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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

GUERNSEY.—*Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship* (No. 84).—On the 30th December, this lodge met for the purpose of installing its W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M., Bro. Kinnersly, 18°, opened the lodge at 3.30 p.m., and was supported by Bros. Payne, S.W.; Randell J.W.; Bishop, S.D.; Wilkins, J.D.; Nicolle, I.G.; Marquand, S.; and a large muster of brethren of the lodge and visitors. The lodge having been opened in the first and second degrees, Bro. Kinnersly, who had been re-elected on the last regular night (the S.W. on account of ill-health refusing to take the chair) was re-installed in the chair of K.S., by Bro. Gallienne, P.D.G.M. for Guernsey. The board of Installed Masters being closed the brethren were re-admitted, and the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in due form. He then invested his officers, as follows:—Bros. Gallienne, I.P.M.; Randell, S.W.; Lt. Col. Bishop, J.W.; Hutchinson, Treasurer; Clarke, Sec.; Wilkins, S.D.; Nicolle, J.D.; Truman, I.G.; Hutchesson, D.C.; Marquand, S.; Manger, Tyler. The brethren, between 50 and 60 in number, afterwards adjourned to Gardner's Royal Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served up in the large dining room; the "menu" left nothing to be desired, and the decorations of the room had been most tastefully carried out by Bro. and Mrs. Gardner. The W.M. was supported on his right by Bro. Gallienne, 18°, P.D.P.G.M. for Guernsey, and on his left by Bro. Balfour Cockburn, 30°. The loyal toasts were duly given, and heartily honoured, the "Health of the W.M.," proposed by Bro. Gallienne, was enthusiastically received, and in responding, the W.M. congratulated the brethren on the flourishing state, not only of this lodge, but of Masonry in general in this Island, (one proof is, that three years ago, Guernsey had one vote for the Boys' School, and now gives 24). "The Visitors' Toast," to which Bro. Balfour Cockburn responded, was most heartily received, and the other toasts, interspersed with some capital songs, having been duly honoured, the brethren separated at an early hour.

MARGATE.—*Union Lodge* (No. 127).—This old established and flourishing lodge held its annual Installation meeting on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Lodge Room, King's Head Hotel, Margate. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer by the W.M., Bro. Alfred Wootton, P.G.S. Kent, assisted by his officers. Upwards of 30 members of the lodge and visitors, amongst whom were Bros. J. Terry, P.M. 228, Sec. Royal Benevolent Institution; L. Finch, P.M. 429, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; W. M. Cavell, P.M. 429, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Smeed, P.P.G.S.W. Middlesex; A. Ralph, W.M. 784, P.G.S. Kent; B. Hiscock, W.M. 1209; W. Winch, P.M. 429, P.P.G.S.D. Kent; and J. R. Gallant, I.G. 813. After the minutes of the last regular lodge were read, confirmed, and signed, the W.M. proceeded to instal Bro. W. Knight Treves, W.M. elect. A board of P.M.'s being opened Bro. Treves was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The board of I.M.'s was then closed, the brethren admitted, and the newly installed W.M. duly proclaimed and saluted in the different degrees. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, viz., Bros. E. Harnett,

S.W.; J. W. Smith, J.W.; in whose absence Bro. Vickers was invested pro tem., W. C. Brasier, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Kent, Treas; Rev. G. Lewis, Chaplain; W. Wallace, Sec.; F. L. Silani, S.D.; John Reeve, J.D.; William Crawford, I.G.; Alfred Aubrey, Organist; S. S. Chancellor, D.C.; Walter Gurr and J. H. Brown, Stewards; Cullum Marchant, Tyler. Bro. A. Wootton, as installing officer, gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren in a most impressive and forcible manner, Bro. W. C. Brasier then proposed, and Bro. E. Harnett seconded, that, a P.M. jewel be presented to Bro. A. Wootton, I.P.M.; carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, when about 30 brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, (placed on the table by Bro. John Smith, the host, in his usual handsome manner) under the presidency of the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts, (including the P.G.M., and D.P.G.M., and all officers past and present) were given from the chair. The health of the newly installed W.M. was then proposed by Bro. I.P.M. A. Wootton, and was most heartily responded to by all present with true Masonic fire. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the very kind manner in which the toast had been received, and hoped that Union Lodge, 127, would still merit a continuance of that success it had already gained. The other principal toasts were the I.P.M., P.M.'s, and Treasurer of the lodge, the Visitors, the Officers of the lodge, the Masonic Charities, (which was very ably responded to by Bro. J. Terry), the Ladies, Bro. Smith, the host, and all poor and distressed Masons. Several brethren then handed in their names with subscriptions to the Masonic Charities. Some excellent songs were sung during the evening, and the brethren separated about eleven o'clock, after passing a most enjoyable evening.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—A meeting of this old lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 1st of January, 1874, presided over by the W.M., Bro. Francis Trott, assisted by his officers as follows:—Bros. George Abbott, S.W.; George Newman, J.W.; W. Goodyer, P.M., Treas.; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; T. Cohu, S.D.; Charles Arkell, J.D.; E. Jones, I.G.; George Parker, Dir. Cer.; E. King, P.M., Steward. The lodge having been opened in the three degrees, Bros. Clark, Parker, and Poulton were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. This, the first day of the new year, was the auspicious occasion for installing the newly-elected Master of the Lodge, Bro. George Abbott, of the City Railway Terminus, Cannon-street, who had so worthily filled all the offices of the lodge, including that of S.W., to the satisfaction of the members, who unanimously elected him to the highest honour a lodge can confer upon any of its members. Bro. Henry Muggeridge, P.M. (the oldest member and father of the lodge), then occupied the chair for the purpose of installing the said brother, the interesting ceremony being performed with his usual ability—so well known to members of the Order far and near. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. George Newman, P.M. William Preston Lodge, S.W.; W. Goodyer (re-elected by the lodge), Treas.; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; Thos. Cohu, J.W.; Charles Arkell, S.D.; E. Jones, J.D.; Henry Legge, I.G.; E. Roberts, P.M., Dir. Cer.; E. King, P.M., Steward. We need scarcely say that the appointments gave general satisfaction. The Installing Master then concluded the beautiful ceremony of installation by giving the usual addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren. A notice of motion was given to present Bro. Trott, the retiring Master, with a P.M.'s jewel of the value of ten guineas; also to vote to each of the three Masonic charities, as recommended by the audit committee, the sum of ten guineas. There being no further business of particular interest, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. The brethren then repaired to a sumptuous banquet laid in the pillar room, which was ably presided over by Bro. George Abbott, the W.M. The cloth having been removed, the Master gave the usual Masonic toasts with great zest, that of "The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers" being

responded to by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., and Bro. John Emmens, P.G. Purs. The toast of the evening—"The newly-installed W.M."—was proposed by his predecessor, the I.P.M., which was received with much enthusiasm, and elicited a most appropriate and promising speech from the chair. Bro. Henry Muggeridge, P.M., returned thanks for the P.M.'s. The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Charities," coupling the same with the three Secretaries, viz., Bros. F. Binckes, R. W. Little, and J. Terry, all of whom, we are glad to say, were present. Bro. Terry returned thanks for the three charities in an appropriate and eloquent speech. The toast of "The newly-appointed Officers," having been given, Bro. R. W. Stewart, with the permission of the Master, proposed "Prosperity to the Lion and Lamb Lodge." The Tyler's toast then concluded a most agreeable meeting on New Year's Day, 1874. Amongst the members present we noticed the following:—Bros. E. Roberts, P.M.; John Johnstone, P.M.; E. King, P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; J. G. Chillingworth, J. G. Chillingworth, jun., J. H. Fuller, W. T. Rickwood, George Taylor, F. Fellowes, S. T. Lucas, W. Smale, W. F. Bates, T. Gardner, B. Perkins, W. Regan, John Curle, R. E. Bright, J. B. Clements, F. Baker, W. R. Baker, T. Fisher, George Hall, F. Jackson, R. G. Dixon, W. Ramsey, S. Edwards, Alfred Lewis, Henry Davis, S. Haynes, G. Bartholomew, A. G. Marks, J. G. Rollins, W. Waring; Henry Abbott, J. Kent, C. Cann, and J. G. Marsh, jun. The visitors who honoured the lodge with their presence were—Bros. R. W. Stewart, P.G.D. England; J. Emmens, P.G. Purs. England; F. Binckes, P.G. Steward (Sec. Boys' School); R. W. Little, Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex (Sec. Girls' School); J. Terry, P.P.G.S.B. (Sec. Royal Benevolent Institution); W. F. Smith, W.M. 862; H. Cohu, 1421; H. Dyne, J.W. 396; T. H. Fox, P.M. 21 and 192; C. W. Ashdown, P.M. 1421; J. H. Webster, I.G. 1309; Charles Jardine, J.W. 140; A. H. Tattarshall, P.M. 13 and 140; J. H. Weedon, P.M. 715; T. B. Dodson, 840; C. H. Murr, P.M. 857; J. K. Pitt, 463; J. G. Russell, W.M. 22; H. B. Dunn, 28; and J. G. Warwick, 202.

YORK.—*York Lodge* (No. 236).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on Monday, Dec. 15. Present, Bros. the Rev. H. V. Palmer, W.M.; Farrer, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorkshire; Lawton, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Cowling, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; Davison, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Todd, P.M., P.P.G.O., Sec.; Cooper, P.M., P.P.G. Sup. of Works; Hartley, P.M.; Southwaite, P.M.; Walton, P.M. 123 and 1337; Balmford, S.W., W.M. elect; Rawlings, S.D.; Monkhouse, J.D.; Camidge, P.P.G.O., Organist; Baskett, I.G.; and a large number of brethren and visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed and a candidate initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, the chair was taken by Bro. Cowling, P.M., when Bro. Balmford, S.W., P.P.G.O., and W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. Farrer and Lawton, P.M.'s, to receive the benefit of installation. After the ancient charges had been read by the Secretary and responded to by the W.M. elect, the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Cowling, who for many years past has acted as the Installing Master of this lodge. The newly installed W.M. was duly proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, and afterwards appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, viz., Bros. Swann Maltby, S.W.; F. Rawlings, J.W.; Rev. W. Valentine, Chaplain; W. Cowling, P.M., Treas.; J. Todd, P.M., Sec.; F. J. Monkhouse, S.D.; G. C. Baskett, J.D.; J. S. Camidge, Organist; J. Cooper, P.M., M.C.; and G. Browne, I.G. The addresses to the several officers were effectively given by the W.M., and the lodge was then adjourned to the 30th December, on which day the festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated by a numerous company of the brethren, and visitors from other lodges, dining together at the Masonic Hall. The W.M., Bro. Balmford, presided, supported by his officers and by Past Masters Bro. March, (Lord Mayor of the City of York), Palmer, Cowling, Davison, Hartley, Cooper, Todd, Southwaite, and Lowray, and Bros. Haigh

and Allison, P.M.'s.; Stead, S.W.; and Hewthwaite, J.W. of the Excelsior Lodge, Leeds, and Bro. Staniland, W.M. St. Germain's Lodge. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured, that of the W.M., which was most heartily received, being given by Bro. Lord Mayor. The toast of the Masonic Charities was ably proposed by Bro. Davison, P.M., and elicited a liberal response from the brethren. In compliment to the worthy chief magistrate of the city, who is one of the oldest P.M.'s of the lodge and greatly esteemed by the brethren, the toast of "The Lord Mayor and Corporation of the ancient City of York," was included in the list, and his lordship in responding thereto was most enthusiastically received. After an evening spent in social enjoyment, characterised throughout by harmony and brotherly love, the brethren were called to labour and the lodge was duly closed.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariner's Lodge (No. 249).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge, held on New Year's night, was singularly successful and highly enjoyable, there being a large attendance, and a general prevalence of the true spirit of the season. Bro. J. J. Rose was in his place as W.M., supported efficiently by his officers, Bros. H. Pearson, I.P.M.; J. Hamer, P.M.; J. Lloyd, S.W.; J. Hayes, J.W.; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M., Treas.; R. Collings, Sec.; H. P. Price, S.W.; W. Hamilton, J.D.; H. W. Nicholas, I.G.; W. G. Heale, Organist; W. Forster, S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The general membership was well represented by Bros. J. Crofton, T. Cooper, T. H. Hall, J. C. Robinson, J. Mills, T. Dodd, H. M. Daniels, J. Clusnall, W. Garlick, J. W. Stubb, A. Barnard, J. Roberts, J. McNeil, W. Gregory, H. Kirwan, E. Turner, R. Bannerman, R. M. Liddell, J. Hughes, J. Egnow, R. Swash, C. Warner, R. Carter, T. Stobie, J. Hanniford, J. Quayle, C. Jones, H. Hill, R. Molley, M. Gladstone, M. Davies, C. H. Foster, R. Richardson, T. Roberts, J. Wood, E. Griffiths, D. Jones, C. Leighton, S. Kirkpatrick, and S. Barnett. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. C. H. Hill, P.G., Reg.; G. Lyall, 823, and W.M. of a Gold Coast Lodge; P. B. Gee, I.P.M. 1264; A. Davies, W.M. 1264; S. Achmore, P.M. 823; A. Beattie, P.M. 217; J. Ismay, J.W. 216; P. Glover, 203; J. Cooke, 75; J. Stephen, 67; J. A. Jones, 216; J. Leece, 823; T. Shaw, 605; T. W. Sergeantson, 203; F. Atkinson, 18; W. Johnstone, 168; T. Peddington, 1393, &c. After the lodge had been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, seven candidates were duly initiated as E.A., and two other brethren were passed to the degree of F.C. The "first" was given by the W.M., and the "second" by Bro. Pearson. On the motion of Bro. Dr. Smith, P.M., Treas.; seconded by Bro. H. Pearson, I.P.M., £50 was voted from the funds of the lodge on behalf of the building of the new Masonic Temple, making upwards of £400 which has been subscribed for the purpose by the lodge and individual members. Business over, a numerous company sat down to a seasonable and substantial repast. The W.M. gave "The Queen, and Prince and Princess of Wales, and our Masonic Rulers supreme and subordinate," after which Bro. Dr. Smith gave the health of the W.M. In doing so, he said it gave him all the greater pleasure to propose the toast on that occasion, because Bro. Rose, had now celebrated his semi-annual tenancy of the chair. He had fulfilled the duties of his office with great satisfaction, and there could be no doubt that the progress and pleasure of the second half would be as great as the first. The W.M. in thanking the brethren for their enthusiastic reception of the toast, assured them that he had invariably endeavoured to do his duty to the best of his ability and intimated that at their next meeting they would have a bread-and-cheese banquet. He hoped that this would meet with the approval of all the brethren, so that they might show more sincerely the spirit and works of charity which were so bound up in Freemasonry. The announcement was well received. The W.M. next gave the "P.M.'s of No. 249," which was acknowledged by Bro. Dr. Smith, who stated that there was one thing above all others which had pleased him

that night, and that was the unanimous and enthusiastic manner in which the brethren of the lodge had agreed to the proposition of voting £50 towards the building of the new Masonic temple, which would make considerably over £400 from that lodge and its members. That was something to be very proud of, but go on labouring for the same good cause. For himself, his services were always at their disposal, and if ever he could be of any service in this matter he would only be too happy to lend a helping hand. Bro. Dr. R. H. D. Johnston, P.M., also responded to the toast. The W.M. next proposed "Our newly Initiated Brethren," which was suitably responded to. "The Visitors," given from the chair, was acknowledged by Bro. A. Jones, A. Davies, and G. Lyall; and "The Officers," acknowledged by Bro. J. Hayes, J.W. No greater treat was furnished during the evening—a singularly harmonious and happy one—than by the exceedingly funny comicalities of Bro. H. W. Nicholas, I.G. (surnamed the "P.G. Comique"), whose reading and rendering of such songs as "The Editor," (said to have been written by an unknown author, named MacKenzie) "Bill Jenkins," and kindred productions, caused the utmost hilarity. Bro. Veale (who was at the harmonium), Bro. Ellis, and Bro. Dr. Johnston also contributed to the pleasantness of the evening by giving some capital songs.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The annual installation in connection with this ancient and prosperous lodge took place on Monday, the 29th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. The W.M., Bro. Fleming, having opened the lodge in the first and second degrees and other business having been transacted, Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England, was desired by the W.M. to perform the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Edward Airey, into the chair of K.S., to which he most cheerfully gave his assent, and forthwith discharged those duties in an effective manner, worthy of that distinguished officer. The town of Lancaster possesses in Bro. Dr. Moore such an example of assiduity in the cause of Masonic art sufficient to make other towns desirous of the possession of such a brother, who is ever foremost in the cause of Masonry, and who has earned for himself the reputation of being one of the first installing officers in the county Palatine; this combined with the fact of the great popularity of the W.M. elect, Bro. Airey, who has made rapid strides and done much good work in the Craft, caused the brethren to assemble in large numbers to witness his installation. The following officers were appointed: Bros. R. Gregson, S.W.; T. Atkinson, J.W.; James Hatch, Treasurer; Edmund Simpson, Secretary; (entering on his 20th year of office); R. Taylor, S.D.; Duff, J.D.; Dr. Saul, I.G. Before the lodge was closed a sum of money was voted in order to make the J.W. a life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for aged Freemasons and their Widows. A banquet (at the King's Arms Hotel), of the most *recherché* character, provided by Bro. Joseph Sly, followed by the usual loyal Masonic toasts, brought to a close one of the largest and pleasantest meetings of the Lodge of Fortitude ever held.

HAYLE.—Cornubian Lodge (No. 450).—The annual meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held in the new lodge room at Hayle, on Tuesday, December 30, 1874, for the purpose of installing the new W.M., and for appointing the officers for the year ensuing. The brethren met for the first time in their new lodge, which is one of the handsomest in the West of England. Hitherto "Cornubian" has had a lodge room in the White Hart Hotel, but its numbers having so greatly increased—there being now above 80 members belonging to the lodge—it was felt desirable to have a new lodge room. Premises suitable were found in the block of cottages at the side of the hotel, which formerly constituted the old White Hart, and these were completely gutted, and an extremely handsome and commodious lodge has been formed therein. The lodge is 38ft. in length by 25ft. in breadth, and 12ft. 9in. high. There is also an ante-room upstairs, 12ft. by 9ft. The lodge room has been prepared and decorated by Bro. Thomas Solomon, of Phoenix Lodge, Truro, P.P.S.G.W., and for its good taste and elegance it reflects the

highest credit upon him and his assistants. The ceiling is a star pattern in gold on a white ground, the canopy is decorated in panels, and ethereal or azure blue prevails; and there will be displayed in ornamental circles the emblems of the offices of the lodge; the design on the paper is of a small geometrical form. The walls of the room are panelled with a deep rich blue and gold star, and are intended to be adorned with the figures illustrative of Faith, Hope, Charity, Truth, Fortitude, Wisdom, Chastity, &c. Each panel round the room is supported by a Corinthian oak pillar against a maple ground; the cornices are painted out, or decorated, in a variety of tints, suited to the general embellishments. The porch, lobby, and staircase are papered with a plank oak paper in a series of niches, with which will be displayed figures illustrative of the sciences, and several other sentiments. The lobby will be a very handsome one when completed. The cost of the lodge is about £500, towards which there were funds in hand of about £250; some £50 more have been subscribed, and there will probably be further subscriptions without trenching on the charities; there is a surplus annual income of £80 a year, so that any remaining debt may soon be liquidated. Bro. Solomon, who has done his work so well here, has two other lodges in hand, the Tregullow Lodge at St. Day, which is under the special patronage and support of Bro. Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart, M.P., and the "One and All" at Bodmin. The installation of the W. Master-Elect, Bro. James Mudge, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.W., was most ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. James Pool, who was warmly complimented for the manner in which the ceremony was conducted. The W. Master, who had already passed the chair, then appointed his officers:—Bro. W. Husband, S.W.; H. J. Warren, J.W.; Frank Harvey, P. Prov. G.S. of W. Treas.; G. B. Pearce, Secretary; Rev. F. E. S. Simcox, Chaplain; George Stevens, D.C.; John Roberts, S.D.; C. Carkeek, J.D.; J. P. Smith, P. Prov. G.J.D., Steward; J. H. Burrall, P.M., Steward; E. F. Butlin, Organist; James Malcolmson, I.G.; James Bray, Tyler. The banquet was held in the Town Hall, there being no room sufficiently large at the hotel to accommodate the brethren, of whom there were 70 present. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Dr. Mudge, who was supported by Bro. the Rev. F. E. T. Simcox, Revs. W. H. Bloxsome, A. J. H. Cummings, G. B. Pearce, Sec.; James Pool, I.P.M.; Isaac Latimer, W.M. 189, P. Prov. G. Sec. of Devon; T. Solomon, P.M., 331, P. Prov. G.S.W.; Penrose and Thomas, of Redruth; F. W. Helland, of "Unanimity and Sincerity," 261, at Taunton; Lanyon, "Phoenix," Baker, "Mount Sinai," Henry and William Trevithick, of "Tregenna," and other visiting brethren. The following Past Masters of the lodge were also present:—Thomas W. Robinson, John Poole, John Rosewarne, Christopher Ellis, John P. Smith, John Polglase, John H. Burrall, John Coombe, Frank Harvey, Frank Poole, James Mudge, George Eustice, W. Huthnance, N. J. West. The dinner, which was an excellent one, was provided by Miss Oliver, of the hotel. The vice-chairs were occupied by the Senior and Junior Wardens. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair by the W.M. in short and admirable speeches, and during the evening the company were addressed by a number of brethren on matters interesting to them as Freemasons, and of special interest to the lodge generally. Between the toasts several songs were sung, and Bro. Butlin, presided at the piano. The whole of the proceedings were of a very gratifying character.

BOSTON.—Franklin Lodge (No. 838).—The brethren connected with this Lodge met in strong force on the 1st inst., to celebrate the festival of "St. John," the principal business being the installation of Bro. William Pooles, S.W., the W.M. elect, and the appointment and investiture of officers for the ensuing year. The lodge being called for 4 o'clock, punctually at that hour Bro. Thomas Seator, jun., W.M., supported by Bro. W. H. Bailes, P.M., P.P.G., S.W., West York (Mayor of Boston); Bro. W. H. Radley, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; Bro. M.

Crowd, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Bro. W. J. Bland, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; Bro. H. Shepherd, P.M., P.P.G. Steward; Bro. S. Belton, P.M.; Bro. William Pooles, S.W.; Bro. G. Jackson, J.W.; Bro. John Allen, jun., Sec.; Bro. James Fergusson, S.D.; W. H. Bratley, Org.; A. H. Read, I.G.; John Johnson, Tyler; and the following brethren, Rev. G. W. Lowe, Chaplain, Harmony Lodge, 72; Bro. W. J. H. Wood, G. Young, P.P.G.S.W. of W.; J. Fergusson, jun., 268; J. R. Seator, Charles Wood, J. T. Liddall, C. Pannell, J. W. Palmer, W. Challans, James Plant, J. G. Buck, and others, proceeded with the ceremony of installation, which he performed with great efficiency and ability, reflecting the highest credit upon his Masonic zeal. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. Seator, jun., I.P.M.; G. Jackson, S.W.; J. Fergusson, J.W.; W. H. Radley, P.M., Treas.; John Allen, jun., Sec.; W. J. Bland, P.M., S.D.; J. W. Palmer, J.D.; W. H. Bratley, Org.; W. J. H. Wood, I.G.; and J. Johnson, Tyler. The lodge was then closed according to established custom, and the brethren afterwards partook of a sumptuous banquet, which reflected the highest credit upon the Misses Jackson, and the worthy S.W., Bro. Jackson, of the Peacock Hotel. After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M. of Lincolnshire, the Duke of St. Alban's; the D.P.G.M. of Lincolnshire, Major Symthe, and the Prov. Officers past and present," was ably proposed by Bro. W. H. Bailes, P.M., and cordially received by the brethren, Bro. H. Shepherd, P.M. responding. The W.M. then proposed the health of the retiring Master, Bro. Seaton, and congratulated him on the very able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office, and the success which had attended his efforts in increasing the strength of the lodge, and which duties had been performed in a manner inferior to none and superior to many, especially alluding to the able manner in which the lectures in the three degrees on the tracing board had been given. Bro. Seaton acknowledged the compliment paid him, and concluded by proposing the health of the newly installed Master, Bro. W. Pooles, who he congratulated on being appointed to the high and important office of Master, and the very fact of the brethren having unanimously elected him was an evidence of the high estimation in which he was held by his brothers in Masonry. The W.M. in returning thanks, said that his sole object in accepting the high office conferred upon him would be to carry out the duties of Masonry in its integrity, and that he would endeavour to acquit himself in the same creditable manner which had so satisfactorily been done in the Franklin Lodge by his predecessors in the chair. The healths of the "P.M.'s," was proposed by Bro. W. J. A. Wood, and responded to by Bro. Belton, P.M. The "Newly Invested Officers" was proposed by Bro. G. Young, P.P.G.S. of W., and responded to by Bro. G. Jackson, S.W. The health of the "W.M., Officers, and Members of the Sister Lodge, No. 272," was proposed by Bro. H. Bates, and responded to (in the absence of Bro. F. Snaith, the W.M.) by Bro. W. H. Bailes, P.M., who thanked the W.M. of the Franklin Lodge, for the fraternal spirit he had kindly manifested towards the lodge of which he was a Past Master, and hoped that that good feeling would always be reciprocated by the brethren of the Lodge of Harmony. "The Masonic Charities" was ably proposed by Bro. W. J. Bland, P.M., and responded to by Bro. W. H. Radley, P.M. (Hon. Sec. to the Charity Committee of the province of Lincolnshire), who thanked the brethren for the ready and generous way in which they at all times responded to his appeals and was proud to state that the Franklin Lodge stood high on the various lists of the charitable institutions of the Craft, and more especially had distinguished itself by having during the past year qualified the Master's chair as a vice patron of the Boys' School; a position which no other lodge in the province at present holds. "The Visiting Brethren," was proposed by Bro. John Allen, jun., the Hon. Sec. of the lodge, and responded to by Bro. the Rev. G. W. Lowe, who took occasion to observe that he and all brethren visiting the Franklin Lodge always received a

cordial welcome and the right hand of fellowship, and after referring in the highest possible praise of Masonry in its integrity, concluded by thanking the W.M. for the very courteous reception given to him and the visiting brethren. "The Ladies," proposed by Bro. J. Fergusson, J.W., responded to by Bro. W. J. Palmer, J.D., was next honoured, after which Bro. W. H. Radley, P.M., proposed "All poor and distressed Masons," which concluded the toast list, and the W.M. after paying a marked compliment to several brethren not included therein for the interest they took in Masonry in general and the Franklin Lodge in particular, brought one the most successful, harmonious, and enjoyable evenings ever held under the auspices of the Franklin Lodge to a close.

WHITEHAVEN.—*Lewis Lodge* (No. 872).—St. John's Festival was held at Whitehaven, on Friday, Dec. 26th, by the brethren of the above lodge, at their Masonic Hall, Duke-street, on which occasion Brother Thomas Atkinson, grocer, Roper-street, was installed as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The Lodge having been duly opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. William Gill, P.P.G.T., Bro. Atkinson was presented by Bro. Gill, and installed in the chair of King Solomon by Bro. C. Morton, P.P.G.S.W., and P.M. of Lewis Lodge, No. 872, in the most pleasing and impressive manner, to the delight of the brethren, who admired his performance of that beautiful ceremony. The newly installed W.M. afterwards appointed the following worthy brethren as his officers, viz.: Dr. Ablett, S.W.; Bros. Mitchell, J.W.; Twentymen, Hon. Sec.; Spittal, Hon. Treas.; Rev. R. B. Labarte, Chap.; Bro. Robinson, S.D.; Charleton, J.D.; Cooper, P.P.G.O., Org.; Sewell, I.G.; Salisbury, P.M., Tyler; and J. Morton and A. Hardie, Stewards. The solemn ceremony being ended the lodge was duly closed according to ancient custom. The brethren retired to the refreshment room, where awaited them a substantial dinner, prepared by Mrs. Hughan, the widow of our late lamented brother, which elicited the greatest praise and was done ample justice to by all present. The wines, spirits, &c., provided by Bro. Huddleston, P.J.W., and Bro. Morton, P.I.G., gave every satisfaction. After the usual Masonic toasts had been gone through, which were interspersed with songs, recitations, &c., the brethren separated in good harmony thoroughly well pleased with their entertainment. Without flattery we may state that the furniture, pictures, and ornaments of this lodge are most beautiful, and of the most modern design, having been made expressly some two years ago; many brethren have made handsome presents, which all add to its beauty. At present the walls are not thoroughly dry, the lodge having been built for them some three years ago, at the entire expense of the lodge and remain in an unfinished state, but in the course of another year, when all is completed this lodge will be second to none, either in Cumberland or Westmoreland. The columns, made of cedar, presented by Bro. Bentinck, M.P., are worthy of a sight, the workmanship on each is truly magnificent. It is gratifying to notice how the brethren are working in unison to make their lodge room comfortable, beautiful, and attractive to its members, and we do most heartily wish them the success they truly deserve. We must not close without making mention of one worthy brother, who labours with all his heart and soul for the good and welfare of this lodge in particular, and the name of that brother is C. Morton, the Installing Master, who we may state makes it his duty to be at every instruction night, which accounts for the beautiful manner the Master and his officers go through their arduous duties.

CARDIFF.—*Bute Lodge* (No. 960).—The brethren of this lodge met at four o'clock on Tuesday, Dec. 23, for the purpose of installing their W.M. elect for the ensuing year. The lodge-room in Consulate Chambers, formerly the board-room of the Taff Vale Railway Company, has been recently re-furnished and decorated in an exceedingly beautiful manner by Messrs. Cram and Taylor, and reflects great credit upon those artists. The attendance, especially of Past Masters and distinguished brethren, was, for some reason, particularly meagre, the only visitors of distinction present

being Bro. Captain G. S. Homfray, D.P.M. Monmouth, and Bro. Augustus Homfray, W.M. Isca Lodge, Newport, and S.G.W. Monmouthshire. The installation ceremony was, contrary to usage, to have been performed by the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. E. Morris, but some time after the lodge assembled, a telegram was received from that Worshipful brother announcing his unavoidable detention at Carmarthen. Some consternation was occasioned by the unexpected intelligence, as the ceremony, being a long and difficult one, requires some preparation; but Bro. F. Ware, P. Prov. G. Registrar and P.M. of the lodge, being present, undertook, and performed the duty in a manner which elicited a cordial and unanimous vote of thanks from the lodge. The ceremony concluded, the newly-installed W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—Bro. T. C. Shelper, I.P.M.; Bros. E. Quelch, S.W.; T. W. Jacobs, J.W.; Rev. J. J. Bird, Chaplain; S. Weichert, Treas.; S. Hern, Sec.; G. J. Hutchings, S.D.; S. Yorath, J.D.; D. Hopkins, Dir. of Cer.; F. P. Atkins, Organist; R. Shaddick, and J. Williams, Stewards; J. H. Roberts, I.G.; W. Davis, O.G. The routine business of the lodge being concluded, the usual compliments were paid to the visitors, and suitably acknowledged by Bros. S. and A. Homfray, after which the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren proceeded to the Windsor Hotel, where [the installation banquet had been provided by the host, Bro. Waters. The newly installed W.M. (Bro. W. H. Davies) presided, and was supported by the before-mentioned visitors, together with Past Masters Shelper and Weichert. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs from Bros. Moreton, Elliott, and Smith, to the able accompaniment of Bro. Atkins, Prov. G. Organist. Bro. Hon. H. W. Short, (American Consul) recently initiated in this lodge, also gave an able recitation. Before the brethren separated, the health of Bro. Waters, and "thanks for his excellent entertainment," was heartily given and responded to.

MARKET RASEN.—*Bayon's Lodge* (No. 1286).—A larger muster than usual of the brethren of this prosperous lodge met at the Corn Exchange, Market Rasen, on the 20th ult., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Rev. John C. K. Saunders as W.M., evidencing the great interest taken in the business of the meeting. The lodge was opened by Bro. E. E. Irwins, I.P.M. and T., assisted by Bros. J. W. Makins, W.M.; Rev. J. C. K. Saunders, S.W.; A. A. Padley, as J.W.; Rev. T. P. Holdich, C.; E. Strong, S.D.; W. Henson, J.D.; I. Casterton, I.G. There were also present Bros. W. Cocking, Fotherby, and others; and visitors, Bros. Rev. D. Ace, D.D., P.G.C.; Rev. T. Pepper, C. 712. The lodge was subsequently raised to the second and third degrees, when the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, and impressively performed by Bro. E. E. Jevons, P.M., and Bro. Rev. I. C. K. Saunders duly installed in the chair of K.S., after which he appointed the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. F. W. Meekins, I.P.M.; Rev. F. P. Holdich, S.W.; A. A. Padley, J.W.; J. C. K. Saunders, C.; E. Strong, Sec.; W. Henderson, S.D.; C. H. Scales, J.D.; J. Casterton, I.G.; W. Cocking, Org.; H. C. Chambers, D.C. After the investiture the W.M. briefly addressed the brethren on some points of practical importance, and announced his intention to deliver a course of lectures on Freemasonry during his year of office. The other business of the lodge having been disposed of, the brethren retired for refreshment.

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THE NEXT ELECTION FOR THE
GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Our readers will have perused with much satisfaction the report of the proceedings of the House Committee of the Girls' School, on the 24th Dec., and the recommendation to be submitted to the quarterly General Court summoned for January the 10th.

By that report it appears, there are now 29 candidates for the April election, though of these one case is to be withdrawn on account of previous canvassing. While we quite agree with the House Committee in principle, and feel that those injudicious friends may receive a proper reprimand from the Committee, yet we are inclined to think and to hope, that the child should not be made to suffer for the faults of others.

Perhaps having called attention to the subject publicly, and having openly condemned such hasty and irregular proceedings, the quarterly General Court may adopt the entire list of 29 candidates.

At first, according to the present arrangements, only five vacancies were declared, but such a number, with the existing amount of accommodation and the funded capital of the school, was clearly insufficient either to meet the wants of the brotherhood, or to do justice to that excellent Institution itself.

Accordingly, a resolution was unanimously carried, that, ten additional children should be elected in April next, making in all, fifteen, and such resolution is to be submitted to the Quarterly General Court on the 10th of January.

Of its success we need, let us hope, have no doubt, as its seasonableness is unquestionable, and its propriety we may add, self-evident.

The election of fifteen candidates, will still leave fourteen to come up again at the October election, and between this and October, it is, we fear, fully certain that, several more candidates

will inevitably appear. The Girls' School stands in a very different position to the Boys' School, having, happily, such a large funded capital intact, and, therefore our English Craft fairly expects, that, the House Committee will not, by any mistaken notions of economy, or an adherence to former calculations of numbers and vacancies, fail to meet the pressing demands of our largely increasing brotherhood. It seems to us, that, before long, the House Committee of the Girls' school will have to consider the propriety, of still further permanently enlarging the school accommodation, as there is no reason, why, with the income belonging to the school from invested capital, and from the annual donations of our ever ready Craft, three fourths of the candidates annually, should not at least be elected into the Institution.

The Girls' School is in itself an educational seminary, of which as an Order we may well be proud, and which for its efficiency, and thorough practical character, its adaptation to the requirements of our fraternity, and the position and training of the children themselves, is we sincerely believe without an equal in this country.

It has always commended itself to the warm feelings of Freemasons, and we feel sure it will always do so, as long as it is conducted on the same wise, consistent, and large-hearted principles, which have marked its past work and administration.

In these days however, of active educational efforts, and earnest philanthropic interest, would it not be well (we say it in all deference to the very excellent actual house committee), to have a fresh election of members of the same every year? That is to say, could not a proportion retire annually for one year, so as to allow fresh metropolitan and provincial members of the Order to participate in the good work?

We throw this out merely as a friendly hint, as we live in an age of great reform, but we should not be doing justice to our own feelings, or to those of the Craft at large, if we did not express clearly to-day, how much we feel the success of the Girls' School is owing to the ability and zeal of its most efficient head Governor, and to the active and continuous interest and successful supervision of the House Committee. It has a most active and able Secretary in the person of our well-known Bro. R. W. Little, and we can only hope for his assiduous efforts and important duties, all of prosperity and success,

THE RECENT ADDRESSES FROM THE
VIRTUOSI LODGE, 90, OF LEGHORN.

In our last number we published, at the request of Bro. Anselmo Carpi, of Leghorn, two addresses from the Virtuosi Lodge, of Leghorn, which is also called a Grand Lodge, though we apprehend not in our sense of a Grand Lodge. These two addresses are sent, one to Mr. Richards, M.P., in recognition of his efforts in favour of international arbitration, the other to our Bro. Lavradio, Viscount of Di Rio Bianco, G.M. of the Grand Orient Supreme Council of Brazil, in the Valley, and President of the Brazilian Council of Ministers, for his active defence of

Freemasonry against the unwise attacks of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in Brazil.

In admitting such addressess into the columns of *The Freemason*, we are not bound or affected in any way, either by their verbiage or their opinions. But, in order to prevent any possible misconstruction, or misconception, we think it right to notice them to day, and to add, that we in this country, have nothing to do as Freemasons, with any matter appertaining to either politics or religion, as such. We neither express any opinion, nor do we in any way interfere or tolerate a discussion of the passing polemics of the hour, whether party or denominational.

When then the Italian "Orator," our worthy Bro. "Carpi," states boldly that such an address is offered to Mr. Henry Richards, M.P., on account of the triumph of the "Grand Masonic idea of permanent international arbitration," we can only point out to our readers to day, that, whatever may be the "Grand Masonic Idea," of the Italian Freemasons on the subject, we have no such "idea," as we are not warranted in expressing such an opinion, as English Freemasons.

The question of "International Arbitration," is a passing political subject, with which we have no connection, and about which we could not legitimately express our views as Freemasons, and we are entirely of opinion, that the less Freemasons concern themselves with such matters, which belong to other lawfully constituted assemblies, properly to discuss and settle, the better it will be for Freemasonry.

All Freemasons are lovers of peace, and opponents of war, but we are not at all prepared to say that any particular view of arbitration is "the grand idea of Masonry," as, though Freemasons, we are still Englishmen, and as such we most surely object, and probably always will object to "peace at any price."

But, as we said before, we do not feel that, as Freemasons, we have a right to discuss the matter at all, which may well be left to competent authorities and a proper tribunal.

We sympathize deeply with the Brazilian Freemasons in their unjust persecution by the mistaken policy of the Roman Catholic prelates in that country.

We do not think it wise to adopt all the strong expressions of our good and energetic Bro. Carpi, as we feel ourselves persuaded, that, so great is the justice of our cause, as Freemasons, and so self-evident the folly and perversity which actuate the present Roman Catholic attack on our Order, that, we can afford to meet it in all forbearance and dignity, and self-restraint, remembering ever the good old adage, "*magna est veritas et praevalabit.*"

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

The Queen is still at Osborne, where H.R.H. Prince Arthur remains on a visit.

The Duke de la Rouchfoucauld Bisaccia French Ambassador to this country, has been presented to her Majesty by Earl Granville.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are still at Sandringham, but leave for St. Petersburg on the 10th of January.

H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh left England last week on his happy journey, and a telegram

announces his safe arrival at St. Petersburg. May all of good attend his august Fiancée and himself on their matrimonial voyage.

The usual kindly distribution of Christmas gifts to the labourers and domestics in the Royal households have taken place at Osborne, Windsor, and Sandringham.

The marriage of Miss Gladstone, daughter of the Premier, with the Rev. E. Wickham, headmaster of Wellington College, has taken place at Hawarden. And the marriage of the Duke of St. Alban's with Grace, second daughter of the well-known Mr. Bernal Osborne, M.P., has also been celebrated at Killaloe Church, Newton Anner, Clonmel.

Mr. Pettie has been elected R.A., to fill the place of the lamented Sir E. Landseer whose remarkable pictures are now collected by the Royal Academy for public inspection.

The Hayman correspondence continues in profuse quantity without, as it appears to us, much practical good. If anything is proved, it is the very questionable value of the system of "governing bodies" of our public schools. A somewhat similar controversy seems to be beginning at Eton, with reference to the proposed "supersession" of some of the under teachers by Dr. Hornby.

The news from the Gold Coast is not much, though any day may bring us some important tidings. The troops are at sea, awaiting an order to land, in good health, and we may be quite certain "ready for the fray." We have to deplore the loss of Lieutenant Alfred Charteris, of the Coldstream Guards, on the staff of the army, the gallant son of a gallant father, who died at sea of fever on board the *Simeon*. Much sympathy will be felt for Lord Elcho.

The investigation as to the loss of the *Ville du Havre* has taken place, and it seems as if in the collision, that unfortunate ship had "star-boarded" instead of "ported" her helm, and so the *Loch Earn* struck her nearly "amidships."

Abroad the news is very limited, but the French Government has requested the prelates to moderate their language when dealing with matters which affect their neighbours, but otherwise all is tranquil in France.

There is nothing new from Germany, except that the ecclesiastical and civil controversy continues to be vehemently urged, and that happily the Emperor of Germany is much better.

In Spain a military coup d'etat has put an end near Cromwelliano, to the Constituent Cortez, and the Castelar Administration. General Pavia and Marshal Serrano, (the Duke de La Torre) seem to be masters of the situation, so far. It is not impossible that Don Alphonso, the son of Queen Isabella, may be raised to the throne by the Spanish army. In the meantime the bombardment of Carthage continues, and General Moriones seems to be in a scrape, as the Carlists are apparently again surrounding him.

The surviving crew and passengers of the *Virginus* have been given up to the American officer commanding the *Juniata*, Commander Braine, much to their joy. They were in a deplorable state from dirt and neglect, and want of clothes, but were warmly received and most kindly treated, by the American officers and sailors. The *Virginus* itself has in the meanwhile foundered at sea, and we have no doubt, but that "Uncle Sam" indulges in a quiet chuckle.

We have to announce the death of General Sir A. Roberts, Colonel of the 101st regiment; of General Robert Sloper Piper, and of Major John Bent, of Exeter, an old officer of the 5th Fusiliers, who died the other day, aged 92. Sir Richard Glasse's death is also mentioned, who was well-known for his successful labours in connection with the first Atlantic Cable. The medical profession has suffered a loss by the sudden decease of Dr. F. C. Webb, the editor of the *Medical Times and Gazette*. Mr. Mark Phillips has also passed away, formerly well known in Parliament as member for Manchester.

THE CONVIVIAL BOARD.

On this interesting subject we have received the subjoined communication from the versatile pen of our esteemed friend and brother, William Kilpatrick, of Hiram's (symbolic) Lodge, No. 97, England (now of this city).

The topic is one with which we claim some familiarity. It will bear ventilation in this country, and as the Craft here are no strangers when called "from labour to substantial refreshment," the question will come home to Masons of the Hautes Grades, as well as those of the inferior and more populous bodies.

Hence we, with great pleasure, give place to the entire article in this department, and shall be pleased to hear from those who differ with its conclusions, or of any suggestions to make in the way of response:

While Freemasonry is the same all the world over in its essential elements of brotherhood and charity, there is a very great difference in the manner of conducting the business of the organisation in various countries. For instance, in America, or at least in the State of New York, it is the law that "no lodge shall introduce intoxicating liquors within its lodge-room, or any room adjoining;" (vide Constitution, Art. XI., Sec. 25), while in England, Ireland, and Scotland, the "convivial board" is a *sine qua non*—if the expression be permitted—at every regular meeting of the lodge. True, lodges are not to meet in taverns or public houses where it is practicable to meet elsewhere, nor are intoxicating liquors admitted into the lodge-room; but the prevailing rule is that a "refreshment" room adjoins the lodge-room, and at the close of labour the brethren are called to refreshment, in the actual sense of the term. In fact, a very important part of the lodge furniture are the utensils used at the convivial board—the decanters, glasses, punch kettles, sugar bowls and tongs, and all the other etceteras necessary at a carouse. And at the annual elections of lodge officers the position of Steward is considered one of considerable importance, his duty being to keep the cupboard well stocked with the "ardent" and the edibles required for the different palates.

There are few of your readers who have not read Douglas Jerrold's famous "Curtain Lectures," first published in the columns of the *London Punch*. The indignation of Mrs. Caudle, when she discovered that her spouse had become a Mason, was very great.

"I suppose," exclaimed the voluble lady to her lymphatic partner, "I suppose you'll be going to what you call your lodge every night now. Lodge, indeed! Pretty place it must be where they don't admit women! Nice goings on, I dare say. But it's only another excuse to get away from your wives and families, that you may feast and drink together, and call one another brethren. Brethren, indeed! That's the secret, and nothing else."

The truism uttered by the garrulous Mrs. Caudle some thirty years ago is a fact to a large extent at the present day, when the "convivial board" is a flourishing institution as of yore. But the members of the fraternity in the Old country are beginning to profit by the good example set them on this side the Atlantic, and the clause in the Constitution I have quoted above is being introduced into many of the lodges. An instance of this occurred a few weeks ago in London, where the key-note was sounded, which is likely to be taken up in every lodge throughout the length and breadth of the land. The brethren of the Great City Lodge met at the Cannon-street Hotel, and, after the usual lodge work was done, they adjourned to their banquet room, where, instead of the accustomed sumptuous dinner, with the costly concomitants of champagne, etc., there was spread a frugal meal of bread and cheese and ale. The W.M. presided, and all the officers and visitors partook of the repast, and when the cloth had been removed the president explained to the visitors that the lodge had determined to give up one banquet (which cost between 200 and 300 dols.), and to give the amount thus saved to the charity fund of the lodge. Most of the visitors, including several prominent Freemasons of England, spoke and expressed their delight at the novel banquet; and

the members of the lodge were so gratified at the unexpected success of the experiment, that it was proposed to give up four of the six monthly banquets, and so increase the charitable fund to about 800 dols. The proposal was well received, and after the usual toasts had been duly honoured, the list went round for individual subscriptions to Masonic benevolent institutions, when over 250 dols. was subscribed and more promised.

When it is considered that the lodge here spoken of numbers among its members many of the nobility and merchant millionaires of the "modern Babylon," this innovation, so to speak, must be heralded as the *avant courier* of a new era in British Freemasonry. The example was not only well timed, but comes from the most influential lodge in England, and therefore the most uninterested personally in charitable matters.

I have no doubt but this "new departure" will cause a revival in Freemasonry in Great Britain and Ireland, as every person who is conversant with the Order must admit that the convivial board has often been the rock on which many a noble Masonic craft has come to grief, and has often acted as a deterrent to many an aspirant after Masonic light, sometimes causing him to hold aloof from the organization altogether.

And much as the practice is to be condemned, it is nowhere so much abused as in Scotland—the "land of Knox and whisky drinking"—where there are few Masonic halls in existence, and where the brethren almost invariably meet in taverns. In that country the lodge keeping the best table is the most patronized by the visiting brethren, the convivialities often extending to the "wee short hours ayont the twal."

But as Masonry boasts of the practice of every social and moral virtue, and tries to make all her sons true and trusty, good citizens, and virtuous members of society, it is the duty of every individual member of the Craft to promote in every way anything that conduces to brotherly love, peace, and goodwill among men. As Freemasonry advances, so also does civilization, and the time, I trust, is not far distant when Masonic halls, libraries, reading rooms, &c., will be as numerous as churches, and the brethren as numberless, so to speak, as the sands of the sea shore. The old country lodges have made a move in the right direction. That the example set by the Londoners may spread far and near, and be productive of good fruit, is the fervent wish of every true Mason.—*New York Dispatch*, Dec. 21, 1873.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT MANCHESTER.

On Wednesday, 3rd December, 1873, a new lodge was consecrated at Mrs. Kershaw's, the Lamb Inn, Oldham-road, Manchester, under the title of "Lodge of Truth No. 1458."

The ceremony was excellently rendered by Bro. William Romaine Callender, D.P.G.M. of East Lancashire, assisted by a goodly number of the P.G. Officers, and evidently made a deep impression upon the minds of all the brethren who had the good fortune to be present.

The consecration being over, Bro. John W. Turner, of the Ulverstone Lodge, Huddersfield, was then duly installed as first Worshipful Master, by the D.P.G.M., who, with the assistance of Bro. P.M. Caldwell, one of the best workers in this province, invested the following brethren as officers:—Bros. James E. Hall, S.W.; Henry Smith, J.W.; Thomas Tyers, P.M., Treasurer; Charles Pearson, Secretary; G. H. Needle, S.D.; J. W. Hartley, J.D.; Charles J. Kent, I.G.; Thomas Wallis, P.M., Tyler.

This business done, a most sumptuous banquet was served by the hostess (Mrs. Kershaw,) to which the brethren did ample justice.

Some fine glees were sung by Bros. William Dumville and Lister, of the Cathedral, Manchester, and Bros. Miller and Pearson, which charmed the evening harmoniously and pleasantly away.

The district in which the lodge is situated is a very populous one, and it is believed the lodge will be both prosperous, and a credit to the province.

Bro. James Batchelder's accompaniment to the glees on the pianoforte was perfection. He also played one of his pianoforte solos, so well as to prove him to be a thorough master of the instrument.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The third meeting of the Board of Stewards appointed to carry out the coming Festival, was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., present: Bros. Major William Platt, Grand Junior Warden, Chairman; Limpus, Constable, Moss, Kenning, Cochrane, Stevens, Edenshaw, Jones, Richards, and about thirty other brethren. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, the tender of Bro. Seymour Smith was accepted for the musical arrangements, the amount being £31 10s., for which he will provide 500 books of words, the use of two grand pianos, with the services of two pianists, and ten professional singers. Bros. Edenshaw and Hemsworth, were appointed wine Stewards, the Secretary announced that the number of Stewards was now 124. The meeting was then adjourned to Wednesday, the 21st inst., at 3 o'clock, a vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.

SURREY MASONIC HALL.

At a recent meeting of the Directors of this Company, the tender of W. J. Oliver, for the erection of the building, was accepted and the lodges on the Surrey side of the water, will therefore ere long be in a position to avail themselves of the advantages of the building, which has been specially designed for the accommodation of the Craft, will so amply afford them. Messrs. Pain and Clark, the architects of the company, have received instructions to make the final arrangements, and the building operations will be immediately proceeded with. The necessary steps for the laying of the foundation stone are under consideration, and probably early in March the ceremony will be performed in due Masonic form by an important member of the Craft. We understand that shares in the company have been readily taken up and that the list will be closed at an early date.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS AND MARK MASTER MASONS.

The energetic Bro. Thos. Sabine, has issued the following circular to which we willingly give insertion:—

16, GRAND PARADE, BRIGHTON,
August 1872.

SIR AND BROTHER,

I do myself the honour of informing you, that with the consent of the Grand Mark Lodge, I have undertaken to represent the "Degree of Mark Master Masons" at the Anniversary Festival in Aid of the Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, W.C., on the 28th January, 1873.

This institution deserves the support of every Mark Mason, as shown by the following statement:—The funds of the institution assist in supporting 115 aged Freemasons and 92 widows of Freemasons, of whom 14 men and 19 widows find shelter in the asylum at Croydon. The men receive £36 and the widows £28 per annum. The total sum required to meet this outlay and expenses, is upwards of £7,000 per annum, towards which the permanent income only reaches a sum of £2,000, leaving a deficiency to be made up by the voluntary subscriptions and donations of the Masonic body of £5,000 a-year. To assist in meeting this deficiency I have undertaken, as a Steward representing the degree of Mark Master Masons, to endeavour to obtain subscriptions, and I plead most earnestly on behalf of those who in the winter of life have need

of the practical sympathy and protection of all true Masons. It is, I submit, a Masonic duty to remember the needs of our aged brothers and sisters, most of whom have in earlier life enjoyed the happiness and contentment of plenty; but, from circumstances of unforeseen calamity, misfortune, or illness, they have been reduced to such a position in life as compels them to rely on the assistance of their more fortunate and prosperous brethren. This assistance may be widely extended to the few without materially making a great demand on the many. It must be a source of satisfaction to the true-hearted Mason to experience the honourable pride that he is doing something to soothe the pillow of sickness and affliction, and to render happiness and comfort to the aged, during their few remaining years of life. I therefore beg of the many thousands who range themselves under the banners of the 170 Mark Lodges, to lend a helping hand, and thus show to the whole Masonic world that Mark Masons do not ignore those great principles of Charity and Benevolence which pervade the teachings given at every step taken in Freemasonry.

At a meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge, held June, 1873, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

"That the sum of £45 be voted from the funds of this Grand Lodge to 'The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, &c.,' and be placed on the list of Bro. Thos. J. Sabine, P.A.G.D.C., who has offered to represent the Mark Degree as Steward at the festival in January 1874."

I most sincerely hope you will do me the favour of following the example thus set by the Grand Mark Lodge, and assist me in the work which I have undertaken for the credit and advancement of the degree of "Mark Masonry."

I trust, that on behalf of the institution for which which I am now pleading, the Mark Masons under the English Grand Mark Lodge will assist me to the utmost of their power and enable me to take up a larger sum than I did as Steward representing the Mark degree in May, 1873, for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, when my list amounted to upwards of £200.

I remain, Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

THOS. J. SABINE, 18°,
P.M. 73, Treasurer 1423, P.Z. 73, Honorary Member of the Beadon Chapter, No. 619, Mark Lodges 22 (P.M.), 75, 164, P.A.G.D. of Ceremonies, Registrar De Warrenne Preceptory K.T's., Grand Registrar and Vice-Chancellor Provincial Priory of Sussex, and a Life Governor of all the Masonic Institutions.

Cheques to be crossed "Union Bank, Brighton."

Post Office Orders to be made payable at the General Post Office, Brighton, and crossed.

Stamps received for small sums:

Subscriptions or Donations may be sent direct to Bro. Terry, No. 4, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., and the name and address of the Brother or Lodge sending should be sent (at the same time stating the amount) to Bro T. J. Sabine, as above.

FIRST LIST.

	£	s.	d.
August, 1873.			
The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons (completing the Vice-Presidency of the M.W.G.M., for the time being)	45	0	0
Bro. Thos. J. Sabine, Mark Lodges 22, 75, 164, P.A.G.D. of C., &c	10	0	0
The Royal Sussex Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 75, Brighton	10	0	0
J. J.	10	0	0
Bro. E. Lewis, Mark Lodge No. 75, Brighton	1	1	0
Bro. S. R. Ade, P.M. 315, Secretary Mark Lodge No. 75, Brighton	1	1	0
The Southwark Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No 22, London	1	1	0
The Southdown Mark Lodge, No. 164	1	1	0

Royal Arch.

FAITH CHAPTER (No. 141).—This newly established chapter, which, during its brief existence of about twelve months has manifested such signs of vitality that a prosperous future may be safely predicted; held a convocation at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 1st inst., at which notwithstanding it being New Year's Day, the majority of the companions were present, presided over by Comps. W. E. Gompertz, Scribe E.; N. Gluckstein, Scribe N.; J. Constable, acting P.S.; and J.H. Ross, 1st Asst. The minutes of the last convocation were unanimously confirmed. Comp. E. Gottheil then proceeded to install the three Principals, viz.: Comp. T. Mortlock, Z.; C. C. Taylor, H.; N. Gluckstein, J.; the newly installed Z appointed the Officers as follows: W. E. Gompertz, Scribe, E.; C. F. Hogard, Scribe N.; M. Bamberger, Treasurer; J. Constable, P.S.; the latter appointed Comps. Ross and Pinder as his two assistants. The following brethren were newly exalted into R.A.M., viz.: Kendall, 141; Iles, 141; and Henson, 180. Notice of motion was given by Comp. Constable to raise the annual subscription to one guinea and a half, and the chapter was closed; the companions then adjourned to banquet, served in the most satisfactory manner by Comp. Smith. The usual loyal and R.A. toasts were given. Comp. E. Gottheil then proposed the health of the M.E.Z. in praiseworthy and truthful terms, and in conclusion remarked, "There are some brethren, who, when first admitted amongst us are most enthusiastic; they attend Lodges of Instruction and bear every appearance of future ornaments to our honourable fraternity, but after having gathered such laurels as their abilities would procure and their ambition, gratified by receiving such decorations (too frequently unmerited), quietly drop out from the line of Masonic duty; and there are unfortunately some, who, often accepting tokens of distinction and brotherly love, are base enough to speak disparagingly of our institution, the genius and grandeur of which they fail to understand, and the beneficent influences thereof, their stunted intellect will not permit them either to grasp or comprehend, but Comp. T. Mortlock, our M.E.Z., happily is not one of this class, for many years past he has proved his love and adherence to our noble institution by an unceasing willingness to bestow his best energies where work was to be performed, and judging from his past conduct, he will most assuredly continue to further the interest and prosperity of the Craft, and that the Faith Chapter would most certainly prosper under his guidance. It need be hardly remarked that the toast was drunk with great enthusiasm. The toasts of Comps. Taylor and Gluckstein, as H. and J., were given and responded to. The M.E.Z., in proposing the toast of the P.Z., E. Gottheil, remarked that his zeal in the cause of Masonry, and his admirable conduct at all times, had and would continue to secure for him the respect of every person with whom he was associated and wished him many years of happiness and health to wear the handsome jewel with which the companions had been pleased to decorate his breast. The toast of the visitors was ably responded to by Comp. T. J. Lacey, who complimented the chapter upon its excellent working, and stated that he had not heard the ceremony of exaltation throughout rendered in a more impressive and efficient manner. The remaining toasts were given and responded to, and the evening was made further pleasant by harmony, the contributions of Comps. Mortlock, Taylor, Henley, Ross, and Constable. The Companions separated at 10.30, after having spent a very delightful evening.

At the inauguration of Lord Mayor Brooks, at Dublin, Sir John Barrington, one of the town councillors appeared without his robes, Alderman Manning called attention to this breach of etiquette, and moved that the fine of £1, provided for the offence, should be imposed. The motion was carried amid much merriment.

Masonic Tidings.

LIFE GOVERNORSHIP-BALLOTS FOR THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We understand that our esteemed Bro. John Constable, of 13, Sise-lane, London, (E.C.), has successfully managed a new plan of adding to the funds of our charities by starting subscriptions of one shilling each for tickets entitling the owners to participate in a ballot for life governorships of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on Jan. 31st. at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Bro. Constable is anxious to circulate at least 2,000 such tickets at one shilling each, and as that number has not yet been attained, may we ask the brethren who cannot well contribute their guineas, to at least forward their shillings without delay, and thus help onward a good cause, and encourage an active labourer on behalf of our charities. The ballot taking place on the 21st inst., affords plenty of time for those who sympathise in the endeavour to enable brethren of small means to join in helping the institution, to introduce the subject to the members of their lodges, and we hope Bro. Constable will introduce the same plan for life governorships of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and Boys.

The Prince of Wales was installed as W.M. of the Prince of Wales' Lodge, at Willis's Rooms on Tuesday the 4th inst.

Alexander Keith, 29°, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Nova Scotia, died at Halifax, recently, at the advanced age of seventy-four years. Bro. K. has, during a long and not uneventful life, been an untiring devotee at the sacred altar of Masonry. He has gone to his great reward full of years and honour, leaving behind the rich heritage of his great reputation. Peace to his ashes!

The Grand Council of the United Orders of the Red Cross of Constantine, and appendant Orders, will give a grand ball on Wednesday, February 11, 1874. Full particulars will be shortly announced.

The 15 sections will be worked Bro. E. Gottheil, on Friday, the 16th inst., at 7 p.m., at the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park. We hope the brethren will meet in strong force, and support so able and worthy an exponent of Masonic knowledge.

Reviews.

The Almanack and Diary for 1874, issued by Moses & Son, the tailors, is one of the most complete and cheapest works of its kind. Among its many attractions will be found, a list of foreign moneys, with their average equivalents in English currency. It also contains a list of the Ministry, City of London Corporation Officers, London Bankers, &c. It may be had at any of the bookstalls on the Metropolitan Railway for the small charge of one penny.

Messrs. Letts and Son's Diaries and Office Calendars deserve, and will have, we are confident, a large sale. We recommend them, for their information is both useful and advantageous.

Victor Hugo has just completed a new Romance entitled "93," full of stirring incidents connected with the first French Revolution. We understand that it will be published in England (commencing early in February) in the columns of "The Graphic," and will be illustrated by some of our foremost artists.

The Prince of Wales, in response to an invitation from the Benchers of the Middle Temple, has selected Mr. Watts, R.A., to paint the portrait of His Royal Highness, which the benchers desire to place in the Middle Temple Hall.

ANONYMOUS MUNIFICENCE.—During the past year we have had the pleasure of recording the distribution of no less than eighty donations of £1,000 each, and one of £5,000 to London charities, in addition to a multitude of sums of smaller amount.—*London Mirror*.

Poetry.

MASONIC LIGHT.

What art thou? strange mystic light,
Peering thro' the shades of night,
Making all things bright and fair,
Scatt'ring darkness in the air.

From whence art thou peerless stream,
With thy holy daz'ling gleam
Showing all things clear as day
Driving clouds and gloom away.

Art thou from Sinai's height?
Where the Glory shed its light,
Art thou from the Holy Land?
Th' abode of the chosen band.

Where wert thou born? what's thy name?
Hallow'd is thy sacred Fame,
Wert thou cradled in the East?
Yes! the star of Beth'lem's feast.

Tell me, pray, from whence thou art?
That such blessings can impart.
I'm the essence from above,
My name, Universal Love.

Down the stream of Time I've ran,
With Creation I began;
Lost, then found in Jesse's Son,
Emmanuel, th' chosen one.

Come then, faithful mystic band,
'Tis your Architect's command,
See thou love mankind at large
This my last and final charge.

T. BURDETT YEOMAN, 715.

The ladies of Edinburgh have resolved to present the Princess Marie with an album, containing portraits of Scottish artists, on the occasion of her marriage with the Duke of Edinburgh.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, January, 16, 1874.

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

Saturday, January 10.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, at 12.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.

" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

" 1426, The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 1457, Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.

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, January 12.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, at 12. (See Advertisement).

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.

" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 30, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.

" 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

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

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

" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate

Chap. 22, Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st. Red Cross Conclave 2, Plantagenet, Caledonian Hotel, Robert-street, Adelphi.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7. Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

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. Dille, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, January 13.

Lodge 46, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 166, Union, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

" 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.

" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

" 917, Cosmopolitan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Canberwell, 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.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton W.M. 1227, Preceptor.

St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

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

Wednesday, January 14.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3. Lodge 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

" 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st.

" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.

" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.

" 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse.

" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st., Wapping.

Chap. 1260, Hervey, Britannia Hotel, Walham Green.

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 Tavern, 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, Rosemore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Maise, 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.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, January 15.

Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.

" 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.

Lodge 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.

" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.

" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.

" 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.

" 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park.

" 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton.

Chap. 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood. K. T. Preceptory E. Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.

Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Penonby-st., Millbank.

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

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, January 16.

Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

" 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.

K. T. Preceptory 48, Kemeys Tynte, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

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Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.

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Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

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MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.,
For the Week ending Saturday, January 17, 1874.

Monday, January 12.

Lodge 292, Sincerity, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 447, Mersey, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.

" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

Red Cross Conclave of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Tuesday, January 13.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.

Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, January 14.

Lodge 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 8.

Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, January 15.

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, January 16.

Lodge 1350, Fernor-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, January 17, 1874.

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Monday, January 12.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 219, Star, 12, Trongate.

" 541, Marie Stuart, Masons' Hall, Crosshill,

Tuesday, January 13.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-street.

" 440, Robert Burns, Bailliestown.

" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.

Chap. 69, St. Andrew's, 170, Buchanan-street.

Wednesday, January 14.

Lodge 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.

Thursday, January 15.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.

" 465, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garn-ga-road.

Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.

Friday, January 16.

Lodge 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.

Chap. 109, Sir William Wallace, Cross-Keys, Johnstone.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 17, 1874.

Monday, January 12.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writers' Court, High-street, at 8.30.

Tuesday, January 13.

Lodge 1, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place, at 8.

" 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.30.

Wednesday, January 14.

Lodge 2, Canonsgate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street, at 8.

Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

Thursday, January 15.

Lodge 48, St. Andrews, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

" 226, Portobello, Royal Hotel, Bath-street, Portobello, at 8.

Red Cross Conclave, 103, St. Giles', Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.

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