wealth, who patronised and fostered the science and protected the inferior brethren in a great measure from the evils incident to a state of vassalage. Great improvements took place in architecture in the twelfth century. The clergy, many of whom were architects themselves, increased the ardour for building churches and other religious edifices by offering pardons and indulgences to those who expended their property in such pious uses. Yet the first English architect of whom we have any positive account is one William, who was employed about Canterbury Cathedral from 1178 to 1184. In the thirteenth, the science still improving and the demand for builders being great, the Popes, in order to encourage them, granted many indulgences by means of their bulls and charters, of which one is stated to have recited in its preamble the precedence of the chief builder of King Solomon's Temple having incorporated a body of architects with the power (among others) of regulating the prices of their labour. This recital was afterwards taken as the record of a fact, as if the Society had existed uninterrupted from the time of King Solomon. Among the privileges thus granted them by the Popes were those of settling their own prices, of taking apprentices, and admitting and accepting of approved masons into their corporations.

(To be continued.)

## Reports of Masonic Meetings.

### THE CRAFT.

#### METROPOLITAN.

*Grand Stewards' Lodge.*—This Lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday last, when Bro. Jabez Tepper was installed by Bro. Henry Norman, P.M., into the Master's chair, who thereupon appointed his working officers in rotation, according to their seniority in the lodge, as follows: Bros. Frederick Binckes, S.W.; J. T. Swainston, J.W.; Charles H. Waters, S.D.; John S. Banning, J.D.; and John M. Stedwell, I.G. Bro. R. Spencer, P.M., was re-invested as Treasurer, and Bro. W. Watson, P.M., re-appointed Secretary. Bro. Noyes was unanimously elected a member. The lodge was duly closed, after which the brethren, accompanied by several distinguished visitors adjourned to the banquet at the Tavern, and spent a happy evening.

*Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1.*—This lodge met on Monday, January 16th. The W.M., Bro. E. K. Bailey, installed Bro. W. S. Gover Master of the lodge for the ensuing year, who appointed the following brethren to the different offices, viz., Bros. W. Trego, S.W.; W. H. Wilkin, J.W.; W. A. Colls, S.D.; George Payne, J.D.; R. Herve Giraud, P.G.D., Treas.; and E. H. Patten, P.G.S.B., Sec. After the lodge was closed, the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, when a testimonial, consisting of a silver tea service, value twenty-five guineas, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Edward Henry Patten, P.G.S.B., in recognition of his valuable services as Acting Secretary in the lodge during the past ten years, and for the courteous and kindly feelings which have endeared him to every member—16th January, 1871," was presented to Bro. E. H. Patten. There were about thirty brethren present, including Bros. John Herve, G. Sec.; John Savage, P.G.D.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; and Col. Hogg (Chairman Metropolitan Board of Works).

*Lodge of Justice, No. 147.*—This lodge was held at the White Swan Tavern, Deptford, on Wednesday, 11th inst. Bro. J. Percival, W.M., presided. A brother was raised, and Bro. G. Bolton, P.M., in his usual correct, able and most impressive manner, then installed Bro. J. Whiffen as W.M. for the ensuing year, who invested as his officers—Bros. H. Sadler, S.W.; H. Bartlett, J.W.; J. Percival, I.P.M., Treasurer *pro tem.* (in the unavoidable absence of the Treasurer, Bro. J. Lightfoot, P.M.); G. Chapman, P.M., Sec.; C. G. Dilley, S.D.; J. Roper, J.D.; W. Roberts, I.G.; R. W. Goddard, P.M., Tyler. Five pounds were unanimously voted from the lodge funds for the Female Annuity Fund, to be placed on Bro. J. Percival's list as the lodge's Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund. The lodge was closed, and the usual good banquet followed, during which a five-guinea P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. J. Percival.

*Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.*—The brethren of this old lodge met on Thursday week at the Canon-street Terminus Hotel, Bro. E. Roberts, W.M., occupying the chair. Bro. Newman was raised to the third degree, and Bro. Baker passed to the second, both ceremonies being performed by the W.M. Bro. Bryant, P.M., then took the chair in consequence of the W.M.'s illness, and initiated Messrs. Clements, Donne, Chillingworth, and Edwards. Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., afterwards took upon him the Master's duties, and installed Bro. George Kenning, S.W. of the lodge, as W.M. for the year ensuing in the presence of some eighty brethren, thirty of whom were Past or Installed Masters. Better evidence than such a large attendance afforded of the popularity of the W.M. could not be given. The officers appointed by the W.M. were Bros. Harris, S.W.; Trott, J.W.; Goodyer, P.M., Treas.; H. G. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; Abbott, S.D.; Dickenson, J.D.; Newman, I.G.; King, P.M., W.S.; Cohn, D.C.; and G. Smith, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Goodyer, P.M., seconded by Bro. Harris, S.W., a Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Ebenezer Roberts, I.P.M., as a testimony of their regard on his relinquishing the office of W.M. Bro. Kenning, as W.M., thereupon closed the lodge, and the brethren, to the extraordinary number of seventy-nine, sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. S. Spencer, the manager of the hotel, which gave general satisfaction. On the removal of the cloth, grace was sung by the brethren, and the W.M. proceeded with the proposal of the usual toasts.—Bro. Hyde Pullen responded for the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, and assured the brethren that the more they performed their duties as individuals in their own lodges the more they would estimate the labours, the powers, and the capabilities of the Grand Officers. He was pleased at being present at the installation, and he thought there was before the lodge a year of intense happiness and prosperity. When he saw the number of visitors and the spirit of hospitality extended to them, he felt sure that every lodge-night the same cordiality would be displayed. Hospitality was one of the vital principles of Freemasonry, and the other virtues which followed in its train might be expected to be exhibited in their fullest and grandest splendour this year in this lodge, and make it one of great success.—Bro. E. Roberts, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," whom he was pleased to see in the position he himself so lately occupied. He hoped he would go through his year of office with honour to himself and the Lion and Lamb Lodge, and that when he resigned his chair to another brother, the members would be able to say that he had done his duty. No doubt he would fulfil them admirably; if he did not, it would be from no lack of determination on his part to give satisfaction, for he was resolved to exert himself in the interests of the lodge to the utmost of his power.—Bro. Theodore Distin having sung "What better theme than Masonry?"—The W.M. said: Brethren, it gives me unfeigned pleasure to rise in my place as Master of this lodge to respond to this toast. It has long been my ambition to become Master of my mother lodge, of which I have now been a member for eleven years. I pledge myself in very few words to do my best, and I hope I shall give the same satisfaction as my Bro. Roberts has given. If I do as well as he has done, I shall give satisfaction to myself at least. I thank all of you heartily.—The W.M.: The next toast I have the pleasure to propose is that of "The Initiates." This toast is peculiarly pleasurable to this lodge, inasmuch as the initiates are the life and soul of Freemasonry. We are always pleased to have initiates among us. Some of them turn out lions and some turn out lambs; but whichever they may be, we are always ready to greet them.—Bro. Donne replied. He did not know who were the lions and who the lambs out of the four initiates, but it seemed to him that all the initiates were the lions of the evening. One thing he would say concerning them—he hoped they would all prove worthy members of the lodge.—Bro. Binckes replied for "The Masonic Charities." The proposition of this toast was one of those acts of refined cruelty which only a W.M. could be guilty of. It was disguised under the name of kindness, inasmuch as such a toast was not on the list, and he had hoped to enjoy himself without being called upon to say a word. However, without any notice, the W.M. sounded his gavel, gave the toast, and very kindly coupled with it the name of Bro. Binckes. Under those circumstances he was bound to acknowledge that kindness—cruel kindness, though it be—and say a very few words. He did not hesitate to say he felt flattered and proud that the W.M. had even interpolated the toast, though at such a late hour the brethren would be sorry the Secretary of one of the charities was present, because that might be the reason why the toast had been proposed. However, he would not shrink from his duty, which, on this occasion, would be brief because he was spared making a forcible appeal on behalf of the institutions by the W.M. having intimated his intention of becoming a Steward for this lodge the next festival of the Boys' School. For this

kindness he expressed his gratitude, and he hoped the brethren would support the W.M. with great generosity. That school was indebted to its bankers on current account something like £6,000, and it required support, assistance, and encouragement rather more than the other institutions, which enjoyed funded property. This was the second time he had visited this lodge, and he could not but feel struck with the observations of the initiate who responded for himself and brothers, that he did not know which of them were the lions and which the lambs. It was a similar cognomen that this lodge bore. It naturally reminded him of the prediction of the prophet, that at some happy yet remote date the "lion and the lamb shall lie down together." Then he thought of an old proverb which spoke of one of our months as coming in like a lion and going out a lamb. Applying that proverb to the present occasion, it might be that the outgoing Master was the lamb, and the incoming Master the lion, who would exercise his authority for twelve months, and sustain "the heat and burden of the day." On a former occasion he had sat down with the lamb; he felt pleased that he was now sitting down with the lion. He had encouraged the lamb; he hoped the lion would encourage and support the Boys' School, and that the Lion and Lamb would encourage and support all the institutions. In lodges, he would inform the initiates, all conflicting views of politics and religion which disturbed the outer world were put on one side. The lion and lamb reconciled opposite opinions, opposite creeds, opposite politics, and opposite sentiments when they met. Nothing would more thoroughly symbolise real Freemasonry than the title of this lodge, where the lion and the lamb sat down together in peace. While that was the case, there was no lodge in which the "still small voice" of charity could be more thoroughly heard; and what it had done in days gone by, he knew it would do in the present and in the future. For himself his feeling was one of gratitude for the past, pleasure in the present, and that old stereotyped word "hope" that if might not be the last time he might mix with that very pleasurable gathering. Bro. Binckes concluded by again thanking the W.M. for undertaking the stewardship of the Boys' School, and for the kindness with which the brethren had received the toast.—Bro. R. Wentworth Little, replying for the visitors, of whom there were 36 present, said the first duty he had to discharge was to express their extreme gratification at the auspicious ceremony which had that evening taken place. They were all rejoiced at seeing Bro. Kenning achieve the object of his ambition, and the brethren of the lodge would have been disappointed if he had not, after passing through the various offices, and done his best therein, been placed in the Master's chair. Having elected him, they had a Master who would perform the duties of his high position in an efficient manner. He had represented the charities, had put his hand into his pocket for them, and induced others to do the same. The visitors thanked him for the extremely hospitable way in which they had been received, and expressed their feeling of regard, veneration, and respect to the lodge in general for the entertainment. Whenever they had met at this festive board, they had been received with the same cordiality. It was the eighth or ninth time that he (Bro. Little) had attended the installation of the W.M. in this lodge, but the reception he met with on all those occasions induced him to hope that he might often have the pleasure of repeating his visits.—Bros. James Stevens and Dr. O'Connor also responded.—Bros. E. Roberts, I.P.M., C. Hosgood, P.M., Goodyer, P.M., and Muggeridge, jun., replied for the P.M.'s; Bros. Harris, Trott, and Abbott for the Officers of the lodge, and the brethren then separated. The harmony of the evening was increased by the performance of some beautiful music by Bro. H. Parker, who superintended this department, and who, assisted by Bros. Carter and Theodore Distin, sang some charming songs. Besides the officers above-named, the following brethren were also present:—Edward Jones, E. Taylor, Thos. Cohn, A. C. Payne, W. Elliott, T. Fisher, R. E. Bright, W. R. Baker, Henry Davis, J. Haynes, J. Kent, J. Muggeridge, J. Mabel, E. Coleman, J. Hyde, W. Putnam, T. Laybourn, Geo. Parker, A. Garnett, Charles Cann, C. Ankell, G. T. Smith, B. Marsland, J. T. Marks, F. Baker, S. Lucas, T. J. Newman, C. Hopkins, and J. McKinnan. Visitors: Bros. Jas. Absell, 813; W. Davis, Duke of Edinburgh; C. Jardine, 140; James Stevens, W.M. 1216; E. H. Patten, P.G.S.B., Sec. Girls' School; John Boyd, P.M. 145; Henry Birdseye, 715; J. W. Turner, 144; T. L. Fox, 19; F. Walters, W.M. 1309; A. Bryant, 12; G. J. Hillstead, 169; G. A. Taylor, 22; J. T. Moss, 1326; E. Sillifant, 1309; H. W. Wickens, 1293; W. Palmer, 177; J. Carey, 177; F. Bigg, 66; Magnus Ohren, W.M. 452; H. Massey, P.M. 619; R. Wentworth Little, P.M., P.G. Sec. Middlesex; Thomas Riley, P.M. 540; J. B. Wolpert, P.M. 720; Thomas Jones, 25; H. J. Ingram, 860; William Kibbell, W.M. 715; A. A. Pendlebury, P.M. 1056; W. Dodd, W.M. 1194; F. Binckes, Grand Stewards' Lodge; R. W. Williams, 1314; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Henry Jenkins, 169; T. A. Taylor, 879; G. H. Proctor, 379; William D. Connor, P.M. 28; Thos. Distin, Henry Parker, J. B. Johnston, Bombay, and J. Carter.

*Polish National Lodge, No. 534.*—This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 12th inst., when Bro. Merick, P.M. (in the unavoidable absence of the W.M.), took the chair, and in an able manner initiated two gentlemen into the Order. The lodge was then closed. At the subsequent banquet, Bro. Paas, P.M., responded to the Secretary's toast, and Bros. Walters and H. Binckes for the visitors.

*Beacon Lodge, No. 619.*—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday at the Greyhound, Dulwich, Bro. Saul Wells, W.M., presided, and was assisted by Bros. W. H. Green, as S.W.; Captain Arthur Smith, J.W.;

W. Seaman, S.D.; J. Kindon, I.G.; P. R. Leeuw, D.C.; A. P. Leonard, P.M., Sec.; H. Massey, P.M.; J. A. Green, J. Whitley, and R. J. Wood. Mr. Wright, the candidate for initiation, was not present, and the brethren adjourned to a small banquet, and spent a very pleasant evening. Before they retired, a letter was received from the S.W., resigning the lodge. Bro. Capt. A. Smith, J.W., was thereupon heartily congratulated on the prospects he had of becoming W. Master. In reply, he said that if such good fortune awaited him, he hoped to be able to restore this, his mother lodge, to the state of happiness and prosperity in which he found it when he became a member of it. It was stated that there would be several candidates for initiation at the meeting of the lodge in May.

## MIDDLESEX.

*Acacia Lodge, No. 1309.*—The members of this lodge held their regular meeting on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Railway Tavern, Potter's Bar, Bro. Frederick Walters, W.M., in the chair. There were also present: Bros. E. Sillifant, P.M., Treas.; G. Cattel, P.M., Sec.; J. R. Tustin, T. D. Barnard, Ovenden, &c.; visitors, D. Jewiss (73), C. Staber (P.M. 871), Selby (157), and some other brethren. The work done included one passing, and two initiations. An appeal from Bro. Sillifant showed the deep interest felt by all the members in supporting him with liberal donations to his list as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

## PROVINCIAL.

*PLYMOUTH.—Lodge Fortitude, No. 105.*—The brethren of this lodge met on the 22nd ult., to install the W.M.-elect, Bro. G. C. Bignell. A very full attendance took place, and the chair having been taken by the V.W. Bro. R. R. Rodd, P.G.R., he proceeded with the ceremony in his usual correct and able manner, assisted by Bro. A. W. Rodd, P.M. of Lodge Borundura, 718 E.C., Melbourne, Australia. The W.M. having been regularly installed in the chair, made the following appointments of officers:—Bros. Charles Carey, I.P.M.; Martin Williams, S.W.; Wm. Anthony, J.W.; S. Jew, P.P.G.T., Treasurer; James Rowe, P.P.G.T., Secretary; Thos. Carey, S.D.; Robt. Twose, J.D.; C. H. Cooper, I.G.; Elliott Square, D.C.; Wm. Vercoc and Thos. Buchanan, Stewards; and Wm. Smith, Tyler.

*WARRINGTON.—Lodge of Lights, No. 148.*—The annual meeting of this ancient lodge was held on the 26th ult. The W.M., Bro. William Smith, presided, and was supported by Bros. Mossop, W.M. 1250, as S.W.; W. Richardson, W.M.-elect, as J.W.; H. B. White, P.M., Prov. G.S.D.; John Bowes, P.M., P.Z., P. Prov. G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmorland; Gilbert Greenall, P.M., P.G.S.W. of England; R. Stevenson, Hephherd, Shaw Thewlis, D. W. Finney, and Joseph Maxfield, P.M.'s; M. Harding, I.G.; W. S. Hawkins, T. M. Pattison, Org.; Thos. Morris, James Curry, Sam. Hunt, Jos. Cassidy, Dr. J. H. Gornall, Rev. J. D. Maningham, D.D., LL.D., R. Richardson, A. F. Huttman, W. Crompton, W. Sharp, W. Woods, James Hannah. Visitors: Bros. H. Poynter, W.M. 1087; Jas. Whitlow, W.M. 941; Robert Jackson, P.M. 104; Jos. Chrimes, 521; Rev. S. J. Butcher, Hibernian Lodge, 95, Cork; Jas. Harding, 143; J. H. Potter, R. Brierley, W. Pollitt, E. Aukland, and E. Roberts, 1250. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. W. Sharp was unanimously elected a joining member. Bros. J. H. Gornall and Rev. Dr. Maningham were passed by Bros. Stevenson and Finney. The chair of K.S. was now assumed by Bro. John Bowes, as Installing Master, when Bros. Stevenson and Smith presented Bro. W. Richardson, W.M.-elect, for the benefit of installation, which was ably done in accordance with ancient custom, and the W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. Smith, I.P.M.; Jas. Jackson, S.W.; W. Sharp, J.W.; H. B. White, Treas.; John Bowes, Sec.; John Harding, S.D.; Jos. Cassidy, J.D.; Thos. M. Pattison, Org.; W. Crompton, I.G.; J. Hannah, Tyler. Bro. Bowes delivered all the charges usual on such occasions, and before the lodge was closed, a vote of thanks was accorded to him for his services. After some other business had been disposed of the lodge was closed with the usual solemnities, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Jabez G. Hughes's for the banquet, which included the choicest delicacies of the season. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. William Richardson while the Wardens occupied their "constant places." The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Pattison, Organist. The cloth having been withdrawn and the loyal toasts heartily honoured, the W.M. proposed "The A.W.G.M., the R.W.D.G.M., and the Grand Lodge of England."—Bro. Jas. Hephherd, P.M., proposed the next toast. He said their Provincial Masonic Rulers were well known to them all in a greater or lesser degree, and from all he had heard and knew of them he believed they were "worthy Masons all." The toast was "The R.W. Prov. G.M., the V.W.D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," and he was proud that he could call upon one of the most esteemed members of their own lodge to respond to the toast. There was no member of the lodge to whom they were so largely indebted for past services in working the lodge as Bro. H. B. White; he therefore called upon them to drink the toast with all the warmth they could command. Bro. H. B. White, Prov. G.S.D., thanked the brethren for the flattering reception they had given the mention of his name. He was proud to be a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge, because it brought him into contact with brethren imbued with a true Masonic spirit, and who had the good of the Craft at heart. Before he sat down he was privileged to propose the next toast, "The Provincial Grand Lodges of the neighbouring provinces." He rejoiced in this opportunity, because he could call upon a brother to respond whom he claimed as a godson in Masonry—he referred to Bro. Bowes. He would not only



call upon him to respond to this toast, but would refer to him in another capacity—that of Installing Master. He felt proud that a member of their own lodge should be able to perform that interesting ceremony in a correct and impressive manner; it was many years since they did themselves a similar honour.—Bro. Bowes, P.G. Registrar of Cumberland and Westmorland, said he was proud to be in a position to respond for their Prov. Grand Lodge, because amongst its officers were some of his best friends. As for his services that day as Installing Master, he had always felt that it was not respectable for a lodge of standing to be obliged to seek aid outside itself for the due performance of its ceremonies, but so far as the Warrington lodges were concerned, that sort of reproach did not now attach to them. He had done his best, and was amply rewarded if his services had proved acceptable. He would now offer them a toast which he knew would be received with the greatest enthusiasm. It was "The health of the W.M., Bro. William Richardson," and needed no words of his to commend it, as they had given proof of the esteem in which they held that brother.—The W.M., in responding, said his motto was "Deeds, not words," and therefore they must not expect a speech from him. He was very proud of the position he occupied that night, and could assure them that it would be his constant study, with the help of his officers, to maintain the lodge in its present efficient state. He begged to thank them most heartily for the compliment they had paid him. He concluded by proposing "The P.M.'s and Officers of No. 148," coupled with the names of Bro. Robt. Stevenson, P.M., and Bro. W. Sharp, J.W.—Both brethren suitably responded.—The other toasts were: "The Officers and members of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge, No. 1250," responded to by Bro. Wm. Mossop, W.M. 1250; "The Visitors," who each acknowledged the toast on his own behalf; "Masonic Charities," proposed in an exhaustive speech by Bro. William Smith, after which the Tyler proposed his toast and the proceedings terminated. Some capital songs and glees alternated most pleasantly with the speeches which well received throughout.

**CHELLENHAM.**—*Royal Union Lodge, No. 246.*—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, on Wednesday, January 4th, to celebrate the Festival of St. John and instal the W.M. for the ensuing year. Between thirty and forty of the brethren were present. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. William Forth, W.M. and W.M.-elect, all of whose officers were present, viz., Bros. W. R. Porcher, I.P.M.; Stapley, S.W.; Robertson, J.W.; J. Brook-Smith, Chap.; W. L. Bain, Treas.; William R. Holman, Sec.; E. Alder, S.D.; T. Furber, J.D.; R. J. Dixon, I.G.; Ricketts and Humphreys, Stewards; and Wiggins, Tyler. The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair, and it was occupied by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Grand Chaplain of England, who re-installed the W.M. in a most able and impressive manner. The officers were then invested as follows: Bros. Porcher, I.P.M.; J. Robertson, S.W.; William R. Holman, J.W.; W. L. Bain, Treas.; E. Alder, Sec.; Furber, S.D.; Dixon, J.D.; Howard, I.G.; Allen, P.M.; D.C.; Ricketts and Humphreys, P.M.'s, Stewards; and Wiggins, Tyler. Grants were voted to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Cheltenham General Hospital and Dispensary. The usual proclamations were made, and the lodge closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting-hall, and spent the evening in great harmony, the toasts being proposed and received in a hearty Masonic spirit.

**LEICESTER.**—*St. John's Lodge, No. 279.*—The annual festival of this lodge was celebrated at the Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., when there was a numerous attendance of members and visitors. Amongst those present, in addition to the W.M., Bro. W. E. S. Stanley, were Bros. W. Kelly, I.P.M. and R.W. Prov. G.M.; W. Weare, P.M. and Treas.; G. F. Brown, P.M.; Clement Stretton, S.W. and W.M.-elect; E. J. Crow, J.W.; A. Palmer, S.D.; J. Wright-Smith, J.D.; R. W. Wuldown, I.G.; Bembridge and Dunn, Tylers; Captain Goodchild, J. Halford, J. McAllister, Atwood, Barber, Matts, Gosling, Porter, Blankley, Guden, Kirby, Shuttlewood, Beeton, Pye, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Worrall, King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto, Canada; and T. H. Buzzard (W.M.), W. Beamont (Smith P.M.), George Toller (P.M.), Rev. Dr. Haycroft (J.W.), E. Mace, S. S. Partridge (S.D.), W. Barfoot, W. S. Bithrey, A. Ross, and J. F. Smith, of the John of Gaunt Lodge, &c. The lodge having been opened, and the election of the W.M. duly confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. Samuel Cleaver, as a candidate for initiation, who was duly elected. Bros. Beeton and Pye were passed as F.C.'s—the ceremony, at the request of the W.M., being most efficiently performed by the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Toller. The W.M. initiated Mr. S. Cleaver. The chair was then taken by the Prov. G.M., Bro. Kelly, who proceeded to instal Bro. Clement Stretton, P. Prov. G. Reg., as W.M. A vote of thanks for his attention to his duties, and for his efficient services in the chair, was unanimously accorded to Bro. Stanley, the I.P.M., and a similar well-deserved compliment was paid to Bro. Weare, P.M., for his valuable services as Treasurer, to which office he was again unanimously elected by ballot. The report on the state of the Treasurer's account was of a highly satisfactory character, showing a balance in favour of the lodge of upwards of £100. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year: Bros. W. E. S. Stanley, I.P.M.; E. J. Crow, S.W.; Dr. Pearce (who was unavoidably absent), J.W.; W. Weare, P.M., Treas.; R. W. Wuldown, Sec.; A. Palmer, S.D.; J. Wright-Smith, J.D.; John Halford, I.G.; and C. Bembridge and J. Dunn, Tylers. Relief having been voted to a case of distress, the Prov. G.M. reported that the W. Bro. Hughan, P.G. Sec. Cornwall (who had evinced

the greatest interest in the case of their local candidate for the Boys' School, Alfred Nutt), had kindly placed at his (the P.G.M.'s) disposal a collection of rare and curious Masonic works to be raffled for, the books to be presented by the winner to the library in the hall, and the proceeds, £5 5s., to be placed on Bro. Deane's list, as Steward for this province on behalf of the Boys' School, for a Life Subscribership for Bro. Hughan, who would give the vote in favour of Alfred Nutt until elected. The P.G.M. added that the list having been filled up with twenty-one subscribers at 5s. each, the raffle would take place in the interval preceding the banquet. Accordingly, after the transaction of some business of a private nature, the lodge was closed, and the raffle took place, the winner being Bro. G. H. Hodges, P.M. 523 and P.P.G.S.W.—The P.G.M. then announced that Bro. Hughan had most liberally promised that, on condition of the books being presented to the library, he would supplement it by a further donation to the collection himself. (Applause).—The brethren sat down to a bounteous repast and dessert, to which a plentiful supply of champagne and other wine was liberally contributed by the W.M., Bro. Stretton, who, of course, presided, and was supported by the P.G.M. and nearly fifty other brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were, in turn, duly honoured, interspersed with some excellent songs by Bros. Crow, Atwood, Palmer, Bithrey, and others. After a most pleasant and harmonious celebration of the festival of the patron saint of the lodge, the brethren finally separated, previously to which the "Final Toast" (recently published for him by Bro. George Kenning) was sung by Bro. Crow, S.W., and which is doubtless destined to be brought into use at most Masonic gatherings throughout the Craft.

**LANCASTER.**—*Lodge of Fortitude, No. 281.*—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster, on Wednesday evening, the 11th inst. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. J. Daniel Moore, M.D., P.P.G.S. of W., &c., who was supported by W. Bro. John Hatch, I.P.M.; Bro. W. Hall, S.W.; Bro. W. Fleming, J.W.; W. Bro. J. Hatch, P.M., Treas.; W. Bro. E. Simpson, P.M. and Sec.; Bros. E. Airey, S.D.; W. J. Sly, J.D.; Harrison, I.G.; R. Taylor and Bullfield, Stewards. There were also present: Past Masters Kelland, King, W. Hall, and Whimpray, and about 20 other brethren. The lodge was opened and general business transacted, when the W.M. announced the death of Past Master Richard Stanton, and moved that an expression of regret at his decease should be entered upon the minutes of the lodge, and an address of condolence forwarded to his widow. This was seconded by Past Master Kelland, and carried unanimously. In accordance with a notice upon the circular calling the meeting, the W.M. moved that £30 should be voted from the lodge funds for a special charitable purpose. The circumstances requiring this vote were explained and commented on by the Treasurer, Bro. James Hatch, P.M., Bros. E. Simpson, P.M. and Sec.; G. Kelland, P.M.; and Bro. R. Bond, and the vote was carried unanimously. Bro. Hayes having given proof of his proficiency as a Fellow-Craft Freemason, was in due course raised to the degree of a M.M. by the W.M. There being no other business before the lodge, it was closed in due form.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—*Royal York Lodge, No. 315.*—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Royal Pavilion, on Tuesday evening, January 3rd. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. James Curtis. After the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. Thomas Packham was passed to the second degree, the W.M. performing the ceremony in the most able and satisfactory manner. During the evening the Secretary, Bro. Eberall, read the resignations of three members of the lodge: one on account of increasing infirmities and great age, another on account of the night of meeting being most inconvenient to him, and the other because he has removed some distance from Brighton. The business of the evening having been disposed of, and no fresh propositions made, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony. There were present: Bros. J. Curtis, W.M.; J. W. Stride, S.W.; John Robinson, P.M., as J.W.; Pearson, S.D.; Slater, as J.D.; Eberall, Sec.; W. Marchant, P.M., Prov. G.A.D. of C. Sussex; W. Challen, P.M. 315 and 1141, P.Z. 732, P. Prov. G.S.B. Sussex; George Emery, Thomas Packham, C. Wren, I.P.M.; Nell, I.G.; Sabine, P.M. 73, &c.; and J. M. Cunningham, P.M. 811, P. Prov. G.S.W. Sussex. The J.W. and Bro. C. Sandeman, the J.D., were unavoidably prevented from attending. The next meeting, for the election of the W.M., will be held at the same place on Tuesday, the 7th proximo.

**YOVL.**—*Lodge of Brotherly Love, No. 329.*—On Wednesday, January 4th, the members of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John, and performed the ceremony of installing the W.M.-elect for the ensuing year. For this purpose they assembled at their lodge-room, Three Choughs Hotel, at one p.m. The V.W.D.P.G.M. of Somerset, Bro. Captain Bridges, according to ancient form, duly installed into the chair Bro. J. Howe Farley, S.W. 329 and P.P.A.G.P. The W.M. appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. John Chaffin, S.W.; W. B. Milborne, J.W.; Rev. R. J. F. Thomas, P.M. and P.G.C. of England, Chap.; G. K. Forster, Treas.; H. Raymond, P.M. and P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; W. J. Nosworthy, S.D.; J. Millborne, J.D.; W. S. Gillard, W.M. 1168 and P.P.J.G.D. of Dorset, D.C.; J. Whitby, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Org.; J. Palmer, I.G.; E. Helliar and R. S. Chant, Stewards; and J. Harvey, Tyler. After the ceremonies the brethren partook of a very sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. T. Sharland. Amongst those present, besides the officers above-named, were the I.P.M., Bro. G. G. Style, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Bros. R. C. Else (Bridgewater), P.S.G.W. Somerset; F. Cox, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; J. H. Ryall, P.P.J.G.D.; S. Cross, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; Dr. Garland, P.P.G.D.C.; Rev. R. Thompson, P.P.G. Chap. Dorset; John Murdis, P.P.G.S.

of Wks.; J. Budge (Crewkerne), P.P.J.G.D.; Strawson, W.M. 814 (Crewkerne), and many other distinguished brethren.

**BERWICK-ON-TWEED.**—*Lodge St. David, No. 393.*—The brethren of this lodge met, on the evening of Tuesday, 27th December, being the annual festival of St. John the Evangelist, for the purpose of installing the W.M. for the year 1871, and for the appointment of office-bearers. Bro. George Moor, having been unanimously elected W.M. for the year 1871, was installed in the chair in an imposing and impressive manner by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. S. McGregor. The following officers were then appointed by the W.M., and had the insignia of office conferred on them, viz., Bros. C. I. Paton, S.W.; C. Hopper, J.W.; R. Ferguson, Treas.; W. Scott, Sec.; R. Anderson, S.D.; A. Marshall, J.D.; J. Richardson, S.S.; D. Paterson, J.S.; W. Graham, I.G.; and A. F. Turnbull, Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held in the lodge-room in celebration of St. John's festival, at which thirty-eight of the brethren were present. The W.M. occupied the chair, the Wardens' chairs being filled by Bros. C. I. Paton and C. Hopper. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in Masonic fashion. After proposing "The health of the Retiring Master, Bro. J. S. McGregor," the W.M. presented him, in the name of the lodge, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, bearing a suitable inscription, as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of his services while occupying the chair. Bro. J. S. McGregor feelingly expressed his gratitude for so unexpected a gift, and his interest in the cause of Freemasonry. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened with song and sentiment, and after spending an agreeable evening in the greatest harmony the brethren separated.

**SPILSBY.**—*Shakespeare Lodge, No. 426.*—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge-room, Town Hall, Spilsby, on Thursday, the 5th inst. The ceremony of installing Bro. P. Newbould, S.W. and W.M.-elect, was most impressively performed by Bro. E. Rainey, P. Prov. G.J.D.; after which the newly installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers, as follows:—Bros. C. Starmer, I.P.M.; R. Mackinder, S.W.; Ed. Walker, J.W.; T. Thimbleby, P.M., Treas.; E. Rainey, P.M., Sec.; Gay, S.D.; T. W. Thimbleby, J.D.; Ed. Cash, I.G.; G. Smith, P.M., Steward; C. Starmer, O.; R. Wright, P.M., Almoner; and G. Badley, Tyler. An excellent banquet followed, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to; the Tyler's toast, at an early hour, concluding a very enjoyable evening.

**HOLYHEAD.**—*Hibernia Lodge, No. 597.*—The anniversary and installation meeting of this flourishing and rapidly-increasing lodge was held on Monday, 2nd inst., when the following brethren were present:—J. Peters, W.M.; E. P. Mellor, I.P.M.; W. Riva, S.W.; J. L. Griffith, J.W.; S. S. Wilkes, P.M., Sec.; Rev. O. W. Jones, Chaplain; Wm. Lewis, S.D.; John Ellis, J.D.; O. R. Ellis, Organist; Samuel Hughes, Tyler; Evan Evans, Robert Evans, H. W. Glasier, E. J. Cann, Dr. Owen Williams, Joseph Jones, J. Lloyd, Capt. George Lewis, Samuel Clark, John Devonald, W. H. Smith, Rd. Williams, George Gould, Dr. J. Roberts; visitors, Bros. the Rev. R. H. Williams (1113) and Wm. Owen (1264). The lodge was opened in due form, previous minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. the Rev. R. H. Williams, P.M. 1113, was unanimously elected a joining member. The brother chosen to fill the office of W.M. for the ensuing year was J. Peters, who has during the past year presided over this lodge in a most able, worthy, and successful manner. It was consequently the prevailing wish of the brethren (as shown by the result of a ballot at the previous meeting) that he should be re-installed. Bro. Mellor, I.P.M., was called to the chair as Installing Master, the necessary formalities were proceeded with, and the installation was completed according to ancient usage. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers in the following order:—Bros. J. L. Griffith, S.W.; W. Lewis, J.W.; J. Ellis, S.D.; Dr. O. Williams, J.D.; J. Lloyd, I.G.; S. Hughes, Tyler; S. S. Wilkes, Sec.; Rev. O. W. Jones, Chaplain; and O. R. Ellis, Organist. The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet, prepared by Bro. W. H. Smith, of the Marine Hotel, where the lodge is held. After the table was cleared the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk with enthusiasm; a few of the brethren responded, their speeches being eminently and truly Masonic; and several soul-inspiring songs were sung. Altogether, the whole affair proved quite a success, and the brethren after having thoroughly enjoyed themselves parted in perfect peace and harmony.

**ALDEBURGH.**—*A Fair Lodge, No. 936.*—The usual monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Friday, the 6th inst. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. G. Harper, Fairfield House, Saxmundham, who had been duly re-elected to the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year, was proclaimed and saluted in due and ancient form. The W.M. then appointed and invested as his officers: Bros. James, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Hayward, Sec.; Carr, S.D.; Moore, J.D.; Newman, I.G.; Roper, Tyler. The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The W.M. presided, supported by Bros. Banning, Fletcher, Baker (525), and a goodly muster of the brethren of the lodge. The banquet was served by Bro. Moore, who had spared no efforts to ensure the comforts of the brethren. The cloth being removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Newson Garrett, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and the W.M., in reply, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to see that his efforts to promote the interests of the Craft in general, and of this lodge in particular, were so duly appreciated by the brethren. He earnestly advocated that all who accepted office should, as far as they were able, make themselves perfect in the duties.—The

Officers of the lodge duly responded to their several healths, and Bro. J. S. Banning to that of the visitors.—Bro. Newson Garrett made a touching allusion in the course of the evening to the severe affliction sustained by Bro. Rendle in the loss of his son. The harmony of the evening was much enhanced by songs and recitations, and the Tyler's toast brought a most pleasant and satisfactory meeting to a close.

**ULVERSTON.**—*Lodge of Furness, No. 995.*—The annual meeting of the members of this lodge was held on the 27th ult. at the Masonic Temple, Theatre-street, to celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist, and to instal the W.M.-elect. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Case, supported by his officers. The minutes of last communication were read and confirmed. Bro. Moore, M.D., F.L.S., P.M., P.Z., P. Prov. G.S. of Works, having kindly consented to act as Installing Officer, then took the chair, and Bro. Case, W.M., presented Bro. Dodgson, the W.M.-elect, to receive the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed in Bro. Moore's usual eloquent and impressive style. Bro. Dodgson then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. John Case, I.P.M.; J. H. Matthews, S.W.; Robert James, J.W.; Henry Crook, Treas.; W. Harrison, Sec.; T. Roper, P.M., D.C.; G. Brocklebank, S.D.; R. Casson, J.D.; F. J. Blacklock, S.S.; T. Mashiter, J.S.; Jas. Postlethwaite, I.G.; J. Robinson, O.G. The offices of Chaplain and Organist were left open. The lodge was duly closed, and the brethren to the number of fifty, and the following visitors: Bros. J. Daniel Moore, T. Wylie, Prov. G. Reg.; W. Dodd, W.M. 1074, Prov. G.S.B. C. and W.; W. James, S.W. 1074, Prov. G. Steward; H. Cook, P.M. 1021, P.P.G.S. of W.; Geo. Cornfield, P.M. 1225; adjourned to the house of Bro. Smith, Sun Hotel, where a most sumptuous banquet had been provided, and to which the brethren did ample justice. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to, the proceedings being greatly enlivened by the lady friends of the worthy Past Organist, Bro. Casson.

**CHESHIRE.**—*Stamford Lodge, No. 1045.*—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Altrincham, on the 2nd inst. The lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer by Bro. Capt. Hardy, W.M., assisted by Bros. James Sudren, I.P.M.; James A. Birch, P.M. and P.G.S.D. Cheshire; Siddeley, as S.W.; T. H. Kirk, J.W.; R. Heathcott, P.M., Treas.; Richard Newhouse, P.M., Sec.; John Siddeley, S.D.; T. Kenyon, J.D.; R. Ferguson, I.G.; J. Worthington, Tyler; and about 30 other brethren. Visitors: Bros. the Rev. E. Dakin Garven, W.M. 758, P.G.C. Cheshire; Samuel Lamb, 152, Manchester; John Beresford, P.M. 104, Stockport; J. Cavanagh and T. Evans, 317; J. Sly, 152; Wm. Sykes, W.M. 104; J. Steen, 758; J. M. Bentley, Wm. Laxton, W.M. 317. The minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed, and ballots were taken for Messrs. J. Woolf, Rev. R. Hodgson, and J. Ferri, as joining members, which proved unanimous, and Mr. J. Woolf, being in attendance, was regularly initiated by Bro. Jas. Sudren, I.P.M. The working tools were given by Br. Kirk, J.W.; Bro. Kenyon, J.D., delivered the charge. Bro. Ralph Weston, P.M., then took the chair, and raised Bro. T. Kent to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. J. Steen, 758, was proposed as a joining brother. Heartly good wishes were expressed from several visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren partook of a sumptuous supper, provided by Bro. Harvey, Unicorn Hotel, Altrincham.

## ROYAL ARCH.

### METROPOLITAN.

*Chapter of Hope, No. 206.*—This ancient chapter was held on Thursday, the 12th instant, at the Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich. Comp. J. Hasler, M.E.Z., assisted by his officers, opened the chapter. As all the officers were re-elected, they were re-installed and re-appointed. The alteration proposed in a by-law was made, and the chapter was closed, banquet following. Visitor: Bro. E. Shalles, 73.

### PROVINCIAL.

**MANCHESTER.**—*Rectitude Chapter, No. 581.*—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on the 27th ultimo, at the Corporation Hotel, Ardwick. The chapter was opened in ancient and solemn form by Comps. Thos. Tyers, Z.; Bridge, II.; and Dobson, P.Z., acting as J., assisted by Comps. Harion, E.; Pritchard, N.; Wayne, P.S., after which the minutes were read and confirmed, when the ballot was taken for six companions, and eight brethren for exaltation, and declared unanimous in their favour. The 1st Principal then requested that worthy and distinguished Mason, Comp. William Abbey, P.Z. No. 993, Alexandra Chapter, Levenshulme, and the present Z. of the Chapter of Prosperity, No. 290, Huddersfield, to take the chair of Z., and perform the ceremonies of exalting Bros. J. T. Richardson (No. 581), Julius Arensberg (1161), and James Robinson (1161), which he did in his usual able and masterly style. A conclave of 3rd Principals was formed, when Comp. Abbey installed Comp. Pritchard into the chair of J. in a most impressive manner. The conclave was then closed, and after some minor business was transacted, it was intimated to the companions that a very prosperous year was apparently in store for them, when the chapter was closed in solemn form, and the companions retired to a most recherche banquet provided by Comp. Lee (although some few of the companions considered the dishes were even more numerous than necessary), and after carefully providing for the inner man, a most pleasant evening was spent.

**NEW MALTON.**—*King Edwin Chapter, No. 660.*—A convocation of this chapter took place at the Masonic Hall

in this town, on Monday, the 9th instant, and was opened by M.E. Comp. J. Staniland, Z.; Marshall, H.; and S. Walker, J. (in the presence of Comps. Major Smyth, P.Z., P.G.M. Lincolnshire; James Frederick Spurr, P.Z.; and J. W. Woodall, P.Z. 200, who proceeded to the installation of the Principals-elect for the ensuing year—i.e., Comps. Bond, J.; S. Walker, H.; and Marshall, Z. Comps. Copperthwaite, Preston, Ward, Rose, Snarry, and Wandby were also present at the chapter, which was duly closed at 6 o'clock, after which the companions dined at the Talbot Hotel.

## MARK MASONRY.

### METROPOLITAN.

*St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1.*—This old lodge held a regular meeting at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, on the 2nd inst., but was not so well attended as usual, owing to the Siberian severity of the weather. Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.G.I. Wks., the W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Rev. W. B. Church, G.C., S.W.; T. Cubitt, J.W.; H.C. Levander, P.G.D.C., P.M., Treas.; R. Wentworth Little, P.M., Sec.; S. C. Davidson, S.O.; W. Dodd, J.D.; T. B. Yeoman, I.G.; and other members. Ballots were taken for several joining members, of whom Bros. J. Boyd and T. J. Barnes were present, after which Bros. W. B. Heath, P.M., and A. B. Donnithorne were advanced to the degree of Mark Master. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to supper, and a very agreeable evening was enjoyed by all present.

*Samson and Lion Mark Lodge, No. 86, and Dove Ark Mariners' Lodge, No. 4.*—At the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., the Dove Ark Mariners' Lodge was opened, when five candidates were admitted. Bro. A. D. Loewenstark, N., presided, and the ceremony was worked by Bro. M. A. Loewenstark, assisted by Bro. M. Edwards. The ballot for N. for the ensuing year resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. T. Abrahams, and Bro. A. D. Loewenstark was unanimously elected Treas. The subscription was fixed at 8 shillings a year for the present, to enable Mark Master Masons to join an Ark Lodge irrespective of banquets, the sum fixed being to cover the expense of working the lodge only. The other officers present were Bros. J. L. Rosenthal, J.D., and E. Hart, G.O., Organist.—The Samson and Lion Lodge of Mark Masters was held in the same room. Bro. A. D. Loewenstark, P.G.T.G., W.M., opened the lodge, supported by Bros. T. Abrahams, S.W.; S. Pollitzer, J.W.; M. A. Loewenstark, P.G.S., P.M., Sec.; W. Littaur, M.O.; J. Rosenthal, S.O.; J. Emmanuel, S.D.; R. Boney, P.M.; Abberdoeffer, and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballots were unanimous in favour of all the candidates, and Bro. J. K. Tippet, S.D. 169, being in attendance, was, in an admirable manner, advanced to the degree of a Mark Master Mason. The beauties of the ceremonies were enhanced by the musical accompaniments introduced on this occasion by Bro. J. Stevens, G.J.O., assisted by Bro. Hart, Organist. Bro. T. Abrahams was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. A. D. Loewenstark, Treasurer, and Bro. W. J. Laing was re-elected Tyler. Bro. T. Abrahams in an able speech proposed, and Bro. R. Boney seconded, and it was carried unanimously, "That three guineas be given from the lodge funds towards purchasing a P.M.'s jewel (the remainder to be added by private subscriptions), and the same to be presented to Bro. A. D. Loewenstark as a slight recognition of his valuable services, rendered to the lodge during his year of office." With the usual formal ceremonies the lodge was closed. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 1st. Visitors: T. Stevens, G.J.O., W.M. 104; F. Walters, P.G.I.G., P.M. 22, P.M. 86, 1; M. Edwards, W.M. 118; T. J. H. Wilkins and J. Howes, 22. Refreshment followed labour.

## ORDERS OF CHIVALRY.

### RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.

#### METROPOLITAN.

#### Plantagenet Conclave, No. 2.

An assembly of this conclave was held at the Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi-terrace, Strand, on Monday, the 9th inst. The M.P.S., Sir Kt. D. R. Still, was at his post, supported by Sir Kts. J. Lewis Thomas, as V.; G. S. States, S.G.; T. Cubitt, G.H., Treas.; J. G. Marsh, G.A. Rec.; J. Last, S.B.; J. Gilbert, S.; also by Sir Kts. J. Boyd, J. Brett, R. Wentworth Little, G.R., P. Sov.; E. H. Thiellay, C. A. Long, C. Hammerton, Dr. C. Parker Ward, H. Dicketts, G. Chubb, T. Bull, &c.

The conclave having been duly opened, ballots were taken for a number of candidates, and the following being in attendance, were then regularly admitted, received, constituted, and installed Knights of the Order: Bros. John Kirk, W.M. 1328, S.W. 142; J. Batsone, S.W. 1328, J.W. 142; Major C. Sendey, J.W. 1328; Major E. Hamilton Finney, 255; T. W. White, Sec. 21; E. H. Finney, jun., 478; D. C. M. Gordon, 255; G. A. Ibbetson, 231; F. G. Bailey, 231; and J. Willing, jun., 177.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows: E. Sir Kt. J. L. Thomas, M.P.S.; Sir Kts. G. S. States, V.; T. Cubitt, Treas.; and J. Gilbert, Sentinel.

The conclave was then closed, and the knights adjourned to the banqueting-room, under the presidency of Sir Kt. Still, where a first-rate banquet was served—the viands being well cooked and the wines excellent, while the attention paid by the able manager, Bro. States, and his staff of assistants, to

the comfort of the brethren was so assiduous and painstaking as to elicit a special toast of warm commendation from the chair, amid the hearty congratulations of the members present. The success already achieved by the "Caledonian" as a Masonic hostelry is, however, but a herald of the prosperity which awaits it when the merits of the present management are more widely known and appreciated. After the removal of the cloth, the M.P.S. proposed the usual loyal and chivalric toasts, and then introduced "The healths of the ten Newly-Installed Companions-in-Arms," alluding in complimentary terms to the good qualities and Masonic services of the brethren who had joined the Order that evening.—Sir Kt. Major Finney and other fratres acknowledged the toast, and expressed the great pleasure they had experienced throughout the whole of the installation ceremony.—Sir Kt. Still then rose, and said he had a most pleasing task to perform, namely, to present to their esteemed friend, Past Sovereign John Boyd, a jewel of his rank in the Order, as a slight memento of the zeal and ability he had ever shown for the welfare of the Plantagenet Conclave. (Cheers.) Sir Kt. Boyd had never deserted them, even when their fortunes were somewhat at a low ebb. On the contrary, he had put his shoulders to the wheel, brought in his friends, and contributed in a very great measure to the present flourishing position of No. 2.—The toast was received with hearty fire, and the E.P. Sovereign returned thanks in an able speech, assuring the chevaliers that he was determined to promote, to the utmost of his power, their happiness and prosperity as a conclave.—"The health of the M.P.S." followed, and was exceedingly well received, and the name of the M.P.S.-elect, Sir Kt. Thomas, was also greeted with great enthusiasm, and cordially responded to by that worthy fratre. Other toasts succeeded, alternated by songs and speeches, nor were the claims of charity forgotten, inasmuch as a collection was made for the subscription list of Bro. Sir Kt. Buss, who will represent the Red Cross Order at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on the 3rd February. Sir Kt. States had quite an ovation on his rising to respond for the toast before-mentioned; and altogether the entire proceedings were of the most pleasant, harmonious, and enjoyable character. The enthronement meeting in April is expected to be a still greater success.

### PROVINCIAL.

**LANCASTER.**—*Red Rose Conclave, No. 12.*—A convocation of this conclave was held on Friday evening, the 13th January, at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. The M.P.S., Sir Kt. J. Daniel Moore, 18<sup>th</sup>, Ill. Intendant-General for the Division of North Lancashire, presided, supported by the E. Sir Kts. T. Mason, V.E.; Bagnall, S.G.; Barker, J.G.; Hall, Prefect; Dean, Herald; Taylor, Sentinel; &c. The conclave was opened in due form, the minutes were read and confirmed, and other business transacted. Bros. John Dickenson and John Tilley, of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 281, were balloted for and unanimously elected, and being in attendance, were regularly installed and proclaimed as knights of the Order. The historical oration of the Order was delivered by the M.P.S., and the conclave closed in due form.

### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

*Mount Calvary, or Early Grand Encampment of England.*—The Enthronement Meeting of this encampment was held on the 13th inst. at Freemasons' Tavern. Sir Knt. F. Binckes, P.E.C., was in the chair, and ably installed Comps. G. A. Brown and Capt. J. Bertrand Payne as K.K.T., after which he enthroned Sir Knt. W. Stone as E.C. for the ensuing year. Sir Knts. S. Rosenthal and D. M. Dewar were appointed Captains; R. W. Stewart, Expert; W. Paas, P.E.C., Treas.; F. Binckes, P.E.C., Reg.; W. Roebuck, S.B.; the other offices being filled by Sir Knts. E. Baxter, F. H. Ebsworth, C. J. Morgan, and J. Hervey. The report of the Audit Committee showed that the funds were in a very healthy condition, and there is every probability of a continuance of the great success which has hitherto attended the career of this old encampment. After the active labours of the encampment, the knights adjourned to the banqueting-room, and discussed a dinner which was by no means as good as it ought to have been, considering the liberal price paid by the encampment. Among the knights present, besides those named, were Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.C. Suffolk; J. M. P. Montagu, P. 1st G.C.; Major E. H. Finney, J. Stohwasser, P.E.C.; and R. Wentworth Little.

**SCARBOROUGH.**—*Geoffrey de Bouillon Encampment.*—This encampment met on Friday, the 30th December, in the Masonic Hall, Globe-street. The following Sir Knights were present: W. F. Rooke, P.E.C., as E.C.; J. W. Woodall, P.E.C.; H. W. Garnett, 1st Capt.; S. H. Armitage, 2nd Capt.; H. C. Martin, Reg.; J. A. Chapman, Capt. of Lines; W. T. Farthing, E.C.-elect; J. F. Spurr, Expert; and J. Verity, Equerry. The encampment was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Sir Kt. W. T. Farthing was installed E.C. for the ensuing year, after which he appointed Sir Kt. Armitage, 1st Capt.; Marwood, 2nd Capt.; Martin, Reg.; Spurr, Expert; Rev. H. Blanc, Prelate; Chapman, Capt. of Lines; and Verity, Equerry. The encampment was now closed, and the Sir Knights, with a few friends, partook of one of Sir Kt. Chapman's excellent banquets, and parted in love and harmony.

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practically unfolded sink deeper into the heart, and the recollection of events, when we see them pictorially represented, is more easily retained. All the dramatic incidents in the history of the Temple at Jerusalem; every scene in the tragical fate of its master builder; each successive development of the solemn story, is engraven more firmly in our memories; because we have each, so to speak, sustained a part in the plot, and have each realised individually the surpassing interest in its progress and final catastrophe.

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When we depart out of the beaten track of Hebrew history, we are somewhat at a loss how to proceed. So many degrees have been dovetailed into the Masonic system, and so manifold and various are the duties and objects which they inculcate, that at first sight we are ready to exclaim, "Chaos is come again!" Yonder we behold a Knight Templar spurring his fiery steed across the desert plains of Syria; anon, he is transformed into a Knight Hospitaller of St. John, and alternates deeds of valour with deeds of mercy and humanity. The scene changes, and we see him at the stake, the victim of kingly avarice and priestly hate. Looking around, we observe a rival to our Templar friend in a brother very elaborately arrayed, be-jewelled, be-collared, be-aproned, be-sworded. He also hails from Jerusalem, and maintains that as a Rose Croix Mason he is as far superior to a companion of the Royal Arch as the planet Saturn is to one of his own satellites. Another ornate individual, however, disputes the palm of victory with him of the 18°, resting his claims, like Joseph Smith, of Nauvoo, upon a later revelation. From the time of the crucifixion—with all its attendant horrors, earthquakes, rending

of veils, and grave-delivered dead—we are wafted into the Constantinian era, when signs and wonders were witnessed on high, and the empire of the earth dropped like a ripe plum into the all-attracting hands of the son of St. Helena.

Now, this leads us to the consideration of a Masonic Order which is very little known, although it is one of the most instructive in theory and beautiful in practice of all the degrees sheltered under the expansive wings of Freemasonry. Let us therefore, quote the legend: "St. Helena was of British extraction, and by some recorded as the daughter of Coel, Duke or King of Colchester, of which he was the alleged founder, whence its name, Coel-caester or Colchester. She was married to Constantius, the Roman General, who had become passionately enamoured of her; though after having borne him a son—the afterwards illustrious Constantine the Great—she was for some time divorced, and sent to Britain. When her son assumed the Imperial dignity, St. Helena was recalled, and by her virtue and piety prepared the mind of that noble champion of the Christian cause to receive those mystic truths for which he has been held in veneration. At the advanced age of eighty she visited the Holy Land, desirous of contemplating the spot which had been sanctified by the death of the Saviour of the world, and by His miraculous resurrection from the tomb. The chapel that had been built by Adrian, and dedicated to the pagan Venus on purpose to profane that sacred spot, soon was levelled to the dust, and the eager desire to view the original monuments of the redemption prompted every exertion on the part of the workmen employed. Deep in the ground, at length, three crosses were discovered, and the fervent piety of those who laboured in the holy work instantly recognised them as those on which the Saviour suffered and on which the two thieves, at the same time, expiated their guilt." The manner in which the true cross was selected is thus related: "The corse of a female some time defunct was placed alternately upon the three crosses: the two first that were tried produced not any effect, but the third instantly raised the body in a state of reanimation." "Over the spot where the Holy Sepulchre had been revealed, the prudent emperor (Constantine the Great) raised a superb edifice, but the clergy had first taken from the hallowed ground the nails, the lance, the crown of thorns, and the pillars at which our Saviour was scourged." "Constantine the Great first displayed the symbol of the cross in a shield on the eagles in the imperial arms by a Greek monogram, thus  $\alpha$   $\rho$   $\chi$   $\varsigma$  and subsequently thus  $\chi$   $\rho$   $\iota$   $\varsigma$  expressive of the figure of the cross, and exhibiting at the same time the two first letters of the word  $\chi$   $\rho$   $\iota$   $\varsigma$   $\tau$   $\omega$   $\varsigma$ , Christ. This device he had impressed on his helmet—in which St. Helena had caused some of the true nails to be enclosed—and on the shields



of his soldiers; and so early as the commencement of the fourth century the standard of Rome wholly gave place to the Labarum, or banner of the Cross." As a continuation of the legend we find the following: "When St. Helena had discovered the true cross, she permitted various fragments to be taken from it, which were encased, some in gold and some in gems, and conveyed to Europe; leaving the principal or main part of the wood in the charge of the Bishop of Jerusalem, who exhibited it annually at Easter, until Cosroes, King of Persia, plundered Jerusalem in the reign of the Emperor Phocas, and took away this holy relic. Heraclius, the Roman emperor, about the year 615, giving Cosroes battle and a complete overthrow, recovered the cross by subsequent treaty with Cosroes' son; and transported with zeal, resolved himself to carry back to Mount Calvary the much-venerated wood. He accordingly dressed himself in his imperial robes, and summoned the attendance of his numerous and splendid train to grace the solemnity of the occasion; but vain were all the efforts of the sturdy emperor; the sacred wood remained immoveable, defying his utmost exertions even to raise it from the ground, when lo! a voice from heaven explained the mystery. Christ himself had entered Jerusalem mounted on an ass, lowly and meek; while the emperor had sought to defile the hallowed cross on which the Saviour had suffered dressed in the gaudy trappings of worldly grandeur. Shame for a while overwhelmed the splendid retinue; but roused by the sacred explanatory admonition, Heraclius instantly cast off his royal garments, and then with ease lifted on his shoulder and conveyed to the destined spot that cross which before he could not with his utmost efforts cause to move. By this miraculous intervention the identity of the cross was ascertained beyond every possibility of doubt, and it was subsequently solemnly deposited in the great Church of the Twelve Apostles at Constantinople."

Of the other legends connected with the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre we cannot now speak at length, but may probably revert to the subject at some future time. Enough, however, has been said to prove the correctness of our premises, that "the Masonic system abounds in legendary lore," and that it offers to the diligent student abundant food for thought. The apparent chaos of its rites and principles can be reduced to order and regularity when we possess the key to the inner mysteries, and are enabled to distinguish the beauty and grandeur of the whole Masonic cosmogony in the faultless mirror of truth. To accomplish this magnificent task should be the unceasing aim of all brethren who desire to be something more than Masons in name; and we can promise them the utmost satisfaction and delight when they attain the utmost round of the Masonic ladder, and are really enrolled as priests in the temple of light.

### Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

#### THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

In his kind efforts to assist me, "A Voice from the West" has alluded to a fact which, in the interests of Masonry, I had wished to conceal, preferring, as I did, to allow the question to rest on the abstract historical merits of the rite, and not on the personal character of its members; many of whom are ignorant and deceived men. Nevertheless, I assure you that Charles James Banister, ably seconded by three of his supporters, *insulted, accused, and judged* me. To him it was, as the *Summoner* of the Sovereign Tribunal, that my letters printed last week were addressed. He, probably, presided over the meeting, as he *received the thanks* of the so-called thirty-third degree in a copy of one of their printed circulars, which came to my hands, and may afford grounds for an action for libel; prior to which, I wish some of the London brethren to inform me how I can have the question heard by Grand Lodge. I was expected to apologise to those from whom I demanded an apology! All this is the *justice* of the so-called Supreme Council. "Whom the gods wish to destroy they first drive mad."

JOHN YARKER.

P.S.—I have just received reliable evidence that Sir Patrick Colquhoun, Grand Chancellor of K.T.'s (and also a 32° under this Council), has furnished them with copies of some of my letters addressed to him on the subject of the Templar Kadosh. It is pointed out to me that owing to the position in the Craft of the nine members of the 33°, I stand no chance of success in a contest with them. But legal proceedings or Grand Lodge proceedings are open to me, and I should be glad if any London brother would aid me in bringing my case before the Grand Lodge Committee. They might write to me.

J. Y.

It appears that a very illustrious brother has taken up the cudgels in real earnest, and is not to be trodden under foot by the Golden-square clique; and there is no doubt that he will be well supported in all he has said, as it is well known that there are many others who are quite ready to join him, and suppress such ill-judged proceedings as have lately emanated from three or four who choose to denominate themselves the S.G.C. of the 33°. There is a very strong feeling abroad in this matter, and very few of those self-styled S.G.C.'s are known as labourers in the world of Masonry. Perhaps it is that they cannot descend to so low a sphere, but at all events, at present, they are standing on a very insecure foundation, and it is only from the sufferance of the brethren that they are not supplanted and superceded.

NEMESIS.

#### ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS.

Under this title, at page 26, appears a personal attack upon me, and my recent contributions to your columns, by

"An American Freemason." As I have no intention to take further part in the discussion of a theory in support of which *nothing* has been yet adduced beyond very positive assertion; I decline a controversy into which this brother seeks to import a personal element, and which, therefore, must become of a very unsatisfactory nature; at the same time, I think it due to your other correspondents that I should notice the (distorted) points upon which he thinks it right to found his communication.

1. At the time I used the term "small discussion," with reference to the gloves and apron, it was a literal fact; the discussion having then extended only three or four brief communications.

2. I adduced the proof of the word "speculative" because a brother who has taken a large part in the discussion asserted that the word could not be shown to have been used in connection with Masonry before a very modern date. That the word occurs in the MS. published by Bro. Cooke is clear, and that it is used in another than an operative sense is equally plain. The American brother appears to prefer Preston to a fourteenth or fifteenth century MS., but he will find it difficult to persuade your readers to a like conclusion.

3. It is true that Bro. Buchan has not said that "operative Masons only knew how to hew stones and spread mortar"; but he has said in effect that there was no more in the Masonic guild than in that of the tailors; and I repeat that the language of these MSS. is inapplicable to a brotherhood that held no higher place in the world of art than the "designing" of a doublet.

4. It is inconvenient for the American brother that at page 25 Bro. Buchan tell us that the authority (*Quarterly Review*) for the quotation as to gloves and aprons is correct.

5. Here the American brother attempts to blind your readers by a confused passage, which permits them to infer that a copy in the *Gentleman's Magazine* of the same MS. as that published by Bro. Cooke, contains an entirely different version of the passage quoted by me. This is not a fact. I am well acquainted with the copy in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, which is to be found at page 489 of the volume for 1815. It is an entirely different MS., communicated by one James Dowland, who says of it: "It is written on a long roll of parchment, in a very clear hand, apparently very early in the 17th century." In support of the 1717 theory, it has been asserted in your columns that the word "speculative" could not be proved to exist in connection with Masonry before (say) 1717; and that no Act of Parliament relating to the Masonic guild alone could be produced before 1800. I have called attention to the word "speculative" in a 15th century Masonic MS., and have produced a statute of 1425. Let us have an answer to these two facts, instead of an attack upon a contributor, who, at all events, tries to be honourable and honest as a controversial opponent.

6. I am here patronised, and kindly recommended to read Findel for an hour. I have read Findel, and probably as many other Masonic historians as the American brother, excepting, perhaps, some of the astounding publications of his own land. I speak with much respect of Findel, and little of Preston (as a writer); but I say that if the American brother prefers either, or both, of these to earlier documentary evidence, he knows very little indeed of Masonic investigations; and if of MSS. his experience is confined to the *Gentleman's Magazine*, of these he knows still less.

Lastly. In return for this brother's patronising advice to myself, let me recommend him to give your readers a few proofs in favour of the 1717 theory, which he supports, and of which he is in great need, instead of exhibiting his skill by

criticising the honest endeavours of those who do not think as he does, and who are content to contribute their humble share of information without desiring to appear clever at the expense of others.

Bro. Buchan has led the discussion of this theory. I, perhaps, have spoken strongly upon it; but I am *certain* that Bro. Buchan will join with me in regretting that any member of the Craft who thinks with either of us should consider it desirable to publish an article intended to disparage the communications of the other, without contributing a single atom to the cause he affects, but does not serve.

This is my final communication as a participant in the controversy.

LUPUS.

#### THE ALNWICKE RECORDS AND MASONS' APRONS.

I observe that Bro. Hughan, at page 25, considers the Alnwick Lodge "an operative one." However, at present we must thank Bro. Hughan for supplying the blanks left out by Bro. "E. T. T." at page 578. Only in connection with this subject the following extracts may be useful—they are from the "Aberdeen Burgh Records."

"1st February, 1484: The first dai of Februar, the yer of God mcccxxxiiij, it is ordainit and decretit be the alderman and counsall, that the talyeours and al utheris craftismen within the town, sal in tyme to cum, beyr thare takynis of thare craft apoun thare beristis, and thare best aray on Candilmes day at the Offerand; and quha that conterninis, and dois nocht, sal tyne thare fredum for a yer."

"23rd January, 1496: The saide day, it was statat and ordainit be the alderman, bailieis, and consale, for the honor and defenss of the tone, that everie craftismen within this burgh sale ger mak ane standart for thar craft."

In 1554 we find it "decernit" that the smiths have, as before, the post of honour next the Sacrament, "and the said wrychtis, masouns, cowerpis, and sklaiteris to proccid togidder befor thame" in the approaching procession upon Corpus Christi day.

"22nd November, 1498: The said day, Mathow Wricht oblist him be his hand uphaldin to mak gude servie in the luge and retenche to the begin and furnysing of the queyr, at the command and sicht of the alderman, consal, and the master of the kirkwerk," &c.

"The said day, Nichol Masone and David Wricht oblist them be the fathis of thar bodiis, the gret aithe sworne, to remane at Saint Nicholes werk," &c.

In 1530 the "haill toun maks oath be thair hand uphaldin in jugment, the haly croce tuichit every man be himself to obserue and keip all and sindric the ponts and artikles forsaid," &c.; "and hereto bund and oblist thaim be the futhis in thair bodiis," &c.; "to underly the panes containit in the said statut," &c. "And, attour, the said toun, euerilk man be himself, fre and unfre, hes maid fayth, the gret aithe sworne in ingement, neir to reuele," &c.

After a burgess or gild-brother in the fifteenth century had taken the oath, "he ought to kiss the provost and the brethren, if he be a brother of the gild."

Then, in a charter of King Robert II., A.D. 1373, we read: "The same Holy Gospels by each of them touched, swore their bodily oath, &c., and each raising his hand after the manner of faith-giving, in token of the universal consent of the whole clergy and people, publicly expressed and declared their consent and assent." And, lastly, in this week's newspaper I read:—

"Curious Will of an old City Worthy.—On New Year's Day a sermon is preached by the rector of the united parishes of St. Magnus (London-bridge), St. Margaret (New Fish-street), and St. Michael (Crooked-lane), in conformity with the will of Mr. Henry Cloker, a late member of the Grocer's Company. The will is dated 1573, and contains some singular clauses, one of which being that the Master, the Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the Cooper's Company shall attend Divine service, and a sermon preached on New Year's Day in the afternoon for ever."

W. P. BUCHAN.

**BREAKFAST. — EPPS'S COCOA. —** Grateful and Comforting.—The very agreeable character of this preparation has rendered it a general favourite. The *Civil Service Gazette* remarks:—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills." Each packet is labelled—JAMES EPPS AND CO., Homoeopathic Chemists, London. Also, makers of Epps's Cacaoine, a very light, thin, evening beverage.—[Advt.]

#### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The regular meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, the 18th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. Clabon, President, in the chair. Bros. J. Nunn, S.V.P., and James Brett, J.V.P., C. C. Dumas, J. Hervey, Joseph Smith, N. Bradford, J. Coutts, J. Williams, F. Walters, H. Garrod, J. W. Halsey, C. J. Hogg, R. Wentworth Little, H. G. Buss, W. Mann, S. Rosenthal, S. May, A. Pratt, C. A. Cottebrune, E. Smith, J. Stevens, J. Turner, Hemsworth, and several other brethren were also present.

The laws of the Benevolent Fund were read, and grants passed at the previous meeting confirmed.

Bro. J. Smith, P.G.P., agreeably with notice of motion given at last meeting, proposed that a respectful memorial be sent to the M.W.G.M. requesting his sanction to the hour of meeting being changed from *seven* to *six* o'clock p.m., which being duly seconded was carried *nem. con.*

Fourteen petitions were brought under the consideration of the meeting, out of which number four were deferred until the next meeting, and ten were relieved, viz., three £10, five £15, one £20, and one £40, subject to some of the larger grants being confirmed at the next meeting. The total amount voted was £165, a smaller sum than has been voted for some months past.

#### ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY OF ENGLAND.

The annual or obligatory meeting of the Rosicrucians was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 12th instant. The M.G. Frater Hubbard being unable, through illness, to attend, the M.C. was opened by Frater R. Wentworth Little, S.M., Past M.G., assisted by Frater J. Brett, D.M.G.; Dr. Rogers Harrison, Dr. W. R. Woodman, J. Hervey, W. Carpenter, J. Weaver, W. F. Hambly, H. C. Levander, the Rev. W. B. Church, W. Ferguson, Angelo J. Lewis, George Kenning, W. Bird, J. Coutts, D. R. Still, and M. Edwards.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the following approved Aspirants were introduced and admitted to the grade of Zelator: Bros. Major E. Hamilton Finney, E. Hamilton Finney, jun., Sir Gilbert E. Campbell, Bart., D. C. M. Gordon, E. H. G. Dalton, T. Burdett Yeoman, James Willing, F. H. Gottlieb, J.P., and G. Chubb. The ceremony was ably worked, with the usual musical accompaniment by Frater Jas. Weaver.

Frater Brett was then installed as M.G., Dr. Harrison as D.M.G., the other officers being H. G. Buss, Treas.-Gen.; Dr. Woodman, Sec.-Gen.; W. F. N. Quilly, H. C. Levander, W. B. Hambly, Jas. Weaver, Wm. Carpenter, Rev. W. B. Church, E. Stanton Jones, Ancients; A. J. Lewis, Precentor; W. J. Ferguson, C. of N.; D. R. Still, T.B.; T. Cubitt, Org.; W. Bird, H.; G. Kenning, Medallist; Major Finney; D. C. M. Gordon, Assist. Sec.

Letters of apology for non-attendance from Frater Hughan, Quilly and several others, including three or four from Aspirants, having been read, the M.C. was closed, and the Frater then sat down to their annual dinner, under the presidency of R.W. Frater John Hervey, who kindly undertook the duties of chairman, in the unavoidable absence of Col Burdett, Hon. V.P., whose health was not sufficiently restored to allow him to attend.

A more enjoyable evening it has seldom been our good fortune to experience; the fratres were in excellent spirits, and the chairman acquitted himself to the admiration of all. Fra. Carpenter made one of his quaint speeches in returning thanks for the Council of Ancients, and considerable amusement was caused by the apparition of an approved Aspirant, Bro. Alfred Smith, somewhat late in the evening, he having been engaged elsewhere. The chairman, however, with great courtesy and good humour not only permitted Bro. Smith to join the fratres, but afterwards proposed his health in a speech overflowing with wit and *bonhomie*, to which compliment Bro. Smith responded in a similarly happy vein. Altogether, it was a reunion which will long be remembered with pleasure.

#### ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MISRAIM.

It being in contemplation to form a second sanctuary of the 33rd degree of this philosophical rite, to be named the "Burdett," after the highly-respected Regent of the Order, a meeting was held at the Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi-terrace, Strand, on the 9th inst., for the purpose of enrolling members. S. Bros. R. Wentworth Little, 90°, G. Arch., and Major E. Hamilton Finney, 90°, C.G., were present, assisted by Bros. J. Brett, J. Boyd, J. L. Thomas, D. C. M. Gordon, 66°, Nominate; D. R. Still, T. Cubitt, J. G. Marsh, E. H. Thiellay, C. Hammerton, C. Parker Ward, M.D., G. Chubb, E. H. Finney, jun., T. W. White, and J. Willing, jun., 33°.

The following candidates were received and obligated as Levites of the sanctuary: Bros. Chas. A. Long, Herbert Dicketts, John Kirk, Fred. G. Bailey, Thos. Bull, G. Spencer States, Major Chas. Sendey, Joseph Last, John Batstone, and Geo. Aug. Ibbetson.

The sanctuary was then closed, it being understood that a meeting for the election of officers, and further enrolments of brethren, would be shortly convened.

As the "Bective" Sanctuary alone already comprises about 100 members, no doubt a third sanctuary will soon be required, especially as there are hundreds of candidates waiting to take the degree, not only in London, but in various parts of the country. The Conservators-General do not, however, as we are informed, intend to enrol more than 800 brethren during the present year, and the expediency of restricting the Order to a total of 999 has also been discussed, although nothing has as yet been determined upon this point.

#### MASONIC ORDER OF MIZRAIM.

BY MARC BEDARRIDE.

##### INTRODUCTION.

Our venerable Order was created by the Almighty in the first ages of the world. In those days our Grand Conservators hardly dared to report the plans and workings of our scientific institution, or to endow succeeding generations with the knowledge they acquired; some because they wanted the necessary documents and materials, and others because they feared to perjure themselves or tarnish the sublime mysteries which they had witnessed.

They have, however, transmitted, orally and by traditions, written in hieroglyphics, intelligible only to the initiated, the whole of their knowledge and a complete history of our Order.

Thanks, a thousand thanks, should be rendered to the Eternal who has deigned to preserve for us this knowledge, from which we have gathered in our long and painful life the materials necessary to complete this work.

Sons of P. and F. Gad Bedarride descended from the ancient race of the patriarch Beda, Grand Master *ad vitam* of our Order, in the Valley of Ramessis, in the land of Gessen, in Egypt. Elevated in the principles of Mizraim by our dignified and learned father, Grand Master *ad vitam*.

After having been initiated in our antique and sublime Order, I studied for a long time the sacred languages of the ancient world, and then travelled with our victorious armies over the principal part of Egypt and Europe, and afterwards over Great Britain, Palestine, and the Islands of Greece, countries which were first peopled by the grandchildren of Noah, and afterward by various peoples, his descendants. In these travels I spent twenty-nine years of my life.

After having climbed all the rounds which compose the mysterious ladder of our Order until I arrived at the 90°, or last—after having taken all the Masonic degrees, and made the acquaintance of the most enlightened Masons of all countries, who inherit the great light and profound knowledge of the patriarchs their fathers; after having excavated in their archives, and after profound meditation, we have com-



pleted the documents belonging to the four series of our antique and sublime Order. I have worked in each degree, and, above all, have given, in the name of the Order, light to a great number of neophytes. I have constituted lodges of all the degrees in many valleys; have had the happiness of being preserved by the Almighty in many perils during the campaigns of the French army. After having the sweet satisfaction of returning again to our beautiful land—after having reunited the children of Mizraim which were found in the great valley of Paris—initiated in our Order the most renowned Masons, possessed the highest degrees of other rites, and occupied a distinguished rank in the Government of all, founded and constituted the governing body of our Order for France, and raised in the French provinces new Mizraimite temples to work for the glory of God, the prosperity of our Order, and the general good of humanity.

After having struggled during fifteen years against the antagonists of Mizraim; having driven back from the entrance to our temples all innovations and innovators, coming out victorious from the badly founded attacks directed in an underhand manner against us, and seen with joy that all the enlightened Masons of other rites have, in every case that they have known the truth, fully appreciated our conduct. But after long meditation, we have compiled matter connected with the Order of Mizraim which will confound our enemies, and confute the fables they have invented about our Order.

We are now about to produce an history of our Order, which for many years we intended to publish, but were prevented by the numerous tribulations to which we have been exposed. Thanks to the Eternal, who, from the height of His Throne, has deigned to cast a benevolent eye upon us, and to remove the obstacles which opposed our design, after four years of persevering efforts we have finished this scientific history—a history that proves at once the antiquity of our Order, and confounds those who, in the falsehoods they have written, have given us the honour of being its inventor; indeed, this would be a great glory to us if they told truly, for the fact would immortalise our name. But enlightened Masons know that this sublime institution is not the work of men; that our sublime mysteries have been venerated in all ages and in all countries; and do not our detractors proclaim most highly our antiquity, seeing that they could not pronounce a discourse in their lodges without admitting that Masonry is derived from Isis and Osiris, nor without praising our ancient patriarchs, such as Minis, Moses, Orphus, Homer, Solon, Thalys, Pythagoras, and many other sages. These they cite as very enlightened Masons. They carefully refrain from teaching to their disciples that all these philosophers were Mizraimites, and that the great Minis, Osiris, Seraphis, or Adonis are no other than the Great *Mizraim*. This silence on their part, and their false and sharp criticism against our Order, have been a double motive to cause us to give our time to this work, for which we can say, without vanity, that all the Masonic writings which have appeared down to this time are not able to compare with its patriarchal language, the purity of its style, and the noble thoughts which they contain, developed with as much care as clearness, recommend it to the initiated of all degrees, and of every rite, but more especially to the lecturer, who can draw from each page subjects to improve and enlighten the young workman—yes, to enlighten for Masonry, which some say is derived from Solomon's Temple, others from the time of the Crusaders, and others from the English.

Unhappily, this beautiful and sublime institution has found in every age enemies who wished to stifle the light of truth, and have sought, but, happily, ever in vain, to fetter her march, as will be seen in the course of this work. On the announcement that we were about to publish what we had seen and learned, our patriarchs in every country grew alarmed and set up the following cry . . . "God Almighty! are our Masonic secrets about to be revealed—the secrets of an

institution which Thou has created, and which has been worked for untold ages under the sublime name of Mizraim; has been hidden for all that time from the eyes of the profane, although her sacred mysteries were professed by different denominations. Ah! why, tell us, Great God, is it that the Order of Mizraim which joins antiquity to science, and science to antiquity, prove in this age subject to the same fate as other institutions, and be exposed to the profane?"

Have no such fear wise and provident patriarchs! Be not alarmed, dignified brethren, be not alarmed! None of our mysteries will be divulged. As you have made us swear so will we be bound by our oath; and you will never have to reproach us with the least indiscretion as regards the secrets of our Order.

The work which we publish is not of a nature to inspire the initiated with fear, or to bring a blush on the cheek of a Mason; on the contrary, it gives to it a new lustre by the beautiful things which are there reported and the holy morals which flow from them.

This work is divided into forty stations, forming two volumes. We there learn the time and date of the creation of our Order; the name of the region where it was established by our ancient patriarchs; an abridgment of their history, as well as the beautiful Masonic acts of the Sovereign Princes, Great Captains, Philosophers, and other notable personages who have appeared from generation to generation; the persecution to which many of those patriarchs have been exposed; and the manner in which they have fed the sacred fire; for it is to their zeal, firmness and perseverance that we owe the happiness of possessing in its primitive purity this Order, which has existed 5848 years.—*Communicated.*

### Original Correspondence.

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#### THE ROBERT WENTWORTH LITTLE TESTIMONIAL.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It gave me very great pleasure when I saw announced in last week's FREEMASON that it is intended to present Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, P.M., P.Z., etc., with a testimonial. Our worthy Bro. Little has endeared himself to hundreds of Freemasons through his kind and courteous behaviour to all with whom he may come in contact. His knowledge of the ceremonies of the Craft, Arch, Mark, and the higher degrees is marvellous; he never appears lost for a word, and the most charming trait in his character is, that he communicates his knowledge freely to any brother who may ask him for it, in an unpretentious manner, without allowing him to feel for a moment by any remark or gesture that he is inferior in Masonic knowledge—a line of conduct which thoroughly distinguishes the educated man and gentleman. I am sure that there are hundreds of Freemasons who esteem Bro. R. W. Little quite as much as I do, and that they will come forward with their subscriptions freely, so as to make this testimonial a substantial one. I hope that the W. Master of every lodge who knows Bro. Little will bring it before his lodge, and get a list of subscriptions to assist in the presentation. In conclusion, allow me to state what the brethren of the Whittington Lodge did last night towards the testimonial. I proposed that five guineas should be voted from the lodge funds, which was carried unanimously and by acclamation; and although we had only about twenty-two or twenty-four brethren present (the Whittington not being a large lodge) about £12 or £14 were collected, making a total of about £18. I cannot give the exact amount at the present moment, as I have not the list by me; but it will be duly handed over to the Treasurer, Bro. John Hervey, G.S.

Trusting that my brethren in Freemasonry will heartily support this testimonial,

Believe me, yours fraternally,

JAMES WEAVER,

P.M. 862, S.D. 1319, etc., etc.

January 17th, 1871.

A COWAN.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you permit me to ask Bro. Hughan or any other learned Mason for the origin and meaning of the word COWAN? Dr.

Mackey and Dr. Oliver alike find its origin in the Greek word *cuon*, a dog. The former says this word was, in the early church, applied to infidels and unbaptised, or those not initiated into the Christian mysteries; and the word being borrowed by the Freemasons, was, in time, corrupted into *cowan*. To support this derivation of the word, Dr. Oliver quotes from the Apocalypse: "Without are dogs," *cunes*; and from S. Paul, who exhorts his fellow-Christians to "beware of dogs." I confess that neither of these derivations of the word satisfy me; firstly, because I have no evidence that the primitive Christians call all unbaptised persons "dogs"; and, secondly, because I think the passages referred to by Dr. Oliver will not bear the interpretation he puts upon them. "Dogs," in these passages, mean, as I think, not unbaptised persons, but something more than that. In S. Paul, our translator omits the article. S. Paul speaks not of "dogs," but of "the dogs," whom he classes with the "evil-workers"; they, therefore, were men who were emphatically "dogs"—animals which were held in abomination by the Jews, as they are by the Mahometans; as lascivious, impure, greedy, and filthy. They were men who pretended to be teachers of religion, but who were profane and sensual in their lives, and were classed, therefore, with the "evil-workers." So also in the Apocalypse, they are classed with the worst conceivable characters—"the sorcerers, the whoremongers, the murderers, and they who love and make lies." Thirdly, I think the classing together of "cowans" and "intruders," by the compilers of our ritual, show that they had an eye to those description of persons. Now, corrupt and depraved persons would not certainly be known as such upon sight, and the obligation of keeping them off could not, therefore, be laid as an obligation on the Tyler. Besides, if they sought to make their way into the lodge, they would be "intruders," no less than other uninitiated persons; so that the Tyler would be charged to keep off all intruders. I look, therefore, for some other derivation or meaning of the word "cowan" than that generally accepted. Can it be found in the Anglo-Saxon word *cowen*, which signifies a herd, as of kine, but which we use metaphorically to denote as a company of thoughtless people, or a rabble? In this sense, it would be the duty of the Tyler to keep off all idle or thoughtless men who might accidentally, or without any special object, be inconveniently near; and also intruders, who sought to make their way into the lodge out of mere curiosity or for purposes of mischief. This is a crude idea, merely thrown out to elicit information from those who are our teachers in the arena of Masonry.

Yours fraternally,  
WILLIAM CARPENTER.

### A MASONIC TOUR.

[FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.]

Washington, U.S., Dec. 20, 1870.

Having a little spare time I write you, as promised, a short outline of my tour in America, my visits to Masonic lodges and temples, and Masonic experience in general having, of course, the first place throughout.

Starting from London 19th Oct., 1870, I reached Waterford and Limerick, Ireland, next day. Experienced very heavy weather crossing the Irish Sea, the sad news of the wreck of the *Cambria* and the loss of 170 lives off the coast a few days before being the topic everywhere. Commencing my Masonic tour in Limerick, I visited the Masonic Hall—a large but plain building, the property of the Masons of the city—wherein Lodges 13, 73 and 333, also a R.A. Chapter and a K.T. Encampment meet; but unfortunately there was no meeting during my stay. The Tyler, Bro. D. Dunlop, very kindly showed me through the building. The several lodge-rooms are well and tastefully furnished, No. 1 and K.T. room particularly so. The Hall stands on ground belonging to the W. Bro. the Earl of Limerick. Limerick is poor in trade and money—I hope his Grace will let the brethren off the ground-rent or, seeing this—but rich in old associations, and has some splendid ruins of castles, churches, &c. St. Mary's Cathedral (A.D. 1180), the Castle, the bridge over the Shannon, and the famous Treaty-Stone particularly merit passing notice.

At Cork we have Lodges 1, 3, 8, 67, 71, and 93, R.A. and K.T. Chapters, &c., &c. Cork boasts of the oldest (first) lodge in Ireland; under one of whose warrants the celebrated "lady Freemason," the Hon. Miss St. Ledger, was initiated.

At Queenstown are Lodges 190 and 557. Here, as at Limerick and Cork, there was no meeting, so I was contented in visiting the hall occupied by the brethren of 190. It is a quaint old house, but the room is well furnished. A naked arm with trowel in hand, over the W.M.'s chair, attracted my attention. The trowel is here, as in all places where the

old York Rite is worked, considered the chief tool of a M.M.

The Masons of Queenstown, Cork, and Limerick are not numerous, but they are respectable; like the brethren in other parts of Ireland, they reflect credit on the Craft. As at Dublin, there is no display of Masonic insignia on house or person. I was much disappointed in not witnessing any working, but from enquiries I am led to believe that, next to the Americans, the Irish brethren are the best and strictest working in the world.

I had a pleasant trip from Queenstown to New York, and was exceedingly pleased with everything I saw in the New World—the noble well-guarded entrance to the harbour or bay, with its thousands of shipping; the immense grand palace steamers, boats, &c., continually passing between New York, Brooklyn, and Jersey cities, &c., &c., much surprised me, and on landing (Dec. 10), the beautiful streets, fine marble-fronted houses, immense shops, well-stocked markets, omnibuses and fine hack-coaches, but above all, the numerous splendid street cars, or tramway omnibuses, pleased and astonished me. A trip through the Broadway (five miles long), Fifth Avenue, the Central Park, the immense hotels each of which can accommodate 1000 people, the Grand Opera, and other buildings demand more than a passing glance here; and the City Hall, with its noble paintings, &c., the New Post Office, Masonic Hall, &c., &c., would each require a better pen and more space for description than this poor brief account. I can only say that I spent an exceedingly pleasant week in New York, and was delighted with all I saw. I boarded at the Belmont Hotel (Bro. Richards, proprietor), visited the opera, &c., and lived as cheaply and comfortably as you can in London. As to kindness, civility and attention, I never experienced great or better.

I must now turn to Masonic matters. On the 11th, I visited Lodge Americus, No. 535. How shall I describe the scene, the work, &c., witnessed in this splendid lodge? Well, sir, I'll try—your readers must excuse defects. The Masonic Temple is a fine, large, and not over-ornamental building; it accommodates numerous lodges and chapters, and the several rooms are named "Corinthian," "Grecian," &c., according to their style. The lodge I visited (Americus) met in the former, and was opened at half-past seven o'clock, the W. Bro. Fitzpatrick presiding. The names of the other officers are similar to ours, but their duties differ considerably. When I entered there were about 100 members present, by the time it opened this number was doubled, and ere it closed there were 300 brethren present, nearly all wearing plain lamb-skin aprons. There were few jewels, those and superior aprons being only worn by Grand Officers. The gathering was really fine; and as to the hall, I must say that, with the exception of the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, it is the largest and finest I ever beheld. The room is about 70ft. by 40ft., handsomely carpeted, with fine paintings, banners, transparencies, and numerous lamps adorning the walls. There are two 10ft. pillars at the entrance; the great light is placed on a handsome altar, with three other lights flanking it. The seats all round (benches and chairs) are covered with blue velvet, and a splendid organ graces the north side, the powerful music of which added greatly to the charm of the ceremonies. W. Bro. Fitzpatrick administered the O.B., &c., &c., in the second degree, and W. Bro. Selmes, in the third degree. Never have I seen such splendid working; from the W.M. to the junior officer, all performed their task admirably—all perfect. The work was old-style York Rite, and was full, rich and perfect in all its details. I have visited numerous lodges in many different countries round the world, but I have never seen anything to compare with the splendid working of "Americus." From what I saw in New York, Philadelphia, and this place (Washington), I must say that we at home are put in the shade by our brethren of the United States. Masons and Masonry in America eclipse the Old World—from top to bottom we are excelled by America.

At "Americus" I had the pleasure of meeting several officers of the Grand Lodge of New York, amongst them being the R.W. Bro. J. W. Simons, Past Grand Master, and a Masonic writer of great ability and worth. I also had the pleasure of meeting the R.W. Bro. Robert Macoy, the renowned Masonic author. To those gentlemen, and to Bros. Fitzpatrick and H. Lark (of the *Sun* office, N.Y.), I am much indebted for the very pleasant and instructive hours I spent amongst the brethren of New York. "May their shadows never be less."

Whilst in New York it was my good fortune to visit a Lodge of *Lady Freemasons*, and as the wives of many brethren at home may feel some interest in their sisters in America, I will now give a short account of the lodge, &c., so far as permissible. The sisters, under the title of "Eastern Star" Chapter, Alpha, No. 1, meet in a splendid hall (594, Broadway), 60ft. by 40ft., beautifully carpeted and fitted up in splendid style, the walls adorned with fine lamps, paintings, transparencies, &c.

There is a good organ, which, played by one of the fair sisters, adds much to the really impressive ceremonies, prayers, &c. The lodge has over fifty lady members; the duties, form of lodge, &c., resemble our own. The following is a list of the present officers:—

Mrs. E. F. Johnson (presiding)	Worthy Matron.
" M. A. Warner ...	Assoc. ditto.
" A. C. Asten ...	Treasurer.
" C. H. Butrick ...	Secretary.
" C. Quimby ...	Conductress.
" E. L. Chipman ...	Assoc. ditto.
" M. A. Waring ...	Ada.
" C. Dilks ...	Ruth.
" E. A. Macoy ...	Esther.
" C. M. Crawford ...	Martha.
" C. Walker ...	Electra.
Miss M. A. Johnson ...	Warden.
Mr. Robt. Macoy ...	Patron.
" John Osborne ...	Sentinel.

Thus it will be seen that all the offices are filled by ladies, except the Patron and Sentinel. The lodge was duly opened with prayer; the several reports were read and passed, as in our own lodges, save that the ladies, as might be expected, manage the charity and sick matters far better than we do. It was really pleasing to hear the sisters of the various committees report their visits, aid, &c., to the sick and poor of their several districts: "Visited Mrs. — (or family of so-and-so), on (date), found a little improvement, consoled (or gave so much relief), and promised to call and see them again on —." "Made enquiries concerning —, we found her (or him) deserving of aid, and recommend," &c.; and thus are many kind Masonic acts reported and recorded. After all the reports had been received, a sister notified that a lady was in attendance for initiation. A committee was sent to examine and report, which proving favourable Mrs. — (just then returning home to Scotland), was introduced and admitted to the degree. I must in justice say the ceremony of initiation was really well rendered by the several sisters. The beautiful lessons of "Ada," "Ruth," "Esther," "Martha," and "Electra" were respectively delivered by the ladies in an unusually eloquent manner. The origin and aim of the Order, as well as its signs, passwords, &c., were elegantly and impressively explained by the Worthy Matron. After the initiation the Patron delivered a lecture, and the lodge was duly closed. I had the pleasure of being introduced by Bro. Macoy, the founder and Patron of this excellent chapter, to the Matron and officers of the lodge, as also to several other sisters, and by all I was warmly welcomed. I received several kind invitations—one to their Chapter Ball—but unfortunately, time pressed, and I could only call on the Matron. I may mention that Bro. Macoy offered to aid in establishing a similar chapter in England or India (where I hail from). I may also add that the wife, sister, or mother of a Mason are eligible, and that any Master Mason belonging to the Order can confer the degree; but to open a chapter a warrant from the Grand Chapter U.S. America is necessary. When at Mrs. Johnson's, I saw a pretty little girl whose mother (a Mason's widow) died in the city about two years ago. The little orphan, being friendless and penniless, was adopted by the sisters of "Alpha" chapter. A young son of Bro. Lark, of New York, was also, on the death of his mother, adopted by the chapter. These and numerous other cases of kindness to the distressed fully prove the excellence of the Lady Masons of America, and will in time, I hope, move our brother Masons of England to follow the example of their cousins in the West—find some kind charitable work for their wives, sisters, and others. W. Bro. R. Macoy, 432, Broom-street, and Mrs. E. F. Johnson, 16, Vandam-street, New York, will afford all information on the matter.

I now conclude with a verse I heard sung in the "Alpha." It forms part of one of their lodge hymns, and as sung by fifty ladies, aided by a fine organ, was, I assure grand, and particularly pleasing to me—a poor wanderer from Old England:—

"Stranger, on a rocky strand,  
Longing for thy fatherland,  
Through the gathering clouds that rise,  
Veiling thy natal skies,  
Look beyond—there's hope for thee,  
Dawning o'er a tranquil sea;  
Softly it smiles, though distant far,  
The beautiful Eastern Star."

F. J.

**FAITH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**—The above Lodge of Instruction is held every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, in the spacious and commodious rooms at *Bro. Fisher's Restaurant, Metropolitan District Railway Station, Victoria, S.W.* Ceremonies and lectures worked every Tuesday, except the third Tuesday in the month, when the ceremonies alone are rehearsed. The DOMATIC CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION is also held in the above rooms every Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, from October until April inclusive.

## SCOTLAND.

### DUNDEE.

The various lodges in Dundee met within their own respective halls on the 27th ult., when the following Worshipful Masters who had been elected on St. Andrew's Day were duly installed into office for the ensuing year:—

*Operative Lodge, No. 47*, Bro. W. F. Longmuir.  
*Ancient Lodge, No. 49*, Bro. Alexander Kelt.  
*St. David's Lodge, No. 78*, Bro. James Berry (Past Master 375, Aberdeen).  
*Thistle Lodge*, Bro. W. Gellately.  
*Forfar and Kincardine Lodge, No. 225*, Bro. Geo. F. Roger.  
*Caledonian Lodge, No. 254*, Bro. John Forbes.  
*Albert Lodge*, Bro. James Cant.  
*Broughty Castle Lodge*, Bro. James Scott.

And thereafter under their presidency celebrated the Festival of St. John, exchanging during the evening the usual fraternal visits at which the greatest cordiality prevailed.

*St. David's Lodge*.—Since St. Andrew's Day numerous meetings of this lodge, under the presidency of Bro. Berry, have been held; fourteen initiations having taken place.

*Operative Lodge*.—A meeting in committee of the members was held on Wednesday se'night, Bro. Longmuir, presiding, when it was resolved in recognition of the eminent services rendered to the lodge by Bro. John Logic, the Immediate Past Master, to present to him a gold watch, with the usual appendages.

## TURKEY.

The members of the Oriental Lodge, 687—the "mother lodge" of Turkey—celebrated the great annual masonic festival of St. John the Evangelist, patron saint of the Order, on Tuesday evening last, when the W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. J. Laffan Hanly, was duly installed, the ceremony being performed by W. Bro. H. Newbolt, P.M. of the Lodge, and W.M. of the Bulwer Lodge, assisted by probably the largest Board of Past Masters ever assembled here on such an occasion, the twelve present including the R.W. District Grand Master of Turkey, Bro. J. P. Brown, and several of his officers and past officers, and representatives of all the other lodges of the capital, under the English, Irish, Scotch, French, and Italian Constitutions. After his installation, the new W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. W. Temple, M.D., S.W.; Louis Blair, J.W.; Mountain, P.M., Treasurer; Jas. Morrison, Secretary; A. Kanuna, S.D.; Wait, J.D.; Allan Harms, I.G.; Green, Tyler. One candidate was elected, out of four who had been proposed, but his initiation had to be postponed through want of time. The lodge having been closed, the brethren present, numbering 60—an unusually large attendance, and comprising many visitors—adjourned to the Hotel du Nord (late Baltzer's), which has just been re-opened by Bro. Franz Appel, where the Installation Banquet was prepared. The W.M. Bro. J. Laffan Hanly, presided, and was supported by the R.W.G.M. and several of his officers and other brethren of high rank in the craft. The provision made was of the very best, but the excellence of the dinner was much marred by the long intervals between the courses, which was served, as was afterwards explained, in German fashion, with the notion that the eating was to last the whole night, and the toast-drinking and speech-making to be interspersed between the dishes. This little misunderstanding, perhaps, extinguished a good deal of masonic eloquence which otherwise might have gratified—or bored—the brethren; but the company had the pleasure of hearing at least one admirable address, which was from the W.M. of the Italian Lodge "Risorta," in response to the toast of the "Visiting Brethren of the Foreign Lodges," in which the speaker broached, with much force and feeling, the idea that masons, irrespective of their different "Constitutions" and rituals, ought to form, in something more than their signs and secrets—which are, of course, uniform and immutable—a united creed and nationality, so to speak, and thus give still greater effect to the beneficent principles of the Order. Among the toasts proposed during the evening—immediately after "the Queen, the Sultan, and the Craft" and the "Grand Master of England, and Past Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales"—the health of the R.W. Bro. Brown, District Grand Master of Turkey, was drunk with great cordiality, and was suitably acknowledged by that distinguished brother, who concluded by proposing the health of Bro. Hanly, the new W.M. of the Oriental Lodge. These and other toasts were drunk with the usual masonic honours, W. Bro. Warren, P.M., officiating as he had previously done in lodge, as Master of the Ceremonies.

## Masonic Miscellanea.

WE understand that the Stockwell Lodge, No. 1339, will be shortly consecrated by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, the officer appointed for the purpose by the M.W. Grand Master.

THE Grand Mark Master Mason has accepted the invitation of the Sampson and Lion Lodge to visit them on the occasion of the installation of the W.M. on Wednesday, Feb. 1.

WE beg to call the attention of our readers to the advertisement announcing the postponement of the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to Friday, the 3rd Feb.

AT the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Bro. H. G. Buss, of 127, Offord-road, Barnsbury, will represent the Knights of Constantine, and will be happy to receive additions to his list.

BRO. DR. H. BEIGEL, W.M. Lodge of Tranquility, who is now with the army of General Mantuffel, was decorated on the 4th instant with the Order of the Iron Cross—an order which can only be gained by personal bravery on the field of battle.

MARK Masonry under the English Constitution continues its onward course, warrants for new lodges having recently been granted for Percy, 122, Stockton-on-Tees; Callender, 123, Bury, Lancashire; Union, 124, Sunderland; Hengist, 125, Bournemouth; and All Souls', 126, Weymouth.

FROM the *Kapunda* (South Australia) *Herald* we learn that the foundation-stone of the Kapunda Institute was laid on the 12th October last, with Masonic honours, by the Hon. Captain John Hart, Companion of the Honourable Order of St. Michael and St. George, Treasurer and Premier of the province, and Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons under the Scottish Constitution in South Australia. The ceremonies were very ably performed, and the event went off with great éclat.

A GRAND Masonic ball was held at the Public Rooms, Kidderminster, on Tuesday last, the 17th inst., under the most distinguished patronage from Worcester and neighbouring provinces. The proceeds are to be devoted to the funds of the new infirmary. The arrangements were complete, and the band, under the direction of Bros. Synyer and Gilmer, was everything that could be desired. Upwards of 190 of the brethren and general public were present, including, of course, a large number of the fair sex, and dancing was kept up until an early hour. We have no doubt that the proceeds will be a considerable sum, the object being of such a deserving character.

## THEATRICAL.

THE PRINCESS'S THEATRE.—The extravaganza of "Little Gil Blas," by Mr. H. B. Farnie—in which Mrs. H. Paul still continues to please all as the student of Salamanca—is now worked closely and pleasantly. The ever popular drama "Peep o' Day" is again revived, and is the first piece performed. The performances close with "He's a Lunatic." Mr. Phelps appears on this day (Saturday) in the "Man of the World."

ADELPHI THEATRE.—At this theatre there is revived that pleasing little drama "One Touch of Nature," Mr. B. Webster in his old character. "Smoke" precedes it. Mr. H. B. Farnie's burlesque "Mistletoe Bough" terminates the evening.

Reports of the following lodges stand over:—30, 91, 140, 177, 194, 206, 538, and 862, London; 216 Liverpool, 330 Bodmin, 531 Hartlepool, 737 Wellingboro', 1000 Southend, 732 Brighton, 1035 Liverpool, 1086 Kirkdale, 1248 Scarboro', 1330 Market Harboro', and 1331 Aldershot.

THE BEST FIRST.—Turner's Tamarind Cough Emulsion for the Throat and Bronchia, 13½d. and 2/9 per bot.—All wholesale houses in London and Liverpool, and any respectable Chemist.—[Advt.]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS—Life's Grand Boon.—Indigestion, dyspepsia, or disordered stomach are more or less the companions of most men whose time is occupied by literary, legal, or commercial pursuits, which prevent out-door exercise essential to health. This last is increased in winter in females, and all whom the weather makes prisoners. Holloway's Pills have long been famed as the easiest, safest, and most certain correctives of weak stomachs, disordered livers, or torpid bowels. They insure a healthy action throughout the alimentary canal without distressing or debilitating the system. They are the most efficient yet painless antidotes of all visceral disturbances; they stimulate, moderate, or repress any exceptional function; they make the digestion good, the body strong, and the mind vigorous.—[Advt.]

## MASONIC CHARITIES.

We reprint the following correspondence on this subject from the *Poole Herald* of 15th ult. and 15th inst. :—

(To the Editor of the *Poole and South-Western Herald*.)

Sir,—I was very much pleased at the full and comprehensive report you gave of the grand Masonic gathering at Bournemouth, and of the speeches at the banquet. Charity was not forgotten by the speakers, and I only wish it was oftener remembered at the festive board. I think, however, there are two duties, one almost as necessary as the other, in order that benevolence may be exhibited in its purity. It is one duty to give, but it is another to see what is given is made the most of towards benefiting the object for which it is intended. This latter one is too often lost sight of, and I heartily wish all speakers would impress this on their hearers. In reading your report of what was said at the banquet, I find P.G. St. Bro. F. Binckes, who is secretary to the boys' school, spoke most ably on the first duty, and his remarks are worthy of attention. If, however, he had said a little about the other it would have to my mind been an improvement.

Take his own school and look at the report for 1868. The building expenditure was either thirty-eight thousand pounds or forty-three thousand, and yet they say only 103 boys had been maintained in, and two boys educated and clothed out of the establishment. Our county school for the sons of gentlemen will only cost, I am informed, from eight to ten thousand pounds, and room for 200 boys. I think if those who had given had been asked this, they certainly would have objected to such an outlay, and preferred the money going more directly to the orphans than the costly erection of such a building. Look at the expenditure and income. The secretary in the same report, I see, under special expenditure, has—

Commission on surplus receipts .. ..	£	s.	d.
Travelling expenses .. ..	84	8	2
Under ordinary expenditure—salary .. ..	70	11	0
Commission .. ..	150	0	0
Then there is a pension to a former secretary	129	4	9
	100	0	0

Then a collector gets .. ..	£	s.	d.
Then a clerk, £39, messenger, £10 .. ..	136	10	0
An office .. ..	49	0	0
	36	0	0

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I don't say one word against the parties. They may be well worth their money, but when we read in the report that only 103 boys in and two out, total 105, had been provided for, although the applications were numerous, I certainly think some at least, of this money would be saved. Instead of such an outlay on the building, the interest alone would keep two hundred boys yearly, in my opinion, and I believe of many more, it would have been better to have taught three hundred poor orphans, instead of rather more than one, each one of whom would have been a far worthier illustration of the charity of the order than that of bricks and mortar.

It is the same with many other large and, I may say, noble institutions in England. Therefore, let us not only give, but see what we do give is made the most of, not in show, but more directly to benefit the object.

I am, yours truly,

R. N. HOWARD.

Weymouth, 12th December, 1870.

(To the Editor of the *Poole and South-Western Herald*.)

Sir,—Bro. R. N. Howard, of Weymouth, in his letter under this heading, which appeared in your journal of 15th December, seems to think that the outlay on the new building for the Boys' School has been incurred without consulting the subscribers. 'I think,' he says, 'if those who had given had been asked this, they certainly would have objected to such an outlay.'

Allow me to state, for the satisfaction of Bro. Howard and of the numerous brethren in Dorset, Somerset, and Hants, who are readers of your journal, that there are no charities so thoroughly under the supervision and control of the subscribers as the two Masonic schools.

The general committee of each school, consisting of all life governors (donors of ten guineas) in addition to the annually elected members, meet monthly. At each meeting the proceedings of the house committee are fully reported, and, if need be, freely criticised and dealt with.

The finance and audit committee, consisting of nine brethren annually elected, meet quarterly, and are directed by the rules to "report their proceedings to the general committee, with any observations they may deem necessary."

General courts which every annual subscriber of one guinea, and life subscriber of five guineas, and all life governors and vice-presidents are qualified to attend, are held quarterly. At these, the proceedings of the committees are reported, and any brother may propose a resolution disapproving of any act which he may not deem justifiable.

The house committee is elected annually. The meetings at which its elections take place are generally attended by a large number of brethren, and there are frequently contests for a seat on the committee, as it is thought desirable by many brethren, myself included, that new blood should occasionally be infused into it. I retired several years ago from the house committee of the Boys' School (to which Bro. Howard's letter more especially refers), other occupations preventing my giving a regular attendance, I can, therefore, speak freely with respect to their proceedings; and I venture to say that no body of men, unpaid, and with no private interests to serve, ever devoted themselves more earnestly, sometimes under heavy discouragements, to the promotion of the welfare and prosperity of an institution that the house committee of the Boys' School. Each of the present twelve members of the committee has constituted himself a vice-president by a donation of not less than fifty guineas, and several (I am not sure I may not say all) have contributed considerably more than this sum.

It is earnestly to be hoped that through the continued zealous support of the Craft throughout the country, the institution will soon be freed from debt. This desirable consummation will allow of a considerable increase in the number of boys admitted to the school.

In conclusion, allow me to say that if Brother Howard will become an annual subscriber of one guinea, he will be qualified to attend the quarterly court. If he will constitute himself a life governor by a donation of ten guineas, he will be a member of the general committee. In either capacity, any suggestion he may make, any resolution he may propose, will be carefully considered, and if it commend itself to the approval of the brethren as likely to promote the interests of the institution, it is sure to be adopted.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

JOHN SYMONDS,

Vice-president of both the Masonic schools.  
3, Ingram-court, Fenchurch-street,  
London, Jan. 9th, 1871.

## Obituary.

W. BRO. COL. JAMES ROGER WESTERN,  
P.M., P.Z.

We regret having to record the decease of this well-known brother, who expired at his residence, 12, Park-square West, Regent's Park, on the 13th inst. Bro. Western was initiated in the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, on the 23rd February, 1842, and soon after left England for India, where he was exalted in the Chapter of Hope, No. 109, Calcutta, on the 14th December, 1846. On his return to London he rejoined the Lodge of Antiquity on the 3rd February, 1857, and became an active member of the Chapter of Hope and Unity, No. 214, Romford. The late brother was a Vice-President and liberal supporter of all the Masonic Charities, and had served on most of the committees of the Craft.

We are requested to contradict the obituary notice recently inserted in a contemporary respecting the supposed decease of Bro. W. E. Walmisley, P.G. Sword Bearer; and we are happy to add, upon the very best authority, that the worthy and worshipful brother is not only *not* defunct, but that he continues to enjoy remarkably good health, despite the Siberian severity of the present winter. He has, however, experienced the rare felicity, if such it really be, of seeing his own *post mortem* record in print while still in the land of the living.

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## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending January 28, 1871.

## MONDAY, JAN. 23.

- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's, St. James's.  
 „ 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.  
 „ 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.  
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. Dilley, Preceptor.  
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile, end-road, at 7.30, Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.  
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile End, at 7 for 8.  
 St. James' Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Swan Tavern, Mount-street, Grosvenor-square, at 8.

## TUESDAY, JAN. 24.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.  
 „ 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 205, Israel, Radley's Hotel, Blackfriars.  
 „ 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 „ 1158, Southern Star, Montpelier Tav., Walworth.  
 „ 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
 Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.  
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 7.30.  
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction (382), Hotel de Cologne, 60 and 61, Haymarket, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Metropolitan Railway, Victoria Station, at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.  
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.  
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753) Knights of St. John's Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.  
 Sydney Lodge of Instruction (829), Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood, at 7.30.

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25.

- Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.  
 „ 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.  
 „ 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Tottenham.  
 „ 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.  
 „ 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.  
 „ 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 Chap. 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.  
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), Bull & Gate, Kentish Town-road, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.  
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.  
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.  
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.  
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.  
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.  
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

## THURSDAY, JAN. 26.

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
 Lodge 22, Neptune, Radley's Hotel, Blackfriars.  
 „ 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tav., Bishopsgate-street.  
 „ 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-street.  
 „ 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.  
 „ 766, William Preston, Clarendon Hotel, Anerley.  
 Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
 „ 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 „ 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 834, Andrew, Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.  
 K.T. Encampment, Observance, 14, Bedford-row.  
 The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.  
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Goat and Compasses, Euston-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.  
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.  
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.  
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.

## FRIDAY, JAN. 27.

Lodg 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Company, Finsbury.  
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 7.30; Bro. W. Watson, Preceptor.  
 Stability Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-st., at 6; Bro. Henry Mugeridge, Preceptor.  
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Pier Htl., Chelsea.  
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 Domestic Chapter of Instruction, Metropolitan Railway, Victoria Station, at 8; Comp. Cottebrune, Preceptor.  
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.  
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Htl., Fleet street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.  
 United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Shepherd's-lane, Brixton.  
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Htl., Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Br. Pulsford, Preceptor.  
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.  
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Br. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.  
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria road, Deptford, at 8.  
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury; Bro. R. Lee, Preceptor.

## SATURDAY, JAN. 28.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7.  
 Sphinx Lodge of Instruction, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, at 7; Bro. Thomas, P.M., Preceptor.  
 Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

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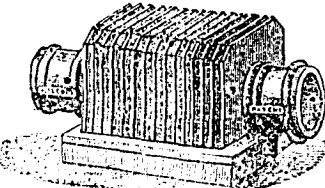
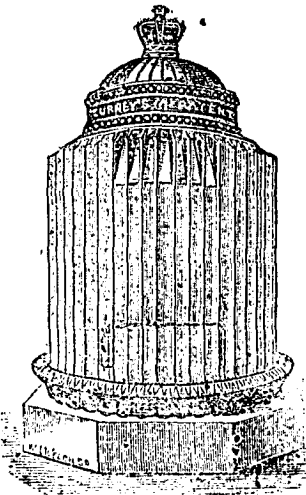
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