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OF

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The Right Worshipful Bro. W. W. EB. BEACH, M.P.,
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The Grand Lodge of this Province will assemble by command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, at Aldershot, on Friday, the 24th day of July next, at high noon, and be close tiled punctually at One o'clock. The brethren will meet at the Assembly Rooms, Aldershot.

The Banquet will take place at the Assembly Rooms, Aldershot, at half-past Four o'clock, precisely. The tickets will be 8s. 6d. each, including a pint of Wine.

In order to insure the comfort of every one who attends, the Worshipful Masters of Lodges are earnestly requested to send (addressed to the Provincial Grand Secretaries, Southampton), the names of all who propose to join the banquet not later than Friday morning, the 17th July.

By command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.

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The Grand Lodge of this Province will assemble, by command of the Most Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, at Havant, on Tuesday, the 21st day of July, at high noon, and be close tiled punctually at half-past Twelve o'clock. The brethren will meet at the Town Hall, Havant.

The Banquet will take place at the Dolphin Hotel, Havant, at half-past Three o'clock, precisely. The tickets will be 5s. each.

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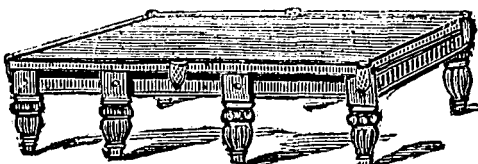
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

COLCHESTER.—*Angel Lodge* (No. 51).—The annual festival of this lodge was celebrated on Wednesday, 24th inst. The lodge was opened at about half-past three, and after the transaction of the usual business, the Installation of Bro. Chas. Cobb as W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with, the ceremony being most admirably and impressively performed by his brother, Bro. Alfred Cobb, P.M. 51, and P.G. S.W. Essex. The new W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. F. A. Cole, I.P.M.; A. Welch, S.W.; G. Gard Pye, J.W.; Rev. C. L. Acland, Chaplain; W. Slaney, Treasurer; T. J. Ralling, Secretary; S. W. Crookes, S.D.; Capt. Tyssen Holroyd, J.D.; C. O. G. Becker, D.C.; I. Harris, I.G.; J. Hanly and C. E. Denton, Stewards; and C. Gunner, Tyler. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master for Essex (Bro. R. J. Bagshaw); the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master for Suffolk, Bro. Lord Waveney; Bro. Sir. Edwd. Greathed, K.C.B. Commanding Eastern District; Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Recorder of Colchester, P.M. 21, Past Junior Grand Warden England; and many other distinguished brethren. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Alfred Cobb for the very excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony of the day; and to the I.P.M., Bro. F. A. Cole, for the assiduity and zeal with which he had fulfilled the duties of W.M. during the past twelve months. Bro. Richard Bolton Barton, LL.D., Past Provincial Grand Master for Western India, stated that the R.W.P.G.M. had desired him to express his great regret that recent illness prevented his attendance, and wishing the new W.M. every prosperity during his year of office. Forty-three brethren subsequently sat down to banquet in the Assembly-Room, Three Cups Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M. The repast was served *à la Russe*, and Bro. Besford's excellent catering elicited the warmest commendation from the brethren. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and in returning thanks for the toast of his health, the I.P.M. reported the gratifying fact that the lodge was a Vice President of the three Masonic charities, two of which had been completed during his term of office. He also stated that the lodge numbered more than 100 members, and was in a flourishing financial condition. The pleasures of the meeting were greatly enhanced by the very fine vocal renderings of Bros. E. Ransford, Donald King, and F. G. Cozens. Among the brethren present, either at the lodge or banquet, were—The Right Worshipful Bro. R. Bolton Barton, LL.D., P.P.G.M. Western India; Bro. John Wright Carr, Prov. Grand Secretary Essex; Bros. H. F. Hills, P.M., P.G. J.W. Suffolk; G. H. Grimwood, Secretary, and Fred. Wheeler, S.W., of No. 1224; A. Gammon, P.M. No. 376; J. E. Wiseman, P.M. and Secretary No. 433; the Rev. Eustace H. Crate, W.M., T. Eustace, I.P.M., T. Rix, Secretary, W. H. Bateman, and R. Hunt, No. 697; A. R. Clench, S.W. No. 1312; and the following brethren of No.

51:—Bros. C. Cobb, W.M., A. Cobb, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., F. A. Cole, I.P.M., P.G.R., Samuel Chaplin, P.M., P.G.S.W.; Henry Samuel, P.M.; T. R. Quilter, P.M.; C. G. G. Becker, P.M.; W. Shury, P.M.; W. Slaney, P.M.; G. Allen, E. Clarkson, S. Cousens, S. W. Crookes, W. W. Daniell, C. E. Denton, L. W. Ford, C. Gunner, J. Hanly, I. Harris, T. S. Holyrod, D. Kerry, T. Mothersole, J. F. P. Osborne, G. G. Pye, T. R. Quilter, T. J. Ralling, H. Sandford, G. Simmons, W. S. Sprent, E. Strong, J. W. Thompson, A. Welch, and Thos. Williams.

PRESCOT.—*Lodge of Loyalty* (No. 86).—The brethren of this ancient lodge held their annual summer festival on Wednesday, the 8th inst., the scene of the day's "out" being the charming neighbourhood of Chester. The party numbered about 50, and started from Lime-street Station, Liverpool, by two saloon carriages, shortly after eleven o'clock, under direction of Bro. Shaw, the local superintendent of the line. On arriving at Chester, the pleasure-seekers at once betook themselves to the Groves, where most of them were soon comfortably seated in a large pleasure barge, to be rowed up to the Dee by four stout and experienced boatmen. Others preferring the exercise of rowing themselves, had a smaller boat, while others drove to Eaton Hall by road. The river was as smooth as it was possible for it to be, and with a clear blue sky and bright sunshine, nothing could be more delightful than that run of seven miles over a charmingly picturesque portion of the Dee. The rich foliage of the woods which skirt the ever-winding margin of the river seemed never to have been so green or so full; and never were so many little pleasure boats of every description gliding up and down as there were on Wednesday. Indeed it was evident that there were many more pleasure seekers visiting Chester, and enjoying a row up the Dee, than were included in the Lodge of Loyalty party. The lady rowers were unusually numerous too, adding very much to the picturesqueness of the scene. Shortly after three o'clock the party sat down to an excellent dinner, supplied by Mr. Bolland, of Chester. Bro. Scott, W.M., occupied the chair, Bro. J. W. R. Fowler, I.P.M., the vice-chair; and amongst other brethren present were Bros. J. W. J. Fowler, P.M.; J. T. Hall, P.M.; S. Morris, P.M.; W. Tyrer, J.W.; J. Vaughan, S.D.; H. Vaughan, I.G.; Beesley, Shaw, Fogg, Simpson, W.M. No. 1384, Kitchen, Holmes, &c. A formal toast list was dispensed with, but the health of the W.M. was cordially drunk, as was also that of Bro. Shaw. Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, sen., with thanks to him for his personal superintendence of the excellent arrangements, Bro. Bolland, with an acknowledgement of his excellent catering; the ladies and other visitors, &c. After dinner most of the party strolled through the lovely grounds of Eaton-hall, the seat of the Duke of Westminster, and about six o'clock the select party returned to Chester, where a capital knife-and fork tea was provided by Bro. Bolland. The train started for Liverpool about a quarter past ten, the arrival taking place about half-past eleven o'clock.

ROCHFORD.—*Lodge of True Friendship* (No. 160).—The installation meeting of this old and flourishing Lodge was held on the 24th June, at the Old Ship Inn, Rochford, when Bro. G. Lucking, P.G.A.D.C., installed Bro. J. H. Wardell, S.W., P.M., and Secretary 1000, and P.J. G.D., as the W.M. for the ensuing year, the whole of the ceremony being very ably performed. The W.M. then invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. A. Lucking, I.P.M.; J. Reeve, S.W.; the Rev. H. J. Hatch, J.W. and Chaplain; H. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treasurer; G. Burgess, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Secretary; W. Bishop, S.D.; W. Allen, jun., J.D.; Thomas Gower, I.G.; G. Goodman, and H. Josling, Stewards; J. Allen, Tyler. It is worthy of note that the Treasurer and Secretary have each served their respective offices nearly twenty years, and that each received the congratulations of the brethren on their re-appointment. The brethren afterwards adjourned to a sumptuous repast, provided by Bro. H. D. Brown, of the Old Ship Inn, and presided over by the W.M., Bro. J. A. Wardell. Among the mem-

bers present, besides those already mentioned, were—Bros. W. S. Allen, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., F. Wiseman, P.M.; James Wiseman, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B.; P. Richmond, P.M.; H. Luker, A. Harrington, J. C. Underwood, Z. Pettitt, W. Frost, H. D. Brown. Visitors—Bros. Willson, 1230, Barrett, 1000, Blackburne, 179. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, some excellent songs were given by Bros. H. Wood, F. Wiseman, J. Wiseman, the Revds. H. J. Hatch, J. J. R. Hemmann, and others, and the brethren separated, after spending a very agreeable and enjoyable evening.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED.—*Lodge St. David* (No. 393).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held within the new Masonic Hall, Parade, Berwick-upon-Tweed, on Tuesday evening, 7th July, 1874. Bro. A. B. Visick, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by no less than seven Past Masters; Bros. Chalmers I. Paton, Winlaw, Wood, Gibson, Macgregor, Moore, Hopper, and an excellent attendance of members. The lodge having been opened with prayer, the minutes of previous meetings read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for admission of a gentleman, and declared unanimous, a gentleman who had been previously balloted for was initiated into the mysteries. The notice of motion by Bro. Winlaw to invite the Provincial Grand Lodge to a "Kettle" was unanimously agreed to; and the motions of Bro. J. S. Macgregor, P.M., occupied a good deal of discussion, and having been decided against him, he gave notice of appeal to the Provincial Grand Lodge. An oration was given by Bro. Chalmers I. Paton, Past Master, and listened to with great attention by the whole of the brethren, and so pleased were they, that a request was made by the Worshipful Master that it should be sent to *The Freemason*, that when it appeared in print the members would have an opportunity of getting it. There being no further business the lodge was closed in ample form, the brethren joining hands and singing a song, "Weel may we all be, until we meet again," when all parted to meet again on another night.

SUTTON.—*Frederick Lodge of Unity* (No. 452).—The ordinary July meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Station Hotel, Sutton, Bro. A. J. Dickinson, W.M. Bro. Manning was passed to the 2nd degree by the W.M., after which, Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.M., took the chair, and introduced his son, Mr. Charles Magnus Ohren, accountant, and Mr. Samuel Henry Christmas, warehouseman, into Freemasonry. The ceremony was of course ably performed in the hands of such a distinguished Mason. The following motions, notices of which had previously been given, by Bro. Magnus Ohren, were carried.—"That bye-law No. 17 be altered as follows—"Each subscribing member at the lodge meeting in May, in each year, shall pay for the current year's subscription the sum of £3 3s., or the sum of 10s. 6d., on the following conditions, viz.:—"The £3 3s. subscription shall entitle the member to all the lodge privileges of a full subscribing member, but he shall in addition to the subscription of 10s. 6d. pay the sum of 15s. for each banquet he partakes of. Any 10s. 6d. subscribing member may change to the £3 3s. subscription by paying that amount to the Treasurer at the May meeting in any year, and any £3 3s. subscribing member may change to the 10s. 6d. subscription on giving notice at the May meeting in any year, and paying that amount to the Treasurer—provided always that all arrears be paid at the time of giving notice." "That bye-law No. 3, be altered as follows—"That from and after the present year the meetings will be held on the third Tuesday in each month, instead of the first Tuesday as at present." The Treasurer's report showed a balance in hand at the end of June of £49 15s. Stewards' names were afterwards given to represent this lodge in the three festivals of next year, and were as follows:—For the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons, and Widows of Freemasons, Bro. Manning; for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the W.M.; for The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Bro. George

Wright, S.D. Mr. George Christie of Perry Hill, Sydenham, was then proposed for initiation, and the brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet.

MALDON.—*Lodge of St. Peter* (No. 1023).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, High Street, Maldon, on Thursday afternoon. After the business was completed, an adjournment was made to the Blue Boar Hotel, where an unusually excellent repast awaited them. The tables were tastefully decorated, and the hostess, Mrs. Hickford, well deserved the expressions of satisfaction she received. The new W.M., Bro. W. W. Moffatt, occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. W. Humphreys, G. P. Jay, T. Aldham, and J. W. Quilhampton, P.M.'s; the Rev. E. R. Harwood, P.M., P.P.G.C.; S. Ratcliff, W. F. Francis, W. C. Bell, W. Wright, C. Clarke, F. Freeman, and R. Nightingale; A. C. Veley, Thomas Smeed, J. Nicholls, and T. Wood, P.M.'s, and F. Whitmore, 276; the Rev. E. H. Crate, W.M. 697, P.P.G.C.; Thomas Eustace, P.M. 697, and John Wright Carr, Provincial Grand Secretary, P.M. 160, &c., &c. Owing in great measure to the holding of meetings on the previous day at Colchester, Grays, and Rochford, the muster was not large, but a very pleasant evening was spent.

HAMPTON.—*Lebanon Lodge* (No. 1326).—An emergency meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, July 2nd, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. Brother W. Hammond, W.M., presided. The lodge was opened at half-past three. Messrs. C. Horne, J. Worster, J. Brogden, and C. W. Baker were initiated. Bros. D. D. Weinhausen, 1423; M. Underwood, 1423; and M. Munday, 142 were passed; and Bros. H. Faija, 1423, and T. W. Stone were raised. All the work was performed by the W.M. in an admirable manner. There were present during the afternoon and evening Bros. Walters, P.G. Steward; Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; E. Gilbert, S.D.; R. W. Williams, Organist; J. J. Marsh; W. Y. Laing, P.M.; H. Jones, and many others. The visitors were Bros. D. R. Raw, P.M., 969; Burhitt, 933; W. Lane, S.W., 28; W. Munday, 1423; H. Faija, 1413; D. D. Weinhausen, 1423; M. Underwood, 1423; and others. A cold collation followed the work. The usual toasts were given and responded to.

ALDERSHOT.—*Aldershot Camp Lodge* (No. 1331).—The regular monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on the 2nd inst., when the W.M., Bro. McKenzie, with the following officers, and a good attendance of the brethren, were present, viz:—Bros. Captain Richardson, P.M. and Treasurer; Smith, S.W.; Bennett, J.W.; Lucas, Secretary; Anderson, S.D.; J. Walton Mayer, J.D.; Griffiths, I.G.; Burns, Tyler. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken separately for two brethren as joining members, which were in each case unanimous. Bros. Kitson, Edmonds, and Rowsell, were interrogated to ascertain their proficiency in the first degree, which proving satisfactory, they were each entrusted with a test of merit, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, those brethren were admitted, and duly proposed as F.C.'s the explanation of the Tracing Board being given by Bro. Captain Richardson. Bros. Knight, and Hopkins having proved themselves proficient in the second degree were entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the third degree, and those brethren raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the W.M. notified that the R.W. P. Grand Master had intimated his intention of holding the annual meeting of the P.G. Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, at Aldershot, on the 24th inst. After several propositions for candidates for initiation had been made and seconded, Bro. P.M. Richardson, in appropriate terms, proposed and Bro. Bennett, J.W., seconded, and the brethren resolved unanimously, that a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late lamented Bro. J. Rankin Stebbing, D.G.M. of the Province, and P.G.D. of England, be

recorded in the lodge minutes, and that a copy of the resolution be prepared and forwarded to his next of kin, through the P.G. Secretary. The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer about half-past nine o'clock, and adjourned until the first Thursday evening in August.

LANCASTER.—*Duke of Lancaster Lodge* (No. 1353).—The annual festival and installation of this young and flourishing lodge, took place on Wednesday, July 1st, at the Masonic Hall, Lancaster, when there were present—J. Bell, W.M.; W. Heald, S.W.; W. S. Carr, Acting J.W.; J. Acton, Hon. Sec.; J. Ellersbaw, Acting S.D.; R. Wolfenden, J.D.; R. Parkinson, S.S.; J. Taylor, Organist; J. Watson, Tyler, Bros. E. Terry, W. Dixon, T. Longmire, H. Coates, J. Kent, Wm. Harrison, J. Bannister, F. G. Dale, D. Pattison, W. Jackson, Visitors, J. Hatch, P.M. and Treas. 281; E. Simpson, P.M. and Hon. Sec. 281; T. Dodgson, P.M. 995, W.M. 1390; J. Case, P.M. 995; E. J. Wilson, 950; J. Lowett, J.S. 281; E. Airey, W.M. 281; W. Stewartson, S.D. 950; H. Eankrozer, P.M. 61. At two o'clock the W.M. opened the lodge in regular form. The minutes of the preceding meetings were read and confirmed; the lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. J. Bell, W.M., vacated the chair, which was taken by the Installing Master of the day, Bro. Thomas Dodgson, P.M., Z. 995, and W.M. 1390. Bro. W. Heald, the W.M. Elect, was then presented by Bros. Bell, W.M., and Barrow, P.M. The usual questions were read and assented to, and the lodge was opened in the third degree, when the W.M. elect was presented to a Board of Installed Masters, and was then installed into the chair of K.S., by the Installing Master, in his usual able and impressive manner. The New Worshipful Master was saluted in the three degrees by the brethren, who then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, viz:—Bros. J. Bell, I.P.M.; J. Acton, S.W.; W. S. Carr, J.W.; J. Ellersbaw, Treas.; J. Conlon, Sec.; R. Wolfenden, S.D.; J. Bannister, J.D.; E. Ferry, I.G.; J. Taylor, Organist; R. Parkinson, S.S.; Longman, J.S.; and J. Watson, Tyler. A beautiful P.M. jewel was then presented by the newly installed Master to Bro. J. Bell, the retiring P.M., by the members of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge, as a token of their esteem, July 1st. 1804. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Longmire's, West View Hotel, Morecambe, where the banquet was held. The new W.M., Bro. Heald, presided, supported on his right by Bro. Dodgson, the Installing Master, Lieut. Airey, 24th L.A.V., W.M. 281; Simpson, P.M. and Hon. Sec. 281; B. Hutch, P.M. and Treas. 281; while on his left were B. Bell, I.P.M.; Rev. E. Chadwick, B. Barrow, P.M.; and others. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with great applause. P. M. Bell, in eulogistic terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was drank with the utmost enthusiasm, demonstrating that Bro. Heald, the W.M., was held in the highest esteem by every member of the lodge. The W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for the very high honour it was their pleasure to bestow upon him so unanimously, and he promised to them that during his term of office, it would be his bounden duty to have the landmarks of the constitutions most rigidly carried out, for by so doing the lodge he was then Master of would be respected, and he trusted that his officers would render him every assistance in their power, and would feel grateful for their constant attendance at the lodge meetings, so that the working of Masonry might be carried out in the "Duke" with satisfaction to the brethren. The W.M. then gave "The Health of Bro. Bell, I.P.M.," who in responding, thanked the brethren for the kind presentation he had received from them that day (a Past Master's jewel) which it would be the pride of his life to wear on all Masonic occasions, and after his days had closed, would hand it down to his offspring, as a family heirloom. "The Health of the Wardens," was given by Bro. F. G. Dale, which was drank most enthusiastically, and briefly responded to by Bro. Acton, S.W., and Bro. W. S. Carr, J.W. Bro. Barrow,

P.M., proposed "The Health of the Installing Officer, Bro. S. Dodgson, P.M. and Z. 295, and W.M. 1390, and in doing so dwelt largely on Bro. Dodgson's very able and impressive ceremony, which was a treat to such of the brethren who had listened to it. Bro. Dodgson, in responding, was received with the utmost enthusiasm, over and over again. He said it gave him great pleasure to attend at any time when it lay in his power to do anything for Masonry, as far as his feeble efforts could advance it. He took great interest in the Duke of Lancaster Lodge, and was proud to see it advancing in the manner it was doing, and was glad to know that the working was done with so much perfection, he exhorted every brother to use his utmost vigilance on behalf of Masonry, and it ought to be the aim of every brother to endeavour to attain to that high position, they had the pleasure that day of placing their W.M. in. He sincerely thanked them for their kind invitation that day, and hoped that the G.A.O.T.U. might spare him for many years to come to see numbers of W.M.'s installed into the chair of K.S. in the Duke of Lancaster Lodge. The health of Bro. J. Case, P.M. 995, was then given and received most enthusiastically by the brethren. He thanked them for this kind expression, and was very happy at all times to do his best to advance the cause of Masonry. P.M. Hartly, in rising to propose the next toast, said he felt great pleasure in doing so, as no doubt when they heard what it was it would be received with the utmost enthusiasm; it was "Prosperity to The Lancaster Lodges—the Fortitude, the Rowley, and the Duke of Lancaster." It gave him great satisfaction to be called on to give the toast—he was able to name his Mother Lodge (The Fortitude) first. He coupled with the toast, Lieut. Airey, W.M. 281; P.M. and Hon. Sec. Simpson, 281; and P.M. and Treas. Hatch, 281. W.M. Airey in responding, stated that it gave him great pleasure to be amongst the brethren of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge that day, and hoped that unanimity might long prevail among the brethren forming the Lancaster lodges, and that nothing but a kindred spirit of rivalry should exist to stimulate them in their march in Masonry, and invited the brethren of the Duke to the meetings of the other two lodges, so that a spirit of emulation might exist in their working, for there was always something to be learned. He thanked them most sincerely for the very kind and enthusiastic manner they had received the toast. P.M. Simpson in responding, said after the able remarks of W.M. Airey there was nothing for him to add, but he might say he attended the meetings of the Duke, and was proud to see the lodge so prosperous, and he hoped that nothing but amity and good feeling should always exist among Masons, no matter which lodge they belonged to. P.M. Hatch in responding was received with great enthusiasm. He knew very well they would require something from him, and stated this was not the first time he was received at their hospitable board, for he was present at the consecration and first installation of the lodge. He then went on giving good practical advice to the brethren, and stated that that day would be a red-letter day in his life, for he never witnessed an installation where the ceremony was delivered with so much perfection, and he was sorry that Bro. Dodgson had left before he had the opportunity and satisfaction of personally thanking him for his abilities. Considering the number of installations he had witnessed, never in his life did he listen to such a beautiful ceremony before. The Treas. and Sec. were toasted and were briefly responded to by Treas. Ellersbaw and Sec. Conlon. The junior officers were then given. Bro. Wolfenden, S.D., responded on their behalf. "The Visiting Brethren" were given. Bro. Stewartson, S.D. 950, responded, and thanked the W.M. for his kind invitation, and stated the happy incidents of that day would be long imprinted on his memory. Bro. Eankrozer, P.M. 61, also responded, and said it gave him great pleasure to be among them that day, as he was highly delighted, and would write to his lodge and inform his brethren in Yorkshire with what open friendship he was received by his Lancashire brethren. The W.M. next gave "The

Masonic Charities." Bro. Bell, I.P.M. responded, and urged the brethren to subscribe liberally to such institutions, as they were doing immense good. He himself had been made a life governor of the West-Lancashire province during his year of office, by a vote of the members of the lodge, and further intimated that he would not be satisfied until the W.M. of the lodge should be a life governor of all the charities. (Applause). Several other toasts followed, including "The Host and Hostess," when "The Tyler's Toast" brought the banquet to an end, every brother appearing delighted. It may be remarked that great praise was given to Bro. Longmire for his catering. The banquet was enlivened during the day with the singing of Bros. Wood, Crane, and Parkinson.

LIVERPOOL.—*De Grey and Ripon Lodge*. (No. 1356).—No lodge in the province of West Lancashire has made greater progress in respect to numbers, or more maintained its influence and position with respect to the quality of its members, than the *De Grey and Ripon Lodge*, No. 1356; and, therefore, the proceedings in connection with the annual gathering of its members on Wednesday week, the 8th inst., were marked by the greatest success and satisfaction. As an introduction to a long day of business and pleasure, the brethren were summoned to meet in the lodge room, No. 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, at eight o'clock in the morning, when and where the ceremony of installing Bro. Edward O. C. Rothwell, W.M.-elect, was fixed to take place. Even with this early hour for attendance on Masonic duties, there was a very large and most influential gathering of the brethren, who thereby evinced their great interest in the interesting day's proceedings. Bro. Thomas Evans, W.M., opened the lodge in ample and solemn form, supported by Bros. B. B. Marson, P.M.; S. E. Ibbs, P.M.; A. Winkup, P.M.; E. O. C. Rothwell, S.W.; J. Bell, J.W.; J. Ireland, Treas.; J. Jones, Sec.; T. Horne, S.D.; T. Nickson, J.D.; C. Costigan, S.; R. Roberts, S.; and W. G. Veale, Org.; and a full attendance of members of the lodge. After the minutes of the previous lodge meeting had been duly read and confirmed, the retiring W.M., Bro. Evans, proceeded to install his successor, Bro. Edward O. C. Rothwell, as the W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The whole of the ceremony was performed by Bro. Evans in a most masterly and effective manner, thus closing a year's office in a style which reflected the highest credit upon him as a student of the Order. The W.M. subsequently invested the following as his officers:—Bros. J. Bell, S. W.; T. Horne, J.W.; J. Ireland, Treasurer (re-elected); J. Jones, Secretary (re-appointed); W. G. Veale, Org.; T. Nickson, S. D.; Williams, J.D. (by proxy); C. Costigan, I.G.; Bros. Roberts and Woolbridge, Stewards; and Bro. P. M. Larsen, P.M., 594, was elected Tyler of the lodge. The business afterwards comprised the voting of a jewel to Bro. Veale for his invaluable services as Organist, to the lodge, and after this had been appropriately acknowledged, the lodge was closed in harmony. Business over, the brethren of the lodge, with the numerous body of visitors, proceeded to the Lime-street station of the London and North-Western Railway, where they joined a very large and brilliant bevy of ladies. Getting on board a train of special carriages, the jolly party, numbering about 250 persons, started shortly after eleven o'clock for the lovely and picturesque region of the Overton-hills. The railway arrangements were of a very satisfactory kind, superintended as they were by Bro. Shaw, and the very large party arrived at Frodsham shortly after midday. "Tracks" were at once made for the top of the hill, where a very excellent dinner was provided by Mr. Rigby, the dining arrangements being all the more creditable to the caterer from the fact that only about half the number of those who were actually present was guaranteed. As it was, the arrangements of the long and pleasant summer day's out were of the most satisfactory kind, and every one could not but have been highly delighted with the excursion. There was much jollity over the ascent of the hill, after the party had arrived at the station, and when the summit

was reached there was a sufficiency of interesting sights to satisfy the most exacting. The views from the tops of the Overton Hills are unequalled in this neighbourhood, and therefore the curious at once rushed to each point of the extensive range to gaze upon a picture of the most captivating character; but, in the midst of this sight-seeing, the party did not forget the all-important dinner, which had been liberally provided by Mr. Rigby. Dinner over, the ladies and brethren were subsequently invited to witness the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. T. Evans, I.P.M., made by the W.M. (Bro. Rothwell), which formed one of the choicest features of an excellent programme, inasmuch as it was made the means of recognising the valuable services rendered by Bro. Evans to the lodge. The "Health of the W.M.," which caused the greatest enthusiasm was given by Bro. Evans, I.P.M., who spoke very highly of the choice made by the brethren, and wished he might have as comfortable, happy, and prosperous a year of office as he (Bro. Evans) had enjoyed. Bro. E. O. C. Rothwell, W.M., in returning thanks, assured the brethren that he would spare no efforts in his endeavour to fulfil the duties of the chair to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. The W.M. then said he had now the most pleasing duty to perform of proposing the health of, and presenting a P.M.'s jewel to, Bro. Thomas Evans, I.P.M. He thought himself right in saying that a more worthy Master he could not mention, and therefore, he had all the greater pleasure in presenting him with the jewel as a token of the esteem in which he was held by all the brethren. (Hear, hear). He wished Bro. Evans long life to wear it, and trusted it would be looked upon by his children as a token of the high place he held in the affections of the brethren of the *De Grey and Ripon Lodge*. Bro. Evans very feelingly acknowledged the presentation, and hoped he would have some one to whom he could hand down the jewel as the gift of a goodly number of good men. (Loud cheers). "The Press," given by the W.M., was acknowledged by Bro. MacKenzie. "The Ladies," happily proposed by Bro. Ibbs, P.M., was most felicitously acknowledged by Bro. A. Winkup, F.M. What with dancing, croquet, roaming through the woods, and other kindred amusements, the afternoon passed most pleasantly; and, as a very valuable commemoration of the day's out, Bro. Burrows, the clever photographer, took a capital group of the general company, which will doubtless be treasured as a memento of the pleasant day's out by those who were photographed. Tea was served during the afternoon, and about nine o'clock the party made their way to the station at Frodsham, where a special train was provided, and arrived safely in Liverpool at eleven o'clock; very much delighted with their day's out at the Overton Hills. Excellent music was provided by a detachment of the band of the 80th L.R.V. (Press Guard), under the conductorship of Bro. Veale, the band master of the corps.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mungo Encampment* met at St. Mark's Hall, on Monday, June 29th, when a Priory of Knights of Malta was opened, Sir Knight Robert Bell, Prior; G. W. Wheeler, Recorder, acting Prelate; F. Halliday, Aide de Camp, when the following Knights of the Temple were elected Knights of Malta, and entrusted with the secrets of this degree, namely, Sir Knights James Loutitt, and Wm. H. Ellis. The meeting was then made special for the consideration of the pecuniary position of the encampment.

GLASGOW.—*Caledonian Unity Chapter* (No. 73) met at 170, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, 29th June. G. McDonald, Z.; G. Wheeler, H.; J. Tweed, J. Visitors J. Duthie, Z. of 67; and Comp. Britchan, 33, from Richmond, Virginia, U.S., who expressed his pleasure at being able to see the working of a Scotch Chapter, though it was only opened in the Mark Degree, as there was an application from the lodge for the use of the Hall.

GLASGOW.—*Thistle and Rose Lodge* (No. 73) held an emergency meeting on Tuesday, June, 29th, in their hall, Buchanan-street. G. McDonald, I.P.M., in the chair, J. Bannerman, S.W.; Wm. MacGregor, J.W.; G. Wheeler, Chaplain; A. McThaie, Sec.; visitors J. Butchan, 33, of Virginia, U.S.; J. Duthie, P.M., 219; J. Balfour, P.M., 332; and J. Tweed, No. 9, Mother Kilwinning. All three degrees were worked, the first by Bro. Balfour, of 332, the second by Bro. J. Duthie, of 219, and the third by the acting R.W.M., all the ceremonies being most efficiently rendered.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Kilwinning* (No. 4) held their monthly meeting in their own hall, on Wednesday, July 1st. The R.W.M., Bro. Thorborn, was early at his post, but the candidate being unable to attend, the only business done was the raising a relief fund for the assistance of a worthy distressed brother.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Caledonian Railway* (No. 354) held their monthly meeting in St. Marks' Hall, July 1st. Bro. James Shaw, R.W.M., presiding, assisted by Bros. J. Stratford, S.W.; J. Dolman, acting J.W.; J. Dunn, Sec.; and A. A. Smith, P.M. There was one candidate for initiation, and the new R.W.M., by the careful way in which he performed the ceremony, is evidently determined that the ancient prestige of the lodge shall not suffer at his hands. The brethren were all highly gratified with the working of the Master.

GLASGOW.—*Clyde Lodge* (No. 408).—This lodge met on Friday, July 3, at 170, Buchanan-street. Bro. D. Downie, R.W.M., presiding, assisted by Bros. J. McGinnis, S.W., and Edward Acking, J.W. The work, which was excellently rendered, consisted of an initiation by the R.W.M., and a passing and raising, which ceremonies were performed by R. Mitchell, Depute Master and P.M. of 332. The lodge subsequently, after considerable discussion, agreed to raise the annual subscription of the lodge, so as to form a fund to increase that already set apart for benevolence.

GLASGOW.—*Glasgow Chapter* (No. 50) held their monthly meeting at 213, Buchanan-street, on Thursday, July 9th. Comps. John Miller Z.; T. Brownlie, H.; Wm. Bell, J.; James Leutitt, Scribe E.; J. Duthie, Z. 67, acting 1st S. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, when one brother was advanced to that degree by the R.W.M.M. A lodge of Excellent Masters, and subsequently, a Royal Arch Chapter, were opened, when Comp. James Crabb, P.Z. of 50, conferred both those degrees on three of the Mark Masters present, Comp. Duthie acting as P.S.

GLASGOW.—*St. Rollox Chapter* (No. 144) held its monthly meeting on Friday, the 10th inst. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened with R. Bell, Z., as W.M.M., J. McLeish, S.W., and T. Annand as J.W. Visitor Bro. Shield, of Boston, U.S. Subsequently the chapter was opened, and Comp. Shaw was unanimously elected Scribe E., in the place of Comp. Reid, who, since he has been called to the chair of St. Andrew, could not find the time to devote to this office. Comp. Shields was then unanimously elected an honorary member of the Chapter, and imparted considerable instruction to the Comps. by showing them the way a chapter was opened in America. Comp. Wheeler expressed his regret that there had not been a conference called of the English speaking Masons and Royal Arch Comps. so as to assimilate the working, as England, Ireland, Scotland, and America each having at present their own peculiarities, and each differing from all the others. Comp. Shield and Comp. Bell, Z., fully endorsed these views; Comp. Shield arguing that no one should be allowed to fill the chair, either of a lodge or chapter, till he was conversant with the different modes of working, as long as they were allowed to exist, so that visitors from a foreign jurisdiction might find no difficulty in gaining admission to any properly constituted body, if he gave the correct replies, according to the ritual he had been made under.

GLASGOW.—*Star Lodge* (No. 219) met in their own hall, 12, Trongate, on the 6th instant. Bro. J. Wilson, R.W.M., in the chair; J. Duthie, S.W.; J. Horn, J.W. The work consisted of

one passing and two raisings, which were admirably rendered by Bro. J. Bain.

GLASGOW.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 3¹) met in their own hall, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, the 7th instant. The R.W.M., Bro. T. Fletcher, presiding, assisted by nearly all the office bearers of the lodge. There was one gentleman for initiation, who was introduced into the Order by Bro. Wm. Bell, the Deputy Master, in a faultless style.

GLASGOW.—*Thistle and Rose Lodge* (No. 73). This lodge met, on the 7th instant, at 170, Buchanan-street. G. Weston, R.W.M. in the chair; A. McLeod, acting S.W.; Wm. McGregor, J.W.; G. McDonald, I.P.M.; R. Richards, Sec. At the conclusion of the lodge business the R.W.M. announced the death of the Earl of Dalhousie, and paid a well-merited compliment to his memory. Bro. G. McDonald, I.P.M., spoke of the truly Masonic qualities that had always characterised the noble Earl when he sat on the Masonic throne at Edinburgh, and while officiating at the laying of several foundation stones at which he had been present.

GLASGOW.—*Scotia Lodge* (No. 148) held their monthly meeting on the 8th instant, at which there was a full attendance of members. Bro. John Miller, R.W.M., in the chair, who was assisted by Bros. J. Gardner, S.W.; J. Nott, J.W.; James Singleton, P.M.; John Mathison, I.P.M.; G. H. McNaught, R.W.M. 275; G. Thallon, P.M. 362. One brother was passed to the second degree by P.M. Singleton. The lodge having been raised to the third degree, Bro. Thallon, on behalf of the St. Clair Lodge, requested that a brother of theirs, who was going abroad, might be raised along with the four for the Scotia. I.P.M. Mathison then, at the request of the R.W.M., conferred the sublime degree on five brethren in a style which showed that his late severe illness had not materially weakened either his bodily or mental powers.

GLASGOW.—*St. Andrew's Lodge* (No. 465) held an emergency meeting at 3 o'clock on Saturday, the 11th instant, to confer the degrees on some brethren who were going to India. The R.W.M., Bro. David Read, was punctually at his post, and was well supported by office bearers, J. M. Leish, D.M.; J. Clark, S.W.; A. Youlle, J.W. The three degrees were all wrought, and then the lodge was closed in harmony, with kind wishes for the brethren who were going abroad.

LEITH.—*Lodge Canongate and Leith* (No. 5).—On Thursday evening, the 7th inst., the usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held in their lodge room, Constitution-street, Leith. There was a large number of brethren present, and after the business more immediately connected with the lodge had been transacted, several eminent members of the Craft were proposed by the Right Worshipful Master, Bro. John Laurie, Grand Secretary, G.L. Scot., for affiliation, which was unanimously and most heartily agreed to. Deputations from various lodges having been received, the Right Worshipful Master proceeded with the work of affiliation. The following brethren were affiliated and duly enrolled members of the ancient and most honourable lodge, viz:—Chevalier Thevenot, of the Grand Orient of France; the Hon. Joseph King Wattly, Chief Justice, Pro. Grand Master, West India Islands, Tobago; Captain Charles Hunter, of Glencarss, P.G.M. of Aberdeenshire, East; Rev. Dr. Gray, Grand Chaplain; Edward Pike Albert, Esq., London; D. Swanston, R.W.M. Lodge Caledonia, Edinburgh, No. 392; P. Nevin, Esq., Lodge No. 8, Edinburgh; John Hervey, Esq., Grand Secretary, G.L. of England; James Smith, Esq., Roman Eagle, No. 160; Charles Sey, Esq., No. 36; and George M. Davidson, Esq., Lodge No. 405. The R.W.M. having gone through the ritual, the several brethren present in turn advanced to the throne, and in expressive and appropriate terms replied to the Right Worshipful Master's oration. The R.W.M. thereafter called the lodge to refreshment, and gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, and in proposing the Grand Lodge of Scotland, alluded in feeling and graceful terms to the loss the brethren had

sustained through the death of two of its most esteemed and honoured members, Lord Dalhousie, P.G.M., and Lord James Murray, D.G.M. The next monthly meeting will be almost exclusively a musical reunion, when it is expected that several brethren of talent not unknown to fame will honour the lodge with their presence.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons for Suffolk was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at Lowestoft, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Waveney.

Lowestoft is the only town in the province, except Ipswich, which has more than one lodge of Freemasons, and, singularly enough, it contains both the oldest, Lodge Unity, No. 71, and the youngest, Lodge St. Margaret, No. 1452, the last named having been consecrated by Lord Waveney about six months ago.

The two lodges entered most heartily into the pleasurable work of receiving the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the arrangements made were most excellent. The streets were gay with flags and festoons, particularly in the neighbourhood of the Masonic Hall and the Town Hall, where the meetings were held. The Finance Board met in the morning at the Masonic Hall, and Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall.

All the lodges in the province were represented, and the muster was one of the largest for many years, about 140 being present. Among the brethren present were V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C. of England; the Rev. E. I. Lockwood, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; Bro. W. Bobby, P.G.S.W.; Bro. J. F. Hills, P.J.G.W.; Bro. S. Freeman, P.G. Treasurer; Bro. W. H. Lucia, P.G. Secretary; Bro. A. Barber, P.G.O.; Bro. W. E. Bailey, P.G.A., Secretary; Bro. Emra Holmes, P.G.R., Bro. A. Gamman, P.G.S.B.; Bro. Newson Garrett, P.P.G.R.; Bro. F. B. Strathern, P.P.S.G.W.; Bro. W. O. Chambers, P.P.G.S. of W.; Bro. N. Tracey, P.P.J.G.W.; Bro. C. S. Pedgrift, P.P.G.R.; Bro. S. B. King, P.P.S.J.D.; Bro. J. S. Gissing, P.P.J.G.W.; Bro. S. H. Wright, P.P.G.R.; Bro. Hayward, P.P.G.D.C.; Bro. F. B. Burtall, P.P.G.P.; Bro. T. Williams, W.M. 71; Bro. Major Allez, W.M. 1452; Bro. Benjamin Head, P.G.D. of England; Bro. the Rev. T. G. Beaumont, P.G. Chaplain, and a few distinguished visiting brethren from other provinces.

Ten guineas were voted for the Masonic Girls' School, and the same sum for the Boys' School, and £5 each to the Royal Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons, and for the widows of Freemasons. There were also three grants made of £5 each to the widows of three old Masons in this Province.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the next two years.—P.G. J.W., Bros. W. O. Chambers, 1452, Lowestoft; Captain C. J. T. Oakes, P.G. Reg., 1008, Bury St. Edmunds; Thomas Marks, P.G.A.D.C., 71, Lowestoft; Smith 516, Stowmarket, T. F. Lucia, 1008, Bury St. Edmunds, and H. Sidney, Ipswich, P.G. Stwds. Bro. S. Freeman, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Syer, as Tyler. Bro. the Rev. A. Moore was then appointed and invested as Chaplain.

The R.W.P.G.M. congratulated the province of Suffolk on the large amount sent up for the aged Freemasons on the occasion when he presided, the subscription on that occasion being, he remarked, the largest ever obtained, except on one occasion, when the Prince of Wales presided. His lordship also congratulated Provincial Grand Lodge on the steady growth Freemasonry continues to make in the province. The Provincial Grand Lodge, his lordship announced, will be held next year at Ipswich.

The brethren formed in procession, under the superintendence of Bro. Emra Holmes, Prov. G. Reg., and P. Prov. G.A.D.C., who at the special request of the Prov. Grand Master, acted as Grand Director of Ceremonies, in the absence

of Bro. C. Long, and who was ably assisted in his arduous duties by Bros. N. Tracey, and S. B. King, P. Prov. G.S.D., and preceded by their respective banners, and headed by an excellent band of the East Norfolk Militia, marched to St. Margaret's Church, where an excellent sermon was preached, by the Rev. T. G. Beaumont, the P.G. Chaplain for the past two years. The service was full choral, and was very effectively sung by the choir, which is one of the best in Suffolk, and numbers about 40 members, Bro. Mann, the talented organist of the church, accompanied, and Bro. A. J. Barber played the voluntaries. The collection amounted to about £13 4s., and was devoted to the Lowestoft Hospital, and the Infirmary. After service the brethren again formed in procession, and went back to the Town Hall, to finish the business of the Grand Lodge, which was then formally closed.

We ought not to omit to notice that prior to closing, Bro. Bobby brought forward an admirable scheme for concentrating the energies and votes of the province in aid of the various charities. Bro. Garret supported the scheme, as did also Bro. C. J. Martyn. It was however, strongly opposed by Bro. Strathearn, and on the motion to carry it into effect being put from the chair, it was rejected by a narrow majority, a feeling seeming to prevail amongst the brethren that Ipswich, with its four lodges, would acquire a paramount influence over the other lodges in the province. The Acting Director of Ceremonies suggested that the Grand Master's sword was non est inventus and the P. G. Secretary was directed to enquire into its loss, and purchase a fresh one if necessary. It was a subject of remark, that whilst the meeting had been freely advertised in the local papers, *The Freemason*, the only organ of the Fraternity, was not included. Hence no doubt the paucity of visitors from other provinces.

The brethren, to the number of about 120, afterwards sat down to the capital banquet, most liberally supplied by Bro. Clark, of the Suffolk Hotel. The menu was such as must have gratified the most fastidious, the dessert was profusely abundant, and the wines were of the finest vintages.

After the usual loyal toasts, Lord Waveney gave "The health of the G.M. of England (the Marquess of Ripon) and the Grand Officers," for which the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain, responded.

The D.P.G.M. Bro. the Rev. E. I. Lockwood, then proposed "The health of the D.G.M., Lord Waveney," which was enthusiastically drunk.

Lord Waveney, in responding, expressed his deep sense of the courtesy and good feeling invariably shown towards him by the brethren, and said it would be an encouragement for him to persevere in the course he marked out for himself when he first took the office. His Lordship then proposed "The health of the Provincial Grand Officers," for whom the Rev. E. I. Lockwood responded.

The "Visiting Brethren from other provinces" was then given from the chair, and was responded to by Bro. Carr, P.P.G. Secretary of Essex.

The P.G.M. gave "Success to the Lodges of the Province," with especial thanks to the Lowestoft lodges for their magnificent hospitality.

Major Allez and Bro. Williams, the Masters of the Lowestoft lodges, suitably responded.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was next given from the chair, and responded to by Bro. Head.

The P.G.M. then expressed his acknowledgments to the P.G. Secretary, and the other P.G. Officers, for their valuable assistance; and afterwards left to take the special train, which had been kindly provided by the Great Eastern Company, but which, unfortunately, though it left Lowestoft at half-past seven, did not arrive at Ipswich till after midnight.

The chair for the remainder of the evening was taken by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, who first proposed in very eulogistic terms "The health of the P.G. Secretary, Bro. W. H. Lucia," who, in responding, urged the claims of the Masonic charities, and congratulated the lodge on having given to those institutions £150 during the last

five years, besides having spent a good deal in relieving widows of deceased members, and in addition to the large amount which had been sent up from private lodges and individual members.

The Chairman then gave "The health of Bro. Strathearn," who responded. This was followed by the toast of "The Press," acknowledged by Bro. J. F. Lucia, of the *Bury Free Press*; "The health of the Organist, Bro. Mann," who briefly acknowledged it, and to whose great professional merit Bro. Fearnside bore testimony; and "The Ladies" responded to by Bro. Bowler, and Major Allez.

During the evening some capital songs were sung, and everything passed off most pleasantly.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The annual summer festival of Mark Grand Lodge, in aid of the Benevolent Fund attached to it, was held on Wednesday last, at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Sir Edmund H. Lechmere formerly a Deputy Grand Master of the Order presided; about 70 brethren and ladies supported him. Among the brethren were Bros. Col. Burdett, H. C. Levander, Rev. D. Shaboe, Charles Horsley, Charles Lacey, D. M. Dewar, J. H. Wynne, W. Roebuck, S. Rosenthal, E. M. Haigh, F. Richardson, Clement Stretton, E. Spencer Stidolph, W. C. Gilles, W. Hudson, N. J. F. Bassett, George Page, L. J. V. Cerexhe, F. Binckes (Grand Secretary), and H. W. Binckes, (Assistant Secretary).

The banquet was admirably served by Bro. Palmer, the proprietor of the Greyhound, and when the cloth was removed, the chairman proposed the Mark Masonic toasts.

In proposing the first toast "The Queen, and and Mark Masonry," he said that usually in Masons' lodges the speeches were a great deal too long, which was a Masonic secret he was not afraid of imparting, but he was sure that the brethren and ladies present would give the same hearty appreciation and enthusiasm to the toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," as they had always done. The many revolutionary changes which had taken place in the last 50 years had made no alteration in this respect.

The toast having been cordially greeted, the Chairman next proposed "The Grand Mark Master Mason, the Right Hon. Earl Percy, M.P.," and in doing so said the company would all sympathise with his lordship in lately losing so distinguished a member of his family as the lion from the top of Northumberland-house. His lordship's absence from that meeting was probably due to his having to superintend his re-erection at Sion House. All Mark Masons owed him a deep debt of gratitude for the way in which he presided over the Order, and wished that his health would enable him to come more frequently than he did among them. Such an enthusiastic Mason as he was would always be of immense service to the different branches of Freemasonry.

The Chairman then, in appropriate terms, proposed "The Past Grand Masters, Lord Leigh, the Earl of Carnarvon, Viscount Holmesdale, M.P.; W. W. Beach, M.P., and the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A." He remarked that this was a long and distinguished list of noblemen and gentlemen for Mark Masonry to preside over it since it was established as a Grand Body in this country; and Mark Masons ought well be proud in having secured such eminent men as their rulers. He was happy to say that on the first occasion of this Benevolent Fund Festival being held the then Grand Master, Bro. Portal, presided over the company. They met at the Mitre, Hampton Court, and had a very successful meeting.

The Chairman next proposed "The Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Limerick, and the Grand Officers, present and past." The Earl of Limerick he said, was also a most energetic Mason, both in the Craft and Mark, and had always given great assistance to the various degrees of Masonry. The rest of the Grand Officers had won for themselves a title to the respect of their brethren, and had zealously promoted the extension of the

degree, and the cause of the Benevolent Fund.

Colonel Burdett responded, and took the opportunity, he said, although he was called upon unexpectedly to inform the chairman and brethren that he was ready at all times to be of whatever service he could to Freemasonry. (Hear, hear).

The Chairman then gave "Prosperity to the Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, and the Masonic Institutions." The company had met for the double purpose of mutual enjoyment and promoting the interests of the Benevolent Fund. It was exceedingly pleasing to him to see ladies assembled to take part in the enjoyment of the evening. It was well-known that they always took a leading part in the cause of charity, and they had been of great assistance to this fund. It had been with much satisfaction that he had visited the Masonic institutions, which were a memento of what the Order had done in a good cause. With Freemasons charity was a goodly principle, but it was also a principle with them to do a great deal of good without making a show of it. Of this Benevolent Fund, this was peculiarly the character; and yet was established to do a vast amount of good. With this toast he should couple the name of Bro. Binckes, (cheers) who was the Grand Secretary of the degree, and was also Secretary to the Boy's School, and who in both capacities had been an indefatigable worker in the cause of Masonry. He, the chairman, remembered as an old Mason, the school under both Bro. Binckes's and his predecessor, and he had watched the progress it had made. It was exceedingly gratifying to him to have seen its progress, and all the whole body of Freemasons were under great obligations and a deep debt of gratitude to Bro. Binckes, for the efforts he had made in bringing the school to its present state of perfection. The toast was one which would be acceptable to the whole of the company, and it was one which he had great pleasure in proposing.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

Bro. Binckes thanked the chairman for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the heartiness with which they had received them. With respect to the Masonic institutions he had certainly done his best for many years to advance their prosperity, and it was as much pleasure to him as it was to the chairman to see the Boys' School, the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution so rapidly increasing. The number of boys in the school had extended in a few years from 70 to 178, the girls from 90 to 146, and the Benevolent Institution's pensioners were over 200. £25,000 were annually collected on behalf of these institutions by the liberality of the brethren, and he need hardly ask the company whether a better proof was required of the good which was being effected by this great Order. They might depend upon it that their generosity was not, and would not be thrown away. More or less their good deeds had followed them, and he hoped that any brother who had not yet visited the Institutions would do so, and see the practical effect of what they were doing. The Boys' School at Wood-green, the Girls' School at Battersea Rise, the Benevolent Institution at Croydon were always open to inspection, and an inspection could only lead to their still further support. Unless the brethren and ladies did go and see them they could have no idea of the amount of good that was being done. He could assure them they were deserving of all the assistance that could be bestowed on them. Speaking then of the Mark Benevolent Fund he gave a history of its formation, and said it was intended to assist poor Mark Masons, their widows and children. Happily up to the present time there had been no large demands upon it, and they had already had six anniversary festivals on its behalf, including the present. It had contributed to the Masonic Institutions; but about £20 would cover all the gifts it had had to make to poor Mark Masters. The fund now amounted to £400, which was well invested. But he was sorry to tell them there had just occurred two deaths which would necessitate an appeal to this fund. Bro. Binckes then mentioned the names of the deceased brethren, for neither of whom might they have expected an

appeal to the charity of Freemasons would be made. He afterwards read the lists of donations brought in by the Stewards, amounting to some £200 (cheers), and thanked the brethren and ladies heartily for what they had done.

Col. Burdett proposed "The Health of the Chairman," who responded, and proposed "The Ladies," for whom Colonel Wigginton replied. Bro. C. Levander acknowledged "the Health of the Stewards," and the party shortly afterwards returned to town, having spent a most agreeable day.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Madame Thaddeus Wells, who was assisted by Miss Lucy Franklein, and Bros. George Buckland and Frank Elmore.

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.

The quarterly convocation of this society was held at the Royal Masonic Hall, Regent-street on Thursday, 9th July.

The M * * * * C * * * * was opened in the usual manner by the Supreme Magus, Frater R. Wentworth Little, and after the confirmation of the minutes, read by Frater William Robert Woodman, Secretary General, a communication from the High Council of the Order was then made. The accounts of the society, duly audited, were approved.

There were five candidates for the grade of Zelator, several of whom had been balloted for at former meetings of the college.

The usual arrangements having been completed, the following brethren, being Master Masons and of good repute, were then, in ancient form, admitted to the degree of Zelator:

Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.M., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; Bros. Eugene Thiellay, Devey Fearon Ranking, B.A.; Thomas Massa, Frederick Keily.

These gentlemen having been duly admonished, retired, and on their re-admission, received the rite of perfection at the hands of Frater C. F. Matier, Chief Adept of the Manchester College, assisted as Chaplain by Frater Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie, (known as Cryptonymus). It was proposed and carried by acclamation that a letter, couched in proper terms, should be sent to the widow of Frater William Carpenter.

Frater Captain Hunter, representative at the Metropolitan College of the Eastern Division of Scotland, moved a resolution of fraternity and good will from that college.

Frater Matier moved a similar resolution on behalf of the College of Manchester and East Lancashire, which was received in a thoroughly fraternal spirit. It was also moved from the east that a jewel be presented to Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, for his services to the Society.

Frater Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie then read a paper on "Rosicrucian Vitality," which was kindly received by the Frateres.

Among the Frateres present not specified above, we observed Frateres Hyde Pullen, the Rev. P. M. Holden, Captain George Lambert, James Willing, Jun.; George Kenning, T. Cubitt, Boyd, Foulger, Sigismund Rosenthal, Still, and others.

The college then adjourned its meeting until the month of October, and partook of a slight refecton, under the admirable management of Mr. Nichols, the entrepreneur of the Café Royale.

At a Masonic Lodge held sometime since in Bombay, India, there were present nine native brethren, three of whom were followers of Zoroaster, two of Confucius, and four of Mahomet, assembled together around one common altar, and engaged in the worship of one common God. What an illustration of the universality and unsectarian character of Freemasonry.

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The Freemason,

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THE TRUE MISSION OF FREEMASONRY.

Though we had purposely limited, somewhat, that expansive range of vision and of theory which has marked for some time some of the continental writers on Freemasonry, in our last article, we by no means intend, nor do we profess to take at all a narrow view of the true mission of Freemasonry. We hold most strongly and tenaciously, that Freemasonry has a mission, and a very good one in the world, and among our fellow men, but we honestly confess we cannot and do not accept what without offence we may term, the rhapsodical view of Freemasonry. In the first place Freemasonry affords us a happy meeting-ground amid the warfare of the world and the divisions of thought and belief, where we can all come, to lay aside the conventional "Shibboleths" of earnest but antagonistic denominations, where the war cries of party are stilled for the time, and where the petty animosities and quarrels of social life do not intrude. Freemasonry has, no doubt, in its very position, and in its very profession, something which runs counter to every zealous denominationalist. Some persons do not profess to understand, and instantly condemn our assertion that while we are an eclectic society, we are also a handmaid to religion. Unless the principles and teaching of the body to which they belong are accepted, though the days of interdict and excommunication, "major" or "minor," let us fervently hope, are for ever over, they are very much inclined to question the propriety and benefit of any society which takes no heed of them. Now we have always contended, and contend still, that the basis of our society, being the acceptance of all who bonâ fide believe, in The Great Father of the Human Race, The Great Architect of the World, The Great Creator of Man. Whether our position be sound or unsound, whether our views be acceptable or unacceptable, such they are, and we need never be ashamed to avow them. For if some think our views are too expansive, if others think they are still not expansive enough, we prefer in this as in other matters Masonic, "stare super vias antiquas." We are friendly to all religious bodies, we are hostile to none; we are most willing to associate with them, and help them in all works which tend to the en-

lightenment and education and elevation of humanity, and to promote the temporal well-being, or the medical relief of the suffering or afflicted of our fellow-creatures. Now abroad very often you hear of professions of Masonic dogmas and opinions which seem to claim for Freemasonry a coequal power of moral teaching, and of educational effect, with some long constituted religious body. Hence the antagonism which so often exists between religious communities and our Masonic brethren abroad. Were our continental brethren content, as we are, simply to avow themselves a purely unpolitical body, without any ulterior aims, except those of general philanthropy, toleration, and fraternal love, the unfortunate and regrettable antagonism, which at present exists in many foreign countries, might at any rate be materially lessened, if not altogether removed. But so long as Freemasonry, being a secret society, bounded by inner and mysterious ties of association and recognition, continues to avow the remarkably extended views in all points, political, philosophical, and psychological, which it does in many continental countries to-day, so long is it certain to perpetuate this present unsatisfactory and untoward position of affairs. Were our good brethren in Italy for instance, to give up attacking continually "Pio Nono" and the "Negri," and to devote themselves to the development of Masonic charity, or the erection of orphanages for the poor children of deceased brethren, and for the relief of pressing indigence, and to the granting of annuities to "aged and decayed Freemasons," Freemasonry in Italy would receive an impulse which nothing could check. For there is something in Freemasonry which specially commends itself to the quick apprehension of the tolerant Italian mind. Long ages of mistaken teaching have not deprived Italians of sympathy for their fellow men, and of love of each other. Hence a society which, though eclectic, is still religious in all its tendencies and teachings, and has nothing to do with politics or polemics, as with us, whose great axiom is brotherly love, and whose outward practical manifestation is genuine sympathy to all, and kindly aid to its own members, is certain to be both appreciated and approved of by the Italy of Dante and Manzoni. Were, too, our good German brethren, instead of constant censure of the Pope, and the ultramontanes, and priestly power, and the Jesuits (for whom nobody has a good word, today, though we should never forget that in darker days, they led the van in the great cause of general, moral, and scientific education), were those earnest German brethren of ours, we repeat, to devote themselves to the unification and consolidation of German Freemasonry, they would, we feel sure, greatly strengthen their own rightful position and their own good cause. We think, too, with due submission to them, and to their numerous lodges, that they might do a little more for general Masonic benevolence, than they are doing. We are quite aware that many of their old and famous private lodges are most truly to be commended for their laudable efforts in the cause of orphan education and Masonic benevolence. And when we remember, to day, what Masonic literature owes to German writers, when

we recall gratefully the honoured names, of Krause and Kloss, Gädicke and Lenning, Rebold, and Mossdorf, Schletter and Findel, and many more, we must ever entertain the warmest admiration for German Freemasons, and feel the deepest regret, if anything should impede their onward course, or mar their high prestige. These two illustrations will suffice to day "to point our moral," and we conclude with the re-assertion of our belief, that Freemasonry has a true mission, and a great mission, in the world, to day. Here is a society, however some may criticize, and others may condemn, whose unchanging precepts are toleration, sympathy and good-will to all men. Here is a brotherhood which, leaving to the world the politics of the world, and to men the controversies of men, is only intent on propounding and propagating the kindly teaching of peace and mercy, and of unfolding to its members its own true religious views and words, based evermore and alone on the authority of the great moral law, by which we are taught to love one another, to be true and steadfast, decorous and honest, just and forbearing, pitiful and forgiving, loyal citizens, good subjects, and to fulfil with freedom, fervency, and zeal, the requirements of every path of duty and of every social vocation in life. We will close these little discussions and lucubrations in our next impression, with a statement of the practical manifestation and development of its true Mission, which Freemasonry can and does display, in active works of beneficence and love.

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The new regime promises very well, and every one must be struck, by the interest manifested, both by the friends of the pupils, and the members of the Fraternity, when they hear of the large concourse of satisfied and applauding spectators.

We trust sincerely, that, under the new Head Master, the school may go on and prosper, and reach its true position among the educational institutions of our country.

We have always agreed with Bro. Binckes, in the view he has more than once expressed, that there is no reason why our Masonic Boys' School should not be our great Masonic public school, just as much as Winchester, Eton, Harrow, and Westminster, and others of great value, are looked upon with confidence by parents, and admiration by those who claim them as their "Alma Mater."

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We congratulate the House Committee, and especially Bro. Binckes, on the present position of the Boys' School, and we feel it to be but justice to Bro. Binckes to remind our readers, that much of the actual success of the Boys' School may fairly be attributed, and ought not to be denied, to his persevering energy, and his correct appreciation, both of the wishes of the fraternity, and the requirements of the school.

We wish the new Head Master Bro. Perrot, and our Masonic Boys all possible happiness and progress, and success.

OUR LATE BRO. LORD DALHOUSIE.

The Earl of Dalhousie, so long known as Mr. Fox Maule, and afterwards as Lord Panmure, whose death we recorded last week, was born seventy-three years ago. He was the son of the Hon. W. Maule, second son of the ninth Earl of Dalhousie. He was educated at the Charterhouse, but he did not matriculate at any University. In 1852 he was called to the Upper House by the somewhat unexpected death of his father, who, in 1831, had been created Lord Panmure, and, in 1860, he succeeded to the Earldom of Dalhousie on the death of his cousin (first Marquis and tenth Earl), the distinguished statesman and Governor-General of India. After this he resumed his family name of Ramsay. His titles descend to Vice-Admiral George Ramsay, C.B., who was born in 1806, and who married in 1845 Sarah Frances, only daughter of the late Mr. William Robertson, of Logan House, by whom he has surviving issue two sons—John William, born 29th June, 1847, and Charles Maule, born 29th January, 1859.

Lord Dalhousie was a prominent member of the Free Kirk of Scotland, and was, as some of us will remember, Minister of War, during the last period of the Crimean War.

As a Freemason, he was distinguished by his clearness of expression, and his attachment to the true principles of Freemasonry.

Some of his speeches were very effective. He was made a Mason, we believe, in Canada, but subsequently became Grand Master of Scotland and Deputy Grand Master of England.

Though latterly he has not appeared often in Grand Lodge, yet alike by Grand Lodge, and the English and Scottish Craft, his loss will be sincerely regretted.

When his great relative Lord Dalhousie, afterwards Governor General of India, was addressing some Scottish electors, he told them "ye'll be daft to refuse the Laird o' Cockpen," and if the late Lord Dalhousie succeeded to that title, among others he inherited from the great Governor General, we think that he was indeed a true representative of that worthy and genial personage immortalized in Scottish poetry.

With Lord Dalhousie passes away another representative of our older statesmen, and of these brethren of our order, who once were grouped, a goodly band, around the Duke of Sussex and Lord Zetland.

The following notice appeared in a Scottish contemporary:—

A notable feature of his Lordship's public life was his connection with Freemasonry—a connection which may be called hereditary, seeing that his father, grandfather, uncles, and other members of his family had been prominent members of the Craft. Having been initiated in a Canadian lodge in 1824, he was, on his return to this country, affiliated to various lodges both in England and Scotland. Amid the labours and responsibilities of statesmanship, he somehow contrived to find leisure for Masonic engagements, and accordingly rose to high office in the fraternity. For some years, ending with 1860, he acted as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, which body he long represented in the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He was also for some time Provincial Grand Master of Elgin and Moray, and in 1852 succeeded his father as Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire, which office he had held ever since. On the elevation of Bro. Whyte Melville to the Masonic throne of Scotland, his Lordship was appointed Depute Grand Master; and while occupying this position he was also chosen in July, 1867, to preside at the great funeral lodge held in Glasgow in honour of the late Sir Archibald Alison. In November of the same year, Lord Dalhousie was unanimously elected Grand Master Mason of Scotland, being the 68th in succession. This high office he held for three years, in the course of which period he laid the foundation-stone of the Glasgow Industrial Schools at Mossbank, of the Free Library and Museum at Paisley, of the Albert Bridge, Glasgow, and of the new hall built by Lodge Journeyman of Edinburgh in 1870. To his Lordship's influence the Scottish Order are largely indebted for the patronage of the Prince of Wales, who, it will be remembered, was installed at Freemason's Hall in October 1870, and on the following day laid the foundation-stone of the New Royal Infirmary. As an acknowledgment of Lord Dalhousie's Masonic services, a subscription was set on foot at the time of his demission of office for the purpose of presenting him with a suitable testimonial. This took the form of a fine marble bust, by John Hutchinson, R.S.A., which is now in the Masonic Hall, Edinburgh, the balance of the subscription being, at his Lordship's request, set apart as a fund for pensioning aged Freemasons or their widows.

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.]

BRO. HUGHAN'S CHALLENGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In common with your correspondent "Reviresco," p. 405, I was very much pleased at reading the challenge thrown out by our highly esteemed and talented Bro. Hughan at page 388, June 27th, and I trust that some of those who hold views opposed to his will have the courage and manliness to come forward and say what they can in support of them. In regard to "Reviresco" himself, however, I would beg to call his attention to his own words at page 405, and point out to him where he seems not to have properly taken Bro. Hughan up. "Reviresco" says, "respecting the existence of degrees beyond the third, and of rituals of the Craft prior to the last century." Now under his 2nd head, Bro. Hughan, not only calls in question or denies "the existence of degrees beyond the third," before the last century, but he denies the existence of even the "third" itself, before about A.D. 1717. Nay, more, he also denies the existence of the second before then, or even of any degrees at all, his words being, "and whatever esoteric customs may have been communicated to Craftsmen, before the last century, they do not appear to have necessitated the temporary absence of either class of members from the lodge." In connection therefore with a truthful history of Freemasonry, it is surely a most important point to settle whether or not our three degrees existed before A.D. 1717. The majority of Freemasons, I fear, consider that our three degrees have existed since Solomon's time, or for nearly 3000 years. Until I began to study the subject personally, I believed so myself, but now I am with Bro. Hughan, in asserting that they are only about a century and a half old. In short I am as one with Bro. Hughan, upon his second and third heads. In regard to his first head, however, I cannot so unequivocally subscribe to my acceptance of it without a word of explanation. I admit that the "(a) Freemasonry before A.D. 1717, was not wholly operative, (b) but partially speculative," in the sense that the Masonic societies which existed before 1717, admitted men who were not operatives, but the in that sense, pre-1717, "Speculative" Masons no more became acquainted with our system of Speculative Freemasonry thereby, than did the Right Hon. Benjamin Disraeli the other day, when he was made a Speculative Tailor.

What the "Masons' Word" was in A.D. 1700 I do not know, nor do I remember of ever coming across anyone who did, neither do I know that said word in 1700 would be the same both in Edinburgh and in London. I remember Bro. Lyon stating that the old Scottish Masons' word was a monosyllable. One brother lately told me that when he was made a Mason amongst the operatives about thirty years ago, the word he got was "Bye and Bye," while the "word" in some of the other Crafts, was a verse from the New Testament, all being different from our post-1717 system.

Under clause (c) of Bro. Hughan's first head the placing of the word "Revival" between inverted commas tends to do away with such objections as I might otherwise have had at its use there, the year 1717, in my opinion, not being the era of the "revival" of our system of Freemasonry but of its institution; Desaguliers and his confreres simply making use of the "Masons" of their time to carry out their intentions and inaugurate their new system.

I am, yours fraternally,

W. P. BUCHAN.

The three ceremonies will be worked at the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., on Wednesday evening next, the 22nd instant, at 7.30. Bro. John Constable, W.M.

The members of the Tranquility and Confidence Masonic Charitable Association are informed that the 22nd inst. will be subscription night.

Quatum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

WILLIAM PRESTON.

As a most interesting note, and for the information of the Masonic students like myself, I beg to communicate the following extract from a letter of my worthy and expert Bro. P.M., Wm. Cowling, of York, of date July 9th:

"I have looked over our old records to find any trace of Wm. Preston. A 'William Preston' was proposed in the Grand Lodge of York, April 27, 1761. He was initiated and passed, May 25, 1761. I can find no description either of his residence or business. He never took M.M., and there is no mention of him after May 25, either visiting the lodge or in any other way. Could this be the William Preston? It would be about the time he came to England, and York being at that time rather famous for its printers; did he stay here on his way to London? 1774, January 31, present at the lodge as a visitor, Bro. Preston, and at this lodge he was proposed to become a member pro. tempore, and was ballotted for and admitted. He attended the lodge, February 28, and March 28. No Christian name is given, and he is not entered in the list of members. There is nothing in the minutes to show who he was, or why he was admitted in such an extraordinary manner. In the correspondence that took place between the G.L. of York, and the Lodge of Antiquity, with respect to the formation of the G.L. south of the Trent, Bro. Preston is spoken of two or three times in a manner that shows that the members of the G.L. of York were acquainted with him. 1778, Aug. 29. The Secretary of the G.L. of York, Bro. Bussey, writing to Benjamin Bradling, J.W. of the Lodge of Antiquity, says, 'my best respects attend Bro. Preston, whom I expect you will make acquainted with the purport of this letter, and that it will be agreeable to him.' 1778, September 22nd, Bradling writing to Bassey, says, 'Bro. Preston joins with me in a sincere wish for the prosperity of Bro. Bussey, and all the other members of the G.L. of York.' I should say that Bussey was in London early in 1778, and indeed seems to have gone there pretty often. One of the lodges formed by the G.L. South of Trent was the Lodge of Perseverance and Triumph, at the Queens' Head Tavern, Holborn, and William Preston, P.M. was the first R.W.M.; it was opened August 9, 1779. A John Preston was one of the seven brethren to whom the warrant of the Union Lodge (now the York Lodge) was granted, and was the third W.M. in 1779. He was a musical-instrument maker, and took his degrees in the Apollo Lodge, York."

I think the above note most interesting and important, and am myself, unless the minutes of the Caledonian Lodge can be produced to verify Bro. Stephen Jones's statement, inclined to believe that the great historian was after all initiated and passed at York, and raised possibly in London, in the Caledonian Lodge. It now becomes a matter of deep interest to ascertain the real truth of the case, and if any brother can give me any clue to the minutes of the Caledonian Lodge, he will confer a great obligation on all Masonic students.

What does our able Bro. W. J. Hughan know about the Caledonian Lodge?

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Neuralgia.—It is sometimes difficult to determine which of these diseases is afflicting the sufferer, but this ignorance will not matter if Holloway's remedies be used. They alleviate all muscular and nervous pains. In hereditary rheumatism, after bathing the affected parts with warm salt water, Holloway's Ointment should be well rubbed on the spot, that it may penetrate and exert its soothing renovating properties on the deeper vessels and nerves, which are unduly excited, and cause both the pain and swelling. Holloway's treatment has the merit of removing the disease, without debilitating the constitution, which was the inevitable result of the bleeding, mercury, and colchicum practice, formerly adopted in these complaints.—ADVT.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the Freemasons of Cornwall was held on the 7th inst. at Bodmin, and was very largely attended, there being about three hundred brethren present, drawn together for the most part, probably, by the announcement that the new Masonic lodge "One and All" would be dedicated by the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe.

The inhabitants did their best to give the brethren a hearty welcome, and the town presented a very lively appearance by a large display of bunting in the principal thoroughfares. All the arrangements were of the most complete and satisfactory character, and every facility was afforded to distant brethren by Bro. Sandoe, of the Royal Hotel, who sent several conveyances to meet the up and down trains to Bodmin-road Station, single fares only being charged. Members met at the Shire Hall at ten o'clock in the morning, and having clothed they formed in procession, and at once marched to the Masonic Hall, where the business of the Grand Lodge was transacted.

The members of "One and All" can now boast of having as handsome a lodge as is to be found in the whole province. It is most tastefully decorated, the entire work having been entrusted to the master hand of Bro. Solomon, of Truro. On one side of the building there are three fine stained windows, the centre one being a memorial window, the gift of the widow of the late Sir Hugh Molesworth, Bart., P.M. The one on the higher side has been subscribed for by the Past Masters of the Lodge, whilst the officers and other members of the lodge have given the third. All three of them are exceedingly handsome, and Bro. Fouracre, of Stonehouse, who supplied them, is deserving of all praise for having produced such excellent works of art. A fourth (transparent) window overlooking the street, was given by the Hon. F. L. Gower, the much respected member for the borough.

It was in the New Masonic Hall that the Grand Lodge was held, the Right Worshipful Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. Grand Master, presiding. The brethren present included Bros. L. P. Metham, P.G.D. of England, and D.P.G.M. of Devonshire, the Rev. Past Grand Chaplain of England, and William James Hughan, Past S.G.D. of England, Captain G. H. Colville, W.M. 330, P. Prov. G.W.; and a number of other distinguished Masons.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form by the R. W. Brother, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall, Bro. Johns, Prov. G. Secretary, read the minutes of the last P.G. Lodge meeting, held at Truro in 1873, and they were confirmed.

In the absence of Bro. Tweedy, P.G. Treasurer, the annual accounts were read by Bro. F. W. Dabb, auditor. These accounts showed that the expenditure for the year had been £151 13s. 7d., and the receipts £168 17s. 4d. Added to this latter sum there was a credit balance brought forward from the last account, amounting to £47 9s. 5d., and this is now increased to £64 13s. 2d.

Bro. R. Johns read the report of the Provincial Grand Secretary, which stated the number of lodges in the province was twenty-four. The number of initiations during the year was 176; the joining members 36; members, 929; total 1141. In the previous year the initiations numbered 130, showing an increase of 46; the joining members were 37; decrease 1; members, 801; increase, 128; showing a total increase during the past year of 173. The committee were glad to state that the returns had been much more regular than heretofore, and consequently the handsome directory so kindly and so efficiently edited by W. Bro. J. Hughan, was issued in due time.

Bro. Hughan next read the report relating to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, showing that the present entire capital of the fund amounted to £2,049 15s. 3d.

The Prov. Grand Master remarked that this charity was one of the principal features of the province, and to see that it was carried out in so

satisfactory a manner must be very pleasing to all of them.

The report of the "Committee of Relief" was read by Bro. Jenkins.

Bro. Hughan reported that as Steward of the Province of Cornwall for the Masonic Charities, London, for 1873-4, he obtained over £170 for the "Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," which is the largest sum raised for any Masonic charity in Cornwall, for one of the annual festivals. The sum, however, would have been much larger, if the brethren in several lodges which contributed nothing, had thoroughly considered the claims of the Institution. He commenced the election in October 1873 in debt, but paid off all the votes owing, and not having any candidates he lent their votes as a Province to Octavia Helen Wheeler, Province of Worcester, and Ethel Seaton, Province of Yorkshire, both of whom were successful. In April last they had no candidate for Cornwall, but having Bro. Edward Penman, P.M., 589, Redruth, as a candidate in the following month for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he again lent their votes, one portion being given to Cornelia Mary Allison (London); another portion to Wm. Lea (West Lancashire), both being elected; and the remainder of the votes were lent to the province of Oxfordshire for Percy Edward Howard, who was unsuccessful. In May the votes were repaid in proxies for "Aged Freemasons," and (with those he borrowed and obtained from the province of Cornwall, and elsewhere) he polled 794 for Bro. Edward Penman, and returned him fourth on the list out of the twenty who were elected. The "widows," votes he exchanged for "old men's," in favour of Judith Baker, of Bristol, who was elected, so that out of the six candidates he supported on behalf of the Prov. of Cornwall five were elected, and their friends repaid him the votes they borrowed, by which he secured the election of Bro. Penman for £36 per annum for life. Had the votes not been so collected and thus dealt with, Bro. Penman would not have been elected, neither would the little boy, Sparke, have been previously elected. In October of this year he should secure the election, all being well, of Emily Snowden Treleven, for the Province of Cornwall, and in May, 1875, he hoped to return a Cornish brother, as a London annuitant, after which he should have to rest a bit, pay off all the debts, and then commence afresh. To do this he would require the earnest support of the Province, and if they followed the example set them by the Prov. G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and the D.P.G.M., Sir F. M. Williams, he did not despair of fulfilling the programme to the very letter.

The whole of the reports were adopted.

On the motion of Bro. Carlyon, seconded by Bro. J. Paull, the sum of £25 was voted to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, and on the motion of Bro. Dabb, seconded by Bro. R. Rich, £20 was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, London.

Bro. Metham, D.P.G. Master of Devonshire, introduced by the Prov. G.M., made an earnest and eloquent appeal to the Prov. Grand Lodge, on behalf of the Female Orphan Asylum at Stoke. He remarked that although the Asylum was situated on the other side of the Tamar, it had no local preferences of any kind whatever, children being elected from all parts of the country, they being the destitute female orphans of our soldiers, sailors, and marines, their only credentials being a record of their father's services. Although the charity had existed for a very considerable number of years, he had never yet made any appeal to the Prov. Grand Lodge of Devonshire, or to its lodges, until the present moment, but a claim had now come upon the committee of the institution to consider, either to enlarge the building so as to increase the number of its inmates, or to shut the doors against a very large number who were crowding upon them for admission. That decision was left to him individually, and when he remembered that during thirty-five years more than a thousand children had been admitted into the asylum, every one of whom he had known personally, and who, but for the shelter thus afforded them, would have been inmates of our hospitals and

unions, he could not take upon himself the responsibility of saying "No," for he could not shut out from his mind how dismal and dark must be the future of those unfortunate children who would be shut out from the comforts of the asylum. Therefore he came to them as fearlessly as he went to Devonshire, or London, or any other place, and he came to them all the more readily because he felt that he had a special claim upon them from the fact that, leaving the three towns out of the question, Cornwall had as many children in the asylum as Devonshire, there being eleven or twelve Cornish girls within the institution; besides which, at the election which took place last week, out of the eight candidates who succeeded two of them were from Cornwall. The asylum having already done so much, the committee were now placed in the position of having to say whether its operations should be enlarged or not, but if they could not succeed in raising the £4,000 which was necessary for the purpose they would have to close their doors for years to come in the faces of the 125 children whom they were obliged to reject last week. He appealed to them as Cornishmen, as Englishmen, and as Masons, and he felt sure that he should not appeal to them in vain. (Applause.)

Bro. Carlyon then moved, and Bro. Grach seconded, that the sum of ten guineas be voted to the Asylum.

This was carried unanimously; several brethren also promised subscriptions in the room, and it was understood that the W.M.'s would bring the claims of the Institution before their various lodges.

The Prov. Grand Master mentioned that the memorial stone of the new wing of the building would be laid during the coming month by H. R. Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, and it was proposed that on that occasion there should be a Masonic purse filled with subscriptions from all Masonic sources. (Hear, hear.) He should be very glad to add twenty guineas to the ten guineas already voted by the lodge. (Applause.)

The Treasurer, Secretary, and two Auditors for the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, appointed last year, were re-elected.

At this stage of the proceedings business was temporarily suspended, and the brethren marched in procession to the parish church, where an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Ferris, P.G.A. Chaplain. The usual collection was afterwards made, and it amounted to £13 15s.

On resuming business, the Prov. Grand Master at once proceeded to dedicate the hall of "One and All," Lodge, 330, to Masonic purposes. Captain Colville, as the W.M. of the lodge formally invited his lordship to perform the ceremony. He remarked that for many years the brethren were unable to obtain a building in which they could properly perform the ceremonies of the Craft, and it had been a matter of great regret to them that they had been obliged for so long a time to meet in undesirable places. But now they had a hall of which they might be proud, and the beauty of its decorations reflected high credit upon Bro. Solomon, in whose hands the work had been placed. (Applause.)

The interesting and impressive ceremony of dedication was then performed by the Prov. Grand Master with great solemnity, the use of the corn, the wine, the oil, and the salt, being observed according to ancient custom. There were also choral responses, the musical arrangements being under the efficient direction of Bro. J. Hele, Mus. Bac., P.P.G. Organist. His lordship was well assisted in the ceremony by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Devon, Bro. Metham; the acting S.G.W., Bro. Solomon; and the J.G.W., Bro. Worth, and during its performance the choir sang the anthems "Hail! Universal Lord," "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," and "Great and Marvellous are Thy works."

The dedicatory ceremony over the Prov. G.M. appointed the following as his officers for the year ensuing:—

Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P. D. Prov. G.M.
Capt. Colville,..... Prov. G.S.W.

Dr. A. A. Davis	Prov. G. J. W.
Rev. A. H. Ferris	Prov. G. Chaplain
Rev. A. H. Cummings	Prov. J. G. Chaplain
E. Commins	Prov. G. Registrar.
E. T. Carlyon	Prov. G. Sec.
W. Wright	Prov. G. S. D.
J. Hocking, junr.	Prov. J. G. D.
G. Roseveare	Prov. G. S. of W.
R. A. Courtney	Prov. G. D. C.
C. Trevithick	Prov. G. A. D. C.
J. B. Kerswell	Prov. G. S. B.
N. B. Bullen	Prov. G. Org.
E. Poor	Prov. G. Purst.
Rooks	Prov. G. A. Purst.
J. Dennis	Prov. G. Stwd.
W. N. Abbot	Prov. G. Stwd.
S. Mitchell	Prov. G. Stwd.
H. Cockrane	Prov. G. Stwd.
J. Cardew	Prov. G. Stwd.
M. Cock	Prov. G. Stwd.
Lean	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Auditors, Bros. Dabb and Johns, were re-elected for the ensuing year, as also were the Relief Committee, consisting of Bros. Reginald Rogers, W. Tweedy, E. T. Carlyon, W. H. Jenkins, and W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D.

It was resolved that the collection at the Church should be divided in the usual way, one-fifth for the Vicar of the parish, two-fifths to the Masonic Annuity Fund, and the remainder to the East Cornwall Hospital.

On the motion of Bro. Hughan, seconded by Bro. Captain Colvill, it was unanimously resolved "That the sum of £100 or less be taken from the Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, to be dealt with by the subscribers at the next Provincial Grand Lodge; that a vacancy be declared in the Annuity Fund, and that any grants considered desirable, and in form, be forwarded to the Secretary at Truro, in order that all subscribers may be informed thereof."

Before the business of the lodge was brought to a close the Provincial Grand Master called the attention of the brethren present to the coming visit of the Prince of Wales to Plymouth, on the occasion of the opening of the new Guildhall buildings, and he made an appeal to the W.M.'s of lodges to make their arrangements as speedily and as complete as possible. He said there was a strongly expressed desire that the two provinces of Devon and Cornwall should work together in the most perfect harmony on that occasion, and he would do all in his power to promote that end.

It was resolved that Bros. Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., P. G. W. England, W. J. Hughan P.S.G.D. England; E. T. Carlyon, Prov. Grand Secretary; and R. Iden, P. Prov. D.C., be the Committee to make the necessary arrangements.

The lodge was then closed in due form.

The annual banquet was provided by Bro. Sandoe, of the Royal Hotel, at the Town Hall, and was partaken of by a very large number of brethren. The Prov. Grand Master presided, and after dinner his lordship proposed the loyal and Masonic toasts usual on these occasions. At intervals, some excellent vocal and instrumental music was provided by Bros. Hele, Bodmin; Goodall, Devonport; Clemens, Plymouth; Rowe, Bodmin; Rice, Torquay; and Heath, Redruth. The health of the Provincial Grand Master, proposed by Bro. Captain Colvill, P.G.S.W., was drunk with great enthusiasm, and his Lordship, in returning thanks, spoke of the excellent arrangements which Captain Colvill and his officers made for the convenience, comfort, and accommodation of Grand Lodge. Nothing could have been better, and they were deserving of the highest praise.

DEATH OF AN OLD MASON.—There expired on the 22nd May, one of the oldest Masons in Canada, Chas. Clark, of Thorold, who was made a Mason 67 years ago in Ireland. At the opening of Mountain Lodge, Thorold, some five years ago, he wore the same Masonic clothing he had 62 years before. He resided for many years in Grantham, below the mountain, and some years ago he went to his son's, in Pennsylvania, whence he was removed on a mattress two weeks previous to his death, to his son-in-law, Geo. McArthur, in Thorold, to die and be buried beside his wife. He had reached the patriarchal age of 87 years.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The quarterly court of subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Major John Creaton, V.P., President; there were also present Bros. John Symonds, H. Browse, Captain Wordsworth, Thomas W. White, W. Watson, Jesse Turner, Frederick Binckes, H. Massey (representing *The Freemason*), H. Muggeridge, and R. Wentworth Little, Secretary.

After the reading of the minutes, which were confirmed, it was resolved to admit into the school five girls beyond the number which it at present boards, clothes, and educates. Bro. John Symonds, in Bro. J. C. Parkinson's absence, brought forward the motion of which that brother had given notice, and which has appeared in our advertising columns. Bro. Symonds argued in favour of the alteration proposed, but on the motion being put for a seconder, none was found, and it therefore dropped. Bro. Symonds then moved, in place of Bro. Parkinson, the second alteration of which notice was given, and which also appeared in our advertising columns. This motion proposed to give to ladies who would become subscribers additional qualifications. The motion was seconded by Bro. Thomas W. White, and was carried unanimously.

Bro. H. A. Dubois was not present to bring forward his motion, and it consequently fell through. Bro. William Cluff's bequest of £3500 to the Girls' School, the terms of which were set out in our last impression, was then considered, and the letter of Bro. Hopwood and Sons, to Bro. Binckes, with respect to the effect of a similar bequest to the Boys' School, was read by Bro. Little. Bro. Binckes, at the request of the Chairman, stated what course the Boys' School General Committee had taken, for which we refer our readers to the full report of the proceedings of that Committee in our last number, and it was resolved that joint action should be taken by the two Institutions in the matter. Bro. H. Browse had first moved that the bequest be altogether refused, which motion, however, was not seconded. Bro. Peacock said he did not see that there would be much difficulty in carrying out the trusts of the will, and thought that under the Trustee Relief Act the Institution should pay the money into the Court of Chancery. He was in favour of the Boys' and Girls' Schools acting in harmony, and submitting the extract from the will to the Grand Master, who was President of both Institutions, to take the opinion of the Grand Registrar, Bro. McIntyre, Q.C. This being generally concurred in, was adopted, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings of the quarterly court to a close.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the subscribers to this school was held on Monday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Henry Browse, V.P., occupied the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. Major Creaton, John Symonds, R. Wentworth Little, Capt. Wordsworth, James Perry, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and F. Binckes, Secretary. The list of candidates for election in October, was settled, and 43 boys were ordered to be placed on it. Vacancies in the school at that election for 13 boys were also declared. Mr. W. Cluff's bequest of £3500, having been considered and referred by the General Committee to the Grand Master, was not further debated. Bro. Symonds proposed the addition to rule 8, also proposed by him at the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School, on Saturday last, which in being seconded by Major Creaton, was carried. No other business being before the meeting a vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, and the proceedings closed.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 23, 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, July 18.

Lodge 1185, Lewis's, King's Arms, Wood Green,
" 1327, Lebanon, Red Lion, Hampton.

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, July 20.

Lodge 1159, Marquess of Dalhousie, Freemason's Hall.

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 (813), 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.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's Col-
lege, 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, July 21.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.

Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.

" 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.

" 857, St. Mark's, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton.
Chapter 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.

Varborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon
Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

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

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Vic-
toria-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 (860), King Edward,
Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern,
Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M.
1227, Preceptor.

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

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

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Wind-
mill-street, W.

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.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-
street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

Wednesday, July 22.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.

Lodge 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

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

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

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, Ab-
church-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.

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

Thursday, July 23.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, 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.
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Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, July 24.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
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.
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Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
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MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

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Monday, July 20.
Chap. 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.
Tuesday, July 21.
Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.
" 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
Wednesday, July 22.
Lodge 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 3.
" 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
Chapter 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
Thursday, July 23.
Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-street, Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Springs.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hotel, Kirkham.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

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For the week ending Saturday, July 25, 1874.

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Wednesday, July 22.

Lodge 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.

" 505, Burns, St. Mary, Harlford.

" 510, Maryhill, 157, Main-street, Maryhill.

Thursday, July 23.

Lodge 22, St. John, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.

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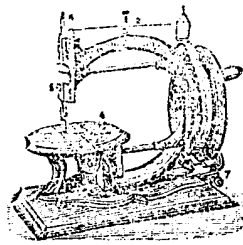
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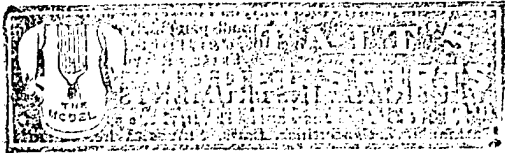
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