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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

IPSWICH.—British Union Lodge (No. 114). -The first meeting of the above very prosperous and exclusive lodge, after the usual summer recess, was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. C. Long, I.P.M., in the chair (in the absence of Dr. Beaumont, R.N., Staff Surgeon, H.M.S. Northumberland), the Rev. E. J. Lockwood, D.P.G.M.; Dr. Barton, L.L.D., P. Prov. G. M. Western, India, S. C.; Bohy. P. Prov. G.M. Western India, S.C.; Boby, P.G.S.W., Acting Secretary, C. Schulen, P. Prov. G.D.C.; P. Cornell, P. Prov. G.J.D.; Emra Holmes, P. Prov. G.A.D.C., P.G. Reg., M.C.; P. De L. Long, P.M.; A. J. Barber, P.G.O.; S. Wright, S.W.; A. D. George, J.W.; J. Burton, S.D.; Rev. A. W. G. Moore, J.D.; H. Miller, I.G.; and others. Visiting brethen, V. Childe, of the Isaac Newton Lodge, A. Gamman, W.M. Perfect Friendship Lodge, S. B. King, P. Prov. G.D. The lodge having been opened, Mr. Alfred George Allen, of Shotley, Suffolk, who had been previously ballotted for and accepted, was initiated into Freemasonry, the impressive ceremony being performed by Bro. Barber, P.M.; Bro. Long, the Acting W.M., giving the working tools and Bro. Schulen delivering the charge, with much impressiveness. Bro. Holmes proposed a candidate for initiation, Bros. George and Cornell, proposed joining members to be ballotted for at next regular lodge. The other routine business having been gone through, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a substantial banquet, served in Bro. Spalding's usual excellent style, when the usual toast list was gone through. "The Health of the venerable D.P.G.M.," was very cordially proposed by the W.M., and as modestly responded to by the Rev. Bro., who took occasion to remark on the progress Masonry was making in the Province, and alluded to the fact that the petition for a new lodge at Lowestoft had been granted by their esteemed Prov. Grand Master. Lord Waveny, had consented to preside at the next festival for the Aged Freemasons. He also stated that a new company had been formed for the purchase of the Masonic Hall, that the P.G.M. had taken 50 shares, which he intended to present to the P.G. Lodge; another brother, a P.G. Chaplain of England, had taken 100 shares, and he hoped the lodges in Ipswich would follow the example, and become shareholders. Bro. Barton, felicitously proposed the past and present Prov. G. Officers, and Bro. Boby responded. The health of the "Visiting Brethren" was responded to, at some length, by Bro. Childe, and briefly by Bro. Gamman. The "Tylers' Toast" followed, after Bro. King

by his officers, opened the lodge at the appointed time. Three candidates being present for passing, and two for raising, the W.M. proceeded to perform the ceremonies, which he did in a very able manner, proving to the brethren that he had studied in the right school, and was well able to do the work of his office. Bro. Smith then took the chair, and Bro. Ammon Beasley was presented to him to receive the benefit of installation. This ceremony was most admirably performed, the addresses being delivered by Bro. Littlewood, P.M. No sooner was the installation completed than the new W.M. proceeded to initiate Mr. L. H.Cuzner. This he did in a simply perfect manner, which shewed that he had worked hard to qualify himself for his high station, and from the manner in which he performed his duty, there is every prospect of a very prosperous year for the lodge. Bro. Thomas Brown, I.P.M., announced his intention of serving the office of Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and the sum of £10 was voted towards his list. All business being ended the brethren adjourned to banquet, served by Bro. Banks in his best style. The cloth being cleared, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the proceedings being enlivened by the admirable singing of Bros. Ransford, Wrighton, Montem Smith, Baxter, and Theodore Distin. Among the visitors we observed:-Bros. H. Lloyd Thomas, P. Prov. G.S.W. Herts; H. Craven, W.M. 342; J. Weightman, W.M. 364; J. T. Spencer, W.M. 25; and others. The following are the newly-appointed officers:—Bros. W. Hilton, S.W.; W. Gardner, J.W.; W. Travers, S.D.; J. Ryder, J.D.; Lionel Brough, I.G.; J. Chambers Roe, D. of C.; J. Gilbert, Tyler.

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IPSW.-St. Luke's Chapter (No. 225) .-On Wednesday, the 25th ult., the St. Luke's Chapter was holden at the Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich, present Comps. Richmond, M.E.Z.; C. Turner, H.; Emra Holmes, J.; S. B. King, P.Z., Scribe E., Acting Prin. Soj.; G. S. Findley, P.Z.; J. Tracy, P.Z., and others. The chapter having been opened by the Three Principals in ancient form, and the companions admitted, the minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for Bro. Henry Ward, of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, who ording elected and in attendance was introduced, obligated, and exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, the ceremony being performed by the M.E.Z., who also gave the symbolical and mystical lectures, Comp. Emra Holmes, as J., delivering the Historical Lecture. The business of the chapter having been concluded, the companions retired to partake of slight refreshment, when the usual toasts were given and responded to, and the health of the "New Companion" drunk with the customary cordiality. The brethren separated at an early hour in obedience no doubt to the commands of the ghost of Lord Aberdare.

Unights Templar.

Irswich.—Prudence Preceptory.—An emergency meeting of the Prudence Preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., to receive propositions, as in this Order, unlike every other degree connected with Masonry every candidate must be proposed in open chapter. The Preceptory having been opened by Sir Knight Emra Holmes, Past Grand Provost, Acting Preceptor, in the absence of Sir Knight Dr. Beaumont, R.N. (at present on duty with H.M.S. Northumberland), and the muster roll having been called by Sir Hood "A Nocturnal Sketch," and the brethren separated after spending, as usual, a most agreeable evening.

ROYAL ALFRED Lodge (No. 780).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge took place at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 26th ult, Bro. Brown, W.M., assisted

Knight Dr. Mills, P.E.C., proposed, and Sir Knight J. Pitcher, P.E.C., seconded a candidate for installation at the next regular meeting, whose name for obvious reasons we do not give. The Preceptor requested the Registrar to send the proposition forthwith to the V.E. Provincial Prior for his approval, in accordance with the statutes. There being no further business, the Knight G. S. Findley, P.E.C., Registrar; Sir Knight Dr. Mills, P.E.C., proposed, and Sir

Preceptory was closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the refectory, where supper was served and an agreeable hour spent.

Ancient and Accepted Bite.

EDINBURGH.—Edinburgh Consistory (No. 1). EDINBURGH.—Edinburgh Consistory (No. 1).
—At a meeting held on Monday, the 6th inst, present—Ill. Comps. Alexander Hay, 31°, Dep. Gr. Commander; Dr. Cairns, 30°, Gr. Orator; Wm. Mann, 33°, Sen. Gr. Warden,; Alex. Mitchell, 31°, Jun. Gr. Warden; L. Mackersy, 33°, Gr. Sec.; Wm. Hay 31°, Gr. M. C. John Laurie, 30°, Gr. Chancellor; Edward Savage, 31°; S. Georgiades, 30°; C. F. Matier, 30°; B. C. Waller, 30°; W. J. V. Bindon, 30°; Wm. Gilles 18° (E.C.); and W. M. Bryce, 30°; Outer Guard. The Sovereign Chapter of Prince Rose Croix was opened by Ill. Comp. Alex. Hay, Dep. M.W.S., opened by Ill. Comp. Alex. Hay, Dep. M.W.S., when John Maitland, Esq., Willow Bank House, Aberdeen, was admitted to the 18th degree. Thereafter the Consistory was opened by Ill. Comp. Alex. Hay, Dep. Gr. Com., and Ill. Comp. Mailand, was admitted to the K.H., or 30th degree, After the minutes had been read, and some formal business transacted, the Consistory was closed.

Scotland.

Edinburgh.—Celtic Lodge of Edinburgh and Leith (No. 201).—The first monthly meeting of this lodge for the season was held in the Lodge Room, Ship Hotel, Edinburgh, on Friday, the 3rd inst. Bro. Wormald, R.W.M., occupied the chair. Bro. Brown R.W.M. Lodge St. Stephen, No. 145; Bro. Ford, R.W.M. Lodge Rifle, No. 405; and Bro. Moodie, P.M. of the Great City Lodge, London, were present. The minutes having been read by the Secretary, and approved of, the R.W.M. intimated that since the last monthly meeting Bro. Alexander Stuart, the first member initiated in the lodge, and a P.M., had died at the advanced age of 81. The Secretary was instructed, on the motion of the R.W.M., to record this in the minutes, and also an expression of the regret with which the members of the lodge learned of the death of one who had, in his younger days, and also in the younger days of the lodge, taken such a great interest in its welfare. Two circulars were read from the R.W.M. of the Lodge Roman Eagle, requesting the patronage of the Lodge Celtic at the benefit of Bro. McNeill, of the Royal Princess Theatre, on the 31st inst. It was unanimously agreed to grant the request, and a large number of the brethren signified their intention of being present on the occasion. Bro. Sheppard, a past Senior Warden of the lodge, then stated that a short time ago he had purchased the harmonium, which had for some time been used in the service of the Parish Church of Cramond, and he had now great pleasure in presenting the same to the lodge. His only motive, he said, in doing so, was to assist in the working of the lodge, the advancement of Freemasonry, and as an example to others to do likewise. Bro. Wormald, R.W.M., accepted the same on behalf of the lodge, and thanked Bro. Sheppard for his handsome gift. He rejoiced that the harmonium which had, since its existence, so to speak, known nothing but discord and dissension, would now rest in harmony and peace. It was agreed that a silver plate, bearing a suitable inscription, should be procured and affixed to the harmonium, and it was remitted to the officebearers to make the necessary arrangements to have a festival concert to suitably inaugurate the instrument, and as a small mark of regard to Bro. Sheppard for his handsome gift. The lodge afterwards adjourned to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

NEW COLLEGE FOR THE NORTHERN COUNTIES.

GREAT MASONIC AND RELIGIOUS CERE-MONIALS.

The picturesque town of Knutsford, Cheshire, about ten miles from Manchester, was en fête on Wednesday, the 24th ult., when the foundation-stones of St. Paul's College and Chapel were laid with imposing ceremonial, the former by the Right Hon. the Lord De Tabley, R.W. Prov. G.M. of Cheshire, and the latter by the Lord Bishop of Chester (Dr. Jacobson).

The northern counties of England, with their six millions of inhabitants, have long felt the want of a great public school, and the new college at Knutsford is designed to supply for the residents in the north the higher educational advantages which have been latterly supplied to the south by the colleges at Marlborough, Cheltenham, &c., and will occupy a position analagous to that of the great national schools of Rugby, Harrow, Eton, and Winchester. The new college will cost about £80,000, of which about £40,000, has already been subscribed, and will afford accommodation for 500 scholars. The college and grounds will occupy about 60 acres of fine meadow land, in the finely wooded district enclosed by the parks of Tatton, De Tabley, Toft, Norbury, Booths, &c.; and within easy distance of large places like Manchester, Liverpool, Chester, &c., and the great railway centres like Crewe, Warrington, &c.

The building is arranged on a quadrangular plan, after the model of many of the colleges at Oxford, the main facade (inclusive of the chapel) having a total length of 600 feet, with two flanks or wings, projecting 75 feet; that on the south side containing the Senior Warden's residence, with spacious reception rooms and a reference library; that on the north the apartments of the Junior Warden and Resident Masters. In the centre of the principal front is a tower, of simple and dignified proportions, 24 feet square at the base, and rising to a height of upwards of 200 feet, which serves as a carriage entrance, and at the same time gives access to the quadrangle. A cloister, with traceried windows, divided by buttresses, runs around the internal walls of the quadrangle, and affords a convenient and easy access to the various classrooms, which, with the schoolrooms, are ranged round it, and also forms an ambulatory, available in inclement weather, of upwards of 1300 feet. The style adopted by the architects—Bros. Pennington and Brigden, of Manchester—is that known as late middle pointed Gothic.

The extent of the grounds, 40 acres, affords abundant space for cricket, football, and other outdoor exercises; while the elevation of the site and the dryness of the soil ensure the most favourable sanitary conditions.

The chapel—from the designs of Bros. Goldie and Child, of London—will rival in importance and beauty any structure of the kind built in modern times. Having to provide for so large a number of residents, besides a certain number of visitors, it will necessarily be of considerable dimensions, attaining a length of 176 feet, by a width across the transepts of 95 feet. The general form of the building is that of a Latin cross, of which the head forms the sacrarium, terminating in a polygonal apse, whilst the choir or chapel proper forms the stem, with a western ante-chapel; and the transepts or arms accommodate the visitors and servants. The style of structure is that generally known as a geometrical Gothic, and the internal arrangements are of such a nature as to allow externally of a grouping of the most striking description; for the gable of the chancel will not only rise considerably over the ridge of the choir, but will be crowned by a lofty belfry of stone and brick, flanked at the junction of the chancel and transepts by two turrets, thus presenting a group of the most picturesque architectural features, rising into a pyramidal composition to the height of 120 feet.

The quaint old town was gaily studded with flags, and the principal streets were sanded over with unique devices, in which Masonic symbols were especially prominent. The church bells of Life" having been sung; the Bishop proceeded to lay the foundation stone, with the usual ceremony, saying, "In the faith of Jesus Christ De Tabley, W.M. Hatch, M.A., Warden;

rang out a merry peal, and abundant floral devices, including a triumphal arch, marked the way to the scene of the day's ceremonies. The weather being splendid and the proceedings interesting, there were crowds of visitors from Liverpool, Manchester, &c., special and admirable railway arrangements having been made by the Cheshire lines, under the personal and active superintendence of Mr. English, the manager.

An especial Provincial Grand Lodge Cheshire was held by Bro. Lord De Tabley, R.W. Prov. G.M., at the rooms of the De Tabley Lodge, No. 941, at the Royal George Hotel, Knutsford, where there were present:—Bros. C. Dutton, Prov. S.G.W.; G. W. Latham, Past G.D.; Capt. R. Cope, Prov. G.S.B.; Rev. W. Spencer Stanhope, Prov. G.C.; Rev. H. Hodgson, Prov. C.C.; Rev. J. Lomax, Prov. G.C.; E. H. Griffiths, Prov. G. Sec.; J. P. Platt, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. J. W. Newell Turner, P. Prov. G.C.; J. Twiss, P. Prov. G.O.; J. Brown. Prov. G.S.B.; W. Fair, P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. S. Mort, Prov. G.A.D.C.; T. H. Kirk, Prov. G.O.; J. Davenport, junr., Prov. G.S.; J. A. Birch, P. Prov. S.G.D.; T. Bowers, P. Prov. G.A. D. of C.; J. Hampson, P. Prov. J.G.D. The following prominent officers of different lodges were also present:—Bros. W. Nicholls, W.M. 941; F. D. Firth, W.M. 267; T. Pattinson, P.M. 267; R. H. Moore, W.M. 537; G. H. Wilson, S.W. 537; R. N. Banks, W.M. 428; H. Kenyon, S.W. 1045; J. Salmon, P.M. 425; J. E. Williams, P.M. 425; Siddeley, P.M., Treas. and Sec. 941; R. W. Worrall, P.M. 721; E. Harbord, P.M. 477; T. Dixon, Sec. 477; J. Reynolds, S.W. 941; W. Dean, P.M. 887; R. Taylor, P.M. Sec. 287; J. Keogh, I.G. 267; D. Fraser, I.G. 477; W. B. Cutter, P.M. 941; W. Tootell, P.M. 428; J. Wood, Treas. 1094; and others.

After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been duly opened, Bro. Lord De Tabley shortly addressed the brethren, and referred to the work of that day as of the most important character, and said he was happy to know it had been commenced under favourable auspices. He thought it was not an unworthy occasion for the Freemasons of Cheshire to take part in a work which would be fraught with so much benefit, not only to the district, but to the whole of the north of England. The assembled brethren were then marshalled in order, according to the numbers of the lodges represented, and the position of the Provincial Grand Officers, and the procession marched to the site of the foundation-stone of the chapel, where they took up their position pro tem. Although strictly speaking the Freemasons had no part in ceremony of laying the chapel stone, which was purely religious, they were kind enough to attend, and did useful service as an inner guard in preventing the pressing throng outside from invading the sacred circle round the foundation stone, devoted to the accommodation of the clergy and choristers. A novel feature in the Masonic procession was the carriage of the volume of the Sacred Law by four boys, not yet initiated into the mysteries of the Masonic Craft, but all sons of Master Masons.

The choristers, all surpliced, numbering upwards of 300, assembled at the Town Hall, along with about 200 clergy. The choirs represented were St. Margaret's, Holy Trinity (Toxteth-park), and St. Philip's Liverpool; Holy Trinity, Birkenhead; and St. Alban's, Manchester, Amongst the invited clergymen, many of whom were present, were the follow-Amongst the invited clergymen, ing:-Revs. Dr. Black, D. Waller, J. Ray. H. Crompton, A. M. Deane, G. Egerton, Canon Anson, Archdeacon Johnson, Dr. Marshall, W. Marsden, C. Dean, W. M. Truss, E. Cargill, J. T. Baylee, W. Lowe, O. Penrhyn, T. J. Henderson, W. A. Tattersall, G. H. Aldridge, J. Coombes, G. Gibbons, &c., A procession was formed of the clergy and choristers, and while proceeding to the site the latter sang several suitable psalms. On arriving at the place where the chapel stone was to be laid, preceded by the Lord Bishop of Chester, the choir and people the Lord Bishop of Chester, the choir and people chanted the 138th Psalm, after which his lord-ship offered a short prayer. The hymn "O God St. Paul, Knutsford, Cheshire. This foundation

we lay this foundation stone of a chapel to be called by the name of His blessed apostle St. Paul, and to be for ever dedicated to the service of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. Amen.

After several prayers and the benediction, the Freemasons, clergy, and choir then marched to the place where the foundation stone of the new college was to be laid by Bro. Lord De Tabley, P.G.M. of Cheshire. Here there was an immense gathering of people, who evidently took a deep interest in the ceremony, After the ode "Hail,

universal Lord" had been sung, Bro. Lord De. Tabley said he might be permitted, according to the ancient custom of their Order, to say a few words before proceeding with that part of the programme which he was honoured by having committed to his care. They had all attended as interested and wellwishing spectators during the laying of the foundation stone of the chapel of that collegiate institution by their beloved and venerated diocesan. (Hear, hear.) Every one must have felt the propriety of the first stone of the chapel being laid by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, and all who wished the welfare of that institution must also have felt a deep debt of gratitude to his lordship for the impressive way in which he had performed that ceremony. (Hear, hear.) But they now came to the broader and more comprehensive portion of the scheme-he meant the laying of the foundation stone of the college, and he had though it not unfitting for the Freemasons of that province to say "Yes" to the flattering proposal that they should lay the stone in Masonic form. The order of Freemasonry, as they were aware, was a very ancient one. Its origin was lost in antiquity. It was a system of the purest morality, based on allegory, and illustrated by symbols. It embraced within its widespread arms every phase of religious belief; it was the universal brotherhood of mankind. But while this was so, by the appointment of Provincial Grand Chaplains and by the attendance of Provincial Grand Lodges at church, when they held their meetings in cities and towns, they proved their special attachment and respect for that branch of the universal church which was established in England. (Hear, hear, and applause.) The duty of Freemasons, from time immemorial, had been the foundation and construction of magnificent edifices, whether for the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe, or for the benefit of mankind, as, for example, when the first stone of St. Paul's Cathedral was laid by their late Grand Master, Sir Chistopher Wren, down to comparatively late years, when the fountation stone of the asylum at Lancaster was laid by their late Past Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland. (Applause.) He thought that enough had been said to justify the part he (Lord de Tabley), as P.G.M. of that province, had ventured to take in the proceedings on that occasion. (Hear, hear,) He was glad to find himself supported by so many Provincial Grand Officers and brethren of different lodges-glad to see so numerous and respectable an assembly. He was sure the collegiate institution would have the best wishes of all present; and when they saw it flourish, as he trusted it would, rearing up the youth of the northern district on the principles of the plumb rule, level, square, and compassesand there was plenty of room for it—they must all feel glad to look back at the fact of their having assisted to lay the foundation stone. (Applause) That institution was connected with the Established Church of England, but he hoped, and he had reason to believe, that its portals would not be closed against those who might not be members of that church, provided they conformed to the rules and regulations of the institution. (Loud applause.)

The upper stone was then raised, and an

appropriate prayer was offered by Bro. J. Lomax, P.G.C. The acting Prov. G. Treasurer, by the P.G.M.'s commands, deposited a phial containing the current coins of the realm, documents, &c., in the cavity of the lower stone, after which Pennington and Bridgen, architects; W. Slade, F.M.R.S., Sec." After the plate had been placed over the cavity, the cement was placed on the upper face of the lower stone, which the Prov. G.M. adjusted with a handsome silver trowel handed to him by Bro. Pennington, bearing a suitable inscription.

During the lowering of the upper stone, a hymn was sung by the assembled choristers, after which the P.G.M., directed the P.G. J.W., the P.S.G.W., and the acting D.P.G.M., to prove the just position and form of the stone by the plumb rule, level, and square. This being done the cornucopia containing the corn, and the ewers with the wine and oil, were handed by Bro. Capt. Cope, to the P.G.M., who strewed the corn and poured the wine and oil over the stone with the accustomed ceremonies: A suitable prayer was then offered by Bro. the Rev. H. Hodgson, M.A., P.G.C., and the P.G.M. having inspected and approved of the plans submitted, the ceremony closed with the National Anthem, and three cheers for the success of the colllege. The band of the 95th Regiment, was present on the ground. The whole of the proceedings were watched with the liveliest interest by the immense crowd on the ground.

After the ceremonial, a luncheon, at which from 400 to 500 ladies and gentlemen sat down, was provided in an elegant and well-ventilated marquee, crected by Mr. Benjamin Edgington, London. The tables were richly decorated with rare plants and flowers from the nurseries of Messrs. W. G. Caldwell and Sons, Knutsford. The luncheon, which was exceedingly well served, was purveyed by the Messrs. Jennison of Manchester. The Provincial Grand Master, Lord De Tabley, presided, and was supported by the leading members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, who names have already been given, Sir Harry Mainwaring, Colonel Egerton Leigh, M.P., the Rev. W. M. Hatch, M.A., Warden of the College, Archdeacon Johnson, and others.

The Chairman commenced the proceedings by proposing "Church and Queen," after which Sir Harry Mainwaring, proposed "Lords and Commons," to which Colonel Leigh, M.P., replied. The Chairman next proposed the "Bishop of the Diocese," who, after thanking the company for the honour, proposed "Success to the College of St. Paul." He said the question of education, as they all knew, was beset with a great many difficulties and complications; but these might be dismissed that day while looking at the way in which education then came before them. Education was much more widely diffused now than it used to be; but he did not think that it had lost in quality by that diffusion. It seemed that education was as highly appreciated now as ever it was, and particularly the high order of education. They all knew that great schools had risen up within recent times alongside the time-honoured Eton and Winchester, and Harrow and Rugby, such as Marlborough, Cheltenham, Malvern, Clifton, and Haileybury, and had every reason to believe that St. Paul's, Knutsford, would be worthy to be added to the number. The existing great public schools were situated exclusively in the southern counties, and he welcomed with satisfaction the establishment of an analogous institution within his own diocese.

The Rev. W. M. Hatch, the future Warden of the college, in the course of a long reply, spoke of the many anxieties attending such a work, and referred to H.M.'s commission, which had been empowered ten years ago, to inquire into the question of the education of the upper and middle classes. It was then found that of the sons of the middle classes, eighty out of every hundred were pupils at private schools, and only twenty per cent of the upper and middle classes were scholars at endowed or public schools. Mr. Hatch went on to say a great and prosperous community like that of Cheshire and of Lancashire ought not to leave its highest intellectual interests to amateur effort and private adventure. It may be, however, that the actual facts are not realised nor generally known. In this respect the labours of her Majesty's commission are very valuable. By utilising the facts within the range of the Registrar-General, and by a comparison of the results of different methods of Daniel Crosthwaite.....,

heir own, the commissioners are arrived at the conclusion that there are two million boys in England between the age of 8 and 18; and that of these boys about 300,000 belong to the upper and middle classes. According to their proportion in the population, there are in Cheshire and Lancashire alone 45,000 boys of the upper and upper middle classes who ought to be at great public schools. He then urged the necessity there existed for such an institution as Knutsford College, and described the principles upon which it would be conducted.

The Venerable Archdeacon Johnson, proposed the " Health of Lord De Tabley.

The Chairman having responded. Bro. G. W. Latham proposed the "Health of the Architects," and Bro. Pennington acknowledged the compliment.

This concluded the proceedings at the luncheon.

The Provincial Grand Lodge then marched back to the Royal George Hotel, where it was closed in due form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland was held at Whitehaven, on Tuesday, September 30, under most favourable auspices. The province, of which the Earl of Bective, M.P., is the Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. J. Whitwell, M.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, comprises 17 lodges, viz., No. 119, Whitehaven; No. 129, Kendal; No. 310, Carlisle; No. 327, Wigton; No. 339, Penrith; No. 371, Maryport; No. 412, Longtown; No. 812, Appleby; No. 872, Whitchaven; No. 962, Workington; No. 1002, Cockermouth; No. 1073, Keswick; No. 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale; No. 1220, Silloth; No. 1267, Egremont; No. 1300, Millom; and No. 1400, Harrington;

The brethren representing the above lodges met in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, at half-past twelve o'clock, under the presidency of Brother John M'Kelvie, Brother Lord Mun-caster's Deputy, who opened the Craft Lodge in the first degree.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (the Earl of Bective, M.P.) and his deputy, Brother Whitwell, M.P., and R.W.P.G. W. England, together with the rest of the Provincial Grand Lodge, including Brother Lord Muneaster, M.P., Provincial Grand Registrar, having arrived, the Provincial Grand Lodge was formally opened by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.

There wer present a large assemblage of Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers, and the W. Masters, Wardenss, and brethren of the various lodges in the Province.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge having been read and confirmed, and there being no other business, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master proceeded to appoint the following brethren as

his officers for the ensuing year.-John Whitwell, M.P.,..... Prov. D.G.M. Lord Muncaster, M.P.,.... Prov. G.S.W. Canon Ware..... Prov. G.J.W. Rev. J. Tyson...... Prov. G. Chaplain. Rev. F. W. Wicks..... Prov. G.A.C. J. Lemon..... Prov. G. Treas. W. B. Gibson..... Prov. G. Sec. W. White Prov. G.A. Sec. E. G. Hughes Prov. G.S.D. C. J. Smith...... Prov. G.J.D. Talbot Prov. G. Reg. Alexander Taylor Prov. G.D.C. Shannon Prov. A.G.D.C.
J. Bentley Prov. G.S.W. J. Mills Prov. G. Sword B. Jesse Banning...... Prov. G.O. W. Alsop...... Prov. G. Purst. W. Sandwith Prov. G. Tyler. E. Atter..... Prov. G. Steward. Armstrong, ,, Thomas Dodgson,

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Bother James Porter, P. Prov. G.S.O., P.M. 327, 343, and 1256, alluding to the resignation by Bro. Busher of the office of Provincial Grand Secretary, proposed, in suitable terms, that the best thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge be given to Brother Busher for the valuable services rendered by him in that capacity during the past seven years. Bro. Hayward, P. Prov. G.S.W., 310, seconded the proposition. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, in a highly complimentary manner, endorsed all the Bro Porter had said. His Lordship acknowledged his indebtedness on very many occasions to Bro. Busher's zeal and assiduity as Provincial Grand Secretary, as well as his uniform courtesy and kindness. The vote having been unanimously passed in the most cordial manner, Bro. Busher briefly acknowledged the compliment in feeling and appropriate terms, after which the lodge was formally closed.

The brethren were thenformed in procession in proper Masonic order by the G.D. of Ceremonies. Bro. Edward Fearon, P.M. 119, and marched up Church-street, along Duke street, down Scotch-street and Lewther-street to St. Nicholas Church, headed by the Volunteer Band.

The brethren attended divine service in St. Nicholas Church, occupying the body of the edifice, which was reserved for their accommodation, the general public occupying the galleries. The prayers were "intoned" by Bro. the Rev. R. B. Labarte, Chaplain of Lodge 872. The Psalms were those of the day, namely, 147, 148, 149, and 150. Bro. the Rev. Joshua Tyson read the First and Second Lessons. The Magnificat was chanted to Elvey in E; and Nunc Dimittis after Hackett's Service in D. The Anthem was from the 122nd Psalm, verses 1, 5, 6, and 7. The first Hymn was, "O Lord, how joyful 'tis to see the brethren join in love to Thee;" and the second, "Praise we our God with joy and gladness never ending.

The prayer before the sermon was as follows: "Let us pray for all sorts and conditions of men. And herein, for Our Sovereign Lady the Queen, that she may be endued plenteously with heavenly gifts, and long reign over a loyal, united, and happy people; for Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family. Let us pray especially for the Ancient Order, as members of which we have this day assembled : particularly for the Most Worshipful the Marquess of Ripon, our Grand Master; for the Officers of the Grand Lodges of England, especially for that Provincial one to which we belong; for the Most Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy. Let us further implore the Most High to bless all private Lodges, particularly those now gathered together in this His Holy Temple. May God prevent us in our doings with His most gracious favour, and further us with His continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in His holy name, we may promote the happiness of our fellow-creatues, and ever set forth His honour and glory, through Jesus Christ our

The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. F. W. Wicks, who selected for his text the 13th chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, verse 16: -"But to do good and to communicate, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

After the sermon a collection was made, amounting to £14 6s 5d, which will be aporopriated to the building fund of St. Nicholas Boys School.

Immediately after divine service the brethren repaired to the Town Hall, where a substantial dinner, provided in Mrs. Todhunter's well-known style, awaited them. There were three tables, the full length of the hall, and one cross table, at which were seated 200 brethren. About 30 were obliged to go elsewhere to dine, being unable to find accommodation.

The chair was occupied by Bro. the Earl of Bective, R.W.P.G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland, who was supported by Bro. J. Whitwell, D. Prov.G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland; J. Lemon, P. Prov. G. Treasurer; E. Busher, P. Prov. G. Secretary; W. C. Steward. P Prov. G. R.; Rev. R. B. Labarte, Chaplain, Lodge 872; Rev. J. Tyson, Prov. G. Chaplain; J. Robertson, P.M. 872, and P Prov. G.S.D.; J. Spi.tall, P.M.

872, and P. Prov. G.S.W.; J. Moot, P. Prov. G. S.W.; J. Bowes, P. Prov. G.R. C. Morton, P.M. 872, and P. Prov. G.S.W.; Holme, P.M. 872, P. Prov. G. Chaplain; J. Holme, P.M. 186, and P. Prov. G.J.W.; and on the left by Bro. Lord Muncaster, W.M. 119, and Prov. G.S.W.; Major Spencer, P.M. 116, P. Prov. G.S.W.; G. C. Bentinck, P. Prov. G. Registrar; W. G. Bentinck; Rev. Canon Ware, Prov. G.J.W.; Rev. F. W. Wicks, Prov. A.G. Chaplain; Gibson, P.M. 119, and P. Prov. G.S.W.; Kenworthy, P.M. 119, and P. Prov. G.S.W. M'Kelvie, P.M. 119, and P. Prov. G.S.D.; Barr, P.M. 119, and P. Prov. G.S.B.; Henry, P. M. 119, P. Prov. G. J.W.; Shannon, P. Prov.G. J. D.; and Porter P. Prov. G.S.D.

The centre table (facing the Chairman) was presided over by Brother Alsop, and the other two by brothers Fearon and Atter respectively.

The Chairman gave the first toast on the list of all loyal Meetings of that kind—the health of Her Majesty the Queen. Although her sex prevented her from being a Mason, as understood by their rules, still in every relation of life, either in public or private, she had proved that practcially she was one. The toast was drunk with

The Chairman next gave the health of one whose health they ought to drink with enthusiasm, whether from a Masonic or a patriotic point of view, and that was His Royal Highness the The Prince was one of their Prince of Wales. most illustrions craftsmen, and a Past Grand Officer of England. With the toast he coupled the name of hischarming consorti the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family. Drunk with three times three.

Brother Bentinck, M.P., and P. Prov. G. Registrar, said that, having been requested to propose the next toast, he accepted the invitation with much pleasure. It was his lot to address a large assembly in this town in the course of last week, and he then dilated upon the great advantages there were in being Englishmen. Now, one of the advantages of a person being an Englishman and an English Mason was that he was protected and encouraged by the clergy of all denominations. There was an erroneous opinion on the Continent, amongst the clergy of the Christian Churches, that had predominance there, that Masonry was an institution which was contrary to the principles of God Almighty, and that no man could be a Freemason unless he had some mischievous intent in the background. belief, however, proceeded from entire ignorance and superstition, for it was well known that where the principles of Masonry were promulgated such ideas did not long prevail. As Englishmen and English Masons they were proud to see not only their brethren who stood almost at the head of their profession, but also the clergy of all denominations. In this town they had one who was an ornament to the Church, and zealous, active Churchman-one who was always ready to promote every good work in connection with Masonry. Having made this preface, he desired to propose the toast that had fallen to his lot, "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese, and including the Clergy of all Denominations," coupled with the name of Brother the Rev. F. W. Wicks, P.A.G. Chaplain. He would take this opportunity of expressing, on behalf of the brethren, their thanks to Brother Wicks for having taken the part he did in the service that day. He also begged to couple with the toast the name of Brother the Rev. J. Tyson, P.G. Chaplain.

Brother Tyson briefly responded, expressing the pleasure the clergy felt in meeting the brethren upon all occasions.

Brother Wicks, who also replied, said it was with the greatest pleasure that he occupied the was for him to speak of the many other good position which he had done that morning. It qualities which he was known to possess. His certainly was not his duty to have occupied the pulpit that day, but having been requested to do so by some of the brethren, he of course willingly undertook the office, not wishing to shirk anything. It always gave him pleasure to fulfil any duties that were imposed upon him as a brother Mason. He felt highly gratified at the compliment they had paid to the Bishop and clergy of the diocese. The Bishop and clergy, in their various paths of life, were all very anxious

considered it a just and a true one. The quotation which he made that morning was from a record of the Bishop of Manchester, who, like their own Bishop, was not a Mason. At the same time, their Bishop admired Freemasonry, and if the clergy of the Church admired the institution as one that was striving to help mankind, why did they not become Masons? There was a great deal in the name, and by combination with a certain class of men in the Order, they might fulfil the great duties of human life with profit and pleasure. They knew as well as he did that the Bishop, when requested to preach a sermon for the brethren of their ancient Order, willingly did so, entering into facts which proved that he had not only compared the practical part of Freemasonry with the Divine Word, but which showed that every one who strove to search the Scriptures would find that Freemasonry based upon the revealed word of God. He had striven to do so sincerely, and the lower he dipped into the depths the brighter the pearls he drew therefrom. Upon every occasion he would do his utmost, with ready hand and open heart, to fulfil the duties that might be imposed upon him. He cordially thanked then for the gracious manner in which they had received the toast.

The Chairman then gave "The Health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Marquis of Ripon, K.G." For the last few years the Grand Master had discharged the duties pertaining to his position in the most just and equitable manner. He had to devote a large portion of his time to the services of Her Majesty, but besides that he had courtesy, good nature, and ability, to induce him to much as he did to the business of the Order. They must all feel deeply indebted to him for the manner in which he had, and he (Chairman) hoped, would continue to discharge his duties. Drunk with great

At this stage of the proceedings, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Bective retired, his Lordship having to leave to catch the last train. The toast was drunk amid vociferous cheering; and his Lordship, having briefly responded, vacated the chair. He was accompanied by Lord Muncaster, M. P.; Prov. G.S.W. Bro. G. C. Bentinck, P.M., and Bro. Bentinck, jun. On leaving the hall, the distinguished party were greeted with several rounds of cheers, on the subsidence of which the chair was taken by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Whitwell, M.P., who proposed "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers" He coupled the toast with the He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Major Spencer and Captain Mott; both of whom responded in gallant terms.

The Chairman proposed the "Deputy Grand Master of England," the Earl of Carnaryon, complimenting his Lordship upon the efficient discharge of the duties of that office; and "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, coupled with the health of Brother Busher, who responded.

Bro. Lemon proposed the health of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Whitwell, who responded.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Whitwell, here left, amid much cheering, to catch the train; and Bro. M'Kelvie was called apon to fill his place.

Bro. W. B. Clarke proposed the health of Bro. Lord Muncaster, M.P., W.M. 119, whose unavoidable absence he regretted. With the toast he had pleasure in coupling the name of Bro. M'Kelvie, whom his Lordship had elected his Deputy. Bro. M'Kelvie had devoted a number of years, not only to the study, but to the practice of the great principles of Freemasonry. It was as unnecessary for him (Bro. Clark) to dilate upon Bro. M'Kelvie's Masonic capabilities as it zeal and untiring assiduity in Freemasonry were proverbial throughout the entire province.

The Chairman (Bro. M'Kelvie) briefly acknowledged the toast. He could assure the brethren that nothing would have given Bro. Lord Muneaster greater pleasure than to have remained to the last, had time permitted. He (Bro. M'Kelvie) felt proud of the position which Lodge 119 occupied. In electing Bro. Lord Muncaster W.M. for the present year, the Lordship and to themselves, but they had conferred lustre upon the entire body of Freemasons throughout the province. 119 was the oldest lodge in the province. It had seen days of adversity; but for some time past it had flourished in an extraordinary degree, and he hoped that it would long continue to do so.

Bro. Gibson proposed "The Visiting Brethren,"

to which Bro. Labarte responded.

Bro. Wicks proposed "The Past Masters of 119," coupled with the names of those present and absent, to which Bros. Kenworthy and Henry responded.

The Charman proposed the health of Bro. Busher. No better Mason ever belonged to the Craft. Not only had Bro, Busher proved himself a good Mason in the Province, but the Grand Master of England had heard of his work, and had honoured him with office in the Grand Lodge, an honour to which many might aspire, but which very few ever attained. They were all sorry, in one sense, that he had resigned the office of Provincial Grand Secretary. But it was not right to expect too much from one man. He, (Bro. M'Kelvie) knew that Bro. Busher had frequently attended to the duties of the Provincial Grand Lodge at great personal inconvenience, and even on the present occasion he had come to Whitehaven the previous night, in order to perfect the arrangements necessary for that meeting, although he was not in the best of health.

Bro. Busher, who was warmly received, in acknowleding the compliment, said that as long as he could give either counsel, advice, votes, or do a bit of work, they might rely upon it that he should be only too happy to assist them.

The Chairman proposed the Worshipful Master and Past Masters of Lodge 872, to which Bro.

Robertson briefly responded.

"The Masonic Bro. Gibson, in proposing Charities," urged that as Lodge 119 had already done so much for the Boys' School, it ought now to turn its attention more particularly to the Girls'

Bro. Busher proposed the Senior and Junior Wardens of Lodge 119, to which Bros. Atter and

Alsop responded.

Bro. Captain Mott proposed " Lodge 119," coupled with the name of Brother Gibson, who, in responding, remarked that it was the first time in his experience that they had held a Provincial Lodge without Bro. Quinn (the oldest Freemason

in the Province) being present.

Bro. Alsop proposed The Officers of Lodge 119
under the rank of J.W., coupled with the name

of Bro. Edward Tyson.

Bro. Tyson, in reply, alluded to the fact that several brethren had been unable to find accommodation at dinner, a circumstance which they It was, however, quite must all regret. unavoidable. They had not expected more than 170 or 180, and they had laid covers for 200; but instead of 200 there had been 230, and 30 of them had been obliged to go away unable to get accommodated. He wished this explanation to be made public.

The Tyler's Toast having been proposed, the

company separated.

COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR.

We wish to draw the attention of our numerous readers to the advertisement of the Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, Pocket-book for 1874.

Among the many valuable additions made in the issue for the coming year, we may mention that the London meetings of every degree appear in the memorandum space of each day, he country lodges in towns, alphabetically arranged.

The Charge and Entered Apprentice's Song, have also been added.

We feel assured that this year's issue will prove of far greater value than any of its predecessors.

The clothing and jewels for the officers of the District Grand Lodge of Westland, New Zealand, will be on view this week at the Masonic Show to aid the good cause of Freemasonry, as they members had not only done honour to his Rooms, 2, 3 & 4, Little Britain.

Obituary.

BRO. CHARLES EWENS DEACON.

Death has of late been somewhat busy with those of our town who are the representatives of a past generation, and who have spent a life of useful activity among us. The list of departed ones has, we regret to announce, been this week added to by the decease of Mr. Charles Ewens Deacon, for thirty-two years Town Clerk of the borough, and a gentleman who for more than that lengthened period had practised here as a member of an honourable and a lucrative profession, gaining by as spotless a public life as man e'er led the highest respect and esteem of both friends and foes—if, indeed, he ever had any of the latter. Of Mr. Deacon's early life but little can be told. He was born in 1803, at Portsmouth, where his father was in a large way of business as a brewer. He was one of three or four children, and was educated with the view of his becoming a lawyer. He was articled in the office of Mr. Minchin, a Portsmouth solicitor, and soon after the completion of his term he came to Southampton, in, we believe, the year 1826, joining in partnership a Mr. Bryant, whose offices were at Lansdowne House, Castle-lane, where Mr. Deacon's business has ever since been carried on. The firm continued under the style of Bryant and Deacon until 1832 when the senior partner, who had been to London on professional business, died of cholera during his journey from London to Southampton. Mr. C. E. Deacon then carried on the practice for some time, until he was joined by Mr. Long, a solicitor of Amesbury, as a partner. At this time he held office as one of the two Coroners for the borough-Mr. Corfe being the otherbut the Municipal Act, which became law in 1836, abolished one of the two offices, and Mr. Deacon was compelled to resign. Under the act, however, he became entitled to compensation from the Corporation funds, but he declined to accept anything, his letter announcing this determination stating that he sought his reward in the hope that he might have acquitted himself to the satisfaction of his fellow townsmen in the performance of those duties which the Corporation had allotted him. The thanks of the existing Town Council were voted to him for this liberal conduct. On the 16th of August, 1836, Mr. Ridding, who had held the office of Town Clerk for 28 years, resigned, and Bro. C. E. Deacon was elected the same day to the post, with a salary of £200 a year, on the motion of Captain Ward, seconded by Mr. Clark, in opposition to Mr. Randall, who received twelve votes to Mr. Deacon's twenty. Mr. Deacon also held office as c.erk to the Southampton Waterworks Commissioners,

On the passing of the Cemetery Act of 1844, Mr. Deacon became secretary of the Southampton Cemetery, a post which he held to the end of his public career. It was, however, as Town Clerk that he was best known to a large circle, and over the long period during which he was literally the presiding genius of many successive corporations, no one could charge him with having exercised any political or personal bias in the discharge of the important duties which devolved upon him. He strove hard to forward the best interests of the town, putting forth special exertions with corresponding benefit to those whom he was serving in the railway battles of 1844 and 1845. Never could a public servant have held his office with greater honour, to which universal testimony was borne when advancing age, coupled with bodily infirmity, compelled his resignation of that office which he had so long and creditably held. That resignation was sent in on the 6th of July, 1870, during the mayoralty of Alderman—now Sir Frederick—Perkins, and on the motion of Alderman Stebbing, seconded by Mr. Lomer, it was accepted. All the most prominent members of the Council present vied with each other in their testimony to Mr. Deacon's ability and worth, and a resolution was unanimously passed conveying the thanks of the Corporation to him "for the able and satisfactory manner in which he had discharged the duties of Town Clerk for a period of 32 years," and it was further ordered that this vote should be engrossed on vel-

lum and presented to him. Among the suggestions for honoring him was one, in the first place, by the late Mr. Councillor Sharp, that Mr. Deacon should be elected an Alderman of the borough at the first vacancy, and in the second a general expression of a hope that his portrait would be painted and placed in the Council Chamber. The first suggestion, no doubt, in consultation with Mr. Deacon's wishes were never carried out; the second has been, and the faithful picture which now adorns our Council Chamber bears an additional value from the fact that it was painted by a son of Mr. Deacon's, who, inheriting his father's passion for pictures, has become a producer of them himself, and that in a manner which bears indication of highartistic genius. Mr. Deacon, junior, at the same time, painted a companion portrait of his boloved father, to whom it was publicly presented at a banquet marking the occasion of his regretted retirement. Mr. R. S. Pearce, who had rendered invaluable assistance to Mr. Deacon, was by universal choice fixed upon as his successor in the office of Town Clerk, and was unanimously elected, immediately on the resignation of the former, on the same terms and conditions.

Bro. C. E. Deacon was prominent among Freemasons. He was initiated in the Gloucester Lodge, and also became a member of the Southampton Lodge, taking almost the highest Masonic honours which can be conferred upon an individual, his offices including that of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire, in which he was succeeded by Bro. Stebbing. He was an honorary member of various benefit societies, which he helped not only by his purse, but very often with his counsel, and no one received a heartier welcome than he did when he made his

appearance at any of the lodges.

Bro. Deacon himself ascribed the infirmity from which he has suffered for some years to the cutting of a corn, which so far affected his health that he has been laid by from time to time since :869. He had a somewhat lengthened illness, but by-and-bye reappeared among his old friends with apparently renewed vigour of constitution, and had lost somewhat of his lameness. Up to within the last two months he has been at his offices in Lansdowne House in as good health as ever, though the infirmities of age were evidently creeping upon him, and he at times complained of his foot being uneasy. About a month since he took to his bed, and has been attended by Professor Longmore. A fatal termination of this attack was not anticipated, but on Saturday a change for the worse suddenly and rapidly set in. His family were summoned around him; and at two o'clock on Monday morning he sank consciously peaceably to his rest, in the presence of all on earth nearest and dearest to him, leaving behind him a name and a fame which nought can tarnish, and so ending the career of one whom it may well be said

"Remember him as being worthy of thy praise." He was the last surviving member of his father's family. A younger brother of his was drowned at sea, his other brother and a married sisterdied in recent years at Lordswood.—Hamp-

shire Independent.

The editor of the "Bauhütte" has founded at Florence an establishment for the sale of German and English books. We have much pleasure in introducing the same to the notice of our many readers who may visit the fair city, feeling assured that they will meet with every attention from those in charge. The address is-Messrs. Flor and Findel, German and Foreign Booksellers, 24, Lung Arno Arriagoli, Florence, Italy.

Those who have physiology have now concluded, that in the nerves lie the centre of action, the spring of movement and regulation of vital functions. Invariable and relaxing weather, Holloway's remedies are especially serviceable in maintaining nervous vigour and in defending the frame against ill-consequences from dampness or chills. If the first symptoms receive attention, net only will further danger be averted but old ailments will give way and better health will be attained than was enjoyed before illness. No treatment for safety and certainty of success may be so confidently relied upon as that discovered by Professor Holloway whose Pills and Ointment, always restore the sufferer.—ADVT.

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. Lord Waveney, Provincial Grand Master for Suffolk, has kindly consented to preside at the next Festival of the Institution of Aged

A new company has been formed for the purchase of the Masonic Hall, Ipswich. We understand the Prov. Grand Master has taken 50 shares, with the intention of presenting them to the Provincial Grand Lodge, whilst another brother, a P.G. Chaplain of England, has taken 100.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.—We are informed that the first Provincial Assembly of the Grand Council of the Red Cross Order (which was appointed to be held at Leicester, in connection with the Byzantine Conclave No. 44,) has been fixed to take place on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at 2 p.m., when a large attendance of the principal supporters of the Order, and of representatives from Metropolitan and Provincial Conclaves is expected. A Sanctuary of K.H,S. and Commandery of St. John, will be consecrated, when members of the Red Cross Order, though not attached to the local Conclave may avail themselves of the opportunity to become acquainted with those little known but very beautiful degrees. We are requested to state that any further information may be obtained from the Recorder of No. 44, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

We are glad to observe that Surgeon-Major T. M. Bleckley, M.A., M.D., LL.B., Army Medical Department, late Secretary to the Inspector General of Hospitals, H.M. British Forces in India, and now of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, has been presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel and apron, (manufactured by Bro. Kenning) by the brethren of Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood," No. 459, E. C., Simla. This is, we understand, the second valuable presentation received by Wor. Bro. Dr. Blackley, from the Simla brotherhood. during the period of his connection with the above lodge.

THE ART GALLERY FOR LIVERPOOL.-The proposal to raise £20,000 by voluntary subscripion for the erection of a Fine Art Gallery in Liverpool, was moulded into a practical form on the 29th ult., when a public meeting was held at the Town Hall, under the presidency of Bro. E. Samuelson, the Mayor, for the purpose of carrying out the scheme. Nearly £6000 have already been subscribed, and therefore there now seems little doubt the object will be accomplished in the course of a few weeks, when f iverpool, like the mediæval cities of Italy, will be placed, by voluntary effort, in possession of " an inexhaustible source of pleasure.

FUNERAL OF AN EX-POLICE OFFICER OF THE CITY .- The funeral, on Monday, of Superintendendent White, of the Gravesend police force, was attended by thousands of spectators, the deceased having been much respected. procession included the clergy, the Freemasons, the Coastguard, and others. The deceased was formerly in the City force, and Sergeants Webb, Brett, and Spittle attended from that body

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the R.S.Y.C.S. for London and Metropolitan Counties will meet in Council at 53, Golden-square, on the 16th inst. Eight brethren are on the list for promotion.

ALBERT G. GOODALL, 33°.—This distinguished brother honoured our sanctum last week. and in his own person satisfied us that foreign travel does nor militate against the physical condition nor interfere with those possessing rare intellectual gifts. His official report to the Supreme Council at Chicago, in November next, will be awaited with great interest-New York Dispatch.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Aotes and Queries.

THE NEW MASONIC HALLAT PHILADELPHIA. -Bro. Woodford has received Bro. G. W. Chirnside's fraternal letter from Liverpool, of October 1st, for which he is much obliged. Bro. Bradford will be very glad to receive the Philadelphia Ledger, of August 29th, and also the later paper, kindly offered by Bro. G. W. Chirnside.

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Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Hants and Isle of

Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire. The Red Cross of Constantine in Great Britain. Consecration of two Red Cross Conclaves. LETTERS RECEIVED :-T. B. Y.; Lupus.

ERRATUM.—In our article on the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, the attendance of the brethren in the year 1870, should have been 1114. not 114. REMITTANCES RECEIVED

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The Freemason,

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GIRLS' AND BOYS' SCHOOLS ELECTIONS

At this period of the year, those who are interested in the welfare of our ancient Craft, watch with earnest scrutiny, the elections for our Girls' and Boys' Schools.

For say what the outside world will, assail us as our opponents may, there is no better fruit of our great Masonic tree, fairer in appearance, or sweeter to the taste, than that which now blooms so refreshingly, for us all alike, in these two great and admirable charities of our Order.

Great as is the organization of our English Freemasonry, numerous as are our lodges, improving and increasing as are all those accessories, which serve to throw all of order and grace and living reality around our fraternal assemblies, yet still, in our opinion our chief characteristic and our distinguishing point ought ever to be, the practical developement of that abstract charity and good will we profess so much, and laud so constantly.

Hence, for some time, it has been a subject of no little satisfaction, nay rejoicing, to all earnest brethren of our English Order, to observe the increasing interest manifested by English Freemasons generally,—we will even add universally,-in the furtherance and support of all our Masonic Charities.

But the Girls' School and the Boys' School seem to have a special claim on all thoughtful and considerate members of our good old Craft. And for this reason.

Widely contrasted as are the social positions of the respective members of our lodges, not only have we often to provide for the children of those whose circumstances are such as to prevent them properly educating the children God has given them, but as we all know from personal observation and experience, that, very many are the unforseen changes and chances of this mortal life for us all, and which often are very strikingly displayed in the history of Masonic member-

We meet, for instance, for many a happy hour, the companions and brethren of our "Mystic Tie;" we associate with them, in the unrestrained moments of heartfelt friendship, of genial mirth, of kindly felllowship, and all seems to be flourishing with them and with us.

But, in an unexpected hour, some sudden reverse of fortune lays low the fabric of their credit, or wealth, or social respectability, and over their hitherto happy life, over the gayer highway of years, have fallen the dark and heavy clouds of gloom, of misfortune, nay of need. Or sometimes in a most unexpected, perhaps an unguarded hour, a sterner visitor than any, draws near, and those we greeted last in lodge, in all the heyday of youth and strength, in all the force of a ripened maturity, in all the genial glow of good spirits and warm hearts, we see no more, we miss from their wonted place, and naught remains but the lonely home, and the silent house, and the bereaved widow, and the orphan child.

It is in such an hour as this, that the best characteristics of our Order ever appear,-that the true genius, as some one has said, of Freemasonry ever shines most brighdy, and certainly whatever attractions or interest. Freemasonry has for any of us, in the social gathering, or the friendly conclave, it never does so great credit to itself or to us, as when it is intent on works of mercy, and on deeds of good, relieving the helpless, cheering the aged, training up the young, and "causing the widow's heart to sing for joy.

Of late years the interest of the Order in all our charities, and especially the Girls' and Boys' Schools, has largely increased, and long may it continue to augment, and to be manifested, year by year, more and more, in fraternal "largesse," and in ready and discriminating support.

But of course, with this increased interest, has expression of our deepest interest in the welfare

also come a somewhat more active scrutiny into the practical working of these great Charities. and a somewhat greater appreciation of positive results than in quieter and less active days of

It has been for some time a matter of deep regret to all reflecting Masons, that, the " Dead Weight" if we may say so, was so very great in all our elections that the proportion of successful candidates was so small, and the proportion i of dissappointed petitioners so

It almost seemed a scandal to the administra. tive executive, as well as to our Masonic charity, that candidates should come up fourteen times, and be rejected at last.

Many solutions have been proposed of what appears to be a blot on our arrangements as regards the candidates for our Masonic Schools, but none, so far, are free from perhaps even greater difficulties and eventual objection, and we are prone to believe, that such anomalies must be left to the action of experience and of time, and are, by wiser provisions, at any-rate, let us hope, things of the past.

In future, as the age is properly restricted at which candidates can be admitted at all, all such unsuccessful claimants will disappear from the voting papers, after a given time, and we shall no longer be pained, with the prospect, election after election of many candidates whose expectations have in some cases been fruitlessly raised, for whom nothing is done by anybody, and whose candidature was doomed to disappointment and rejection, apparently even from the very first.

One remedy, and one remedy alone, can be really be found for such a state of things, and it is so to increase the funds of our Educational Charities, that, they may always receive threefourths of the candidates for admission, and there may be a fair question whether the time be not come to institute a qualifying examination, for all children admitted within our Schools.

We congratulate the Craft and the House Committee of the Girls' School, that nineteen out of thirty one candidates will be admitted at the approaching election, but, we would just say this, that we think a little more openness of publication, a little more freedom in communication of the details of the school operations, would clicit a greater amount of sympathy and interest, in the Craft at large, and further still more materially the interests of an Institution of which, as Freemasons, we may be justly

We expect a great deal from Bro. Little, its energetic Secretary, and we feel sure that we shall not be disappointed.

Out of forty-nine candidates for the Boys' School fifteen are to be elected on the present occasion, but we would fain hope that this is the last election, at which candidates will appear on the paper, who have applied in vain fourteen times, thirteen times, twelve times, eleven times, ten times, respectively. Out of the 49 candidates, five have applied four times, and eleven three times.

We can only conclude this article with the

of these two excellent Schools, and with the hope and prayer that they may continue to progress and to expand, for the increasing wants of our Fraternity, that they may receive the still more liberal and systematic support of our entire Order, and may long demonstrate, both to others and ourselves, the genuine principles of that great and benevolent confraternity, to which it is alike our happiness and our privilege to belong.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

RECEPTION OF BRETHREN BY THE LODGE OF Hope (No 302), and Pentalpha Lodge (No. 974), BRADFORD.

" The brethren of these two lodges held a Lodge of Emergency on Monday, the 22nd September, in the Masonic Hall, Godwin street, in order to receive and entertain such of the Members of the British Association, then meeting in Bradford, as were Freemasons, and might be disposed to meet their Yorkshire Brethren.

Bro. Manoah Rhodes, P.M. Hope, 302, occupied the position of W.M., and was supported by the following Brethren, namely:—Bros. Bentley Shaw, L.L.D., P.G.D. of E., and D.P. G.M. West Yorkshire; Hyde Clarke, P.G.M. of Columbia, and P.D.G.M. Turkey; James Glaisher, S.G.D. of E.; William Smith, C.E., P.G.S. of E.; Richard James Spiers, P.G.S.B. of E., D.P.G.M. Oxford; C. J. Bannister, P.G.S.B. of E.; M. Moggridge, P. Prov. G.M.S. Wales; C. Graham, P.G.S.D. Surrey; J. J. Gasdar (Marquis Dalhovsie Lodge) Bombay Rev. E. A. Pitman, Cambridge; Broughton, P.G.J.W.S. Wales; Cyrus Brook, W.M., 600; Geo. Althorp, W.M., 1018; J. Proctor, W.M., 1034; Fred, W. Booth, P.M., 387; Geo. Richardson, W.M., 302; John Ambler, W.M., 975; D. Salmond, P.M., 302, P. Prov. G.S.B.; D. Salmond, P.M., 302, F. Flov. G.S.B., D'Angelis, P.M., 974; J. J. Schaeppi, P.M., 302; P. Prov. G.S.D.; J. White, P.M., 439; Thos. Hill, P.M., 302, P. Prov. G.S.D.; J. Barraclough, P.M., 302, P. Prov. G.S.D.; C. H. Taylor, P.M. 302, P. Prov. G.S.W.; A. Briggs, P.M. 302, P. Prov. G.S.W.; A. Briggs, P. M. 303, P. Prov. G.S.W.; A. Briggs, P. M. 304, P. Prov. G.S.D.; Hop. Swith, P.M. P.M., 974, P. Prov. G.S.D.; Hen. Smith, P.M., 387, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Ibbetson, P.M., 302, P. Prov. G.J.D.; S. B. Walmsley, P.M., 974; M. Rogerson, P.M., 302, P. Prov. G. Org; J. F. Leeson, P.M., 974; J. Rhodes, P.M., 974, P. Prov. G. Org; H. O. Mawson, P.M., 302; W. H. Evans, P.M., 974; Rob. Richardson, P.M., 974; J. D. Sugden, P.M., 302; James Green, P.M., 302; W. W. Barlow, P.M., 302; Bernard H. Woodard, Enoch 11, and numerous others.

The lodge was opened at 7.30, after which the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Bentley Shaw, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers entered the lodge, and were received by the brethren with the usual Masonic honours due to their position in the Craft.

The D.P.G.M., on behalf of himself and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, in most courteous and flattering terms, thanked the numerous brethren present for their very kind reception.

After the ordinary business was transacted, Bro. M. Rhodes, P.M., who occupied the position of W.M. for the occasion, invited all the visitors and other brethren to join him in the refreshment room, where he again presided, surrounded by nearly all the brethren who had been in the Lodge Meeting.

The Chairman proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic Toasts, which, as is ever the case in such gatherings, were most cordially and heartily

responded to.

On the toast of "The Marquess of Ripon, M.W.G.M., and all the Grand Officers,' proposed, Bro. James Glaisher, S.G.D. of E. responded, saying that on his own part, and that of all the Grand Officers, he thanked the brethren for the way in which they had proposed and received the toast, but he hoped it would ever be as kindly given and received in compared with those abroad. It was my

performed his duties, and how much he was entitled to our esteem and regard—and (he said) I am sure you will be glad to hear that the Earl of Carnarvon, our D.G.M., told me when last I saw him, that he was sufficiently recovered to attend to his duties for the future. The duties of Grand Officers make that no idle post, and I can assure you they are pretty onerous. It has afforded me much pleasure to visit this town. I am no stranger to many of you; there is one kind brother I have been hunting up ever since I came to Bradford—Brother C. Gott—and I am delighted to see him here to-night. He is a Mason at heart of the right kind. How strange the coincidence that I should be mourning today for the Earl of Zetland, and that 22 years ago, this very day, he should have been laying the Foundation Stone of the very St. George's Hall, where we, the British Association, are holding our meetings. I have been revolving how strange that on a Monday 22 years ago he should have been here, and been endeavouring to make out, but have not yet succeeded, how many 22 years will elapse before this date again falls on a Monday. The meeting of the Association in this town, I have no doubt, will be of the greatest advantage; the very meeting of the various classes of philantropists and eminent men will have the greatest advantage. The change I see in Bradford is marvellous. If all Londoners knew as much of Yorkshire as I do of your Wharfedale and Airedale, there would not be so much running about for scenery. Now, to come to Masonry, is it not a great thing that I, as a stranger, come here and receive such a welcome? It is a noble institution, and I have often reaped its advantages. I have been in great difficulties, and Masonry has helped me out of them. Even in the balloon at Derby, when in extreme diffi-culty and danger, I remember receiving the greatest aid from Brother Freemasons who happened to be there, and who to a man came to my assistance on my showing myself a Mason. At that time, had it not been for them, I feel that my life might have been sacrificed, therefore, do I say, let Masonry flourish. In conclusion, I cannot tell you how pleased I am to be here, and on the part of Earl Carnaryon and the rest of the Grand Officers, I thank you, and trust that you will never have cause for less affection for them than you now show towards them.

Bro. Richard J. Spiers, P.G.S.D. of E., D.P.G.M. Oxford; was also called upon from the chair, and said I had hoped that you would have been satisfied with what Bro. Glashier has said, I can tell you I should have been disappointed if I had gone away without meeting you, and I can assure you I go back with great pleasure, after this evening's meeting. feel much pride in coming amongst you and feel that Yorksire, like Oxfordshire, has much to be proud of. Fourteen Grand Officers have been educated at Oxford. And Yorkshire is celebrated for its charity, no county is so much so, and I am glad you have done us the honour of inviting us to be with you, I am also proud to see here Bro. Bentley Shaw, who has done us the honour of being present. We had had an invitation to the Alliance done us the meeting, buf, there was no "Hope" for the Alliance; the Lodge of Hope, had the preference. I thank you for your kind reception.

The Chairman, in a few well chosen words, and in the most complimentary manner, proposed the "Health of Bro. Hyde Clark," P.G.M. of Columbia, and D.P.G.M. Turkey, who in responding said, without impropriety I can return thanks on the part of the Foreign Lodges, for I am an officer in the four quarters of the Globe, and I may say that I am the only one who has held the office of W.M. in the Holy Land since King Solomon himself. You are aware that in Jerusalem a lodge has been opened, and we may hope to see Freemasonry flourish there. I can well perform the duty of responding for the Foreign Lodges, because I stand an accredited officer from the Lodge of Columbia. Bro. Glashier has impressed upon you the great advantages of Freemasonry, but some of us may give grander ones, for the advantages you enjoy are small compared with those of Foreign Countries. Yoursare peaceful gatherings,

ferent languages were spoken. That will give to you an exemplification of the advantages of Freemasonry. This lodge was held under the warrant of the Grand Lodge of England Many members of that lodge, owing to caste, could not meet in the outer world, but could do so in lodge meetings, and without some such common meeting ground could not be brought together, as they are in our great possessions in India, where the Grand Principles of Freemasonry are practised. In the battle field and elsewhere, Freemasonry is a positive safeguard and it is to that many a man has owed his life. We are inevitably brought to the conclusion that we owe much to the Grand Lodge of England, beyond that we owe much to lodges like these. It is certain you have not so much inducement as we have abroad, yet you attend well to your duties, and it is such great lodges as yours that contribute to the advantage of Freemaonry, far more than you can imagine. There is a brother here who was initiated in India, and who can bear testimony to the same effect, and you can rely upon it that these advantages, great to yourselves are greater to the world at large. I thank you heartily for the Foreign Lodges, and for the

kindness manifested to me.

Bro. William Smith, C.E., Prov. G.S. of E., being called upon by the Chairman, said I should indeed be wanting in common courtesy if I did not thank you, along with my other brothers, for your hospitality to-night. Twenty years I have had the honour of seeing this kind of Masonic feeling displayed in connection with the British Association. In Brighton last year at the British Association we had not the same opportunity, I cannot pretend to extend my arm Masonically so far as Bro. Clarke has done, nor to ascend so high as Bro. Glashier, but we have had the pleasure of long working together. It has been usual for the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge to have a meeting during the sitting of the British Association, and I must take some blame to myself for there not having been one, but am delighted with the very agreeable meeting you have afforded us the opportunity of enjoying. am glad Bro. Glashier is placed in such a high position by Grand Lodge, but not satisfied; he has soared above "the upper ten thousand." Going back to Bro. Hyde Clarke, than whom I know of no one who has done so much for Freemasonry, I cannot help thinking, that, kindly as he speaks of Grand Lodge, it has not done so much for him as it might have done. I am glad to see the progress of Freemasonry in foreign countries. I have travelled, often in countries where Freemasonry is under the ban of the Government or the priests, I have met in lodges where the police have stood at the door to report our names to their superiors in civil and military authority sitting inside with us. Brethren, I thank you on my own behalf and on behalf of the visitors, for your kind reception, and I wish to express to you how much it has delighted me once more to meet here our estimable Bro. Bentley Shaw, who so ably fills the post of D. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire

The W.M. of the Lodge of Hope, on rising to propose "The Health of Bro. Bentley Shaw, D. Prov. G.M.," said, before giving the toast which I have the honour of proposing, allow me to say how much we of the Hope, conjoined with the Pentalpha, feel indebted to Bro. Bentley Shaw for honouring us with his presence this evening. We feel it to be a most auspicious occasion, and one we shall reflect upon with very great pleasure and pride. I call upon you to join with me in drinking "The Health of the Right Worshipful the D. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire.

The W.M. of the Pentalpha said, before the brethren drink this toast I wish on the part of the brethren of the Pentalpha to express their thanks to the brethren, members of the British Association, for their presence this evening, and in supporting the proposition, he could only say that the D. Prov. G.M. was so well known that his name need only be mentioned to ensure for it a hearty welcome and response; and as we have the honour of his presence amongst us I need only ask you to drink his very good health. Bro. Bentley Shaw, L.L.D., D.P.G.M., on

West Yorkshire-for how well the M.W.G.M. | province to preside or a lodge where eight dif- | rising to respond, was received with repeated

rounds of cheering. So soon as he could gain a hearing, he said, Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, Officers of the two Lodges, and Brethren, it affords me very great satisfaction to respond. I do assure you it is an evening of very great gratification. No small effort was needed to get here, but I am more than compensated by your reception. I can assure you it has been a great honour to meet with such brethren as our visiting friends, Members of the British Association. Although I cannot lay claim to the merits of Bro. Hyde Clarke, who has spoken so effectively and eloquently on the advantages of Freemasonry, and which he described as a sort of "Freemasonry Militant" in the distant countries where he held jurisdiction, yet I feel to possess the ardour of a soldier, and I yield to none in my desire to promote the best interests and prosperity of our time-honoured Craft. Bro. Glaisher referred to the thrill of pleasure it gave him to meet his brethren in Freemasonry. I confess to the same delightful feeling, and never mingle in an assembly of Freemasons, or ever meet with an individual brother, without realising the happy consciousness that a chord is struck on which vibrates the key-note of sympathy, charity and brotherly love. It has given me much pleasure to meet Bro. Glaisher, to whom I have no doubt Freemasonry has, in the lofty regions in which he has soared, given many a solace and hope of safe return. I am also glad to meet Bro. Spiers. He occupies the same official position in Oxfordshire that I do in West Yorkshire. I have heard of his great hospitality, when Mayor of Oxford, and how he entertained the literati of that renowned university. Brotherly love gives us the great privilege and pleasure of meeting our brethren, and from what has fallen from Bro. Smith, I fear there has been some remisness on the part of our Provincial Grand Lodge, with respect to the meeting of the British Association, but, if guilty of such remissness, that omission has been nobly supplied by the brethren of the Hope and Pentalpha. The Lodge of Hope is ever foremost in works of charity. I can truly say that no lodge that I know of stands out so nobly. I say this in no invidious manner, but as an incentive to other lodges to follow its beneficent example. Brethren, allow me to thank you most heartily for your invitation and reception this evening.

The D.P.G.M. resumed his seat amidst the long continued plaudits of the brethren.

On again rising, he said, I fear you will tire of hearing me, but in obedience to the commands of the W.M., I beg to give you "The Visiting Brethren," and I have much pleasure in proposing this toast to you in all kindness and brotherly feeling.

Bro. Moggridge, P. Prov. G.M. S. Wales, on being called upon to respond, said that he had been congratulating himself in the secret satisfaction that he should not have to speak. That it should be a bold man to come after those who had spoken, and he regretted being in that position. There is one who has had the advantage of being in the university, and has done so much for Freemasonry. There is another who has travelled the whole world. One who has shown us that intellect comes before all else. I need hardly name Bro. Hyde Clarke. And there is one here who, as Bro. W. Smith, C.E., has said, has not been content with this sublunary sphere, but who has been up amongst the stars. One who really represents the Upper Ten Thousand. You will therefore sympathise with me being called upon after those brethren, and will, I am sure, excuse me, and permit me to tender you my hearty thanks. I come from South Wales, a long way, but wherever I have been throughout my travels, I have always found that the most true-hearted amongst my been Freemasons, and that in any emergency they were the ones I could rely upon. I can only wind up with thanking you for myself and in the name of my province.

Bro. T. Broughton, Prov. G.J.W. S. Wales also shortly responded, excusing himself from saying much in the presence of such a company besides this not being the first time he had had the pleasure of replying in these rooms on the

Bro. J. J. Gasdar, Marquis of Dalhousie

chair, said, I am afraid I am but a very young Mason, and not very learned in the Craft, besides that I have (not voluntarily) absented myself from the duties of the lodge, yet I can bear testimony to what Bro. Clarke said, for he has in a way been my godfather in Freemasonry, for he called me, and therefore I stand here as a living testimony of what he said. If any expect to hear anything of India they will be disappointed, for it was in this country I was initiated, yet I can assure you that Freemasonry is making rapid progress in that country. I have received very flattering accounts of it; and that I am addressing you in such an assembly as this is an evidence of the importance of it. I should not say anything beyond Freemasonry, yet I may say that I have met with nothing but the greatest kindness whilst in this country, and I can say that if the Indians could be brought here they would return with the feeling that they were fortunate in being governed by such a country, but England must not expect to rule by the sword. I conclude by thanking the united lodges for their courtesy.

Bro. Thompson of the Kilwinning Lodge, Scotland, in responding on behalf of both Scotland and Ireland, said that personally he was a stranger, and little did he think he should have such a reception, not only by the brethren of the Craft, but he could say that never had the members of the British Association been better received, and in the name of Mother Kilwinning, and of all Scotland, he thanked the brethren for

the reception given the visitors.

Bro. Glashier, again rose and said, I am proud to give you a toast, but permit me to take this opportunity to say I have looked with great interest on your ceremonies before and after banquet this evening, you know it is different to what we do in London. I may say I have been a student to-night, and I feel glad of it. I would also take this opportunity to say a few words respecting the balloon trip over the Atlantic, as first one brother and then another has been making enquiries of me all the evening. As to whether the start has been made I have no intelligence. Two months ago I was consulted about this enterprise, and I have paid particular attention to the subject of the winds at great heights. Some inferred that there was a wind similar to the Gulf Stream, but as we had no observations I recommended not to start and added if you do start, take great precautions, don't go high. I have not heard the balloon has started, and if not I hope it will not. Now to my toast. The visitors feel thankful to you, and wish to propose to you in the same frankness "The Health of the Worshipful Masters and also the Past Masters of both lodges.'

Bro. M. Rhodes, in responding, said at this hour I am not going to say much, but it has been a great gratification to me to meet so many eminent brethren who are doing so much for the good of their fellow.men. I am thankful to you for the honour you have done me in placing me in the chair to night. Brethren, I can tell you it is a source of the highest gratification to me in seeing here the D. Prov. G.M. and the other eminent brethren. Although I have spent some most happy evenings with my brethren, this has been, I think, the happiest of all. I can only say that wherever my lot is cast, and whenever any of you will visit us, you will ever find that kindness amongst the brethren, and I pray you accept my most heartfelt thanks for your kindness.

The W.M. of the Hope, said the time has passed so quickly and so pleasantly that I wish it had to begin again. The honour I take to my lodge; many times has my health been drunk in these rooms, but never more heartily than tonight. I trust that the visitors will take away an agreeable recollection of their visit. It is only right to the other lodges in the town to say that it was the wish of every one to join in giving the members of the British Association a hearty welcome, but there was not a room disengaged in the Town large enough for the purpose. I thank you heartily for the compliment paid me.

The W.M. of the Pentalpha, said, I won't detain you more than a moment, but on the part of myself and the lodge, I thank you most heartily for your presence here. It has given me the greatest possible pleasure to have men amongst

science and in the world. We look upon this as a red letter day in the history of Bradford, and I hope the members of the British Associawill take away a favourable estimate of our Town. I regret the meagre arrangements here to night, but you will be aware that all the large rooms of the town are engaged. I can assure you you receive a hearty welcome and your visit will never be forgotten, I thank you all, brethren, for your kindness in proposing and receiving the

The usual concluding Masonic Toast brought the proceedings of the evening to a close, and we must not omit to allude to the efforts of Bros. Atkinson, Rev. Richardson, P.M.; F. Broughton, P.M., and Cumberland, who added much to the pleasure of the evening by their excellent har-

Original Correspondence.

SPIRITUALISM. (To the Editor of The Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother,-

Having observed letters upon this subject in your papers of the 20th and 27th ult., I would like to call your attention to the enclosed letter upon the same subject, cut from the American Herald, published by Bro. Leitnam. As it gives an entirely new view of the subject I would suggest to your correspondents the desirability of making some experiments with a view of testing the feasibility of two mediums holding communication with each other by the power of their wills, mutually pre-arranged. Let them first try to communicate from one room to another, then from one town to another.

Yours fraternally, JAS. KEET, 1356. "SPIRITUALISM OR? " To the Editor of The American Herald. " Dear Sir and Brother,

"With your kind permission, I would like to draw the attention of scientific men and others to a few points in this phenomenon which require elucidation, and which I think may possibly lead to important results. In the first place I believe that mesmerism, biology, and spiritualism arise from one and the same cause, viz., a certain condition of the mind and body of the human being. The question to be decided is whether the condition is natural or abnormal.

" Secondly, we have to account for certain facts, viz., the production of certain sounds in various parts of a room at the will of the " medium," the lifting of tables by the joint wills of several " mediums," &c. The question here is how are these phenomena produced? Is it magnetism, or electricity, or some, as yet,

undiscovered element of force?

" Now, it is to the discovery of these points that the attention of scientific men should be drawn, and if some of those "mediums" who have these extraordinary powers would frankly come forward and place themselves at the disposal of scientific men, to be experimented upon, I am of the opinion that something far more practical than intelligence from the spirit would be the result, viz., the discovery of a new mode of telegraphy to all parts of the world, without cables! Simply by the intelligent exercise of the latent force now existing between the so-called spiritual "mediums," who, being en rapport, will be able to communicate their ideas to each other at whatever distance apart! It is on record that such communications have passed from one person to another, widely separated, in moments of agony and great danger, thus showing the possibility of what I have above advanced. The only question to solve is,-On what conditions body can this power be ex-It remains for the so-called spiritualists and scientific men to do it.

"I am, sir, your obedient servant, " X. O."

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October :7, 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, October 11.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Election. Lodge 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.

" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall. " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond. , 1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton-court.

1, 1426, Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannonstreet

Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.

Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond. Surrey.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor. Monday, October 13.

Quarterly Meeting, Boys' School, at 12.
Lodge 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.

" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 879, Peckham, Maismore Arms Tavern, Park-road, Peckham.

" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall. Chap. 22, Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-

street. Mark Lodge, No. 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel,

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.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, October 14.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
" 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhallstreet.

" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgatestreet.

228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. Join's Gate, Clerkenwell. 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith. 917, Cosmopolitan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon street.

933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. " 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

", 1269, Stannope, Thicket Potel, Anerley.

", 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.

", 1185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.

Supreme Council of the 33rd degree, 33, Golden-square.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon,

Stepney, at 8. Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel,

Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

Domatic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor
park, Camberwell, at 8.

park, Camberwell, at 8. Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st.

(opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

Prince Fredk, William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8;

Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

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

Wednesday, October 15.

General Committee, Grand Chapter, at 3. Lodge 140, Trafalgar, St. George's Hotel, Greenwich.

174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich, 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Wool-

wich.

" 1044, New Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, New Wandsworth.

" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.

" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.

Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannonstreet.

" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bon Accord Mark Lodge, Freemason's Tavern. Supreme Grand Couucil, 33rd d'egree, 33, Golden-square.

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.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Thursday, October 16.

Lodge 49, Gihon, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham -street. 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon

169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

179, Manchester, Anderton's Flotel, Fleet-street. 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.

,, 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. Jonh's Wood., 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood., 1287, Great Northern, Great Northern Hotel, King's

Cross. " 1339, Stockwell, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Stockwell.

Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

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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.
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Invicta Rose Croix Chapter, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

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For the Week ending Saturday, October 18, 1873.

Monday, October 13. Lodge447, Mersey, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead 3at 6 ,, 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30. Conclave of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Tuesday, October 14.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5. " 721, Grosvenor, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6. " 537, Zion, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street,

Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, October 15.

Lodge 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 537, Zetland, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 5.

" 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree,

at 3.
Thursday, October 16. Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6. " 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 5. Friday, October 17. Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool,

at 6.

Liverpool Red Cross Conclave, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 6.

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For the week ending Saturday, October 18, 1873. All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock. Monday, October 13.

Lodge102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st., 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
Tuesday, October 14.

Lodge 412, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.

" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James's-st. " 440, Robert Burns, Bailiston.

441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-st. Chap. 69, St. Andrew's, 170, Buchanan-st.

Wednesday, October 15.
Lodge 115, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
,, 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.

Thursday, October 16.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
,, 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
,, 465, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road. Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.

Friday, October 17.
Lodge 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-street.
Chap. 109, Sir William Wallace, Cross Keys, Johnstone.

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Monday, October 13. Lodge 145, St. Stephen's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street,

at 8.30.
Tuesday, October 14.
Lodge 1, Edinburgh Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel,

Waterloo-place, at 8.
151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Masonic Hall,
Blackfriars-st., at 8. Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall, George-

street, at S.
Wednesday, October 15.
Lodge 112, St. John's Fisherrow, Masonic Hall, Bridge-st.,

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Thursday, October 16.

Lodge 48, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.,

at 8.

" 226, Portobello, Town Hall, Portobello, at 8.
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rears.

Through failure in business he left Scarborough, and subsequently was appointed inspector of Buildings on the North Eastern Railway. After a short illness died (of inflamation of the lungs brought on by exposure to cold in the discharge of his duties) on the 16th November 1879, leaving a Widow and three Children; since which time the mother has deserted them, and they are by the kind assistance of friends now being supported. This case is deserving of the utmost sympathy and support of the Craft generally.

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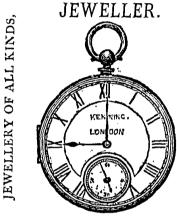
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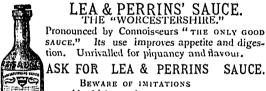
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