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1st Section Bro. JOHN JONAS, J.W.	715
2nd " " T. R. EAMES, J.W.	22
3rd " " J. B. SCRIVEN, W.M.	5
4th " " H. MUGGERIDGE, P.M.	192
5th " " (Lodge Board)	715

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No. on List.	Votes.
14. Nash, Florence	1,916
19. Taylor, Emma Ellen	1,650
12. Moore, Laura	1,474
5. Simpson, Frances Elizabeth	1,457
16. Hill, Florence Mary Anne	1,299

The Votes of the following unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the Election in October next:—

No. on List.	Votes.
1. Chapman, Ada Gertrude	830
2. Greene, Harriet Minotti	326
3. Tippet, Anne Gertrude	323
4. Bindon, Beatrice Alexandra	623
6. Norris, Mary	270
7. Day, Mary Anne	223
8. Reeds, Lillias Elizabeth	444
9. Faithful, Florence Christian	313
10. Oates, Louisa Christine	1,202
11. Duke, Jessie	1,219
13. Emery, Katherine	1,057
15. Seaton, Ethel Ida Margaret	781
17. Jay, Charlotte Alexandra	790
18. Scurr, Catherine Jane	630
20. Weedon, Helen Elizabeth	163
21. Nash, Agnes Ada	521
22. Thomson, Adele Eularia	94
23. Roberts, Elizabeth	30
24. Longden, Ann Milner	1
25. Coleman, Charlotte	—
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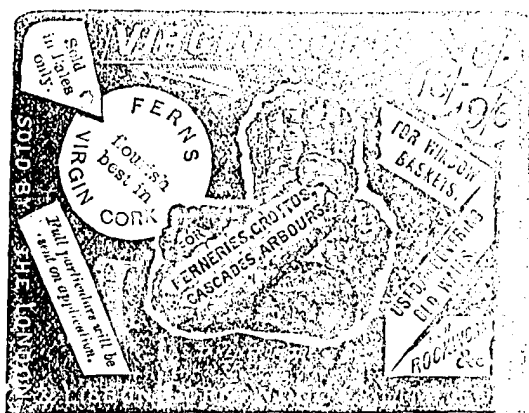
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WEYMOUTH.—*All Soul's Lodge* (No. 170).—The April meeting of this Lodge was held amid tokens of mourning, the Masonic Hall—the finest in the Province—being hung with crape on account of the sudden and lamented death of the I.P.M. Bro. John Tigard, Solicitor. On the wall on either side of the chair were placed the shields of P.M.'s, and that of the deceased Bro. was shrouded in crape. He was an active and esteemed Mason for ten years past, worthily filling the office of W.M.; and he was also P.G. Reg. in the Provincial Grand Chapter of Dorset; S.O. in All Soul's Lodge of Mark Masters; P.G. 1st Captain in the P.G. Conclave of Knights Templar; and M.W.S. of the Weymouth Chapter of S.P.R.C. All the Brethren loved him: he was a regular attendant at the Lodge, and ever the same—genial and frank in his demeanour. At this meeting the Officers and Brethren wore crape rosettes on their clothing. There were present, Bro. J. Jesty, W.M.; Bro. J. B. Cole, S.W.; Bro. J. L. Carpenter, S.D.; Bro. G. F. Wadsworth, J.D.; Bro. T. A. Hanne, I.G.; Bro. Plowman, Steward; Bro. Lundie, P.M.; Bro. C. F. Arden, P.M.; Bro. Harper, P.M.; Bros. Ireland, C. Jesty, Talbot, Hallett, Farwell, and others; and the following visitors from Lodge of Faith and Unanimity, No. 417, Dorchester—Bro. Ling, P.M.; Bro. W. Chick, P.M.; Bros. R. Case, W. Osmond, Alfred Atkins, and W. H. Dean. Bro. Lundie referred to the loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of Bro. Tigard, I.P.M., and briefly called to their remembrance his worth, and the esteem in which they held him, and proposed that a letter of condolence be written to his widow. This was feelingly seconded by Bro. Arden, and carried *nem dis*. Mr. Harry Wheeler, bookseller, Weymouth, and Mr. Hubert James Capon, surgeon, of Wyke Regis, having been balloted for and unanimously approved, were initiated according to ancient form, the ceremony being performed in an able and impressive manner by the W.M., who also explained the working tools.

LEICESTER.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 279).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemason's Hall, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., present:—Bro. Clement Stretton, W.M., in the chair, Bros. A. Palmer, S.W.; J. W. Smith, J.W.; J. M. MacAllister, Sec.; W. Weare, Treas.; G. W. Statham, S.D.; C. E. Stretton, J.D.; S. Scampton, I.G.; S. Tebbatt, Organist; Bros. Kelly, P. Prov. G.M., P.M.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec.; G. Toller, P.P.G.R., P.M.; F. J. Baines, S.W., 523; and many others. The lodge was opened in due form, and the routine business despatched. The ballot was then taken for one joining member, and three candidates for initiation, which resulted in their unanimous election. Sir Alexander Beaumont Churchill Dixie, one of the candidates, being in attendance, was regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M., the veteran P.M. of the lodge, unveiled to the distinguished neo-

phyte the peculiar system of morality constituting speculative Masonry, and earnestly recommended to him the study of that science which includes all others, and which teaches the moral duties which are incumbent upon us both as Masons, and as members of civil society. The lodge, during the periods of labour and refreshment, was numerously attended by the brethren, including a number of visitors, which fact affords presumptive evidence of the popularity of our W.M., and of the unity of spirit and zeal which animates the active members of the lodge.

DORCHESTER.—*Lodge of Faith and Unanimity* (No. 417).—At the April meeting of this lodge, the chair was occupied by Bro. W. Chick, in the absence of Bro. C. Parsons, W.M. There were present: Bros. W. P. Bockeram, S.W.; J. S. Scriven, acting J.W.; R. Case, Treas.; W. Osmond, Sec.; W. H. Dean, J.D.; A. W. Edwards, J.G.; W. How, Steward; J. Lovelace, T.; Fenn, P.M.; Gregory, P.M.; T. Coombs, P.M.; G.A.D.C.; A. Atkins, C.; C. M. Shorts, W. The principal work of the lodge was raising Bros. Alfred Atkins and C. Shorts to the sublime degree of Master Masons, the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. Chick, P.M., while the working tools and traditional history were admirably explained by Bro. Fenn, P.M., late of Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331.

LIVERPOOL.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 673).—The usual monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at 90, Duke-street, Bro. J. T. Callow, W.M., occupying the chair of K.S. There was a very numerous attendance of the brethren, amongst those present being Bros. H. Nelson, I.P.M.; J. Thornton, P.M.; G. Ladmore, P.M.; E. Kyle, S.W.; W. Blood, J.W.; R. Pearson, P.M., Treas.; J. Ball, Sec.; J. K. Digges, S.D.; T. Roberts, J.D.; H. Burrowes, I.G.; J. Meador, S.; W. Crawford, Tyler. After the transaction of some formal business, Bro. Callow, W.M., initiated six brethren, and passed five to the degree of F.C. A brother intimated that he would move at the next meeting that notice should be given to the landlady of their Lodge-room, and that arrangements should be made as early as possible with the Masonic Hall Committee, with the view of removing the St. John's Lodge meetings to the new hall upon its completion. After five guineas had been voted in charity, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

Lodge of St. James (No. 765).—This prosperous and flourishing lodge held its sixteenth installation meeting, at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark, on Tuesday, April 1st. The shoot from such an old branch in Masonry as the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73 really is, it is not surprising to see and know, that, both these lodges are now held under the same roof. The lodge owes in a measure its existence to the "Mount Lebanon," from which it hails, and is worthy of such parentage. Bro. T. Neville, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and unanimously confirmed. Some other business was then disposed of, the good old veteran in Masonry, Bro. G. Hyde, P.M., of this and 141, Lodge of Faith, an old lodge so well known for the distinguished number of Past Masters it has produced, who are as a body such expert workers in Masonry, took the chair. He ably raised Bros. Briggs, Jay, and Shelford, to the third degree, the ceremony being beautifully rendered. Bro. Montague Scott, P.M. and Secretary (Father of the Lodge), took the chair for the purpose of doing the ceremony of the evening, viz., the Installation of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. W. Jones, S.W., who had proved his qualifications for that all-important position by the painstaking, correct, and earnest manner he filled every minor office under the chair. The ceremony, it is needless to say, in the hands of such an expert worker as the Installing Master is, was done in a faultless manner, far superior to what we are accustomed to see in our travels amongst Masonry. It was most pleasing to witness the happy manner in which the work was done. The new officers are Bros. F. Child, S.W.; P. McCallum, J.W.; R. P. Hoote, P.M.; Treasurer (reinvested); M. Scott, P.M., Secretary

(reinvested); Brown, S.D.; Gibbs, J.D.; Cox I.G.; Jolly, D.C.; Shelford, Org.; Jones, W.S.; Bro. T. Neville, I.P.M., had a five guinea Past Master's Jewel presented to him, which, in a suitable speech, he acknowledged. Bro. J. H. Spencer provided a banquet, which as usual gave universal satisfaction. The W.M. in a fluent and agreeable manner gave the usual toasts. "The Visitors," was responded to by Bros. Dr. Goldsbro, P.M.G.G.S., P.P.G.S.M.S. of Wales; Bro. Richards, P.M., 482, P.P.G.D., Stafford, the latter expressed his entire satisfaction with his visit to the St. James's Lodge, and more particularly noticed the admirable working of Bro. Past Master Hyde in the Master Mason's degree which struck him as being more beautifully delivered than he had ever heard in his somewhat long experience. He had been in the habit of believing that at home in Staffordshire they excelled others in Masonry, but he would return with very different feelings. Others also responded. There were present besides those named as visitors, Bros. F. Walters, P.M. 73; W. Long, P.M. 435; L. R. Rogers, W.M. 902; Spelling, 435; Neville 781. The musical arrangements were under the care of Bro. Shelford who proved himself equal to his duties.

LANCASTER.—*Rowley Lodge* (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on Monday, 7th inst. The chair was occupied by the W.M. Bro. W. J. Sly, who was supported by the following officers and brethren. Bro. J. Daniel Moore, M.D., P.G.S.B. of England, as I.P.M.; Bro. W. Hall, L.R.C.P., P.M.; Bros. E. Airey, S.W.; J. L. Bradshaw, J.W.; James Taylor, S.D.; Thos. Jackson, as J.D.; Henry Longman, I.G.; Geo. Sutton, Steward; N. W. Helme, E.A.P.; John Watson, Tyler. Visitor, Bro. Ellershaw, 281. After the regular lodge business had been transacted, and Bro. Helme had given proof of his proficiency as an Entered Apprentice, he was duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., the working tools being presented by Bro. Past Master Hall, and the lecture on the tracing board of the Second being delivered by Bro. Dr. Moore. Some other instruction having been given, after the usual proclamations had been made, the Lodge was closed in due form.

LIVERPOOL.—*Temple Lodge* (No. 1094).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, the principal business being the installation of Bro. Richard R. Martin as W.M. The lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock by Bro. R. Dawson, W.M., who was supported by Bros. D. W. Winstanley, P.M.; W. Crane, P.M.; J. K. Smith, P.M.; R. R. Martin, S.W.; T. Gibson, J. W.; T. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; R. Washington, S.D.; R. C. Yelland, J.D.; A. Jarvis, S.; W. Healing, S.; F. J. Jeffrey, I.G.; and P. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. the Rev. T. C. Ewbank, H. Pearson, J. Hamer, T. J. Winstanley, A. Woolfenden, R. Bennett, A. C. Doe, H. Jones, J. McLean, W. Fitzgerald, A. Bernard, J. R. Callender, jun., Dr. Speir, J. Holt, C. Leighton, E. Chater, E. Lovett, &c. The visitors present were Bros. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; Collinson, P.M. 667; P. Donaldson 249; J. Clegg, W.M. 1269; T. Shaw, 605; C. A. Whitney, 1013; J. Watson, 304; Dr. J. Mercer Johnson, P.M. 1094; J. Porter, P.M. 667, &c. After the minutes had been confirmed, Bro. Martin was presented for installation to Bro. R. Dawson, who performed the ceremony in a highly effective manner, assisted by Bros. Smith, Winstanley, and March. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. Dawson, I.P.M.; T. Gibson, S.W.; R. Washington, J.W.; Rev. T. C. Ewbank, Chaplain; J. Wood (by proxy) re-elected for the 7th time Treas.; T. Marsh, Sec.; R. C. Yelland, S.D.; F. J. Jeffrey J.D.; D. W. Winstanley, P.M., M.C.; W. Healing, I.G.; J. Skeaf, Org.; A. Jarvis, S.S.; T. G. Winstanley, J.S.; A. C. Doe, A.S.; and Bro. P. Ball was unanimously re-elected Tyler. The W.M. afterwards initiated Mr. T. Birch into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft, the ceremony being performed with a force, point, and impressiveness rarely equalled.

After business the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet laid in the lodge-room. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, (Bros. Marsh, Skeaf, and Johnson acknowledging that of the P.G. officers), the W.M. proposed "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," and in doing so referred to the exertions of Bro. H. Newman on behalf of the charity, whereby the Temple Lodge had perhaps more Life Governors than any others within the province. Bro. Newman, whose name was coupled with the toast, and who was most enthusiastically received, said he had done no more in connection with the Institution than he would be delighted to do again. "England expected every man to do his duty," and he thought every Mason was only doing his duty in seeking to provide for the education and advancement of his brother's orphan children (loud cheers). He hoped that not a single brother would rest contented until he had become a Life Governor. Bro. Danson, I.P.M., then gave "The Worshipful Master," and in doing so alluded to the qualities which peculiarly fitted Bro. Martin for fulfilling the duties of his office. The W.M., replied in eloquent terms, and assured the brethren that his greatest aim would be to fulfil the functions of his important office to the best of his ability, and to the entire satisfaction of the brethren "The Newly Initiated Brother" was acknowledged by Bro. Birch, and "The P.M.'s of Lodge 1094," by Bros. Johnson, Crane, and Smith. The W.M., next gave "The I.P.M., Installing Officer," to which Bro. Dawson replied in suitable terms, "The Officers," responded to by Bro. Gibson, S.W.; Bro. Washington, J.W.; J. Wood, Treas.; and others, and "The Visiting Brethren," acknowledged by Bros. Clegg, Donaldson, Porter, and others, were the remaining toasts. Excellent songs were contributed during the evening by Bros. Dawson, Washington, Levett, Clegg, Leighton, and others.

**RAMSGATE.**—*Lewis's Lodge* (No. 1209).—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, on Wednesday, April 9th. The Brethren assembled at 3 o'clock, and the Lodge was opened in the first degree. Bro. Cassingham was examined and entrusted, and then retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Martin, A.F.C., of the Royal Navy Lodge (No. 429), was examined as to his knowledge of the second degree and, having proved his proficiency, was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Wootton, P.G.A.S., W.M., having vacated the chair, Bro. Winch, P.G.J.D., W.M., (429), raised Bro. Martin to the sublime degree of M.M. The ceremony was ably performed, and rendered the more impressive by the musical accompaniment of Bro. Larkin who presided at the organ. Bro. Wootton resumed the Lodge in the second degree, and passed Bro. Cassingham. Bro. Lewis Finch, P.M., 429, and 1209, P.P.G.D.C., the Installing Master, then took the Chair; and Bro. Wootton presented Bro. Bedford N. Hiscocks, the W.M. elect; who, after promising adherence to the ancient charges and regulations, took the O.B. of a W.M. elect. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the Brethren below that rank having retired, Bro. B. N. Hiscocks was duly installed in the chair of K.S., with the customary ceremonies. The Brethren saluted the W.M. in the three several degrees, and the following officers were invested, viz.—Bros. Call, S.W.; A. Wootton, W.M. 127, J.W.; Lewis Finch, Treasurer; B. L. Hiscocks, Secretary; Geo. Page, S.D.; James W. Smith, J.D.; Crux, D.C.; Larkin, Org.; Edward J. Smith, I.G.; John Finen, Steward; Geo. Meager, Tyler. The remainder of the installation ceremony was performed by Bro. L. Finch, and the W.M. closed the Lodge. The Brethren, including visitors from Sandwich, Margate, Dartford, and other places, adjourned to a banquet which by the superior quality of the dishes and the excellence of the wines, gave great satisfaction to all. Among the toasts which followed none was drunk with more heartiness than that of the W.M.; great stress being laid upon the fact that he was the first candidate for initiation after the consecration of the Lodge, that he is a Lewis (his father being an old and esteemed Mason and the Secretary of the Lodge), and that

he is one of those who gave rise to the name of the Lodge, it having been established especially in order to afford to the sons of members of the Royal Navy Lodge opportunities of more rapid promotion than could be had in that Lodge, which was, and is still, of great numerical strength.

**MACDONALD LODGE** (1216).—This lodge held its regular meeting for election of W.M. and officers, at the head-quarters of the First Surrey Riles, Camberwell, on Thursday, the 9th inst., when were present, Bros. Waterall, W.M.; S. H. Wagstaff, I.P.M.; James Stevens, P.M.; as S.W.; J. H. Haske, S.D., as J.W.; M. S. Larham, J.D.; Dr. Eugene Cronin, Treas.; J. J. Curtis, Sec.; Hammond, I.G.; F. Cozens, Org.; Fletcher, Steward; and Bros. Hale, Williams, Collins, Alexander, Gray, Styan, Bradley, Mayo, and others, and visitors, Bros. A. Woodcock, J.W. 1201; and G. F. Smith, 184. The minutes of the previous regular meeting and of a subsequent lodge of emergency having been confirmed, Bros. Bradley, Capt. Styan, and Capt. Mayo were severally raised to the sublime degree of M.M., with the usual perfect musical ceremony. The lodge having been closed for the first degree, Messrs. B. B. Joy, R. C. Culling, and Thomas Day, efficient members of the corps and unanimously approved of on ballot, were severally introduced and initiated into the Order. The elections for the ensuing year were then proceeded with, and Bro. G. H. Newington Bridges, the Senior Warden (unfortunately absent and on the Continent seeking restoration to health), was unanimously elected W.M. The highly respected Treasurer, Bro. Dr. Eugene Cronin, was also re-elected without a dissentient. Bros. F. Williams, and Hale were appointed on the Audit Committee, Bro. Stevens, P.M., proposed, and it was unanimously voted "that a P.M. Jewel of the value of ten guineas, and of the adopted pattern, be presented to Bro. George Witenall in appreciation of his valuable services to the lodge, and of the ability displayed by him as W.M. during the past year." The lodge was then closed, and refreshment followed labour, the brethren thoroughly enjoying the brief period allowed for this purpose and separating in perfect harmony. The Installation meeting is appointed for the 8th May, when consequent upon the well-deserved popularity of the W.M. elect, and the general good report in which this lodge is held, a large gathering and most pleasant entertainment may be confidently anticipated.

**LEICESTER**—*Commercial Lodge* (No. 1391).—The twenty-first meeting of this young and flourishing Lodge was convened on the 12th inst. The Lodge was opened at 4 p.m. The minutes of the previous Lodge, held March 8th and 24th respectively, having been confirmed, and the ballot declared clear in the election of a candidate, the W.M. then proceeded to install his successor. The newly installed Master then appointed and invested his officers, viz.: Bros. J. B. Hall, I.P.M.; Dr. Clifton, S.W.; R. A. Barber, jun., J.W.; A. G. Chamberlin, Sec.; W. H. Chamberlin, Asst. Sec.; E. Mason, S.D.; B. Moore, J.D.; G. Matts, J.G.; G. Crofts, Dir. Cer.; Alfred Chamberlin, Org.; J. S. and W. R. Tomlins, Stewards; Bembridge and Dunn, Tylers. The Treasurer's accounts were presented and confirmed, showing a balance in hand on the General Account of £25 17s. 6d.; and a balance of £4 13s. 9d. on the Benevolent Fund Account. In the first year of the existence of this Lodge, it has raised upwards of fifty guineas for charitable purposes, including a donation to the Girls' School of £5 5s., £21 to the Boys' School (proceeds of a ball held March 10th, 1873), and £20 18s. 6d. subscribed by the Members of the Lodge to a fund raised in this Province to purchase Lewis into the Boys' School. The W.M. then rose for the first and second times. The charity box was then carried round the Lodge, yielding 21s. 2d. By this means alone, during the year, £16 14s. 11d. has been realised—proof of the estimate the Brethren of this Lodge put upon that virtue which is justly denominated the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart. The W.M. then rose for the third and last time, and after four candidates had been proposed for initiation, and the hearty good wishes of the visiting Brethren

had been duly acknowledged, the lodge was closed in due form, and the Brethren adjourned to the banquet. The attendance was not quite so numerous as was expected, owing partly that next Friday, the 18th, has been fixed for the Installation of the Right Hon. and Right Worshipful Bro. Earl Ferrers, P.G.M., designate, and that Saturday proved an inconvenient day for many of the Brethren of our own and the sister Lodges. Notwithstanding this drawback those that attended were highly delighted with the proceedings. The Stewards placed before the brethren the delicacies of the season, the Worshipful Master presiding with conspicuous ability. After grace the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. "The Queen and the Craft," "the G.M., his Deputy, and Grand Lodge," "The Provincial Grand Master, designate, the Rt. Hon. and Rt. Worshipful Bro. Earl Ferrers," "The Past Pro. Grand Master, the Rt. Worshipful Bro. W. Kelly," responded to by Bro. S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Registrar. The I.P. Master then gave the toast of the evening, "The Worshipful Master of the Commercial Lodge, Bro. J. Halford, and success to his Lodge." The W.M., after thanking the Brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which Bro. Hall had presented that toast to their notice, assured them he was duly sensible of the very high honour they had done him in placing him in that proud position, and no efforts on his part would be wanting to fully justify the confidence the Brethren had reposed in him; and with such a staff of officers he had the good fortune to be supported by, he believed the ceremonies of the body would be most efficiently performed. Again thanking the Brethren, the W.M. concluded by proposing the I.P.M., Bro. Hall's health. Bro. Hall, after thanking the brethren for the kind manner in which they had drunk his health, said the official position he then held, that of I.P.M., proved the lodge had a history, although a brief one, still it enabled them to take a retrospective glance, and they were justly proud of what had been done, and grateful to the G.A.O.T.U. for the success that had attended their efforts in forming that lodge and conducting it through its infancy. It had now arrived at that age that it might fairly expect to feel its feet. He could not help reminding the Worshipful Master when he assumed that position, he could only offer the brethren words of promise, and when a little cloud hung over their lodge his hope was in the future. The prosperity and success of the lodge was an accomplished fact, and the prospect was all that could be desired, with such an able and zealous Master in the chair. The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by Bro. Barber, jun., J.W., and the S.D. Bro. Barber, in responding, regretted the absence of the S.W., who would have responded far more ably than it was possible for him to do. He said, W.M., I cannot but think that you are fortunate in having invested to-night such an useful set of officers, for commencing with the P.M.'s, they *Hall, Waite* upon you, and I am sure our S.W. (the most popular investment you have made to-night) will for his year of office interpret freely the letters he usually signs at the end of his name, M.D., as Masonic Duty instead of Money Down (laughter and cheers). Of the J.W. I cannot say much, at all events, he is the *Barber* of the lodge, and, judging from the appearance of most of the faces of the members, he will not often have occasion to close shave any of them. Well, W. Master, reaching Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, of course upon all state occasions you will have your *Chamberlins* in attendance, and going on to the S.D. if you have not an excellent officer in him who is a born *Mason* as well as a Freemason, it would be a pity; in case, however, of this double-dyed *Mason* not being sufficient for his work you have *Moore* (J.D.) behind. Passing on, Worshipful Sir, through *Crofts* (Director of Ceremonies), we come to the I.G., and what is there more appropriate at the entrance of the lodge than a *Matt*, our *Matt*, however is made of excellent fibre, but it will not stand trampling upon; our I.G., in particular, is a tragedian of no mean order, and would use both blood and oratorical thunder to prevent improper knowledge of our mysteries being obtained. So far, Worshipful Master, I have managed fairly, but as soon as I reach outside to look for *Bembridge*, I'm *Dunn* (Tylers). (Much laughter). Joking apart, Worshipful Sir,



I can assure you that your officers will use their utmost endeavours to support you, and it shall be no light matter that keeps them from their post the lodge nights. We accept in the spirit in which it is given, the straight forward and manly advice given by the W.M. to his officers; and I beg in thanking you again, Worshipful Sir, to repeat the assurance that the officers will remember their obligations and do their part towards making the year of J. Halford's reign a most successful one in the annals of the Commercial Lodge. The toast of the Sister Lodges was acknowledged by Bro. S. S. Partridge who made special reference to the truly Masonic character of Bro. J. W. Johnston's speech. Responding for the "ladies" at the command of the W.M., Bro. E. H. Butler in warmly thanking the brethren, said the very handsome manner with which they had received the toast, was only in accordance with the high duties which were imposed upon the Craft, by acknowledging those to whom they were so much indebted, not only for their personal comfort, but for the dearest of their domestic and social ties, and of whom one had truly said.

"When pain and anguish wrung the brow,"  
A ministering angel thou."

The exalted position which the ladies occupied in their affections, he felt sure, were materially enhanced by the fact, that at the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, last week, H.R.H. announced that our beloved Sovereign had most graciously become the Patroness of Masonry, he need hardly add that while this imported additional lustre and brilliancy to the toast he had been called upon to respond to, it increased the difficulty in which he felt himself placed. In conclusion he hoped that those of the fairer portion of creation, who had not yet passed the matrimonial Rubicon, would ere long be raised from "the wicked world" of single blessedness to the "happy land" (great laughter and cheers) of convivial felicity, where no "Lord Chamberlain" could exercise his censorship, and where only the rude hand of death, or the demoralising atmosphere of the Divorce Court could pronounce a lasting separation. (Applause.) For those, who in the order of affairs might fail to attain the height of conjugal happiness (so much to be desired) he would ask those brethren by whom he was surrounded, that in all their transactions with them, the words of Hood, so eloquently, but yet so pathetically rendered by Bro. Matts that evening, should ever be borne in mind.

"Take her up tenderly,  
Lift her with care.  
Fashioned so slenderly,  
Young and so fair."

(Loud Applause). The brethren were greatly indebted, and the enjoyment of the evening greatly enhanced, by the songs beautifully rendered by the Bros. Wykes, Tebbutt, and Chamberlin, and the recitations given by Bro. Matts, and others. The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close.

**ERA LODGE, No. 1423.**—The first meeting of this lodge, since its consecration, was held on Saturday, 5th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court. Punctually at four o'clock, p.m., the time appointed for the meeting, the lodge was opened by Bro. J. T. Moss, P.G.S.D. Middlesex, P.M., W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots for the six gentlemen, who were candidates for initiation were declared in each instance to be unanimous in favour of their admission. Bros. R. Limpus, T. B. Yeoman, and S. Kisch, were unanimously elected joining members. The Prov. G.M. of Middlesex, Bro. Col. F. Burdett, then arrived, and was received with all due honor and respect. Three gentlemen being in attendance, they were admitted separately, and most impressively initiated into ancient Freemasonry. The ceremony was beautifully rendered and admirably done. All present expressed the gratification they felt at hearing and seeing such good working. The bye-laws were then agreed to. The initiation fee being made seven guineas for the first few who may join—it being understood that it would be increased to ten guineas—the joining fee to be the same amount as the initiation. Some gentlemen were proposed for initiation and amongst them were officers of the Navy and Army. Bro. J. S. Sweasey, J.D., had promise

of good support for his list as the first Steward to represent the lodge at the Girls' School. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Bros. R. W. Little, Secretary, and W. Smeed, P.G.J.W., &c. who were absent from causes beyond their own control, and the lodge was closed. It was arranged to hold an emergency meeting on Saturday, May 16th. Banquet followed; it was well served, and proved that the hostess Mrs. Luce (widow of the late esteemed and respected Bro. Luce, P.M.) intended to make the members comfortable in that all-important part of the business. The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to, and the zest with which the M.W.P.G.M., Col. Burdett's name was received proved how popular he is. It was the toast of the evening. The Initiates found an able responder in Bro. W. C. Devereux, R.N. (an author of note in Naval circles), who, in a well worded speech, fully acknowledged the handsome manner he had been received as well as his friends, who were now brothers. There were present besides those members already named:—Bros. H. T. Dubois, S.W.; J. W. Baldwin, J.W.; T. J. Sabine, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.M., Secretary; E. H. Thiellay, S.D.; J. S. Sweasey, J.D.; J. Baxter Langley, I.G. The Visitors were:—Bros. W. Long, P.M. 569; and H. Keeble, W.M. 1275, and others.

### Mark Masonry.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES.

A very uncommon and beautiful ceremony was witnessed on Saturday, the 5th inst., at the Town Hall, Altrincham by a large number of Mark Masons from all parts of Lancashire, Cheshire, and North Wales, at the installation of the Right Worshipful the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master of the new Province of Cheshire and North Wales. The ceremony was performed by the Right Worshipful Bro. William Romaine Callender, Prov. Grand Mark Master of the County Palatine of Lancaster. The Stamford Mark Lodge, No. 141, was opened by Bro. James A. Birch, W.M., at half-past one and being informed the Provincial Grand Master of Lancashire and his officers sought admittance they were at once received and saluted with Grand and Royal honours. Bro. Callender then called on Bro. John Chadwick, Provincial Grand Secretary to read the Dispensation granted by the Grand Master authorising him to proceed to Altrincham and there install Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., in the chair as the Provincial Grand Master of the new Province of Cheshire and North Wales. Having opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, Bro. Egerton was conducted into the Lodge and presented by the Right Worshipful Bro. C. F. Matier, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Junior Warden of England. After receiving the obligation he was duly installed and saluted with Grand and Royal honours nine times. Bro. Egerton then nominated and invested the following Brethren as his Provincial Grand Officers, Bro. the Rev. Charles William Spencer Stanhope, R.W.D.P.G. Master; Bro. William Bulkley Hughes, M.P., P.G.S.W.; Bro. William Bulley, P.G.J.W.; Bro. Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson, P.G.M.O.; Bro. Joseph Sillatoo, P.G.S.O.; Bro. Captain James Watson, P.G.J.O.; Bro. the Rev. J. Newell Tanner, P.G. Chaplain; Bro. Thomas Platt, P.G. Treasurer; Bro. Richard Newhouse, P.G. Secretary; Bro. Thomas Forshaw, P.G. Registrar; Bro. Frederick K. Stevenson, P.G.S.D.; Bro. Major Platt, P.G.J.D.; Bro. Captain Hampton Lewis, P.G. Inspector of Works; Bro. Edward Friend, P.G.D.C.; Bro. George L. Woodley, Prov. Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies; Bro. Charles H. Coates, Prov. Grand Sword Bearer; Bro. Geo. Higgins, Prov. Grand Standard Bearer; Bro. John M. Bentley, Prov. Grand Organist; Bro. John S. Mort, Prov. Grand Pursuivant; Bro. John Worthington, Prov. Grand Tyler; and Bros. Richard Baker, Thomas Kent, George H. Wilson, and James Heap, as Prov. Grand Stewards. Other business being done, the Prov. Grand

Lodge was closed, and a large number of the brethren sat down to a splendid banquet provided by the host, Bro. James Harney. The chair was taken by Bro. the Hon. J. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., P.G.M.M. He gave the first toast, "The Queen," which was received with great enthusiasm; the next "H.R.H. Bro. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and in doing so remarked that Masons had cause to be true and loyal to their Prince; there had been no occasion on which Masons had called on him to exercise the influence of his exalted position for the benefit of the Craft that he had failed to do so, and we had now a further proof of the interest he took in Masonry, as he was shortly about to be installed as Grand Master of the Knights Templar. Bro. Birch sang with great feeling, "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The next toast was "The M.W. Bro. the Rev. George Raymond Portal, M.A., G.M.M.M.," followed by "The V.W. Bro. The Earl Percy, G.M.M.M. Elect, The V.W. Bro. The Earl of Limerick, Deputy G.M.M.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," which was replied to by Bro. Matier. The next toast was the toast of the evening, "The Health of the R.W. Bro. The Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire and North Wales," which was given by the R.W. Bro. William Romaine Callender, who, on rising, was received with round after round of applause. He spoke in the highest possible terms of Bro. Egerton as a man and a Mason, and delighted the Brethren with a speech of more than his usual eloquence. Then followed the song of the evening by Bro. J. M. Bentley, Prov. Grand Org. The song (a Masonic one) was composed by himself, and sung with great feeling, and was received with great applause. Bro. Egerton, who was received with great enthusiasm, replied, thanking the Brethren, in a speech of great feeling, and with his usual good taste proposed "The health of Bro. Callender," who replied; and after other toasts had been proposed and replied to, the Brethren separated at seven o'clock in peace and harmony, amid mutual congratulations on the enjoyable afternoon they had spent.

**LEICESTER.**—*Fowke Lodge of Mark Masters* (No. 19).—The lodge assembled at an earlier hour than usual on the 27th ult., to transact ordinary business, to receive the Provincial Grand Master and Officers, and to celebrate the annual festival of the lodge. There were present:—Bros. S. S. Partridge, W.M., Prov. Grand Secretary; Wm. Weare, W.M. elect; G. Toller, M.O.; W. Sculthorpe, S.O.; C. Stretton, Treasurer; J. MacAllister, Secretary; W. T. Rowlett, R.M.; R. A. Barber, S.D.; E. J. Crow, J.D.; and T. A. Wykes, Organist. The lodge having been opened, and the preliminary business despatched, the Right Worshipful Bro. W. Kelly F.R. Hist. S., Prov. G.M. and his Officers were received and saluted in due form. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened, and the Reports received from the several lodges in the province were highly satisfactory; more especially the report from the Fowke Lodge, which indicated great vitality during the past year under the able presidency of Bro. Partridge; there being an unusual increase in the number of advancements, without any diminution in the number of subscribing members. Bro. C. Stretton was unanimously elected the representative Grand Steward, an honour most heartily accorded to that deserving brother. The R.W.P.G.M., Master appointed Bro. MacAllister, to the vacant office of Inspector of Works. Perhaps no brother in the province is working more zealously and devotedly for Masonic interests than Bro. MacAllister, and to confer an honour upon him, is but a dutiful acknowledgment of his various and manifold labours. Other acts of benevolence and charity having received the attention of the Prov. G.M. Master and brethren, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed. Bro. S. S. Partridge, resumed the chair, and in an admirable manner conducted the ceremony of Installation, including the impressive charges to the principal officers. Bro. W. Weare, the newly installed Master then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—Bro. G. Toller, S.W.; Bro. J. M. MacAllister, J.W.; Bro. W. Sculthorpe, M.O.; Bro. L. L. Attwood, S.O.; Bro. R. A.

Barber, J.O.; Bro. C. Stretton, Treasurer; Bro. F. J. Baines, Secretary; Bro. W. J. Rowlett, R.M.; Bro. J. B. Hall, S.D.; Bro. Dr. Clifton, J.D.; Bro. J. T. Thorp, J.G.; Bro. T. A. Wykes, Org.; Bro. G. W. Statham, Master of Ceremonies; Bros. Dr. Clifton, and G. W. Statham Stewards. A very interesting part of the Agenda then occupied the attention of the brethren, a presentation to the I.P.M. Bro. S. S. Partridge. The W.M., in making the presentation, said, nothing could give him greater pleasure than to perform the duty assigned to him on that occasion. Bro. Partridge in vacating the chair, carried with him the good wishes and esteem of every member of the lodge. During his Mastership he has performed the onerous duties incumbent upon him, zealously, and faithfully, and in testimony of that fact, and in appreciation of his eminent services, the W.M., in the name of the brethren, had much pleasure in presenting him with a handsome Past Masters' Jewel, and hoped he would be long spared to wear the decoration. Bro. Partridge, in reply, after expressing his thanks, said, that until shortly before leaving the chair, he had not the slightest expectation of receiving such a handsome present from them. He would ever prize it as a mark of their kind regard, and as a reminder of that measure of pleasure he had enjoyed during the period of his Mastership. He hoped that Bro. Weare would be favoured with the same support from his officers which he had received, and assured the brethren that his own zeal and interest in the lodge would not abate, neither would his attendance be less frequent, although he now occupied the honourable position of a Past Master. The banquet which followed, thanks to the care and forethought of the Stewards, was all that could be desired. The tables, through the kindness of Bro. Charlesworth, were gaily decorated with plants and flowers, and the evening's enjoyment was considerably enlivened by "Toast, Song, and Sentiment."

**GIBRALTAR.**—*Gibraltar Mark Lodge* (No. 43).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 18th ult. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Balfour Cockburn, with Bros. Morgan, S.W.; W. Brown, J.W.; Hepper, J.O.; Seath, S.O.; Price, M.O.; Marshall, S.D.; and Williamson, Sec. The agenda paper presented the following as the detail of business for the evening: To advance to the degree of W.M.M., Bros. Jones, 278, Capt., 81st Regt.; Ryley, 278, Capt., 81st Regt.; Satterthwaite, 278, Lieut., 81st Regt.; Prosser, 184, Sergeant-Major, R.E. To read cash account. To present G.L. certificates, and to elect the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing twelve months. Before proceeding with the immediate business of the evening, the W.M. stated that since their last meeting he had received a diploma constituting him a Past Grand Senior Deacon. Whilst fully appreciating the distinguished honour thus conferred upon himself, he could not but congratulate the members of the lodge in this very marked proof of the great interest the M.W.G.M. took in all their proceedings, and of his earnest desire to encourage the progress and prosper the interests, not alone of the Gibraltar Mark Lodge, but of Mark Masonry generally. He sincerely trusted that this laurel with which he had been crowned might be a future prize held out to encourage his successors in the chair to devote their fullest energies to the welfare of their lodge and the advancement of the Degree, and thus safely securing the approval and graceful acknowledgment of the M.W.G.M. The W.M. further congratulated the Lodge on their now being enabled to hold their communications in rooms well adapted for the full performance of the rites and ceremonies of the Degree. Bros. Jones, Ryley, Satterthwaite, and Prosser, having been duly prepared, were forthwith admitted; and, having eventually presented work which met with the approval of the Overseer, were duly advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master Masons. The election for the W.M., Treas., and Tyler then commenced, with the following result: Bro. Morgan, W.M., Bro. Trenerry, Treas., and Bro. Llamas, Tyler. After some further business of minor importance, the Lodge was duly closed, and the Brethren retired to refreshment.

### Knights Templar.

The following Great Officers and Officers were appointed at the Convent General of the United Order of the Temple:—

**GREAT OFFICERS.**—Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; Seneschal, Lord Skelmersdale; Arch Chancellor, Judge Townshend; Great Constable, Lord Athlumney; Great Marshall, Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot; Arch Registrar, Sir P. Colquhoun.

**OFFICERS.**—Vice Arch Chancellor and Assistant Arch Registrar, W. Tinkler; Sub Marshall, J. Lambert Sim; Standard Bearer (Beaueant) General Dunne; Grand Master's Banner Bearer, Viscount Newry; First Aide-de-Camp, Major-General Docherty, C.B.; Second Aide-de-Camp, Captain W. C. Seymour; First Captain of Guards, M. C. Close; Organist, W. Ganz.

**GRAND CROSSES—(England).**—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Emperor of Germany, H.M. King of Sweden, Crown Prince of Germany, Crown Prince of Denmark, Prince John of Glucksburg, Mr. Stuart (Past Grand Master), the Earl of Limerick, Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Eliot, the Earl of Carnarvon, Colonel MacLeod Moore, the Rev. J. Huyshe, Colonel G. Vernon, Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Grand Master of the Temple in the United States.

**GRAND CROSSES—(Ireland).**—His Grace the Duke of Leinster, Right Hon. Lord Athlumney, Sir E. Borough, Bart., R. W. Shekleton, Capt. G. Huband, R. B. de Burgh (J.P.), Right Hon. Major-General Dunne, M. C. Close (Deputy Lieutenant), Judge Townshend, Arthur Burke, Robert Warren.

**COMMANDER'S CROSSES—(Ireland).**—J. Manning, Alderman, City of Dublin; C. A. Cameron, M.D.; E. D. Thorp; J. Flynn; J. Kingland, M.D.; P. Crampton Smyly, M.D.; W. Allen; J. H. Goddard; D. Crosthwaite, LL.D.; John A. Baker.

**COMMANDER'S CROSSES—(England).**—His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, P.P. Nottingham; Hugh David Sandeman, P.P. Bengal; Samuel Bryant, M.D., P.P. Gloucester and Bristol; the Right Hon. Lord Londesborough, P.P. Yorkshire N. and E.; George Harcourt, M.D., P.P. Surrey; William J. Meynott, P.P.; Colonel George Cornwall Leigh, P.P. Cheshire; the Hon. Capt. Hood, M.P., P.P. Somerset; Sampson Lloyd Foster, P.P. Stafford and Warwick; William B. Punshon, P.P. Northumberland; William Henry Wright, D.P.P. Lancashire; John Lambert Sim, Sub Marshall; Charles Goolden, Grand Treas.; William Tinkler, G.V.C.

**RITUAL COMMISSIONERS—(English).**—Major Shadwell H. Clerke, Sir P. Colquhoun, R. Woof, Emra Holmes, Dr. Hodge. **(Irish).**—Judge Townshend, R. W. Shekleton, R. B. de Burgh, Dr. Ringland, Major J. C. C. Townshend.

I am happy to inform you of the great benefit my daughter has derived from your Pain Killer. She was suffering from tic-douloureux and severe pains in the head. We used many remedies, but nothing eased her till we tried your Vegetable Pain Killer, which gave her instant relief. Two doses effected the cure.—JOSEPH LEWIS FENTON, Staff. Oct., 1871.—To Perry Davis & Son, London, W.C.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—*Wonder Working Remedies.*—As the battle of life has to be fought, alike by the naturally feeble and constitutionally strong, how momentous is it to preserve the former from adventitious ailments?—A Scratch on the Leg, slight swelling or inflammation about the ancles, which would have been cured at once by Holloway's medicaments, grow from want of the commonest precautions, into grievous diseases, which throw the sufferer on the bed of sickness, and perhaps his family on the parish. Every peasant's home should have these remedies, they will save both parents and children from much misery and above all they will remove their complaints at a trifling cost and leave no disheartening heavy Bills behind.—ADVT.

**A BOON TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.**—Boots, with the celebrated wire-quilted soles, wearing twice as long as ordinary leather, for all ages; and children's boots with metallic tips, which never wear out at the toes, may be had at most shoe dealers. Insist on giving these a trial, and judge on their merits.

### CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF FRATERNITY AT STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

On Thursday, the 3rd inst., a new Lodge of Freemasons, designated the Lodge of Fraternity, No. 1418, was consecrated at the Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-street, Stockton, by John Fawcett, Esq., the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Durham, under very auspicious circumstances. A little before two o'clock the brethren began to assemble, and having taken their places in the lodge, the R.W.P.G.M. entered, took the chair, and opened the lodge—Brother A. Knowles officiating as S.W., Bro. W. M. Watson as J.W. Amongst the brethren present were the following:—Bros. J. Fawcett, Esq., R.W.P.G.M.; Jas. Monks, P.G.S.W.; W. H. Crooks, P.G., Sec.; William Liddell, P.G.J.D.; Robert Hudson, P.G.D. of Cer.; J. Thompson, P. G. Tyler, (94); Rev. C. D. Trotter, P.G. Chap.; M. Cadle, P.M. (509); Rev. J. Milner, P.P.G.S.W., P.P.G. Chaplain; W. Forster, W.M., P.S. of Works, (661); J. Trotter, P.M., Pro. G. Reg. (940); G. Young, P.G. Steward (80); W. Nelson, P.M., P.G.S. of Works (1244); J. H. Jackson, P.M., W.M. of (1418); and P.P.G.S.D.; A. C. Knowles, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., W. M. Watson, P.M.; G. Ellis, P.M., Thomas Walton, W.M. (940); G. Hopper, F. Sanderson (940); G. Herbert (940), T. R. Pearson, N. Lye, T. Bradley, J. Brotherton (509), J. Scarth, B. S. Lockwood, T. Semple, L. Ellis (94), G. S. Thorpe, R. Ashton, I. H. Hart, Sec. (940), J. Usher, T. Preston, A. S. Fowler, J. F. Mann, P.M., J. Spicer, J. Rose, J. Fowler, F. J. H. Bellringer, W. R. Bolsover, W. J. Watson, S.D.; J. H. Bennett, W.M., (1244); J. G. Walton, J. Bowron, J. Hunton, P.M.; J. Trenholm, G.D.; Long, A. J. de Long, H. Cuthbert, J. Morrell, P.M., P.G.S.D. (111); C. A. Head, T. Wrightson, S. Gordon (940), M. B. Dodds, A. Iley, E. W. Dickenson, W. M. Best, S. D. (509); R. Dickinson, W. Laing, C. Tanson, J. H. Draper, Thos. Brunton, W.M., P.G.S. (811); W. H. Barnett (940); R. Chadwick, S.W. (111), Joseph Walton, P.P.G.O.; R. W. Haflernan, P.M., P.G.P. (940), J. L. Potts (509), Thomas Readman (940), C. E. Naish (509), W. Mitford (111), Addison (509), R. S. J. Vaughan (20), J. J. Fletcher, W. M. Smith (940) G. F. Allan (539), J. Thompson, P.G.S.; R. Humphrey, W.M. (97), F. C. Newstead (1244), W. J. B. Casley, Stew. (509), C. M. Norman, W. Robson (661), J. Young, T. Turnbull (531), D. Dudding (86), J. Ross (509), J. Toes, S.D. (111); H. J. Watson (602), B. R. Smith (940), W. O. Edwards.

The ceremony of consecration was performed in a very impressive manner, and in the course of the proceedings the P.G. Chaplain delivered an excellent oration, in which he briefly glanced at the history of Freemasonry in this country, and then impressed upon all present the important obligations under which they lay in carrying out the duties inculcated in the principles of the Craft. At the close of the consecration ceremony Bro. John Henry Jackson, P.M. (940), and P.P.S.G.D., was duly installed Worshipful Master of the Lodge. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bro. W. J. Watson, S.W.; Bro. R. S. Hopper, J.W.; Bro. J. Boothroyd, S.D.; Bro. J. Spicer, J.D.; Bro. J. D. Leng, Sec.; Bro. J. Trotter, Treas.; Bro. J. Fowler, J.G.; Bro. J. Tremholme, Tyler.

The remainder of the business being disposed of, the R.W. Prov. G.M. expressed the great gratification it afforded him to be present to consecrate that Lodge, and was of opinion that it would be a source of strength to the other two Lodges. He then expressed his high sense of appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had been assisted by the various officers who had taken part in the proceedings of the day, and concluded by wishing the new Lodge prosperity.

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the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M., "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M., and the officers of the Grand Lodge." The next toast on the list was given by Bro. John Hunton, P.M., and was, "The Right Worshipful P.G. Master, John Fawcett, Esq., as Installing and Consecrating Master, and The Right Worshipful D.G.P.M. and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," to which Bro. J. Monks responded, and proposed "The W.M. of the Lodge of Fraternity." In doing so, Bro. Monks spoke in very warm terms of the W.M. (Bro. J. H. Jackson), and congratulated the lodge upon the choice they had made in selecting him as their first Master, and he expressed his gratification with the thoroughly efficient manner in which the proceedings of the day had been carried out. The W.M., replied, and proposed the health of the "Visiting Brethren," coupled with the names of Bros. Monks and Brunton. Bro. G. Ellis then gave the health of "The Officers of the Lodge of Fraternity," and in doing so expressed a hope that a strong fraternal feeling would exist between that lodge and the other two in the town. Bro. W. J. Watson, acknowledged the compliment, Bro. R. S. Hooper gave "The W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Tees Lodge, No. 506," coupled with the name of Bro. G. Ellis. Bro. M. B. Dodds followed with the toast of "The W.M., the Officers, and Brethren of the Lodge of Philanthropy, No. 840," coupled with the name of Bro. T. Walton, W.M. Several other toasts followed, and the whole was agreeably interspersed with songs. The evening's proceedings passed off in a most enjoyable manner.

#### THE PERILOUS MOMENT.

BY ROBERT MORRIS, LL.D.

Place, a large and fashionable hotel in St. Louis. Time, evening. Hero, a well known and distinguished member of the Masonic fraternity, just arrived from a long journey by rail, and in that nervous state of irritation easily aroused to anger, which every one has experienced under the same circumstances. To look at him as he emerged from his room on his way to the dinner table, you would have seen a bluff, solid man, rotund, but not to grossness, with a red beef-fed face, dressed like a gentleman, and bearing himself with the port of one who knows his rights, and "knowing, dares maintain them." Such was the man whom, for the sake of precision, we will denominate Brother Larkin, George Alexander Larkin.

Such was the man as he appeared to a group of three, who looked after him with eyes singularly inquisitive, and when he disappeared in the supper-room exchanged glances with each other that said, "the very man." One of them, a burly ruffianly fellow, at the same moment rattled something in his pocket, that might have been specie, or might have been something else. This group of three, by the way, were standing in the office of the hotel when our friend first entered the house. They divided him amongst them, one glancing over his shoulder as he wrote his name in the Travellers' Register; one looking sharply after his valise and following it to the baggage room; one quietly slipping after him as he went up stairs, and preceding him on his way down.

The contrast between a man just in from a long journey by rail, before dinner and after, is evident to the dullest intellect. As Brother Larkin came out from his feed, his rosy cheeks rosier, his rotund figure more rotund, and in every respect he looked more kindly upon all around him. This made it easy to fall into conversation with the elder of the group of three to whom we have already introduced our readers, and who was standing in readiness to address him as he came out. A sort of recognition followed, that is Brother Larkin admitted having before met the gentleman, who called himself Colonel Westcott, although it would have puzzled his brain considerably to specify when and where. A mutual cigar, a chat over the political situation in which, by a pleasant coincidence, they found themselves in accord, and the new made friends made an appointment to visit the theatre in company. And all this

time the group of three were "reckoning up" our Brother Larkin, whispering to each other, covertly comparing notes, preparing for some grand *coup-de-main* to come off in due season. The click of the telegraphic instrument in the corner—had Brother Larkin recognised it?—was speaking his name to fellow-operators at St. Joseph, Missouri, and elsewhere, some hundreds of miles away, and cords were tightening around him of which he was altogether unconscious. As he puffed his cigar and chatted benignantly of the pending election, and digested his good dinner with a beaming countenance, as little was he aware of the interest manifested in him sometimes by the chief clerk of the house, sometimes by the landlord himself, but most of all by that quiet group of three whose leader was engaging him all the time in a conversation seemingly unimportant, but which had issues of life and death in it.

The day before, a bank had been robbed in Western Missouri by a singularly bold device, gagging and chlorforming being a part of the means employed—means so energetic in fact, that when the unfortunate cashier was found and released the next day, the drug and the gag had been too much for him. This addition of murder to the enormous theft, and the extraordinary heavy reward offered, had naturally set the detectives on the *qui vive*; and at that very hour groups of men like these were inspecting hotel registers and baggage, and new arrivals in all cities three hundred miles around. The despatch that came over the wires to St. Louis said: "Principal man short, thick-set, English in appearance, with sharp voice, well dressed, fond of talking politics, slippery as an eel." And that was the flattering appearance attached to our Brother Larkins, who had come that very day from Western Missouri, and was as loquacious on the subject of the robbery as every man is in such a case who has a good listener. So he talked in a gay, unrestrained manner, while the man who sat by his side rattled something in his pocket that might have been specie, and might be something else.

The theatre that evening presented unusual attractions, and together the two newly-made friends wended their way, purchasing reserved seats of the hotel clerk, and sitting together in the box. At every interval in the play the conversation was renewed, designed on the one part to draw out Brother Larkin from his apparent reserve, on the other, merely to wile away the dull evening. It is a serious matter in St. Louis "to arrest the wrong man." Colonel Westcott therefore plied all the arts of social life upon his victim, and when at the close of the play he found himself making no headway in the direction he was pursuing, an invitation to wine and oysters followed as the next move. As the two entered the brilliant saloon, the favourite resort of the *bon-vivant* of St. Louis, the other two members of the group were close behind them, and the toils were compassing our friend, although totally unaware of his danger. Every means was now attempted by Colonel Westcott to throw him off his guard and elicit something that would connect him with the great bank robbery, but in vain. The loquacious fellow, warm with wine and good fellowship, was not to be entrapped into a word implicating him in an affair of which indeed he knew nothing except the extravagant rumours current among the passengers. And still the Colonel rattled something in his pocket that might have been specie and might have been something else. It was quite midnight when they returned to the hotel, the other members of the group being already there reinforced by several of their own class.

And now came the consummation. A hurried conference among the detectives while Brother Larkin was asking the usual question of the clerk relative to hotel trains, &c., and Col. Westcott walked straight to his victim, laid his hand decidedly upon his shoulder and said, "Tom Brailey, you are my prisoner."

If the reader has ever had the heavy grip of a sheriff's officer laid upon him he will bear witness to its ponderosity and the utter feeling of helplessness that momentarily follows. Brother Larkin was a man constitutionally brave, himself

a major in the late war, who had seen service in well-fought fields, but he may be pardoned for blenching a moment and even cowering under the unexpected blow.

"Is this a jest, Col. Westcott?"

"No jest, Tom Brailey, my name is Carroll, and I am a detective, these gentlemen are also detectives and we are bound to have you."

"What is the charge?"

"Will you go with us peaceably?"

"What is the charge? Don't you dare to lay your hand on me again until you explain the charge and show your authority."

Our hero had by this time backed into a corner out of which opened the door to the baggage room. On one side of him was the high desk of the book-keeper, and the passage way was so blocked up with large trunks on the other hand, that his own portly form occupied the whole entrance. As he stood facing the chief detective, his eye now kindled up with a sense of the deceit that had been practiced on him all the evening, he was undoubtedly a dangerous subject.

Evidently the detectives so viewed it for the spokesman dropped his tone.

"Now Tom Brailey."

"My name is not Tom Brailey. You will see my name in the register George Alexander Larkin; I have ample papers about me to prove my identity. Had you asked it instead of playing the dirty sneak all the evening as you have, I should have satisfied you in five minutes. But now explain the charge and show your authority, or the first man who lays hands on me dies the death."

And the display of a pocket six-shooter, and the sharp click of its lock, and the steady aim from an arm, brawny and untrembling that bore directly upon the officer's head, served to clench these bold words. A dead silence of a minute ensued. A brief conference with the landlord who was watching the proceedings, and the officer yielded; he exhibited the telegrams he had received, showed the marked resemblance between the bank-robber and our excited friend, proved his own identity by the testimony of the landlord, and in a conciliatory tone requested that no further defence be made.

So Brother Larkin consented to accompany the party to the house of detention. Placing his pocket-book in the hands of the clerk and restoring his pistol to his pocket, he had moved a few steps towards the door, when a new and more startling incident was added to the drama. The chief detective drew from his own pocket the rattling objects which might have been specie but proved to be handcuffs, and began to arrange them for use upon our Brother's hands.

All the soul of the outraged man now rose in arms. He sprang back to his corner at a bound, prostrating one of the officers in the act. He again drew his pistol, cocked it at a motion and fired upon the officious detective with so good an aim as to knock the hat from of his head; an inch lower would have made a vacancy in that department forever. Cocking the dangerous little machine again, he held it forward and "Now which of you are ready for your coffins?" he boldly said.

The report of the pistol called down from their rooms in an incredibly short space of time a score of travellers. The police from the streets gathered in like eagles to their prey. Before the smoke of that first discharge had dispersed, the office was crowded with persons, crowded all but that handy nook in which was ensconced our friend Larkin, who still gaily and invitingly said:

"Who will be the next? my hand is in now and I never miss my shot twice."

A venerable man, grey haired and mild, evidently a preacher, proposed a compromise.

"I consented to the arrest. I started peaceably to go with that man. He had a number of men to help him, yet he was about to hand-cuff me, that is an indignity that can only be inflicted on my corpse. One step nearer and you die." This last remark to the *ci-devant* Col. Westcott, who was quietly slipping upon his prey. The detective hastily slipped back.

"Tell us who you are," said the grey-haired man of peace. "Commit no murder if you are innocent, I for one, will stand by you."

(To be continued.)

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The following communications stand over:—Reports of Lodges 73, 1309, 73 S.C.; Chapter 73, 1086, 50 S.C.; Prov. G. Chapter Lancashire East; Mark Lodges 104, 14, 159; Royal Kent Preceptory K.T.; Red Cross Conclave 12; Consecration of a Mark Lodge in Liverpool.

## LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &amp;c.

Week ending April 26.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee Bro. E. Saker. New drama, "Sithors to Grind."

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## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1873.

## THE ABERDEEN RECORDS.

## THE QUESTION OF HEREDITARY GRAND MASTER.

Bro. J. S. B., of No. 175, has thought fit to question the remarks made by a member of the "German Masonic Union" (to which society I have the honour to belong), and claiming an equal right with him to speak pro or con respecting any matter of Masonic interest, I respectfully beg to support my fellow member—whoever he may be—and to strongly object to the method Bro. J. S. B. has taken to ventilate his opinions. So far as his belief is concerned, that, of course, mainly depends upon the evidence he has had submitted to him; but seeing that evidently the

chief documents relating to the question have not been studied by him, he really should first have examined them, and then stated his views if they were not in agreement with the writer's. Study first and write afterwards is our motto, and surely it is one that will commend itself to Bro. J. S. B., and all other Masonic Students, who, like him and me, are anxious to gather information and discover the truth. Bro. J. S. B. tells us that there are "proofs open to any brother, if properly gone about," of there having been "a Hereditary Grand Master of the Scottish Masons." The proof he submits is "an old Masonic Record, written about the middle of last century," which is in his possession, and from which he quotes at length an account of the origin of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. I take it that the old Masonic Record he has is simply a transcript from the "Freemasons' Pocket Companion," first published at Edinburgh, A.D. 1761, and of which we have a copy. The "Record" and the "Pocket Companion of 1761" read just word for word, and this confirms me in my belief as to the origin of the M.S. Bro. J. S. B. possesses. About the "middle of the last century" is then a fair guess, and we may accordingly leave the date to stand as an approximation. Now, what do the "Record" and "Pocket Companion" say on the subject? namely as follows:—"That King James I. was the 'Royal Grand Master' of the craft, attended the lodges, and appointed a yearly sum to be paid to a Grand Master chosen by the brethren. William St. Clair, Earl of Orkney, &c., became Grand Master by authority of King James II., and subsequently by virtue of the same power that office was made hereditary to the heirs and successors of the said Barony of Roslin. The Barons of Roslin, having ever since continued to support and countenance the Craft as Grand Masters, assembled their Grand Lodge at Kilwinning, gave authority to the lodge at Kilwinning to erect lodges (as Grand Masters), and until William Sinclair, of Roslin, having no children of his own, resigned his distinguished and hereditary rights into the hands of the Craft, A.D. 1736." Now it is easy to prove all these statements respecting the Craft to be entirely wrong, and a most unwarrantable misrepresentation of the true facts of the case.

(a) King James I. was never "Grand Master," no such title ever having been used until A.D. 1717. If such a cognomen was known or used before by the ancient Freemasons, whose documents and charges exist to this day, and date from the fourteenth century at least, then let the same be pointed out. I have published over a dozen complete MSS., and am familiar with all the rest known, and will forfeit a hundred pounds to our charities if the appointment of "Grand Master" can be traced prior to the last century. Remember, I go in thoroughly for the antiquity of Freemasonry, but not of such titles, &c., as Grand Master, Grand Lodge, and the King James' being Grand Masters, and such like nonsense.

(b) What record is there of King James I. attending a lodge? Please, Bro. P. S. B., produce the minute.

(c) What MS. mentions a yearly sum to be paid to the Grand Master during James I.'s reign? I have copies of all the MSS. as yet traced in Scotland anterior to 1736 relative to

Masonry, but they contain no such clause. In which MS. or record are the dues mentioned as payable to such an officer?

(d) The so-called "old record" declares the G.M. was to be chosen by the brethren, and then almost directly afterwards states that the Earl of Orkney received his appointment as G.M. from the King! When was the one law made, and the alteration of it affected? Who can tell? The answer will be the same as to the inquiry, "What were the first words Adam said to Eve?" nobody knows.

(e) In the first Charter, of A.D. 1600 (*circa*), no word is said about the Earl of Orkney whatever; and in the second Charter, of about A.D. 1628, although the Lords of Roslin are mentioned as 'patrones and protectoris,' there is no reference made to the authority of King James II., and on neither of the Roslin Charters does the office of Grand Master appear. It is true that in the later MS. a fire is noted, which consumed the documents said to contain certain grants made to the Roslin family, but in the earlier Charter no such conflagration is recorded; and, what is more remarkable still, the date of the fire is not chronicled, and as the editor of the "Genealogie of the Saint-Clares of Rosslyn," (Edinburgh, 1835), has noted "these particular writings were consumed, and yet all the remaining Charters, forming a complete chartulary of Rosslyn escaped!" Surely such a lame story as this cannot be accepted by Masonic students without other testimony to its truth than is afforded in the second Charter? Another fact must be remembered, viz., If the office of Grand Master was really hereditary at the period mentioned, then the Earl of Orkney (the representative of the elder branch of the St. Clairs) had the power to convey his privileges (if such conveyance had been provided for, which was not the case) to other parties, and not the representative of the younger branch of the same family. Father Richard Augustus Hay, Prior of St. Pieremont, never mentions any other documents than these two charters as illustrative of the connection of the St. Clairs with Masonry, and even this writer's transcripts are not exactly correct—so Bro. D. Murray Lyon, the Scottish Masonic historian, informs me, as he has compared the Hay MSS., in Advocates' Library, Edinburgh, with the originals in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. As full particulars of these valuable documents will be given in my friend's forthcoming History of the Lodge of Edinburgh, as also fac-similes, I need not now allude any further to them, excepting to draw attention to the fact that the Charter of A.D. 1628 (*circa*) was by the authority of the Hammermen as well as the Masons, and so it is not for the latter to claim any exclusive interest in it, but only in common with the Hammermen; and hence, if the Charter proves the Masons of that period had the honour of having Hereditary Grand Masters to rule over them, so also had the Hammermen. The truth is, neither had such a distinction conferred upon them at any time, but simply patrons, protectors, judges and such like were elected and appointed to manage and control the Masons and other crafts.

(f) No record exists of any Grand Lodge having been held by the St. Clairs at Kilwinning, and



the minute of the Mother Lodge, Kilwinning, of which we are one of the honorary members, and a diligent student of its records, never once alludes to any authority given it by the Grand Master of Scotland prior to the last century to constitute lodges.

(g) If Bro. J. S. B. will turn again to William St. Clair's deed of resignation (at page 115 *Masonic News*), dated 4th November, 1736, he will find that that distinguished brother does not refer to the Earl of Orkney, but only to his own immediate predecessors. William and Sir William St. Clairs, in whose favour the documents were drawn of 1600-1 and 1628-9, never once mentions the Grand Master as being hereditary in his, the younger branch of the Roslin family, and simply resigns the hereditary appointment for himself and his heirs of Patrons, Protectors, Judges, or Masters of the Masons of Scotland. He resigned the office, but not in any one's favour.

I think, then, brother J. S. B. will see he has not submitted any proof that the member of the "German Masonic Union" was wrong in his statement, but, on the contrary, the "deed of resignation" of 1736 establishes the fact, that there was no "Hereditary Grand Master," such as is understood by so grand a title.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

#### CIRCULAR ISSUED TO FREEMASONS UNDER THE SCOTTISH JURISDICTION.

#### THE EVILS OF THE PROXY SYSTEM IN THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND AND THEIR REMEDY.

Nothing has been more detrimental to the interests of Freemasonry in Scotland than the Proxy System in the Grand Lodge. What this system is may be made clear by a very brief statement; and that statement will of itself sufficiently show that great evils might very readily arise from it, as in fact they have arisen and long prevailed. Theoretically, the constitution of the Grand Lodge is this, that it consists of the Masters and Wardens of all the lodges holding charters from the Grand Lodge, three representatives from each lodge, viz., the Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens. Were this the actual constitution of the Grand Lodge, the Freemasons of Scotland would be fairly represented in it, and their interests would be safe under it. But its actual constitution is very different; because any lodge that chooses to do so is permitted to appoint a Proxy Master, instead of its actual Master, to be one of its representatives in the Grand Lodge, and the Proxy Master, so soon as he is appointed, has power to nominate two Proxy Wardens, who, with himself, become members of the Grand Lodge. Any Master Mason holding diploma of the Grand Lodge of Scotland is eligible as a Proxy Master or Proxy Warden; and thus a lodge may be represented—and this is very often the case—by brethren who are in no way connected with it, who never were present at one of its meetings, and who are personally unknown to any of its members. It is easy to see that this system opens a wide and ready door for great abuses; and it is hardly possible to imagine any greater than those which have actually grown out of it, and now exist, as they have existed for many years. It is worthy of observation that, in the Grand Lodge of England, than which no Grand Lodge has ever been better worked, there is no Proxy System, but it consists of actual Masters, Past Masters, and actual Wardens only. Were the Proxy System abolished, a new character would be given to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and new life to Scottish Freemasonry. We have given notice of a motion for its abolition,

which will come on for consideration at the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, to be held in May 1873, in terms as follows:—

"That the Grand Lodge of Scotland, from and after the beginning of the next Masonic year, be composed entirely of Right Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and actual Wardens only."

But the number of Proxy Members in the Grand Lodge is so great, that we can hardly hope for its immediate success; and look for the accomplishment of this great and most desirable object to the combined action of the Freemasons of Scotland, and their assertion of their rights in securing the representation of their lodges by their actual Masters and Wardens. So deeply-rooted is the Proxy System, and so long continued has it been, that many lodges elect their Proxy Master quite regularly, and as a matter of course—their members seeming to think that it is a Masonic duty, like the election of the Office-bearers of the lodge. Other lodges, however, often make no such appointment for many years, and only do so when specially invited to do it by some one who has an interest in carrying some question in the Grand Lodge, and suggests to them for election a brother on whose vote he knows that he can depend. Thus it sometimes happens that the probable votes of the members of the Grand Lodge being considered, and it being found that some votes are wanted to turn the scale, letters are sent to brethren in different parts of the country, suggesting the appointment of Proxy Masters by the lodges to which they belong, and giving the names of the persons whose appointment is desired. The wish expressed is generally complied with; all the more readily, because the Proxy Master is expected to pay the annual fee to the Grand Lodge for the lodge which he represents. A law recently passed by the Grand Lodge, that the Masters and Wardens of lodges must pay the Grand Lodge fees, whether present or absent, whether represented or not, may, perhaps, slightly abate the existing evil, by securing the constant representation, in one way or other, of almost all lodges, so that it will not be so easy, as it has hitherto been, to pack the Grand Lodge by sending down to fifteen or twenty lodges in towns or villages, getting as many Proxy Masters appointed, and bringing them with their thirty or forty Proxy Wardens to the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, for the sake of their votes on a particular question. But only the entire abolition of the Proxy System can effect a thorough cure, and place Freemasonry in Scotland in a position worthy of its ancient reputation. The Grand Lodge can never be, properly speaking, the representative body which it ought to be, so long as its members are mostly members of Edinburgh Lodges, and a large proportion of them members of one particular lodge. Were the Masters and Wardens of Provincial Lodges to attend its Quarterly Communications in person, they would carry with them to their own lodges new information and new ideas, the affairs of the Grand Lodge would become known throughout the whole country, and the general opinion of the Brotherhood would be brought to bear on the determination of all important questions coming before it. It could no longer be ruled by a small clique, concocting measures in private, counting votes, writing letters to all parts of the country to secure the appointment of new members, and virtually nominating them. For the honour of Freemasonry we almost hesitate to state—and if it were any secret we would not state—that it has been common, not only for Proxy Masters, appointed by Country Lodges to represent them in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to pay the fees due for the lodge, but also for the money to be supplied for this purpose by those who had need of their services in the Grand Lodge. Thus it has been managed:—A brother, having a particular purpose in view, attends the meeting of a lodge. He mentions the subject which he has at heart in private and confidential communication with a few brethren. He finds their views accordant with his own, and says—"Would you like to be a member of the Grand Lodge?" Receiving a reply in the affirmative, he says that the thing can be accomplished immediately. Brother

A. B. may be at once appointed Proxy Master of Ochterbury, but Brother A. B. must pay the fees for the Ochterbury Lodge. Brother A. B. has not a well-replenished purse, but his friend helps him. He will pay the fees. And so the little matter is adjusted. Brother A. B. becomes a member of the Grand Lodge, and votes there, according to the vote of the Brother to whom he is indebted for this honour. He sees that Brother hold up his right hand and holds up his own right hand accordingly. This it was stipulated that he should do, and this he does. He is a member of the Grand Lodge, and all men—particularly all Freemasons—must honour him. It may be, however, that he has never been elected to the lowest office in his own lodge—never has been thought worthy of it. And, in fact, many men have been made members of the Grand Lodge whom their own lodges never thought worthy of election to any office. A man may be made a Mason to-night, and, after being made, may be asked if he would like to be a member of the Grand Lodge; and on his replying in the affirmative, he is made a Proxy Master or Warden at once, with the condition, however, that he is to vote in a certain way, and to hold up his right hand when he sees a certain right hand held up. Yet this man is called to judge in the most difficult and important questions, of Freemasonry, although he is a novice and utterly ignorant of all that concerns these questions or the interests of the Order. The worst of the matter is, that his fees are paid for him, so that votes in the Grand Lodge are really purchased by those who have an interest in so doing. It is impossible to imagine any abuse worse than this; and yet this has existed for a long time, and may not, perhaps, be very easily done away with. We have heard of cases in which a Freemason could not answer the most simple questions, so as to become admissible to any lodge, and yet he was a member of the Grand Lodge. We need not say more to show the badness of the present system, which we hope will soon be reformed.

We hope you will consider these things, and do all you can to support and assist us in the object we have in view, and especially by attending in person at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge in May, that you may vote in favour of our motion. We suppose you are aware that, if your lodge is at present represented by a Proxy Master and Wardens, you have the power of cancelling their appointment—giving one month's written notice to the present Proxy Master, and also to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge—and then you are entitled to take your own place in the Grand Lodge, to vindicate your own rights for the present time, and to secure for yourself and your successors the enjoyment of them for the future.

Yours fraternally,  
(Signed) I. T. DOUGLAS,  
R.W.M. No. 48.

#### MASONIC PRESENTATION.

The presentation of an address and testimonial to Bro. Francis Quin, Past Grand Organist of the Masonic Body in Ireland, took place on the 1st inst., in the Freemason's Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, in acknowledgment of his lengthened services as Grand Organist to the Masonic Order in that city. There was a numerous and highly respectable attendance of the subscribers. At five o'clock, on the motion of Bro. Warren, D.L., High Sheriff, seconded by Bro. Lucius H. Deering, Rep. from the G.L. of Louisiana, the chair was taken by The Hon. Judge Townshend, P.D.G.M.

There were also present—  
Lord Athlumney, S.G.W.; Master Burke, G. T.; John Dunn, Mus. Doc., G.O.; C. T. Walmsley, D.G.S.; George A. Stephens, G.S.W.; Dr. Cameron, S.G.D.; S. B. Oldham, A.G.S.; E. H. Kinahan, ex-High Sheriff, City of Dublin; Charles Capel MacNamara; Robert Warren, High Sheriff, County Dublin; G. Alexander, No. 4; Arthur Andrews, No. 4; R.O. Armstrong, G.M.L.; George C. Armstrong, G.M.L.; E. J. Armstrong, J.P., No. XII.; H. O. Barber, LL.D., No. 143; Archdeacon Butson, G.M.L.; R. W.

Boyle, No. 143; Captain Davoren, No. 728; Andrew Brown, D.L., P.G.M., South Connaught; J. R. Carroll, G.M.L.; John Cronyn, M.D., No. 141; M. Chamberlaine, No. 494; Samuel Dobbyn, No. IV.; Thomas A. Jones, P.R.H.A., G.M.L.; William Deaker, No. IV.; L. H. Deering, No. 143; William Fetherston-H., P.G.M., Meath; William Findlater, No. 50; Thomas Fry, J.P. No. 50; H. Hodges, IV.; John Hill, C.E., No. 60; H. C. Hoyte, J.P., G.M.L.; Emanuel Hutchins, J.P., No. 728; Keith Hallows, G.M.L.; E. M. Hodgson, No. 125; John Hemley, G.M.L.; James Ireland, No. IV.; James Jameson, G.M.L.; G. Johnston, M.D., No. 141; Maziere Johnston, No. 50; H. B. Johnston, No. 141; G. H. Kidd, M.D., G.M.L.; R. O. Longfield, G.M.L.; J. Vokes Mackey, J.P., No. 50; James D. Mitchell, No. 143; Henry McCormick, IV.; Benjamin Mullin, IV.; Edward Peele, No. 50; R. W. Smyth, No. 50; E. W. Maunsell, No. 33; William Miller, No. 25; George Moyers, No. 25; G. B. Owens, M.D., J.P., No. 143; P. Doulton, G.M.L.; W. R. Payne, No. 143; G. H. Porter, M.D. G.M.L.; John Ringland, M.D.; Francis M. Scott, No. 50; A. St. George, No. 143; William Thompson, No. 50; G. S. Warren, G.M.L.; H. Wilson, G.M.L.; W. T. Welland, G.M.L.; Thomas Wilson, No. 50; J. W. Zurhorst, VI.; and others.

Letters of apology were received from the following brethren:—

Bros. M. C. Close, D.L., P.G.M. Armagh; Right Hon. Major-General Dunne, P.G.M., Midland Counties; Hon. David Plunket, M.P., J.G.D.; Edmond J. Armstrong, J.P. XII.; Alderman Manning, Grand Director of Ceremonies; P. C. Smyly, M.D., Secretary G.M.L.; J. R. Nagle, M.D. No. 242; R. B. De Burgh, No. 25; George Hepburn, G.S.B.; G. H. Major, G.M.L.; F. J. Lindesay, D.L., G.M.L., and others.

The Chairman said that he had been asked to take the chair on the present occasion, and he had very great pleasure—as well as feeling it a very great honor—to do so. He did not know whether because he was an old Past Grand Officer that he was called upon to preside on an occasion when they met to do honour to another Past Grand Officer, but in any case he was glad to preside on the present occasion. They were not always able to do what they wished to do, but they were all aware of the services Bro. Quin had rendered them as Grand Organist—that he had been at a great many of their festivities, and they all knew how greatly his musical talent had contributed to their amusement. They did not know how irksome it was for a gentleman who ought to seek relaxation after his day's labour, to come out to afford them amusement by an occupation which was anything but relaxation to the man whose business it was. Nevertheless, they must bear in mind that Bro. Quin had most cheerfully, courteously, and kindly done what he could to contribute to the pleasure of the Masonic Brethren (hear, hear). But many of them must know that Bro. Quin had been a most zealous and efficient Mason. He was a Mason of high standing, and he was secretary of one of the best worked Prince Mason's Chapters. That was a position that involved much trouble and anxiety, and most of them could testify to the fact. They could all testify to the kindness and courtesy which always distinguished that gentleman, and they felt that he was not merely a brother, but a gentleman, equal to move in any sphere of society, and not merely an agreeable, but a brotherly companion (hear, hear). He believed that the reason of Bro. Quin's retirement, and of their presentation, was chiefly owing to his failing health, and none could speak on that subject more than he (Judge Townshend) could himself, more especially when health interfered with the profession by which they were enabled to make their livelihood (hear, hear). They had, therefore, determined to present him with an address, which they would all say was very handsome, and a suitable present.

The address was read as follows:—

"To Bro. FRANCIS QUIN, Past Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Ireland, Member of the College of Philo-

sophical Masons, and P.S. and Secretary Prince Masons' Chapter, No. 5.

"Dear Bro. Quin,—Some of your friends in the Masonic Order, anxious to present to you some token of their respect and esteem, deem that your happy recovery from recent illness presents a favourable occasion for requesting your acceptance of the testimonial which they offer you herewith. They are convinced that you will regard this expression of their friendship and goodwill far more than the present which accompanies it. They, therefore, desire to record in this short address their approval of your honourable character, and their high estimation of the services you have rendered to our Order. Not only have you been an active, accomplished, and exemplary member of several of our Masonic bodies, but you have most readily given to our society the aid of your professional talents, not merely as Grand Organist of the Order in Ireland, for a period of nine years, but by kindly giving your gratuitous aid in the examination of the pupils of our Female Orphan School, and also in arranging and conducting the musical portion of the programmes at the annual meetings of the institution. The eminent success of the Masonic Glee Union, which owes its origin chiefly to you, is the best proof of your ability as a musician, and your deserved popularity in the Masonic Order of Dublin.

Wishing you prolonged health, prosperity, and happiness, we are, with fraternal salutations and greetings, dear Bro. Quin, most sincerely yours,

"T. FITZHENRY TOWNSEND, Chairman.  
P. CRAMPTON SMYLY, } Hon. Secretaries.  
J. VOKES MACKEY, }  
SAMUEL B. OLDFHAM, Hon. Treasurer."

The Chairman then, amid loud applause, presented Bro. Quin with the illuminated address and a purse containing £150.

Bro. Quin replied as follows:—

"Right Worshipful Sir, and Brethren—For the many varied proofs of affection which, in my long connection with our beloved Order, I have received, none can be compared to that which on this occasion has assembled my brethren. When I became associated with the Craft in Dublin, it appeared to me that the refining gifts of my art might well be added to the sterling virtues of the Order; I, therefore, gladly placed at their service those gifts to the possession of which you have so kindly alluded. The handsome testimonial which you so generously offer me is, if possible, enhanced by the gracious moment you have selected for presenting it. In rendering thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for His mercies lately vouchsafed to me, I shall ever bear in mind this expression of your continued kindness. That my labours in Masonry and elsewhere have been perfumed by the incense of your approbation is an assurance which will cheer and encourage me in my future career. To you, personally, Right Worshipful Sir, I take this opportunity of acknowledging the invariable kindness which, during a period of fourteen years, I have constantly received from you, not only in the higher degrees of Masonry, but in my public life. To these you have now added a crowning proof of friendship in so kindly presiding on this, to me most flattering occasion. To you all, my brethren, I return my most grateful acknowledgments (loud applause).—I remain Right Worshipful Sir, and Brethren, yours, most faithfully

"FRANCIS QUIN, 30°.

"Past Grand Organist."

The second Masonic chair being taken by Lord Athlumney,

On the motion of Bro. Dr. Owens, J.P., seconded by Bro. George Moyers, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the prior chairman.

The Hon. Judge Townshend expressed his acknowledgments, and the proceedings terminated.

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

### OLD MINUTE BOOK.

In Halliwell's 2nd Edition of the Masonic Poems, in a foot-note it is stated "Mr. Black possesses a minute book of the Freemasons of Chester, of the beginning of the 10th century." Can any brother tell me who Mr. Black is, and where this minute book is to be seen, or found?

### A MASONIC STUDENT.

#### A QUESTION FOR OUR DUTCH BRETHREN.

In an interesting pamphlet by Wilhelm Kesser, on the "Universal History of Freemasonry,"\* some statements are made, apparently on the authority of the able Bro. George Kloss, which deserve careful consideration, and at any rate a distinct examination. It is there stated that there still exists in Holland, the original of what has been called the "Charter of Cologne," and certain memoranda, or minutes, of the Lodge "Het Vredendal, das Friedenthal" of the Hague, from 1637.

Among other documents are to be found, it is said:—

1. The original of the Constitutions of the "Amsterdam Vredendals," from 8th March, 1519, in English.

2. A list of all the members of this lodge from 1519 to 1601.

3. The original of the Cologne Charter, or parchment, in Latin; the text in the secret Mason writing, the signatures in the usual cursive characters, the most of the names being distinguished by signs, or marks.

Facsimiles of these papers, it is said, were distributed among the Dutch lodges by order of the then G.M. Prince Frederick. What I am anxious to know is, where can these facsimiles be seen? And where are the originals?

As regards the "Charter of Cologne" the general opinion of Masonic critics is certainly so far unfavourable, but, if the original exists the matter might be fairly re-considered.

We in England are so far interested in the matter, that, it is alleged "in the year 1519, the lodge of Friedentshal was established by Master John Allen from a London Lodge," and that this lodge lasted until 1601, when it was closed.

In 1637, the four still living brethren of it united with four other brethren at the Hague, in order again to open the lodge and did so, at the Hague, under the patronage of the then Stadtholder Frederick Henry, and called the lodge with his consent "Frederick's Vredendal."

It will be most interesting, therefore, if any Dutch Brother can verify the above statement; or if not, if he can say how much of it is in any way founded in fact; or whether we must treat the history and the somewhat romantic account of the discovery of Botzelaar's and Walckenaar's papers, as another Masonic myth. —A MASONIC STUDENT.

\* Giassen, 1860.

## Original Correspondence.

### THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is the special desire of Mark Master Masons to work harmoniously with their brethren of the Craft, and to avoid giving them offence in anywise.

It is, therefore, unfortunate that your reporter, in giving an account of the recent meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire, should have omitted the word "Mark," and thereby have given occasion for the protest of "a P.P.G.O., for West Yorkshire," which appears in your paper of last Saturday.

In the Mark Degree, the word "Mark" is used before the title of every Officer and the name of every lodge, so as to make a proper distinction between the Mark Degree and the Craft.

I have already shown you how the word is used in the name of a lodge, the Master of that lodge is the Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason for West Yorkshire, the Wardens are Prov. G. Mark Wardens, the Treasurer is the Prov. G. Mark Treasurer, and others. This is clearly set forth in the Book of Mark Constitutions (I have the 1872 edition before me now), and should be strictly followed.

No possible advantage to Mark Masonry could accrue by the usurpation of titles appertaining to an older body than Grand Mark Lodge, and let me assure "a P.P.G.O. for West Yorkshire" that there is not even the smallest intention or wish to do so.

Mark Master Masons are a powerful organisation, are daily increasing in numbers and importance, and have no need (even if they had the desire) to seek adventitious aid by any questionable or dishonourable proceedings.

I am Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours Fraternally,

JAMES W. SMITH.

G.M. Steward, Prov. G.M. Sec. (Kent).

#### ROYAL ARCH CEREMONIES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you grant me a small space in the *Freemason* to enable me to reply to the questions put by "Cheshire."

1st. The first Principal "Z" should never be addressed by himself. All communications should be made to the three Principals as if the three were one person. Their title is "Excellent Principals." They are not entitled to the prefix "Most" either collectively or individually.

The summons should be issued by command of the "Excellent Principals," not by that of the "M.E.Z.;" there is, in fact, no such person as M.E.Z. in a private Royal Arch Chapter.

With regard to Cheshire's 2nd question, I will not, at present, offer any remarks, as it is a subject on which I want more light myself.

Yours fraternally,

G. SHANKS, 18° K.M.,  
Past J. of Prov. G. Chap., Devon.

#### PROV. G. LODGE OF CORNWALL.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have not the pleasure of knowing Bro. Hughan personally, though I have frequently derived much pleasure and information from a perusal of his Masonic writings; but, notwithstanding my high opinion of his Masonic lore, what he has written at page 244 (ante) has not had the effect of changing my opinion, but rather strengthening it. Acting on his advice I have re-perused the report of this Prov. Grand Lodge, at page 202 (ante), and I still find that it is there called a meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge; at which (*inter alia*) the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe the Prov. G.M. designate, and Bro. Reginald Rogers, Prov. D.G.M., were present, the latter presiding by reason of the inability of the Prov. G.M. to do so, until his Installation, besides which all the other Prov. G. Officers are described by their official titles as present officers.

The report in your paper seems to have mixed up the private meeting and the so-called Prov. Grand Lodge meeting which was held subsequently, and although the distinction is now pointed out by Bro. Hughan, it does not alter my opinion one jot; for no Prov. Grand Lodge can be held until the Prov. G.M. has been installed. It therefore follows that the election of Treasurer and the investment of the other officers are invalid. I fancy a mistake has been committed, and I think Bro. Hughan is also of that opinion, for in the last ten lines of his letter he says, "I am not myself clear on the point, but I rather incline to believe that the Province, Masonically speaking, does not exist until the installation of the Prov. G.M. is an accomplished fact." That is it: Bro. Hughan has hit the right nail on the head at last, for that is the sum total of my contention.

The Prov. G.M. has no legal status until he has been installed, and Bro. Rogers has no official existence as D.G.M. until he has been invested by the Prov. G.M. in a legally constituted Prov. G. L.

A familiar instance of this exists in the Mark G. L. Earl Percy is elected G.M.; but as he has never been installed, he cannot act. Again: a Brother can be elected or appointed to an office—say, for instance, the W.M. of a Lodge—but he cannot exercise the functions of that office until he has been installed. A justice of the peace may be appointed, or a town councillor elected, but they cannot act until they have qualified, or, in other words, been installed. Again: a clergyman may be appointed to a living, but he cannot legally perform all the functions of his office until he has been inducted, or read in. I could multiply instances of the kind but I think it unnecessary. With respect to Bro. Rogers, the same reasoning applies; for, as the old Prov. G. L. ceased to exist on the death of the late Prov. G.M. (see Book of Constitutions, page 55), no Prov. D.G.M. can exist until the new Prov. G.M. makes a fresh appointment, and that appointment is of no force until he has been invested; for it needs installation to complete the title of the Prov. G.M. to his office, and it needs investment to do the like for all his subordinate officers. The registering in London amounts to nothing.

I am decidedly of opinion that the laws passed at the so-called meeting are invalid, by reason of their having been passed at an unformed lodge; and I would strongly recommend the Prov. G. Sec. to have them again passed at the first legally constituted lodge that may be held; for no fund of benevolence can be legally constituted, or laws passed, unless in the manner pointed out by the Book of Constitutions (page 53, Article 4), which must be done at a Prov. G. L. regularly convened for that purpose; and it naturally follows, that if the Prov. G. L. at which they are passed is informal, they are not worth the paper on which they are written.

In answer to Bro. Hughan's last question, it will be seen from the foregoing remarks that I am of opinion that no Prov. G. L. acquires a legal existence until the Prov. G.M. has been installed.

My Cornish Brethren, especially Bro. Hughan, will, I hope, not feel offended with me, as I am only anxious that all things should be done decently and in order, and that if a mistake has been committed, it should at once be set right, rather than have an objection raised at some future time, impeaching the validity of these bye-laws.

Yours fraternally,

H.

#### FAITH LODGE, No. 141.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The attention of members of the above Lodge has been directed to a statement in your Journal, to the effect, that a widow of a member of the Faith Lodge, 141, was voted the sum of £200.

The lodge not having had an application to the Board of Benevolence for any member or widow, and the announcement having taken the lodge by surprise, I am desired to request you to rectify the error, it not being desirous of accepting honour where it is not due. The whole credit belongs to the lodge making the application, and should be given there, and not to the Faith Lodge, No. 141.

Apologising for trespassing on your valuable

Believe me to be yours faithfully.

J. A. FILL, P.M., Sec.

#### THE INHABITANTS' LODGE, GIBRALTAR.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am directed by the W.M. and the Officers of the Inhabitants' Lodge (No. 153), on behalf of their Lodge, to state that the Brethren have read with feelings of surprise the report of the consecration of the new Lodge-room in Gibraltar, as contained in your issue of the 22nd ult.

Whilst paying a just and merited tribute to Bro. Morgan for his zeal in Masonry, the members of the Inhabitants' Lodge cannot but say that they fail to understand the reasons why

their Lodge has been made to occupy so secondary a position.

In the negotiations relative to the securing of the rooms, and other matters connected therewith, the services of the W.M. on behalf of the Lodge were equally unremitting as those of the Brethren who are made to occupy so prominent a part in the report. The Inhabitants' Lodge takes an equally important position as the St. John's Lodge as regards Masonry generally; and the Brethren are assured that no one more than the Brethren of St. John's regret that the claims of the Inhabitants' Lodge have been omitted.

There are other details that have occupied the attention of the Brethren relative to the report in question, but upon which it is perhaps not necessary to animadvert in your journal. They therefore desire, with your permission, to respectfully protest against the very partial report, and, what they cannot but consider as a want of judgment, and an exhibition of bad taste on the part of your correspondent.

I am, Sir, Yours fraternally,

F. J. WILLIAMSON.

Sec. Lodge 153.

#### UNAUTHORISED OFFICES

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the question asked by B.E.T.A. as to whether "Senior Grand Warden" or "Grand Senior Warden" is correct (see *Freemason* for March 15, 1873), the Book of Constitutions, under the head of Public Ceremonies, gives the title as "Senior Grand Warden," and we, of course, ought to accept this as correct.

N. J. M.

#### Obituary.

##### THE LATE BRO. F. W. ELLIS, OF LODGE No. 823.

Death has again struck down suddenly a brother in the Masonic circle in Liverpool, causing a blank which will be realised for some time. Bro. F. W. Ellis, of Rice House, Walton, who has been for about five years a highly respected, esteemed, and valuable member of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, died suddenly at Buxton, on the 5th inst., and in accordance with his express desire, the funeral, which took place at Walton, on Tuesday last, the 8th inst., was attended by a large number of his Masonic brethren of the "Everton" and accompanied by Masonic ceremonial. A lodge of emergency was held in the morning at the Masonic Temple Hope-street, and was opened by Bro. J. Holland, W.M. who was supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. W. Crane, P.M.; T. Shaw, S.D.; J. Davies, J. Brooksbank, C. Tyler, S. R. Wild, J. B. Jefferey, J. M. Browne, Cave, G. Graham, T. Bloomfield, J. Holden, W. Atherton, P. W. Oglesby, J. Houlding, E. Morgan, C. C. Medcalf, T. H. Careful, and others. After the lodge had been formally opened and the dispensation had been read, the brethren proceeded to Walton to pay the last tribute of respect to their departed brother. Here they were joined by a large number of other brethren, and the procession as it moved from the deceased's late residence to the place of sepulture attracted a large crowd of spectators. The Brethren appeared in full Craft Masonic clothing, and as they gathered round the open grave the sight was exceedingly impressive. After the W.M. (Bro. Holland) had directed the attention of the Brethren to the uncertainty of life, and its solemn lessons, he pronounced the usual Masonic invocations, to which the Brethren responded in fitting terms, and with Masonic honours. During the ceremony the Secretary advanced to the open grave, and threw in a scroll (with the usual forms), bearing the following inscription:—"Bro. F. W. Ellis, Member of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons, initiated and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the year of our Lord, 1868; died at Buxton, on the 5th day of April, 1873, and was interred at Walton Church, on the 8th day of April, 1873. Joseph

Holland, W.M." The W.M. then repeated in an audible voice, "Glory be to God on high! on earth peace, goodwill towards men!" To which the Brethren responded, "So mote it be now, from henceforth, and for evermore." The Master then concluded in the following terms:—

"From time immemorial it has been a custom among the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, at the request of a Brother on his death-bed, to accompany his corpse to the place of interment; and there to deposit his remains with the usual formalities.

"In conformity with this usage, and at the special request of our deceased Brother, whose memory we revere, and whose loss we deplore, we are here assembled in the character of Masons, to resign his body to the earth whence it came, and to offer up to his memory, before the world, the last tribute of our fraternal affection; thereby demonstrating the sincerity of our past esteem, and our inviolable attachment to the principles of the Order.

"With all proper respect to the established customs of the country in which we live, with due reference to our superiors in Church and State, and with unlimited good-will to all mankind we here appear clothed as Masons, and publicly express our submission to order and good government, and our wish to promote the general interests of mankind. Invested with the badge of innocence, we humbly bow to the universal Parent, implore His blessing on all our zealous endeavours to extend peace and good-will and earnestly pray for His grace to enable us to persevere in the principles of piety and virtue.

"The Great Creator having been pleased, out of His mercy to remove our worthy Brother from the cares and troubles of this transitory life, to a state of eternal duration, and thereby to weaken the chains by which we are united man to man; may we, who survive him, anticipating our approaching fate, be more strongly cemented in the ties of union and friendship; and during the short space which is allotted to our present existence, wisely and usefully employ our time in the reciprocal intercourse of kindly and friendly acts, and mutually promote the welfare and happiness of each other.

"Unto the grave we have resigned the body of our deceased friend, there to remain until the general resurrection; in favourable expectation that his immortal soul will then partake of the joys which have been prepared for the righteous from the beginning of the world: and may Almighty God, of His infinite goodness, at the grand tribunal of unbiassed justice, extend His mercy towards him and all of us, and crown our hope with everlasting bliss, in the expanded realms of a boundless eternity? This we beg for the honour of His Name, to whom be glory, now and for ever. Amen."

During the ceremony sprigs of acacia were thrown into the open grave by the W.M. and several of the Brethren. After the funeral a cold collation was provided for the Brethren who were present.

The funeral arrangements were conducted by Bro. Holland, of Pembroke-Place, Liverpool.

### Masonic Tidings.

BRITISH, FOREIGN AND COLONIAL.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the next meeting of the Lodge of Instruction, held under warrant from the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, at the Masons' Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland, on Wednesday, April 23rd, commencing at 6 p.m., by the following Brethren, viz: James H. Coates, W.M. 949 (in the chair); R. Humphrey, W.M., 97, P.G. St.; J. J. Clay, P.M. 97; R. Hudson, P.M., 949, P.G.D. of C.; W. Liddell, P.M. 949, P.G.J.D.; and Geo. Young, 80, P.G. St.

We regret to hear that, in consequence of increasing years, the Rev. J. Huyshe has been compelled to resign his office as Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire. He will, however, be worthily succeeded by Capt. Tanner Davy, of Rose Ash, Southmolton. We may add that Capt. Tanner Davy introduced the Mark Degree into this Province by establishing the

Senior Lodge, Fortescue No. 9, Southmolton; and to this fact is due the recommendation of the Rev. J. Huyshe that he should be succeeded by the gentleman now nominated. The new Provincial Grand Mark Master will be formally installed at Plymouth about the end of the present month. Colonel Elliott has kindly consented to act as Deputy G.M.M.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—At the regular meeting of the Victoria Lodge (No. 1) on the last lodge night, the following Officers were elected:—Bro. F. W. Williams, W.M.; Bro. John Weiler, S.W.; Bro. R. Foster, J.W.; Bro. H. Jones, Treas. (re-elected); Bro. I. G. Vintner, Tyler (re-elected).—*Daily British Colonist*.

GOOD MASON.—The good Mason is an example to his neighbours, and his name and character are proverbial. Those who are younger venerate him; his companions love him. In his family he is high without severity, and condescending without meanness; his commands are gentle; indeed, his wishes are his commands; for all are equally ready to answer his desires. To his wife he is the tender husband, not the usurping lord; to his children he is the kind providential father, not the domineering tyrant; to his servants he is equally the friend as the superior. Thus ruling, he is obeyed with cheerfulness; and thus his home is, whether a cottage or a palace, while he is present, the habitation of peace. When he leaves, it is with reluctance and when absent his return is expected with pleasing avidity.—*Inwood*.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April, 25, 1873.

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

Saturday, April 19.

Audit Committee Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 715, Panmure, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.  
Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.  
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, April 21.

Lodge 1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.  
" 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.  
" 185, Tranquility, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.  
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
" 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.  
Plantagenet Red Cross Conclave, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.

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.

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James'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.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Tottenham.

Tuesday, April 22.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.  
" 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.  
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.

" 1348, Ebury, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank.  
Chapter 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 29, St. Albans, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

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 (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, April 23.

Lodge of Benevolence at 6.

" 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-st.

" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.

" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham.

" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tavern, High-st. Deptford.

Chapter 13, Union of Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

" 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John Hotel, St. John's Wood.

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;

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, April 24.

General Committee Girls' Schools, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

Lodge 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.

" 99, Shakspeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham.

" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.

The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

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.

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.

Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday April 25.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.

" 861, Finsbury, Jolly Anglers, Bath-street, City-rd.

569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road.

Chap. 134 Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

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 Muggeidge, 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 Courts 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.  
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern,  
Lorn-road, 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.  
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.  
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel,  
Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c. For the Week ending Saturday, April 26, 1873.

Monday, April 21.  
Jerusalem Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.  
Independence Lodge (721), Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.  
Everton Lodge of Instruction, (No. 823) Masonic Temple  
Liverpool at 7.30.  
Tuesday, April 22.  
Everton Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
Hamer Lodge (No. 1393), 2a; Windermere-street  
Breck-road, Everton, Liverpool, at 6.  
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple,  
Liverpool, at 6.  
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street,  
Liverpool, at 7.  
Wednesday, April 23.  
St. George's Lodge (No. 32), Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.  
Lodge of Harmony (No. 220), Garston Hotel, Garston,  
near Liverpool, at 4.30.  
Derby Lodge (No. 724), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple  
Liverpool, at 7.  
De Grey and Ripon Lodge (1356), 140, North Hill-street,  
Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.  
Thursday, April 24.  
Chapter of Sacred Delta, Masonic Temple, Liverpool at 6.  
Downshire Lodge (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool,  
at 6.  
Stanley Lodge (No. 1325), Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liver-  
pool, at 6.  
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (No. 1182), 150,  
Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.  
Friday, April 25.  
Sefton Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.

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Lodge 332, Union, Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-st.  
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Tuesday, April 22.  
Lodge, 213, Athole, Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.  
Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.  
Wednesday, April 23.  
Lodge 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.  
Thursday, April 24.  
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cation, 213, Buchanan-street.  
Chap. 117, Govan, Portland Hall, Govan.  
Friday, April 25.  
Lodge 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.  
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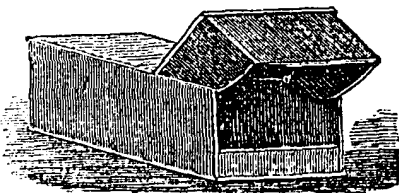
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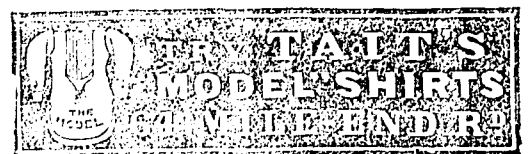
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