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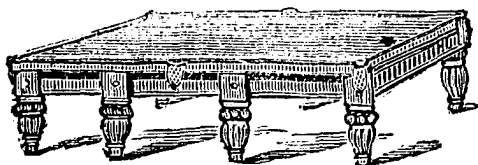
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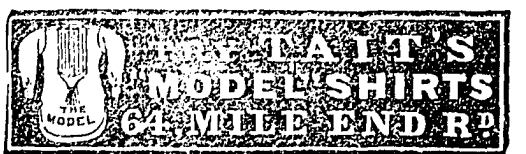
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Craft Masonry.

CROYDON.—*East Surrey Lodge of Concord* (No. 463).—The installation meeting of this old and prosperous lodge took place on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. The lodge was opened at 3 o'clock by Bro. Podmore, W.M., and the three degrees worked by the W.M. and his officers in a masterly manner, after which Bro. Henry Wallis Hunt, the S.W., was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon, by Bro. Woodward, P.M. and Sec. of the lodge, in his usual able and impressive style. The W.M. began his year of office by announcing himself a Steward for the coming festival of the Girl's School, when £5 5s. was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on his list (not a large sum for a lodge consisting of some ninety members). The lodge being duly closed, the members adjourned to the banqueting room, where, judging from the printed "menu" placed before them, a most sumptuous banquet was waiting for them. The W.M. gave the usual Masonic toasts, and the health of the W.M. was received with the most enthusiastic conviviality. Among the brethren we noticed, Bros. Price, P.M., G. Treas. Surrey; J. G. Chancellor, P.M., P.G.D.; E. A. Sacre, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Crispe, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Wm. Roebuck, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. W. Dosell, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; F. H. Elsworth, P.M. 73, &c., &c.

JERSEY.—*Royal Alfred Lodge* (No. 877).—The 13th anniversary meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Temple with more than ordinary eclat. The suffrages of the brethren had been unanimously given in favour of Bro. Ellis Anwyl Over, a Mason highly esteemed and respected. His induction to the chair was attended with peculiar circumstances of felicitation, both to the members of the lodge, and to his brethren and friends of the other lodges, and awakened a desire among them to be present at the gratifying ceremony. The lodge was opened in the first degree by Bro. Wm. Adams, W.M., assisted by his Wardens, E. A. Owen, Major Woodall, J. Le Cronier, M.D., P.M., D.P.G.M.; A. Schmitt, P.P.G.S.W., & I.P.M.; W. F. M. Turner, S.D.; W. J. Ennis, D.; General T. C. Kelly, C.B., I.G.; F. T. Cooke, &c., &c. Among the visitors we were pleased to observe Bros. E. L. Bennett, W.M. 244; E. Martel, W.M. 491, P.G.D.C.; Captain Fawcett, &c., &c. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the lodge opened in the second degree, when Bros. D. J. Le Cronier and A. Schmitt were requested by the W.M. to present Bro. Ellis Anwyl Owen, the W.M. elect, for receiving the benefit of installation. The customary enumeration of duties was made and acknowledged, the ancient charges were read and willingly assented to, and the Ob. of W.M. elect administered. The lodge was opened in the third degree, and all who had not passed the chair withdrew. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Ellis Anwyl Owen was duly placed in the chair of K.S. according

to ancient custom. The Board being closed, the several classes of Masons were in turn admitted, and the processions and proclamations were gone through, respecting which it need only be recorded that Bro. Adams conducted the ceremonies with great exactitude and impressiveness. After the usual address to the W.M., delivered with effect, Bro. Ellis A. Owen briefly remarked that, fully acknowledging the difficulty of the task he had undertaken, he was sensible of the honour conferred upon him. He accepted the responsibility, and trusted with the G.A. of the U.'s help, he should not be found wanting in the worthy discharge of it, especially as he had been promised, and could confidently rely upon efficient assistance from the P.M.'s. He therefore had every reason to hope he should be enabled to make his year of rule advantageous to the lodge and the Craft in general. The following appointments were made, the W.M. in each case offering the usual and appropriate observations: Bros. Fred W. Woodall, S.W.; W. F. M. Turner, J.W.; D. J. Le Cronier, Treas.; Wm. Adams, Sec.; W. J. Ennis, S.D.; General T. C. Kelly, J.D.; F. Le Feuvre, I.G. The retiring W.M. presented to the lodge a splendid Master's jewel and collar, for which, on the proposition of the W.M. and the D.P.G.M., a grateful and hearty vote of thanks was passed, and ordered to be recorded in the minutes. After the ceremonial part of the proceedings had been concluded, the brethren, by the invitation of the W.M., adjourned to the refreshment room, where a banquet was provided. After the cloth was drawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and enthusiastically received, and the brethren dispersed, expressing themselves highly delighted by the truly Masonic, and social manner in which the whole business had been conducted.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1291).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Marquess Tavern, Canonbury, when there was a goodly muster of brethren to greet the new Master, Bro. Robert Shackell, P.M. 30, P.P.G.P. Hants. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded in an able manner to pass Bros. Shearman and Hurrell, to the degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge then received the report of the officers committee respecting the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. Ballantyne for his valuable services rendered to the lodge during the past year, after which a sum of five guineas was voted from the lodge funds to head the list of subscriptions for that purpose. The lodge was then closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned for a light repast. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were excellently given by the W.M., and the evening was enlivened with some good singing by Bro. Watford, and others, and by some capital music by one of the visitors, Bro. Dore, assisted by the Organist of the lodge, Bro. Blackbee.

Royal Arch.

FAITH CHAPTER (No. 141).—An emergency convocation of this chapter was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Monday the 30th ult. Comp. Thos. Mortlock, the M.E.Z. presided. He was assisted by Comps. C. C. Taylor, H.; N. Gluckstein, J.; E. Gottheil, P.Z.; M. Bamberger, Treasurer; Gompertz, S.E.; Hogard, S.N.; John Constable, P.S.; John Ross, 1st A.; Bloomfield, D.C.; Hollands, W.S. Bros. Parkinson, Godhart, and Taylor, were admitted to the exalted degree with the usual ceremony, the working was excellent. Each officer without exception displayed abilities rarely seen in a Royal Arch Chapter. Those who are acquainted with the degree know the task is onerous, and great credit is certainly due to the companions for the pains they have taken to enable them to attain such perfection. The Faith Chapter may confidently look forward to a prosperous future, if the rest of its members will emulate the example of those in whose hands its guidance is now placed. After an ordinary but ample repast, the usual toasts were given. It happened to be the whim of the companions that each individual should reply on his own account, and the result

was a succession of brief but humorous speeches. These were interspersed with songs by Comps. Mortlock, Henley, South, Constable and Ross. Thus passed a very pleasant evening, and the companions separated before ten o'clock. Comps. Henley and Christian were admitted joining members. The only visitor present was Comp. R. A. Wright, P.Z., who expressed himself highly delighted with the proceedings, and the remarkable efficiency of the officers of so young a chapter.

IPSWICH.—*St. Luke's Chapter.*—The usual quarterly convocation of the members of this chapter was held at the Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich, on Wednesday the 25th March; present—Comps. J. Turner, H., as Z. (the First Principal Comp. Richmond, having died since the last meeting); Emra Holmes, J. acting H.; Dr. Mills, P.Z. of the Royal Sussex Chapter, as J.; S. B. King, P.Z., Scribe E.; G. Abbott, Scribe N.; Byford, Prin. Soj.; Henry Ward, S. Godball, C. Godball, and others. The chapter having been opened, and the usual business transacted, the accounts were audited, and Comp. Mills delivered up the sum held by him, as the representative of the deceased much respected Treasurer, Comp. J. Franks, whose recent death has been so much felt in Ipswich by the members of the mystic tie. This being the annual meeting for the election of officers, the following were nominated:—J. Turner, Z.; Emra Holmes, H.; Byford, J.; G. Abbott, Prin. Soj.; S. B. King, Scribe E.; Jobson, Scribe N. Comp. King took occasion to remark on the great loss the chapter had sustained through the lamented death of three of its oldest members since the last meeting. Comps. Richmond, First Principal; J. Franks, P.Z.; and J. Tracey, P.Z.; and Comp. Holmes moved that a letter of condolence, couched in suitable terms, should be addressed to the relatives of each of the companions on behalf of the brethren of this chapter, which was agreed to *nem. con.* Comp. Mills spoke in feeling terms of his filius achates, Comp. Franks, whose constant friend and companion he had been for thirty years, and the members present expressed their deep sense of the regret at the melancholy changes which had taken place. Comp. Holmes moved that at next regular meeting of the chapter, when the Three Principals were to be installed, a banquet should be held, which was agreed to. The companions having shared the secrets, the chapter was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment. The usual toasts were given, and a pleasant social gathering broke up at an early hour.

Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, at the head quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, Brunswick road, Camberwell New-road, when there were present:—Bros. Arthur Wolton, W.M.; Wm. Worrell, S.W.; C. Hammerton, P.M.; James Stevens, P.M.; Thomas Meggy, P.M., Treas.; F. Cozens, Organist; W. Wigginton, S.D.; E. Drewett, J.D.; N. J. F. Bassett, S.D.; and W. P. Collins, I.G.; G. W. Verry, W. Bell, jun., George Motion, J. K. Pitt; visitors, H. D. Martin, and H. Massey. No candidates for advancement made their appearance, and the lodge therefore went on with the other business. The first was the election of Bro. James Stevens, P.M., as an honorary member, he having on the last meeting of the lodge resigned his membership on account of the day of meeting of the Great City Lodge happening to be the same on which the Macdonald Lodge assembled. The brethren of the Macdonald feeling that the lodge was much indebted to Bro. Stevens, among others, for its high position in the order as a working lodge, considered that they could not afford to lose such a member, and Bro. Meggy placed a motion on the paper to elect Bro. Stevens an honorary member. On the motion coming on for discussion, of course in the absence of Bro. Stevens from the lodge, the brethren decided unanimously to elect him in accordance with the terms of Bro. Meggy's motion, and on Bro. Stevens's admission to the lodge the W.M. announced the result of the brethren's

decision. Bro. Stevens in acknowledging the compliment said that the Macdonald Lodge would always be the first in his heart in connection with Mark Masonry, and in order to show his appreciation of the brethren's kindness he should consult the interests of their lodge on all occasions, in addition to which he should be present at its meetings as often as his other engagements would allow. Bro. Meggy also moved that members of the lodge leaving England for twelve months or residing ten miles beyond the place of the lodge's meeting should be eligible to be placed on the list of country members to pay only a guinea per annum. The motion was seconded by Bro. Hammerton, and carried unanimously. Another motion, proposed by Bro. Meggy, and seconded by Bro. Motion, that such members be disqualified during that time from taking office in the lodge, was also carried unanimously, and Bro. Stevens proposed Bro. F. Kent, W.M. of the Domatic Lodge, 177, and Bro. Worrell proposed Bro. W. Partridge, of the William Preston Lodge, 766, as candidates for advancement at next meeting. The W.M., informed the brethren of what had been done relative to a notice from the Macdonald Craft Lodge, 1216, which had been given to the Mark Lodge to remove from its present quarters. He said that the matter had been debated at an emergency meeting of Craft Lodge at which there was a very full attendance of members. When the permission to use the room and the furniture was given, it was thought that it would be beneficial to the lodge and the volunteer corps, but as many withdrawals and other circumstances had in the course of time occurred, it had been found that there were but few names now on the mark lodge book who were members of the corps. The Mark Lodge was, therefore, looked upon very much in the light of strangers and intruders. It therefore became necessary to look out for new quarters, for he was afraid they would not now be able to work harmoniously with the Craft Lodge. A notice of motion should, therefore, be placed on the paper for next meeting for removing the lodge. Bro. Worrell gave notice of motion for removing to the Cannon-street Hotel, where at present there was no Mark Lodge. As many Craft lodges met there, and among them the Great City Lodge, it might be of great service both to them and the Mark Lodge. Bro. Stevens said that by October there would be a suitable building (the Surrey Masonic Hall) ready within a few hundred yards of their present place of meeting; and as a director of the company he pledged himself to a very favourable consideration of this lodge's requirements. Ultimately Bro. Worrell gave notice of motion "That the Macdonald Mark Lodge be removed." The W.M. directed the Treasurer to send £5 to the Macdonald Craft Lodge for the use and repair of the furniture. The lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. In the course of the evening the usual toasts were proposed and drunk. Bro. Meggy responded for "Earl Percy, G.M.; the Earl of Limerick, D.G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers." Earl Percy was always at his post when his health permitted him, and the Earl of Limerick was no less an ardent supporter of the degree. The whole of the Grand Officers were anxious to do their best, and they did all they could to sustain and assist those who were in office. With regard to the members of Grand Lodge they were selected by the Grand Master for their ardour, and for their desire to make the Mark Degree assert itself. The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Prov. Grand Master." Bro. Hammerton proposed "The W.M.," who, in reply, said that when he accepted the office, he promised to attend the meetings, and fulfil his part to the best of his ability. That ability was not very great, but his heart was thoroughly in his work, and it gave him great pleasure to see his officers support him so well on all occasions. This was the last occasion he should have the pleasure of presiding over them, but he hoped that for many years he should be able to attend. At a future time, he trusted to go through the offices again, and he would promise always to be faithful to his lodge. As a proof of his desire to do the

work of W.M., he might inform them that he had come 120 miles that day to preside. After some other speeches had been delivered, the lodge was closed, and the benevolent fund, which had been collected in the course of the evening, was further increased by the initiation of the brethren present, into an amusing unmasonic body called "The Benevolent Society of Corks," of which Bro. Meggy was Captain, and Bro. Hammerton Lieutenant.

The Cross of Constantine.

BRISTOL.—*William De Irwin Conclave* (No. 17).—The regular meeting of this conclave was held on Friday, March 13th, at seven o'clock p.m. Eminent Sir Knt. G. F. Tuckey, M.P. Sov., occupied the throne; and amongst those present were Sir Knts. William Hodges, V.E.; J. J. Hallam, S.G.; William Munro, J.G.; J. M. Hunt, H.P.; George Tonkin, Recorder; A. G. Williams, Treasurer; Henry Amor, Herald; Michele Ansaldi, Stand, Bear; Henry Wills Lane, Orator; Joseph Coles, Sentinel; W. A. Scott, M.P.S. No. 101; Captain G. S. Tricks, S.G. No. 101; William H. Bowden, Hon. Sov., No. 2 A. After the usual preliminary business Bros. Benham, P.M., Lodge 103; Collins, W.M., Lodge 1404; W. Richards, J.D., Lodge 68; Edward Ware, Lodge 610; Charles H. Plaister, Lodge 326; W. Thomas, Lodge 1363; Bevan, Lodge 973; and Knill, Lodge 610; were duly balloted for, and being declared unanimously elected, those in attendance were admitted and installed, according to the ritual of the Order. The working was most complete and satisfactory, and reflected the highest credit on every officer of the conclave. The M.P.S. then stated that it was his intention at an early date to open a sanctuary of K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John, and invited any Sir Knights, being Royal Arch Masons, who would like to join, to signify the same to the Recorder. Several present gave their names as candidates for these orders. There being no further business for consideration by the Sir Knights, the conclave was closed in perfect harmony.

CONSECRATION OF THE HOVA ECCLESIA LODGE, NO. 1466, AT BRIGHTON.

On Wednesday, 8th inst., at the Old Ship Hotel, the above named lodge, which is intended to be held at Cliftonville as soon as suitable provision is made, was opened and consecrated in due form. A large number of the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex, were present, and took part in the ceremony.

The lodge having been opened in due form by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the petitioning brethren present, namely, Bros. German, C. J. Smith, S. Wing, E. Walker, and J. W. Stratford, were placed before the W.M., the petition to and charter from Grand Lodge was read, and a most impressive address was made by the Prov. G. Chaplain, the Rev. J. C. McCaughy. Bro. German was then formally invested as first Master of the new lodge by Bro. J. H. Scott, and appointed his officers as follows:—Bro. C. J. Smith, S.W.; Capt. Stratford, J.W.; Capt. Jennings, S.D.; McMinnie, J.D.; Wing, Treasurer; Storr, I.G.; T. Lane, Director of Ceremonies.

All business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to banquet. Mr. Robert Bacon provided in the elegant Assembly Rooms, one of those entertainments for which the Old Ship Hotel has for many years been proverbial. The bill of fare was admirable, the wines of the finest vintages, and the service all that could be desired. Bro. German, the newly installed W.M. of the lodge, was prevented from presiding, owing to the death that morning of his old and esteemed friend Dr. Bryce. In the absence of the W.M., the W. Prov. D.G.M., Bro. Furner, occupied the post of honour.

On the removal of the cloth, the D.P.G.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," to which due honour was rendered, Bro. Devin, P. Prov. G. O'ganist, leading, on the pianoforte, with the National Anthem. The Prov. G. Chaplain (the Rev. J. MacCaughy) said he had been sud-

denly called on, owing to the position occupied by their Prov. D.G.M. that day, to propose the next toast, that of "The M.W.G.M. the Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, the W. the Dep. G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and Officers of Grand Lodge, Past and Present." He desired to connect with the toast the name of their Prov. D.G.M., whose services were highly appreciated wherever he went. His health would be proposed, subsequently, in another form, therefore he would say no more on that occasion than simply commend the toast to their notice, coupled with the name of their most able Prov. D.G.M. of Sussex, Bro. Furner. Bro. Furner, Prov. D.G.M., briefly, but appropriately responded. Bro. W. W. Burrell, W.M., of the Ockenden Lodge, Cuckfield, proposed "The R.W. the Prov. G. Master, Lord Pelham, the W. the Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. E. J. Furner, and the Officers (Present and Past) of the Provincial Grand Lodge. He thanked the Prov. Grand Lodge Officers for their exertions, lately manifest, especially both at Cuckfield and Brighton, as well as manifest on all occasions when their services were required. Bro. W. R. Wood, (Prov. G.S.W.) responded. He was ever earnest in the service of Freemasonry, and it was with especial pleasure that he found that day a new lodge opened in "the old classic walls of the Old Ship." If the members of the Craft generally would only realise in practice as in profession the beautiful precepts inculcated in all their ceremonies, they would be living up to Masonry and promoting most thoroughly the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Bro. Molynex (P. Prov. J. Warden), also responded in a few brief, but very well timed remarks.

The Prov. D.G.M. then gave the "W.M., and Success to the New Lodge." In doing so he expressed his deep regret at the absence of their W.M. His absence they all regretted, appreciated the reasons, and sympathised deeply with him in the cause of his absence. He had every reason for believing that this would be a prosperous lodge, would be a credit to the officers, and would be a credit to the province of Sussex.

Bro. C. J. Smith (S.W. of the lodge) responded. Most unexpectedly was he called on to do this, owing to the absence, through the death of his friend, of their esteemed W.M. It was his desire, and that of his brother officers, to do their duty to the Craft, and act up honourably to the principles inculcated in the Book of Constitutions.

Bro. C. J. Smith again rose, and proposed the health of "The Consecrating Officer," whom, and his admirable colleagues of the day, he desired to thank most sincerely for their services.

The W.D. Prov. Grand Master (Bro. Furner) most ably acknowledged the last toast.

The W. the Deputy Grand Master, being compelled to retire, then delegated the functions of his office to Bro. J. H. Scott, Prov. G. Secretary.

Bro. Scott (acting W.M.), then proposed "The Visitors." He regretted that, owing to the absence of their W.M., he was called upon to propose this toast. Bro. German felt unequal to the duty of attending, owing to the death of one, whom he (Bro. Scott) dearly esteemed, Brother Bryce; although he had differed with him very much, he ever felt great pleasure in making it up with him, believing him ever to be actuated with the most warm, kindly, and genial sentiments towards all. Bro. Freeman responded, regretting the absence of their excellent W.M., and the cause—the death of one whom they all so highly esteemed. Bro. Fabian also responded.

Bro. Sabine proposed "The Masonic Benevolent Institution," and said he supposed he had been called upon to propose this toast on account of the great interest he had for many years taken in the success of the Masonic Boys' and Girls' Schools. There were about 160 girls and 150 boys who were clothed, educated and trained for the battle of life. He had on eight different occasions acted as Steward at the different festivals, and he might safely total his exertions on their behalf at one thousand pounds. He mentioned this not with a view to his own glorification, but to show what each and every individual member might do who would devote

his overtime to this subject; therefore he hoped they would ever bear in mind that each one had, in the words of the poet,—

"Sworn with generous gifts to care
For those in sorrow-stricken.
The brother on the darkened square,
The widow with dishevelled hair,
The orphan doomed, alas, to stray
Along life's cold and cheerless way;
Whose tears gush forth unbidden.
On holy book these vows we've taken,
And we will break them never,
But will observe them ever.

Bro. Challen acknowledged the toast and exhorted the brethren to still further carry out the good example set them by Bro. Sabine. Bro. A. Creak then proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," which was suitably acknowledged by the officers, after Bro. Challen had sung very prettily "Sweet Mary of the Vale." Bro. C. J. Smith then made some practical observations as to the desirability of the erection of a Freemasons' Hall and a Freemasons' Club in Brighton. He could tell them of a gentleman who was prepared to advance £5,000 towards carrying out the project of a Masonic Hall. Bro. J. H. Scott would be happy to advise his colleagues as to the establishment of a Masonic Hall, whenever a feasible scheme was put forward. He was very pleased to tell them that Masonry was flourishing in the country, since the charter for this lodge was granted, No. 1466, 20 more charters had been granted, making the last lodge number 1486. (Applause). "The Tylers toast," by Brother Hughes, brought the proceedings to a very happy termination.

CONSECRATION OF JOHN O'GAUNT LODGE, NO. 172, GAINSBOROUGH.

The consecration of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Gainsborough, when a goodly number of Mark Master Masons assembled to welcome V. W. Bro. Binckes, G. Sec. M.M.M. At two p.m. a lodge was opened, assisted by the following officers: Bros. Binckes, W.M.; Chas. Harrison, M.D., (P.M. Remigius, 117, Lincoln) as P.M.; W. G. Moore (117), S.W.; Hayward (117), J.W.; Cullen (117), M.O.; H. Watson W.M., (117), S.O.; J. H. Oldham (117), J.O.; F. Watson (W.M. 117), S.D.; Motley (117), J.D. The following, amongst other brethren, were present: Bros. Hayes, Goodman, Roberts, Hansham, R. C. Carline (Registrar and S.W., 117), Trafford, Kirk (Star of the East Lodge, Scarborough), Swanston (117).

The following brethren were then advanced in a solemn and impressive manner: Bros. W. T. B. Hainly (W.M. Yarborough Lodge 422); J. Nixon (P.M. 422); Wm. E. Hartlett (P.M. 422), James Braithwaite (422).

The ceremony of consecration was then worked in a sublime manner by Bro. Binckes, who delivered a splendid oration to the brethren on the principles and history of Mark Masonry generally, after which he proceeded to install Bro. Thomas Hugh Oldman, K.T., Z. All Saints' Chapter 422, P.M. 422, &c., as first W.M. of the John O'Gaunt Lodge, which was performed in the usual impressive manner, for which Bro. Binckes is known, after which the new W.M. invested the following as his officers: Bros. Kirk, S.W.; George Horsham, J.W.; Motley, M.O.; Hayes, S.O.; Swanston, J.O.; Robinson Goodman, S.D.; Roberts, J.D.; Noxon, I.G.; and the new lodge having been thus duly formed, was closed by the new W.M. and his officers. The brethren then adjourned to Bro. Oldham's, at the White Hart Hotel to a most excellent banquet, and the usual toasts were given and responded to, under the presidency of Bro. Oldham, some eloquent speeches being delivered by Bro. Binckes, whose presence contributed much to the harmony and success which characterized the whole proceedings. We are informed that the prospects of the John O'Gaunt Lodge are most encouraging, there being already several applicants for advancement.

We must not omit to state that Bro. Mason (Organist 117), presided at the harmonium with his usual taste and skill.

CONSECRATION OF THE KEYSTONE LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 168, AT BRIGHTON.

The ceremony of consecrating this new lodge took place on Saturday, at the Old Ship Hotel, a warrant having been granted by the M.W. Grand Master, Earl Percy, M.P., dated September, 1873, the consecration having been unfortunately deferred in consequence of the recent illness of the Worshipful Master Designate, Bro. Sir John Cordy Burrows. The health of the worthy knight has happily been sufficiently restored to enable him to undertake the duties devolving upon that important position.

At half-past two, the consecrating officer, specially deputed to perform this interesting ceremony, R.W. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.J.W., and Grand Secretary of this degree, attended by several officers of Grand Lodge, entered the lodge room, which was appropriately set out. Having taken the Master's chair, he appointed V.W. J.M. Cunningham, P.M. 75, P.G.J.O. to the Senior Warden's pedestal; W. Bro. Wm. Hudson, P.M. 75, P.G.A.D.C., to the Junior Warden's pedestal; W. Bro. Thos. J. Sabine, P.M. 22, W.M. 78, P.G.A.D.C., as Director of Ceremonies; Bro. Ade, J.W. 164, was deputed to act as Chaplain; and Bro. Chas. J. Smith, 164, officiated as Secretary.

The Consecrating Officer then addressed the assembled brethren on the nature of the ceremony about to be performed. The Director of the Ceremonies next arranged the petitioning brethren, to the number of 12, six on each side of the lodge room, when Bro. Binckes requested to know the grounds on which the petition had been made? W. Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.M. 22, W.M. 75, and P.G.A.D.C., stated that the prosperity of Mark Masonry was evidenced by the establishment of a large number of new lodges in the past year, of those, notably in Sussex, the very successful new lodge at Hastings, under the auspices of Bros. Dr. Trollope, Kirkland, and Wellard; and of the lodge at Hayward's Heath, under the auspices of Bros. Wm. Hudson, Pearson, and Ade, together with the generally expressed wish that Sussex should be formed into a Province of Mark Masonry, thereby following the example set by the counties of Kent on the East, Hampshire on the West, and Surrey on the North, all of which have Provincial Grand Mark Lodges, and in addition to the necessity which has for a long time past been felt for placing the Sussex Mark Lodges under the protection of a Provincial Grand Lodge. To this end after frequent interviews between the local leaders of this degree it was determined to seek the assistance of Bro. Sir John Cordy Burrows, who had very kindly consented to be nominated as the first Provincial Grand Master. A second reason may be adduced that the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 75, had between 40 and 50 subscribing members on its roll, among whom were many Past Masters in the Craft anxious to become P.M.'s of the "Mark." These were the reasons which prevailed towards the establishment of the Keystone Lodge.

The Consecrating Officer, than whom few men are better acquainted with the ancient and modern history of the Mark Degree, then delivered an address, of which the following is an outline. After a brief introduction, and speaking of the rise and progress of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, &c., he entered into a consideration of the origin and antiquity of the Masonic system generally, and the position of the Mark Degree in connection therewith. Though not forming a part of what is called the "recognised system of English Freemasonry," its antiquity and authenticity of a Craft degree could be proved as clearly as those of any other degree. Its practice could be traced back to the 16th century, and its traditions have come down from a date antecedent to that claimed by some as the origin of English Masonry, viz: 1717. Differing widely as do the opinions of learned writers on, and students of Freemasonry, as to its source and antiquity, the arguments in favour of the one view or the other are not one wit more strong than those adduced with reference to the Mark Degree, which—without attempting to decide the question of the "operative" or

"speculative" origin of Masonry generally—most certainly combines the operative and speculative more fully than does any other known degree. Ignored by the supreme jurisdiction in England, the Mark Degree is regarded as essential in Scotland, where two supreme bodies claim power to rule over it, the same in Ireland, and also in America; while in France the degree, or one similar to it, is incorporated in the system as there practised. Its principles are as high, its teachings as sound as those inculcated in any degree. It maintains the doctrine of universality, claimed as the one great charm of Craft Masonry—knowing no distinction of creed, but steadfastly insisting on devotion to one Almighty Ruler. Trace its existence in the deeply imbedded foundations—recently brought to light—of the Temple at Jerusalem; on the stones of ruined abbeys and splendid cathedrals, whether in this country or on the continent, and he would inquire what surer basis was there for the support of any degree under any system of Freemasonry than can be adduced in favour of this degree? Let the question be treated in a fair, candid, and dispassionate spirit—free from bias or prejudice—and the Mark Masons need fear no scrutiny, nor shrink from no investigation. His own conclusion was—having seen the working of the degree in various parts of the country—having had the benefit of the opinions, as well as the result of the researches of others, and bearing in mind the comparatively modern introduction of what is known as the "Third Degree," that this is the real old "Chair-Master's Degree," that the Mark Master was advanced to that position to enable him to preside over a lodge of Operative Masons, consisting of entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, to which two grades the lodges of old were confined. Do not be dismayed by the application of the terms "fancy" or "spurious" to this degree. Believe that to-day we are not adding to our structure a mere "ornament," but that we are affording additional means for the promotion of brotherly love, relief, and truth, the great objects and sublime principles on which this degree is founded, claiming, therefore, as it does, an importance and a usefulness not to be surpassed by any other branch of our ancient and honourable institution.

The acting Secretary (Bro C. J. Smith), was then called upon to read the warrant or charter of constitution, which was done at length. The Consecrating Officer next inquired if the brethren approved of the principal officers designate, viz:—Worshipful Master, Bro. Sir John Cordy Burrows, J.P., P.M. 811, P.P.G.W. Sussex; Senior Warden, Bro. W. R. Wood, P.M. 63, 315, 811, P.G. Steward, P.G.S.W., Sussex; Junior Warden, Bro. John Nathan Stoner, P.M. 56. Three Past Masters carried the silver vessels containing the corn, wine, and oil. Bro. Cunningham strewed the lodge with corn as an emblem of plenty, and to mark the wish of all for its future prosperity. Bro. Hudson sprinkled the lodge with wine as an emblem of joy, to mark the desire to perpetuate the Masonic virtues, the researches into which are extended by advancement into this universal degree. Bro. Sabine dropped oil upon the lodge as an emblem of peace, and to mark the hope of all in this degree for its perceptive career.

The lodge was then dedicated and constituted for the purposes of Mark Masonry, and its members empowered to advance into the privileges of this honourable and ancient degree duly qualified Craft Masons.

The Worshipful Master Designate, Bro. Sir J. Cordy Burrows, was next installed, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters, comprising Bros. Binckes, Cunningham, Sabine, Lockyer, Trollope, Cook, Hudson, Robinson, &c. The brethren having been re-admitted, the Master proceeded to nominate and invest his officers; after which Bro. Cook, P.M., delivered in an admirable manner the addresses to the Master, Wardens, Overseers, and brethren, which were received with Masonic applause. Bro. Cunningham, by special request, then worked the ceremony of advancement. Bro. Sabine was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Thomas Hughes, Tyler. We may here state that Bro. Charles J. Smith, of 36, Albany Villas, Cliftonville, is the

Secretary for the ensuing year, to whom applications should be made by Master Masons (Craft) desirous of entering this lodge. A Committee of General Purposes was elected, and on motion duly made, the Consecrating Officer was unanimously elected an honorary member.

The installation banquet took place at the Old Ship Hotel, a bountiful and well prepared repast being served in an admirable manner by Bro. Bacon, the proprietor.

Bro. Sir J. Cordy Burrows, W.M., presided, and after the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been honoured in a truly Masonic manner,

Bro. Binckes, P.G.J.W., G.M.S., proposed "Success to the Keystone Lodge of Mark Masons," coupling with it the health of its W.M., Bro. Sir Cordy Burrows. In the course of a long and eloquent speech, he alluded, amidst cheers, to the benevolence of the Order in supporting charitable institutions. There was, he observed, the Boys' Institution, supported entirely by Freemasons, in which 150 boys were receiving a first-class education, the admirable system and complete nature of the instruction given having again and again called forth the warmest commendations of Inspectors and Examiners. In the Girls' Institution, an education, similar to that given to the boys, was provided for 150 girls, both boys and girls being sent forth into the world well qualified to fulfil any position to which they might be called, and suitable situations being found for them. Then, too, they had their Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a Home for the Widows of Masons, where old men and old ladies of 60 had their annuities, and where the aged and decayed of both sexes lived, comparatively speaking, "in clover," after having sustained the heat and burden of the day. As an example of the generosity of the members of the Order, he mentioned that at the last anniversary of the Boys' Institution, under the presidency of the Marquess of Ripon, no less a sum than £7,000 had been subscribed, and this, he said, was much to the honour of the great and important principles of Masonry (applause). People were fond of describing the members of the Order, from the frequent banquets which they held, as "knife-and-fork Masons;" but they would do well to recollect, before casting such a stigma upon them, that a proportion of the subscription of every man who sat down to his dinner went to support the numerous, the noble, and the benevolent and charitable institutions connected with Masonry (hear, hear, and applause). Alluding next to their W.M., Sir Cordy Burrows, the speaker descanted with much pathos upon the occasion when Sir Cordy had received the girls and the boys of the Masonic Institutions, and had given them a collation at his own expense. On that occasion the Rev. Dr. Griffith, not then being a Mason, had said that the Masons were practically carrying out the doctrines which the clergy preached, and so impressed was he with the good that the Order was achieving that he immediately joined it, and not he alone, but others, with tears in their eyes, gave testimony to the worth and influence of Masonic institutions. With the utmost pleasure, he begged to give them "Success to the Keystone Lodge of Mark Master Masons," and the health of its W.M., Sir Cordy Burrows.

The toast having been received, and drunk with all due and customary honours,

Bro. Sir J. Cordy Burrows, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, in acknowledging the toast, made some pertinent remarks in regard to Freemasonry, and respecting the motto of the Order—"Friendship, Love, and Truth." They were, he said, the principle which every man, whether a Mason or not, should endeavour to carry out in his daily avocations. Every man's conduct should be animated by love to all creation, man and beast; not even a worm should be unnecessarily trod upon; and truth should be every one's great and abiding principle and aim. For years, throughout his whole career, he had endeavoured to carry out the great principle of love and friendship to all men, and he at all times and in all places tried to inculcate and exemplify the great good and need of truthfulness in all the various relations and avocations of life. Love for mankind, and for all animated creatures, was a great and glorious principle, and if they only carried it out to the fullest

extent, they would not unnecessarily or wantonly inflict pain upon any living creature. It was likewise their duty as Masons to make both their great aim and object. He thanked them for drinking his health.

Bro. E. Lewis, 75, Mark Lodge (publisher of the *Brighton and Hove Daily Mail*), then proposed "Success to the Sister Mark Lodges, Royal Sussex, No. 75; Southdown, No. 164; East Sussex, No. 166, and prosperity to the Mark Degree throughout the country." In doing so he alluded in flattering terms to the perseverance and energy with which Bro. Sabine had maintained the position of the Mark degree in Sussex, also to the faith which he had created in the minds of his brother Mark Masons by the example he had set of patience and hope. In conclusion he called upon Bro. Sabine, as the W.M. of the Senior Lodge in the province, to respond to the toast.

Bro. Sabine, on rising, was received with applause, which having subsided, he said: Since I was first advanced into Mark Masonry, I have taken a deep interest in its welfare, and in its spread, contending as I have always done, that a Mason's experience is incomplete without the Royal Arch and Mark degrees being conferred upon him. In March, 1865, the warrant for the first lodge ever held in Sussex was granted, so few were the Mark Masons at that time it was with difficulty that three or four who had taken the degree in other places could be found to sign the petition of these few; he, the speaker, was one, and since the day, May 13th, 1865, when the Royal Sussex Lodge was consecrated until the present time, he had taken a deep and permanent interest in the success of the degree. These efforts continued for many years, almost single-handed, had been materially aided and assisted by several other Mark Masons, until he was gratified to announce that a petition was in course of signature, asking the R.W. Grand Master to constitute the four lodges into a province, and nominating the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Sir John Cordy Burrows, as the first M.W. Provincial Grand Master Mason. To this petition there were attached between 80 and 90 names of men of influence and position residing in various parts of the county of Sussex. In the early autumn he trusted to see a large and influential gathering of Mark Masons from all parts of the South of England, to assist at the dedication of the Provincial Mark Lodge of Sussex. I thank you for your good wishes, for your assistance, and for the sympathy I have ever received from you, and trust that our united efforts may be directed to maintain and uphold pure and unsullied the ancient and universal degree of the Mark, from the unwise attacks which from time to time have been made against it by certain local Masons, who are, however, powerless to prevent its spread among the true hearted and just Craft Masons. A year ago only it was reported that the Mark degree would be crushed out, and the only lodge closed. What has been the result of this threat? The Mark Masons have formed themselves into a close and compact body, and during the last few months, three new lodges have been opened, and a Provincial Grand Lodge, not only talked about, but the petition for its charter almost completed. These have been the results, in which I am satisfied to say I have had my share of the work, and you, with many who are unavoidably absent (looking round the table) have given me much valuable assistance.

Bro. W. R. Wood, P.M. 63, 135, 811, P.G. Steward, P.G.S.W. Sussex, in responding to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," which had been proposed by the W.M., expressed his great desire to carry out to the utmost of his power and ability all the principles which Masonry inculcated. In showing forth his love for his fellow men, he should do all in his power to assist those who were less fortunate in life than himself; he always endeavoured to do his utmost to assist and carry out the great principle of truth. Masonry and Masonic institutions were progressive and progressing, and as an instance of this he alluded to the fact that some years ago there were only two lodges of Masons in Brighton, whilst at the present time there were four, and it was anticipated that another would be formed in the course of a few days.

The principles of Masons were grand, glorious, and true ones, and they ought not to keep them exclusive; he believed that Masonry was one of the great means by which society would progress and improve (applause). He was sincerely grateful, and heartily thanked them for the kind manner in which they had drank the health of the officers.

Bro. S. R. Ade, J.W. 75, proposed "Success to all the Masonic Institutions," commenting in appropriate terms on the fact that the various secretaries have during the past two years done so much to raise them in the estimation of the Masonic public. They were a credit to those members of the Masonic circle who contributed something from their means towards their support. He was happy to say that the Royal Sussex Mark Lodge, 75, of which lodge he was the J.W., had, at the suggestion of Bro. Sabine, qualified the W. Master's chair with a Life Governorship for the Boys' and Girls', and shortly he hoped this would be the case for the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School, replied, and the evening closed with mutual expressions of satisfaction at the position of the Mark Degree in Sussex.

Masonic Tidings.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Belgrave Lodge of Instruction on Friday, April 24th, 1874, at "The Coach and Horses," Strand, by Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, W.M. 147, assisted by fifteen members of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction. Lodge opened at seven o'clock precisely.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Confidence Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday, April 22nd, at the "White Hart Tavern," Cannon-street, E.C., by Bro. F. Adams, P.G.P., W.M. Lodge will be opened at 6.30 p.m. Brethren are earnestly solicited to support our veteran brother upon this occasion, we believe the only octogenarian in the Craft.

A weekly newspaper, in English and French entitled *The Eastern Echo*, (*L'Echo D'Orient*), is announced, designed to deal especially with questions of the East, and particularly of the Levant. It will be published in London. The first number will appear on the 25th April next. It will be conducted by Bro. Edward W. John Fairman.

STAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1275).—The fifteen sections will be worked in this lodge, on Saturday, April 25th, 1874, at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, by Bro. John Shaw, J.W. 79. Lodge opened at 6.30 precisely.

We are pleased to be able to record that the sum of £30 1s. 6d., the profits of a concert given by the members of St. John Lodge, No. 175, at Greenock, has been handed over to the Treasurer of the Infirmary.

The Reformed Presbyterian Church in Stromness, which was closed in consequence of the transfer of the minister, has been sold to the Freemasons.

The foxhound, the pointer, the retriever, the greyhound, and the pet spaniel or terrier, however much they may differ in all other qualities, are alike in this, that they require careful feeding to be kept in good condition. The great difficulty experienced by all trainers and private owners is to find a food that shall always be alike, so that it may be graduated according to the weather, and the work a dog is doing. This desideratum is secured, so far as we know, only by the very excellent biscuits manufactured by the old Navy firms of Harrison and Harbridge, of Liverpool, which being made of the best English flour, and the best beef, can always be depended upon, and we have invariably found that in kennels where these biscuits are used, the dogs remain constantly in good condition, instead of changing their "form" from day to day.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF
WEST LANCASHIRE.

On Wednesday, 8th inst., the annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of West Lancashire was held in the New Masonic Rooms, King-street, Wigan; the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Most Excellent Provincial Grand Superintendent, presiding. Amongst those present were the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Prov. Grand Z.; Comp. Cornelius Sherlock, P.G.H.; Comp. H. W. Johnston, P.G.J.; Comp. H. S. Alpass, P.G.S.E.; Comp. D. W. Finney, First P.G. Assistant S.; Comp. James Hamer, P.G. Treasurer; Comp. Thomas Wylie; P.G. Reg.; Comp. Landless, P.G. Herald; Comps. T. Dodgson, Z. 995; T. Armstrong, P.P.G. Soj.; R. Pearson, H. 995; E. Meugens, P.Z. 32; W. Doyle, H. 249; T. Clark, P.Z. 673; J. K. Goepel, P.Z. 86; J. Case, P.Z. 995; J. Crossley, J. 703; W. Mossop, P.Z. 148; C. Fryer, P.Z. 133; S. Rowbottom, P.P.G.S.N.; W. C. Deeley, P.Z. 180; E. Kyle, J. 220; D. Jones, P.Z. 216; J. Sooth, P.Z. 220; John Pemberton, P.Z. 1094; J. C. Lunt, Z. 1086; Thomas Chesworth, P.Z. 1036; George Turner, P.Z. 823; P. M. Larson, P.Z. 220; Jos. Skeaf, P.G. Org., H. 216; J. Gaskell, P.Z. 178; Robt. Wylie, P.P.G.D. of C.; Rev. Philip Hains; J. T. Callow, H. 673; Edward Harbord, P.G. Standard Bearer, Cheshire; W. Archer, P.Z. 1086; J. Hotten, P.Z. 220; J. Lamb, P.Z. 178; J. Lunt, Z. 241; A. C. Mott, P.G.S.N.; W. Leader, 178.

The Prov. Grand Chapter having been opened in ancient and solemn form, the minutes of the last convocation at Preston were read by E. Comp. Alpass, P.G.S.E., and unanimously confirmed.

E. Comp. Hamer, P.G. Treas., presented the accounts for the year, which showed a balance in hand of £46 14s. 2d., against £40 8s. 11d. last year. The accounts had been duly audited by Comps. G. Turner, Z. 86; J. McKune, Z. 216; and J. Lunt, Z. 1086; and were unanimously approved, on the motion of Comp. A. C. Mott, seconded by Comp. G. Turner.

On the motion of Comp. Robert Wylie, seconded by Comp. A. C. Mott, Comp. Hamer was cordially re-elected Treasurer; and Comp. Hamer, in acknowledging the compliment, said that, although he had intended resigning the office this year, still he would endeavour for one year more to justify the confidence that had been reposed in him.

Comp. Peter Ball was unanimously re-elected P.G. Janitor for the ensuing year.

The following officers were appointed, and invested by the Most Excellent Superintendent, viz.:—Comp. Thomas Wylie, H.; E. Meugens, J.; H. S. Alpass, S.E.; Kellet Smith, S.N.; W. C. Deeley, P.S.; Goepel, 1st Assistant S.; R. Landless, 2nd Assistant S.; Charles Hill, Reg.; Mossop, P.G.Sd.B.; Comp. Fryer, P.G. Std.B.; T. Dodgson, D. of C.; J. Skeaf, Org.; — Simpson, Std.

The M.E.P.G. Superintendent said, having appointed his officers for the ensuing year, he wished to say a few words to the companions, whom he thanked for their hearty support on that occasion. It was extremely gratifying to him to learn that Royal Arch Freemasonry was progressing in the province, and exerting itself to promote the great ends which the noble science was intended to advance. It had been suggested that after the convocation of the Prov. Grand Chapter, a Provisional Grand Lodge should be held with a view to opening in Masonic form the elegant building in which they were then assembled, but it was found that there was no precedent for and no ceremony proper to such an occasion, and it was hardly right to create such a precedent. Therefore the suggestion was declined. At the same time, he could not resist the saying a few words expressive of thanks to Comp. Leader, the owner of the spacious buildings in which they met that day, for the energy with which he had brought the construction of the building to a conclusion, and of congratulation on the success with which the design had been carried out. The room in which they were assembled would be as handsome a room as any in the division, and they must all rejoice to see

Freemasonry holding such a firm place in the hearts of Masons as to induce them to erect such a building, and to provide so handsome, commodious, and convenient a place of meeting as that. His hope was that such an excellent example as had been set in Wigan might be followed throughout this great province, and that they might be truly able to say no province could excel West Lancashire for its thorough and hearty exemplification of the great principles of Freemasonry—brotherly love, relief, and truth.

Comp. T. Wylie, P.G.H., gave notice that at the next convocation, he should move that ten per cent. of the annual income of the Provincial Grand Chapter be set apart as a fund for the support of the Masonic Charities.

On the motion of Comp. Robert Wylie, seconded by Comp. T. Armstrong, the votes of the province were appropriated, together with £5, towards securing the election of an old companion to the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons.

After the transaction of some formal business the P.G. Chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form, after which the companions banquetted together, and separated shortly after seven o'clock.

EARLY GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF
SCOTLAND.

The Grand Council of the Early Grand Encampment of Scotland, held their usual quarterly meeting in the Sun Hotel, Kilmarnock, on Saturday, the 4th inst., Sir Knight Pollock, of Newmilns, Grand Commander of the Order, presiding.

The Grand Officers being placed at their respective posts, the encampment was opened in ancient form. The Grand Registrar having read the minutes of last meeting, which being approved of, were endorsed by the council in their minute book. Deputations of three Sir Knights from each of the various Early Grand Encampments attended, with the exception of Muirkirk, whose absence was explained by the significant fact that they had made application to the Chapter General of Scotland, under whose banner they desired to be enrolled; the position Muirkirk has thus taken in alienating themselves from the body they have been connected with for nearly a century, elicited some warm remarks, but as the old adage says—"The losing of one is the gaining of two," has again proved true. A dormant charter was re-granted, and a deputation attended from Girvan, praying for a charter of erection in that place, their application to lie over till next meeting. It is to be hoped that the Muirkirk body will reconsider their position, seeing as yet they have not accepted the very honourable proposals of the Supreme Chapter.

Obituary.

BRO. ROBERT BROWN.

We have to record the demise of an old member of the Craft, Bro. Robert Brown, who passed away at the house of his son-in-law, Fakenham, Norfolk. Bro. Brown was a native of the City of Carlisle, we believe, and for above twenty years was superintendent of police at Cocker-mouth, from which public office he retired on a pension in the year 1861. Bro. Brown spent a few years of his early life in France, and while there was initiated into Masonry. He was one of the original seven that founded Skiddaw Lodge, Cocker-mouth, 1002, in the spring of 1864, and he was a subscribing member till the date of his death. Bro. Brown was more than once offered a Warden's chair in Skiddaw Lodge, but his modesty, and strictly undemonstrative disposition, always led him to decline anything higher than I.G., which office he was the first to hold in connection with the lodge just referred to. Bro. Brown died on the 2nd inst., after a short but severe illness, at the ripe age of 77, and his remains were removed to Cocker-mouth for interment on Saturday last. The members of Skiddaw Lodge were not apprised of the arrangements for the funeral in time, otherwise arrangements would have been made for attending in full strength.

Mulum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and
Queries.

THE JESUITS.

I think it well to subjoin the following note from the *Times* of the 8th, on Captain Cuttle's famous principle, "when found make a note of it."

Although the "Jesuit Question" is not altogether cognate to Masonic researches, yet once upon a time, some credulous persons believed the Jesuits were Freemasons, and that the Freemasons were Jesuits. See Bonneville's *Jesuites chasses de la Maçonnerie*. And though to most, probably the "Jesuiten Garten," or some of Wurtzburgh's will be far more agreeable than all "die Lehren der Jesuiten," yet the note below has its interest for us, as in truth all has which refers to an Order, famous or infamous in the world's history, as you like to look at it, but I believe consistent in their endeavours to advance the study of science and the spread of education. Certainly they were in days gone by, whatever they may be in the present day.

With this little preface I commend the note to the notice of my brother Masonic students.

I have thought it best to put it forward at this time, especially when the "popularis aura" is blowing very adversely to the order everywhere.

"In a work lately published in Berlin (*Die Lehren der Jesuiten*") it is said that in 1750 the Jesuits had 669 Colleges, 24 houses for professi, 61 for probationers, 176 seminaries, &c., 335 residences, and 273 missions, in which there 22,589 members, among whom 11,293 priests lived. In 1872 there were 8,951 members. The laws of the Order are found in the "Examen Generale et Constitutiones cum Declarationibus," which was sketched out in part by Loyola, and completed by Lainez and Salmeron, but was not intended for any till they had actually taken the vow. Up till then they were provided with no more than the "Summarium Constitutionum et Reglarum." These and other such works were kept secret for a long time; but at length one and another came into notice, till at length an Antwerp bookseller, Johann Meursius, published in 1702, with the consent of the superior, a collection of the most important documents connected with the society, in two quarto volumes, and under the title "Corpus Institutionum Societatis Jesu." In 1757, at the command of the 18th General Congregation, a more complete work was published, under the title of "Institutum Societatis Jesu, auctoritate Congregationis Generalis xviii. meliorem in ordinem digestum auctum et recusum." A newer edition of this appeared at Avignon in 1827-1838 in seven volumes. "Die Lehren der Jesuiten" gives the Latin on one side, and a German translation on the other, and consists of 100 pages, with notes, some of which are very interesting." A MASONIC STUDENT.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

I have read in *The Freemason* for Feb. 28th, 1874, a note from Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, in which he alludes to the Rosicrucian work entitled "Clypeum Veritatis," as one which he had not seen, and he makes enquiry concerning it. This work was written by Gotthardus Arthusius, co-rector of the Frankfort Gymnasium, and published in 1618 (not 1619), under the pseudonym of Irenæus Agnostus. Like Bro. Woodford, I have never seen the "Clypeum Veritatis," but in the "Frater non Frater," by the same author, (1619) which is in my library, he refers to it in the expression "in unser clypeo." The book is described by Kloss (*Bibliog.*), No. 2523. ALBERT G. MACKAY, M.D.

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LIVERPOOL.—Geo. Kenning, 2, Monument-place.

MANCHESTER.—E. Henry & Co., 59, Deansgate.

DUBLIN.—C. Hedgelong, 26, Grafton-street.

GLASGOW.—Geo. Kenning, 145, Argyle-street.

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Now added, PORTRAIT MODELS of the SHAH of PERSIA, Marshal MacMahon, M. Thiers, and the late Charles Dickens. The original autograph and testimonial written and presented by the Shah to Messrs. Tussaud, July 3, 1873, is exhibited.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1874.

THE ASSEMBLY AT YORK.

The report of the last great Masonic assembly at York has a deep interest for every English Freemason!

For not only does the name of Zetland carry us back to some of the brightest annals of our English Order, but the associations which York preserves for all student Masons, and for our world-wide Craft, are alike most precious and remarkable.

With York is bound up very clearly, for instance, the legendary records of our Order, the histories and constitution of the Craft guilds, and at any rate for 350 years, York has been designated by name as the "Alma Mater" of English Freemasonry. Inferential evidence of a very clear and striking kind might lead us not unwarrantably to trace this connection to the

end of the fourteenth century, at any rate, as the "syte" of the oldest Masonic chronicles is undoubtedly York.

With York is also bound up the famous legend of Athelstan, and even of an earlier Edwin, and there seems no possible *a priori* reason why the great Assembly of Athelstan's time may not have taken place, as our records tell us it did, at York. That assembly was in all probability simply the annual assembly of the Craft guild of Masons, to legislate for the general and special interests of the sodality. Thanks to the Surtees society and Canon Raine, we have fabric rolls of York Minster, and regulations of the chapter from 1360, shewing, that, the Freemasons were a recognised body, and besides their customary suit and service to the chapter to which they were bound by an oath of obligation, had evidently certain franchises and customs, and privileges of their own.

Indeed, beneath the cold and technical terms of a Monastic fabric roll, its simple statements, and its terse account of things and persons, the educated Freemason can clearly discern that the "Le loge Latomorum," was governed by its own "Magister" and "gardiani" and "Seniores" pretty much as at the present day.

What the real "status" of the Freemason's lodge at York Minster in the 14th century was, as regards ourselves, it is not easy now to lay down or decide; but if the Masonic token in Mr. Brown's possession, still, we believe, at York, be a relic of the old Masonic guilds, that connection was far closer than some of us might be willing to believe.

The tradition of our order is, however, perfectly uniform as to the connection with York, and we see no reason to discredit it, or reject it.

Drake, the learned historian, when he aided in reviving the Grand Lodge at York, in the last century, clearly saw no difficulty in this claim of our English Freemasonry, and we owe to him the true version, undoubtedly, of the Edwin legend.

If doubts in later times have been cast on the tradition and on the so-called York Constitution such doubts seem to resolve themselves into fair historical criticism on the alleged documents, and evidences themselves, and by no means, as it appears to us, affect the probability or truth of the original legend, or of the connection of York, with Freemasonry.

Since the days of Athelstan no more distinguished Assembly of York Masons ever was gathered together, than that which greeted our Grand Master and Bro. Lord Zetland, the new Provincial Grand Master, on Thursday last.

We congratulate the members of the York Lodge on the success which has attended their zealous efforts to do honour to their Masonic rulers and brethren, and greatly to be commended is the friendly concurrence of the municipal authorities, and the sympathetic support of the excellent Dean, and the Clergy of the Cathedral body.

The sermon preached by our Bro. Kemp was a most eloquent one, and truly befitting the occasion, and we rejoice to think that like the "good Samaritan" of old, the members of our brotherhood sought to pour the wine and oil of

love and relief, into the open wounds of our common humanity.

Altogether, the proceedings reflect the greatest credit on those concerned in them. proceedings which cannot fail to have produced a very favourable impression, and to have raised our antient brotherhood in the good opinion of the loyal citizens of the metropolitan city. Indeed it quite takes us back to olden days, to find all classes thus combining to promote the assembly of York Masons, and pleasant it is for all students of our archæology and all lovers of our Craft, to find history thus repeating itself, as the centuries leave us in turn, in the annals, and labours, and gatherings and assemblies of our time-honoured, but we will add, beneficent Brotherhood.

The collection at the end of the service amounted to a little over £48.

WEEKLY SUMMARY:

Her Majesty is still at Osborne.

The Prince and Princess of Wales spent last week at Sandringham the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh remained at Buckingham Palace.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of Cambridge, the Hereditary Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, and the Maharajah Dhuleep Sing, left Sandringham on Wednesday morning, April 8th, and proceeded to Ely for the purpose of inspecting the fine cathedral. The Royal party afterwards returned to Sandringham House.

The twenty-first birthday of Prince Leopold George Duncan Albert, youngest son of the Queen, was celebrated at Windsor yesterday with the customary honours paid to members of the Royal Family.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh did not, after all, go to Sandringham with the Prince and Princess of Wales, but stayed their Easter in London. On Sunday the Duke and Duchess were at the organ performance at the Albert Hall. The ball to be given by the Lord Mayor to the Duke and Duchess has been fixed for the 29th inst. The Mansion House will be transformed for the occasion, being splendidly decorated and illuminated like the Imperial Palace at St. Petersburg on the night of the Duke and Duchess's marriage. The Royal party will have a reception, retiring, and supper-room reserved for them. Between 800 and 1,000 persons are invited. The Duke and Duchess are going to pay Ireland a visit in August, when they will stay in Dublin with the Duke of Abercorn.

The Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne took possession last week of their new home at Dornden, near Tunbridge Wells. On Good Friday the Marquis and Marchioness went to the service at St. Paul's, Rusthall, and next day the Duke of Argyll arrived on a visit. On Sunday the Princess, with her husband and the Duke, went to Langton Church, and on Tuesday the Marquis and several of his visitors drove to Tunbridge Wells to see some athletic sports.

Windsor Castle is fully occupied in preparing for the Czar's coming visit, and the State Apartments are closed for the present, in order to be got ready for his Majesty. The Emperor will occupy the State Apartments overlooking the north terrace—almost identical with those inhabited by the ex-Emperor and Empress of the French on their visit to Windsor in 1854. They include the Vandyke Room, or old ball room, the Lucharelli Room, or Queen's State Drawing Room, the Queen's Closet, the King's Closet, and the Council Chamber. The suite will be lodged in the Audience and Presence Chambers, as well as part of the Round Tower. The Czar, his brother, the Grand Duke Constantine, and his third son, the Grand Duke Alexis, are expected at Berlin on the 3rd prox.

There is little other news at home, the business of Parliament has recommenced with this

week, but owing to the time we go to press we cannot give a precis of the Budget until next week.

Dr. Kenealey has been excluded from the Bar Mess on the Oxford Circuit, but "en revanche" has edited a new paper called *The Englishman*, what the *Times* terms "noble but monotonous, and which seems so far to be entirely to the honour and glory of Dr. Kenealey himself."

The Corporation of the City of London propose to invite the Czar Alexander of Russia, to a great festal reception, when here, a guest of Her Majesty the Queen.

Sir John Karslake, in consequence of ill-health, has resigned the office of Attorney-General, and has been succeeded by Sir Richard Bagge.

The office of Solicitor-General has been offered to Mr. Huddleston, Q.C.

Abroad the news is not so far important.

The German Parliament have levied 400,000 men for seven years, and Prince Bismarck is recovering.

Marshal Serrano has made proposals to Don Carlos, which have been, Baron Reuter says, definitively rejected, and so we shall see then what we shall see.

We regret to say that the Famine in Bengal, is not decreasing, nearly £75,000 have been already collected by the Mansion House Fund.

We have to announce the deaths of the Marquis of Clanricarde, of the Duchess Dowager of Leeds, of the Baroness Dumfermline, of the Lady Colridge, of Col Peter Drummond, Bengal army, of Col. George Harold, half pay of the 42 and 92nd Highlanders and of Sir Henry Oglander.

LONDON AND HOME NEWS.

The Earl of Guildford is about to marry Georgiana, sister to Sir George Chetwynd.

The International Exhibition of 1874 was opened on Easter Monday, but the occasion was marked by no formal ceremony. The number of visitors during the day, however, reached 14,525. Several departments are as yet incomplete, including the Indian and French Courts; and it is announced that the exhibition of wines, which will form a most important part of this year's programme, cannot commence before the 1st of May.

On Wednesday, the 6th, there was much festivity at Worcester in honour of the completion of the restoration of the Cathedral, which has been in the hands of the architects and decorators for the last twenty years, the work costing £100,000. Two services were held in the sacred building, each attended by about 500 clergy, who filled the choir, while the nave, transepts, and aisles were crowded with the select of the laity admitted by ticket. The Bishop of Worcester preached in the morning, and the Bishop of Derry in the evening. The Mayor gave a breakfast to the Corporation and the Freemasons of the province, and the Dean and Chapter entertained some distinguished guests at the College Hall.

Oxford "Commemoration" will be held on the 17th June.

The Warwick Castle restoration subscriptions have now amounted to £9,651. The work is being rapidly completed, and in a very short time the Castle will be restored to its former grandeur.

The Royal College of Physicians of London have addressed to Mr. Disraeli a memorial, in which they say that, in the daily exercise of their profession, they are brought much into contact with the poorer classes of the population, and are deeply interested in everything that concerns their welfare, not only on account of the poor themselves, but also because the evils engendered among them often affect the whole of society:—It is within their knowledge that the wholesale demolition of the houses inhabited by the poor, which had been carried on of late years under various railway and improvement acts, while it has been serviceable in removing many very bad streets and dwellings, has incidentally caused much distress to the persons displaced, and has almost uniformly driven them to crowd into neighbouring quarters, which were already as full, or fuller, than was consistent with healthiness. They believe that private enterprise is powerless to provide the fresh and improved

house accommodation which is required for those who have been expelled from their former habitations, in addition to that which is called for by the constant increase of the population by reason of the impossibility of securing suitable sites for building. Even so rich and powerful a body as the trustees of the Peabody Fund has been repeatedly foiled in particular attempts to obtain land to build upon. They believe that the mere enabling powers which are at present entrusted to various authorities have proved, and must prove, insufficient to effect the desired object. In their opinion a remedy for these evils is urgently required, and they therefore venture to express the hope that Mr. Disraeli will favour them by holding out some prospect that this question of the dwellings of the London poor, upon which the health and morality of the people so much depend, will be taken up by Government in the present session of Parliament.

A stained glass window has just been placed in the parish church, of Folkestone to the memory of Dr. William Harvey, the discoverer of the circulation of the blood, who was born in the town in 1578. It is the gift of the medical profession, more than 3,000 of whom have contributed towards the cost. The artist was Mr. C. E. Kempe, of Beaumont-street, London. The window was formally uncovered, when the "Hallelujah Chorus" was sung by the united choirs of the churches in the town. In the chancel of this church there is a brass to the memory of Joan Harvey, mother of Dr. Harvey, which bears the following inscription:—"A.D. 1605. Nov. 8th, dyed in ye 50th yeere of her age, Joan, wife of Thomas Harvey, mother of 7 sons and 2 daughters, a godly, Harmless Woman; a chaste loveing wife; a charitable quiet Neighbour; a comfortable friendly Matron; a provident diligent Hyswyfe; a carefull tender Mother; a deere to her Hysband; a reverenced of her children; beloved of her Neighbours; elected of God; whose Sole Rest in Heaven; her Body in this Grave, to her a Happy Advantage, to Hers an Vnhappy loss."

The sum of £24 8s. 10³/₄d. was collected at the voluntary service in the Royal Military Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on Sunday evening, April 5, after a sermon preached by the Chaplain-General. The amount will be lodged to the credit of Lady Wolseley's Fund.

On Saturday the annual return respecting military savings banks, presented to Parliament, was printed, showing that the total amount of the fund for the banks up to the 10th ult. was £300,609 9s. 5¹/₄d. The interest showed during the year 1873 to depositors in military savings banks was £6,823 12s. 7¹/₂d., and the interest allowed on army charitable funds £1,965 19s. 7¹/₄d. The withdrawals from the banks in the period were £131,254 11s. 6¹/₄d. The number of accounts open on the 31st March last year was 14,560.

The following is a statement showing the total number of messages forwarded from postal telegraph stations in the United Kingdom during the week ended the 4th of April, 1874, and during the corresponding week of 1873:—Week ended April 4, 1874, total number of messages, 314,773; week ended April 5, 1873, total number of messages, 326,563; decrease in the week of 1874 on that of 1873, 11,790.

A sad calamity has befallen Mr. Hipwell, of Tolworth. About three weeks ago a stray dog got among a flock of sheep and lambs and worried a score or more to death. Now it is found that the dog must have been mad, for numbers of the poor animals have since shown symptoms of hydrophobia, and have had to be knocked on the head or strangled. Mr. Hipwell has taken every precaution to prevent the spread of the terrible disease, and the carcasses are buried as killed; but it is greatly feared that a very heavy pecuniary loss will result to him, and further, the full extent of the mischief can hardly be imagined.—*Surrey Comet*.

On Saturday a Parliamentary paper was printed containing an account of the gross amount received during the year ended the 31st of December, 1872, and its application. The amount received by the Post-office from the 1st of January, 1872, to the 31st of December, 1872,

in respect of telegraphic messages, private wire rentals, and special wire, &c., was £1,359,652 10s. 5¹/₂d., less £309,569 3s. 8¹/₂d. paid to submarine telegraph companies, being message receipts collected on their behalf, and amount allowed to postmasters in respect of sums paid by them for the special delivery of messages, &c., leaving £970,683 6s. 9d. The amount expended by the Post-office in the period for salaries, rent, and maintenance of telegraphs was £144,107 10s. 2¹/₄d. It is stated in a note that the expenditure for 1872 was exceptional, as it included payments proper to the two previous years. A statement is given of the application of the balance of telegraph revenue, amounting to £144,807 0s. 2¹/₄d.

The vote proposed to the House of Commons this Session for elementary education in England and Wales estimates the grants required at 12s. 5d. each for 1,709,808 day scholars in inspected schools, and at 7s. 11d. each for 43,376 evening scholars. In the financial year 1872-73 the expenditure from the education grant in England and Wales, comprised 757,860 on schools connected with the Church of England; £143,512 on schools connected with the British and Foreign School Society; £71,959 on Wesleyan schools; £58,929 on Roman Catholic schools, and £14,287 on Board Schools, this last item making its appearance in the account for the first time.

ITEMS OF FOREIGN NEWS.

From Paris the sudden death is announced of M. Beulé, at the age of forty-eight. The deceased was appointed Minister of the Interior in the Cabinet formed by the Duc de Broglie after the overthrow of M. Thiers, on the 24th of May last year. He left office when the Septennial power was conferred upon Marshal MacMahon.

The ex-Emperor Ferdinand, who abdicated in favour of his nephew, the present Emperor of Austria, is reported to be lying dangerously ill at Prague.

According to information forwarded by Professor Palmieri to the local journals, the crater of Mount Vesuvius has lately undergone some rather ominous changes. The explosion of the 26th of April, 1872, left, it appears, a wide and deep crater on the summit of the mountain, which was divided into two compartments by "a sort of cyclopean wall," composed of great masses of lava and thick layers of slag. "Within the last few days," writes the Professor, "the cyclopean wall has disappeared, and the crater has been filled up without the occurrence of eruptive phenomena."

Dr. Viale, the Pope's physician, and one of his most intimate friends, has just died at Rome at the age of eighty-five.

The question of a tunnel between England and France appears to be revived. A special French Committee, composed of railway directors invited the Chairmen of the English Railway Companies interested in the question to confer with them in Paris.

The conference, which lasted two days, has served to establish the bases on which the preliminary experiments must be made to prove the possibility of such an undertaking.

The President of the Republic has expressed his interest in the object which the conference had in view.

It is thought that, in the meantime, until the question of a tunnel be decided, that of a port on the French coast for improved steamboat service will be considered.

The sovereignty of the Fiji Islands has been formally ceded by King Cakaban to England, and Mr. Layard, the British Consul, has accepted the cession, subject to the ratification of the Home Government. The Fiji exchequer is said to be insolvent, the expenditure having amounted during the last two years to £124,000, while the revenue during the same period was only £42,000. The Fiji Administration has been unable to pay the interest due on the loans it had contracted. An interim Administration has been formed, pending the decision of the British Government.

The death is announced of Peter Andreas Hansen, the well-known astronomer, and director of the Ducal Observatory at Gotha. The deceased attained celebrity by his researches into

physical astronomy and the movement of the moon.

The well-known painter, Wilhelm von Kaulbach, has died at Munich, of cholera, in the 70th year of his age.

A monument to Lord Byron is being discussed in Venice, and an Anglo-Italian Committee for that purpose has been formed, at the initiative of the *Venice Mail*.

"E. F." writes to *The Times*:—"Your Neapolitan Correspondent, in *The Times* of Wednesday, shows us how the beautiful isle of Sicily is still disgraced by the crime of brigandage, while he gives us no hope of its ceasing till the trade and commerce of the island are developed. But it is very singular that in the very adjoining column of the same sheet, in your most interesting review of the *Year Books of Edward I.*, you should have pointed out the most effectual way of repressing such atrocities. 'There are several cases which illustrate the utility of this ancient system of Tything and Hundred in enforcing an excellent police administration, and in the securing of prompt investigation in the case of concealed crimes or outrages by men whose rank or lawlessness had no small influence in impeding the cause of justice. And it is very remarkable that when Sicily was in a similar state of disorder after the wars in the beginning of this century, the island was brought to perfect rest and safety by the simple expedient of making every township and district responsible for the crimes committed in its area.'"

The Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Brussels has taken up the question as to the custody of Ruben's paintings, now in Antwerp Cathedral, and at a recent meeting of the Academy, M. Gallait, as president of the society, stated "that the Academy could not remain indifferent to the serious questions which had been raised on the subject in other quarters; that the preservation of those *chefs-d'œuvre* must be thoroughly assured, and that a stop must be put to the scandalous traffic and abuse now going on in the cathedral, in refusing to allow these paintings to be seen except for a money payment." Other members of the Academy having concurred in M. Gallait's observations, a commission is to be appointed to carry out the views of the Academy—viz., that the paintings in question, being the patrimony of the nation, should be removed from all risk of deterioration and be placed in the museums, in order that artists and amateurs should have an opportunity of studying them free of expense.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—ED.]

MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is impossible not to be intensely amused with Bro. Chalmers I. Paton's last and most characteristic letter.

In Theodore Hook's life, there is a very amusing story told, of his startling an ornate swell with the sudden query, "Please Sir, are you somebody?" To judge by Bro. Chalmers I. Paton's letter in *The Freemason* of the 11th ult., he is the only writer who is competent to discuss or decide certain "vexatas questiones" of Masonic archæology, and though Bro. Chalmers I. Paton is bold enough to say, that in common with Bro. Buchan, I know very little about the question of Masons' Marks, I will but say this once for all, that, I have studied Masons' Marks probably far longer and far more carefully than Bro. Paton, and whether I am competent to express an opinion on such a subject or no, I will leave to my good friend Bro. Hughan to decide.

The truth is, that Bro. Paton, like a good many other persons at the present day, seem to think, that they are to bear you down, by noisy asseveration and overbearing assertion.

I for one, never intend to allow any one, so long as I am able to hold a pen, to mislead the Craft,

either by absurd pretensions to infallibility, or by idle claims to authority.

We have suffered too much from literary charlatanism as an Order, for those, who have studied the subject, and understand what they are writing about, to permit any brother, be he who he may, to assume for himself the function of setting everybody else right, he himself being at the best, but a second rate, and second-hand authority.

Bro. Chalmers I. Paton originally asserted that all Marks must have even points. He did not then limit the assertion to speculative Masonry, whatever he may have meant.

My answer to such an assertion was, and still is, that Bro. Paton was utterly wrong, and that such a statement was in direct defiance of all our evidence on the subject. Bro. Paton said such had been the rule for Scotland for 150 years.

My reply was, that the evidence of the Scottish lodges, as preserved in Bros. Laurie's and D. M. Murray's works, was entirely contradictory of such a gratuitous assertion.

Bro. Hughan stated, that, there is no such rule in England

Where then is Bro. Paton?

All Mark Masonry is derivative from actual operative Masonry, and is only valuable to us archæologically.

In operative Masonry, there is no such rule as even points, in speculative Masonry there is no trace of such a custom. If even there was, it would only prove, as I originally observed, that speculative Masons have departed from the rules and regulations of Mark Masons. But on Bro. Hughan's authority, which is very high as regards England, and on the authority of the Scotch speculative lodges, which are of far more weight to us than Bro. Chalmers Paton's anonymous and elderly informant, Bro. Chalmers Paton, in my humble opinion, had not the slightest warrant for his bold assertion. To show how little reliance can be placed on his knowledge of marks, he originally stated that the double triangle was not a mark at all, because, it had an equal number of points. Now anyone who has studied the mark question knows, that both the pentagon and the double triangle, or hexagon are equally, if not common operative marks, yet marks of which many instances can be proved, and which are still pursued. Let me recommend Bro. Paton to study the question a little more closely before he again writes so dogmatically, and as he began with a Scotch axiom, I will end with a good old English one, "Don't teach your grandmother to suck eggs."

A MASONIC STUDENT.

THE LOST TEN TRIBES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you permit me to ask Bro. Carpenter, through the columns of *The Freemason*, whether he has traced any portion of the ten tribes to the continent of America. Will you also permit me to ask some other learned brother if the Indian word wigwam—or living place—has any connection with the Latin word vivam—I shall live, and which according to the new, or perhaps, more properly speaking, the ancient pronunciation would be pronounced wigwam, "I shall live," or in the present subjunctive word, "I may live."

Fraternally yours,

H. B. HODGES, P.P.S.G.W., Herts.

THE MELROSE LODGE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the Editor of the *North British Daily Mail* has declined to insert my second letter in answer to the second letter of "Masonic," which appeared in *The Freemason* of the 4th inst., perhaps you will, in fairness, insert the enclosed copy of my first letter, which is simply an answer to the first letter of "Masonic," in which he dogmatically asserts that Masons hailing from the Grand Lodge of Scotland had no business to be present at the consecration of Melrose No. 2 Lodge Glasgow. As "Masonic" is open to correction, I trust that

he will have the goodness to correct those parts of his second letter where he couples me with those who contend for the priority of the old lodge at Melrose, over that of Kilwinning, that I leave to those who are now investigating into that matter. The question with me is, which of the two bodies are the best practical Masons. Let "Masonic" answer this without any equivocation. As soon as he has done so, I shall with your permission, be prepared to present him with a bone which he may not find easy to masticate.

I am, yours fraternally,

FRATERNAL JUSTICE.

FATHER MELROSE AND MOTHER KILWINNING.
To the Editor of the *North British Daily Mail*.

Sir,—In answer to "Masonic" I beg to inform him that I, among many others, hailing from the Grand Lodge of Scotland have been in the habit of visiting the Melrose Masons in Glasgow; and having now had some experience of both bodies of Masons, I do not for a moment hesitate to give it as my candid opinion that the Melrose Masons are the most economical, the most charitable, the most brotherly, the most orderly, and consequently the best Masons that I have met with anywhere, especially in Scotland. I do not regard the authority of either "Masonic" or any others of similar opinions who may question my right in acknowledging the Melrose Masons. I know they are acknowledged in all parts of the world, and that of itself is quite sufficient for me. I know, on the other hand, Masons hailing from the Grand Lodge of Scotland and from lodges in Glasgow actually being refused admittance in lodges in America. I am, &c.

FRATERNAL JUSTICE.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been very pleased to notice the interest taken in the important subject of "Our Masonic Charities," and have duly considered the various suggestions made by the writers of the several interesting letters which have appeared in *The Freemason*. As Bro. Gottheil says, "For this discussion to be of any value, it should lead to some practical results," and I think some tangible good cannot fail to be produced through the ventilation of the question in these pages.

The communication signed "Ad Referendum" is a fair representative of the feelings of a great number of brethren in the provinces, and the sooner such a state of matters is altered the better. The lowering of the Steward's fee is a step in the right direction, and at the ensuing festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls only two guineas each have to be paid by the Stewards. This arrangement will partly meet with the wishes of "Ad Referendum" (who is, if I mistake not, an active worker in the "good cause"); and at the Boys' Festival the fee was not more than three guineas, inclusive, we believe, of a "ladies' ticket."

According to the new laws, Stewards are eligible to wear the charity jewel, provided they attend two festivals, and have £150 on each of their lists, even if they give no sum themselves to either of the charities beyond the subscriptions for Stewards' fees.

I think, for brethren residing in the provinces, the necessary attendance at the festival as a qualification for the charity jewel, should be dispensed with, for else in many cases the cost of travelling, &c., would exceed that of a life governorship.

In the province of Cornwall, each lodge elects a Steward for the year at its annual festival for the Cornwall Masonic Account and Benevolent Fund, and we find the plan has worked exceedingly well, having realized nearly £2,000 in ten years.

Could not a similar plan be devised for the great Masonic charities, and either a Charity Steward be appointed annually by each province, or one by each lodge, and a committee formed, with chairman and officers, as in the province of West Yorkshire, and which has already been

alluded to by our able Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., P.G.C.; and the letter from Bro. Captain Shanks on this subject is much to the point.

Respecting the minimum fee being lowered, I cannot quite agree with the suggestion made by our Bro. "Ad Referendum," excepting so far as to hint at an amendment, to the effect that sums may be received, which when they amount to one guinea shall enable the subscriber to vote as if he had at once contributed the minimum subscription, provided no single payment be less than five shillings.

As to the "statement of the accounts" of each of the charities being annually sent to all the lodges, chapters, &c., I quite think with "Ad Referendum" the plan would work well, and cause a much greater number to subscribe, for at present it is lamentable how few Masons really know of the character, extent, and benefits of our Masonic Institutions, which all along it appears to me have been supported by the few, who have very rarely (or their "dependants") sought any assistance, and the many who have either been elected as annuitants, or their children, placed in our institutions have never, whilst in prosperity contributed one farthing to the Masonic charities! In Chester no child is allowed to be a candidate for election with the admirable Educational Institution of that province without his or her father had subscribed to its funds. I do not advise such a law for the London Masonic charities, but subscribers can now exercise their own minds on the subject in voting.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE EARLY GRAND ENCAMPMENT AND THE P.G. LODGE OF GLASGOW.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to the letter of "Fiat Justitia," Bro. Wheeler, Secretary of St. Mungo's K.T. Encampment, who is the undoubted champion of everything legal, Masonically speaking, in Scotland, at the present moment has fallen upon the E.G. Encampment, and apparently intends to make short work of both it and its members; like a practical general he has divided his charges into three component parts, so as to give force and brevity to his remarks, his 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in these three points. Bro. Wheeler has discovered that your correspondent "Fiat Justitia" has blundered, and as he politely puts it, committed some unintentional errors. Let us see where these errors are. 1st. Who says there is a R.A. Chapter, acting under the superior Chapter General of K.T.'s of Scotland? Please Bro. Wheeler quote the passage that says so.

2nd. Nor any R.A. Chapter, that has recently joined that body. Will Bro. Wheeler be good enough to explain himself? We do not profess to see so clearly as he does, nor do we observe any reference to the Supreme Chapter and the Chapter General in the sense referred to by Bro. Wheeler.

What has the E.G. Encampment got to do with the Girvan and St. Mungo Encampments? It is well enough known that all this has occurred, without Bro. Wheeler giving us more light upon the matter.

We shall pass over Bro. Barrow, and his position amongst the Sir Knights. It is quite enough for our purpose, that he holds the position he does, and that he acted, as has already been made public, as stated before. We only hope that the P.G.L. will reconsider their decision, and allow the Early Grand Encampment to occupy those premises they forced them to leave.

The remaining paragraph of Bro. Wheeler's letter bespeaks much for his praise. If there had been more like him, we should, ere this, have been unanimous.

I would beg to suggest that the encampments acting under the Chapter General, join the Early Grand Encampment, seeing that the Grand Encampment of the E.G. was formed before the Chapter General. Union is certainly strength, and why not then the Chapter General join with the E.G. About us being isolated and un-

recognised in any part of the world, is certainly rather much to assert. We can name members who have obtained entry into chapters and encampments in Scotland, and *vice versa*; in fact, some of the most distinguished Scottish Masons of the present day have during their Masonic career, been not ashamed to own connection with the E. G. body, for instance, B. os. D. M. Lyon, the Masonic historian, received the R.A. under the hands of Bro. Martin, a P.E.C. of the E. G. Body. Various other matters can be enumerated, regarding the Early Grand, showing that its authority and legality are unquestionable.

I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,
W. F.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers to this Institution, was held on Saturday last, in the Board Room at Freemasons' Hall. The chair was occupied by Bro. Major J. Creaton, V.P., and among the other brethren present there were: Bros. R. Wentworth Little, Secretary; T. Randall, G. Wyatt, H. Smith, T. Hill, W. Wellsman, G. Singer, R. Jeffries, S. Rawson, Griffiths, Smith, T. F. Peacock, Col. F. Burdett, T. Meggy, G. Bolton, H. Browse, Thomas W. White, E. H. Tinney, H. Massey, S. H. Tattershall, Robt. Blockton, E. Harris, J. G. Marsh, H. C. Levander, L. Finch, Jas. Brett, Joseph Smith, A. D. Loewenstark, R. Price, Jesse Turner, J. Strachan, W. H. Radley, W. Lane, Edward Spooner, W. Stephen, Geo. Kenning, Geo. Morris, James Stephens, S. Rosenthal, John Coutts, J. R. Stebbing, Benjamin Head, E. S. Snell, John Symonds, H. Empson, James Terry, and H. Muggeridge. The attendance of members was very large.

After the advertisement calling the meeting, and the minutes had been read,

Bro. Thomas W. White announced that one of the inmates of the school, Beatrice Seaton, had died, and he accordingly moved, "That 16 instead of 15 girls be elected that day."

Bro. Jesse Turner seconded the motion, which was thereupon carried.

Col. F. Burdett and Dr. Ramsay were then elected to the vacancies on the House Committee, caused by Major Creaton's acceptance of the office of Trustee of the Institution, and Bro. George Cox's death.

On the motion of Bro. S. Rawson, seconded by another brother, Bro. Samuel Tomkins was re-elected Treasurer.

Bros. A. Moore, T. F. Peacock, J. G. Marsh, and Jesse Turner, were chosen to fill the four vacancies, on the General Committee.

Scrutineers of votes were then selected, and the election of 16 girls out of a list of 31, was proceeded with.

The names of the successful and unsuccessful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns.

Votes of thanks to the scrutineers and chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The usual April Quarterly Court of the Boys' School Governors and Subscribers was held on Monday at noon, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. As customary on election day, which Monday was, there was a large assemblage of the brethren, and among them we noticed Bros. Major Creaton, Gumbleton, Raynham W. Stewart, Samuel May, S. Rawson, A. H. Tattershall, H. Massey, George Lambert, R. J. Spiers, Collard, Moutrie, Jesse Turner, James Brett, F. Adlard, Thomas W. White, and John Coutts. Bro. H. Browse, V.P., took the chair, and Bro. F. Binckes, (Sec.) read the minutes of the last quarterly court, and of the various committees which had sat between that and the present time.

These having been unanimously confirmed,

Major Creaton, V.P., proposed, and Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, V.P., seconded the re-election of Bro. George Plucknett, as Treasurer of the Institution. The motion having been carried *nem. con.*, Bros. R. B. Webster and N. Martin were elected to fill vacancies which had occurred on the General Committee, and the scrutineers of votes were appointed. The election of fifteen boys out of a list of fifty-two candidates was then proceeded with.

The names of the successful and unsuccessful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns.

Votes of thanks to the scrutineers and chairman concluded the proceedings.

BELFAST MASONIC WIDOWS' FUND.

The annual meeting of the subscribers of this fund was held on the 31st ult., at eight o'clock, in the Masonic Hall. Bro. Sir Charles Lanyon, D.P.G.M., President, occupied the chair. Amongst those present were, Bros. Tate, Godfrey, Wilson, Doey, Ryans, Ireland, Fisher, Scott, Hill, Fleming, M'Keown, Hanna, Ledlie, Gelston, and Allen (Secretary).

The Chairman, after a few introductory remarks, called on the Secretary, Bro. James Allen, to read the annual report, which was as follows:—

"The committee of the Belfast Masonic Widows' Fund, in presenting their first annual report, desire to express their thanksgiving to the Giver of all Good for the success which has attended the charity in this, the first year of its existence.

"At the annual meeting of the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund, held in 1873, a strong expression of opinion was manifested that a more liberal support was needed for the objects of Masonic charity in Belfast; and the committee of that fund, considering that there were many widows of our deceased brethren left in circumstances of great destitution, but who from their former position in society would shrink from making application to the charity fund, felt that it was necessary that a new agency should be formed to meet their case. Accordingly, a Provisional Committee, largely representative of the Masonic body in Belfast, was appointed to establish a Belfast Masonic Widows' Fund, and to bring this most desirable object under the notice of every lodge and every brother in town. On the 1st of July, the Provisional Committee having well performed its work, yielded its place to the present committee, regularly elected from all subscribing lodges, chapters, and preceptories. Among the first work undertaken by this committee was the formation of the constitution and bye-laws of the fund, which have been published and furnished to all subscribers. The committee have great satisfaction in reporting that very many of the Belfast lodges, with a considerable proportion of the chapters and preceptories, have either subscribed or promised subscriptions, and a large number of the brethren have cheerfully become donors or annual contributors. It will be seen that six brethren have subscribed £20 each to the fund, thereby being qualified to be Vice Presidents. The committee have much pleasure in referring to the services held in St. George's Church on St. John's Day, June, 1873, on which occasion the evening sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. H. D. Sheppard, D.D., in behalf of this and the local charity fund. The donations and subscriptions amount altogether to £249 17s., of which (in accordance with the rules) the sum of £193 7s. 7d. has been invested in the purchase of £200 Ulster Railway debenture stock. The committee have granted £20 to very deserving cases, which were brought before them in the course of the year. On the whole your committee feel that the fund has fairly established itself, and entered upon a career which they trust will be one of great success and usefulness. Very much remains to be done. Many lodges brethren have not yet subscribed, and the committee would earnestly urge upon them the claims of this useful charity, whose objects they think

need only be known to meet from them a hearty response. The objects which this charity has especially in view have scarcely met hitherto with that systematic care and attention which they need. Cases frequently arise in which the families of some of our brethren are suddenly reduced from a position of comfort and ease to poverty and distress by the removal, in God's providence, of their head and support. The relief in such cases is an object truly worthy of the Masonic Order, whose higher ornaments have always been charity and benevolence; and the fund, which has been so successfully established, is eminently calculated to give these virtues a systematic, practical effect."

From the financial statement, as read by the Secretary, it appeared there was a balance in hands of the Treasurer of £5 9s. 3d. in favour of the fund.

The Chairman then moved the following resolutions: "That the report, with statements of account, now read, be received and adopted, and printed for circulation." In doing so, he said he had great pleasure in identifying himself with this movement, and with everything which had for its object the advancement of Masonry, but especially with the cause of charity, which should be the aim of every good Mason. They had their orphan schools, and nothing could be more successful than they had been. They were models in efficiency of management, and worthy of all imitation. He hoped that this movement for another charity, which provides for the widows of our deceased brethren, would be as successful as that to which he had referred for the Masonic Orphan Schools. He fully concurred with the concluding portion of the report, which says that the deserving object of this society is not met with the sympathy, care and attention which it needs. However much he might be able to congratulate them on the statement of accounts for the first year of inauguration, he regretted to see the absence of names which ought to be on the list of subscribers. He hoped that an effort would be made to increase the subscription list of the society, and that no feeling of jealousy would arise to prevent such a successful issue, and that every lodge would make an effort to promote the success of the fund. He had sincere pleasure in moving that the report, which had been read, be received, adopted, and printed for circulation.

Bro. Ryan, (Lodge 609) seconded the motion, which was passed.

Bro. Tate, (Lodge 7) moved the next resolution—"That this meeting, whilst deploring the want hitherto of a society similar to this, recognises the good likely to arise from the formation of this fund in the relief of the widows and families of Freemasons, and the consequent good resulting therefrom to the Order, and pledge themselves to its support."

Bro. Hanna (Lodge 272), in an able speech, seconded the motion, which was passed.

Bro. John Ireland (Lodge 59), moved—"That a systematic effort should be made amongst the various lodges not yet subscribing that they may be induced to do so, and otherwise to co-operate in furthering the objects of this society."

Bro. H. J. Hill (Lodge 111), seconded the motion, which was carried.

The chair having been vacated by Bro. Sir Chas. Lanyon, and taken by Bro. Tate,

Bro. Doey (Lodge 609), moved—"That the best thanks of the meeting are due to Bro. Sir Charles Lanyon for his dignified conduct in the chair."

Bro. Godfrey (Lodge 59), seconded the resolution, which was carried amid applause.

Bro. Sir C. Lanyon, having replied in appropriate terms, said he thought that there had been one motion which had been overlooked, and when he was out of the chair he took the opportunity of moving it. They all knew the great interest Bro. F. Fisher had taken in furthering the good of the charity. He, therefore, begged to move that the thanks of the meeting be given to Bro. Fisher for the energy he has displayed in promoting the interests of the charity.

The motion, having been seconded by Bro. Hanna, was carried unanimously.

Bro. Fisher having thanked the brethren present, the proceedings terminated.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 24, 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, April 18.

Audit Committee, Boys' School, at 3.
Lodge 715, Panmure, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 1304, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
" 1425, Hyde Park, Westbourne Hotel, 1, Craven-road, W.

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, April 20.

Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 185, Tranquillity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.

" 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1159, Marquess of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

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

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gutheil, 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, April 21.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge.

" 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.

" 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.

Chap. 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.

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

Wednesday, April 22.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
Lodge 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.

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

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

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

Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

" 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John Hotel, Queen's Tavern, St. John's-wood.

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.

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; B o. 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.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8 Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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. o.P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Union Club of Instruction (day meetings), Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, Pimlico, from 2 till 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 23.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.

Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

" 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North-end Fulham.

" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

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

" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.

Great City Lodge of Instruction, 33, Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Bro. T. Poore, W.M. 720, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Friday, April 24.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.

" 569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Honourable Artillery Company, City-road.

" 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.

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

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, April 25, 1874.

Monday, April 20.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 7.30.
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
 Tuesday, April 21.
 Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Wednesday, April 22.
 Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
 " 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 4.30.
 " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 West Lancashire Masonic Institution, Special Court of Governors, 22, Hope-st., Liverpool.

Thursday, April 23.
 Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Friday, April 24.
 Chap. 680, Sefton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, April 25, 1874.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, April 20.
 Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 471, St. John, Stanc Inn, Shotts.
 St. Mungo Encampment of Knight Templar, 213, Buchanan-st.
 Tuesday, April 21.
 Lodge 31, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.

Wednesday, April 22.
 Lodge 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.
 " 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.

Thursday, April 23.
 Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge, 170, Buchanan-st.
 Red Cross Council Babylon, 170, Buchanan-st.

Friday, April 24.
 Lodge 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollokshaws.
 " 347, St. John's, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.

Saturday, April 25.
 Lodge 305, St. John Woodhall, Masons' Hall, Holytown.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 25, 1874.

Monday, April 20.
 Lodge 44, St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, George-st., at 8.

Tuesday, April 21.
 Lodge 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.
 " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Wednesday, April 22.
 Lodge 112, St. John's, Royal Hotel, Edinburgh, at 8.

Thursday, April 23.
 Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

Friday, April 24.
 Lodge 223, Trafalgar, Masonic Hall, Salamander-street, Leith, at 8.
 Rosicrucian Society, Freemasons' Hall, George-st., at 8.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

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PATRON:—
 HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.
 PRESIDENT:—
 MOST HON. THE MARQUESS OF RIPON,
 K.G., M.W.G.M.

At a Quarterly General Court held on Monday, 13th April, 1874, Henry Browne, Esq., Vice-Patron in the chair, a ballot took place for the Election of fifteen Candidates from an approved list of fifty-two Candidates, when the following were declared to be

(SUCCESSFUL)		
1—49	Gordon, Herbert	1373
2—42	Tanner, George	1146
3—24	Morgan, D. W. S.	1130
4—13	Gibson, E. F.	1081
5—38	Lowndes, F. K. S.	1078
6—48	Lea, Wm.	1070
7—34	Ellis, M. B.	1065
8—16	King, P. C. S.	1057
9—10	Haynes, B. Graham	1055
10—35	Featherstone, A. C.	1042
11—18	Greave, C. A.	1037
12—23	Parker, A. R.	1032
13—26	Pearson, Arthur	1026
14—21	Winter, Frank	1009
15—39	Wellington, H. J.	993

(UNSUCCESSFUL)		
16—17	Dunaway, F. W. H. Philip	983
17—22	Catt, Walter William	914
18—43	Wayne, Samuel Swindell	880
19—27	Watson, William George	823
20—12	Shipway, Henry Morrison	818
21—7	Marks, James Thomas	792
22—36	Howard, Percy Edward	785
23—11	Osborne, Walter David	699
24—6	Woodbine, John Harry	695
25—37	Hamilton, George Claude	682
26—28	Hunter, William Reginald	646
27—41	Kerr, Arthur David	629
28—14	Duff, Robert	589
29—31	Modlen, Albert Edward	420
30—30	Onion, Walter	392
31—9	Buttery, James Armytage	341
32—19	Graham, James Earl Storey	325
33—25	Cromwell, Charles Henry	205
34—51	Routledge, Alfred	203
35—2	Travers, John H. Hill	201
36—1	MacDowell, William	200
37—40	Cooke, William Astle	177
38—29	Potts, Samuel Algernon	157
39—32	Lee, Vincent John	128
40—20	Ballen, W. H. Boyce	125
41—46	Rees, James Herbert	119
42—50	Gardner, Richard Thomas	86
43—33	Wimpey, George Augustus	47
44—4	Kitchen, James George	42
45—15	Gibbs, James Thomas	24
46—44	Swallow, John Tom	18
47—52	Wain, Leonard	18
48—3	Kitchen, John Henry	14
49—45	Hambley, D. S. Wharton	7
50—5	Hutchinson, George	3
51—8	Bowcock, John Arthur	0
52—47	Cox, George Samuel	0

The second number is in each case that of the Candidate on the list.

Votes for the unsuccessful Candidates will be carried to their credit at the next election.

FREDERICK BINCKES,
 (Secretary).

April 13, 1874.

MASONIC FLAGS

FOR HIRE.

Freemasons' Arms	15ft. by 12ft.
Knights Templar Arms	15ft. by 12ft.
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