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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

His Grace the Duke of St. Alban's, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Major Smyth, Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Masons in this Province,

WILL BE HELD IN THE

PUBLIC ROOMS, GRANTHAM.
Under the auspices of the Doric Lodge, No. 362,
ON THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1874,
AT HIGH TWELVE.

When and where the P.G. Officers and Past Officers, with the Worshipful Masters and Past Masters, and the Acting Wardens of the Lodges in the Province, are hereby convoked to attend, and at which all Master Masons are invited to be present.

FREDERICK DELABENE MARSDEN,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

Louth, 25th April, 1874.

BUSINESS:—

The Lodges will be called over.

The Roll of Provincial Grand Officers will be called.

The Minutes of the Annual Provincial Grand Lodge, holden at Louth, on Thursday, the 29th of May, 1873, will be read and put for confirmation.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer will read his Finance Statement.

The Provincial Grand Secretary will read the Report of the Committee of the P.G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence and an abstract of the accounts to the present time.

The Provincial Grand Registrar will give the Returns for the past year from the several Lodges in the Province.

W. Bro. W. H. Radley, P.M. 838, P.G.J.W., and Secretary to the Provincial Charity Committee, will read the Report for the past year, and render an account of the efforts made by the Province in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will proceed to elect a P.G. Treasurer.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master will invest the P.G. Officers for the ensuing year.

N.B.—Members of the P.G. Lodge may obtain a copy of the Bye-laws of the P.G. Lodge and the Rules of the P.G.L. Fund of Benevolence, on presenting a card with their Name and Masonic rank upon it to the P.G. Treasurer. A History of the P.G. Lodge of Lincolnshire and the Private Lodges in the Province, both past and present, with some interesting Tables showing the rise and progress of the Order in the Province since the year 1792, as well as a List of all the P.G. Officers since its formation, have been bound up in conjunction with the Bye-laws, and may be had by Members of the P.G.L., on payment of Sixpence each, and by Non-members at One Shilling; if sent by post, One Penny extra.

A Banquet will be provided at the Guildhall, St. Peter's-hill, at three p.m.

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In order that Bro. E. F. Hudson, the W. Master of the Doric Lodge, may make suitable arrangements for the Banquet, the Brethren are requested to intimate as soon as possible if their company may be expected, and he will in such case reserve seats for them.

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The ceremony of advancement will be worked in a Lodge of Improvement, to meet at Half-past Three o'clock, p.m.

GRAND LODGE will be opened at Five o'clock p.m., when the M.W.G.M. Elect will be installed. The Banquet will be provided at Seven o'clock; Tickets, Fifteen Shillings (inclusive of Wine and Dessert) if taken before the day of meeting.

Brethren intending to be present are requested to send their names to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary, as under.

By command,

FREDERICK BINCKES. (P.G.J.W.)
Grand Secretary.

Office, 2, Red Lion-square,
Holborn, London, W.C.
19th May, 1873.

TO FREEMASONS.

Stockwell Lodge of Instruction
No. 1339.

The above lodge will be opened on Friday evening, 29th, at seven o'clock, at the White Hart Hotel, Church Road, Upper Norwood, near the Crystal Palace, and will meet at eight o'clock, every successive Friday evening throughout the Summer months.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be worked on the opening night, as above, by Bro. H. E. Francis, P.M., when all brethren attending are desired to appear in Masonic clothing.

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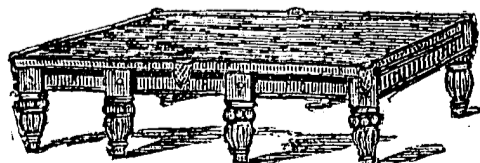
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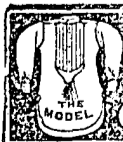
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relating to events that took place about the time of his joining the lodge, but the minute book showed that those statements were without foundation, and this showed the necessity of the records of a lodge being accurately kept, as he was glad to say they were. He had accordingly confirmed the action of the lodge in expelling Mr. Stratford. The P.G.M. then impressed on the members the necessity of caution in the admission of visitors, and also dwelt on the desirability of an extended scheme of benevolence for the province, stating, that as this was the last visitation for this season, and he had now brought the matter before each lodge, he thought that now something practical should be done, and with that view he intended, at the next provincial meeting, to bring it before them in a definite shape. Bro. Jackson, R.W.M., thanked the P.G.M. and the deputation for their visit, and also for the favourable way in which they had spoken of the affairs of the lodge, and congratulated them on having completed their arduous task of visiting the twenty-six lodges of the Provinces. By the aid of his officers and members, the lodge of Glasgow had, during the past year, paid off £50 of their debt, and their hall would soon be free, and he could assure the P.G.L. that 441 would gladly join a plan for extending benevolence to deserving objects. The deputation then withdrew. The brethren spent some time in harmony. The R.W.M. proposed the various toasts in appropriate terms; that of the visitors was responded to by Bro. J. Gray, of No. 17, and G. W. Wheeler, 73, who proposed "Prosperity to Lodge 441." Bro. Jackson acknowledged the compliment, and gave "The Masonic Press." Bro. Wheeler responded for the *Freemason*, and Bro. Adams for the *Masonic News*.

GLASGOW.—*Clyde Lodge* (No. 408,) met at 170, Buchanan-street, on Friday, May 15th, D. Downie, R.W.M., in the chair, supported by J. McDonald, P.M. 73; G. W. Wheeler, 73; J. Bain, P.M. 103; J. R. Mitchell, P.M. 332; J. McGinnis, S.W.; Wm. Billsland, J.W.; J. Harper, T. There was a petition for initiation from Mr. Buckland, Master Mariner, and also one from Mr. H. G. Banks, on behalf of lodge 73. These two gentlemen were then duly initiated into the Order by Bro. Downie, the Master of the lodge, in a way which proved him to be a careful Masonic Student. The lodge having been raised to the second degree, Bro. G. McDonald, P.M. of 73, passed one brother for his own lodge, and another for the Clyde, into that degree. A lodge of Master Masons was then opened, and Bro. Banks, P.M., of 103, raised three brethren to the sublime degree. At the conclusion of the ceremony, as two of the new Mark Masters were seafaring men, he related the circumstances under which a master and mate of a schooner who he had himself raised to the same degree had been the means of saving not only their own lives but those of the whole ship's crew, through their shewing the distress sign on their first voyage, and the owners were so pleased at their being the means of saving the vessel and cargo that they had placed them in the command of a large vessel with greatly increased pay. The narration of this anecdote, as the event is quite recent, and some of the actors well known, created a great impression in the Lodge Clyde, as many of its members are seafaring men.

GLASGOW.—*Clydesdale Lodge* (No. 556).—A meeting of this new lodge was held in the "Star Lodge Hall," 12, Trongate-street, on Thursday, 14th May, for the election of office-bearers, when the following brethren were unanimously appointed, viz:—Bros. William Phillips, R.W.M.; Dr. Thomas Russell, D.M.; John McNaught, S.M.; J. B. McNaught, S.W.; John Howie, J.W.; T. B. Yuill, T.; James Strong, S.; John Frew, S.D.; John McDougall, J.D.; John Doig, C.; Wm. J. E. Dobson, P.G.S.; J. Weir, S.S.; John Brown, I.G.; Henry Jackman, A.; Wm. Graham, T. After the business of election was settled, the lodge proceeded to initiate four candidates, viz:—J. Brown, Robert Scott, George Yuill, and Duncan Campbell. The lodge was thereafter closed, in due and ancient form.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT LARKHALL, LANARKSHIRE.

Saturday, May the 9th, was a day to be remembered by the inhabitants of this village and its vicinity, for the oldest inhabitant had never seen such a procession as that formed by the brethren of the mystic tie to assist inaugurating the Lodge Clydesdale Larkhall, No. 534. As a proof of the zeal and energy of the members of the new lodge, we have only to say that the charter was only granted on Monday the 4th, and on the 9th they had not only got the Provincial Grand Master to attend, but also above 600 brethren from the several other lodges in the province. The day too was propitious and the whole proceedings, considering the short time the new officers had to make their arrangements, was something wonderful, and fully accounted for the few moments' delay, at the commencement.

As it would be invidious to mention a few names where so many were present, we will only state that there were deputations from the following lodges: Hamilton, Kilwinning (No. 7), Old St. John, Lanark (No. 21), St. Mungo, Glasgow (No. 27), St. Mary Coltness, Wishaw (No. 31), Thistle and Rose, Glasgow (No. 73), Robert Burns Chapter (143), Free Operatives, Biggar (167), St. John's, Carluke (187), Union St. John's, Stonehouse (244), Hamilton (233), Woodhall St. John's, Holytown (305), St. John's, Cairnworth (244), St. John's, Dalziel, Motherwell (406), and the Old Larkhall St. Thomas, (306), which numbers about 200 members, and has a benefit society attached to it, and who are cordially welcoming the new lodge in their midst. Larkhall is the centre of a large mining district, and if some of its denizens are not quite so polished as some of the Masonic fraternity, they have hearts as warm, and their hands are quite as open to relieve the wants of a brother in distress.

Bro. Hector MacLean, P.G.M., of the Upper Ward of Lanarkshire, attended by the P.G. Sec., Bro. John Currie, and other Provincial Officers, attended punctually at the hour named, and the handsome gold cups, brought by the P.G.M., excited much admiration.

The consecrating ceremonies having been gone through, Bro. MacLean proceeded to instal the following brethren as the first officers of the lodge: James Davis, R.W.M.; Daniel Wright, S.W.; Robert J. Brown, J.W.; Andrew T. Watson, Sec.; William MacEwan, Treas.; Alex. Frew, S.D.; William Brown, J.D.; Neil Barn, S.S.; Andrew Imrie, J.S.; John Caldwell, I.G.; and William Wood, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, after a short interval, the brethren assembled in the large hall of Bro. Sibbald's Inn, where a substantial banquet was provided in very good style. The P.G.M. presided, supported by the R.W.M. and P.G.S., we also noticed Bros. Bassett and Wheeler, who appeared to be the only representatives of the Glasgow Province; probably this was owing to the shortness of the notice.

DIMITS.

A number of brethren in various lodges throughout Scotland are not exactly aware of the nature of a Dimit, it best explains itself and a copy is herewith given, the blanks being filled up when issued to a brother:—

"The office bearers and members of the lodge holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, No. do hereby certify that brother (whose signature is annexed in the margin) has, during the period of his membership, conducted himself to the entire satisfaction of the lodge, and has paid all fees and dues exigible from him, he is therefore cordially commended to the fraternal reception of any regular lodge in which he may seek affiliation.

..... R.W. Master.
..... Secretary.

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"GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

"The foregoing Dimit is hereby countersigned, and confirmed under the seal of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, at the request of the lodge No....

[Seal]

Grand Secretary."

DEDICATION OF KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

We give to day the following amount of subscriptions, and the subscribers names, towards the purchase of Bro. Ashton's picture. Bro. George Kenning, 2, 3, 4, Little Britain, is the treasurer of the fund. We wish the endeavour to obtain the picture for Freemasons' Hall all success:—

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W. P.	0	5	0
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J. Williams	0	10	0
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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1874.

THE VISIT OF THE CZAR.

We English Freemasons are not politicians, and it never can be repeated too often, or remembered too carefully, that, with politics, quā politics, we have no concern whatever.

Indeed so careful are we to maintain the golden mean of neutrality, between external parties that we should not allow in *The Freemason*, political addresses on one side or the other to appear, even as paid advertisements, because such a proceeding would be utterly alien from the true principles of entire Masonic neutrality, in respect of the passing political transactions of the day.

But though this be so, and we trust ever will remain the distinguishing feature and bond of English Freemasonry, there are some events in the world's history which seem to lift themselves above the domain of mere party politics, and which we may fairly deal with, though we be Freemasons, on the broader ground, and with the blameless sympathies of citizens of the world.

Now it appears to us that the visit of the Emperor Alexander II. to this country, is just one of those events in which we all have equally a concern, and which interests us all alike, so much so that, it may be fairly noticed in the pages of our hebdomadal Masonic paper, which is alike cosmopolitan in its teaching, as it is cosmopolitan in its circulation.

And, therefore, Freemasons though we be and proud are we for every reason of being so, and of our good old Order, we hail with an entire people, nay with two great nations, with every expression of gratification and rejoicing, the advent of so exalted a visitor to our friendly and hospitable shores.

For in truth the Emperor Alexander II. comes to us invested not only with that Sovereign rank which as loyal Englishmen, we have been taught to value and revere, but also distinguished markedly by those many and genial qualities of the mind and heart, and person, which lend such a charm to cultivated humanity, and are so strongly prized ever by our English people.

His whole career has been a signal instance, in all his public acts, of earnestness and consideration, usefulness and justice, patriotism and benevolence, united with a singular love of home life and family association, and with an entire absence of needless ceremonial or profitless parade. He succeeded to that mighty empire at a time of great national anxiety which the genius of Peter the Great had practically founded, which the mental powers of Catherine II. had consolidated, and which, despite all shallow opinions and prophecies to the contrary]has con-

tinued to grow in greatness and expand in power.

On the Emperor Alexander the Second was imposed the solemn responsibility of emancipating the serfs of Russia, and of completing that gigantic undertaking which his uncle and his father had initiated, and he has succeeded happily in having his name handed down to posterity, as the emancipator and benefactor of countless myriads of a toiling but grateful people.

Latterly, by the marriage of his only and cherished daughter with a member of our Royal family, the personal interests and the national sympathies of Russia and England have been greatly strengthened and cemented.

And we who have lately welcomed as an entire people with one heart and voice the arrival of his charming daughter amongst us, rejoice in welcoming, to day, the father of the Duchess of Edinburgh, and the august ruler of all the Russias! Happily, too, a firm and honourable peace now unites our two great Empires in the bonds of friendly rivalry and civilizing progress.

Time was, even in our own generation, when the two firm friends of olden days found themselves in hostile array.

But now that the loud echoes of war are hushed, and those unbrotherly feelings which war evokes are forgotten, let us hope for ever, we, in this country, and with that praiseworthy frankness characteristic of our fine army, and our gallant [neighbours, "La Belle France," have not failed to offer our tribute of admiration to the fighting qualities of the Russian soldier to the skilful disposition of Prince Gortschakoff, and to the historic fame of Todleben.

And so in this auspicious visit, and at the time when all the feuds of former days are forgotten in the happier association of the present, and in bright anticipation of the future, we offer our humble Masonic welcome, in unison with all our countrymen and countrywomen of every rank and condition to the Emperor Alexander the Second.

In so doing, we believe that we do but express the universal feeling of our ever-loyal Order, and that we most entirely represent the entire brotherhood to day when we offer our most heartfelt congratulations to the Emperor personally, and our most sincere wishes for the welfare of that great country, over which he has been called by God's providence to reign, and with which we entertain so many close connexions, and such important and needful commercial relations.

May the visit of the Czar be one alike of happiness and satisfaction to our sovereign and himself, of much family enjoyment to the united imperial and Royal Families, of renewed gladness to the Duchess of Edinburgh, and may it tend to unite closer the bonds of society and good will between Russia and England, to confirm the peace of Europe and advance the tranquil progress of mankind.

One word more before we close.

Once upon a time Freemasonry existed in Russia, having had its origin exclusively from England, and our English Grand Lodge. For a time all went on well, until the introduction of the ceremonies and system of the "strict" or loose "observance," call it which you like, led to many

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Craft Masonry.

LIVERPOOL.—*Merchants' Lodge* (No. 241).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 12th instant, at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, the chair of K.S. being occupied by Bro. J. Halton, W.M. The officers and others present were Bros. R. Robinson, P.M.; G. Broadbridge, P.M.; S. Forrest, P.M.; R. Wilson, P.M.; W. M. Chudley, S.W.; R. Brown, J.W.; S. I. McGeorge, P.M., Treasurer; G. Hutchins, Sec.; G. Peet, S.D.; J. Winsor, I.G.; P. Ball; Tyler; W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823; W. M. Norbury; J. Cooper; H. Gabriel; J. Latta; G. Hulse; M. de Freece; J. Sillitoe, P.M. 605; B. Levy; S. Jacob; D. C. Marks, &c. The visitors included Bros. J. Banning, P.G.O., C. and W.; J. Maudsley, P.P.G. Reg.; C. H. Hill, P.G. Reg.; J. R. Goepel, P.G.S.; E. Friend, P.P. J.G.D. (Cheshire); W. C. Connell, P.M. 137; W. Sephton, W.M. 1086; J. Wallace, I. G. 1289; J. W. Farley, P.M. 1035, &c. During the meeting it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence, signed by the W.M. and Sec., should be sent to the widow of the late Bro. Capt. Mott, who was a valued and esteemed P.M. of the Merchants' Lodge. Bro. Wilson also gave notice that he should move at the next meeting, that the sum of £100 be given by the lodge towards the fund about to be raised, as a presentation to the widow of Captain Mott. Bro. R. Robinson, P.M., was elected Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction in connection with No. 241, in room of Bro. Mott, who had for many years most effectually filled that position. After the transaction of some formal business, the proceedings closed in peace and harmony.

LIVERPOOL.—*Croxeth United Service Lodge* (No. 786).—Bro. H. J. Newman, W.M., presided at the ordinary meeting of this excellent lodge on Thursday evening, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Temple, and amongst the others present were Bros. G. Owen, P.M.; G. L. Blundell, P.M., S.W.; G. S. Stopford Taylor, J.W.; L. Coulton, P.M., D.C.; W. B. Caw, Sec.; W. H. Holt, J.D.; W. H. Tyerman, I.G.; J. B. Wallace, Treas.; R. Neville, Tyler; and W. G. Veale, Org. The principal business of the evening was the election of W.M., and Bro. G. G. Stopford Taylor, the S.W., was unanimously and by acclamation chosen to fill that important office. The installation will take place on the 11th June, when it is expected that Bro. Councillor Dr. Taylor, P.M., will instal his son into the chair of K.S. The assembled brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent repast, and during the evening the usual loyal, masonic, and complimentary toasts were given from the chair by Bro. Newman, W.M., in happy terms.

LIVERPOOL.—*De Grey and Ripon Lodge* (No. 1356).—The brethren of this large and prosperous lodge assembled for the performance of their Masonic duties on the evening of the 13th inst., in their lodge room, North Hill-street, Toxteth Park. Bro. T. Evans, W.M., presided, his principal officers being Bros. B. B. Marson, P.M.; Rothwell, S.W.; J. Bell, J.W.; Joseph Jones, Sec.; W. G. Veale, Org. The principal item of business was the raising of five candidates, the ceremony being performed by the

W.M., Bro. Evans, in a most masterly and impressive manner. Several substantial sums were voted for charity, after which the lodge was closed.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 1216).—A very numerous meeting of this lodge was held at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, at Camberwell, on Thursday, the 14th inst., the occasion being the installation of a highly respected member, both of the corps and the lodge, as its fifth W.M., the first of the initiates who has attained the honourable distinction. Amongst those present were Bros. Newington Bridges, W.M.; W. J. Messenger, S.W., and W.M. Elect; J. H. Hastie, J.W.; M. S. Larham, S.D.; H. Hammond, J.D.; F. H. Cozens, Org.; T. W. Carnell, D.C.; Fountain, Steward; G. Waterall, I.P.M.; Major Irvine, Senior P.M.; J. Stevens, P.M.; Dubois, Allen, Fletcher, Ross, Grey, Cacket, Harper, Collins, Nevill, Bradley, Styan, Joy, Cutting, Bowen, Youngman, Clay, Challoner, Style, Wilkins, Woodcock, Barnett, and a large number of visitors were also present, among whom we observed the W. Bros. Henry Bridges, P.G.S.B., D.P.G.M. Somerset; R. C. Else, P. Prov. G.S.W. Somerset; Thrupp, P.M.; Coote, P.M.; Gatherwood, P.M.; Rexworthy, Stride, 176; Puckle, 176; Garner, and others. The lodge was opened at four o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, ballots were taken for three candidates for initiation, which were found clear, and the Rev. Charles Compton Barry Domville, M.A., being in attendance, was introduced. At the conclusion of the ceremony the rev. brother expressed his high appreciation of the solemnity, and gave force to his opinion by accepting at a later period of the evening the office of Chaplain to the lodge. The lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bro. W. J. Messenger was duly presented as W.M. elect, and was then installed in a large board of Installed Masters, and in a most efficient manner, by the retiring W.M., Bro. Newington Bridges, who afterwards completed the ceremony by delivering the addresses to officers and brethren in a most correct and perfect manner. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. J. Messenger, W.M.; J. H. Hastie, S.W.; M. S. Larham, J.W.; Rev. C. C. Domville, M.A., Chaplain; A. Styan, Treas.; J. J. Curtis, Sec.; H. Hammond, S.D.; J. W. Carnell, J.D.; C. Fountain, I.G.; F. Cozens, Org.; J. Stevens, P.M., D.C.; D. A. Ross, W.S.; W. Gray, C.S. The W.M. stated his desire that the office of D.C. should be held by a Past Master, and be considered as out of the rota for promotion, so that the advancement of other officers might not be retarded, and at his solicitation, Bro. Stevens, P.M., agreed to fulfil the duties of that office. Business was at once undertaken by the W.M., who in most excellent manner initiated the remaining two candidates previously balloted for, and Messrs. T. A. Fitzen, and H. P. Jarman, were severally admitted to the Order. A Past Master's jewel of the elegant and valuable description worn by former P.M.'s of this lodge, was presented to Bro. Bridges, I.P.M., and a Past Treasurer's jewel of equal value was unanimously voted for presentation to Bro. Dr. E. Cronin, who had filled that office since the formation of the lodge. Candidates were proposed for initiation at the ensuing meeting, and the lodge was then closed with musical service, Bro. Coote presiding, during the temporary absence of Bro. Cozens, at the harmonium. The banquet was provided in the large canteen of the corps, the tables being plentifully adorned with large and valuable epergnes, cups, and other prizes won by the members of the lodge. Amongst them our attention was especially directed to the elaborate Macdonald Lodge cup, a work of beautiful design and of considerable cost, a gift from the lodge to the corps, and which has been held by Bro. Curtis, the Secretary to the lodge, as prize winner; as also to the magnificent Bread-street Ward epergne, a challenge prize, which has been won by Bro. Messenger, the newly installed W.M. The late Colonel Macdonald's cups, Major Irvine's shield, and other similar trophies

gave evidence that Masonry and rifle practice went hand in hand in the Macdonald Lodge. The costly dinner service bearing the device of the lodge and presented to it by one of its earlier members, Bro. Rassam, of Abyssinian celebrity, was also brought into requisition on this occasion, and generally the surroundings of the entertainment were in unison with the position and celebrity the Macdonald has attained. The cloth having been cleared and the loving cups, the Macdonald Lodge cup, and Colonel Macdonald's cup, having circulated, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, that of "The past and present Officers of Grand Lodge" being responded to by the W. Bro. Henry Bridges, P.G.S.B. and D.P.G.M. Somerset, who thanking the lodge for the reception accorded to him, took occasion to express his pleasure at having the ceremony of installation so ably performed by his nephew, the outgoing Master, and the subsequent ceremonies of initiation so well carried out by the W.M. and his officers. To the toast of "The W.M." Bro. Messenger responded with much feeling, thanking the proposer (Bro. Newington Bridges) for his allusion to the fact of his initiation in the lodge and that he was the first of the lodge's children to attain the high position he now held. He expressed his anxiety from the first to attain that position, and his acknowledgments to former officers and brethren who had aided and stimulated his exertions towards that object, and concluded a brief but forcible speech by proposing the toast of "The Past Masters." Bro. Major Irvine in one of his usual excellent speeches, in the course of which he reviewed the past proceedings of the lodge, returned thanks on behalf of the Past Masters, and trusted that, as he believed would be the case, in the future the same prosperity would attend its labours. Bro. Else, Provincial Grand Senior Warden, Somerset, responded on behalf of "The Visitors" in complimentary terms of satisfaction with all which they had seen, heard, and enjoyed. "The Initiates" was replied to by both of the newly admitted brethren then present (Bro. Domville, the Chaplain, having retired before the closing of the lodge), and the several other toasts were also duly acknowledged. The evening's proceedings were enlivened by the excellent performance of Bros. Cozens, Cootes, and others, and terminated with the "Tyler's toast."

LEBANON LODGE (No. 1326).—After a recess of six months this well established lodge commenced its session by meeting on Saturday, May 16th, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton, Bro. W. Hammond, W.M. presided. There were present during the afternoon and evening Bros. H. A. Lubois, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, W.M. 1423 S.W.; J. W. Jackson, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; L. Hayward, J.D.; J. T. Moss, P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, P.M.; J. C. Woodrow, P.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M.; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; R. Limpus, P.G. Organist, Middlesex; W. G. Laving, P.M.; H. Gloster, T. Wheeler, W. Mitchell, J. G. Fessett, T. W. Stone, G. Shott, W. Staunton, J. J. Marsh, James Lawrence, Josias Lawrence, Robert Lawrence, J. W. Baldwin, C. Heitzmann, G. R. Turnbull, E. Larking, J. Hurst, and some others. The visitors were Bro. Col. F. Burdett, R.W.P.G.M. Middlesex; R. Mabson, 100; T. Price, J.D. 946; W. Smeed, P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex, P.M.; G. W. Malim, 1423; W. A. Simmons, 1423; F. H. Webster, I.G. 1309; and others. The minutes of previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots proved favourable to all the candidates for initiation. The work done was initiating Mr. G. R. Turnbull, and passing Bro. J. W. Stone to the second degree, the work being well and ably done. On motion made by the Secretary, Bro. F. Walters, ten guineas were unanimously voted from lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The W.M., Bro. W. Hammond, P.M. 201, on his motion got five pounds voted from the charity fund of the lodge for the male annuity fund of the Royal Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons, both amounts to be paid in the name of the W.M. for the time being. Three gentleman were proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed, and a good cold collation was served.

Royal Arch.

LIVERPOOL.—*Mariners' Chapter* (No. 249).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on the evening of Friday, the 8th instant, when there was a large and influential muster of companions. Comp. J. F. Jones, Z., presided at the opening, and amongst the others present were Comps. J. Hamer, P.Z.; W. J. Lunt, P.Z.; J. Healing, P.Z.; W. Doyle, H.; H. Pearson, J.; J. S. Dixon, E.; W. C. Bulman, N.; J. E. Jackson, P.S.; Joseph Wood, Treas.; Rev. P. Hains, Chaplain, P. Ball, Janitor; W. Roberts, W. Laidlaw, P.Z. 216; P. B. Gee; G. S. Willings; C. Leighton, J. R. Goepel, P.S. 86; A. Bucknall; W. Curtis; J. Chisnall; T. H. Hall; R. Carter; J. Archdeacon; H. Firth; J. Marshall; J. E. Skillicorn; W. Heath; Jose F. Larza; W. Nash; C. Warner, &c. The list of visitors included the names of Companions J. Pemberton, P.Z. 1094; W. Shortis, H. 1094; W. T. May, P.Z. 580; P. M. Larsen, P.Z. 220; T. Clark, 673; J. Skeaf, Z. 216; J. Goodman, 823; and C. S. Hikins, 203. After the transaction of some formal business, Comp. J. Hamer, P.Z., proceeded to instal Comp. W. Doyle, H., as Z. of the chapter, and after he had been duly placed in that position, he invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. H. Pearson, H.; W. C. Bulman, J.; Joseph Wood, Treas. (re-elected); Rev. P. Hains, Chaplain; J. E. Jackson, P.S.; J. S. Dixon, S.E.; P. B. Gee, S.N. Comp. Peter Ball was unanimously re-elected Janitor. Comp. Hamer, who is a recognised veteran in excellent working, performed the ceremony of installation in a remarkably able manner. Bros Evans, Carter, and Jones, were exalted during the meeting, and in the course of the evening Comp. J. F. Jones was presented with a handsome P.Z. jewel, in recognition of his valuable services.

PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).—The installation meeting of this prosperous chapter was held at the "Horns Tavern," Kennington, on Monday, the 11th instant. The chapter was placed in mourning for the late Comp. S. C. Davison, the M.E.Z., whose decease took place on the 23rd January last. The chapter was opened by Comps. James Stevens, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; Henry Smith, H.; Chas. Hammerton, J.; H. C. Levander, P.Z., and Treas.; R. H. Harvey, P.Z.; Joseph Nunn, P.Z.; John Read, P.Z.; William Watson, P.Z.; William Worrell, M.E.Z.; William Preston Chapter; and the following companions were present during the convocation, viz:—Comps. Rev. W. B. Church, N.; T. Pulsford, P.S.; T. Poore; C. Burrell; Newington Bridges; T. Heffer; R. B. Bryant; G. Waterall; M. S. Larham; F. Levander; R. N. Field; and J. Gilbert. The minutes of the previous convocation having been confirmed, Bro. William Hislop Van Baerle, of the British Lodge, No. 8, was duly exalted into the Supreme Degree with full ceremony and addresses. The following companions were then installed and invested, respectively, as officers for the ensuing year, viz:—Comps. Henry Smith, M.E.Z.; Chas Hammerton, H.; Rev. W. B. Church, J.; James Stevens, P.Z., E.; G. Waterall, N.; H. C. Levander, P.Z., Treas.; M. S. Larham, P.S.; T. Poore, S.A.S.; R. N. Field, J.A.S.; R. B. Bryant, Steward; and J. Gilbert, Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee, which presented a very favourable financial result, after liberal donations to charitable purposes, was read and adopted. The sum of five pounds, to be added to a former vote of equal amount, was voted for the purpose of constituting a Life Governorship in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in memory of the late M.E.Z., to be called the "Davison Governorship," and to be at the disposal of the Treasurer for the time being. A similar Life Governorship, in memory of the late Comp. Thomas, P.Z., had been created during the past year. The resignation of Comp. Worthington, P.Z., in consequence of business engagements in the country, was accepted with earnest expressions of regret, and the resignation of Comp. T. Pulsford was also accepted. Propositions for exaltation at the ensuing meeting were received, and the chapter was then closed.

The companions partook of an excellent banquet, provided in first-rate style by the new host of the "Horns" Tavern, which gave unqualified satisfaction, and was supplemented by a very generous gift from the M.E.Z., who received hearty congratulations on his advancement in Masonic position, and whose health, after the usual preliminary toasts, was cordially drunk and responded to by him in his customary genial and courteous manner. A most enjoyable evening was passed in that perfect harmony and good companionship which has been characteristic of this chapter from its foundation, and the members separated at a seasonable hour, well pleased with the entire proceedings of their ninth anniversary.

Scotland.

EDINBURGH.—*The Lodge of Edinburgh Mary's Chapel* (No. 1).—The last monthly meeting of the season of this lodge was held in the lodge room, Waterloo place, on Tuesday evening, the 12th inst. There were present on the occasion, Bro. Bailie Muirhead, R.W.M.; Abbott, P.M.; Officer, P.M.; Mann, P.M.; Melville, P.D.M., President Board of Grand Stewards; Captain Shanks, Royal Marines L.I., J.G.W., Prov. Grand Lodge of Devon; Schopp, R.W.M.; Lodge Canongate Kilwinning No. 2, accompanied by a deputation; H. R. Hendrie, P.M., Lodge Journeymen, No. 8; Roy, D.M.; Dr. Dickson, S.M., and a numerous attendance of other brethren. In the temporary absence of the R.W.M., the lodge was opened by Bro. Roy, D.M., after which the minutes were read and confirmed. A petition was then read from Bro. Edward Massey Hay, Roslin, Mid Lothian, a M.M. of the Lodge Hornsey, No. 890 (E.C.) craving to be affiliated a member of the lodge, which having been unanimously approved, Bro. Hay was duly affiliated, and at a subsequent part of the evening gave the brethren an interesting sketch of his experiences as a Freemason in various distant parts of the world, and of the advantages of Freemasonry to those whose avocations lead them to travel abroad, a remark which was amply corroborated by Bro. Captain Shanks. In accordance with a previous resolution of the lodge to confer honorary affiliation on Bro. H. P. Hendrie, P.M. of the Lodge Journeymen No. 8, in recognition of his lengthened and well known services to the Craft, and of the friendly relations which have always existed between the lodge No. 1, and the lodge No. 8, one of its most thriving and vigorous offshoots, that brother presented himself, and was affiliated in common form, amid the applause of the brethren. A gratifying part of the proceedings of the evening consisted in the presentation of a piece of plate, and a P.M.'s jewel, to Bro. W. J. Crawford Abbott, whose name has been familiarly identified with the lodge for a considerable number of years past. Bro. Abbott has been in office for at least seven consecutive years of that period as Secretary, Sub-Master, and latterly as R.W.M., an office which he vacated on St. John's Day, 1872, and during his connection with the lodge, he has worked incessantly and disinterestedly in furthering its welfare. The R.W.M., in making the presentation, adverted in a highly complimentary manner to the good work Bro. Abbott had done for his mother lodge, and how pleasing it was to him, personally, to be deputed by the brethren to place in his hands that gift expressive of their appreciation of his services in the various offices he had filled. He hoped that Bro. Abbott would not estimate their gratitude by the size or value of the gift, but accept as a little representing a great deal. The R.W.M. concluded by placing the piece of plate in Bro. Abbott's hands, and by fixing the jewel on his breast, amid much applause. Bro. Abbott, in reply, said that he felt great difficulty in expressing himself in terms adequate to an occasion so gratifying to him. It did not require this mark of their approval to keep him in mind of the gratitude he owed to the lodge. After serving in several subordinate offices, he was raised by the goodwill of the brethren to the responsible position of Master, in which position

he received the most generous support from the office-bearers and brethren. He would ever look back to the two years of Mastership as the most pleasant of his life. While occupying the chair he endeavoured, as was his duty, to do all he could not only to advance the interests of the lodge, but those of the Craft at large; and although he had never "passed the chair," the brethren might always reckon upon him in any emergency so long as health and strength were vouchsafed to him. Bro. Abbott concluded by adding that as he had devoted much time to Masonry, he considered it just to do homage to claims of an important nature by allowing Mrs. Abbott to receive her own pleasure in the selection of the gift, a remark which elicited much applause. On the motion of brother officers it was unanimously agreed to record on the minutes an expression of regret at the death of Bro. Alexander Hay, a Past Treasurer, and (with the exception of two) the oldest member of the lodge. Bro. Hay was initiated in the year 1822, and has thus been connected with the lodge for the long period of 52 years. This concluded the business, and the lodge was closed according to ancient form.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mark Lodge*, No. 102, held their usual meeting on Monday, May 11th. There was a good attendance of members, Bro. J. Mitchell, R.W.M., in the chair. There was one candidate who was duly admitted into the Order by the P.M., Bro. T. Halket.

GLASGOW.—*Star Lodge*, No. 219, met on the 11th. Their fine new Hall was crowded with members and visitors, Bro. Joseph Wilson, R.W.M., in the chair; J. Logan, S.W.; Jas. Duthie, acting J.W.; Bro. Miller, Sec. There were two candidates for initiation, and a request was preferred from the Lodge Union and Crown, 103, to initiate two for them. This was readily acceded to, and Bro. A. M. Wright, R.W.M., of 103, proceeded to initiate the four gentlemen in a careful and praiseworthy manner. The lodge was then raised to the second degree, and five brethren were duly passed to that degree, Bro. J. Gilles, R.W.M. of 103, giving the degree. The lodge was again raised, and that sublime degree was conferred on three brethren by Bro. P. M. Bain. This concluded a long evening's labours, the brethren having had the opportunity of seeing the three degrees worked by three excellent workers of the mystic art.

GLASGOW.—*Union Lodge* (No. 33).—This lodge held an emergency meeting on Monday, May 11th, to initiate a gentleman who was about to sail for Canada. The lodge was opened at 8 p.m. by Bro. J. MacNair, R.W.M.; Bros. McHurdy, S.W.; J. McConnachy, J.W.; J. Balfour, P.M., as Past D.M.; and J. Murray, Secretary. The 1st and 2nd degree were wrought by the Master, Bro. J. Pash gave the obligation of the 3rd, and Bro. J. Balfour the lecture and concluding charges.

GLASGOW.—*Glasgow Lodge* (No. 441).—This lodge held their monthly meeting in their own hall, Struthers-street, on Tuesday, May 12th, the R.W.M., Bro. W. H. Jackson, in the chair, Bros. W. Taylor, P.M.; Thallon, S.W.; J. Mason, J.W.; and A. Rennie, Secretary. A deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge, consisting of Bros. M. W. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G., acting Grand Master; J. B. Walker, P.G.T.; A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G.S.; G. Thallon, P.G.J.D.; J. Balfour, P.G.D. of C.; James Gilles, P.G.S.B.; and Wm. Phillips, P.G.I.G. The P.G. Secretary reported that after a minute examination they had found all the books perfectly correct and well kept. The P.G.M. said it was always a source of pleasure to be able to speak well of the lodge they were visiting, and in this instance it was all the more satisfactory, as they had had occasion to refer to the minutes for the past five years, and they found they had been always accurately kept. As the lodge was aware they had some trouble with one of their late members, Bro. Thomas Stratford, whom they had expelled for unmasonic conduct in joining and acting as the Master of an unrecognised lodge; that gentleman had appealed to the Grand Lodge, who had sent his appeal back to Provincial Lodge to be enquired into. When before that body, he had made certain statements

land, of which he was a Grand Deacon, and in subordinate Lodges, Chapters, and Encampments. He was an earnest promoter of all the Masonic charities of England, of one of which, the "Asylum for Aged and Decayed Freemasons," he was the founder. In 1834, he established the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, and continued to edit it for six years, during which period he contributed many valuable articles to its pages.

In 1840, through the machinations of his enemies, (for he was too great a man not to have had some), he incurred the displeasure of the ruling powers; and on charges which, undoubtedly, were not sustained by sufficient evidence, he was suspended by the Grand Lodge for six months, and retired from active Masonic life. But he never lost the respect of the Craft, nor the affection of the leading Masons who were his contemporaries. On his restoration, he again began to labour in behalf of the Institution, and spent his last days in advancing its interests. To his character, his long-trying friend, the venerable Oliver, pays this tribute:—"Dr. Crucefix did not pretend to infallibility, and like all other public men, he might be sometimes wrong; but his errors were not from the heart, and always leaned to the side of virtue and beneficence. He toiled incessantly for the benefit of his brethren, and was anxious that all inestimable blessings should be conveyed by Masonry on mankind. In sickness or in health he was ever found at his post, and his sympathy was the most active in behalf of the destitute brother, the widow, and the orphan. His perseverance never flagged for a moment; and he acted as though he had made up his mind to live and die in obedience to the calls of duty."

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

DR. DESAGUIERS IN HIS OLD AGE.

In the "Encyclopædia Britannica" (8th ed., 1857), we are told that Jean Theophile Desaguiliers, D.D., was born at Rochelle, March 12th, 1683, and he died in 1749, aged 66. After giving a short sketch of his career it goes on to say, "The following lines, of the poet Camthorn, depict the indigence and neglect into which he fell in his old age."

"How poor, neglected, Desaguiliers fell!
How he who taught two gracious kings to view
All Boyle ennobled, and all Bacon knew,
Died in a cell, without a friend to save,
Without a guinea, and without a grave."

Now in reference to the above, I would respectfully ask, if any reader of *The Freemason* can tell us under what circumstances Desaguiliers was so left in his old age? This is of all the more interest to us, as Freemasons, seeing the active and prominent part he took in the formation of the Grand Lodge of England.

W. P. BUCHAN.

AN ANCIENT CHARGE.

The following charge was dictated by a very old Freemason, since deceased, to Bro. James Fredk. Spurr, F.R. Hist. Soc., P.Z., 18°, who has sent it to us for publication:—

"Brother—You stand before me a representative of the second birth. Remember from henceforth thyself, and all the twice born, shall live to the newness of life; from henceforth earnest piety and strict moral virtue must be thy end and aim, and of all the twice born, for singly is each man born, singly he dies, singly receives the reward of his good deeds, and singly the reward of his evil ones, therefore be earnestly pious, strictly virtuous, for in thy passage from this life to the next neither father nor mother, wife nor child, kinsman nor friend, can bear thee company, thy piety and virtue alone, if sincere will remain with thee, with piety and virtue to accompany thee thou wilt traverse a gloom how hard to be traversed."

CURIOUS REMINISCENCE OF SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY.

A curious document has just come to light, tending to prove that Freemasons and the Roman Catholic Church were not always at such open enmity, as one would believe from the fierce anathemas hurled against its members by the

Sovereign Pontiff and his followers. It is a list of the brethren composing the original Scotch Lodge of John of Scotland, holding its warrant and constitution from the Orient of Paris, in 1778. Amongst the officers and members of the lodge, who belonged to all classes of society, may be seen that of the Abbé Bartolio, Worshipful Master, and a Rosicrucian; Abbé Robinson, Rosicrucian; Abbé Durand, prior of Entraignes; Master Don Chabriet, Benedictine Friar attached to the Monastery of Cluny, Rosicrucian; and many others. It may also be remembered that his Holiness the Pope, and many of his cardinals, notably Antonelli, are not only Masons, but have worked their way up to the degree of Rosicrucians.

Masonic Tidings.

At a special court of the governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, Bro. Richard Brown, J.W., of the Merchants' Lodge (241) was elected hon. secretary of the institution, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. Captain Mott.

Owing to the proprietors of "The London Warehousemen's Association" having been compelled somewhat suddenly to relinquish their occupation of 33, Gutter-lane, the meetings of the Great City Lodge of Instruction will be discontinued until some other meeting place can be found.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 29, 1874.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, May 23.

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, May 25.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.

" 26, Castle and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall.

" 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.

" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 905, De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Great Ilford.

Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.

" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-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. Gottheil, Preceptor.

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

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Tuesday, May 26.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.

" 92, Moria, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.

" 259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

" 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tavern, Walworth.

Chap. 28, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 167, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

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

Palestine Rose Croix Chapter, 33, Golden-square.

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

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, May 27.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.

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

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

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

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

" 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.

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; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.

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 Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.

Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

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

Thursday, May 28.

General Committee, Girls' School, at 4.

Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

" 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.

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

Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 657, Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.

" 834, Andrew, Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.

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

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Angle 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.

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.

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, May 29.

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

Knight Templar Preceptory 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Inn Richmond.

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 & Horses, High Road, Tottenham.
 Union C'ub of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, May 30, 1874.

Monday, May 25.
 Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
 " 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
 Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30.
 Tuesday, May 26.
 Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1393, Hamer, 2A, Windermere-street, Breck-road, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.30.
 " 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.
 Wednesday, May 27.
 Lodge 86, Loyalty, Assembly Rooms, Prescott, at 6.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms Inn, Ashton-le-Willows.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheatheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
 " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 " 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 4.30.
 " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 " 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
 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.
 Thursday, May 28.
 Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Lodge 1313, Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-street, Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Springs.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hotel, Kirkham.
 " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.
 Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
 Saturday, May 30.
 Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, May 30, 1874.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, May 25.
 Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 210, Star, 12, Trongate.
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.
 " 541, Marie Stuart, Masons' Hall, Crosshill.
 Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, James-street.
 Tuesday, May 26.
 Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.
 Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.
 " 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 117, Govan, Parkland Hall, Govan.
 Wednesday, May 27.
 Lodge 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carluke.
 Friday, May 29.
 Lodge 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollokshaws.
 " 347, St. John's, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 30, 1874.

Monday, May 25.
 Lodge 145, St. Stephen, Masonic Hall, Writers' Court, at 8.
 " 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.
 Tuesday, May 26.
 Lodge 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.30.
 Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.
 Red Cross Conclave 4, Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Writers' Court, High-street, at 8.
 Wednesday, May 27.
 Lodge 2, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-st, at 8.
 " 112, St. John's, Royal Hotel, Edinburgh, at 8.
 Thursday, May 28.
 Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.
 Friday, May 29.
 " 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

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divisions and cabals, and to dissensions innumerable amongst the Russian Freemasons.

Up to that time, our English Masonic system had received the direct approval of the Government, because altogether peaceable, loyal, and unpolitical, and had attracted to it some of the best names in Russia, as may be seen from an interesting account of "Freemasonry in Russia," translated from "Le Monde Maçonnique," and which will appear in the June number of the "Masonic Magazine."

About 1821, as it is well known, all the Masonic lodges in Russia were closed by order of the imperial authority, and have remained so ever since, there being little doubt but, that the peculiar views and teaching of the High Grades, which abroad are ever a cause of dissension, and a cause of weakness to Craft Masonry, had attracted the attention of the Government, not otherwise unfriendly.

Indeed the ceaseless dissensions and cabals of the High Grade Masons, and the divisions which existed in Russian Freemasonry, gave, we feel it right to express our opinion, legitimate cause for the apprehensions and decision of the lawful authorities,

But it is perhaps not impossible that, if Russian Freemasonry could divest itself, were its resuscitation permitted, of those extraneous and hurtful accessories, and revert to its personal simple English form of an entirely unpolitical and benevolent association, many of the old objections to its existence would be loosened and eventually removed.

So we shall hope, that as time passes on, the former Anglo-Russian Masonic system may be revived, with the full approval of the imperial authorities, and resume its peaceful labours, duly intent on promulgating its great and benign principles of active corporate beneficence and charity, brotherly love, sympathy, and liberation for all mankind.

THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

We congratulate the House Committee of the Girls' School, and Bro. R. W. Little, on the most successful result of the gathering of Wednesday last, the 13th inst.

Our third Masonic Charitable Festival for 1874, has come and gone with increasing tokens of Masonic sympathy, and liberality. As Bro. Binckes observed, "It seems as if our charitable anniversaries have proceeded at 'crescendo' time since while the trio have produced the large total in all of over £21,000, they have stood respectively at £6,000, £7,000, and £8,000.

We therefore beg to express once more, our hearty felicitations to all concerned in the management of the Girls' School, and in the arrangement of the Festival.

It says something for the energy of the Stewards, and not a little for the kindly liberality of our Order, that, this last anniversary was so entirely successful, alike in its appeal, and in its results, and, that, so large a response has been made to the claims of that most excellent Institution, in order to render it still more serviceable to the many applicants for its happy home, and its admirable education.

It seems, that, in a previous article, we slightly underrated the increase of the number of orphans since the last anniversary.

Twenty-eight additional pupils have actually been received, Bro. R. W. Little tells us, since 1873, and with the exception of about ten, or fifteen more at the outside, the present building, we believe, cannot be made to accommodate by any means a larger number.

Let us rejoice to think, that, we as an Order, can boast of so admirable a school, unique in its organization, standing out prominently amidst a host of educational institutions, as remarkably successful, and perfectly adapted to the end in view, a kind and parental training of the young girls, on whom in the providence of God, the terrible trial of orphanhood has fallen.

And with this feeling of pride and rejoicing, of confidence in the House Committee, of approval of the educational authorities, may it be our aim not to relax our efforts, or stay our hands in the liberal support of our Masonic Girls' School.

There is no Masonic charity in which we may feel a more legitimate contentment and pride, and there is no educational institution in the country which has a more abiding and rightful claim on our fraternal sympathy and material aid.

Those, too, who take an interest in the proceedings of educational establishments, will have been deeply pleased with the report of the distribution of prizes by Bro. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, and his kindly Countess, on Monday last, the 11th.

It is most gratifying to read such an account of the result of the labours of the pupils, and to note so much proficiency in every branch of study or emulation.

The girls seem to be thoroughly happy, healthy, and contented, educated with great care and skill, and fitted, as far as friendly human help can fit them, for the after struggles and sterner battle of life.

Let it be a subject of rejoicing to us as Freemasons, that, while many idle and hurtful controversies abound about education, what it is, and what it should be, we have so far practically solved the difficulty by giving to these interesting orphans, as sound, as good, as practical, as valuable an education as can possibly be given under any circumstances. The actual condition of the Girls' School reflects the highest credit on the governing body, on Bro. Little, and above all on Miss Davis, and those associated happily with her, in the active and ever blessed work of education.

The following is from Richmond, Indiana, U.S., and it is certainly a note which deserves to be found and attended to, by the proper authorities, though of course mishaps will occur in all postal deliveries.—Ed.

BRITISH MAILS.—To illustrate the interest taken by the English P.O. Department in mis-sent letters and papers, we would notice, that a copy of the London Weekly *Freemason* is taken at this P. O., and the No. due here for Oct. 28, 1873, arrived here this week, it having been mis-sent to Melbourne in Australia, 13,000 miles, and then forwarded to New York 15,600 miles, from thence to Richmond—the whole time being nearly six months.

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,

I have read this correspondence with some interest, and think it is a pity these discussions can never be confined to their archaeological limits; the fact that they never can show the bigotry of Masonry, whilst it sets itself up the opponent of such in all other creeds.

We may, I think, reasonably conclude that in ancient times, as now, whilst the mystic nature of the Marks were understood by a few, the mass were ignorant of the signification.

I can show either "Masonic Student," or Bro. Hugan, a Mark ritual furnished to me by the Grand Mark Lodge of England upon which to start the first lodge founded here under their jurisdiction, which makes the odd points compulsory; but to my mind this is the very strongest argument in favour of these writers against Bro. Paton, since it shows the ritual to be a modern concoction, opposed, as it is, to the facts of operative marks.

Few Masons, now-a-days, believe the pretensions of any of the Masonic degrees, and in my opinion the Mark is a spurious Order, not above a century old. The old operative and speculative Masonry (conjoined) gave the Mark with both the first and second degree, as some degrees give stones, tokens, mottoes, characteristics, roses, &c., and the single principle followed seems to have been, that, like Runic or arrow-headed characters, they were to be simple and easy to cut, carve, or engrave. Mystic symbols, when available, were used as now. Other trades, even merchants and literary men, made use of marks in the same way as operative Masons.

It is worthy of enquiry whether the even marks might betoken the 1st, and the odd the 2nd. The Mark degree, I consider no authority either way.

JOHN YARKER, jun.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think that it will be better on the whole for me to withdraw from the discussion on this very interesting topic to myself, who have carefully studied it for years, and leave to Bro. C. Paton the honour of beginning and ending it with puerile personalities.

I have said nothing except in pure self-defence, and when a state of things had been arrived at by Bro. Paton's rejoinder to a purely archaeological communication, in which, to use the words of a very great statesman, he clearly proves that "ignorance was not logic and impertinence was not criticism."

Then it was Bro. Paton told me, as he told Bro. Buchan, that we neither of us knew anything about the matter, that he was in fact alike the only "arbitrator elegantiarum," and "doctor dubitantium," and last week he expressed his conviction that I had never even studied the subject at all, or if I had, I had learnt nothing from my studies, and that I had not even read Laurie or Oliver, though why he brings Oliver in I don't exactly know.

It is in vain Bro. Hugan, by no means given to flatter anyone, tells him, on his personal knowledge, that I do understand what I write about. There is, as we know, no truth to "la credulité des incridules." The truth is Bro. Paton has got into a regular mess; he has struck out into deep water, and has hardly yet learned to swim; he has committed himself to a ridiculous position in which he has unfortunately betrayed his entire ignorance of the subject to all true students; he can't advance; he can't retreat; and so being between Scylla and Charibdis, or rather in the "Caudine Forks" of practical evidence and scientific criticism, he follows the example of that ever memorable "representative of an uncurrent 6s. and 8d." To use poor Powers' words, in "His Last Legs," "I have a deuced bad case, go in and abuse the plaintiff's attorney."

And Bro. Paton has certainly succeeded, as a more ill-mannered, childish, petulant, vulgarly written letter, I never perused.

What can you think of a brother who professes to set everybody else right, and who, clearly, has not yet mastered "the grammar" of Mark Masonry, who confounds, in the most beautiful manner, speculative and operative Marks with the sublimest contempt of evidence, and an utter disregard of all the known facts of the case!

Those of us who have paid attention to marks know that Bro. Paton is utterly wrong, and I beg to refer him to the able treatise of Mr. George Godwin, to the opinion of Mr. Dove, that all that Mr. Street has so well said on the subject, and to the clever statement of a Portuguese writer, that so he may realise what can yet be written on the subject itself.

As regards my not knowing the difference between operative and speculative marks, it is just because I do know the difference, and because I have so closely studied the operative marks, that I do object to Bro. Paton making the incorrect statement on the subject that he has done, the only result of which is to utterly mislead the brethren. I would recommend Bro. Paton, in conclusion, the next time he writes upon a subject so dogmatically and overbearingly, to have mastered its first principles, as otherwise he is an utterly valueless, useless "master of the work," and to clear his head at once of what Carlisle has called so well "bottled moonshine," of which commodity it appears to me Bro. Paton at present possesses a superfluous and extravagant amount.

I am, yours fraternally,

MASONIC STUDENT.

TEMPLARISM AND RED-CROSSISM IN EDINBURGH AND GLASGOW.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On reading the report of the opening of a new conclave of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine in Glasgow, I find that Sir Knight Wheeler rejoices in the fact that "his office bearers are not only high up in Royal Arch Masonry, eight being Principals and two Scribe E.'s, but that they are also Knights Templar, three being Past Commanders and two Deputy Commanders. Now I shall be glad if anyone will inform me how it is that the Knights Templar of Glasgow can become active members of the Red Cross degree, when the Knights Templar of Edinburgh threaten their members with all sorts of pains and penalties should they do so, they even refuse to admit a Red Cross man into their Order, unless he forswears his R. C. connection.

Now the Templars of Glasgow must either be acting in opposition to their Constitution, or the Templars of Edinburgh must be taking a position they have no right to hold—which is it?

ENQUIRER.

THE POPE A FREEMASON.

(To the Editor of *The Freemason*.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The last paragraph of a letter from "P.M." has attracted my attention, and I would so far venture to corroborate the writer and his informant, Dr. Leeson, as to say, that, in Italy it is a well known fact that Pope Pio Nono is a Freemason. I quote from an Italian brochure which I purchased at a kiosk either at Milan or Turin:—

"Il secolo era pieno del nome di Napoleone, di militari e d'idee guerriere, Giare maria canto la battaglia d'Austerlitz, e si fece inscrivere nelle loggie de Francmassoni."

This brochure was selling in great quantities. I need hardly say that it is not very complimentary to the Mastai Ferretti, "già Tenente di Cavalleria." I only quote from it, however, to show the assertion current amongst the Italians.

I have also one of the very common photographs, whereon he is represented in a collar adorned with emblems, &c.

There is not the slightest doubt that Freemasonry has been used for political purposes in Italy—hence his present condemnation of it. I should like much to know the date when he

commenced his crusade against it. Was it not about 1848 or '49, after the Colonna's death?

I am yours fraternally,

W. M.

Reviews.

DR. MACKAY'S ENCYCLOPÆDIA OF FREE-MASONRY, 1874.

I am very pleased to notice the high encomium you pass on the labours of the world-renowned craftsman, Dr. Mackay, and certainly he has only now given an indication even of the extent and variety of his abilities. I presume now he has pretty well fashioned the keystone of his many works, for at his age, and being far from a robust constitution we cannot expect more of such volumes as the "Encyclopædia," which presents within the compass of about one thousand pages the labours for a lifetime of a scholar, a Masonic enthusiast, and a constant searcher after truth.

To my mind nothing equal to it of its kind has ever been produced in Europe or America, and it is impossible to obtain such a mass of valuable and trustworthy (as also interesting) information in any other larger Masonic work besides.

In none can the discoveries and researches of the last three years be found excepting in this grand volume, and in addition to its being a sure guide as to the present condition of Masonic archæology, it is also a repertory of ancient and modern Freemasonry, comprising the whole range of arts, science, and literature, as connected with the fraternity.

I know of no Masonic work to be compared with this one in a linguistic point of view, and many words which in a symbolical sense have reference to our esoteric customs are most exhaustively and learnedly treated and explained. I should much like to afford the readers of the *Freemason* an insight into the general character of the work, but its extent is such as to render that almost impossible. As, however, the splendid book can be obtained at the office of the *Freemason* for two pounds, (or a trifle increase for the extra binding), I strongly advise all Masonic students to procure copies at once, and especially that the officers of Masonic libraries take the opportunity of adding the *Encyclopædia* to their collections.

Because of the size of the volume I cannot spare the time now to particularize its contents, or to carefully note any of the points especially worthy of selection.

I should like also to fraternally allude to some of the articles about which there is a little difference of opinion, and occasionally I should have to differ from the worthy author, but rarely, and not on any important question.

I am glad to find that so able and thorough a Masonic scholar, as also one of the best informed brethren in the United States, agrees in the main with our views in this country, especially with Bros. Woodford, Lyon, and myself, and with our able Bro. Findel of Saxony. When several have thus for years conducted their researches independently, their united testimony at the present time cannot fail to be worthy of respect and careful consideration.

In Dr. Mackay's *Encyclopædia*, all the results of modern researches respecting the history of the Craft are very fully described, and the evidence when conflicting is most fairly presented in a twofold aspect, and every opportunity afforded the reader to arrive at a common sense conclusion. The various decisions as to Masonic legislation, and suggestions respecting Masonic trials, are especially of value, and indeed Dr. Mackay is one of the first, probably the first, Masonic jurist in this country, or in America.

On Adoptive, spurious and semi-Free Masonry the work furnishes copious details, and our Rosicrucian friends will find in its pages, many more particulars relative to the obtruse mystical and symbolical studies than numerous works of a much more pretentious character.

I shall allude to the *Masonic Encyclopedia* shortly again, and meanwhile a hope that the few copies sent over from across the "big pond," will soon be transferred to the shelves of the lodge libraries in this country.

From a few odd sheets of the work we take up casually the following, which will serve to indicate the style of the noble volume.

W. J. HUGHAN.

CRUX ANSATA. This signifies, in Latin, the "cross with a handle." It is formed by a tau cross surmounted by a circle, or more properly an oval. It was one of the most significant of the symbols of the ancient Egyptians, and is depicted repeatedly on their monuments borne in the hands of their deities, and especially Phtha. Among them it was the symbol of life, and with that meaning it has been introduced into some of the higher degrees of Masonry. The crux ansata, surrounded by a serpent in a circle, is the symbol of immortality, because the cross was the symbol of life, and the serpent of eternity.

CROSS, JEREMY L. A teacher of the Masonic ritual, who, during his lifetime, was extensively known, and for some time very popular. He was born June 27, 1783, at Haverhill, New Hampshire, and died at the same place in 1861. Cross was admitted into the Masonic Order in 1808, and soon afterwards became a pupil of Thomas Smith Webb, whose modifications of the Preston lectures and of the higher degrees were generally accepted by the Masons of the United States. Cross, having acquired a competent knowledge of Webb's system, began to travel and disseminate it throughout the country. In 1819 he published *The True Masonic Chart or Hieroglyphic Monitor*, in which he borrowed liberally from the previous work of Webb. In fact, the *Chart* of Cross is, in nearly all its parts, a mere transcript of the *Monitor* of Webb, the first edition of which was published in 1797. Webb, it is true, took the same liberty with Preston, from whose *Illustrations of Masonry* he borrowed largely. The engraving of the emblems constituted, however, an entirely new and original feature in the *Hieroglyphic Chart*, and, as furnishing aids to the memory, rendered the book of Cross at once very popular; so much so, indeed, that for a long time it almost altogether superseded that of Webb. In 1820 Cross published *The Templars' Chart*, which, as a monitor of the degrees of chivalry, met with equal success. Both of these works have passed through numerous editions.

Cross received the appointment of Grand Lecturer from many Grand Lodges, and travelled for many years very extensively through the United States, teaching his system of lectures to lodges, chapters, councils, and encampments.

He possessed little or no scholarly attainments, and his contributions to the literature of Masonry are confined to the two compilations already cited. In his latter years he became involved in a schismatic effort to establish a spurious Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. But he soon withdrew his name, and retired to the place of his nativity, where he died, at the advanced age of seventy-eight.

Although Cross was not a man of any very original genius, yet a recent writer has announced the fact that the symbol of the monument in the third degree, unknown to the system of either Preston or Webb, was invented by him. See *Monument*.

CRUCEFIX, ROBERT T. An English Mason, distinguished for his services to the Craft. Robert Thomas Crucefix, M.D., LL.D., was born in Holborn, Eng., in the year 1797, and received his education at Merchant Tailors' School. After leaving school, he became the pupil of Mr. Chamberlayne, a general and celebrated practitioner of his day, at Clerkenwell; he afterwards became a student at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and was a pupil of the celebrated Abernethy. On receiving his diploma as a member of the Royal College of Surgeons, in 1810 he went out to India, where he remained but a short time; upon his return he settled in London, and he continued to reside there till the year 1845, when he removed to Milton-on-Thames, where he spent the rest of his life till within a few weeks before his decease, when he removed, for the benefit of his declining health, to Bath, where he expired February 25, 1850. Dr. Crucefix was initiated into Masonry in 1829, and during the greater part of his life discharged the duties of important offices in the Grand Lodge of Eng-

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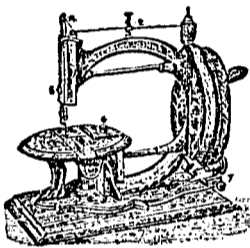
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