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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE (No. 73).—The installation meeting was held on Tuesday, January 20th, at Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bro. G. J. Grace, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes were confirmed. Bro. G. Free, I.P.M., installed, A. L. Dussek, S.W., as W.M., who appointed as officers, J. S. Gomme, S.W.; I. J. H.; Wilkins, J.W.; E. Harris, P.M., Treas.; G. Free, P.M., Secretary; J. H. Butten, P.M., S.D.; C. Rayden, J.D.; T. Knott, P.M., I.G.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., M.C.; D. Rose, P.M., W.S.; W. Y. Laing, P.M., Tyler. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The Stewards to represent this lodge at festivals for 1874 are—J. H. Butten, P.G.A.D.C., Middlesex, P.M., S.D., for Benevolent; G. Morris, P.M., for Boys, and I. J. H. Wilkins, J.W. for Girl's. A six-guinea P.M.'s jewel was given to Bro. G. J. Grace, I.P.M. Lodge closed, banquet, desserts and coffee served. Present—Bros. F. Walters, P.M., Dr. Dixon, P.M., and the others already mentioned. About thirty visitors were present, and we noticed Bros. J. Coutts, P.G.P., J. Terry, Secretary of Benevolent; Lazarus, and others.

LODGE OF TRANQUILITY (No. 185).—A numerous meeting of the members of the above lodge assembled at Cannon-street Hotel, on Monday, the 19th inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. N. Moss, W.M. The other officers present were, Bros. J. Constable, S.W.; J. Ross, J.W.; D. Barneld, S.D.; D. Posener, I.G. The usual preliminaries having been disposed of, Messrs. Pare, Anthony, and Judge were admitted into the Order with the usual ceremony. Bro. Humphrey was passed to the next degree, after which, Bros. Grover, and Phillips had the privilege of being permitted to participate in the mysteries of the sublime degree. The whole of these ceremonies were very ably rendered by the W.M. Then followed the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, which resulted, as was fully anticipated, in favour of Bro. John Constable, S.W. The W.M. announced the unanimous election to the S.W., and in flattering terms complimented the W.M. elect upon his Masonic abilities, trusting that a successful year of office might be in store for him. He was sure from what he knew of Bro. Constable, that he would perform the duties with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the lodge. The W.M. elect replied in brief and appropriate terms. Bro. John Peartree was re-elected Treasurer, and Vesper Tyler. A vote of £100, granted by the committee of the benevolent fund to a member of the lodge, was confirmed. The lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to refreshment, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly given and responded to, all eloquence being reserved to do honour to the toast of the evening, namely the "W.M. elect," which was received in a manner highly flattering to Bro. Constable, and showing the esteem in which he is held by all the members of the lodge. Bro. Moss, W.M.,

spoke of him in glowing terms, alluding more especially to the services rendered and the remarkably rapid progress the W.M. elect has made in a comparatively short time, both in his position in the craft and in his perfect acquaintance with the duties of the various offices through which he has passed. Bro. Constable could scarcely find words sufficiently expressive of his gratitude to the W.M. and the brethren for so many expressions of kindness and affection; he would, however, assure them that as it always has been so will it continue to be his study to carry out in their entirety as far as his abilities will permit the fundamental principles of the Order. He trusted to receive the support of each member on all occasions in his endeavours to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, as well as in his resolves, by continued application and perseverance to increase the fair fame and good position which the lodge enjoys in the Craft. The toast of the initiates was responded to by Bro. Pare, who said he was deeply impressed with the ceremony in which he took part for the first time, hoped that by emulating the good example placed before him to become a useful member of the Order, and trusted in time to gather some of the laurels which he saw had been earned by some of his surrounding friends. "Success to the Benevolent Fund" was given by Bro. Saul Solomon, who dealt with his subject with such effect as to induce each initiate to subscribe £1 is. towards its increase, not that the augmentation of that fund is at all required at present, it being in a most flourishing condition, probably consisting of £1,000 in the funds. Bro. A. Sydney, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." who after thanking them for their support during his year of office proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," to which Bro. Sydney replied in a very neat speech, elegantly expressed. Bro. Peartree responded for the Treasurer and Secretary; for the rest of the officers Bro. John Ross replied. The visitors were—Bros. Myers 13, Henson 180, Wood 438, South Coast. Bro. Nardus Gluckstein, P.M. 51, late member of Lodge of Faith, 131, was unanimously elected a joining member of the lodge.

LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., Bro. Clement Stretton, P.P.G.W., W.M., in the chair. There were also present, Bros. Kelly, P.P.G.M., P.M.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. Grand Sec.; G. Toller, jun., P.P.G.R.; F. J. Baines, W.M. 523; J. Halford, W.M. 1391; R. Waite, P.M.; A. M. Duff, P.M.; J. T. Thorp, J.W. 523; R. A. Barber, J.W. 1391; T. A. Wykes, Sec. 523; A. G. Chamberlain and W. Chamberlain, Secretaries 1391, and others. The lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and a satisfactory report of the financial state of the lodge was read and adopted. The hearty thanks of the brethren were accorded to Bro. Weare, Treasurer, for his services during the past year, and he was unanimously re-elected to the same important office. The W.M. then addressed the brethren as follows:—"Before leaving the chair I desire to take this opportunity to tender my best thanks to my officers for the efficient services they have rendered to me during my term of office, and for the kindness and support which I have received from them on every occasion. Of course I am quite aware that it is impossible for business men to be present at every meeting of the lodge; it would be unreasonable to expect it, and although one or two of the officers did not attend quite so regularly as might have been desired, yet I fully believe that every one attended to his duties whenever he was able to do so. My thanks are therefore due to one and all. But, brethren, there is one officer whose duties do not terminate at the close of the lodge. I am not alluding to the Treasurer, who has already received your thanks, but to the officer whose duties so closely connect him with the Master, I mean the Secretary. In Bro. McAllister, I have possessed a Secretary who thoroughly understood his work and performed it in a manner deserving the highest encomiums. He entirely relieved me from all anxieties respecting the conduct of the business of the lodge. If

at any time any matter required my attention, I was sure to receive a reminder from Bro. McAllister, and in fact had it not been for his proffered assistance, I would not the second time have undertaken the duties of the chair. I trust, therefore, brethren, that I may not be considered as making an invidious distinction in asking to be allowed to present Bro. McAllister with a Secretary's jewel. Addressing the Secretary, the W.M. continued—I have great pleasure in placing this jewel on your breast and I trust that the feeling which now animates us may pervade our hearts for the remainder of our lives. This jewel is of beautiful design and exquisite workmanship, and bears the following inscription: "Presented by Bro. Clement Stretton, to Bro. James Malcolm McAllister, St. John's day, 1873." It was supplied as a special order, by Bro. George Kenning, the well-known jeweller, 2, 3, and 4, Little Britain, London. Bro. McAllister feelingly tendered his grateful thanks to the W.M. for the valuable presentation, and deprecated any extra service on his part, while merely discharging the prescribed duties of the office with which the W.M. had been pleased to invest him. He expressed the deep obligations the lodge owed to Bro. Stretton for having undertaken the direction of its affairs for a second year at a time when death and other changes had removed the principal officers, and alluded to the extended exercise of that truly Masonic virtue, charity, which had so distinguished the rule of Bro. Stretton and cast such a halo of attachment around the brethren as to render the termination of his command a subject of profound regret. The W.M. elect, Bro. A. Palmer, was presented to Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M., Installing Master, by Bro. Stretton, W.M., as being well skilled in the Craft. The ancient charges were read over by the Secretary, and the W.M. elect having signified his submission thereto, he was regularly installed and invested with the badge of office. The ceremony was ably conducted by Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M., who for the lengthened period of thirty-one years, has, with few exceptions, regularly performed this important duty. Bro. Palmer, W.M., then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bro. C. Stretton, P.P.G.W., I.P.M.; J. W. Smith, P.P.G. Std., S.W.; J. M. McAllister, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Smith, Chaplain; W. Weare, P.P.G.S.D., Treasurer; G. W. Statham, Secretary; C. E. Stratton, S.D., S. Cleaver, J.D.; T. Scampton, I.G.; C. Bembridge and T. Dunn, Tylers. A hearty and cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Stretton, the retiring W.M., expressive of the grateful appreciation of the integrity and fidelity with which he had discharged the onerous duties of Master, terminated the business of the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The brethren were much indebted to Bros. A. Palmer, T. Wykes, J. T. Thorp, R. Taylor, and the brothers Chamberlain, for the time spent in harmony and good feeling, and the old adage that "He who begins well has half finished his work," proves a happy demonstration of the success attending the first effort of the newly installed Worshipful Master.

BRADFORD.—Lodge of Hope (No. 302).—The annual re-union of this lodge was held on Friday, the 18th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Godwin-street, and fully sustained the prestige of this ancient lodge for its hospitality and catering for the enjoyment of the lady friends of the brethren at this festive season. The arrangements, so far as we could see, were all that could be desired, and gave the greatest satisfaction, the playing of the quadrille band being highly extolled, and was everything that could be desired by the most fastidious terpsichorean. The brethren, and Bro. B. Broughton, W.M. may congratulate themselves for having provided such an evening's amusement as has seldom been surpassed in the Lodge of Hope. The re-union was numerous attended, and we noticed amongst the company, Bros. M. Rhodes, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., (the Mayor of Bradford); W. T. McGowen, M.M., (Town Clerk); T. Hill, P.M.; P. Prov. G.J.W.; J. Gaunt, P.M.; A. M. Matthews, P.M.; J. Green, P.M.; H. Butterworth, P.M.; C. H. Taylor, P.M.; A. Hunter, P.M.; J. D. Sugden, P.M.; W. W. Barlow, P.M.; Geo. Richardson, P.M.; C.

Brook, W.M. Harmony; J. Procter, W.M. Eccleshill; J. Foster, W.M. Pentalpha; Geo. Althorp, W.M. Shakespeare; S. P. Firth, F. Willey, J. G. Hutchinson, and F. W. Booth, of the Chapter of Charity. The brethren also, as is their annual custom, gave a juvenile ball on Monday evening following, to their children and their friends, which also afforded a great amount of pleasure as well as amusement, all the children being presented with a small souvenir, which seemed to give them great fun and hilarity, and will no doubt often be associated in their young thoughts with the pleasant evening spent amongst their Masonic friends.

SOUTHAMPTON.—*The Lodge of Peace and Harmony* (No. 359).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John on Monday, the 19th inst., when Bro. G. H. Burtenshaw was installed as the Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. Bro. Alderman Payne, Past Master of the lodge, and one of those who assisted to resuscitate it on its removal from Romsey to Shirley, now upwards of a quarter of a century since, performed this duty in the presence of some thirteen or fourteen Installed Masters, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Secretary, Bros. Stebbing and Hickman (two of the Past Grand Officers of England), Bro. W. Bemister, P.M., and, as a Mason of more than forty years' standing, the "father" of Masonry in Southampton; Bros. Rooth, Alfred Miner, Weston (2), Wilkinson, Barford, Thomas, Waters, Coles, Adams, &c. For the admirable and impressive manner in which this duty was performed, Bro. Payne was awarded a most cordial vote of thanks. The Worshipful Master afterwards invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Clark, S.W.; C. Dyer, J.W.; Stebbing, Treas.; Alfred Miller, Sec.; Bemister, Direc. of Cer.; Martin, S.D.; Cross, J.D.; John Gidden, I.G.; Biggs, Tyler; and Norris and Vane, Assistant ditto. Bro. Dartnall served the banquet in the evening, which was attended by upwards of 50 brethren, and gave great satisfaction; some most interesting addresses were delivered bearing upon the past history and present prospects of the lodge, which is one of the largest in the province; and Bro. Sharpe, the Prov. Grand Organist (who had also taken part in the earlier ceremonies of the day) giving some selections, in his most able style, upon the fifty guinea harmonium just purchased by the Royal Gloucester Lodge. Though the lodge of Peace and Harmony during the past year unfortunately lost its Master by death its influence in the town and district has been maintained, Bro. Coles, the I.P.M., having been indefatigable in his exertions and cordially supported by the Past Masters and officers of the lodge.

LIVERPOOL.—*Alliance Lodge* (No. 667).—The brethren of this lodge assembled in great numbers at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday afternoon, the 20th inst., the special business of the afternoon being the installation of Bro. William Charles Bulman, the W.M. elect. The chair was taken about half-past three o'clock, by Bro. J. E. Skillicorn, W.M., who was ably supported by Bros. J. Devaynes, P.M.; J. Bolton, P.M.; W. C. Bulman, S.W.; T. Ockleshaw, J.W.; W. Doyle, P.J.G.D., P.M., Treas.; J. E. Jackson, Sec.; G. S. Willings, S.D.; R. Foulds, J.D.; J. Ellis, I.G.; H. Firth, S.; P. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members present were the following:—Bros. J. Wainwright, H. Eastham, W. Langbottom, J. Yeatman, E. Carter, R. Owens, McDavies, E. Light, J. Archdeacon, D. Weir, D. Lloyd, J. E. Grant, D. S. Buchanan, W. Brittain, Squire Chapman, Y. Reid, J. Romero, T. Peake, W. J. Barry, R. Dangle, R. Bennett. There were present among the visitors Bros. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. Hamer, P.P.G. Treas.; J. B. Lambert, P.P.G.D.; T. Chesworth, P.M. 724; T. Clark, P.M. 673; W. Shortis, W.M. 724; Peter M. Larsen, P.M. 673; T. Jackson, P.M. 580; R. R. Martin, W.M. 1094; J. Loft-house, P.M. 950; E. Rothwell, S.W. 1356; J. Wood, Treas. 1094; J. A. Rodriguez, 195; R. C. Yelland, S.D. 1094; J. Busfield, 216; G. J. Townsend, 1086; R. Fairclough, 1356; T. Evans, 1023; G. Musker, 1182; and D. Morris, 673. After two candidates had been initiated into the mysteries of the Order by the

retiring W.M., the chair of Installing Master was taken by Bro. W. Doyle, P.J.G.D., who proceeded to place Bro. William C. Bulman in the position of W.M., to which position he had been elected by the unanimous vote of the brethren. The ceremony, always impressive in almost every circumstance, was specially so by reason of the masterly and effective manner in which it was performed by Bro. Doyle, and the same efficiency marked his delivery of the charges to the following officers, invested by the newly-chaired W.M.:—Bros. J. E. Skillicorn, I.P.M.; T. Ockleshaw, S.W.; J. E. Jackson, J.W.; G. S. Willings, Sec.; R. Foulds, S.D.; J. Ellis, J.D.; T. Yeatman, Org.; Henry Firth, I.G.; Squire Chapman, and A. Bucknall, Stewards. It may be stated that Bro. Doyle had been unanimously re-appointed Treasurer for the third time. Bro. P. Ball was re-elected and re-invested Tyler of the lodge for the ensuing year. The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet, served in the lodge room, and during the evening a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Skillicorn, I.P.M. The jewel, supplied by Bro. George Kenning, of 2, Monument place, 18-carat, hall-marked, was the object of universal admiration, and it was generally admitted that no more chaste and rare specimen of workmanship could have been furnished. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"To Bro. John Edward Skillicorn, I.P.M., this jewel is respectfully presented by brethren of Alliance Lodge, No. 667, of Antient Free and Accepted Masons, in testimony of the warm regard towards him as a man and a Mason. 20th January, 1874." The presentation was made by the W.M. in an excellent speech, and Bro. Skillicorn, acknowledged the gift in a manner at once thoughtful and full of point. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with unwonted enthusiasm, and capital harmony was furnished by Bros. T. J. Hughes, Evans, Yeatman, and Skeaf, who presided at the pianoforte.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., on Thursday the 22nd January, 1874. The following brethren were present:—Bros. W. Worrell, W.M.; R. Brown, S.W.; J. Pringle, J.W.; W. M. Newton, S.D.; E. Archer, I.G.; G. I. Kain, P.M., and Sec.; G. Newman, I.P.M.; B. Abbott, P.M.; J. Newton, P.M.; W. J. Miller, P.M.; R. H. W. Liteman, P.M.; S. Wilkinson, W. J. Roberts, D. Steinman, A. C. Rees, J. Kidman, J. F. Honey, E. Draper, C. S. Chelton, C. R. Cutmore, H. F. Partridge, also visitors. Bros. B. Jenkins, 960; H. Garrod, J. E. Wilkinson, P.M., 766; J. Prescott, P.J.G.W.W.L.; W. G. Moore, J.W. 534; J. Williams, P.M., 960 and 36; J. Read, P.M. 720; J. H. Bloomfield, 569; Thomas Preston, 1426. The business of the evening consisted of the passing of Bro. Honey, the raising of Bro. Partridge, and the initiation of Bros. W. Johnston, Bro. Francis Ince, and Bro. S. J. Emley, the ceremonies being worked by the W.M. The following motion was duly proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously:—"That this lodge do sanction and support a petition presented to the Grand Chapter of England for a warrant to hold a chapter to be attached to this lodge, and to be called the William Preston Royal Arch Chapter." The sum of £5 5s. was duly voted to the W.M., he having consented to stand as Steward for the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Boys' School. Several candidates were proposed for initiation at the next lodge meeting. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was duly closed and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet presided over by the W.M., Bro. W. Worrell, after which the usual Masonic toasts were given, and the evening greatly enlivened by several excellent songs and recitations by various brethren.

DEAL.—*Wellington Lodge* (No. 784).—On Thursday, the 8th inst., the installation of the W.M. of Wellington Lodge, took place in the Lodge Room, Park-street, Deal. This interesting ceremony was very ably performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. A. E. Ralph, whose working was admirable. After Bro. J. M. Browning had been duly installed into the chair of K.S.,

he proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. A. E. Ralph, P.M.; Woon, S.W.; F. J. Mercer, J.W.; Rev. C. E. S. Woolmer, P.P.G.S.D., Chaplain; J. E. Apps, P.M., Treasurer, W. M. Cavell, P.M., Secretary; T. Paul, D.C.; T. J. Woodruff, and F. Fitch, Stewards; T. Norris, Tyler. At the conclusion of the business of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served by the respected hostess, Mrs. Allen, in her usual first-class style, the viands and wines being excellent. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. R. J. Emmerson, W.M., Sandwich; Fry, W.M., Dover; Rev. J. B. Harrison, W.M., Walmer; and Brazier, P.M., and Wootton, P.M., Margate. After the cloth was removed, the W.M. gave the usual loyal, Masonic, and patriotic toasts, which were duly responded to by several very able speeches, one by Chaplain Bro. Rev. C. E. S. Woolmer, on the Masonic Charities being especially remarkable for the eloquent appeal to every brother and the Masonic body generally to contribute, particularly pointing out the claims of the Girls' Schools. The remaining toasts having been duly proposed and acknowledged, a very pleasant and agreeable evening was brought to a close.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—On Thursday, Jan. 22nd, at the White Swan Tavern, 217, High-street Deptford, the regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held. Bro. W. Myatt, W.M., opened the lodge, and was assisted by Bros. C. Andrews, S.W.; S. O. Lewin, J.W.; W. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.G. Steward, P.M. Secretary; H. J. Tuson, S.D.; J. J. Parkes, J.D.; H. J. Dawe, as I.G.; John Baxter Langley, M.C.; R. Killick, W.S.; J. Truelove, P.M.; J. Hawker, P.M., and many others. The minutes were read and unanimously confirmed, and signed by the W.M. Ballots, being taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of Messrs. John Christopher Craig, and Frederick Hayward Burr, as candidates for initiation into Freemasonry and members of this lodge, and they being in attendance were duly initiated into ancient Freemasonry. The ceremony was beautifully rendered. Bros. J. H. Rodell, W. Atkins, W. Cockle, W. A. Summers, 1423; and D. Sullivan, 1423, were in an admirable manner passed to the second degree. The veteran Secretary, Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M., took the chair, and in a faultless, solemn, and impressive manner, raised Bros. W. Elgood, and W. Mitchell, 1326, to the third degree. The bye-laws were read. The elections were unanimous in favour of G. Andrews, S.W., for W.M., W. Andrews, P.M., Treas. re-elected Treas.; J. Bavin, P.M. re-elected Tyler; Bros. Good, Hotton, and Elgood, as Auditors. A five-guinea testimonial was voted from the lodge funds, to Bro. Myatt, W.M., for his efficient services rendered to the lodge during his year of office. Ten guineas voted from lodges to charity funds, the initiation fee was increased to eight guineas, and the joining fee to two guineas by the unanimous vote of the lodge. Some candidates were proposed for initiation and some brothers as joining members. In addition to Bro. Leviner Lemon, who represents the lodge as its Steward for Royal Benevolent Institution, Bro. Benjamin James Cole, was also elected a Steward to act in conjunction with Bro. Leviner Lemon, at the festival to be held on Wednesday, January 28th. They were expected to take up an average good list. The occupants of the chair who had done the work, viz, W.M. and Secretary were warmly congratulated and complimented, for the correct manner they each had worked the ceremonies in the different degrees. All business being ended the lodge was closed. The usual banquet and dessert were then served. The regular toasts were given and responded to. An agreeable re-union was brought to a pleasant close. The long list of visitors comprised Bros. J. T. Moss, P. Prov. G.D. Middlesex, P.M. 169, P.M. 1356, W.M. 1423; L. Etheridge, 829; H. Gloster, 1326; H. Cutess, 1326; J. W. Baldwin, 1326, J.W. 1423; W. Mitchell, 1326; W. A. Simmons, 1423; D. Sullivan, 1423, and others. It was arranged to hold the installation at 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 26th.

BRIGG.—*Ancholme Lodge* (No. 1282).—The brethren of the Ancholme Lodge assembled in

the Town Hall, Brigg, on the afternoon of the 5th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. W. Pigott, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by Bro. Walter Reynolds, P.M., Minerva Lodge, Hull. The newly installed Master appointed Bros. Cave and Fryer as Wardens. The brethren then adjourned to the Angel Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Mr. J. G. Kirkham.

STRATFORD.—*Langthorne Lodge* (No. 1421).—On Thursday the 22nd inst., the first installation meeting of this young and progressing lodge, was held at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, E., where a numerous gathering of local and other members of the Craft assembled to witness the induction into the chair of K.S. of Bro. G. T. W. Mugliston, the S.W. and W.M. elect, and one of the founders of the lodge, that whom as occupant of the chair for the ensuing twelve months, a better selection could not possibly have been made. Shortly after four o'clock the lodge was opened by the whole of his officers, viz.: Bro. G. T. W. Mugliston, S.W.; G. E. Slee, J.W.; Geo. Levick, Treasurer; C. W. Ashdown, P.M. and Sec.; T. S. Mortlock, I.P.M.; R. G. Owen, S.D.; B. Cundick, J.D.; M. G. Stevens, D.C.; H. Carter, W.S.; Geo. Hollington, I.G.; and W. Steedman, Tyler. The following members of the lodge were also present, viz.: Bros. the Rev. Jas. Knaggs, E. T. Dix, James Wood, Thos. J. Barnes, Wm. Grover, R. J. Donovan, Thos. T. Kirby, T. S. Taylor, Wm. Shearman, and H. N. Taylor, besides a goodly number of visitors, who had assembled to do honour to the worthy and deservedly popular W.M. elect. The minutes of the last regular meeting, together with those of a lodge of emergency, held on the 8th inst., having been read and confirmed, the report of the audit committee was submitted and duly approved. The Lodge having been opened respectively in the second and third degrees, the W.M. elect was presented by Bro. John G. Stevens, D.C. to the W.M., Bro. Lacey, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, which beautiful ceremony Bro. Lacey immediately proceeded to perform, and in the presence of a board of sixteen Installed Masters. Bro. Mugliston was duly placed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The Board of Installed Masters having been closed, the brethren were re-admitted, and the newly installed W.M., duly proclaimed and saluted in each degree. He then proceeded to appoint and invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. Charles Lacey, I.P.M., G. E. Slee, S.W.; R. G. Owen, J.W.; Geo. Levick (re-elected) Treasurer; C. W. Ashdown, P.M., Secretary; Benjamin Cundick, S.D.; Geo. Hollington, J.D.; Henry Carter, I.G.; J. G. Stevens, P.M., D.C.; Thos. S. Taylor, Steward; and W. Steadman, (re-elected) Tyler. The ceremony was then resumed and concluded, having been rendered throughout by Bro. Lacey in a manner which called forth the loud applause of the brethren present. The newly installed W.M. then rose and said that the first official duty he was called upon in his new capacity to perform, was a very pleasing one indeed, and he was quite sure the brethren of the lodge would entertain the same feelings as himself in this matter. He had the happiness and very great pleasure of presenting to Bro. Lacey, on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, a very handsome Past Master's jewel as a slight recognition of his very valuable services as first W.M. of the "Langthorne" Lodge. They were all aware of the admirable manner in which the duties of the chair had been performed by Bro. Lacey during the past year, and also of the exertions of that Brother in endeavouring to obtain the warrant for the lodge, the existence of a spurious lodge in the town of Stratford some few years since, rendering the name of the place anything but popular with the authorities at Grand Lodge. But, thanks to the exertions of Bro. Lacey, in conjunction with the other founders, the "Langthorne" lodge had now passed the first year of its existence, and was making steady progress, and in placing that valuable jewel on his breast, he (the W.M.) earnestly trusted that Bro. Lacey might

long be spared to wear it, and to be numbered amongst the Past Masters of the Langthorne Lodge. Bro. Lacey, in brief but feeling terms, expressed his gratitude to the brethren for this mark of their esteem; and added that so long as it pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to endow him with health and strength his services would always be at their disposal. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, and Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain, both of whom are honorary members, expressing regret at being unable to be present, and promising to visit the lodge on some future occasion. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to an adjoining room, where an excellent banquet awaited them, served by the worthy host, Bro. Morley, in capital style. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Mugliston, occupied the chair, and the genial manner in which the duties of that office were discharged by him during the evening could not fail to convince the brethren that they had the right man in the right place. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in succession from the chair, and duly honoured. In proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. Lacey adverted to the happy selection the brethren had made in electing Bro. Mugliston to occupy that proud position, and trusted that he might enjoy a happy and prosperous year of office. The toast having been enthusiastically received, the W.M. thanked the brethren for the very hearty manner in which they had been pleased to respond to the toast of his health, and assured them that during his year of office nothing should be wanting on his part to maintain and uphold the honour and reputation of the lodge. "The Masonic Charities," was most ably responded to by Bro. John G. Stevens, who in eloquent terms pointed out the duty incumbent upon every Freemason, to support the Charitable Institutions connected with the order, the result of his appeal being, that nearly every brother present gave in his name as a subscriber to the list which Bro. Stevens will present in his capacity of Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Benevolent Institution for aged and decayed Freemasons, shortly about to be held. Some excellent songs and recitations were given during the evening, which throughout was a most enjoyable one, the brethren separating in perfect peace and harmony soon after 11 p.m. The visitors who honoured the lodge with their presence on this occasion were as follows, viz., Bros. E. Jex, P.M. 1259; H. G. Sisley, P.M. 1076; A. Robbins, P.M. 1056; S. Watkins, P.M. 212, and 1076; B. B. Brayshaw, P.M. 1076; F. Wakefield, P.M. 548; F. Lattrell, P.M. 1056; H. S. Masterman, P.M. 41; John W. Dually, P.M. 1178; W. Wainwright, P.M. 933; W. R. Marsh, P.M. 933; W. Priestley, S.W. 1074; L. Heath, 180; J. Norman, 174; A. Ultho, 275; E. G. Legge, 1196; J. E. Prior, 1228; H. B. Holliday, J.W. 1076; T. Cohn, J.W. 192; G. F. Henley, 186; G. Lewis, 1376; J. Boulton, 1228; W. C. Jewby, 1076; H. Boyes Mugliston, 1228; and M. Sherwin, 1076. The last named brother presided at the harmonium throughout the ceremony of installation, and also contributed greatly to the harmony of the evening.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—The third regular meeting of this youthful lodge, in which, from being well acquainted with the pure Masonic principles which actuate its founders, we feel particularly interested, took place on Tuesday, the 30th January, at the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark Bridge-road. At the first meeting of the lodge, three gentlemen were initiated into the Order; at the second, four presented themselves for the same honour; and on this occasion three more were successfully balloted for and admitted, while the seven brethren previously admitted, without exception, were present to receive the degrees to which they were respectively entitled. The lodge, this evening, was opened at six o'clock by Bro. C. Smith, W.M., whose officers were in punctual attendance to his call. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bros. H. Cox, T. F. R. Smith, and C. Mott, were examined and intrusted with what enabled them

to demand and obtain re-admission to the lodge, when it had been opened in the third degree. The W.M. worked the sublime degree for the first time in the Ivy Lodge, which he did in a very beautiful and impressive manner. Many of our readers are doubtless acquainted with Bro. Smith's style of working, and they will endorse our remark when we state that his manner of delivering the solemn ritual is not to be surpassed. The lodge was afterwards resumed to the first degree, and Bros. C. Pantlin, G. Skegg, W. C. Ware, and J. Elmer, were examined, and having shown proficiency, were entrusted with sufficient knowledge to enable them to return to the lodge, when resumed to the second degree, and claim the privilege of being Crafted, a rank which was duly conferred. The lodge having once more been resumed to the first degree, Messrs. J. S. Dane, W. Doherty, and Gottfried Plock were separately introduced, and initiated into the order, the W.M. displaying the same excellence of working in the second and first, that he had previously shown in the third degree. After the usual enquiries the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer. Simple refreshments were afterwards served, and a rational and most agreeable evening was spent by the brethren of the Ivy Lodge, and several visitors who enjoyed the advantage of being present on this very interesting occasion. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Grand Pursuivant, an honorary member of the lodge, was present, as were also Bros. George Matlock, S.W.; J. J. Cantle, J.W.; C. S. Jolly, Sec.; C. F. Poupard, S.D.; Louis Cornelissen, J.D.; W. Ashwell, I.G.; John Noke, No. 87, acting P.M.; and George T. Fox, P.M. and P.Z., Tyler.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MANCHESTER.—*Palatine Chapter Rose Croix*.—A special meeting was summoned for Saturday morning, 24th January, in order to allow the members of the Scottish jurisdiction to witness this beautiful ceremony, as worked in England, many of the Scottish brethren being in Manchester and having assisted at the Royal Order meeting the day previous. The Chapter was opened at the appointed hour by Illus. Bro. Hyde Pullen, 33°, as M.W.S.; Major Shadwell Clerke, 33°, as Prelate; Capt. W. D. Smith, 30°, (M.W.S.) as 1st Gen.; Shepherd Smith, 31° and G.; C. Fitzgerald Matier, 30°, Master of Ceremonies, and the deputations from the S.G.C. 33° of Scotland, and of England and Wales was announced, and the "arch of steel" being formed the Ill. brethren entered in procession as follows:—W. Mann, 33° Sc.; Dr. Hamilton, 33° E. and W.; L. Mackersey, 33°; Captain N. G. Philips, 33°; Lord James Murray, 33°; and the Sov. G. Com., Bro. Vigne 33°. The ceremony was then proceeded with, the candidate, Bro. Craxton having been previously ballotted for. The duties of the various officers were most efficiently discharged, indeed we have seldom if ever been more impressed with the beauties of this degree. Bro. Hyde Pullen, M.W.S.; Major Clerke as Prelate, and afterwards as Raphael; and Bro. Matier as Grand Marshal, were perfect in the ritual, and gave entire satisfaction to the Ill. visitors, who expressed themselves as highly pleased and gratified. The third point was held, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which was presided over by Bro. McDowell Smith, 30°, M.W.S. In addition to the names already mentioned, Ill. Bros. Rawson, 32°; Fendelow, 32°; Sir M. Nepeau, 32°; Romaine Callender, 31°; Brockbank, 31°; Duffield, 30°; and a host of members of the High Grades, that time or space will not permit us to record. The customary toasts followed, and were heartily responded to by the brothers, many of whom had to leave by early trains for their several destinations, in some cases many hundred miles away. We can only say, we have never been at a more successful meeting, which we believe is the only instance on record of the joint visit of two sister Supreme Councils, 33° to a Chapter of Rose Croix, on which fact we must congratulate the candidate, who may well be proud of this event in his Masonic life. We must also express our thanks

to the Palatine Chapter, and its M.W.S., for the kindness and hospitality with which the visitors were entertained, and our pleasure at the true Masonic feeling which actuated each member.

Royal Order of Scotland.

INAUGURATION OF THE PROV. G. LODGE FOR THE COUNTIES PALATINE OF LANCASTER AND CHESTER.

On the 4th July, 1873, the Grand Lodge of the Royal Order granted a warrant for a Provincial Grand Lodge of R.S.Y.C.S., and also for a Provincial Grand Master's Chapter of H.R.M. for Lancashire and Cheshire, and appointed Wm. Romaine Callender, Esq., J.P., D.L., F.R.S., etc., as Provincial Grand Master. Owing to several unforeseen circumstances, it was impossible to fix an earlier day than 23rd January that would suit the majority of the brethren desirous of being present at this most interesting occasion.

The meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, at three o'clock. The Grand Lodge was opened by Bro. George Murray, 31°, G. Treasurer, as acting D.G.M. and Governor; Bro. Alex. Hay, 31°, and Wm. Mann, 33°, in the chairs of Senior and Junior G. Wardens, and Bro. J. B. Douglas, 31°, Grand Secretary. These brethren composed the deputation from the Grand Lodge of the Royal Order. The Supreme Grand Council was presented by the Rt. Hon. Lord J. C. P. Murray, 33°, D.G.M. of Scotland; Ill. Bros. S. So nerville of Ampherlaw, 30°, P.G.W., and L. Mackersy, 33°, P.G.M.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of London and the home counties was represented by the following distinguished members of the 33° of England and Wales; Ill. Bros. Dr. Hamilton, 33°, Prov. G.M.; Capt. Philips, 33°; Major Clerke, 33°; Hyde Pullen, 33°, also by Bros. S. Rawson, Prov. S.G.M.; and Rev. A. B. Frazer, Prov. C.P.G.

Among the brethren of high degree present we also noticed, Sir Molyneux Nepean, High Sheriff; Ill. Bro. Vigne, 33°, S.G. Com., of Dorset; Charles Fendelow, 32°; Major Barlow, 32°; G. P. Brockbank; C. Fitzgerald Matier; Thos. Entwistle; John Duffield; John Chadwick; Samuel White; and others.

The following candidates, whose names had previously been approved of by the Executive Committee, were then introduced, and advanced as brethren of H.R.M., namely, Bros. S. Gibb Smith, Dr. Spratley, G. H. Wilsord, J. Martin Ruther, J. T. Tweedale, W. Leader, J. E. Hall, George Higgins, Robert Harwood, Thomas Wilson, and Samuel Chatwood.

The following brethren performed the beautiful ceremony in a manner seldom, if ever, excelled in the annals of the Royal Order: Bros. G. Murray, as T.; Hay, S.W.; Mann, J.W.; Matier, Grand Introducer; Hyde Pullen, Grand Examiner; Entwistle, G. Guarder; and Hargreaves, Organist.

The Grand Lodge of the R.S.Y.C.P., was then opened, and the before-mentioned brethren were promoted to the honour of Knighthood, and received the accolade from the presiding officer. The chair was then taken by Lord James C. P. Murray, who called on the Grand Secretary to read the dispensation from Grand Lodge authorising the meeting. This done, Bro. William Romaine Callender was presented and duly installed in the chair of P.G.M., with the usual formalities. The appointment of officers was then proceeded with by the newly-installed P.G.M., who nominated as Deputy P.G.M. Bro. Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.S.W.; Bro. Brockbank, P.G.J.W.; Bro. Entwistle, P.G. Sec.; Bro. Chadwick, P.G. Treas.; Bro. Duffield, P.G.S.B.; Bro. Prince, P.G.B.B.; Bro. Major Wilson, P.G. Marshal; Bro. Moore, D.P.G. Marshal; Bro. Hargreaves, P.G. Std.; Bro. White, P.G.G.; Bro. Gibb Smith, and as Deputy Guarders Bros. Sly and Walker. Each brother in turn received the collar and jewel of office, and an appropriate address from Lord James Murray.

A hearty and cordial vote of thanks was then offered to the distinguished visitors, who had come long distances to be present and who had

added so much to the success of this meeting. After a few minutes of routine, the Grand Lodge was duly closed and the brethren separated to meet again at the banquet, which was held at the Palatine Hotel. The chair was taken by Bro. W. Romaine Callender, supported by Lord James Murray on his right, and Bros. Matier and Dr. Hamilton on his left, while dispersed along the tables were the other R.W. and Ill. brethren, whose names have already been mentioned as having been present.

The usual loyal toasts followed, proposed by the chair, and special mention was made of H.H.H. the Duke of Edinburgh and his Imperial Bride. The toast of "The Grand Lodge of the Royal Order" was responded to by Bro. George Murray, one of the oldest surviving Knights in the world, who simply expressed the great pleasure he and the other members of the deputation feel at taking part in the inauguration of the P. G. Lodge of Lancashire and Cheshire under such auspicious circumstances, and under the leadership of a P.G.M. so universally beloved as Bro. Callender. He had every confidence that the Royal Order would flourish in the northern district of England as well well as it had done in London. Bro. Lord James Murray, returned thanks for the S.G.C. 33° of Scotland, and Bro. Vigne, for that of England and Wales. In his reply, Bro. Vigne, mentioned that the S.G.C. 33° had elevated Bro. Callender to the rank of 31°, which announcement was received with great applause.

The toast of "Success to the New Provincial Grand Lodge and its P.G.M." was given by Lord James Murray, and responded to by Bro. Callender, who in a most able and comprehensive address, gave an interesting account of the success that had attended the other degrees of Masonry in the province, and expressed his hope, that in like manner, the P.G.L. of Lancashire and Cheshire should, by the laudable spirit of emulation, be second to none in the world, not even to that P.G. Lodge, the health of whose P.G.M. he was then going to propose. He begged to give "The Health of Dr. Hamilton, P.G.M. of London."

Dr. Hamilton returned thanks, and hoped the only rivalry between the two P.G. Lodges would be the desire to excel one another in improvement and discipline. The next toast was "The Health of Bro. Matier, Deputy P.G.M.," which was proposed by Bro. Mann, who thanked him for the untiring energy and zeal displayed by him in the formation of this P.G. Lodge.

Bro. Matier briefly responded, and trusted to give the brethren for the future that satisfaction that from their hearty response to the toast of his health he appeared to have done in the past.

Bro. Vigne then requested permission to propose the health of a neighbour of his from Dorsetshire, "Sir Molyneux Nepean," who is 32° of Scotland, and had travelled all night to be at the meeting.

In responding, the Illustrious Brother mentioned the fact that he had been a Mason for over forty years, and belonged to several English lodges, as well as to Scottish ones. He expressed his great pleasure at being present, and his gratification at the success of the inaugural meeting of the Royal Order in Manchester.

Several other toasts followed, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—*Liverpool Conclave* (No. 55).—The usual periodical meeting of this conclave was held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Friday, the 16th inst. Eminent Sir Knight H. M. Molyneux, M.P.S., was in his place, and amongst others present were, Ill. Sir Knight J. K. Smith, D.I. General, unattached; Eminent Sir Knight T. Clark, V.G.; Sir Knights W. Doyle, S.G.; R. Brown, J.G.; R. Washington, H.P.; J. Wood, Treas.; R. Young, Recorder; J. B. Mackenzie, P.; P. Ball, Sentinel; H. James, W.; Cron D.W.; Winstanley, I.W.; Robinson, Shakespeare, H. Burrows, No. 77, and others. The business before the conclave was of a formal character. The assembled Knights of the Order afterwards sat down to an

excellent repast, and during the evening the usual loyal and knightly toasts were proposed. The M.P.S., in happy terms, gave "The Healths of Ill. Sir Knight Dr. Smith, (the Chairman of the Ball Committee), Sir Knight D. W. Winstanley, the Secretary, and Sir Knight Brown, the Treasurer," referring in terms of the highest commendation to their valuable services, which had contributed so largely to the satisfactory and successful result of the gathering. The toast was suitably acknowledged. Several capital songs and recitations were given by Sir Knights Brown, Shakespeare, Young, James, and others.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Star Lodge* (No. 219).—On Monday, 19th inst., there was a large gathering of members of the Star Lodge. The chair was taken by Bro. J. Wilson, R.W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. Allstow, D.M.; J. Logan, S.W.; J. Hearn, J.W. On the dais were Bros. G. Sinclair, P.M. 27; G. Wilson, Chaplain 27; J. Bain, P.G.B.B.; D. Reid, R.W.M. 565; G. Wheeler, 75; and J. Arnold, 455. By the request of the R.W.M., Bro. Bain, P.M., initiated Messrs. Donald McNichol and Pickles, into the mysteries of the first degree, in a very careful manner. Bro. G. Wilson, of 27, then rose and said he had been requested by Bro. G. Turnbull to ask the lodge to accept of the portrait of an old and highly respected member of the lodge, the late Bro. James Campbell. As Bro. Turnbull was too modest to undertake this duty, he had accepted the office with a great deal of pleasure, as for many years he had had the pleasure of being intimately acquainted with their deceased brother, and he was fully conscious of his great exertions on behalf of Star Lodge in the days of her adversity. It was mainly owing to his exertions, and those of Bro. Maxwell (who he was glad to see present), that the Star had finally shone out with such effulgence as now graced its meetings. The R.W.M. said, on behalf of the lodge, he accepted with gratitude this handsome present. He, too, had long had the honour of knowing their lamented brother. The portrait, all must admit, was not only life-like, but perfect as a work of art. It reflected great credit on Bro. Turnbull, first as an artist, and secondly, as a brother of the Order, to make them so valuable a gift. When they remembered that Bro. Turnbull was not even a member of their lodge, but of Mother Kilwinning, No. 9, it enhanced the value of the gift, but now the least thing they could do would be to make him an honorary member. Bro. Turnbull was then affiliated, after which he briefly thanked the lodge for the kind way in which they had received his gift. The R.W.M. then called attention to Bro. Maxwell, the oldest member of the lodge, and for many years a co-worker with Bro. Campbell. Bro. Maxwell replied, thanking them for their kind remembrance of old members. Their day for work was now past, but he was glad to see that the lodge still prospering. The R.W.M. gave "The P.G.L. and the Provincial Fund of Benevolence." Bro. G. Sinclair, Treasurer of the fund, replied, stating that the satisfactory progress the fund was now making. During the two years he had held the office, their fund had increased from £100 to £450. They had now doubled the amount of the former gifts, in all cases where the recipients were found to be worthy. He was proud to say that the Glasgow Provincial Benevolent Fund, was now the first in the Kingdom. The Master said that, though last, not least, he had to call attention to their two "new laid stones." He felt sure from the way in which they had gone through the ceremony, that they would ultimately become good Masons. Bros. W. Nichols and Pickles, suitably acknowledged the compliment, and trusted they should never disgrace the Star or cause its light to be diminished on their account.

An emergency meeting of the Star Lodge was held on Monday, the 19th of January, to reduce the large amount of work on hand, consisting of three initiations, four passings, and two

raisings, all of which were performed by Bro. Gilles in his usual effective style.

GLASGOW.—*Thistle and Rose Lodge* (No. 73).—On Tuesday, January 20th, there was a very large attendance both of members and visitors. Bro. G. Weston, R.W.M. presided; assisted by G. M. Donald, I.P.M.; Jas. Balfour, P.M. 332, acting S.W.; and McGregor, J.W.; W. Walton T.; and R. Richards, Secretary. On the dais were also Bros. A. Wright, R.W.M. 193; W. Phillips, P.M. 275, P.G.I.G.; G. Thallon, P.M. 362, P.G.J.D.; J. Block, R.W.M. 262; and D. Reid, R.W.M. 465. The work consisted of passing and raising. At the request of the R.W.M., Bro. W. Wright, R.W.M. of 103, passed Bro. R. Pearson to the degree of Fellow Craft, after which Bro. Black, of the Saint Clair Lodge, asked to have a gentleman, a native of Sweden, raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. John Hallgren was then introduced, and Bro. G. Thallon, I.P.M. of the St. Clair, performed the ceremonies. Arrangements were made for the forthcoming festival of the lodge, and Bro. Black thanked them for their kindness in raising this candidate for his lodge.

GLASGOW.—*Commercial Lodge* (No. 360) met in their own Hall, 19, Croy-place, Glasgow, on Friday, the 16th of January, Dr. Martin, R.W.M., in the chair. There was considerable lodge business to transact, at the conclusion of which Bro. Munro said he had now to ask them to give two special votes of thanks to Bro. Adams, their late Treasurer, and to their Worshipful Master. For some time the lodge had been in want of a set of working tools. Bro. Adams knowing this had got a very nice set made for them, and the R.W.M., Dr. Martin, had also purchased a very handsome set in a mahogany case, from Bro. George Kenning's Glasgow House, so they were doubly blest, and he asked them to give a hearty vote of thanks to each of these brethren, who unknown to the lodge, as well as to each other, had thus kindly supplied their wants. The tools were then handed round for inspection, and elicited the commendation of all present. The R.W.M. then requested Bro. J. Munro, his Depute Master, to work the 3rd degree for him, and use the new working tools he had presented. Bro. Thellar was accordingly introduced and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, in a very impressive style, by Bro. J. Munro. Altogether Lodge Commercial may well feel proud of its present position, and of its prospects for 1874.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Union* (No. 832).—The annual festival of this lodge was held in the Assembly Rooms, Bath-st., on Friday, the 16th inst. Both the hall and galleries were completely filled by the Masons with their wives and friends. Representatives were present from nearly every lodge in the province, Lodge 408 being very conspicuous for their numbers. The chair was ably filled by the R.W.M., Bro. J. McNair, who, in a neat speech, set forth the beauties of Masonry and also explained the present position of the lodge, which is evidently prospering under his sway. The Rev. Fergus Ferguson gave one of his characteristic speeches, in the course of which he related several instances that had come within his own knowledge of the good of masonry, in a worldly or pecuniary point of view, while the moral duties it inculcated were calculated to lead them into the paths of virtue and true religion. Bro. Mitchell, P.M., also gave an able address on the important duties taught in the lodge. The concert was well sustained by the talented artists employed, and an assembly followed, at which dancing was kept up till nearly four in the morning.

GLASGOW.—*St. Andrew's Chapter* (No. 69) met on Tuesday, the 13th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the First Principal, Comp. T. D. Humphries, Comp. Halket, Z. 113, presided. A lodge of Mark Masters was then opened, when Comp. John H. Fish, master mariner, W. H. Ellis, master mariner, and James Gibson, were advanced to that degree, Comp. J. Dobbie, P.Z., performing the ceremony, J. Balfour acting as S.W.; D. Campbell, J.W.; G. W. Wheeler, S.D. As those gentlemen were about to proceed to sea, a lodge of Excellent Masters was opened, and thereafter a

Holy Royal Arch Chapter, J. Halket as Z.; J. Dobbie, H.; D. Campbell, J.; G. W. Wheeler, H.S.; J. Balfour, 2nd. S.; D. Fleming, 3rd S.; W. T. Oliver, S.E. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, Comp. Campbell, as the Senior Officer of the Chapter, proposed Comp. G. W. Wheeler as an honorary member. For the last two years they had been so much indebted to him for his constant attendance and services that he really thought he was one of their own members. He thought it high time he was made one. The Scribe E having seconded the motion, Comp. Wheeler was affiliated by Comp. Halket, and the chapter was closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mungo Encampment* met on Monday, the 19th inst., when business of importance to the future welfare of the encampment was discussed, and a large attendance of the members was requested at the next meeting, when there are six candidates desirous of taking this exalted and chivalrous degree.

INVERNESS.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 6).—The annual meeting and dinner in connection with the St. John's Lodge of Freemasons, Inverness, was held within the Lodge Rooms, Caledonian Hotel, on Saturday last. The Right Worshipful Master, Bro. A. Ross, architect, occupied the chair. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Right Worshipful Master, Bro. A. Ross, Architect, Past Master; Bro. Charles Innes, Deputy Master; Bro. Wm. Reid, Architect; Bro. Macewan, Senior Warden; Bro. Walter Carruthers, Junior Warden; Bro. Hugh Rose, Treasurer; Bro. D. Reid, Secretary; Rev. Dr. Macdonald, Chaplain; Bro. Robert Carruthers, jun., Senior Deacon; Bro. George Grant Allan, Junior Deacon; Bro. Wm. Macdonald, Inner Guard, Bros. Charles Spinks and J. Menzies, Stewards.

At several of the lodge meetings in Glasgow, this week, reference was made to the immortal memory of our departed brother, Robert Burns, the anniversary of whose birth occurs this week. We hope to insert some of the reports in our next issue.

GRAND MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The 25th annual Grand Masonic Ball in Liverpool took place at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., and proved the most successful in every respect which has been held for several years. As on former occasions, the proceeds will be given in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and as the attendance was exceedingly large there seems every likelihood that the charity will benefit to the extent of £200. The institution, since its foundation, has done a truly noble work, has long been recognised and patronised as one of the best Masonic charities in the provinces, and the success which has crowned the efforts of those who have devoted valuable time and careful attention to its interests shows how genuine and deep seated is the true Masonic spirit of charity and compassion which prevails amongst the brethren in the province of West Lancashire. Referring to the report for the year 1871, we find that forty-two children were receiving the benefits of the institution during that year, for whose education and advancement in life the sum of £274 3s. 8d. was paid. The number of children on the foundation during 1872 was forty-five, and the amount paid for their education, &c., was £341 1s. 3d., which shows how greatly the demands upon the funds of the Institution are increasing year by year. The total funds of the charity at the close of 1871 amounted to £9,220 6s. 3d., whilst the present statement shows a total of £9,779 4s. 5d., a result which cannot but afford the highest satisfaction to every supporter of the charity.

The Masonic ball of '74 fully maintained its reputation as the "crack" assembly of the season, and the popularity of the mystic Order could not have been better shown than by the exceedingly large and most fashionable attendance. The gathering was in many respects superior to those of former years, and the arrangements, in connec-

tion with it were of the most satisfactory character. The splendid suite of rooms at the Town Hall need no adornment, and therefore, as of old, they were left without being decorated in the smallest degree. But the sight presented about midnight was one of the most dazzling character, and could not well have been exceeded in the brilliancy of its effects. The company began to arrive shortly before nine o'clock, and before the clock had chimed the "witching hour," there could have been no fewer than 800 persons present. The Freemasons appeared in the clothing, jewels, and insignia of their rank and office, and amongst the other orders more or less represented were the Knights of Rome, and of the Red Cross of Constantine, the Knights Templar, the Royal Arch, the Knights of Malta, the Rose Croix, the Mark Degree, &c. All this show of Masonic trappings contrasted strikingly with the invariably elegant dresses of the ladies, and the combination as a whole was of the most brilliant and effective character.

The general arrangements were of the most complete and satisfactory kind, and reflect the highest credit upon the committee, who spared neither time nor trouble in preparing properly for the annual merry meeting. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., was the President, and Bro. Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., W.D.P.G.M., the Vice-President, Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M. 249 and 1094, who was Chairman of the committee, was most indefatigable in his efforts to make the ball a complete success, and he was well rewarded by the satisfactory and brilliant results. Bro. D. W. Winstanley, P.M. 1094, the Hon. Sec., also worked with a will and wisely arranged matters. Bro. R. Brown, S.W. 1380, who fulfilled the duties of Hon. Treasurer, merits more than a passing note. Not only did he personally labour hard to make the gathering a complete success, but he most generously gave up for some time previously all the spaces engaged by his firm (Messrs. Van Dyke and Brown) in the advertising columns of the theatrical journals for the purpose of giving a place to the advertisement with regard to the ball. This was a truly brotherly sacrifice, and worthy of imitation in spirit. A pleasant feature of the ball were the very handsome badges supplied by Bro. George Kenning, of London, Liverpool, Glasgow, &c., which were the theme of general admiration. The following were the Stewards:—Bros. Laidlaw, Armstrong, Bucknall, T.C. Jones, W. Hughes, Baxendale, Ashmore, Alpess, A. Ballard, Rose, Chudley, Pierpoint, Nelson, Goepel, G. R. Smith, Nicholas, McKune, Callow, Martin, Beasley, Pemberton, Broadbridge, Kenyon, Clegg, G. Turner, R. Wilson, G. Hutchins, R. Pearson, J. Wood, Strother, J. Lloyd, Cron, G. H. Turner, Doyle and Sheen. This important body faithfully and efficiently performed their duties, headed and directed by Bro. Mott, as captain. The duties of Master of Ceremonies were again performed with the courtesy and tact for which Bro. H. M. Molyneux has so long deservedly enjoyed a well-known reputation. During the arrival of the guests, the excellent band of the 1st L.R.V. (by the kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Steble) played a choice selection in the vestibule. The dance music was furnished by the quadrille band of Bro. G. A. W. Philipps. Bro. W. S. Vines, P.M. 220 and 1299, again supplied the refreshments, which were very choice and plentiful; and the Stewards' supper table—which was admirably laid out—was greatly enhanced by a number of bunches of splendid grapes, sent for the occasion by Bro. J. Meredith, of the Vineyard, Garston.

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EXCOMMUNICATION OF FREE-
MASONS.

In a London contemporary of Thursday last appears the following telegram:—"Brussels, Thursday. The Archbishop of Malines, Primate of Belgium, has issued a pastoral, in which he excommunicates all Freemasons in the kingdom, however exalted may be their position."

This short announcement is pregnant, no doubt, with serious reflections, though happily not likely to be attended by any serious consequences. Religious and devout as are the Belgian people, and devoted to the Roman Catholic Church, there is a spirit of fairness and justice very observable in their public arrangements, as well as in their private sentiments.

The Constitution of Belgium guarantees freedom of conscience to all religious communities, so long as they do not violate the laws of the State, and in such cases, we believe, the Belgian Government supplements the payment of denominational clergymen and ministers, by a proportional grant.

There is nothing, then, in the Belgian Constitution, or in the feelings and sympathies of the Belgian people, to foster intolerance or encourage persecution.

Indeed, in Flanders, amid that Flemish people, with the souvenirs of Alva, and in the country of Horu and Egmont, it would be impossible, we feel persuaded, to excite or renew a similar spirit of religious intolerance. Why then are the Freemasons assailed? What have they done that they deserve that these vials of Archbishopial wrath should be poured on their humble and devoted heads.

The answer is, simply nothing, but it suits the Romish Church everywhere, at this moment, to represent the Freemasons as forming part of a great secret and political society of rampant Carbonari, and infidel illuminés, whose great end is the overthrow of all constituted authority and especially the destruction of the Roman Catholic Church. A more mistaken view never was propounded, or a greater error committed by those astute men, who as a general rule direct the proceedings of the Roman "Curia."

To say nothing of the indecency of an Archbishop of the Church, whose mission is and ought to be a mission of peace and benevolence, fulminating a sentence of excommunication, without trial and without hearing, of our harmless brethren in Belgium, and thus holding them up to the religious animosity of all other Roman Catholics, we venture to think that in doing so, the Archbishop is transgressing the laws of the country, and acting, at any rate, in direct defiance to the well-known leading principles of the Belgian Constitution. The excommunication of the Archbishop is an act evidently in itself "ultra vires," and a proceeding of which the Belgian law knows nothing.

It is not the sentence of a competent Court—of an authorised jurisdiction. The Roman Catholic Church may say, we will not allow

any members of our communion to be Freemasons, and if they are, they lose the privileges of the Roman Communion, but the Archbishop can have no right whatever, no legal qualification to excommunicate Freemasons generally in Belgium, without rhyme or reason in the lump, so to say, it being known, that, there are many members of the Order who are not Roman Catholics at all.

As an act of authority, therefore, such an excommunication we believe to be utterly "hors de la loi."

It is very doubtful, indeed, whether any ecclesiastical sentence can be promulgated in Belgium, without the consent of the civil authorities, but even if it can be so, the law courts would only recognise a sentence passed after due hearing. We can imagine what our Lord Chief Justice would say and those eminent judges of the Court of Queen's Bench, if our Archbishop of Canterbury proceeded to issue, (which we admit is an absurdity), such a bituminous pastoral, or if any religious body whatever in England, excommunicated any of its members, without any hearing, and simply "Mero motu."

We recommend the members of the Belgian Grand Lodge to raise the question in the Belgian Law Courts by suing the Archbishop of Malines for damages done to them, as Belgian citizens, by the offensive publication of a sentence of excommunication. The Grand Lodge being the recognised representative of the whole body, can do so, and they will then make it clear to their "concitoyens," that, the laws of their country do not sanction such proceedings, which are now assuming a frequency and position, to make us remember that, "du sublime au ridicule il n'y a qu'un pas."

Most painful are they to all serious and sober-minded people, because endorsing the outburst of a hopeless religious fanaticism on the one hand, or the resuscitation in 1874 of the dark principles of a sinful Inquisition, on the other.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual festival of this society took place on Wednesday, the 28th ult., but as according to our present arrangements, we shall not be able to give a full account of the proceedings in this impression, we prefer simply to express our earnest hopes, that, this first anniversary meeting of our charities for 1874 may be both a successful and a satisfactory one.

There is no Institution in our Order, or anywhere, indeed, more useful, or more needed in itself, or which does, so modestly and unpretendingly such a large amount of good in the welcome aid it affords to many a struggling and stricken brother, who not only has fallen into the "sere and yellow leaf" of advancing years, but has also had to experience the hard lot of failing fortune, and decayed prosperity.

We sincerely trust, that not only will the response of the Craft enable this valuable institution of our Order, to increase its benefits to a still further enlarged number of applicants, but in these "dear days" in which we live, perhaps before long, to augment somewhat the pensions we offer to those whom age or sickness,

or a reverse of fortune most surely gives a great claim on Masonic Benevolence and sympathy.

We trust next week to be able to inform our readers of a very successful anniversary.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty remains at Osborne.

The marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh and the Grand Duchess Marie of Russia, took place on Friday, amid much of religious ceremony, according to the rites of the Greek Church, and all the splendour of the Russian Court, and the rejoicings of the Russian people. Having been married, first according to the ceremonial of the Greek Church, the august couple were afterwards married, also by Dean Stanley, according to the simple ritual of the English Church. After a long day of court ceremonial they proceeded with a small suite to Yarsko Selo, to spend a three days' honeymoon, and having gone through a round of public receptions and festivities at St Petersburg, this week, they are to proceed to Moscow next week, to be again fêted and welcomed there. May all of happiness attend them in their voyage through life. The rejoicings throughout the country have been marked and universal.

Our home news has received a great impetus by the announcement of an immediate dissolution of Parliament. For the next two months our English people will be plunged into all the turmoil and excitement of a political contest. Formerly French writers delighted to term English elections "recurring periods of insanity," but under the new arrangement all seems to proceed with unbroken order, quietness and peacefulness.

Mr. Whalley, M.P., has been very properly censured by Lord Chief Justice Cockburn for contempt of court, and fined £250, but was committed to Holloway Prison for refusing to pay the amount. No one can understand his profound belief in the convict Jean Luie. That very interesting individual seems, by the strange perversity of human nature, still, however, to use a sporting phrase, to find "backers." Beyond this there is little to report.

Sir Samuel Martin has taken leave of the Bar, after a neat touching speech from the Attorney-General, and a feeling and simple reply from himself.

No news from the Gold Coast has arrived, though any hour may bring decisive tidings.

The relief of the Indian population threatened by famine occupies the constant attention of the Government of India. It seems to be hoped on good grounds, that by timely preparation this dreadful scourge may be greatly alleviated, if not entirely removed.

Abroad we have little to tell; Lord Lyons and M. Decazes have signed a supplementary convention to the Anglo-French Treaty of Commerce, on the 24th January.

A scientific expedition is about to start from St. Petersburg for the Amour-Daria, the Grand Duke Nicholas Constantinovitch will accompany it.

The Carlists have taken Portugalete, and a large number of prisoners. Otherwise Spain is tranquil.

The Dutch seem to be successfully operating against the insurgents in their colonial possessions.

We have to announce the deaths of Lord Stewart de Decies, of the Countess of Loudoun, and of Mr. Adam Black, of Edinburgh.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S MARRIAGE.—Last week the West End of London presented a very brilliant appearance. All the club-houses and most of the shops were illuminated and decked with the flags and arms of England and Russia. One of the most striking of these was Quadrant House, Regent-street; the taste of the design and the success with which it was carried out are to be attributed to the originality and skill of the proprietor, Mr. Augustus Ahlborn,

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The usual quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was held in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on the 21st inst. The preliminary lodge was opened in the several stages by the W.M. and officers of the Excelsior Lodge, 1042—Bros. J. W. Beedle, W.M.; S. Stead, S.W.; and George Heuthwaite, J.W.

The Provincial Grand Lodge comprised the Right Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., M.W.G.M. of England and P.G.M. of West Yorkshire; J. Craven (290), P.S.G.W.; Captain Wordsworth (380), P.J.G.W.; W. H. B. Tomlinson (154), P.G. Registrar; Henry Smith (387), P.G. Sec.; T. Schofield (306), P.G. Purst.; A. Titley (304), P.G. Steward, &c. After the Provincial Grand Master had declared the Provincial Grand Lodge opened, and a portion of Scripture had been read and prayer offered, the brethren saluted the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master according to ancient custom.

The Prov. G.M., the Marquess of Ripon, in acknowledging his reception, expressed his thankfulness at being permitted to meet them once more. He said it was about three years since he had the pleasure of meeting the brethren in Leeds; but it gave him pleasure to meet them under the banner of one of the youngest lodges in the province—a lodge, he hoped, that would bring honour on the Craft in the future, as he had reason to believe it had striven to do in the past. In the course of his remarks the Prov. G.M. urged upon the W.M. to use every care lest an evil might crop up of which he had seen an indication, viz., that of admitting persons into the Order in large towns to which those persons do not belong. Too much caution cannot be exercised in that direction. After a passing remark on initiation fees, his lordship congratulated the brethren on the condition of the Masonic charities, but urged those who had hitherto done nothing to make a beginning. Before resuming his seat his lordship informed the lodge that Bro. Dr. Spark, P.P. Grand Organist, had that day presented to the Prov. Grand Lodge a handsomely-bound copy of his valuable work of Masonic music, entitled "The Liber Musicus." In conclusion, his lordship again thanked the brethren for their hearty welcome, which always encouraged him in the discharge of the duties appertaining to his office.

The roll of lodges was then called over, and about fifty lodges were represented by about three hundred brethren.

The Prov. Grand Master said he now rose to discharge a duty painful in the extreme. No Mason in the province of West Yorkshire, nor any other person who had ever come in contact with him, could be otherwise than greatly troubled at the loss which had befallen the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Bentley Shaw. A loss so great, so irreparable as that of his eldest son, could not otherwise than strike down in sorrow the whole family of the D.P.G. Master. Personally he felt very deeply impressed on hearing the painful intelligence. In proposing a vote of sympathy from the lodge he felt sure he expressed the feelings of every brother in the province; and whilst expressing their sympathy they should also express their high estimation of his ability and kindly disposition when among them. They all knew that to one of so warm and affectionate a nature as that of Bro. Bentley Shaw the loss he had sustained would be heavy. Already 50 lodges had presented their deep regret at his loss, and sympathy in his bereavement, and he now proposed that the Provincial Grand Lodge express its deep sympathy with Bro. Bentley Shaw, Past Grand Deacon, and D. Prov. G. M. of West Yorkshire, in his bereavement and deep suffering; and, at the same time, express its appreciation of the great ability he has always displayed in the duties of his office, and his courteousness to all. His Lordship concluded by anticipating the hearty approval by the brethren of the resolution.

The resolution was seconded by Bro. Manoah Rhodes, Mayor of Bradford, who had been appointed to act for the D.P.G.M. in the duties of the day, and carried unanimously.

Amongst the visitors who attended the Provincial Grand Lodge were Bros. J. R. Stebbing, P.G.D. of England; Dr. Bell, D.P.G.M. of the North and East Ridings; — Fabian, P.S.G.W. of Hants; and John Walker, P.G.D., North and East Ridings.

After the business of the lodge a banquet took place at the Great Northern Railway Hotel, Leeds, and at which about 160 sat down. The Provincial Grand Master presided, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and duly honoured, the health of M.W.G.M. of England was proposed and enthusiastically honoured.

The Provincial Grand Master responded, expressing his deep sense of the benefits resulting from Freemasonry when its principles were carefully carried out, and its precepts adhered to.

In proposing the health of the visitors, the Provincial Grand Master passed a high eulogium on Bro. Stebbing and on Bro. Dr. Bell, and stated that the province from which Dr. Bell came, and the Craft at large, could ill afford to lose a name which had been honoured in Freemasonry—the name of Zetland. The present Earl of Zetland had now been prevailed upon to take the office of Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings.

Bro. Stebbings replied on behalf of the visitors, saying that his brethren in the south valued highly the Grand Master of the Craft, and he had that day come a journey to see how his brethren treated his Lordship on the soil of his own county and province. That reception, like his own, was as warm and generous as the reputed generous heart of a Yorkshireman could make it.

Various other toasts followed, that of the Marchioness of Ripon and the ladies being, at the request of the acting Deputy P.G.M., proposed by Bro. Dr. Spark, the whole of the brethren responding enthusiastically with cheers and musical honours.

Bro. Lancaster, of Leeds, acted as Prov. G. Organist in the lodge, and afterwards presided at the piano, when Bros. Jos. Tetley, Maw, and others rendered efficient service by their admirable singing.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. MARYLEBONE CHAPTER, No. 1305.

The interesting ceremony of opening and consecrating a chapter in connection with the flourishing St. Marylebone Lodge, was performed on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the British Stores, New-street, St. John's Wood, by Comp. John Hervey, the Grand Scribe E., assisted by Comps. T. A. Adams, P.Z., as H.; R. W. Wentworth Little, P.Z., as J., and A. A. Pendlebury as D.C. A procession was formed in the usual manner, and the chapter was opened by the President, the M.E.Z., and the other Past Principals present. Comp. Hervey then addressed the companions on the nature of the meeting, and expressed the great gratification he experienced to know that the parent lodge had progressed so rapidly during the three years of its existence as to be able to form a chapter with such a high promise of equal stability and success. The consecration ceremony was then proceeded with, Comp. H. Parker, Prov. G. Organist, Middlesex, officiating at the pianoforte, and leading the chants. Comp. Little delivered the oration, and the chapter was duly dedicated and constituted. Comp. Samuel G. Foxall, P.Z., was then installed as M.E.Z. Comps. A. J. Codner, P.Z., as H.; and J. J. Pope, P.Z., as J. These companions were, in the order stated, the first three masters of the St. Marylebone Lodge. It was unanimously resolved that Comps. Hervey, Adams, Little and Pendlebury be elected honorary members of the chapter for their attendance and services, a compliment which Comp. Hervey gracefully acknowledged. A large number of propositions for exaltations followed, after which the chapter was closed, and the companions sat down to a dinner, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., Comp. Foxall. The menu and wines reflected the utmost credit upon Bro. Fowler, the host, who was unremitting in his

attention to the comfort of the guests. The cloth having been removed, the health of Her Majesty was given with all the honours, succeeded by the National Anthem. The chief ruler of R.A. Masonry, the Marquess of Ripon, was then proposed and heartily received. After the next toast, which was that of the Grand Officers, Comp. Parker executed a brilliant selection from "La Fille de Madame Angot," which was greatly applauded, and Comp. Hervey responded, concluding with proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z., and success to the New Chapter." Comp. Foxall returned thanks. The next toast was "The H. and J.," to which Comps. Codner and Pope replied. The M.E.Z., then asked the companions to drink "The Health of Comp. Little" whom he eulogised for Masonic zeal and perseverance, and that companion made a suitable response. The other toasts were "The Visitors" acknowledged by Comps. S. Foxall, P.Z. 742; F. K. Stevens, P.Z.; C. B. Payne, P.Z.; and W. Dodd, H. 1194, "The Officers" for whom Comps. Stringer, W.M. 1305, and Austin responded, and the Janitor's toast. Several excellent songs and recitations were given by the M.E.Z., Comps. Stevens and Parker, and the evening was most thoroughly enjoyed by all present. There can be no doubt of the new chapter's success, as its Principals are well-versed and worthy veterans in the Order.

CONSECRATION OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT TIMARU.

One of the greatest events in the history of Freemasonry in Timaru, occurred Nov. 20th., when the ceremony of consecration of the new Masonic Hall, Church-street, was performed. To those of our readers who may not be au fait in Masonic matters in Timaru, it may not be uninteresting if we take a brief retrospective glance to the early days of the lodge here. For some time after the Lodge of St. John was first formed in Timaru, its members had to suffer the inconvenience of occupying a rented room, but finding their numbers increasing, and desiring to possess a meeting place worthy of the ancient Order to which they belonged, a piece of land was leased from Mr. R. H. Rhodes, on LeCren's-terrace, and tenders were invited on June 14, 1866, for the erection of a stone building. Shortly afterwards, an offer was accepted, and on August 30, 1866—the foundations having been completed—the corner stone was laid with full Masonic ceremony by the Acting District Grand Master of Canterbury—Dr. Donald. The ceremony passed off with great eclat, the day being observed as a public holiday in the town. The building then progressed slowly, and the first use made of it was the celebration of St. John's day, on June 24, by the holding of a banquet in the large room. A little while later, and close upon twelve months from the laying of the foundation stone (August, 1867) the building was completed at a cost of about £1,000, and although the inside was elegant and convenient, the appearance of the outside had little to recommend it, besides substantiality.

Nevertheless the building in those days was considered a great town improvement. The members of the lodge continued to use the hall until early in the year 1872, and were then compelled to vacate it in consequence of the cutting for the Timaru-Temuka railway, rendering it unsafe for habitation. The building was razed, and after the Government had paid the amount of compensation assessed by the District Court in January of the present year, a site for a new hall was purchased in Church-street, opposite the English Church. Competitive designs were at once called for a building, and those submitted by Mr. F. J. Wilson, architect, of this town, were selected. The calling for tenders for erection of the building followed, the result being that the offer of Mr. Thomas Parsons was accepted. Work was soon commenced, and on April 14 of the present year the foundation stone was laid by the Worshipful Master, Bro. G. H. Wildie, without Masonic ceremony. From that time till its completion (about three days ago) a period of about eight months, the building progressed without a hitch of any kind, and the

Masons of Timaru are now possessed of a hall which all who have seen acknowledge to be the best in Canterbury.

The building, which covers an area of 54 feet by 50 feet, is composed of bluestone, with a galvanised iron roof. The foundations, averaging a height of about 10 feet, are built in random rubble, as also are the side and back walls, 15 feet in height. In the front wall, about 20 feet in height, the bluestone work is in block rubble, and the facings are in cement in imitation of white stone. The front elevation is in the Grecian style of architecture, and presents a very handsome appearance. Above the entrance to the vestibule is a Masonic emblem in cement, and above that on the coping, worked in the same material is the date of the building of the hall—A.L. 5873. After passing through the vestibule (8 feet by 5 feet) the walls of which are in imitation of white stone, a lobby 8 feet by 7 feet is entered. To the right of the lobby is situated the library and committee room, 19 feet by 12 feet 6 inches, with a recess, 8 feet by 8 feet, as a repository for books. This room is lighted by a large window, and is provided with a fire place. The Worshipful Master's room is at the eastern side of the committee room. Its dimensions are 50 feet by 25 feet in the clear, and its height 17 feet 6 inches. The room is lighted by three large windows and the woodwork around these is well finished, and painted a light blue. The skirting boards are also of the same colour. At the eastern end of the room is the dais, the top of which is gained by three steps, about eight inches each in height. The furniture, the woodwork of which is polished cedar, is of a very superior description, and is a credit to the manufacturer, Mr. W. L. Edwards, of this place. The chairs and couches, the latter extending along two sides and one end of the room, are stuffed, and covered with scarlet repp. In the centre of the room is placed an oblong piece of oilcloth, painted in white and black squares, and upon the remainder of the floor is stretched cocoanut matting. On the right hand side of the room at the front of the dais, is stationed a neat little American organ, which the lodge has just purchased at a cost of £60. The whole building is very creditably finished, creditable alike to the architect and contractor. The total cost of the building is £1250.

From noon the day was observed as a public holiday in the town, and all places of business were closed. Shortly before twelve o'clock an emergency meeting of the St. John's Lodge was held in the Oddfellow's Lodge Room, preparatory to proceeding to consecrate the Hall, and in addition to the members of the Caledonian Lodge, there were present the following representatives of the Grand Lodge:—Bros. Thompson, Acting Deputy District Grand Master, P.M.; Dobbs; Booth, P.M.; Shakleton, Master elect of the Canterbury Lodge; Mitchell, P.M.; and the Rev. W. H. Cooper.

Just before one o'clock, the procession issued from the Oddfellow's Hall in the usual order.

The procession, which was marshalled by the Grand Deputy Master of Ceremonies Bro. Mitchell, kept excellent order, and presented a very pleasing spectacle. The members were in evening dress, and decorated with full Masonic regalia. A large number of persons assembled to witness the procession, which after moving along Barnard and Sophia-streets, turned into Church-street and came to a halt in the churchyard. Here the procession opened right and left, and the Acting Deputy District Grand Master, who had previously occupied a rear position, led the way into the church followed by the procession and the spectators. The church was soon filled in every part, and service commenced at one o'clock.

The sermon, which was listened to very attentively, was preached by Bro. Rev. W. H. Cooper, Grand Chaplain, the text being taken from St. Paul's 1st Epistle to the Corinthians, xiii. chapter, 13 v.

At the conclusion of the service the Masonic body left the church and proceeded to the new hall, for the purpose of taking part in the ceremony of consecration. After the members of the lodge had become seated, and everything had been got in readiness for the ceremony, the

W.M. of the St. John's Lodge requested the Deputy Grand Master to consecrate the hall. A portion of the Holy Scriptures was then read, followed by the anthem 'Behold how Good and Joyful' (Masonic version.) The first part of the prayer of consecration having been read, perfume was sprinkled on the Hall by the Grand Master, and the second portion of the prayer delivered. A procession then marched round the room, and salt, wine, oil and corn were thrown on the hall, accompanied with appropriate words by the Grand Master, showing the symbolical meaning of the rite. The ceremony of consecration being concluded, the Grand Chaplain congratulated the W.M. and members of St. John's Lodge on the fine hall they were now in possession of. A vote of thanks was given by the W.M. to the A.D.G.M., Bro. Thomson, for his services, which was acknowledged in suitable terms. A vote of thanks to the officers of the Grand Lodge and the D.G. Chaplain, was responded to by Bro. Mitchell. An excellent oration on the nature and objects of Masonry was delivered by the Rev. Cooper, and shortly afterwards the lodge meeting was brought to a conclusion. The doors were then thrown open to the public, and for the space of about a couple of hours a large number of persons inspected the building. The Masonic ball, which was held in the Mechanics' Institute, yesterday evening, passed off very successfully.—*Timaru Herald*.

Original Correspondence.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, AND THE CONVIVIAL BOARD.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I had proposed not to take part in the controversy which certain proceedings of the Great City Lodge have called forth; but in view of the remarks contained in your later numbers I consider it a duty to my lodge to endeavour to stop the current of misrepresentation now flowing through your columns:

Our proceedings of the 8th November last were not intended to be made public, and my officers and myself were equally surprised to find on the Monday following our Saturday meeting, that the *Pall Mall Gazette* contained a paragraph referring thereto, and to the subsequent supper, which that paper chose to designate as a "banquet."

That paragraph was not correct in all its detail, although it certainly expressed correctly a determination on the part of the lodge to carry out a principle which I am glad to know has many supporters, namely Charity *versus* Prodigality, or in other words, observing a due medium between avarice and profusion, and holding the scales of justice with an equal poise.

But we never for one moment thought of arrogating to ourselves the "setting of an example," or the "striking of a key note." We must be very dull Masons indeed if we did not know that the "frugal meal" was before our time common to many lodges, notably in provincial towns, and that there was nothing new in the proposed arrangement. And therefore, when the paragraph aforesaid made the round of the press, both metropolitan and provincial; formed the subject of an article in the *Saturday*; was quoted far and wide; and held up our lodge as introducing an extremely proper, but, at the same time, novel, experiment (which it was not): we almost regretted we had "done good by stealth," and really "blushed to find it fame!"

I am sorry that you should have permitted the insertion of the extract from the *New York Dispatch* in your impression of the 13th inst., particularly as regards one paragraph, the incorrectness of which no person could have known better than yourself; and I think Bro. Kilpatrick equally uninformed as unwise when he so misrepresents the social status of the members of the Great City, and the position of a lodge which is as yet a mere baby.

I also regret that Bro. Constable should have so far forgotten his usual courtesy and good

feeling as to assume by his letter of this date, that Freemasons with whom he has associated, and whom he ought to know better, could desire to "cry their virtues from the house-top," or to seek to have proclaimed as noble deeds the performance of a charitable duty. He is right in stating that, being only six months old, the Great City is not either "subscriber, life governor, or vice president of either of the Masonic Charities," but he will be unable to sustain that assertion beyond another week in respect of one charity and, before the end of this year, in respect of either of them. The whole tone of Bro. Constable's letter does not, to my mind, and as I read it, appear to be pervaded by that sentiment of "brotherly love" to the exercise of which he commends Bro. Kilpatrick.

And now, I may say, in conclusion, that the Great City will not regret this controversy, if it should result that the attention of our lodges has been called to the policy of lessening the expenditure for banquets, and increasing the funds of the charities. Bless you! We have "cakes and ales," our feasts and junketings; but we limit the number, copying the example of many sister lodges, and hoping that our adhesion to their policy may strengthen their efforts. Out of six meetings we can be satisfied with three formal dinners, and their accompanying inconveniences; and if a large majority of us are content with three other gatherings, freed from all formality and made thoroughly "jolly" and agreeable by the conviction of duty performed and digestion unimpaired, why, we should be silly indeed if we did not carry out our desire. I know we are *very young* just now, and shall grow older, and probably wiser as we grow, but I, for one, sincerely hope that the folly (if it is folly) which we have displayed in our youth, and in this matter, will despite all disparagement and opposition, remain with the Great City, until, with it, "time shall be no more."

Yours fraternally,

THE W.M. OF "THE GREAT CITY," No. 1426.

To the Editor of *the Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is with a deep sense of pain that I have perused the "Original Correspondence" under this head in your last issue. Neither of your correspondents appear to be members of the lodge the name of which they use so freely, and the motives of which they so glibly interpret. Nor is it apparent that their minds have been illuminated with the simple truth of the matter they write about. The spirit of charity "which thinketh no evil," and is "kind," and which, as we so often hear, should link us together in fraternal affection, is singularly maligned in the letters of both your correspondents.

I am not a special pleader for Bro. Kilpatrick, but it is evident that he wrote in good faith, and if he has fallen into error, or made exaggerated statements, be it remembered that, "to err is human," and that our brother is on the other side of the Atlantic. At all events, let us refrain from denouncing him in the vituperative terms employed by Bro. Constable. Rather let us point out his mistakes, and strive to correct them with calmness and dignity.

Notwithstanding Bro. Constable has the great advantage of being on the spot, and according to his letter, intimately acquainted with the Great City Lodge, he unfortunately leads your readers to the false conclusion that the lodge in question has taken the unusual course of having its doings "cried from the house-tops, so that the nations of the earth may know how virtuous they are, and what an amount of self-denial they are capable of practising."

Now, I have not noticed that that lodge has vaunted itself in any way, nor can I find a brother who thinks it has. On the contrary, throughout the controversy evoked by its dispensing with a banquet and applying it to charity, it has observed the strictest silence. It is to be lamented therefore that Bro. Constable is so uncharitable, and therefore so unmasonic in his imputations, particularly as he has stepped out of his way to take upon himself the special duty of rebutting Bro. Kilpatrick. Alas! How prone we are to

discover the mote in our brother's eye and to forget the beam in our own.

I believe that the bread and cheese banquet was relished because the brethren thought they were carrying out the duties of the Craft, and without a thought of its being published "to the nations of the earth." The fact that almost every newspaper saw the motive, and commended it, is I think the best answer to your correspondents, and those (if any) who think with them. One would suppose, however, from some of the observations it has called forth, that it was an act of high treason against the Craft. I see no trace of treason, but full evidence of "fidelity," and to other lodges I would say "go thou and do likewise," the uninitiated will then perhaps believe that Freemasonry is not a mere excuse for feasting and drinking, as they have now some reason for suspecting, when they hear of lodges banquetting at every meeting—lodges which have never made a sacrifice for the charities established in their name and so sadly needing their help. There is no doubt that Masonic charities could do without lottery schemes for life governorships if every lodge would practice that virtue which we all profess to admire. I say, therefore, all honour to the young lodge for the step it took, and my deep regret is that brethren professing to have the great cause at heart should scoff at or disparage its early efforts to do its duty. Truly the members of that lodge, the majority of whom can scarcely yet have passed through the three degrees, in their endeavour to do good, "may blush to find it fame," and that blush may well assume a deeper hue when they find that unworthy motives are ascribed to them by brother Masons.

Yours fraternally,

M. M.

RIGHTS OF VISITING BRETHREN.

To the Editor of *the Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. M. J. M. is no doubt quite correct in his reading of the rule as to visitors, and that it is a mistake to put a comma between "for" and "after," and I wonder the printer's error was not detected at the time it was made; for if you leave out the words between the commas, it reads, "unless he personally known, —, after due examination by one of the brethren present," which is nonsense. In an old copy I have of the Book of Constitutions, date 1784, the words are "No visitor, however skilled in Masonry,* shall be admitted into a lodge unless he is personally known to, or well vouched for, and recommended by, one of that lodge present." When that wording was altered, years ago, there was no "Lloyd" or "Havers" on the Board of General Purposes, or such an error would at once have been detected. No doubt it was intended that the comma should come after the word "examination." Then again, the word "and" is left out after word "known," although we have it in the old edition. The words should therefore be read—No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge unless he be personally known and recommended, or well vouched for after due examination, by one of the brethren present; and the Book of Constitutions should be altered accordingly.

MAGNUS OHREN,
P.M. 33 & 452, &c.

To the Editor of *the Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It occurs to me that the regulation in the Book of Constitutions to which in your last week's issue, p. 31, you refer as settling the course to be pursued before admitting visiting brethren to a lodge is open to the charge of ambiguity and does not necessarily bear the interpretation you assign to it. It reads "No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge unless he be personally known, recommended, or well vouched for, after due examination by one of the present brethren."

Now this may be considered to give three alternatives (1), that the visitor shall be "personally known," (2) that he shall be "recom-

* Operative Masonry, of course, else how could brethren get admission to a lodge in places they may be visiting, and where they are strangers.

mended," or (3) that he shall be "well vouched for, after due examination by one of the present brethren," the "vouching" presumably being the statement by the examining brother (after his due examination, inspection of G.L. certificate, or otherwise) that the intending visitor is entitled to admission.

This, I take it, would be the only construction the regulation in the Book of Constitutions would bear if the comma after the words "vouched for" were omitted, but it may be argued that even as it stands it can be read in the manner suggested, at least as well as in that adopted in your article.

Yours fraternally, P. M. 663.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a constant reader of *The Freemason* for the last four years, since my admission into the Craft, I have carefully perused its columns. For some time past it has contained discussions anent the refusal of the Middlesex Lodge to admit Bro. Biggs. In your leading article of the 17th inst., you incline towards justifying, on constitutional grounds, the treatment of Bro. Biggs by the Middlesex Lodge, and you base this justification upon the "Law of Visitors," page 88, section I, that "No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge, unless (1) he be personally known (2), recommended, or (3) well vouched for, after due examination by one of the brethren present.

Now, as a young Mason, I do not write to criticise, but to obtain knowledge. My opinion, then, is, that division first, "he be personally known," stands altogether distinct from 2 and 3. For, if an intending visitor be personally known, be it to one or all the brethren present in a lodge, no recommendation or voucher is required, in as much as the fact of his being personally known, is at once a recommendation and a voucher; of course I understand that the visitor be personally known, and be known to be a worthy Mason, member of some lodge. In such case there is no necessity to put him to "due examination." This examination may be, if not necessary, expedient.

II. He be "recommended" and we will suppose not personally known. A member of I.M.'s in my lodge are well known to G.L. and P.G.L. Grand Officers, and I have no doubt on me visiting London anyone of them would give me an introduction or "recommendation" to any of his London friends and brethren. These brethren might again "recommend" me to a brother in some lodge assembling on a day or at place when and where. They or any of them might not find it convenient to introduce me personally. I should as a stranger, though recommended, feel it perfectly in order if I were asked for my certificate, and were besides "duly examined."

III. If he be neither personally known, nor recommended, if neither be the case, how can a visitor be "vouched for"? Here I am in a dilemma, and I say, for want of any personal voucher, my voucher is my "passport," i.e. my Grand Lodge certificate, upon presenting which I may, and according to the law laid down in the Book of Constitution, ought to be "duly examined," and having produced my certificate and satisfied my examiners, I shall expect to be permitted to enter the lodge.

I am of opinion, therefore, that the law on visitors was wisely and considerably framed, and without taking the three recommendations in section I., page 86, together, each one will, according to circumstances, be sufficient in itself to meet the case. Moreover, Masonry recognizes a "strange brother," and on page 13, caput 6, it is distinctly stated, "you are cautiously to examine him in such a method as prudence shall direct you."

To sum up, when I was initiated, I was told that certain means (I will call them) are extant by which to know a Mason, and when properly given, will be answered. Further, Masonry is universal, and any brother, a stranger, having proved himself a Mason, will be acknowledged and meet with a fraternal reception by his brethren. Suppose, then, I go to town, where I am not personally known or recommended, how can I be vouched for, except by the production of my Grand Lodge certificate, and by satisfying

my examiners? If these two points will not secure my admission into a strange lodge, what is the good of my certificate; what is the use of my being perfectly conversant with signs, &c.; and where is the universality of the Craft? Would this universality not rather dwindle down to a local coterie?

Yours fraternally,

Yorkshire.

J.D.

LODGE REPORTS.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

From the enclosed slips cut from the Sheffield papers, you will see that the Freemasons here are publishing the reports of their proceedings. I wish to ask you if such is not contrary to the spirit and letter of the Constitutions of our Order; for I remember reading therein some time ago that no Mason should print or publish any report of the proceedings of a lodge, or even give the names of Masons present, without the special sanction of the G.M. or Prov., G.M. under the penalty of expulsion from the Order.

Of course this has no reference to publishing reports in your valuable journal, which is under the sanction of the G.M., &c. &c.

Are our ancient landmarks to be allowed thus to disappear one by one, or is it one of the many innovations that are stealing upon us? For my own part I consider these reports in the common press offensive to good taste, and simply placing our noble art on a level with "Oddfellows," "Frozen-out-Gardeners" or "Druids," &c., and I will be glad if you will take up your pen in defence of our Constitutions. Apologising for trespassing so much on your space.

I am yours truly, and fraternally,

M. M.

Reviews.

The Masonic Calendar for the Province of Durham, compiled by Bro. J. H. Coates, 24, Holmeside, Sunderland, will, no doubt, meet with the success it deserves. It contains a list of Craft Lodges, R.A. Chapters, Mark Lodges, &c., in Northumberland and Durham, with the names of their respective officers.

Masonic Tidings.

In answer to numerous enquiries we are requested to state that the Red Cross Ball, advertised in our columns to take place on the 11th February, is not restricted to members of the Order, the friends of the Stewards being eligible to attend, provided their tickets are properly signed by the Steward to whom they are known.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, (No. 1035).—It should have been stated in our report of the installation of W.M. of this lodge that a P.M.'s jewel was during the evening, presented to Bro. Sculthorpe, I.P.M.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE, (No. 1182).—The annual ball in connection with this popular suburban lodge will take place at the Town Hall, Wavertree, near Liverpool, on Thursday next the 5th inst., the proceeds of which will be again devoted to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

The Publisher will be glad to receive remittances from the following, and begs to remind his friends that the subscription to *THE FREEMASON* is payable in advance.

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F. W. S., Timaru.....	1	4	0
E. J. S., George Town.....	1	17	6
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E. B., Jamaica.....	1	4	9
J. M. W., Jamaica.....	1	16	0
J. T. P., Montego Bay.....	2	8	0
H. L. D., Montego Bay.....	2	8	0
J. G., Montego Bay.....	2	8	0
T. C., Curacao.....	1	16	0
G. R. N., Cape Coast.....	2	8	0
S. D., Cape Coast.....	1	16	0
J. H. W., Bahamas.....	1	16	0
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G. D. H., Cape Coast.....	1	16	0

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It is very necessary for our friends to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America, otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them. Several remain uncredited at the present time owing to no advice having been received.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February, 6, 1874.

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

Saturday, January 31.

Lodge 1293, West Kent, Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash Preceptor.

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, February 2.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
" 69, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 144, St. Luke's, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lor d 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. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Tuesday, February 3.

Colonial Board, at 3.
Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.

" 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.

" 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.

" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

" 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.

" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road, E.

" 1261, Golden Rule, Cafe Royale, Regent-st.

" 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.

" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemason's Hall.

" 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

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

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-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.

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, February 4.

Grand Chapter, at 7.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 1420, Earl Spencer, Freemasons' Hotel, New Wandsworth.

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

Thursday, February 5.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.
 " 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
 " 1351, St. Clement's Danes, 265, Strand.
 " 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington-oval.
 " 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, N.
 Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 9, Moira, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, February 6.

Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 706, Florence Nightingale, Masons' Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 1412, La Iberia, Hill's-road, St. John's Wood.
 Chap. 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 Mark Lodge 8, Thistle, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144) Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, February 7, 1874.

Monday, February 2.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Assembly Rooms Preston.
 " 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Lancaster.
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Great Crosby, near Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Red Cross Conclave, 77, Skelmersdale, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, February 3.

Lodge 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Mark Lodge, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, February 4.

Lodge 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.
 " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool at 6.
 " 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
 " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Hall, Leigh.
 Chap. 477, Fidelity, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, February 5.

Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, at 4.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

Friday, February 6.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.30.
 " 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
 " 1387, Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, February 7, 1874.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, February 2.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 541, Marie Stuart, Masons' Hall, Crosshill,
 Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-street.

Tuesday, February 3.

Lodge 31, St. John's, St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.

Wednesday, February 4.

Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 117, Partick St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
 " 128, St. John, Shettleston.
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.

Thursday, February 5.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
 " 405, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.

Friday, February 6.

Lodge 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 114, Royal Arch, Cambuslang.
 " 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
 " 242, Houstone, Cross Keys Hall, Johnston.
 " 512, Thorntree, Masonic Hall, Thornliebank.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 7, 1874.

Monday, February 2.

Quarterly Communication, Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 5.
 Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik, at 8.

Tuesday, February 3.

Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 33, Constitution-street, Leith, at 8.30.
 " 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street, at 8.
 " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Thursday, February 5.

" 97, St. James, Masonic Hall, Writers'-court, High-street.

Friday, February 6.

Lodge 291, Celtic, Ship Hotel, East Register-street, at 8.

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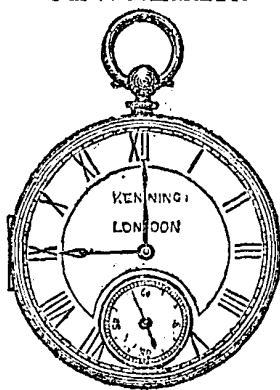
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