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NOTES ON THE "UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL."

A Lecture delivered before the Freres of the Prudence Encampment of Masonic Knights Templar, at Ipswich, on the 31st July, 1872.

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Bro. Yarker, in his valuable and interesting "Notes in the Temple," I see, asserts positively that Colonel Kemeys Tynte, as Grand Master of the Templars, gave up all control over the degrees Rosæ Crucis and others, and that the same were then taken up by the recently-established Supreme Council. For my own part, whilst I think there is a connection between the Rose Croix and Templar degrees, and whilst I agree with many old members of the Hautes Grades that the former is made too cheap now-a-days, and that it ought to be restricted to Masons who have been installed Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, and not conferred at random, as has too often been the case, upon Masons of no standing and no education, I am strongly of opinion that the Rose Croix, and other high degrees, are best separated from Templary, and placed under the control of the Supreme Council 33°. I venture to express a hope, however, that the time will come when the names of all candidates for the Rose Croix will be submitted to the Supreme Council, or the deputies appointed by them, in the same manner as is now required to be done in the Order of the Temple. By this plan, I am persuaded, will worthy men and worthy men alone be admitted to those degrees which are necessarily restricted, and the chief value of which is in their exclusiveness.

As a very worthy Craft Mason said to me the other day, "What is the use of your high degrees unless they are conferred as the reward of merit? How can I value them when they are given to men whose sole claim is their inordinate ambition and loose cash? Is it right that I, as a hard-working Mason, a ritualist and preceptor, should have no more chance of getting them than A.B. or C.D., who drop their h's and murder the Queen's English?"

A "Masonic Student," writing to "The Freemason's Magazine," 17th August, 1867, disputes the statement made by a "Knight Templar" in a previous number, to the effect that the Baldwin Encampment at Bristol was established by the Templars, who returned with Richard I. from Palestine, and which is mentioned by Mackey in his Lexicon of Masonry, and by other writers. A "Masonic Student" says, "Historically, too, this connection of Richard I. with the Templars seems very questionable, as it is well known how opposed to him on all occasions were the soldiery of the Temple, and how serious were the dissensions between them."

A "Masonic Student" is one of the most learned and impartial Masonic writers we have, but I venture to think he would hardly have penned the lines he did had he studied—I have no doubt he had perused—Addison's book attentively. Contrast his statement with that of the historian of the Templars. Let it be remembered, too, that Cœur de Lion had many enemies in the East—notably the French—with the Duke of Burgundy at their head, and the Marquis of Montferrat, who was at the head of a strong party.

Says Addison, "The Templars faithfully adhered to the standard of Cœur de Lion. At last, however, after long and weary fighting, the health of King Richard and Saladin gave way." Addison states that their health was in a declining state. "Peace was declared on terms favourable to the Crusaders, who were to retain Tyra, Acre, Jaffa, and the coast between. Immediately after the conclusion of peace, King Richard, being anxious to take the shortest and speediest route to his dominions, induced Robert de Sablé, the Grand Master of the Temple, to place a galley of the order at his disposal, and it was determined that whilst the royal fleet pursued its course with Queen Berengaria, through the straits of Gibraltar to Britain, Cœur de Lion himself, disguised in the habit of a Knight Templar, should secretly embark and make for one of the ports of the Adriatic. This plan was carried into effect on the night of the 25th October, 1192, and King Richard set sail, accompanied by some attendants and four trusty Templars. The habit he had assumed, however, protected him not, as is well known, from the cowardly vengeance of the base Duke of Austria."*

It is only fair to "A Masonic Student," however, to say that Bro. Hughan, quoting "The Freemasons' Magazine" of 1862, † says that Dr. Beaumont Leeson declared that the Baldwin was founded by French Masons, who had brought it from Canada towards the close of the last century, a fact of which he was certain, as the original books were in his own possession.

Bro. Hughan says, "None of the time-immemorial encampments under the present Grand Conclave can or have produced minutes of their meetings before 1770 or 1780." He goes on to say that the Grand Conclave of London was not established till 1791, but that the encampments

existed in either Scotland or Ireland at an earlier date.

Bro. Yarker, in his "Notes," ‡ says, "Even with conclaves of the British system, that of Baldwin had been revived by French Knights, and the Edinburgh Conclave had organised themselves on the plan of the *Ordre du Temple*."

If I remember right, there was a Temple Lodge established in Bristol in 1759, or thereabouts, and which is included in a list of old lodges, published in the "Freemasons' Magazine" some years since. I believe it is now extinct, but one would be glad to know what, if any, connection there was between it and the Baldwin.

Bro. Woof, in his admirable little work, which I have before quoted, says, "The records of the Baldwin Encampment, Bristol, in 1780, have reference to a long previous existence, evidenced by a vellum document, wherein the encampment is styled as of the Order of Knights Templar of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitallers, and Knights of Malta. This document refers to other then existing encampments. That the early Templars had considerable property in Bristol is well known, the importance of their possessions in that city being attested by the parish of Temple and the Temple Church. A tradition exists that the Baldwin Encampment is the lineal successor of an institution, founded in Bristol by the warrior monks, whose order there dwells in name, though its glory has passed away."

In a circular letter from the Baldwin, in which it assumed the title of "Supreme Grand and Royal Encampment," a reference is made to the document alluded to by Bro. Woof, and which itself refers to a previously existing document, therein called a "Charter of Compact." After citing some passages from the document, which is dated 1780, bearing upon this charter, the circular goes on to state "It is impossible to desire evidence more clear and satisfactory of the existence in 1780 of a Supreme Grand and Royal Encampment of the Masonic Knights Templar, holding its meetings in Bristol, and presiding over subordinate encampments which acknowledged its authority."

(To be continued.)

SURREY MASONIC HALL.

A meeting of shareholders in this Company, and of others interested in the erection of a building for the purposes of Freemasonry in the Southern District of the Metropolis, was held at Mr. Stevens's Auction Rooms, at Clapham, on Friday, the 29th inst., Bro. Edward Worthington in the chair. The Chairman having explained to the meeting the objects of the Company and detailed the particulars of estimated cost, the means for raising the necessary funds, and the anticipated receipts and expenditure subsequent to the erection of the building, (the site of which he stated, had been secured adjoining the Post Office in Camberwell New-road), Bro. Stevens proposed the first resolution.—viz., "That in the opinion of this meeting the erection of a Masonic Hall for the purposes of Freemasonry

* Addison's Knights Templars, page 147. Addison probably quotes this from Vinsauf, lib. 6, chap. 14.

† "Freemason's Magazine," Vol. xviii., page 409.

‡ Transactions of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Lancashire, 1869, page 68.

in the Southern District of the Metropolis is necessary and advantageous; that the scheme now submitted by the Directors of the Surrey Hall Company appears to be reasonable and capable of being carried out; and the meeting hereby pledges itself to support the undertaking." After expatiating at some length on the evils and discredit which resulted from the present unavoidable connection of most of the Surrey-side lodges with hotels and taverns, and the great injury thereby inflicted upon the dignity and social influence of Freemasonry, Bro. Stevens forcibly directed the attention of the meeting to the fact that in many small provincial towns the brethren had emancipated themselves from the thrall of "mine host," and built for themselves, and for purposes of public good, temples and halls which were alike creditable to them as members of Freemasonry, and profitable as individual stakeholders in the construction thereof. If such laudable efforts could be undertaken by small communities with such perfect results, why, he would ask, with surprise not unminged with regretful indignation, should there have been for so many years great hesitation amongst the brethren in this district in adopting the proper means for securing like success. The necessity was everywhere acknowledged, and yet, great as the number of lodges were, powerful and influential as so large a proportion of the members of such lodges are known to be, it became an absolute matter of difficulty to enlist that sympathy and support without which the best and most perfect scheme could not hope to succeed. However, he was pleased to say, there was reason to believe that now the Freemasons of this district were thoroughly awakened to their position and the necessity to take steps to preserve their dignity. One or two lodges he could name, because they would not, to the injury of their purses and persons, continue that expenditure on "banquet and refreshment" which had hitherto been the rule instead of the exception, had been within the past month sent to the "right about" by their respective "hosts," and just now would be very glad to have such local habitation as the proposed hall, if built, would have afforded them. To these lodges might be added several others very desirous of emulating the good example of moderation which the former had set, but which they hesitated to follow lest they also should have "notice to quit." Could Freemasonry stand this? Forbid it the dignity of the Order! Let it not be said that we, who profess morality in all our works, and especially enforce on our novices the practice of "temperance," are but the serfs of others, whose interest lies in a very different direction. Bro. Stevens continued by submitting that what he had already said might fairly suffice for the necessity for building the contemplated hall, but that in this practical age it might be as well that he should add a few words on the probability of commercial success, and show that the "thing would pay." He therefore "went into figures" at once, and would read certain estimates which he was prepared to maintain had been very fairly made, and which showed that the shareholders of the Company might reasonably expect at least 8 to 10 per cent. on their investments. Having done this, Bro.

Stevens concluded by expressing a hope that the meeting would see fit to adopt his resolution, and his confidence that the support to be pledged thereby would be liberal and earnest.

Bro. Dr. Harrison rose to second the resolution, which he considered to be in every respect worthy of adoption. There could be no doubt that this proposal was a move in the right direction, and although former attempts had failed, probably from bad management, and possibly from their not having those elements of success in their respective schemes which this so assuredly contained, the Surrey Masonic Hall Company, he thought, had now the ball before them, and would certainly attain the goal they sought. Bro. Stevens's exhaustive remarks had left scarce an argument with which to support a resolution in the terms of which he felt sure a perfect agreement would be expressed by those present. He could only say that, although it appeared the hall would be necessary, to secure the commercial success of the Company, he wished that it could become a purely Masonic Hall, for Masonic purposes only, and looking to what had been done elsewhere, he did not see why ultimately it might not become so. This proposal he considered ought to be taken up by the principal Masons, both in this locality and elsewhere, if only to prove the sincerity of their desire for the welfare of the Order, and whether they themselves ever used the building or not, they should help those who appeared to be earnestly and arduously working to secure so great a benefit for Freemasonry generally. For his part he might say, so satisfied did he feel with what he had heard on this occasion, he was certain the Company would have the support of his lodge, both collectively and individually, and promising his personal support, he seconded the resolution with great pleasure.

Bro. E. Frances agreed with Bro. Dr. Harrison in the desire that the proposed hall should be only for Masonic purposes, but feared that the directors were quite right in their belief that to make a commercial success the public use of it at times must be permitted. He would like to ask whether any lodges had yet taken shares, and if not what prospects there were that shares would be applied for by lodges.

The Chairman stated that no lodge had yet, in its collective capacity, applied for shares, but that the subject would be brought forward at once in many lodges, with a view to their becoming shareholders. He might say however that the individual members of one lodge had taken above 50 shares amongst them. There were a very large number of Masons, he regretted to add, who promised support at some indefinite period, say, "when the foundation stone was laid,"—"when the material for the building was on the ground," and so on. Now, if all were like that, no foundation stone would ever be laid, no material ever needed. What was now asked for was confidence and a readiness on the part of those who really had Freemasonry at heart to risk a few shillings, if need be, in the attempt to carry out the undertaking. He could not say if the scheme succeeded,—so many shares having been already allotted it was bound to succeed,—but supposing what was most unlikely to occur, the expenses had been so kept down that all deposits could be returned, minus

but a small fraction; so that brethren who meant support ought not to hesitate further about rendering it at once.

Bro. Dr. Goss supported the resolution and wished the Company success.

Bro. R. Lacey also supported the views of the Company, and would at once take ten shares, as an expression of his confidence in the proposed undertaking.

Bro. Wisby and others having spoken in favour, the resolution was put and carried unanimously.

Votes of thanks to Bro. Stevens for the use of his room, and to the Chairman, having been cordially proposed and respectively acknowledged the meeting separated.

CONSECRATION OF THE FAITH CHAPTER, No. 141.

A warrant having been granted by Grand Chapter, for the above, to be attached to the Lodge of Faith, 141, the companions assembled on Friday, the 29th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, for the purpose of consecrating the same. Comp. J. Terry, P.Z. 174 975, having been elected as consecrating officer, occupied the chair of Z.; Comp. T. S. Mortlock (Z. Sincerity) as H.; S. Gluckstein (J. 51, Colchester) as J.

The chapter having been opened and the companions admitted, the acting Z. addressed them on the nature of the meeting; the acting S.E., Comp. W. E. Gompertz, read the petition and the warrant on which was inscribed the following: E. Gottheil as Z. designate; A. E. Harris, H. designate; C. C. Taylor, J. designate, who were duly approved, upon which the acting Z. delivered an oration. The anthems were then chanted and the consecration prayer given with great solemnity. The ceremony of carrying the cornucopia, wine, and oil three times round the chapter having been performed, the second portion of the consecration prayer was delivered.

The Z. then declared the chapter duly constituted. Comp. E. Gottheil was then inducted to the chair of Z., and Comps. A. E. Harris and C. C. Taylor were respectively installed into the offices of H. and J. by the M.E.Z. The following Comps. were then invested, viz:—W. E. Gompertz, S.E.; N. Gluckstein, S.N.; C. F. Hogard, P.S.; J. Kennett, 1st Asst. S.; J. Constable, 2nd Asst. S.; J. S. Mortlock, Z. 186, Treasurer; J. H. Ross, W.S.; Longstaff, Janitor; J. H. Pinder, D.C.

Comp. J. Terry was unanimously elected an honorary member, and the M.E.Z. expressed his high appreciation of Comp. Terry's abilities and more particularly for the efficiency with which he had discharged the onerous duties of the evening. In this the companions most heartily joined, and then proceeded to arrange their future meetings, viz., the last Thursday in January, April and October, the fees as follows: exaltation, three guineas; joining, two guineas; and annual subscription, one guinea and a half. A committee was then appointed to frame the by-laws. The following were proposed for exaltation: Bros. J. Sheldon, 1027 and 1327; Jackson, 141; S. Abrahams, late 141. The chapter was then closed in due form, after which the comp-

anions sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Clemow, and ably superintended by Comp. Smith.

The M.E.Z. gave the usual loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. J. Terry rose and proposed the toast of the M.E.Z., and was received with vociferous cheering; he said that the M.E.Z.'s Masonic qualifications were well known, appreciated, and most highly esteemed by both craftsmen and companions, and those assembled might well be congratulated upon having so able a Principal to preside and govern; his abilities must indeed have been of more than an ordinary nature, for the Grand Chapter to award their sanction for the consecration of the Faith Chapter (cheers) while being M.E.Z. of 1056. (Hear). The toast was received with great enthusiasm. Upon the subsiding of the cheers, the M.E.Z. arose, and thereon another outburst of applause greeted him, when in tones of apparent affected emotion, he expressed himself in grateful terms for the honour that had been conferred upon him, and assured the companions of his future exertions in promoting the interests and prosperity of the chapter, and resumed his seat, thanking them for their hearty and kind reception.

The visitors' toast was given, to which the following companions responded:—C.B. Payne, G.T.P.Z.; Stewart, 742; Wagstaff, 720; and H.M. Levy, J. 188. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Consecrating Officer, Comp. J. Terry (cheers), and paid him some very high and just encomiums for the very admirable and perfect manner of rendering the consecration ceremony, and doubted if any companion could have rendered it with greater force, eloquence, and precision. Comp. Terry, upon rising, was heartily cheered, and in his usual Masonic style and volubility, thanked the companions for their kind reception. The toasts of H. and J. followed, in which the M.E.Z. complimented them for their zeal and assiduity in being instrumental in the founding of the chapter, and had no doubt that with their united exertions that the Faith would soon be second to none in R.A. Masonry. Comps. A. Harris and C. C. Taylor replied to the toast.

The toasts of the Treasurer, S.E., Officers, and Janitor were given and responded to.

Thus an agreeable evening was spent, productive of unquestionable good, inasmuch as those who have laid the foundation of the Faith Chapter, and perfected it, are Masons worthy of the order, and whose hearts and hands are united in the one grand aim in view, viz., charity; long may they continue in unity and brotherly love, and may they live to know that their fame and good works will be perpetuated, and that the rising generation will emulate their good example.

The following were present:—Comp. W. E. Gompertz, 1056; J. Pindar, 933; M. Bamberger, 1056; J. Constable, and J. H. Ross, 185; J. Kennett, 1956; S. H. Wagstaff, 720; C. F. Hogard, 1056; H. Gluckstein, 141; C. C. Taylor, 141; H. M. Levy, J. 118.

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CONSECRATION OF A CHAPTER AT ABERGAVENNY. (From the *Star of Gwent*.)

The consecration of a new Royal Arch Chapter, a ceremony seldom seen in the provinces, took place at Abergavenny on Thursday, 14th ult. The companions mustered in force on the occasion.

Such is the progress of the Craft in this good old town that the brethren are building unto themselves a temple wherein to work after their own fashion. Abergavenny is to have a new Masonic Hall. At present, however, Masonry is lodged at the Town-hall, in apartments spacious and comfortable enough.

On Thursday, the room had been metamorphosed, according to ancient custom, in the Royal Arch degree, a beautiful degree truly, the perfection, the acmé of Craft Masonry. Shall we say more in description? The seal of secrecy is on our lips, the weight of solemn obligation upon our conscience. Yet that degree is beautiful, pure and simple—most beautiful in its simplicity; it captivates strong men, it enamours everybody by its grandeur and truth, and—let us tell the whole secret of Masonry at once—it links in one indissoluble bond all good men and true, a brotherhood the universality of which has been the greatest boast of this great institution. Go to the wilds of Mexico, and claim a Mason amongst the savages. They acknowledge a God! By some subtle influence the Craft has found its way there. Mystic signs have arrested, even in the haunts of the red man, the scalping knife. In India, everybody who knows anything of Masonry, knows that its signs are recognized by Hindoos and Mahomedans. Those who give the signs are allowed to pass into the most sacred places. How is this? Truly, Freemasonry is a wonderful institution, is it not? Even at Abergavenny we had a companion from France, whom nobody knew personally, but who, as a member of the R.A., was welcomed right fraternally. The Principals appointed were Comps. S. George Homfray, M. E.Z.; Henry Higginson, H.; and W. Williams, J. The consecration was done by Comp. J. Middleton, M.E.Z. St. Woolos Chapter; assisted by Comp. Hillyer, Silurian Chapter. It was a solemn ceremony, interpolated with music, which Comp. H. J. Groves discoursed with his well-known ability. There were "anthems," "chaunts," and so forth in great profusion, and the Masonic "So mote it be," came in for a good share of vocalisation.

Not fewer than twelve Installed Principals were present at the first mysterious rites of installation, after which some fifty companions were re-admitted to hail the newly-installed Principals according to ancient custom, martial music being performed the while. The M.E.Z. nominated as his officers, Comps. L. A. Homfray, Scribe E.; W. H. Wickey Homfray, Scribe N.; and B. Lawrence, Principal Sojourner. Votes of thanks were passed to Comps. Middleton and Hillyer for their services, and on the motion of the M.E.Z., their names and that of Dr. Brown, of Tredegar, were recorded as honorary members of the Philanthropic Chapter, 817.

Companions Wm. Williams, J., proposed 27 members of the Philanthropic and St. George's Lodges for exaltation. The proposition was seconded by the M.E.Z., and recorded.

The following were present at the consecration:—S. G. Homfray, Z., 471; R. B. Evans, J., 683; R. J. Chambers, J., 683; Thomas Williams, H., 683; Wm. Williams, S.E., 683; C. H. Oliver, P.Z., 471; Wm. Watkins, E., 471; Alfred Taylor, 471, 683; Charles Lyne, P.Z., 471; John Middleton, P.Z., 471 and 683; G. A. Brown, M.E.Z., 1098; Egbert Herbert, 471 and S.N., 1098; Edward Jones, 471; Richard Spencer, 1098; Wm. Pickford, P.Z.; 471; Benjamin Lawrence, P.S. 471 and 683; Henry John Groves Organist, 684; John Lewis, H., 1098; P. A. F. Villiers, 471; James Straker, 471; Edward Swedenbank, 1098; John Evans, 1098; L. Gravenor, 1098; E. J. Tapson, P.S., 1898; William Davies, 1098; Evan Phillips, 1098; Henry Fletcher, Janitor.

The chapter having been closed in due form, the companions went from labour to refreshment.

The banquet was held at the Angel, and right well did Host Morgan sustain his reputation as a caterer. It has been said that there never was a bad dinner at this celebrated hostelry. On this as on other Masonic occasions, Brother Saunders's nurseries and hothouses were made to pay tribute. The table was beautifully decorated with pot-flowers, and the dessert was really magnificent. One bunch of grapes, weighing nearly 4lbs., was placed before the Chairman.

The toasts were of the usual genial, social, fraternal character. There was "the Queen," followed by the "M.E.Z.," "The Most Hon. the Marquis of Ripon," the head of Royal Arch Masonry.

The M.E.Z., Comp. S. G. Homfray, was proposed by Comp. Colonel Lyne, D.P.G.M., in very complimentary terms, and acknowledged very appropriately.

The M.E.Z. gave "The Health of the E. Comp. Wm. Williams, jun., J." In doing so, he took the opportunity to state that the formation of this chapter was due to the exertions of Comp. Williams.

Comp. Williams returned thanks.

By the M.E.Z. "Comp. Middleton, P.Z., as Consecrating Officer."

By the M.E.Z.: "The officers of the Chapter, coupled with the name of Comp. B. Lawrence, P.S."

By Comp. W. Williams, "The Chapters of the Province."

Dr. Brown, as P.Z. of the Tredegar Chapter, Comp. Hellyer for the Silurian, and Comp. Middleton for the St. Woolos, returned thanks.

By the M.E.Z., "The P.G.M., Colonel Lyne, and the Craft Lodges of the Province."

Comp. Lyne delivered a most excellent address, referring to Craft Masonry as distinguished from the "Chivalric" degrees, as to which a question had been very spiritedly mooted by Dr. Brown. He (Colonel Lyne) said that it had been suggested that a Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter should be formed in Monmouthshire. The post of Principal had been offered to him. There were four Chapters now formed in this province, and he should hesitate no longer. He would accept that post (hear, hear).

By Comp. Price, "Visiting Companions," responded to by Comps. R. J. Chambers, and W. Pickford.

By the M.E.Z., "The Press," responded to by Comp. Thos. Williams, of the *Star of Gwent*.

By Comp. Middleton, "The Host," responded to by Bro. Philip Morgan.

At the banquet many members of the blue lodges joined the purple, and the numbers at the dinner table were not short of 50. It was a genial and right fraternal meeting, and we regret that want of space precludes us from giving in detail the excellent speeches that were delivered.

GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA.

We are happy to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Florida, for the 42nd Grand Annual Communication. It makes a neat pamphlet of 93 pages. Among the periodicals received at the office of the Secretary, in exchange for proceedings, we observe due mention of the "Freemasons' Repository," monthly, Providence, Rhode Island. The Report on Foreign Correspondence alludes to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of this State for 1871, as follows:

"This nice little pamphlet gives us the records of a Festival Grand Communication at Providence, on the 24th of June, 1870, the semi-annual Grand Communication, November 21, 1873, and the Annual, at the time first above stated. The festival occasion was devoted to laying the corner-stone, at the Legislature's request, of a monument to be erected to the memory of the soldiers and sailors of Rhode Island who fell in the late war."

The following rulings of Grand Master Pasco, on the physical disqualifications of a candidate, will be interesting to brethren in this jurisdiction:

CANDIDATE—PHYSICAL DISQUALIFICATIONS.

1. The casualties of war are no reason for

changing the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry. The candidate must be hale and sound, not deformed nor dismembered, and must be able to perform the work required in the first three degrees of Masonry.

2. An artificial substitute will not qualify a dismembered applicant.

3. After a candidate has been duly elected to take a degree he should not be estopped for light reasons, and the lodge has a right to hear and consider those reasons and decide whether they are sufficient. The lodge may waive this right and accept the statement of an officer or brother, or of a committee, that the objections are well founded, but are of such a nature that they should not be made known in the body of the lodge.

4. It is a safe rule in these days, though I greatly doubt its antiquity, that a candidate should be able to read and write.

The first paragraph in the Grand Master's opening address is deserving of a place in our columns.

In the ancient days of Masonry, the Grand Master used to sketch from day to day upon his trestle board, beautiful designs to be imitated and shaped by the hands of his cunning workmen into rich architectural monuments, which afterwards excited the wonder and admiration of succeeding generations for centuries. And he made it the duty of certain officers to inspect the work of each craftsman as it came from his hands, and mark it with the signet of approval or throw it among the rubbish.

The days of operative Masonry have long passed. We no longer raise shapely pilasters and massive pillars, nor adorn cornice and architrave with richly ornamented mouldings, nor shape costly vessels for the service of the Great Jehovah; our mission is higher and nobler; it is to work out the moral architecture of man, and it becomes us, in humble imitation of our ancient brethren, to try our work from time to time and see that it conforms to the rich teachings of the past, and to lay down plans to keep active the industry of the Craft in the future. It is with this object in view that we are now assembled, my brethren, and it is proper that we should appreciate the responsibility that rests upon us as the representatives of the Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, and meet that responsibility manfully. Masonry is not a mere theory of morals made attractive by its symbolic lessons; its end is not to enable the initiated to understand a few fraternal greetings and to impart to the neophyte the traditional teachings of our ritual; these are but as the letters of the alphabet compared to the accumulated treasures of a nation's literature, and when we have become acquainted with them, we have but grasped our working tools, and made ready to enter upon our new field of labour, a field that will yield a rich harvest to the industrious workman. We work under the sacred teachings of the Great Architect of the Universe. Truth is engraved upon our signet, and brotherly love and charity are our chief characteristics. We are patrons of the liberal arts and sciences, and in all ages our brethren have been foremost in promoting plans for the moral and intellectual elevation of our race.—*The Freemason's Repository*.

Masonic Tidings.

BRITISH, FOREIGN, AND COLONIAL.

PROPOSED NEW MASONIC HALL AT BIRKENHEAD.—This thriving town—"the city of the future"—has up to this time been greatly in need of a Masonic Hall there being at present no great central meeting-place for the brethren of the Mystic Tie. If report speaks correctly, however, this want is likely soon to be supplied. It is rumoured that the Masonic Fraternity at Birkenhead, where there is a large and highly influential body, contemplate the establishment of a company with the view of erecting a handsome and commodious hall in that township. As there are several lodges in Birkenhead and the immediate neighbourhood, a suitable building, situated in a central part of the district, would certainly be a great advantage to the

members of the Order and give the cause a great impetus throughout the province of Cheshire.

We gather from the leading Conservative county paper the *Ipswich Journal*, that at the general examination of candidates for certificates on being called to the Bar, which is just over, the three certificates of honour of the first class were awarded to a young but very promising Mason, Bro. Christopher Venn Childe, B.A., L.L.B., of the Inner Temple. Bro. Childe was a member of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, where he took his B.A. degree in June, 1869, being senior in the law special examination. He was also placed in the first class of the Law Tripos in Dec., 1869; obtained the Chancellor's gold medal for Law, Feb., 1871; and was *proxime accessit* for the Whewell International Law Scholarship, June, 1871. Bro. Childe is a member of the University Chapter, Rose Croix, and promises to distinguish himself as much in Masonry as in those other pursuits in which he seeks advancement. We are always glad to hail the accession to our ranks of intellectual Masons—and we shall expect great things of our justly esteemed Bro. Childe.

"WELCOME TO SAINT MUNGO."

The following was composed and recited by G. W. Wheeler, on the occasion of Major Hamilton Ramsay, Grand Registrar and Prior of the Lothians, and deputation from the Supreme Chapter General of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple, visiting Glasgow, to confirm the union of the old Girvan Encampment with that body, install its officers, and sanction the adoption of the new name of "Saint Mungo's Encampment."

Welcome, to one and all, to night;
Welcome, to all the sons of light;
Saint Mungo, patron of this city,
Welcomes the good, the wise, the witty.
Welcome, the Grand Registrar;
Welcome, to all who've come from far,
To the Supreme Chapter Knights
That come to grace our solemn rites.

To all who are assembled here,
Saint Mungo offers of his cheer;
His tent is open as his heart;
Freely refresh ere you depart.
To night he meets you in his pride,
His bread and water laid aside;
He will not ask his friends to share
His usual plain and frugal fare.

He welcomes, too, his English guests;
For them he'll strive to do his best;
Right proud and glad is he to see
All stranger Knights of this degree.
Two ceremonies now we view,
A wedding and a christening too;
A union happily now arranged
Between a pair too long estranged.

Lang-syne, the Knight of Edin's tower
Wood the fair maid in Girvan's bower;
The country maid was full of pride,
Nor would consent to be a bride.
Long years have past, but still the flame,
Though flickering oft, still burnt the same;
Judicious friends a meeting brought,
And now the consummation's wrought.

The best and bravest of the land,
Edin's sons—a noble band—
Have come to claim the bonnie bride,
And wed her on the banks of Clyde.
They come with all the pomp and power
That well befits the marriage hour;
They come full of Masonic fire;
They come, with Lothian's noble Prior.

And no undowered damsel she,
Who weds to 'scape from poverty,
For in her train, and at her side,
Full eight score Knights in armour ride.
Then welcome to this marriage feast,
This union 'twixt the West and East,
We'll pass the loving cup around—
"To Lawful Love, by Union crowned."

Another ceremony see,
A christening of no mean degree;
Not of a puny new-born boy,
His doating mother's only joy,
But of a full-grown stalwart man,
Who's a long course of triumph ran;
Achieved success in many a fight,
By boldly battling for the right.

And now, upon the battle field,
Where many a one he's forced to yield,
The Supreme Commander, for his might,
Gives a new name, and dubs him Knight.
A name bestowed for victories won,
A name of honour for his son,
A name revered in many climes,
A name to hand to future times.

And this reflects no shade of shame
Upon his birth or former name;
But is a higher title, given
To mark where he has nobly striven;
Where he's gained honour and renown,
Here in Saint Mungo's ancient town,
By fighting 'neath the broad Beauseant,
So named him after the good Saint.

All precedence they used to yield
To him, who knighted on the field,
His honour as his armour bright,—
No namby-pamby carpet Knight.
This honour we have now obtained,
A noble object, nobly gained;
And humble Girvan sinks its name,
In great SAINT MUNGO's higher fame.

Accept this welcome to our feast,
From one the humblest and the least
Of those brave, struggling Girvan men,
Whose sharpest sword has been his pen—
A pen he never dipt in gall,
But wrote in kindness unto all,
Though still maintaining he was right—
A Constitutional Girvan Knight.

Defending her from vile attacks
Of those brave, struggling Girvan men,
Repeating calumnies so vile,
At them he can afford to smile.
He still urged Union as the best,
The noblest, truest, surest test
Of Christian Virtue, Charity,
With all our brethren to agree.

And now this union's taken place,
Your presence nobly doth it grace,
For at this marriage-christening feast
We have the *Use men from the East*.
Yes, the Chapter General of the land
Has sent a noble, chosen band
To install us here with solemn rites.
And recognise the Girvan Knights.

The name we've chosen serves full well
The nature of our work to tell;
The parallel you will confess,
For he's oft drawn in Templar's dress.
From humble village on the coast
He came, to be proud Scotia's boast;
We from a weaving hamlet sprung,
And Scotland with our work has rung.

He was of simple birth and fame,
A proud Cathedral bears his name;
A few poor men, but Masons true,
We're raising a proud Temple too.
To Clutha's banks Saint Mungo came
To spread his Holy Master's fame,
So we, in humble manner too,
Have the Great Master's work to do.

A humble, pious Christian he,
Such as Knight Templars ought to be;
For at the altar we have sworn
To worship Christ, the lowly born;
To aid the widow in distress,
Bring comfort to the comfortless,
And helpless maidens still to shield,—
For them our swords we'll freely wield.

To save a young and virtuous lass,
Fight till we gain the warrior's pass;
Our Pagan foes shall humbly kneel;
While we pass through the arch of steel.
For as Knight Templars we must fight,
Must still do battle for the right;
Must not remain as we are now,
But add fresh laurels to our brow.

'Gainst Infidels must draw the sword,
Nor spare a Judas who'd betray his Lord;
Strike bold, at once put out his light,
Nor keep a traitor in our sight.
Be ours the humble, trusting soul
That presses straight unto the goal:
Like Simeon, we His Cross must bear,
If we'd His future triumphs share.

To prove our love unto the Lord,
As pilgrims we must go abroad,
With staff, and scrip, and sanded shoon,
And travel on for many a noon;
Through the world's desert freely go,
With weary footsteps, sad and slow,
And when our bread and water's spent,
Refresh in any friendly tent.

To all the world we should appear
Like tapers, burning bright and clear,
Shedding a calm and holy light,
Till morn shall quite dispel the night.
As Templars, we have sworn to serve
The Christian faith, nor from it swerve;
To wield our swords in its defence,
Yet live a life without offence.

When sailing o'er life's troubled sea,
Though rich and rare our cargo be,
Lighten the ship, cast riches overboard,
Ere we'd make shipwreck of the Lord.
Our vigilance must never tire,
E'en when seated by our own camp fire;
Shake from our hand each venom'd beast
Would mar the quiet of the feast.

When once created and dubbed here,
Our duty and our course is clear,
To always act as loving brothers,
And do what we'd have done by others;
Reverence the Saviour of all men—
In his name we shall conquer, then,
Gain peace of heart and length of days,
Emmanuel getting all the praise.

Nor to be like Thomas, in our pride
Doubt till we feel the wounded side,
The print marks of the nails to see,
That nailed Him to the cursed tree.
A nobler, holier, faith is ours,
A firm belief in higher powers,
A trusting faith, that won't refuse
JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF JEWS.

Faith that can kiss the chastening rod,
And say, My Saviour and my God,
Till faith is swallowed up in sight,
In yon bright Temple's glorious light.
To hasten on that happy day,
Let each one work as well as pray:
That I may meet you all up there,
Is this Knight Templar's earnest prayer.

Original Correspondence.

NOTES ON THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to Bro. Buchan, I can only say I took my notes respecting the antiquity of Scotch lodges from this year's published report of the Grand Mark Lodge, and until I see for myself to the contrary I prefer to accept Bro. Kerr's authority to his own. We all know our brother's scepticism on all matters Masonic and sacred, and attach an importance or non-importance to his statements accordingly. Bro. Buchan asserts that "so far as the song is concerned, it rather goes to show more belief in the supposed legitimacy (sic) of the present Knights Templar from the 14th century Templars."

Well my opinion happens to be diametrically opposed to Bro. Buchan's, and I prefer leaving your readers to judge for themselves.

The tradition that Bruce formed the Bannockburn Templars into the Royal Order, may or may not be a modern legend, but as I have said before, I prefer my own authority to taking Bro. Buchan's *ipse dixit*.

Yours Fraternally,
EMMA HOLMES.

AN OLD MASONIC PRINT.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have thought that some of your correspondents would give a list of the principal personages represented in this fine, but not very ancient print, but as none of them offer the information, I venture to trouble you with this communication. The print is not allegorical, as seems to have been suggested, but was at its publication described as "The Freemasons' Charity Children being Presented to the Trustees and Governors on their Annual Festival at Freemasons' Hall. The principal portraits are those of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master; H.R.H. the Duke of York, H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, the Earl of Moira, Lord Ranelagh, the Prince of Orange, Sir Peter Parker, Sir William Addington, Sir John Eamer, John Heselstine, Esq., the Chevalier Bartholomew Ruspini, William Forssteen, Esq., Adam Gordon, Esq., George Downing, Esq., James Galloway, Esq., William Birch, Esq., and Anthony Tenbrocke. I believe other of the figures are portraits, but I have no means of giving further names.

Fraternally yours,
LEUES.

Reviews.

Curability of Cancer. (Wyman and Sons, Great Queen-street.)

The popular notion is that the dreadful affliction, cancer, is incurable, or at least, that unless it is dealt with at an early stage, and even then, only by surgical operation, no one reasonably hopes for a cure. The perusal of the above pamphlet, by Dr. G. Schmitt, will, we think, tend to dispel such an illusion, and for the sake of suffering humanity we hope that this *brochure* will be widely circulated and generally read. As an epitome of the various treatments by the faculty, and also by the natives abroad Dr. Schmitt's little work is most valuable, and certainly the plan adopted by him, and most intelligently advocated, is at least worthy of a trial. The testimonials appended appear to be of a high order.

The Little Dressmaker. (S. Miller, Tavistock-street, W.C.)

We were quite in a fix as to how we could notice this magazine, not having been let into the secrets of a child's wardrobe, and the correct clothing for—dolls! Happy thought! Show it to one of your lady friends! No sooner considered than adopted. Accordingly I submitted it to one whose judgment on such a most vital and important subject is well nigh infallible. After allowing a fair time for investigation, we called, and found the verdict to be "A capital magazine, patterns novel and well explained, and altogether a most useful publication." We cannot do better than make such a recommendation known to our brethren who are blessed with "little cherubs" at home.

Enoch, the Second Messenger of God. (Trübner and Co. London.)

We cannot recommend this book, and its contents are so varied that unless we wrote on subjects unsuitable to the columns of *The Freemason*, we could not make known our objections to it. We grant the author must have spent a lifetime in its production, but yet we wish much had remained unsaid which we find in these two volumes.

The Lifeboat. (Quarterly Journal.)

The number for Nov., 1872, is before us, and presents a sad picture, on the one hand, of wrecks and loss of life at sea, and on the other hand heroic deeds, and the valuable and efficient aid rendered by the "National Lifeboat Institution." In 1871 there were nearly one thousand lives saved through the instrumentality of this most humane and benevolent organization. From its formation no less than 21,076 lives have been rescued from a watery grave, for which services 91 gold medals, 829 silver medals, and £37,814 in cash have been paid in rewards. It costs the society £22,000 to maintain the 233 lifeboats scattered over the country, and on an average over £2000 in each year for rewards. The indefatigable Sec-

retary, Richard Lewis Esq., at the offices, 14 John-street, Adelphi, London, W.C., will be glad to receive subscriptions. In *The Lifeboat* for this quarter there is a capital account of the launch of the "Lady Leigh" at Scarborough, presented to the Institution by the Freemasons of Warwickshire. All honour to them for their truly Masonic spirit. In the summary of the meeting of the Committee we notice the following payments acknowledged. Thursday, 4th, July, 1872, "Masonic Lifeboat Fund, per W. Smith, Esq., C.E. and Hyde Clarke, Esq. additional £63 18s od."

The Craftsman. (Hamilton, Ontario.)

This useful record of the progress of Freemasonry in Canada is now in its sixth volume, and the September number we have just examined is not the least interesting of the series. From it we learn that the Supreme Grand Council 33° for England and Wales, "has forbidden the Masons of its obedience from recognizing the body established by the Supreme Council of Scotland at St. John, New Brunswick." It appears that both Grand Bodies for the A. and A. Rite, were formed in 1846, Scotland by the Grand Orient of France, and England by the Northern Jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Council, United States. In Canada the former has exercised exclusive jurisdiction for years, until August, 1871, so the matter is now being discussed by our learned brethren, and we hope the dispute will be amicably settled.

The Masonic Mirror. (San Francisco.)

With an editor, an assistant, and a corresponding editor, this little organ of the Craft in California, should certainly prove worthy of its name! It is a well arranged publication, and withal carefully written. Originality and research do not seem to be the editors' aim, but evidently they are anxious to present as good a fare as possible to their readers, from any source that suits their views, always however admitting from what papers the articles were taken.

We see Dr. Bedolfe's "Footsteps of Freemasonry" are being reprinted from *The Freemason*.

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, 1873. (By a Past Master and an Editor of Masonic Calendars.)

We have just carefully examined Bro. G. Kenning's "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," 1873, and, without any hesitation, pronounce it to be the best of the three issues now published.

It is compact, well arranged, and full of most useful and interesting information indispensable to the intelligent Freemason, and illustrative of the progress and wide-spread influence of the Craft. The low price places it within the reach of all, and no one who wishes to be well posted as to the whereabouts of our lodges, chapters, &c., can afford to be without it. In 1874, we hope to see the lodges arranged, according to the towns, in alphabetical order, just as now they are arranged according to their names. Both tables would be invaluable, and though the first-mentioned would add slightly to the bulk of the volume, we think its increased advantages would amply compensate.

The addresses also of the Prov. G. Secretaries would be a boon to many, and especially to each of the brethren holding such a responsible office. For convenience of reference the Grand Lodge of Ireland is very fully reported in these particulars, and indeed all the Grand Lodges, wherever located, appear to be well attended to, and as fully represented as the size of the publication will allow.

The handy little volume should sell by thousands, and the Secretaries of lodges should introduce it to the members, and by so doing assist in circulating information that concerns all the Fraternity.

"A VISIT TO EPPS'S CACAO MANUFACTORY. Through the kindness of Messrs. Epps, I recently had an opportunity of seeing the many complicated varied processes the Cacao bean passes through ere it is sold for public use, and being both interested and highly pleased with what I saw during my visit to the manufactory, I thought a brief account of the Cacao and the way it is manufactured by Messrs. Epps, to fit it for a wholesome and nutritious beverage, might be of interest to the readers of *Land and Water*. See Article in *Land and Water* October 14.

"I was suffering greatly a few weeks ago from severe pains about the kidneys and excessive weakness in the back, accompanied with a nervous sickness, and had been confined to my bed some weeks, when a friend who had long known and experienced great benefit from the use of your Vegetable Pain-Killer brought me a bottle of it, which I used with the most happy results. A. SUTHERLAND, *Windsor, 27 October, Oct. 1872*—To P. Davis & Son, London, W.C."

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Answers to Correspondents.

Communications from the following are unavoidably deferred till next week:—Bros. Binckes; H. T. Bobart; C. D. Faulkner; J. H. Hughan; A Masonic Student. Also Reports of Craft Lodges Nos. 310, 871, 1051, 1348, 157, and 1283; Chapters 176, and 1051. Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland; Rose Croix Chapters, Canute and Palestine; Red Cross Conclaves, Premier and No. 77.

Public Amusements.

Sadler's Wells Theatre.

On Saturday, December 7, and during the week, ROY. Rob Roy, Mr. C. T. Burleigh; Raleigh, Mr. Parkes; Francis, Mr. Rainbow; Bailie, Mr. Leigh; Thornton, Mr. Evans; Dougal, Mr. Lacey; Galbraith, Mr. Fawn; Owen, Mr. Bousfield; Sir Frederick, Mr. Cullen; Hamish, Miss Nelly Maud; Helen McGregor, Miss M. Henderson; Diana Vernon, Miss Bramah; &c. To conclude each evening THE SERPENT ON THE HEARTH. Sir Simeon Sykes, Mr. Rainbow; Captain Trevor, Mr. Lacy; Claude Ruby, Mr. Evans; Mildmay, Mr. Leigh; Mark Measley, Mr. Bousfield; Slobberboski, Mr. J. Fawn; Lady Sykes, Mrs. Stephenson; Mary Magrath, Miss Henderson; Barbara, Miss Rainbow; Blowsebella, Miss Farren. Stage Manager, Mr. S. C. Burleigh.

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On Saturday, Dec. 7, and during the week, TICKET OF LEAVE MAN. Bob Brierly, Mr. C. Sennett; Hawkshaw, Mr. Shepherd; Dalton, Mr. Power; Melter Moss, Mr. Hudspeth; Green Jones, Mr. Sidney; Mr. Gibson, Mr. Dudley; Brunton, Mr. Parkes; May Edward, Miss Allen; Mrs. Willoughby, Mrs. Burleigh; Sam, Miss Kerridge; Mrs. Green Jones, Miss Hastings. To conclude each evening with MARIANNE, Sir Nicodemus Sefton, Mr. Vaughan; Captain Sefton, Mr. Power; Mr. Mansfield, Mr. C. Sennett; Mr. Grubwig, Mr. Dudley; Charles Gayeaud, Mr. Sidney; Job Scraggs, Mr. Hudspeth; Night-shades, Mr. Shepherd; Miss Todd, Miss Kerridge; Marianne, Miss Allen; Bridget Cormar, Mrs. C. T. Burleigh. Stage Manager, Mr. C. T. Burleigh.

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Open at 12 and 7. Admission 1s. New Ghost, THE WHITE LADY OF AVENEL, THE SLEEPING BEAUTY, by Mr. George Buckland, assisted by Misses Alice Barth and Florence Hunter. COAL AND HOW TO SAVE IT, by Professor Gardner. Lectures on Natural Philosophy by Mr. King; the Diver and Diving Bell; and many other Entertainments.

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On view a Magnificent Marriage Group of H.R.H. THE PRINCESS LOUISE and the MARQUIS OF LORNE, also a new portrait Model of DR. LIVINGSTONE, the great AFRICAN EXPLORER; the "Claimant," Sir Roger Tichborne; Hudson, the "Railway King," and H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES in the Robes of the Order of the Garter. Open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission 1s., Children under 10, 6d. Extra Rooms 6d.

LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &c.

Week commencing December 2.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee, Bro. E. Saker. Variety of Dramatic Performers.

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PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee, Mr. Sefton Parry. "Le Petit Faust."

THEATRE ROYAL, Williamson-square.—Lessee, Bro. De Freese. Miscellaneous Entertainment, and "Can-can Can-can."

ST. JAMES'S HALL, Lime-street.—Proprietor, Bro. S. Hague. Close for re-decoration.

CIRCUS, William Brown-street.—Now Closed, but will be re-opened in a few weeks for Holden's Marionettes.

NEWSOMES CIRCUS, Whitechapel.—Proprietor, Mr. James Newsome.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1872.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon, K.G., presided, having Lord Tenterden, in the S.W. chair, and Col. Lowry Cole as J.W. The Rev. J. Huyshe, Prov. G.M. Devon, acted as D.G.M.; and the Earl of Limerick as Past G.M.

The other Grand Officers were in their places, and there was a strong attendance of Past Grand Officers; Grand and Past Grand Stewards were very numerous, and the Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of private lodges made up an exceptionally full Grand Lodge. The entry of the Grand Master, accompanied by his Grand Officers, to the music of the Organ, performed by Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, G.O.; was the signal for a hearty burst of applause.

Grand Lodge was opened with the necessary observances, and Bro. John Hervey, G.S., read the minutes of last Grand Lodge. These having been put and confirmed, the nomination of Grand Master for the ensuing year was undertaken by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, P.M., No. 8, who said:—Brethren, I beg to nominate as M.W.G.M. of the Craft for the ensuing year the Most Hon. the Marquis of Ripon, our present G.M., a nomination which I trust will secure, as I know it deserves, the unanimous assent of this Grand Lodge and of the Craft in general. (Great applause.)

The W.G.M.:—The next business which stands on the paper, is a motion which I am desirous of submitting to this Grand Lodge, and which I feel confident will meet with the approval of every brother who is present on this occasion, because it is entirely consistent with the great principles of our Craft, that the brethren of one country should sympathise deeply with all which concerns the interest and welfare of the Craft in any other portion of the world. Now, brethren, as you are aware, the Craft in Sweden, had for many years the great advantage of having at its head the late monarch of that country, His Majesty King Charles XV. a sovereign whose private and public character, whose abilities and intellectual acquirements were of a nature to secure for him the respect and admiration not only of his own subjects but all, as I understand, who had the good fortune to be brought into contact with him. But it happens that we have a greater and a nearer interest in him, because his Majesty was at the head of the Craft of Sweden, and gave to Freemasonry the important sanction of his sovereign name and office. It would therefore be natural that we should express to the Grand Lodge of Sweden our sympathy, and that we should offer them our condolence upon the great loss which they have sustained by the death of their eminent sovereign. But there is one circumstance which would make it, I think, highly unbecoming if we English Masons did not take some step of this kind upon this occasion, because it was through the instrumentality of the King of Sweden that our Past Grand Master, His Royal Highness the

Prince of Wales, was initiated in the Craft. (Hear hear.) I know, brethren, that there have been many amongst us who have regretted that H.R.H. was not initiated in England. (Hear, hear.) But we must all remember the peculiar fitness that there was in the heir to the crown of this country receiving his initiation from a European Sovereign (hear, hear); and I think we must all bear in peculiar reverence the memory of the illustrious sovereign who was thus the Masonic parent, if I may be pardoned the expression, of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who initiated him into the Ancient Order, and who implanted in him, as we have had since such ample proofs, the most pure and perfect Masonic principles, and who inspired him with a love for Freemasonry which I am able to say, and which indeed you all know from what you yourselves have seen, has increased more and more, as H.R.H. has become more and more acquainted with the principles and working of the Craft. I say therefore, brethren, that we should be wanting in that sympathy which is due to our Swedish brethren if we did not upon this occasion evince the interest which the brethren of England have in the brethren of Sweden by expressing to them our heartfelt sympathy and condolence. I believe these feelings find an echo in the breast of every one here present. I will therefore not detain you longer, but will read to you the address which I propose. His Lordship then read the formal address to be sent to the Grand Lodge of Sweden.

The Rev. John Huyshe, Prov. G.M., Devon, seconded the motion, which was then put by the M.W.G.M., and carried *nem. con.*

In moving the next resolution, "that the thanks of Grand Lodge be offered to the V.W. Bro. John Llewellyn Evans, for the valuable services he has rendered to the Craft while presiding over the Board of General Purposes during the last ten years," the M.W.G.M. said: "It is, as you are aware, not my custom to offer you, nor would it be, indeed, consistent with the position which I have the honour by your favour to hold, that I should offer to you very frequent resolutions in Grand Lodge, and therefore it is somewhat singular to find myself in the position to propose two resolutions to you in the same night, but I felt that I could not consent to leave in the hands of any other brother to propose that which I am confident if I had not proposed would have been proposed by some one else, viz., a vote of thanks of this Grand Lodge to our V.W. Bro. John Llewellyn Evans, the late President of the Board of General Purposes (cheers). Brethren, our Brother was, as I find, initiated in the Craft in the year 1831, and he was appointed a Grand Officer in the year 1842, by his late Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex. He has been ten years President of the Board of General Purposes. He has devoted himself earnestly and energetically to the duties of his important office, and he has rendered in that capacity great services to the Craft (hear, hear). Now, brethren, I believe it to be good policy in every society, whether it be a national society represented by its government, or whether it be a body of Freemasons, to know well both how to reward and how to punish. There are some

people who think that it is very right to punish, but that it is not very right to express praise where praise is due. I do not hold with that opinion, and I believe that where good service has been rendered it is right, proper, and good policy that honest thanks should be given; and, therefore, believing the service to have been thoroughly good, I ask you to agree with me in this resolution that the best thanks of this Grand Lodge be hereby offered to the V.W. Bro. John Llewellyn Evans for the valuable services he has rendered to the Craft while presiding over the Board of General Purposes during the last ten years (cheers).

Bro. John Havers, P.G.W., on rising to second the motion, said he was not sure that he would not be doing a little wrong where he earnestly desired to do a great right. He had been asked by Bro. Huyshe, who was acting as Deputy Grand Master, to second this resolution. He had told Bro. Huyshe how much more honourable it would appear, that the motion moved by the Grand Master should be seconded by the Deputy Grand Master, but it had been urged upon him that one of Bro. Evan's fellow workers, one of those who had for 20 or 30 years worked with him, should second it. He could not add one word to the eloquent speech of the Grand Master, but he could say this that having watched Bro. Evans's career, who had enjoyed the esteem and confidence of the late Grand Master, the Duke of Sussex, he for one thought they would be doing a mere scant act of justice in giving him the heartiest vote of thanks which this Grand Lodge could give to any man who had honestly, faithfully and zealously served it. (Applause).

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. J. Ll. Evans, P. President of the Board of General Purposes, rose to acknowledge the vote, and on doing so was received with several rounds of applause. When they had subsided he said:—I have to tender to your lordship my hearty thanks for the honour you have conferred upon me in proposing the resolution that has just been passed, and that honour has been enhanced in my mind by the very kind terms in which the proposition had been brought forward. I assure you, my lord, it will live for ever in my recollection, and I can also assure Grand Lodge that the honour which has been conferred by passing a vote of thanks to me is a very high and distinguished honour indeed. I am well aware of my own shortcomings; but I may say this, that whether in the office of President of the Colonial Board, which I held for some time, or whether in the more important office of the president of the Board of General Purposes, I endeavoured to do my duty to the best of my ability, and to further the interests of this Grand Lodge and the Craft in general. M.W.G.M. and brethren all, I thank you. (Cheers).

Bro. McIntyre Q.C., G.R.:—The resolution which has now been passed by Grand Lodge, must of course be very gratifying to the feelings of Bro. Evans, but that resolution may be lasting that and may go forth to the Craft as the feeling of Grand Lodge, I would, with your lordship's permission move, "That the vote of thanks be engrossed on vellum and presented to Bro. Evans." (Hear, hear.)

Bro. J. B. Monckton, P.G.D., I second it No

doubt some brethren are more competent than myself, from their knowledge of Bro. Evans, to do so, but I can bear my own testimony, and I do bear my most humble but grateful testimony, at the same time that I give him my thanks for the services he has rendered the Craft. All who sit at the Board with him acknowledge his services, and I have great pleasure in seconding his motion of Bro. McIntyre. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

The M.W.G.M. announced that he now appointed Bro. Clabon President of the Lodge of Benevolence. (Cheers). The next business would have been the election of S. and J. V.P. of the Lodge of Benevolence, but as there were only the proper number of brethren proposed, there was no difference of opinion on the subject, and a very excellent selection was made. Those proposed were Bros. Joshua Nuan, as S.V.P.; and James Brett, as J.V.P. (Applause). The next business was the election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence; but twelve only had been named, and therefore there was no necessity for an election.

Grand Secretary here read the names of these brethren, and afterwards read the following report:—

Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

Brother H. M., of the Bedford Lodge, No. 157, London, £50.

The widow of the late Brother J. S. K., of the Adams Lodge, No. 158, Sheerness, £100.

Bro. Joshua Nuan moved and Bro. Clabon seconded both these grants, which were unanimously confirmed.

Bro. Horace Lloyd, Q.C. moved that the report of the Board of General Purposes be taken as read, which was carried.

The report which appeared in *The Freemason* of last Saturday, was as follows:—

Report of the Board of General Purposes To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of November instant, shewing a balance in the hands of Grand Treasurer of £3,496 11s., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash, £75.

(Signed) HORACE LLOYD,
President.

Bro. H. Lloyd, President of the Board of General Purposes, said it would not have taken much longer time to read the report as it was very short; but instead of apologizing he ventured to congratulate the brethren. "Happy is the nation," it had been said, "whose annals are dull," and he thought this might be applied to Grand Lodge on this occasion. A great deal of the work of the Board had been very easy. But there was one matter of great interest, not of Masonic business, which did not appear in the report. Bro. Rosenthal had presented to the Craft a portrait which he had painted, of the M.W.G.M., and that was in their possession at the present moment, in the board-room. He hoped, however, they would be able to find some place for it where the members of the Craft in general, would be able to see it. He did not venture to say it did full justice to the G.M., but it was a

picture they were all very glad to have. It was a good likeness, and in his (Bro. Lloyd's) view, it possessed additional merit in this respect,—it called upon the Craft to recognise the G.M. by his features and expression, and not by the outward insignia of rank, whether social or Masonic. He would ask them to accept the proposition and the report which, as a financial report, was a very satisfactory one, he received and entered on the minutes.

Carried unanimously.

Bro. J. R. Stebbing, P.G.D., then came forward to propose:—

That it shall be competent for any Lodge to declare that any one of its members has ceased to be a subscribing member, providing the following rules be strictly observed:—

That a proposition to that effect be handed to the W. Master or Secretary, in writing, signed by any member of the Lodge, at least fourteen days before the then next regular meeting of the Lodge.

That notice is given to the member to whom it refers, by a registered letter, that such a proposition has been made, and which letter shall contain also his regular Lodge summons.

That notice is also given in the summonses for the next regular Lodge that it will be proposed to remove a brother from the list of members at that meeting.

That a ballot shall take place on the proposition being read in open Lodge, and if there shall appear to be a majority of two-thirds of those present in favour of the same, the W. Master or brother presiding shall declare the same to be carried; and on the confirmation of minutes of proceeding at the next regular Lodge, so far as relates to the said proposition, the brother shall cease to be a member of the Lodge accordingly.

To explain this motion he would just say that he proposed that only one brother should be removed on one night, and the reason for not inserting his name in the summons was that his name should not be needlessly paraded about the town or district to which he belonged. It would always be known who was meant. Having made the proposition, he ventured to say, with very great respect, though with very great earnestness, yet with, he hoped, becoming modesty, that he believed this motion was one of the most important propositions which had been made in Grand Lodge since the union in 1813. It had this novelty that it proposed to declare that a brother shall cease to be a subscribing member without referring to any specific or general charge. (A brother behind Bro. Stebbing suggested that it would be an innovation.) That was the alteration he proposed, and it would give a more facile mode of dealing with objectionable brethren. The Book of Constitutions laid down the rule that every lodge should make bye-laws for its own good government. He was inclined to believe that every brother might do that which he (Bro. Stebbing) now proposed, though on this there seemed to be some difference of opinion; but if they looked at the Book of Constitutions, they would find it was extremely difficult to get rid of a brother from a lodge. Having first fixed him with an offence, the next thing was to find the law applicable to it. Then, if he was thoroughly caught, another clause in the Constitutions only declared he should be suspended.

(To be continued.)

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS. Dismiss your Doubts. Let no one be longer oppressed with the notion that his malady is incurable till these purifying pills have had a fair trial. Where ordinary preparations have failed these pills have been used with the most marked success. A course of this admirable medicine, clears the blood from all impurities, and improves its quality. The whole system is thus benefited, through the usual channels, without the reduction of strength, shock to the nerves, or any other inconvenience; in fact, health is renewed by natural means. For curing diseases of the Throat, Windpipe and Chest, these pills have pre-eminently established a world-wide fame; and in complaints of the Stomach, Liver and Kidneys, they are equally efficacious.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The half-yearly communication to Grand Mark Lodge of England was held on Tuesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern. Prior to the assembling of the brethren as Grand Lodge, a lodge of improvement was held for the working of the ceremony of advancement. In this lodge Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O., presided as W.M., and performed the ceremony according to the new ritual, in faultless style, for which he obtained the thanks and applause of the brethren. The lodge was full. On the assembling of the brethren in Grand Mark Lodge, Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., M.W.G.M., presided, having the Earl of Limerick, D.G.M., on his right. Col. Burdett, G.M. for Middlesex and Surrey, as S.G.W.; Bros. J. C. Parkinson, G.J.W.; Magnus Ohren, G.M.O.; J. Stevens, G.S.O.; The Rev. D. Shaboe, G.J.O. The other Grand Officers in attendance were:—Bros. W. Mortimer Heath, G. Chaplain; J. R. Stebbing, G. Treas.; Chas. J. Burgess, G. Reg.; Fredk. Binckes, G. Sec.; James Porter, G.S.D.; Thomas Hargreaves, G.J.D.; George Neale, G. Insp. Wks.; T. J. Sabine, P.G.A.D.C., as G.D.C.; S. Rosenthal, P.G.D.C., as G.A.D.C.; R. Spencer, P.G. Swd. Br., as G. Swd. Br.; A. D. Loewenstark, P.G.I.G., as G.I.G.; James W. Smith and Henry W. Binckes, G. Stewards; Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G. Chaplain; Morton Edwards, P.G.J.D.; S. M. Lazarus, P.G. Org.; D. M. Dewar and Henry Massey, P.G. Stewards. Grand Lodge was also attended by a very numerous gathering of Mark Masters, the idea having somehow got abroad that Earl Percy, who was elected G.M., but was too ill to attend for installation in June, would be present for that purpose on this occasion. His lordship, however, as will be seen from the following report, has not yet so far recovered as to make his presence, in our uncertain climate, an advisable step during the winter months. The G.M.'s announcement that his lordship's health had so much improved as to promise a speedy and effectual recovery, was received with every mark of satisfaction by the brethren assembled.

Grand Secretary having read the minutes of last Grand Lodge in June, and of the moveable Grand Lodge, lately held in Manchester with so much *éclat*, the same were put by the M.W.G.M., and carried unanimously.

The M.W.G.M. afterwards said that before calling on the G. Secretary to read the report of the General Board, there were one or two words he should like to say to Grand Lodge. First of all, he had great pleasure in stating that the M.W.G.M. nominate, had derived very great benefit from his residence in the South of France, and that there was every reason to believe he would return to this country at the end of the winter, entirely restored to health. (Cheers). There had been published in the Masonic newspapers a statement that at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter of Canada, the Grand High Priest, or First Grand Principal, as we should call him here, had said that communication had taken place between him and ourselves relative to the granting of a Mark warrant from us to a lodge at Montreal, and he had added that he had remonstrated with us for granting the warrant, and he also added that no answer to his remonstrance had been received by him. Now, as Grand Lodge had entrusted to the Grand Master the conduct of its foreign correspondence, he felt it was due to Grand Lodge to say that such a communication had never been received by Grand Mark Lodge of England from Grand Chapter of Canada. He (the M.W.G.M.) thought, moreover, that the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Canada ought to have made himself better acquainted with the facts before submitting such a statement to the companions, because, of course, if the statement had been true that a communication had been made to this Grand Mark Lodge, the not answering it implied that we had been guilty of negligence in not attending to it. He (the M.W.G.M.) might now say that the Mark Lodge, about which complaint had been made as stated, was one attached to a Craft lodge still holding under Craft Grand Lodge of England. It would be in the recollection of those brethren who were present, and who took an interest, that at the

time of the Canadian Declaration of Independence it was agreed between them and Grand Lodge of England, that any lodges that liked might hold under Grand Lodge of England, and should not take a warrant from Grand Lodge of Canada. Amongst those which desired to retain their allegiance to our Grand Lodge was this lodge at Montreal. It applied to us, and we granted it a warrant. He could only repeat that we had had no communication from Grand Chapter of Canada whatsoever, and that as soon as a communication arrived it would receive the most deliberate consideration such a letter demanded.

The Secretary then read the report of the General Board, which was received and entered in the minutes.

The following recommendations were adopted:—

1. "That the sum of £300 stock be purchased on account of 'The Benevolent Fund,' and that it be invested in the names of the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.W.G.M.; Rt. Hon. the Earl of Limerick, R.W. Dep. G.M.; and Rt. Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P., M.W.G.M. elect, as Trustees for the same," and the same was ordered to be invested in Canadian Government Stock.

The next recommendation, "That the sum of £31 10s. be voted to 'The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,' to complete the amount necessary to qualify the Grand Mark Master for the time being, as a Vice-President of the said Institution, and that such amount be placed on the list of Brother Sabine, who has offered to represent the Order as Steward at the next Festival," was also carried unanimously, and Bro. Sabine returned thanks.

Bro. A. D. Loewenstark nominated Earl Percy as G.M. for the ensuing year.

Capt. Burgess said: M.W.G.M., as one of those who were present recently at the working of Grand Lodge as a Lodge of Improvement, I beg to say that the new form of ritual, so far as I could learn from the brethren present, was very much approved of, especially as comments were made upon it from time to time as we went through the ceremony by the brother who was in the chair on that occasion, Bro. James Stevens.

Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O., suggested that a full set of working implements and an harmonium were necessary to the proper working of the ceremony, and hoped they would be at hand on a future occasion.

The M.W.G.M. thought notice should be given of this subject, if it was intended to be a motion.

Grand Mark Lodge was thereupon closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

Bros. John Read, Chaplin Henry, J. Hodges, and Mr. J. Jekyll, afterwards entertained them with some beautiful music.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE (No. 73).—The regular meeting of this ancient lodge was held on Tuesday, the 16th, ult., at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark. Bro. Geo. Free, W.M., opened the lodge. There were present during the evening Bros. F. Walters, P.M.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M.; D. Rose, P.M.; T. J. Sabine, P.M.; E. Harris, P.M., Treasurer; G. J. Grace, P.M., S.W.; A. L. Dussck, J.W.; J. S. Gomme, J.D.; T. J. H. Wilkins, I.G.; R. G. Chipperfield, W. Arnold, G. W. Musket, G. Austin, H. Keeble, W.M., 1275; W. Charlesworth, A. P. Steadman, A. J. Tristram, J. M. Spindler, H. Stephens, W. Bullin, F. E. Cooper, J. Mercer, T. S. Hill, W. Hunter, S. Frankenberg, G. E. Williams, J. Well, H. Bageley, T. Sutton, and others. The large number of visitors included Bros. T. J. Robins, 25; W. Palmer, W.M., 27; W. Binnie, P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, W.M., 209; R. Welsford, P.M. and Treasurer, 548; B. James, Adelphi Lodge, New York; H. C. Tyler, 1520;

C. Deakin, S.D., 1178; W. Batchelor, D.C., 1178, Treasurer, 1365; and G. H. Mason, 753. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Ballots taken for Bros. W. Klingenstein, 1017, and B. Isaacs, Adelphi Lodge, New York, were in favour of their admission. The work, done in a very creditable manner, was the raising of Bros. W. Arnold, G. W. Musket, and G. Austin. A Committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws. The usual Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. G. Free, W.M., from the lodge funds, for his efficient services rendered to the lodge. Business being ended, the lodge was closed. Bro. J. H. Spencer, the host, had provided one of his usual first-class banquets, which, as usual, gave great satisfaction to all. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

HORNSEY LODGE (No. 890).—This popular lodge held a regular meeting on Friday, 1st ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The W.M., Bro. Macpherson, presided throughout the evening, and all his officers were in attendance at their respective posts. One brother was passed to the second degree, and two gentlemen were initiated into the Order. The working was witnessed by a numerous body of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Rogers, sen., P.M., 193, and F. Walters, P.M., 73, who expressed the opinion that it was simply perfect. Any brother about to be placed in office will do well to pay a visit to the Hornsey Lodge, where he will find the working a perfect study. The elections took place, and proved a very harmonious business. The S.W. was unanimously chosen to preside for the ensuing year, Bro. P.M. Webb unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Radford, Tyler.

CLAPTON LODGE (No. 1365).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 20th ult., at the White Hart, Clapton. The W.M., Bro. William Stephens, presided. The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Stephens proceeded to confer the third degree upon two candidates, Bros. Dr. Simons and Horncastle, which ceremony was performed in the most accomplished manner, the W.M. not only discharging the ordinary duties of his office, but also giving the traditionary history of that degree, and a full and clear explanation of the tracing board. The ballot was then taken in favour of five gentlemen, all of whom were then initiated into the mysteries of the Craft; two were also passed to the second degree. A motion stood on the paper for alteration of the initiation fee to ten guineas and the joining fee to four, which was carried unanimously. The brethren then sat down to a plain dinner, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. There were present as visitors, Bros. Jones, P.G.D.C. for Northampton and Huntingdon, Somers, P.G.D. for Westmoreland; Terry, P.G.S.B. for Herts; Benet, of Manchester Lodge, and a numerous attendance. A handsome charity-box, of peculiar form, representing the five points, was then formally presented to the lodge, the gift of Bro. Lutwych, J.W., its contents to be presented annually to one or more of the Masonic Charities; and from its reception we hope the founders of the lodge may be spared for many years to witness its beneficial results.

On Friday, the Lodge of Instruction, in connection with this lodge, held its first anniversary meeting, and at the conclusion of the work Bro. W. Stephens, of the mother lodge, was elected chairman. The Auditors' report was received and adopted, showing a balance in hand. Four guineas was then voted to the Masonic Charities, and one guinea to a distressed brother (from America), who had claimed their assistance. Bro. J. Saunders, P.M., was elected Preceptor; Bro. W. Stephens, W.M., Treasurer; and Bro. R. Buller, P.M., Secretary. A banquet was then served in Bro. Bryan's best style; the usual toasts followed, harmony and good-fellowship prevailed until a late hour, when the members separated highly delighted with the result of not only the first year's success, but the evening's entertainment.

CONTEMPORARY LODGE (No. 195).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday, the 11th Nov. Bro. W. Williams, W.M.,

in a painstaking manner passed Bro. J. F. Weatherhead to the second degree, and initiated Messrs. H. Murphie and Woodwell into the secrets and mysteries of the Order. The election for W.M. resulted in favour of Bro. J. Shakell, J.W. The Treasurer, Bro. Vaughan, P.M., was unanimously re-elected, as was also T. Riley, Tyler. The audit meeting was arranged for Wednesday, December 4th. Business being ended, the lodge was adjourned to Monday, December 9th. There were present Bros. W. Cutting, S.W.; J. Shakell, J.W.; Vaughan, P.M., Treasurer; J. Rogers, P.M., Secretary; J. King, S.D.; W. Thomas, P.M.; S. Webb, P.M.; W. F. Rogers, P.M.; Birch, P.M.; Renshaw, P.M.; J. Smith, W. Cubitt, &c. The visitors were Bros. F. Walters, P.M., 73; G. Andrews, J.W., 87, &c. The Secretary Bro. J. Rogers, P.M., announced his attention of resigning his office at the end of this year. He has served the lodge faithfully and well for 25 years, and all the members wish him to retain that office which he has so well filled. The banquet was well served under the able superintendence of Bro. William Smith, whose energy and perseverance to please all is rewarded with success.

LANCASHIRE (EAST).

MANCHESTER.—*Strangeways Lodge* (No. 1297).—On Wednesday, 27th ult., one of the most splendid gatherings of the Masonic body ever held in this province, assembled at the Albion Hotel, Manchester, to celebrate the installation of Bro. Councillor Thomas Muirhead, as Worshipful Master of the Strangeways Lodge, which event had been deferred in consequence of the death of Bro. John Start, P.M. of the lodge, near the date of the election. Amongst those present were: Bros. W. R. Callender, D. Prov. G.M.; John Wike, G.D.E.; R. H. Hutchinson, Prov. G.S.W.; J. L. Hine, P. Prov. G.S.W.; with many other provincial dignitaries of East Lancashire, Cheshire, and Scotland, many members of the City Corporation, and about 100 Worshipful Masters and Past Masters of other lodges. The banquet was of the most recherche character, and reflected the utmost credit on Bro. Adams, who personally superintended its production. After the usual loyal and complimentary toasts, the W.M. gave the "Healths of the Grand Master of England, the Marquis of Ripon, the Deputy Grand Master and Members of Grand Lodge," which was ably responded to by Bro. Wike. After which, "The Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire," was given by Bro. Potts; when in a most feeling manner the W.M. proposed "The health of Bro. W. Romaine Callender, D. Prov. G.M. of East Lancashire, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," which was duly responded to by Bro. Callender, who was received with the utmost enthusiasm, dilating on the practical value of Freemasonry, gave much valuable instruction to all present upon its objects and attainments. The W.M. in proposing "The health of the Immediate P.M., Bro. E. Hardon," spoke warmly of his many services to the lodge, and in the name of the brethren thereof, presented him with a very handsome Past Master's Jewel, as a recognition of their respect for his character and services. Bro. Hardon gratefully responded in thanking them for not only this, but many former kindnesses the brethren had displayed towards him. Bro. Callender next gave "The health of the Worshipful Master," detailing his many private virtues, and his often practically manifested love of the Craft, by heart and hand. The toast was drunk amid the warmest applause with three times three cheers and one cheer more. Bro. Muirhead replied with much emotion, for the enthusiasm with which his name had been given and received, assuring them he would never fail to render to their noble Craft that honour due to it. "The Officers of the Lodge," "Mayor and Corporation," "Visiting Brethren," and "Masonic Charities," were severally given and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening spent, which will long be remembered by every brother present. The proceedings were enlivened by a glee party presided over by Bro. R. Seed, Prov. G.O. Bro. Brandon discharged the duties of D.C. in a manner that gained him the highest encomiums.

HASLINGDEN.—*Commerce Lodge* (No. 215).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st of November, at the Commercial Hotel, Haslingden, Lancashire, and was well attended, indeed we do not remember ever seeing a more numerous meeting except on the occasion of the annual festival. The principal business being the balloting for and initiating of two candidates, both sons of the W.M., Bro. Holt, and the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. The ballot for the two candidates, having proved unanimous in favour of their election, the elder son was then initiated into Masonry by the I.P.M., Bro. James Rawstron, and the second son by Bro. Collinge Moorhouse, P.M. Tranquility, 274, Newchurch. Thus two Lewises, natural brothers, were made into Masons on one evening, and became members of the same lodge equally with their father, the present W.M. The next business was the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. We feel proud in being able to state that the S.W., was elected by ballot without a single dissident, notably a fact which has not been known to occur for many years past. The S.W., Bro. Thomas Hargreaves, later on in the evening, in returning thanks for having been unanimously elected W.M., for the ensuing year, referred to the interest he had taken in other degrees, and wished the brethren to accept that as an earnest of what he would endeavour to do during the coming year. The Treasurer, Bro. James Maxwell, P.M., having been unanimously re-elected Treasurer, the lodge was closed in form and with prayer. The brethren afterwards adjourned to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through in the usual manner.

Royal Arch.

CHESHIRE.

ALTRINCHAM.—*Stamford Chapter* (No. 1045).—The usual monthly meeting of this young and prosperous chapter took place on Wednesday, the 20th inst. There was a large muster of the companions. Punctually at the hour named on the summons, 6.30, the chapter was opened in due form with solemn prayer, every officer being present except Comp. Hardy, H., and Comp. Studd, P.S. Comp. C. H. Coates having been unavoidably absent at the last meeting, was now presented to be installed into the third chair as J. A Board of Installed Third Principals was opened, and Comp. James A. Birth, P.Z., installed Comp. Coates into the third chair. The Board of Installed Third Principals was closed, and declared an open chapter. The companions having been admitted, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved. The ballot was taken for Bros. Samuel Thompson, Stamford Lodge, 1045, and was in his favour. Bro. John Lowton Owen was admitted and exalted to the degree of a Holy Royal Arch Mason by Comp. John Mort, M.E.Z. Bro. Thompson was admitted and exalted by Comp. R. Weston, P.Z. The historical lecture was given by Comp. Coates, J.; the symbolical by Comp. Sudven, 12, as H.; and the mystical by Comp. J. A. Birch, P.Z., each lecture being rendered in a manner unusually perfect and impressive. Bro. William Taber, Stamford, 1045, Bro. John Davenport, sen., and Dr. Tabley, 941, having been proposed for exaltation, the chapter was closed in peace and harmony, with solemn prayer, at 8.40.

Mark Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

SAMSON AND LION LODGE (No. 86).—This lodge met on the 6th ult., at Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street. Bro. Sigismund Politzer, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Littaur, S.W.; Emanuel, L.W.; M. D. Loewenstark, Secretary; Volen, Lazarus, Tippet, Falcon, and other officers and brethren. One can-

didate for advancement appeared in the person of Bro. R. B. Glyde, of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188. The ceremony was ably rendered by the W.M. and acting officers. Various reports were read and confirmed, and several alterations were made in the bye-laws. The lodge was then closed. The brethren sat down to a banquet, prepared by Bro. Myers, the Jewish *chef*, which was done ample justice to. The usual toasts were afterwards proposed and effectually responded to, more especially by Bro. Littaur, S.W., and Emanuel, J.W., the latter brother giving an interesting account of the springing into life of Royal Arch Masonry in South Wales, which has been mainly due to his exertions. A very agreeable evening was spent, the only drawback to which was the knowledge of that, through the interdict of the Grand Mark Lodge, the brethren had been temporarily deprived of the active and valued services of their founder and first W.M., Bro. A. D. Loewenstark, P.G.P., P.M., &c.

LANCASHIRE (EAST).

BURY.—*Alfred Lodge* (No. 136).—On Thursday, 14th ult., the annual festival of the Alfred Mark Lodge took place at the Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire. There was a very good attendance of members. In the absence of the W.M. at the time of opening (5.0 p.m.) the chair was filled and the lodge opened by Bro. Thomas Hargreaves, P.M. 113, Junior Grand Deacon. After the minutes of the last lodge had been read and confirmed, several of the brethren signed and received their certificates in open lodge. The W.M., Bro. Joseph Handley, having now arrived, Bro. Henry Maiden was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year according to ancient custom, Bro. Thomas Hargreaves being the Installing Master. Under the able and experienced mastership of Bro. Maiden, we are sure that the prosperity and stability of the lodge, which is only in its second year of existence, will be fully maintained and increased. After the appointment and investiture of the officers, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.10. The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, provided by the host, Bro. Whittam, which was of an excellent character, and to which proper justice was done by the brethren assembled. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, being given and received with that fervour and enthusiasm which is such a truly distinguishing characteristic of the Lancashire Mark Masons. To the toast of the Grand Master elect, Deputy G.M., and Grand Officers present and past, Bro. Hargreaves responded at considerable length. The Prov. G.M., Deputy G.M., and rest of Prov. G. Officers, and a many other toasts were afterwards given, including the healths of the W.M. and the I.P.M., Bro. Handley, both of whom suitably responded.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

LEICESTER.—*Fowke Lodge of Mark Masters*, (No. 19).—The bi-monthly communication of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday evening, the 28th ult., the following officers and brethren being present:—Bros. S. S. Partridge, W.M.; C. Johnson, P.M.; Wm. Wear, S.W.; A. Duff, P.M., as J.W.; George Toller, jun.; M.O.; Wm. Sculthorpe, S.O.; L. L. Attwood, J.O.; C. Stretton, Treasurer; W. T. Rowlett, R.M.J.M.; McAllister, Secretary; R. A. Barber, S.D.; F. J. Crow, J.D.; J. B. Hall, I.G. The R.W.P.M. Master, Bro. W. M. Kelly, F.R. H.S.; Bro. Rev. J. Spittal, D.P.G.M.M.; Bro. Rev. W. Longley, P. Prov. D.G.M.M. and V.W. Grand Chaplain of England. Dr. J. Hunt, Dr. G. Clifton, G. B. Atkins, G. W. Stathom, J. T. Thorpe, W. B. Smith, J. W. Smith, I. Charlesworth, F. J. Baines, and influential deputation of brethren from the Bedford Lodge, No. 115, Birmingham, consisting of Bros. E. Worrall, W.M.; H. Sanderson, W.M. elect; E. A. Webster, T. O. Leary, T. Parkes, W. Price, and D. Rose. The lodge was opened in due form, and the distinguished brethren, according to their respective rank, were saluted under the able direction of Bro. J. B. Hall as Director of Ceremonies.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the following candidates for advancement—viz., S. P. Ekin, J. Young, T. A. Wykes, E. Mason, G. Crofts, A. Cooper, and C. J. Wilkinson were duly balloted for, and approved. The W.M., with ability commemorate to the importance of such a numerous "levy of work men" anxious to submit their materials for inspection, and ably assisted by his principal officers, conducted the ceremony throughout with that careful attention to perfect working which is unquestionably the best and most effective means of awakening a lively interest in this degree, and rendering the duties of the lodge attractive to the brethren. The musical portion of the ceremony was admirably sustained by Bro. W. T. Rowlett, R.M. The sum of three guineas from the lodge funds having been voted towards a charitable object, and the continued prosperity of the lodge further evidenced by several propositions, the S.W. was commanded to close the lodge in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The Stewards, Bros. G. B. Atkins, and G. W. Statham had made ample provision for the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren, and the aoles were gaily decorated with plants and flowers from the extensive conservatories of Bro. T. Charlesworth. The W.M., in proposing the health of the much esteemed R.W.P.G.M.M., Bro. Kelly, alluded in complimentary terms to the untiring zeal and assiduity of that veteran chief in his labours to resuscitate Mark Masonry in this province, and in raising this lodge to the high state of proficiency in working it has now attained. The R.W.P.G.M.M. having replied, the W.M. proposed the health of the Visiting brethren from the Bedford Lodge No. 115, and expressed in warm fraternal terms the pleasure enjoyed by the members of the lodge in entertaining such esteemed visitors, and the honour conferred upon himself individually by their visit. Bro. Worral, W.M., in replying, complimented Bro. Partridge on his excellent working, kindly renewed the invitation to visit them at the Bedford Lodge on the 3rd December, and hoped that, such intercourse being conducive to extending the ramifications of this degree, they should see more of each other in future. The harmony of the evening was considerably enlivened by the musical performances of Bros. Rowlett and T. A. Wykes, and by the excellent songs of Bros. Attwood, H. Sanderson, A. Palmer, and the "catch," "Prosper the Man" by J. B. Hall and others. The final toast terminated a truly happy and delightful meeting.

Knights Templar.

SUFFOLK.

IPSWICH.—*Priory of Prudence (Knights of Malta).*—It having been decided to open a priory under the warrant of the Prudence Encampment, which dates from 1810, and the requisite authority from the Grand Vice-Chancellor having been obtained, a meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., for the purpose of installing the E.C., Sir Knight Emra Holmes, Grand Provost of England, as Eminent Prior, and for the admission of candidates for the Order of Malta. Among those present on the occasion were Sir Knights the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.E.C., P.E.P., Plantagenet Priory, D.P.G.C. Suffolk and Cambridge; Emra Holmes, P. 2nd G. Captain Suffolk and Cambridge, Act. Cap. Gen.; J. Pitcher, P.E.C., Act. Lieut.-Gen.; P. Cornell, Act. 1st Lieut., &c. Letters of apology regretting their inability to attend were received from Sir Patreik Colquhoun, Grand Chancellor; Sir Knights Captain Philips, P.G. Commander Suffolk and Cambridge; J. M. F. Montague, Past Grand Captain; C. C. Townsend, P.E.C., P.P.G.C., P.E. Chancellor Suffolk and Cambridge; J. H. Townsend, E.P., Plantagenet Priory; E. Dorling, E.C. elect, Plantagenet Encampment; and Dr. Beaumont, R.N. The priory having been opened by Sir Knt. Sanderson, the following candidates presented themselves for installation:

—Sir Knts. W. P. Mills, M.D., P.E.C.; S. B. King, J. Franks, and G. S. Findley, P.E.C. Having been accepted, they were conducted to the guard-room, where they were entrusted with the Mediterranean Pass. They were then admitted to the Chapter House and severally dubbed Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, the impressive historical ceremony being conducted in the well-known admirable style of Sir Knt. Sanderson. The newly-installed Sir Knights having taken their place in their stalls, Sir Knt. Sanderson proceeded to install Sir Knt. Emra Holmes as Eminent Prior of the Prudence Priory, who proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, (some of whom were unfortunately absent,) as follows:—Sir Knts. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, Prelate; J. Pitcher, Capt. Gen.; Dr. Mills, Lieut.-Gen.; P. Cornell, 1st Lieut.; S. B. King, 2nd Lieut.; G. S. Golding, Marshal; Dr. Beaumont, R.N., Hospitaller; J. Franks, Admiral; Capt. Terry, Conservator; A. J. Barber, Baillic; Rev. G. T. Beaumont, Turcopolier; G. S. Findley, Chancellor; J. Pitcher, Treasurer; Vacant, Captain of the Outpost; Frater Geo. Spalding, Guard. The Eminent Prior desired Sir Knt. Sanderson to convey the best thanks of the Prudence Priory, as well as his own, to Sir Knt. J. Townsend, the Eminent Prior of the Plantagenet Priory, for his kindness and courtesy in placing the whole of the regalia of the priory at their disposal that evening. Sir Knt. Sanderson kindly undertook to convey the sentiments of the Frateres to the E.P. and Sir Knights of his encampment. The Sir Knights then retired to partake of one of Frater Spalding's excellent repasts; and on the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and chivalric toasts were given and duly honoured. In proposing "The Queen," the E.P. reminded the Sir Knights that Her Gracious Majesty was the daughter of a Knight Templar. In giving the toast of the M.E. and S.G.M., Sir Knt. Holmes expressed a hope that when next they met and drank this toast, the object of it would be the most illustrious personage in these realms, or, he would say, the most illustrious subject. The toast was received with all the honours. In giving the toast of the D.G.M. and the Officers of Grand Conclave, the Eminent Prior spoke most highly of Sir Knt. Huyshe, to whom the Order of Malta owed so much, and coupled with it the name of Sir Knt. Sanderson, who briefly responded. The name of the Prov. Grand Commander gave the E.P. an opportunity to expatiate on those many good qualities which endeared Capt. Philips so much to them all. Sir Knt. Franks proposed "The health of Sir Knt. Sanderson," and spoke in terms of great praise of the manner in which he had conducted the beautiful ceremonies that evening. Sir Knt. Sanderson modestly responded. An animated discussion arose as to the new statutes of the Convent General of the Order, and the E.P. explained the new regulations to the fratres. A very agreeable evening was spent by the members of this ancient chivalric Order.

Obituary.

BRO. THE HON. BARON DIMSDALE.

We have, with much regret, to announce the death of the Hon. Baron Dimsdale, which took place on Tuesday morning, at his residence, Essendon Place, near Hertford, at the age of 71. Although the Baron had been for some time in failing health, the mournful news of his death came upon his friends somewhat suddenly and unexpectedly.

The late Baron was the second son of the Hon. Baron Robert Dimsdale, of Camfield Place, by Finette, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Charles Pye, of Wadley House, Berks, and was the fifth Baron in succession. He was born on the 12th of July, 1801, in the house then occupied by his father in St. Andrew Street, Hertford. He received his early education at Hackney School, from whence he proceeded to Wadham College, Oxford. His father, the third Baron, died in 1825, and was succeeded

by Thomas Robert, the only brother of the late Baron, who died in 1865. He left four daughters, but his two sons died before him, and the title consequently devolved upon the subject of this notice, Charles John Dimsdale. This was the second time, since the creation of the Barony in 1762, that it had passed from one brother to another in default of male issue.

The present Baron Dimsdale was born 4th of July, 1828, was educated at Eton, and at Corpus Christi College, Oxford. He graduated B.A. 1848, and M.A. 1852, and married in 1853 Cecilia Jane, daughter of the Rev. M. R. Southwell, Vicar of St. Stephen's, St. Alban's. He is a Deputy-Lieutenant and a Magistrate for the county, and is also a Justice of the Peace for Middlesex and Westminster. He was first elected for Hertford, June 30th, 1866, in the Conservative interest, having in August 1859, been an unsuccessful candidate.

The history of the origin of the Barony is a singular and interesting one.

The first Baron was the son of John Dimsdale, a surgeon, who lived at Heydon Garnon, in Essex, and was the grandson of the Robert Dimsdale who, in 1684, went to America with William Penn, the Quaker. After studying the science of medicine under his father, he became a student at St. Thomas's Hospital. In 1734 he settled at Hertford, and carried on the practice of his profession, in which he soon acquired a high reputation. Five years later he married. His wife died in 1744, and in the following year he became a voluntary unpaid assistant of the Medical Staff attached to the military expedition under the Duke of Cumberland, sent to suppress the Scottish Rebellion. He continued in this post until the surrender of Carlisle to the Royal Forces, when he received the public thanks of his Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief for his services. On his return from this expedition he married again, and being in affluent circumstances, he relinquished his practice. He resumed it, however, in 1761, when he took the degree of M.D.

Thomas Dimsdale was a man of great ability and independence of mind. At a time when small-pox was making fearful ravages among the population of Europe, he became celebrated for his success in inoculating for that disease, and in endeavouring to remove the popular prejudices which were entertained on the subject. In 1766 he published his memorable treatise called "The Present Mode of Inoculating for the Small-pox," a work which was translated into the Russian, German, French, and Italian languages, and circulated all over the Continent. But "the favourable results of his experiments" (we are now quoting from Tarnor's "History of Hertford") "tended more than his pen to confirm the truth of his theory":—

"The fame he derived from his discovery was not confined to this country; it reached the ears of the Empress Catherine of Russia, who invited Mr. Dimsdale to pay a visit to her court, to inoculate herself and her son, the Grand Duke, for the small-pox. The offer was accepted; and in the Imperial Court, where learned foreigners always met with a gracious reception, Mr. Dimsdale's career was not undistinguished. Independently of the ample presents which were made to him, he was appointed a counsellor of state and physician to her Majesty, and afterwards created a Baron of the Russian Empire (the title being limited to the eldest of his descendants in succession), with permission to add to the family arms a black wing of the spread eagle of the Imperial Russian arms in a gold shield placed in the centre, with the customary helmet on the shield, adorned with the baronial coronet. At the desire of her Imperial Majesty, the Baron went to Moscow, where he inoculated the children of the nobility and the chief inhabitants, as well as many of their parents. The Empress strongly solicited him to take up his residence in Russia, but the Baron's anxiety to revisit his native country induced him to decline the honour. On his way to England through Berlin he was invited to the palace of Sans-Souci, by the King of Prussia, who received him in the most flattering manner. In 1779 Mrs. Dimsdale died, leaving him with seven children; and a few months afterwards he married Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Dimsdale, of Bishop Stortford, in this

county, who died in 1812. In 1780 he was chosen a representative for the borough of Hertford; but in the next year he returned to St. Petersburg, at the request of the Empress, to inoculate the two sons of the Grand Duke. Here he met with the kindest treatment from the Empress and her son, whose generosity greatly increased the Baron's private fortune. In 1784 he was again elected to represent the borough; and having retired from public business, at the general election in 1790, he had the satisfaction of seeing his son, Nathaniel Baron Dimsdale, returned in his room. He died, after a few week's illness, on the 30th of December, 1800, in the eighty-ninth year of his age; and was interred in the burial ground of the Society of Friends, at Bishop Stortford.

"Nathaniel Baron Dimsdale, the second son of Thomas Baron Dimsdale, was born at the Priory, Hertford, on the 11th of April, 1748. In 1768, he accompanied his father to Russia, on which occasion the Empress Catherine conferred upon him the title of the Russian empire, with limitations similar to those contained in the grant to his father. He was an Alderman of the borough, and served the office of Mayor of Hertford in 1790 and 1804; he also represented the borough in Parliament the thirty-first, thirty-sixth and forty-first of George III. He died unmarried on the 3rd of July, 1811, in the sixty-fourth year of his age, and was interred in the parish church of St. Andrew, in Hertford, where a monumental inscription was placed to his memory on the south wall in the south aisle."

We may add that the heirs in succession are authorized by Royal license to assume in England the Russian title of Baron with the prefix of Honourable.

PROVINCIAL MASONIC LODGES AND THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

At the last quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland it was enacted that the registration and diploma of entrants shall be 10s. 6d. each, instead of 8s. as hitherto; also that on the 24th of June annually the contribution of one pound sterling must be remitted in addition to the fee of 5s. for the annual certificate. This has been done with a view to the extinction of the debt of the Grand Lodge and the application of its surplus revenues to charitable purposes. I do not know how far the lodges throughout Scotland have been consulted by their respective proxy-masters before such a motion was agreed to, but I will venture to affirm that the Grand Lodge has legalised an assessment that will be sure to give rise to great dissatisfaction, and will not be heartily responded to. The effect will be to cripple and impede the efforts which many lodges are now making to carry out projects of education and beneficence. In all the experiments of the Grand Lodge in the science of legislation we seldom or never hear of any assessment being imposed exclusively on the members of that venerable guild. It might be better if now and then it were to exemplify the salutary aphorism, that charity and deeds of self-denying virtue, should begin at home. Probably the present Grand Master, the Earl of Rosslyn, was fully aware that any proposal of this kind would not be well received by many of the members. I cannot but admire his ardent desire that the debt of the Grand Lodge should be wiped off; and (from what is known of his kind and generous disposition) if a subscription had been set on foot by the more wealthy brethren of the Craft, his name would assuredly have stood second to none for liberality and munificence. It is to be hoped that this additional impost upon the lodges will awaken a spirit of inquiry, in order to ascertain if the expenses of the Grand Lodge cannot somehow be reduced to a practical minimum. Much more honour would accrue to the society from works of benevolence and mutual aid than from having a highly paid class of officers, or from prodigal expenditure in banquetings and gatherings for parade and pleasure. The foundation-stone of the Masonic Hall was laid on the 24th of June, 1858, and at what cost the structure

was raised, or what may be the present amount of debt upon the property, are matters on which I regret to find that "the Grand Lodge of Scotland's Reporter, April, 1872," is singularly silent. The sums which the Grand Lodge receives from the affiliated and daughter lodges throughout the country must add up every year to a very large total, and yet there is little or no apparent good done by this opulent income. I am not of opinion—and in this I differ from some whom I highly esteem, and to whose authority I should in many cases defer—that there ought to be no paid officers. The secretary's work is most laborious; but I am unable to perceive any necessity for two paid officials—the secretary and clerk. One of these might be dispensed with; and in saying so, I only express the opinion of many good and true Masons, held at the time of the death of the late lamented secretary. While thus urging the desirability of retrenchment, it would be unfair not to acknowledge in the most emphatic terms, the eminent services which Lord Rosslyn has rendered to the Craft generally. But I believe that he has no wish to make the terms of membership onerous throughout the country, in order to extinguish the debt on the Metropolitan Lodge, over which he so ably and honourably presides.—*The Courier*, Dec. 2, 1872.

The Star Lodge (No. 1275) now meets at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on the 1st Friday in March, June, September, and December.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, December 13, 1872.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

SATURDAY, Dec. 7.

Gen. Com. Boys' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas, Caledonian-hotel, Adelphi.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby.
New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.
Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. Ash, P.M., Preceptor.
Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.

MONDAY, Dec. 9.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Cornerstone, Freemasons' Hall.
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
" 90, St. John's, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 222, St. Andrew's, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 879, Peckham, Maismore Arms Tavern, Peckham-road, Peckham.
" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7. Ceremony of Installation by Bro. C. Lacey, P.M.
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. Gottlieb, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, Dec. 10.

Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 166, Union, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
" 198, Perey, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.
" 235, Nine Muses, Clarendon Hotel, Bond-st.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
" 834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
Chap. 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.

Sydney Lodge of Instruction, Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood.
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8 Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, (50), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-cour, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M., 180, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 11.

Committee of Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3 o'clock.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
" 13, Union of Waterloo, Masons' Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-rd., Lime-house.
" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
" 1260, Hervey, Swan Hotel, Waltham Green.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's Wood.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st. Wapping.
Rose Croix Chapter, Grand Metropolitan, Freemasons, Tavern.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, 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 7.30.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; 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, Dec. 12.

Lodge 19, Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock.
" 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sister's Road, N.
Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
" 619, Beadon, Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich.
Knights Templar Encampment, 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple, London.
The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London, st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, 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.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

FRIDAY, Dec. 13.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
Knights Templar Encampment, 26, Faith and Fidelity, Freemasons' Tavern.
" Templar Encampment, Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Tavern.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction, (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction, (217), Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-street, City, at 6; Bro. Henry Muggeridge, P.M. 192 and 715, Preceptor.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson, P.M.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298), Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh Shepherd's-lane, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 14, 1872.
 MONDAY, DEC. 9.

Lodge of Sincerity (No. 292), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 4.
 Mersey Lodge (No. 477), 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.
 Lodge of Unity (No. 613), Masonic Hall, Southport, at 6.45.
 Gilbert Greenall Lodge (No. 1250), Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

TUESDAY, DEC. 10.

Merchants' Lodge (No. 241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
 Zion Chapter, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.
 Bridson Chapter, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 Grosvenor Chapter (No. 721), Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
 Lodge of Loyalty (No. 897), Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
 Hesketh Lodge (No. 986), Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11.

Lodge of Loyalty (No. 86), Royal Hotel, Prescott, at 6.
 Lodge of Harmony (No. 580), Wheat Sheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
 St. John's Chapter, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 Ellesmere Lodge (No. 758), Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 The Temple Lodge (No. 1094), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge (No. 1356), 140, North-hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (No. 673), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 8.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12.

Harmonic Lodge (No. 216), Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
 Croxeth United Service (No. 786), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Prince of Wales (No. 1035), Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 Lodge of Equity (No. 1384), Sims' Cross Hotel, Widnes, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (No. 1182), 150 Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13.

Lodge of Perseverance (No. 155), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
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