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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

COLCHESTER.—*Angel Lodge* (No. 51).—The monthly meeting of the Angel Lodge, on Tuesday week, was availed of for the presentation to Bro. F. A. Cole of a Past Master's Jewel, subscribed for by the members, and the esteem in which the I.P.M. is held was evidenced by one of the largest gatherings of members and visitors which has ever been seen at any ordinary meeting of the lodge. In the unavoidable absence of the R.W. the Prov. G.M. of the Province (Bro. R. J. Bagshawe), the presentation was made by the R.W. Bro. R. Bolton-Barton, LL.D., Past Prov. G.M. for Western India, who, having expressed his regret at the cause of the P.G.M.'s absence, said, upon occasions like that verbosity was out of place. The very fact of Bro. Cole being there to receive, in a substantial form, the good wishes of his brethren, showed that they had recognised the zeal and good-fellowship with which he had carried out his duties as Master, and for his general endeavour to promote the good of the Craft. Dr. Barton then passed a high panegyric upon Bro. Cole's private character. In placing the jewel upon Bro. Cole's breast, Dr. Barton expressed a hope that he might live many years to wear it, and be an ornament to his lodge. Bro. Cole, in responding, expressed his heartfelt thanks to the brethren for their extreme kindness, and said he feared they had greatly overrated his poor services. The jewel, which is a very handsome one, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Past Master Fred. A. Cole, by his brethren of the Angel Lodge (No. 51), to testify his zeal for Masonry, and as a token of their esteem.—A.L. 5874, A.D. 1874."

WINDSOR.—*Etonian Lodge of St. John* (No. 209).—The first monthly meeting of the season was held on the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. G. W. Dixon, who was supported by Bros. Bladon, S.W.; Carter, J.W.; Strange, P.M., Secretary; Denne, S.D.; Crowhurst, J.D.; Cauvin, I.G.; Schieman, S.; J. Wilton, P.M.; Mc Illwham, P.M.; Duffield, Webster, W.S. Nicholes, Tulley, Stollery, and Clay, Visitors: Bros. Bingham, W.M. of Windsor Castle Lodge, 771; Devereux, P.M. 771; Tolley, P.M. 771; Grisebrook, P.M.; Powell, P.M. 771; Owens, W.M. 1501; and Chorley, J.D. 865. The lodge was also honoured by the presence of the V.W.D.P.G.M. of the province, Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain of England, who on entering the lodge was received and saluted in a manner according with his exalted rank. The preliminary business of the evening hav-

ing been disposed of, and the lodge opened in the second degree, Bro. Clay was, after the usual interrogation, entrusted with the pass grip and word leading from the second to the third degree and retired. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bro. Clay raised to the degree of M.M. by the W.M., in such a manner as afterwards elicited universal congratulations from the brethren present. The lodge having been closed in the third and second degrees, the W.M. rose and expressed the very great pleasure it afforded him and the brethren of the lodge to be favoured on this occasion by the presence of the V.W.D.P.G.M., and in a few chosen words proposed that he should be elected an honorary member of the lodge, which was seconded by the S.W., Bro. Bladon. The V.W.D.P.G.M. in thanking the W.M. and the lodge for the compliment paid to him on this his first visit to the lodge, said he was much gratified by the way in which he had been received by the brethren, and also the excellent working of the W.M. and the officers; he impressed upon the brethren the necessity of upholding the high character of the lodge, which was in every respect worthy of the position of senior lodge in the province. The V.W.D.P.G.M. afterwards accepted the office of Chaplain to the lodge, an honour fully appreciated by the brethren, as the absence of a Chaplain has long been felt to be a serious and only drawback to the lodge. Brother Strange, P.M., Secretary, then proposed, and the W.M. seconded, that Bro. Biggs, the popular Grand Secretary of the Province, should also be elected an honorary member, which proposition, like the former, was carried unanimously. It would be impossible to find a province where the duties of Grand Secretary are better performed than they are in Berks and Bucks. Bro. Biggs' kindly disposition and general urbanity has gained a popularity to be envied. The remaining business on the agenda having been disposed of, and two propositions for initiations having been received, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for refreshment.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE, (No. 1178).—At the "Gregorian Arms" Tavern, 96, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, on Thursday, September 3rd, this prosperous lodge held its regular meeting. Bro. John Henry Harnsworth, W.M., opened the lodge punctually at six o'clock. There were present during the evening Bros. C. Deakin, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.P., Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; J. Ruse, S.D.; J. A. Smith, I.G.; J. W. Avery, P.M.; W. S.; Dr. J. Dixon, P.M.; J. W. Dudley, P.M.; J. S. Hood, J. G. Tanyer, W. May, F. Ware, P. Fry, F. Mordecai, A. Lewis, F. Garbett, &c. The visitors were Bros. J. G. Marsh, P.P.G.P., Middlesex, P.M. 28; E. Harris, P.M. and Treasurer, 73; T. Nicholson, 101, 1457; Lingood, I.G., 879; G. Wilton, 879; T. Blakey, P.P.G.A.D.C., Kent, P.M.; H. Cutress, and others. The minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballot was unanimous in favour of the admission of the candidate for initiation. This being election night, the bye-laws were read. The S.W., Bro. J. H. Fudge, being too ill and unable to attend, sent a kind courteous letter to the members, in which he stated that through his ill health and the recent loss he had sustained by the death of his beloved wife, that for the present he must decline being elected W.M. All were sorry and disappointed at this decision. The elections took place and were declared to be unanimous in favour of Bro. C. Deakin, J.W., as W.M., and F. H. Ebsworth, P.M. and Treasurer, being re-elected Treasurer. Bro. W. Y. Laing, P.M. 45, Tyler, was, on a show of hands, declared to be re-elected Tyler. The usual notice of motion was given to vote five guineas from the lodge funds to purchase a Past Master's jewel, to be presented to the W.M., Bro. J. H. Harnsworth, as a slight recognition of his services rendered to the lodge during his year of office, and for the admirable manner he presided over the meetings as the Worshipful Master. The audit committee meeting was appointed to be held on Friday, September 18th, at Lodge House at 7 o'clock. A gentleman was proposed for initiation, and all the business being finished,

the lodge was closed and declared adjourned until Thursday, October 1st. A good banquet wound up a pleasant evening.

GREENWICH.—*Star Lodge* (No. 1275).—Installation Meeting.—At the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, September 4th, the regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held. There were present during the afternoon and evening Bros. T. R. Darke, W.M.; G. Pymm, S.W.; G. F. Guest, J.W.; Rev. G. R. P. Colles, Chaplain; J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex P.M.; J. J. Limebeer, S.D.; W. Kipps, J.D.; S. Marketis, as I.G.; R. W. Williams, Organist; W. Ough, P.G.M., P.M.; C. J. Hogg, P.G.S., P.M.; H. Keeble, P.M.; W. Okey, W. F. Gardiner, L. H. Williams, W. B. Woodman, J. Fox, J. Finch, E. Lane, H. W. Elmer, A. Tisley, A. C. Woodward, W. Hardman, F. B. Williams, H. Pratt, C. W. Williams, &c. Amongst the visitors we noticed—Bros. W. Smeed, P.P.G. J.W. Middlesex, P.M. 946, &c.; J. G. Marsh, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. 28, &c.; W. Hammond, P.G. Steward, Middlesex P.M. 201, W.M. 1326; E. W. Hubbuck, P.G.S., P.M. 58, P.M. 140; &c.; W. H. Waghorne, W.M. 946; W. Y. Laing, P.M. 45; F. Frampton, P.M. 87; J. Smith, P.M. 157; W. H. Stacy, 1239; W. Hilton, 135; A. C. Burrell, S.W. 1446; J. Jefferie, 1351; A. M. Thomas, 134; J. Hyman, 188; C. A. Rose, 1446, &c. The minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots were unanimous in favour of all the candidates for initiation. Mr. William Hardman being in attendance was introduced and initiated into Freemasonry. Bros. L. H. Williams and H. W. Elmer were raised to the third degree. Bros. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., took the chair, and installed Bro. George Pymm, S.W. and W.M. elect, as the Worshipful Master. The officers appointed are Bros. J. J. Limebeer, S.W.; H. J. Green, J.W.; J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treasurer; (reinvested for fifth time). F. Walters, P.G.P., Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; (reinvested for sixth time), Rev. G. R. P. Colles, Chaplain; (reinvested), R. W. Williams, S.D.; C. W. Williams, J.D.; W. Bell, I. G.; W. B. Woodman, M.C.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler, Middlesex, Tyler. The work, as usual here, was done in an admirable manner. A letter of condolence was unanimously voted and sent to the widow of the late Bro. Edwin Townshend, who had died since the last meeting. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. T. R. Darke, P.M., for his efficient services rendered to the lodge during his year of office. Several propositions for candidates for initiation were received. The fees were altered for initiation from five to seven guineas. Joining, from two to three guineas. Visitors from five to ten shillings and sixpence on ordinary nights, and ten to fifteen shillings and sixpence on the installation nights. The usual splendid banquet followed.

LIVERPOOL.—*De Grey and Ripon Lodge* (No. 1356).—This influential and flourishing lodge met on Wednesday, 9th inst., under the presidency of its new Master, Bro. E. O. C. Rothwell, who gave the several degrees in a most masterly manner, reflecting great credit upon himself and lodge, whose chair he most ably filled. Amongst other important business the principal and most interesting part was the presentation of a very handsome gold Organist's jewel to Bro. Veale, for his energy and good services rendered to this lodge, since its formation. The W.M. in presenting the jewel, testified most feelingly the kind services rendered by Bro. Veale for some years, not only to this lodge, but to the Craft in Liverpool, as Organist, and hoped he would live many years to wear it, as an honour to the lodge and himself. Bro. Veale thanked the W.M. and lodge in his usual courteous manner, and after the other less important business, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, the brethren retired for refreshment, and closed a most pleasant and satisfactory meeting. We hear it is the intention of this lodge to apply for a change in its name; we should advise the brethren, if such is done, to choose the name of "Amity," for a more friendly and well-worked lodge, does not, nor cannot exist in the province of West Lancashire.

Royal Arch.

SUTTON.—*Frederick Chapter of Unity* (No. 452).—A convocation of the above chapter was holden on Tuesday evening, at the Station Hotel, Sutton, Surrey, when there were present, Comps. James Glaisher, F.R.S.; Magnus Ohren, James Robins, Walter Spencer, W. G. Davis, Charles H. Edmonds, Charles Pawley, and visitors, John Boyd, P.Z. 145, &c.; H. Potter, 829, and H. Massey (*Freemason*), P.Z. 619. Comp. James Glaisher, M.E.Z., presided, and with the able assistance of Comp. Boyd, who acted as N. and P.S., exalted Bro. George Wright, 452, into Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. Ohren having moved for an alteration in the days of meeting of the chapter, the companions carried a change of day to the third Tuesdays in April and October. Comp. Glaisher stated that he was always ready in the cause of Masonry to attend and do any work that might be required of him, but that meeting in September was not so convenient to the companions generally. Hence it was that at the September meeting, very few companions usually could be got together, and as it was essential to the impressive performance of the ceremony of exaltation as many companions should be got together as possible, it became advisable to consider what day was most suitable to the general body. He thought that by the third Tuesday in October most London people had returned to town from their holidays, and the holding of the meetings of the chapter on that day met with his entire approval. Comp. John Boyd installed Comp. Magnus Ohren, in the M.E.Z. chair. The officers for the year then stood as follows:—Magnus Ohren, M.E.Z.; E. A. Baber, H.; W. Sugg, J.; W. S. Waterman, S.E.; H. E. Francis, S.N.; Arthur J. Dickinson, P.S.; J. W. Sugg, 1st A.; W. G. Davis, 2nd A.; Walter Spencer, Std.; James Robins, P.Z., Treasurer; and C. T. Speight, Janitor. Companion W. G. Davis proposed Bro. James Charles Campbell as a candidate for exaltation at the next meeting of the chapter, after which the companions closed down and adjourned to an admirable supper, provided by Comp. Potter, the proprietor of the Station Hotel. This having been partaken of and thoroughly enjoyed, grace was rendered in due time, and the M.E.Z. proposed the toasts which fall to the share of the First Principal. After "The Queen and R. A. Masonry" had been honoured His Excellency said it was usual on these occasions to give the Grand Z. of the Order. Unfortunately at the present moment they were without a Grand representative; but there were Second and Third Principals who remained firm to their duty, and those companions he would, with the permission of the companions, couple with the next toast. With them he would join the present and past Grand Principals of the Order. He was sorry that Companion Glaisher had been compelled to leave, because as a Past Grand Officer he should have called on him to respond to the toast. He had invited some other Grand Officers, but business or absence from town prevented them from accepting his invitation. Comp. James Robins, P.Z. and Treasurer, then proposed "The M.E.Z.," whom he welcomed on his attaining the distinguished position of First Principal of the chapter. Not being so fluent a speaker as their M.E.Z., he hardly knew how to express himself, but he could not help saying that the position of First Principal was one of such dignity, that any one must be proud of it, and Comp. Ohren thoroughly deserved it. He was known so well both in lodge and chapter as a good worker, and an excellent Mason, that it was a benefit conferred on the chapter to have him for president. Therefore both their First Principal and the chapter were to be congratulated. His year of office would be a pleasant one, and no doubt during that time there would be a considerable accession to the number of the members. They had an earnest of this in another candidate having been proposed for exaltation at the next meeting. When Comp. Ohren left the chair, they would possibly number some nine or ten more. They were wanted, and a little zeal, if it could be imparted, would be a gain to all. The M.E.Z. having thanked Comp. Robins, and the companions, said he knew he was in a respon-

sible position. At their last meeting, when they so kindly elected him, he was, unfortunately, on a bed of sickness, but it was a great pleasure to him to know that he had been unanimously chosen. He had now passed through every office in the chapter, and as Comp. Robins had intimated, he had done his best to carry on the duties of those offices. He felt a great interest in the chapter. It was not the first time he had filled the Z. chair in a chapter, having before been First Principal in his mother chapter (the Brittanica). That was a winter chapter, but the Frederick was a summer chapter, and it was with great pleasure that he left the city to come down to the beautiful neighbourhood of Sutton to spend a few hours twice a year. The meetings were always pleasurable ones, and it was with great delight that he met the companions. He looked forward with much confidence to a successful year, and he would assure them that his best energies would be devoted to the prosperity of the chapter. The M.E.Z. next gave "The newly-exalted Companion." It was an important toast, because it was important to get new members. There were always members leaving the chapters, and of course if new ones did not come in, the chapters must necessarily die out. No efforts of the few who might stay in the chapters would be sufficient to keep them going. But there was another point which was of great importance, the character of members admitted into the R.A. In Craft Masonry brethren were admitted from the representation of a single brother; but in the chapter brethren were received from lodges, where they had all an opportunity of judging what sort of people they were. If they thought there was anything about those brethren which would render them unfit to join the degree no companions of the Order would propose them. As a chapter they rather selected the members of the lodge, and it was not every brother who presented himself as a candidate would be received. When he was received, however, and was a member among them, they knew he was one of whom they might be proud. Companion Wright was one of these, and it was in that light they received him. Comp. Wright in reply said, after thanking the M.E.Z. and companions for the toast, that it had given him much pleasure to be exalted as a R.A. Mason, and especially with the impressiveness of the ceremony. He trusted that the further he went in Freemasonry, the more he would like it. The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Visitors," whom he said they always warmly received; he was happy to see on this occasion they were favoured with the presence of Comp. Boyd, P.Z., of the Prudent Brethren Chapter, Comp. Massey, P.Z. of the Beadon Chapter, and Comp. Potter of the High Cross Chapter. He was particularly grateful also for their presence, as they had all assisted him in carrying out the duties of the Chapter, for it was a curious fact, that owing to the day on which they now met—and this was the reason he had for proposing the alteration of the day in future—a great number of the members were away on their holidays, consequently, five companions who were to have been that day invested had written excuses for absence. Without the visitors therefore they could not have got on with their work; but with them they had done it in such a way as to have called forth from the candidate for exaltation his approval of its impressiveness. It was a great pleasure to him (the M.E.Z.) to see it had been well performed. Comp. Boyd said it was always gratifying to him to visit a chapter, but that gratification was much enhanced when he found he could be of any service in rendering any portion of their splendid ceremonies. Comp. Massey also responded in similar terms. The M.E.Z. then proposed "The P.Z.'s," and in doing so said again he was sorry that, from the unavoidable circumstances to which he had already alluded, so many were absent. They had however Comp. Robins, their Treasurer, present, and he should therefore couple his name with the toast. They were very thankful to the Treasurer for the way in which he kept their accounts, and the companions knew how well he had done it, and how much he deserved any honours that had been placed upon him. Companions would

think it was not much trouble to keep the accounts, and that all a Treasurer had to do was to receive the money; but there were many duties connected with the position, and if their accounts were properly kept they entailed the expenditure of a great deal of time and attention. Companion Robins discharged his duties in a most efficient and conscientious manner, in order that he might have his accounts in such form that any one might examine them without finding any difficulty. They would have an audit next April, and all the companions who were on the Finance Committee would find the accounts kept most admirably. They had a handsome balance in hand, which showed not only were the accounts well kept by the Treasurer, but that he also keeps the companions within bounds. Companion Robins replied, and contrasted the present prosperous condition with what it was in some past days that he remembered. He looked with favour on the alteration in the days of meeting which had been made that evening. In regard to the balance they had he could not say it was large, but still there was a balance, which was a grand thing, considering their subscription was small. This was very satisfactory. As to trouble being attached to his office, he was certainly particular about the accounts, and after one of their meetings it took him half the following day to put the accounts in proper order. He hoped that when the Finance Committee met in April, they would find everything in apple-pie order. He also hoped that the prosperity of the chapter would continue. Companion C. T. Speight gave the "Janitor's Toast," and the companions returned to town after spending a delightful evening.

Mark Masonry.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 139).—The Installation Meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday evening, the 7th instant. In consequence of the absence of the V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.O., the first W.M. of this Lodge, the duties of Installing Master were specially undertaken by the V.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.J.W. and Grand Secretary of the Order, who promptly opened the Lodge at the hour appointed. Amongst the brethren present were the W.M., Bro. G. Lilley, Bros. H. F. Huntley, P.M., Poore, S.W., Pulman, M.O., Trusler, S.O., Spiegel, Walmsley, Gibbs, Grant, G. Neal, and Rosenburgh, Visitors. The following brethren were duly advanced into the Order, viz., Bros. Cook, Vinall, Larham, and Walmsley. Bro. Thomas Poore was then duly installed into the Chair of A. with all perfect ceremony and in the usual able and gratifying manner with which Bro. Binckes conducts the work of Mark Masonry. The newly-installed W.M., having previously invested his I.P.M. Bro. Lilley, and decorated both Bros. Lilley and H. F. Huntley with the P.M. Jewel of the Lodge, appointed and invested his officers as follows, viz., Bros. Payne, S.W.; Pulman, J.W.; H. Huntley, P.M., Treasurer; Pulman, Sec. and Reg. of Marks; Trusler, M.O.; Larham, S.O.; W. Poore, J.O.; Lardner, S.D.; Spiegel, J.D.; Walmsley, I.G.; Cook and Vinall, Stewards; Grant, Tyler. It having been suggested that one of the newly prepared tracing boards should be provided for the lodge, and it being desired to preserve the funds of the lodge for another laudable purpose, the brethren present contributed a sufficient sum, and the Grand Secretary promised that the board should be at once forwarded. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous repast, prepared in a most liberal manner by Bro. Lilley, I.P.M., the host, and which was admirably served. Subsequently the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and Bro. Binckes supplemented the vote of thanks recorded in open lodge by a most excellent speech in response to the toast of "The Installing Master." The W.M.'s health was drank with much enthusiasm, Bro. Poore having rendered himself deservedly popular amongst Mark Masons by the assiduity with which he has applied himself to acquire knowledge

of the ritual of the Order, and the effective manner in which he carries out all his duties, both in Craft and Mark degree. In acknowledging the compliment, the W.M. expressed his thanks to the lodge for all the kindness and consideration which had been extended to him in his progress towards the exalted position he now had the gratification to hold, and assured the brethren of his continued exertions in the discharge of the duties of his office. Bro. H. F. Huntley responded on behalf of Past Masters Stevens, Lilley, and himself, regretting the unavoidable absence of Bro. Stevens, who, whilst enjoying his holiday, had nevertheless used his influence to secure the valuable services of Bro. Binckes on this occasion, so that the interests of the lodge might not suffer, and who, he (Bro. Huntley) felt certain, would, when he heard of the present successful meeting, feel equal gratification and regret. The newly advanced brethren respectively responded to the special toast referring to them, and each expressed great satisfaction with the ceremony through which they had passed. To "The Visitors," Bros. Neal and Rosenburgh made earnest replies, and the remaining toasts were suitably responded to. The evening's proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing, and the brethren separated in peace and harmony.

Scotland.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE IN GLASGOW.

On Monday, September 17th, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow met in the Southside Assembly Rooms, Crown-street, Glasgow, for the purpose of consecrating the Clydesdale Lodge, No. 556. Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M., presided, assisted by Bros. Halkett, as S.W.; Thallon, J.W.; McTaggart, M.A., P.G.S.; Walker, P.G.T.; Balfour, P.G.D.C.; Fraser, P.G.M.; and several other well-known brethren.

The hall, which is a handsome new building, was opened some nine months since, as a concert room, and was well adapted for the consecration ceremonies, there being ample room for the circumambulations with the consecrating elements.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master delivered an oration on the "Mission of Masonry," dwelling particularly on the duties of the officers of a new lodge.

At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony proper, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master proceeded to install the first officers of the lodge.

The newly installed Master, having thanked the Prov. Grand Master, and his officers for having attended to consecrate the lodge, and install the officers, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

Bro. Phillips then opened the Clydesdale Lodge, and congratulated the members upon the favourable auspices under which they had met, and alluded to the fact that in addition to many of the most influential Masons of the various lodges in Glasgow, there were present the Masters and deputations from 116 and 347, Rutherglen, 163, Pollokshaws, and eight of the officers of 549, all the way from Dreghorn, in Ayrshire.

The W.M. then, at the request of the lodge, affiliated the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge as honorary members.

The lodge was then called off to refreshment. Due respect having been paid to the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" "The Prince of Wales, Grand Patron of the Order in Scotland." "The Three Grand Lodges," and the "Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow." Bro. Barrow, in replying to the last toast, said that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow was not only the oldest in Scotland, but without vanity he could say it was the most influential. And it only rested with the members and the lodges to make it still more influential in the Grand Lodge. There had been some danger of that body becoming the "Grand Lodge of Edinburgh," instead of the Grand Lodge of the Kingdom, and it was for the new lodge, in conjunction with others in the West of Scotland, to do their duty towards the Craft at large, by attending at all

Grand Lodge, as well as Provincial Grand Lodge meetings. He was desirous of seeing the honour and dignity of the Craft fully maintained, and he thought they might with advantage take a lesson from the Grand Lodge of England. Let them carefully enquire into the character of every person who offered as candidates for the Order, for though Masonry was calculated to make every man who joined it a better man than he was before, yet for the permanent good of the Order they should see they had good materials to work upon. Before sitting down he would propose "Prosperity to Lodge Clydesdale, No. 556."

Bro. Phillips said he had for some years been trying to get a lodge established on the South side of the river, and having at length succeeded, he would take care that nothing on his part should be wanting to make it a credit to the Craft.

The next toast was "The Press," proposed by Bro. Miller, R.W.M. 87. He said they owed much to the Press; to night it was well represented as they had three gentlemen present. Bro. Bassett replied for the *Masonic News* and Bro. Wheeler, for himself and Bro. Jonge, on behalf of the *Freemason* and *Masonic Magazine*. In the course of his remarks he said as they had gone through the fire of heart, hand and pocket, he hoped all present would support the papers there represented, daily, weekly, fortnightly, and monthly, with heart, hand and pocket.

Bro. Bain, P.M. 103, proposed "The Health of the New Master, Bro. Phillips," giving some sound advice as to the conducting the business of a lodge.

The R.W.M. in reply, alluded to his having already filled the chair of 275, for five years, and the experience thus gained he would try to use for the benefit of the Clydesdale Lodge.

Bro. Wheeler proposed "The Wardens, and other office-bearers." The S.W. replied, and gave "The Visitors," Bro. Miller, R.W.M. 87, replied, and gave "Mrs. Phillips," who was worthy of being a Mason's wife, and proved herself a true helpmate to the R.W.M. in all his labours Masonic and otherwise.

The choir sang "Here's a Health to all good Lassies," the R.W.M. having gracefully acknowledged the compliment to one whom he could truly designate as his better half. The final toast "Happy to meet and sorry to part, but happy to meet again," was then given, and the brethren separated.

OPENING OF A NEW LODGE AT KILSYTH.

On Friday, September 4th, the Stewart Lodge, No. 547, was formally opened at Kilsyth, by a Deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumbartonshire. The charter had been granted some months since, but owing to the unsettled state of trade in the district, they had delayed the opening ceremonies. The brethren had not been idle, however, and their showy Stuart Tartan sashes and aprons, and the handsome set of lodge jewels, with their Tartan collars, supplied by Bro. G. Kenning, from his Glasgow house, were admired by all present. The drive from Croy Station, through a very picturesque scenery, was a very pleasant preparative to the ceremony, while the keen air furnished the visitors with an appetite, the best sauce, for the substantial repast that awaited their arrival at Bro. Robinson's Hotel, for with considerate kindness they had made refreshment precede labour. Having crossed the market place to the old hall, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumbartonshire was opened by the following officers; Bros. John McLeish, R.W.M. 321, P.G.S.D. acting P.G.M.; James Marshland, R.W.M. 503, P.G.J.D. as P.G.S.W.; Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M. 543, P.G.S., as P.G.J.W.; Alex. Denny, P.G. Sec.; A. S. McBride, R.W.M. 170, P.G.C.; J. Wigans, P.G.I.G. The acting P.G.M. having opened the lodge, informed the brethren that there was no necessity for consecrating the hall, as it had been consecrated many years ago for No. 39, St. John's Kilsyth. He should therefore formally constitute the lodge and then install the officers. The P.G.S. having read the documents, the following brethren were

then installed into their respective offices: Bros. R. Miller, P.M. of 39, as R.W.M. of 547; S. Hamilton, D.M.; Johnstone, S.M.; Paul Black, S.W.; James McDonald, J.W.; J. Livingstone, Sec.; J. Robinson, Treas.; Wm. Heller, S.D.; R. McPhun, J.D.; J. Brown, S.S.; Wm. Lindsay, J.S.; Alex. White, I.G.; and James Black, Tyler. The R.W.M. having thanked the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge for their kindness in coming over to install them, proposed that they should all be now affiliated as Honorary Members; this having been done, Bro. McBride, P.G.C., returned thanks for the honour thus conferred on them. Bro. Livingstone then said, as they had three brethren over from Glasgow to visit them, and they were all good workers in the cause, he thought they should also be affiliated. Bro. Robinson, Treasurer, having seconded this, it was carried nem con, and the P.G.M., at the request of the R.W.M., obligated as members of Lodge 547, Bros. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M. 556, P.G.I.G. of Glasgow province; Wm. Bassett, 27; and G. W. Wheeler, 73. Bro. Phillips returned thanks for the unexpected kindness. A procession was then formed, preceded by the band, and a splendid banner of the Athol 384, Kirk. Until 4 o'clock, they perambulated the principal streets of the town; on returning to the market-place, they opened up for the Prov. G. L. to pass through their ranks. The lodge was then called to refreshment. Bro. McLeish responded for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumbartonshire, the next sentiment was Bro. Denny, the P.G.S., the Sec. of the Stewart, 547, testifying to the kindness and attention with which their communications had been received. Bro. Denny gracefully acknowledged the compliment. The next sentiment was "The Masonic Press," responded to by Bro. Bassett for the *Masonic News*, and Bro. Wheeler for *The Freemason*, and *Masonic Magazine*. Bro. Wheeler then proposed "Prosperity to the Stewart Lodge, 547." Bro. Miller in reply, said for many years he had been studying Masonry, and being now again in the chair he would try to make the new lodge a credit to the old Craft, and should be most pleased to do all in his power to impart Masonic light as far as possible, both in the lodge and out of it, if the members would only try to learn. He then proposed the "Athol Kirkwhillick Lodge" which had materially assisted them in their starting. Bro. Kent briefly replied. As the train will not wait for anyone, the visitors took their departure, the band and a deputation of the brethren accompanying them beyond the precincts of the town on their homeward journey.

GLASGOW.—*St. George's Lodge* (No. 333).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall on Wednesday, the 9th instant. Bro. Winton, R.W.M., presiding; assisted by Bro. McFarlan, S.M., J. Finley, S.W., J. Forsyth, J.W., and McIntyre, Sec. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting and also those of an emergency, passed. Bro. Bryon applied for leave to be passed and raised, as he was about to sail for America within a week. The lodge having granted his request, was then raised to the 2nd degree, and Bro. G. W. Wheeler, at the R.W.M.'s request, passed Bro. Bryon to the Fellow Craft, and on the lodge being opened to the 3rd degree raised him to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

GLASGOW.—*Clyde Lodge* (No. 408).—This lodge held an emergency meeting on Friday, the 17th instant, when two candidates were passed and raised. Bro. D. Dawson in the chair, who was assisted in the work by R. Mitchell, D.M., J. McGaw, S.W., J. Stewart, J.W., J. Harper, Treasurer.

GLASGOW.—*Union Lodge* (No. 332).—This lodge held its regular meeting at 170, Buchanan-street, on Monday, the 7th instant. S. B. McNair in the chair. An application on behalf of the Lodge Clyde 408 was made for the initiation of a candidate, which was granted, and the gentleman initiated. The lodge was then raised, and Bro. McNair proceeded to pass one brother to the degree of Fellow Craft, the lodge was then closed.

GLASGOW.—*Athol Lodge* (No. 413).—At the monthly meeting of this lodge, held at 213, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, 18th instant, Bro. Jas. Wallace, R.W.M., presiding; J. Louttit, S.W.; J. Jorman, J.W. An application for admission was presented, and being unanimously approved of, the gentleman was then introduced and made by Bro. J. Moller, P.M. This being all the business, the lodge was then closed in ancient form.

GLASGOW.—*St. Andrew's Chapter* (69) met on the 8th instant; T. D. Humphries, the Z., presiding; J. Heron, H.; J. Duthie, Z. 67, as J.; G. W. Wheeler, H. 73, 1st S.; J. Humphries, Washington Chapter, Boston, U.S., 2nd S.; H. J. Shield, Manhattan Chapter, New York, U.S., 3rd S. Three candidates were expected, but not arriving, the principal business was the nomination of officers for the ensuing year. Comp. T. D. Humphries was unanimously requested to retain his chair as Z.

GLASGOW.—*Partick Chapter* (No. 113).—This chapter met for their election on Wednesday, the 9th instant, when Comp. Halket, Z., was unanimously re-elected for the 5th time, along with the 2nd and 3rd Principals.

GLASGOW.—*Glasgow Chapter* (No. 50) held their monthly meeting, on Thursday, Sept. 10th, at 213, Buchanan-street. Comp. J. Miller, Z., presiding, assisted by Comps. T. W. Bromlin, H.; J. H. Sheldon, as J.; G. W. Wheeler, as first S.; C. McKenzie, as second S.; and F. Oliver, Scribe E. 69, as third S. The nomination of the officers for the ensuing year then took place, Comp. Meller being unanimously chosen as Z. There being two brethren for advancement, a Mark Lodge was opened, and Comp. Miller, Scribe E., advanced then to that degree.

GLASGOW.—*St. Rollox Chapter* (No. 144).—held their regular meeting, on Sept. 11th, Comp. R. Bell, Z., presiding. Mark Lodge was opened, and a brother of St. Andrew's 405, was advanced to that degree. The Royal Arch Chapter was subsequently opened by Comp. Bell, Duthie, Z. 67, as H., J. Shields, with Comp. Annand, as first S.; Appleyard, second S., when one brother was exalted into Royal Arch.

GLASGOW.—*Red Cross Conclave* (No. 114).—An emergency meeting of this body was called for on the 11th inst., at 213, Buchanan-street, as there were four aspirants for the Order, but unfortunately, only two were able to attend. The conclave was opened by the M.P.S. Sir Knight Wheeler, J. Tweed, Hon. Viceroy, as E.V.E.; Dr. B. Fleming, I.G.; J. Hastie, I.G. The conclave being unanimous in favour of the admission of the candidates, they were entrusted with the secrets, and created Knights of Constantine. A letter having been read from the Recorder, regretting his inability to attend, and asking for a successor to be appointed. An election took place, after which the M.P.S. installed into office Sir Knight J. Hastie, as Recorder; William Dobbie, as I.G.; and J. B. Hardie, as S. Sir Knight Fleming, as H.P. then closed the conclave in due and ancient form.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE IN LIVERPOOL.

Another evidence of the unprecedented vitality and progress of Freemasonry in the Province of West Lancashire was afforded on Wednesday, 9th inst., when the Lodge of Emulation, No. 1505, was duly and solemnly consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, in the presence of a very large and influential gathering of the fraternity. As this was the first consecration which had taken place in the handsome new building (which, by the way, will be dedicated on the 7th prox.), all the greater interest attached to the ceremony, which at all times is exceedingly impressive and striking. The "Emulation" starts under very favourable auspices, several brethren who have already won their Masonic "spurs" being attached to it, and there is no doubt that it will occupy both a useful and honourable position in the roll of lodges in the Province of West Lancashire.

The commencement of the ceremony was

fixed for two o'clock, and shortly after that time the deeply interesting proceedings begun. By appointment of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the chair of consecrating officer was occupied by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Secretary, who was assisted by Bro. the Rev. J. H. Goggin, W.M. 255, P.G. Chaplain, and Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D. The musical service was directed by Bro. J. Skeaf, P.M. 216, P.G. Organist, the choir voices being Bros. T. J. Hughes, J. Busfield, H. C. Harrison, and Robinson.

The presiding officer having appointed Bro. Pierpoint as S.W., and Bro. Doyle as J.W. of the lodge, pro tem, it was opened in proper form, the brethren of the new lodge being arranged in order. After an opening prayer and solemn music, the presiding officer addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting. The petition and warrant, after some further formulas, were read by Bro. R. Wylie, acting P.G. Sec., and the brethren then signified their approval of the officers named therein. A very impressive and most appropriate oration was then delivered by the P.G. Chaplain (Bro. J. F. Goggin), which was listened to with the most profound attention. Bro. Skeaf's anthem and consecration music were sung during the ceremony, with the most striking effect, adding considerably to the general effect of the whole proceedings. The corn, wine, and oil used in the ceremony were borne by P.M.'s J. K. Smith, H. Williams and Pemberton, and the salt by Bro. R. Wylie. The duties of consecrating officer could not possibly have been better performed than they were by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., who was admirably assisted by Bros. the Rev. J. F. Goggin and R. Wylie.

Bro. Alpass subsequently proceeded to instal Bro. Henry Helson, P.M. 673, as the first W.M. of the lodge, assistance being given by Bro. Wylie. The following officers were afterwards invested:—Bros. J. T. Callow, P.M., S.W.; A. Morris, J.W.; J. Hocken, P.M. Treas.; W. Quayle, Sec.; W. H. Corbin, S.D.; R. Croft, J.D.; T. Large, I.G.; J. Capell, D.C.; J. H. Griffin, S.S.; J. Dale, J.D.; J. Skeaf, Organist; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bros. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M.; the Rt. Hon. F. Stanley, Dep. P.G.M.; Sir James Ramsden, P.G.S.W.; Prescott, P.G.J.W.; and other distinguished brethren. A large number of propositions for joining and initiation were made, and after votes of thanks had been unanimously passed to the consecrating officer (Bro. Alpass), to his assistants (Bros. Goggin and Wylie), and to Bro. Skeaf and the musical brethren for their valuable services, the lodge was closed in solemn form. The jewels, clothing, &c., were supplied from the well known Masonic establishment of Bro. G. Kenning, of London and Liverpool, which reflected the highest credit upon his taste and excellence of workmanship. The officers' jewels, which are certainly the finest in the province, were particularly admired for their superior design and exquisite manufacture.

Although evidently suffering from the effects of his late accident in a railway collision, Bro. H. Nelson, the W.M., presided at the banquet, which was served in the large dining hall. He had, however, to leave at an early hour, after proposing the most important toasts, in consequence of his continued weakness.

There was a large and distinguished assemblage of brethren, and the whole arrangements were of the most satisfactory character. The menu and toast *carte* was a model of exquisite taste, the portraits of the W.M. and his officers, executed by Bro. Burrows, occupying the borders of the card. The viands and wines were of the best quality, and must have given complete satisfaction to every one present at the banquet.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed by the W.M., that of the P.G.M. and P.G. Officers of West Lancashire being responded to by Bro. T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas., "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," was given by Bro. R. Wilson, P.M. 241, who urged upon the brethren of the new lodge to exercise their benevolence towards the excellent charity, which would not only be a great help to it, but a credit to themselves. He hoped that the rivulet of their charity would

flow into the general stream, thus greatly helping those who had the interests of the institution at heart. Bro. Hockey, P.M., Treas. of the Emulation Lodge, responded in an admirable speech. Bro. H. Nelson, W.M. then gave the toast of "The Consecrating Officers, Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G. Chaplain; and R. Wylie, P. Prov. G.S.D.," referring to the very admirable manner in which they had individually performed their duties that afternoon.

Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec. in reply, said that every time he was called upon to consecrate a lodge a very solemn sense of his responsibility rested upon him. With the number of new lodges which were now being opened in every part of the country, this sense of responsibility was all the greater. He then referred to the grand principles of the Order—brotherly love, relief, and truth—and urged every brother in connection with that lodge, to endeavour to carry them out to their full extent. Every true member of a lodge was taught the exercise of these predominant principles, and it was his duty to seek to carry them out whenever he had the opportunity. The R.W.P.G.M. had been deeply impressed with the great increase in the number of lodges in the province, and therefore he had become more careful as to the men to whom warrants should be entrusted. Referring to an article in the *Freemason* of the previous week, which spoke of the unprecedented increase in the number of Masonic lodges all over the country, Bro. Alpass said that the W.M. of the "Emulation" would show a very wise discretion, if he carefully examined the men who were proposed for initiation in his lodge. The W.M.'s of lodges sometimes boasted rather as to the number of persons whom they had initiated, without remembering that it was not a mere question of quantity, but principally a question of quality, which ought to be their principal object. He was sure, however, that the W.M. and officers of the new lodge would exercise a wholesome care in the matter, and concluded by speaking in the highest terms of the selected W.M., whom he knew to be an excellent and trustworthy Mason. Bro. Alpass then proposed the health of "Bro. Nelson, W.M.," who responded in an excellent speech, assuring the brethren that nothing would be wanted on his part to make the Emulation Lodge one of the best in the province. Bro. J. T. Callow, S.W.; who then took the chair, proposed the bulk of the remaining toasts on the list. Several excellent songs were given by the musical brethren, and Bro. H. W. Nicholas gave several quaint productions, referring specially to the new lodge in "A Quiet Sort of Way."

ROYAL MASONIC PEDIGREE WHEAT:

On the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the New Grammar School at Reading with Masonic honours, by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in 1870, a single grain of wheat which fell from his hands was picked up by Bro. Thomas Deller, P.M., of Newbury, who was the bearer of the cornucopia. This he planted. In 1871 the result was 157 grains, which was increased again in 1872 to about one-and-a-half pints. This sown in 1873, yielded seven-and-a-half gallons.

In October of that year, Bro. Deller wrote, placing this at the disposal of the Prince, and in reply received a letter from Sir William Knollys, conveying his Royal Highness's gracious acceptance, and a request that it be forwarded to Marlborough House. In November he received a further communication to the effect that it had been taken down to Sandringham and sown in a favourable spot, and that his Royal Highness's agent at Sandringham should, at the proper time inform him (Bro. Deller) of the result. Several communications passed as to the progress the wheat was making, and before its being cut an invitation, of which he availed himself, was received to go over and see the crop. It was about an acre of really very fine corn, the probable yield being some five quarters, the intention being to sow this next year, in which case we shall see about forty acres of corn from a single grain in five years. It is highly gratifying to see

the interest taken in the matter by his Royal Highness, which alone is sufficient reward to Bro. Deller for his trouble and care in the matter, at the same time his thoughtfulness has supplied what has hitherto been wanting, viz:—a pedigree wheat for use for all Masonic purposes. Any brother wishing to keep up the "breed," may have a few grains on application.

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

At the installation of the W.M. of the Stour Valley Lodge, on the 10th inst., the D.P.G.M. for Suffolk took occasion to refer to a scheme submitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge at its last meeting at Lowestoft, by the P.G.J.W. for Suffolk, for concentrating the action of the several lodges in the province, in behalf of resident candidates for the benefits of the Masonic Charities. He (the D.P.G.M.) would take upon himself to say that if the scheme of the Senior Warden was not at once adopted at that Provincial meeting, it was not from any hesitation on the part of the brethren to admit the importance and desirableness of its object, but from a not unreasonable wish to have time to digest the details for its organization. The brethren of the Stour Valley Lodge would be glad to hear that it had since engaged the special attention of the Prov. Grand Master, and the brethren might be prepared for the issue of a commission from him for the careful revision of the subject, with a view to a renewal of its discussion at the Provincial Grand Lodge next year.

A similar scheme had been debated by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, and a resolution unanimously passed to appoint a Committee "to consider the best mode of promoting unity of action in the province." The D. Prov. G.M. also suggested, and the suggestion met with a hearty response from the brethren present, that the Masonic Charities might be materially benefited by the formation of funds, by small monthly subscriptions, for the purchase from time to time of Life Governorships.

SUMMER BANQUET OF THE HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260).

The summer banquet of the Hervey Lodge was held on Wednesday, in the picturesque gardens attached to the well known "Crown" Hotel, at Broxbourne. A more beautiful spot for an "al fresco" fête could not have been selected. It is now more than half a dozen years ago, that Shirley Hibberd said, in the *Gardener's Magazine*, "The Broxbourne Gardens are the most finished, the most beautiful and most tasteful of any I have ever entered." Since then, nothing that refined taste could suggest and liberal expenditure procure, has been wanting on the part of the proprietor, Bro. Benningfield, to render them still more perfect. Amongst the brethren present we noticed, Bros. C. Darby, W.M.; Harrison, J.W.; G. King, junior, P.M. and Sec.; Henry Hollingsworth, S.D.; E. King, senior, P.M.; Czarnecki, Southwood, Kingcombe, P. Sandiland, Ward, Vine, Batter, Bigwood, and Speight, also Bros. Wright, W.M. 1153; Green, J.W. 27; Williams, 453; Ballard, 511; and Saunders, 1257, nearly the whole of whom were accompanied by their wives and sisters. After the banquet the W.M. proposed the "Queen and the Craft," and the other usual Masonic toasts. The I.P.M., Bro. G. King, then proposed the "Health of the Worshipful Master," congratulating him on the prosperity of the Hervey Lodge, and the new idea he had inaugurated by enabling the wives and sisters of the brethren to partake of their festivity. The W.M. made a suitable reply, and proposed "The Visitors," to which Bro. Wright, W.M. 1158, responded. The W.M. then proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge," which was acknowledged by Bro. King, senior. The next toast was that of "The Banquet Committee," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Southwood, who, the W.M. observed, bore the heat and burden of the day in arranging all the details of the banquet, and to whose taste and tact they were so much indebted for the success which had crowned it. Bro. Southwood replied, and the last toast "The Ladies," was given by Bro. G. King, jun., and acknowledged by the W.M. We must not

omit to notice that the expense of the orchestral music, the exquisite menus (had expressly from Paris) and the novel bon bons, each containing an elegant fan, or some other appropriate present for the ladies, was borne by individual members of the lodge, and the entire arrangements were devised, that a most enjoyable day was spent by the brethren and their friends, at a less expense to the lodge than would have been incurred at an ordinary banquet within its walls.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemason's Hall, Bro. Henry Browne in the chair. There were also present Bros. James Brett, C. A. Cottebrune, J. Constable, L. Stean, Thomas Cubitt, Thomas W. White, Hyde Pullen, James Stevens, H. M. Levy, F. Adlard, F. Kent, and others. Bro. James Terry (Secretary), having read the minutes, which were put and confirmed, several applications from both males and females to be placed on the list for election were received; and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Obituary.

BRO. JAMES MASON.

We copy the following from a local paper:—We sincerely regret to have to record the death of Bro. James Mason, master mariner, of Fort Elizabeth, which sad event occurred with fearful suddenness on Tuesday afternoon, May 12th. Deceased was occupied about his usual business at his hotel at Kinkel Bush during the day and appeared to be in good health. In the afternoon he was greatly irritated by one of his servants, who, instead of preparing dinner for the expected passengers per Cobb & Co.'s cart, had got drunk and entirely neglected his duties, so that at the last moment deceased had himself to set energetically to work, and labouring under considerable excitement at the time, it is supposed that one of the vessels of the heart suddenly burst, as he fell down dead without the slightest warning being apparent of his approaching end. Captain Mason was a man greatly respected for his kindly disposition and bluff good humoured manner. His early life was spent at sea, and among other vessels he commanded the *Alexandra* and *Hero* of the Nile, both of which vessels were regular traders to this port, and, with Captain Mason in charge, were favourite passenger ships. Some fifteen years ago he settled down in Port Elizabeth by opening the Masonic Hotel, which he conducted until three or four years since, when, on leaving on a visit to England, he made it over to Mr. Steinman. On his return he kept a hotel at the North-end of this town for a short time, but afterwards, having purchased the Kinkel Bush Hotel, went to reside therein, and at the time of his death was driving a good business. Captain Mason was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Good Will, and his funeral, which took place yesterday, was conducted with Masonic honours, a large number of the brethren attending to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of a departed and worthy brother.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (No. 1426), have made arrangements for resuming their meetings, every Thursday evening, commencing on the 24th inst., at 6.30 p.m., at the offices of The London Warehousemen's Association, 111, Cheapside, entrance in Honey-lane, opposite Bow Church.

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THE STRONG FOUNDATION.

A Poem composed for the occasion of the Masonic gathering at Wilmington, Delaware, June 12, 1874 and respectfully dedicated to Most Worshipful J. P. Allmond, Esq., Grand Master of Delaware.

BY BRO. ROB MORRIS.

[The Temple built by Solomon, after standing 420 years was totally destroyed by the Chaldeans under Nebuchadnezzar. Its successor, erected by Zerubbabel, stood nearly 500 years. It was taken down by Herod, and replaced by a third. The Temple of Herod after standing about 100 years, was destroyed by the Romans under Titus. The Moske of Omar, occupying the original site of those three edifices, has stood about 1200 years.]

But amidst all these changes, covering nearly thirty centuries, the foundations laid by the builders of Solomon, have remained unmoved. Composed of weighty stones, artistically laid together, each designated by the private mark of its quarrymen—the stones anchored together, and to the sides of Mount Moriah, by bars of iron and lead, the great foundation wall, 1000 feet thick, and 1500 feet long, stands, after defying alike the ravages of barbarians, and the force of the earthquakes, and the silent effects of time, for 300 years. And so it will stand, until the fiat of the Grand Architect of the Universe shall declare "time shall be no longer!"

It is so with the system of Freemasonry. Its foundations composed of the grandest principles ever communicated by God to man, stand as they ever have stood unmoved amidst all the changes of time. Lodges and Grand Lodges may perish, the opposition of evil men may raze our halls and temples to the ground, our Order may be villified and made unpopular by war from without, and the evil conduct of unworthy brethren within, but our foundation "standeth sure, having this seal,—the Lord knoweth them that are His!"

When the appointed time had come,
And Israel from his mountain home
Come up, by Solomon's command,
To lay, in state, the corner-stone
And build the temple high and grand,
An edifice that God would own,—
The monarch by a just Decree,
Thus set the law eternally:—

Lay the foundations deep! the fane
May not, to distant age remain;
The tooth of time may gnaw its side;
The foe deface its golden pride;
Pillar, Pillaster, height and base,
May mingle in one foul disgrace;—
But with foundations deep and wise,
Other and nobler works will rise,
And, till the earth in ruin sink,
Some structure crown Moriah's brink!

The people bowed obedient head;
Hiram, the Architect, began,
By long and wise experience led—
How sadly to our spirits come
The memories of that good man's doom!
To justify the Monarch's plan:
From mighty quarries raised the rock
In Ashlars huge and weighty drew,—
See, yet, they rise upon the view,
In spite of time and earthquakes' shock!
Until there stood as yet there stands,
The grandest pile of human hands;
A sure foundation, deep and wise,
On which the noblest works may rise.

Craftsmen! ye build but for a day,
Unless these precepts you obey!
How oft we see within our land,
A structure reared upon the sand!
Its walls—magnificent they rise;
Its towers they pierce the very skies;
Crowds, through its portals eager press,
Beauty and rank its altar grace,
And,—then the storm has blown,—'tis gone
From turret-top to corner-stone!

Craftsmen! the lessons heed and keep,—
Lay your Foundations wise and deep!

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SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY.

We have been struck, as we think all our readers will have been, with a very able letter, which appeared in our impression of Sept. 12th, signed "Scoticus Masonicus." That letter is marked, in our opinion, not only by much ability and power, but by an especially straightforward way of placing the true state of the case before all thoughtful and zealous Freemasons. For, to say the truth, the state of Scottish Freemasonry has long been a subject of deep regret to many of our readers over the border. We have long felt how very unsatisfactory and anomalous was the position alike of the lodges and brethren in that fine country, and where so many good Masons do undoubtedly reside. Why are we to be so regular, and careful and precise, in England? Why are we to be so well managed and so financially prosperous, when just across the borderline, if we wish to see anything of Masonry, we find a completely different state of things, which in some respects is a matter of deep astonishment and deeper regret to us "Cannie Southrons?" Now "Scoticus Masonicus," give us the true key to the weakness and deficiency of Scottish Masonry. If it be true that his view is not a novel one, as we have alluded to it more than once ourselves, and our able Bro. Hughan has done the same, we yet never before remember to have seen the real state of the case put so lucidly, so forcibly, and so convincingly. But how in truth can Scottish Masonry or any other Masonry flourish under such a mistaken system? In the first place, financially, it is utterly wrong. The Scotch Lodges, and the Scotch Grand Lodge are living on their capital, not upon their income. Their "increment" of returns is very small indeed, and all that the Grand Lodge has to depend upon are the fees of office, small amounts for registration, &c., and the payments for new warrants, not many. The private lodges have no income except what arises from the initiation fees, which in many lodges are ludicrously small. Hence, in order "to make the two ends meet," they have to have

recourse to frequent "emergency" lodges for initiation, and this hurried system precludes necessarily any very strict enquiry into character, and many brethren are initiated, and passed, and raised in Scotland, who never visit their mother lodge again, and from whom that lodge receives no further aliment of any kind. It is true that lodges in Scotland can have an annual subscription, if they will, but we fancy "Scoticus Masonicus" is right when he says you can count on your fingers those lodges which do so, as the Scottish Masonic mind is very much averse to an annual subscription. The consequence is that all Masonic charity is dwarfed and stunted in Scotland to a degree quite out of character with its kind-hearted people, and above all with the real wishes and intentions of our many warm-hearted brethren there. Scottish Masonry has no benevolent fund, of any value or importance, to show as a proof of the zeal and sincerity of its members. It has a benevolent fund, which however, is, as it were, rather a God-send to the financially crippled condition of the Grand Lodge, than available for any real effective purpose of Masonic benevolence. The simple fact that in nineteen months it distributed £450 to 109 applicants, an average of £4 4s. each, besides £11 disbursed in casual charity, speaks volumes as to the dormant condition of Scottish Masonic Charity. Some of the Provincial Grand Lodges have also benevolent funds, but the sums they distribute are alike both small and casual. We in England have vivid remembrances of applicants for relief, travelling from lodge to lodge, who, in nine cases out of ten, were Scotch Masons, and who, having been made Masons for a very small sum originally, and who, clearly ought never to have been admitted into our Order at all, had become Masonic vagrants. All the Northern provinces of England, and indeed the Midland, can testify to the same state of affairs, equally prevalent and equally deplorable. It is said, there is no grievance without reform, no ailment without a cure. So we say to day to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, reform at once your present weak and defective system. Make all the members of Scottish Masonry pay a subscription to a lodge, and let the fact of being a subscribing member to a lodge be the test of admission to Grand Lodge itself. Levy annually a payment from each lodge, as we do, to be divided between your general purposes and your fund of benevolence, and you will soon reap the benefit of the change, alike in a truer system of Masonry generally, and in returning financial prosperity. It may be, that there are some difficulties in the way, but if the Scottish Grand Lodge only will adopt as its motto "obsta principiis," it will ere long reanimate Scottish Masonry with a better spirit, and a higher tone altogether of work and duty.

APPROACHING ELECTIONS OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

We have received the voting papers for the next election of these excellent Institutions, and we think that our remarks upon the cases they contain may not be unacceptable to our readers. At the election for the Girls' School, October 18th, there are 29 candidates, and 15 vacancies.

to be filled up. At the April election this year, we may remember, 16 girls were elected from a list of 31 candidates. Of the 29 candidates for the October election, 14 are applicants for the first time. It is also important to note, that of these 29 candidates, 11 are from London; and 18 are from the provinces; and of these provinces, Kent has 3, East Lancashire 2, Hampshire and Isle of Wight 2, and Suffolk 2 candidates; while South Wales, Devon, Lincolnshire, South Africa, Staffordshire, Calcutta, Cornwall, Surrey, and Warwickshire, put forward 1 candidate each. For the Boys' School election, October 12th, out of 44 candidates, 13 are to be elected. At the last election, 15 boys were elected, out of 52 candidates. Of the 44 candidates for election in October, 18 apply for the first time. It is also instructive to remember that of these 44 candidates, 14 are from London, and 30 from the provinces. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight have 3 candidates, East Lancashire 2, West Yorkshire 2, Durham 2, Kent 2, Devonshire 2, North Wales and Salop 2, and St. Helena, Gibraltar, East Indies, Foreign Stations, Lincolnshire, Hong Kong, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Derbyshire, Dorsetshire, Staffordshire, Norfolk, Cumberland, Northamptonshire, and South Wales 1 each. Now these, both as regards the Girls' and Boys' Schools, are very remarkable facts and figures, and suggest some special considerations, which, on an early occasion, we may think well to advert to. But to-day we will content ourselves with observing how very incontestably these voting papers convince us of the need and importance—may we not say the increasing need of these educational institutions of ours? The present position of our Order is one of unprecedented material prosperity, and numerical increase, but that very prosperity, and that very increase inevitably bring upon us still more abounding claims on our active Masonic sympathy and charity. May 1874 and 1875 witness the same unflagging zeal, and the same meritorious efforts on behalf of these two admirable institutions, the Boys' and the Girls' Schools.

OUR LATE GRAND MASTER.

(COMMUNICATED).

Little indeed did Freemasons in general, or even those assembled to hear the letter of the Marquis of Ripon, conceive the severity of the blow which had fallen upon them, and now that the truth is known in its entirety, the shock seems almost too great to be endured. The resignation alone of a Grand Master, who had by his zeal for Masonry, unabated while he fulfilled one of the highest offices of the State, and by his courtesy and affability towards those with whom he became officially connected, endeared himself to all his brethren, and gained a lasting hold upon their affection and esteem, would have been received with feelings of the deepest sorrow, but, when we learn that the step we so heartily deplore has been occasioned by the alliance of our noble brother with the bitter enemies of the Craft, whose undying hatred for our Order has from time to time prompted them to publish the most unjustifiable falsehoods, and to utter the grossest perversions of the truth concerning us, then indeed the poignancy of our grief is increased tenfold, our sorrow is deepened with lamentation, and we are constrained to cry out with the sweet singer of Israel, "How are the mighty fallen!" The importance of the occurrence can hardly be over-

rated. For the first time since the establishment of the Grand Lodge in 1717 has the Ruler of our Order become a Roman Catholic, and surrendered his moral liberty, that right so dear to and jealously guarded by Englishmen in general, to the keeping of his leaders in religion. And what is ostensibly the first sacrifice which they demand of their convert? It is nothing less than that he should sever himself from a body of men whose watchwords are charity and benevolence, whose aim and boast is to do good to their fellow creatures, and who are in possession of certain secrets which, for the purpose of keeping out unwelcome visitors and preventing the intrusion of impostors, they are in the habit of communicating in a peculiar manner. Verily, we Freemasons must be a dangerous lot! The help which we afford to those in distress—not, be it remembered, to members of our community alone—is called in question by the intolerant Church of Rome; our forms and ceremonies, harmless and unproductive of ill as our opponents know them to be, are stigmatized as unlawful and irreligious; and our instruction, for the most part conveyed in parables, as was the custom of One whose wisdom and goodness not even our slanderous assailants dare deny, is denounced by them as ungodly and impure. We cannot do better than quote the well known and forcible words of our Rev. Brother Osmond Dakeyne, which, though delivered thirty years ago, are still perfect in their truthful representation of an Institution "founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue." The speaker was referring to the charges which were then, as now, unjustly brought against us, and he proceeds—"Disloyal! Why at the very moment when Professor Robinson published his book, who were the heads of our Order: The chivalrous Earl of Moira, George, Prince of Wales, and Edward, Duke of Kent! Disloyal! Was not George the Fourth our Grand Master! Was not William the Fourth our brother and patron! Our last Grand Master was a Royal Duke! The Duke of York was one of our brotherhood. The King of Hanover is a Freemason. Would all these Princes have belonged to a disloyal society! Are we conspirators to overthrow settled institutions? Who is the present head of the army? The Duke of Wellington!—aye, the Duke of Wellington is a Freemason! Are we irreligious? The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Primate of all England, is a Freemason, and was once Master of Bristol lodge!" And these words, as they then were, in their bold enunciation of the truth, can at the present time be supplemented by many other royal and notable names, as witnesses to the loyalty to Throne and State, and the freedom from irreligion, nay more, the actual tendency to religious feeling which prevails in the working of our Lodges. Latterly the Romish Church, apparently afraid of the gigantic strides which Freemasonry has been making, and jealous of the wholesome teachings which it inculcates in its assemblies, has been by no means unsparing in its misrepresentation and attempts at coercion. Witness the uncalled-for refusal of Mr. Cuffe to perform the burial service over the remains of a Member of our fraternity, and the scandalous and wholesale vilifying of the *Westminster Review*. And now that by a blow in the dark, as it were, our head has been taken from us, it behoves us to consider what we should do. Shall we tamely submit to the aspersions of our foes, and quietly endure their slander and evil speaking? No! However much we grieve for what appears to us as the defection of the highest member of our Craft, it is our duty by earnest perseverance in our lawful work and steadfast adherence to the principles of our Order to refute the utterance of calumny, to "put to silence the ignorance of foolish men," and to prove to the world that Freemasons are loyal, honourable, and generous, and practise those sublime precepts which in other words they profess:—"Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the King."

H. M. G.

[We publish this as we have received it, wishing to allow all free discussion within certain limits.—ED.]

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.]

THE ROYAL VISIT TO PLYMOUTH.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have recently had my attention drawn to various articles and letters in the *Freemason* on the unfortunate exclusion from the Masonic procession of the non-commisioned-officer brethren, on the occasion of the Royal visit to Plymouth last month:—

The two questions to be answered you say are: 1st. Who laid down as a regulation that our soldier brethren must appear in black coats, &c? 2nd. Was there any military prohibition of our soldier brethren marching in the procession?

In answer to the first of these questions, I should say no one laid down such a regulation. The committee numbered amongst its members more than one who knew full well the value to Masonry of these intellectual and highly disciplined brethren, the N.-C. officers of the army, and the regulations laid down by the committee to establish—wisely enough I think—a uniformity in the dress, were intended to apply to the civilian brethren alone, for it was well known by the committee, some of whom had been for many years connected with the service, that whilst to general officers commanding discretion is given by the Queen's regulations, to permit officers to wear plain clothes, no such discretionary power is given to extend the indulgence to N.-C. officers or men.

The custom of the service requires that soldiers shall appear in the public streets properly dressed in their uniforms. Your correspondent P.G.D. is quite right; it would be a military offence for an officer, N. C. officer, or private soldier to appear in a procession, with Masonic regalia worn over his uniform, unless previous permission had been obtained for his so appearing. Such permission has been accorded to the military on former occasions, and the committee had no doubt that the same indulgence would have been extended on the occasion referred to.

They universally regretted the absence of their military brethren.

Very fraternally yours,

J. ELLIOTT, Colonel,
P.P.G.H. & P.S.G.W. Devon.

Stonehouse, Devon, 9th September, 1874.

[Since the above was in type, we have received another and explanatory letter from Bro. Col. Elliott, of the letter we have just given, which we will print next week, as we have no spare space for it, unfortunately, this week, our columns being much crowded, and many communications having to stand over.—ED.]

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Whatever may have been the alleged cause of the non-appearance of the military brethren at the recent Masonic public procession at Plymouth. I cannot help thinking that some of your correspondents on the subject have not viewed the matter quite in its right light.

The Queen's Regulations and Orders for the Army used to contain a paragraph forbidding officers and soldiers from belonging to secret societies. This has now disappeared, but in the present edition (31st Dec., 1873) you will find the following—"Soldiers are not to be permitted to go beyond the precincts of their barracks unless properly dressed." A Masonic apron, or collar, or badge, or jewel, is nowhere laid down as a part of their dress.

It appears that the Committee required the brethren to "take part in the procession," clothed according to the usual custom, this I take it was intended to refer not only to what is generally known amongst us as "Masonic Clothing," but also to the remaining portion of the usual proper attire of a Mason, when attending Masonic duty, black and white.

A man properly appearing in uniform and also wearing Masonic badges, is an anomaly, the combination of the two dresses involves a combination of two separate and distinct capacities. They are not Masons because they are soldiers, nor are they soldiers because they are Masons, and it is not in accordance with the fitness of things that the brethren should appear in public dressed as soldiers.

We feel quite sure that there has been no intention on the part of Bro. Hughan or the Committee to snub the Military Brethren, and I trust that the latter, on thinking over the matter, will see that as soldiers they could not have joined the procession, except in a manner not permitted by the regulations of the service, viz., in civilians' clothes, and I feel sure too that His Royal Highness's disappointment at their absence would give place to an unqualified approval of their conduct, on learning that their absence was caused by their disinclination to infringe the Queen's Regulations.

I have attended lodges in uniform with Masonic clothing superadded, but I should feel it wrong to appear in public in the combined uniforms, greatly as I honour both. My own experience tends to prove that instead of soldiers being looked down upon by the civilian brethren, they are everywhere regarded with the highest esteem, and civilians may in most cases learn a lesson from the simple, earnest, careful, and straightforward business-like manner in which our soldier brethren go about their work as Masons.

Yours fraternally,

C.B.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Supplementing "Leo's" letter in the *Freemason* of the 5th inst., I beg to say I have now before me the programmes of two Devon Provincial Grand Lodge meetings held at Barnstable on the 13th May, 1840, and 14th June, 1848, in each of which there is a foot-note to the "Order of Procession," in the following words—"The Brethren will be expected to appear in proper clothing, and to wear white gloves. Naval and Military Officers are requested to appear in their uniforms, and the Clergy in their gowns, with the hood appertaining to their Academical Degrees."

Clearly then, at the dates given, our Soldier Freemasons were not prohibited from appearing in Masonic processions by the "Queen's Regulations," or by the manifesto of either the Commander-in-Chief, or the General in command of the Western Counties. We are glad to observe from "Leo's" letter that no fault, with reference to the grievance, is attributable to the Committee of Management of the late magnificent gathering, but from whatever source the prohibition may have come (and we trust the source will be clearly traced), we are quite sure that all civilian masons must, and do, most sincerely sympathise with their military brethren in the harsh and unmerited treatment to which they have been subjected, and in the bitter disappointment they have been called upon to suffer.

Yours fraternally,

A DEVONSHIRE MASON

LODGE MINUTE BOOKS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I enclose verbatim copy of a circular issued by the Prov. G. Secretary of West Lancashire. Will you kindly inform me if there is any power on the part of the Prov. G.M. to compel the W.M. of a lodge in his province, to send the minutes to a certain address, where they are to be retained for a week or more, much to the dissatisfaction of the lodge?

Yours fraternally,

AN OLD P.M.

"To the W.M. of Lodge No.—

"Worshipful Sir and Brother,—

"You are requested by the R.W.P.G.M. to send the Minute Book of your lodge by the 28th day of September next, securely packed and sealed, to the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street,

Liverpool, (addressed to me), for examination by the R.W.P.G.M., and his examining officers. When the examination has taken place, and the books signed by the R.W.P.G.M., they will be returned at the Prov. Grand Lodge, on the 7th October, for which purpose it will be necessary for you to attend and receive back your Minute Book, or send some brother authorised to receive it.

"I remain yours fraternally,

"H. S. ALPASS,

"Prov. Grand Secretary.

"331, Park-road, August 25th, 1874."

[We are of opinion that the W.M. and lodge are bound to produce the Minute Book, &c., on the requisition of the P.G.M., at the place and special time stated, but the Book of Constitutions does not provide for such property being left. The W.M. has full power to take them away again, as they are the private property of the lodge.—ED.]

SECRECY OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You say in your leader of 5th inst., "that Freemasonry is, and professes to be, a 'secret society,' is a fact which, 'nobody can deny.'" Now, with all due respect, I do deny it. We as Freemasons are not a secret society. It is quite true we have secret words and signs, known only to the initiated, but that does not make us a secret society—and I have always maintained it—I have said, and I repeat, that any just and upright man properly introduced and vouched for as a respectable man, will be received in any lodge in England, without enquiry as to his religious or political opinions. How then can this be called joining a secret society? I see that you propose to refer to the subject again "at some convenient season." When you do so, pray do not call Freemasons a secret society.

Yours fraternally,

MAGNUS OHREN,
P.M. and P.Z.

OUR LATE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Providing the Most Hon. the Marquis of Ripon does not communicate with those lodges of which he is honorary member, what course are those lodges to take. I am a member of a lodge of which he is honorary member; and perhaps you can inform me what to do under the peculiar circumstances.

By giving your opinion, or ventilating the subject in the *Freemason* you will oblige,

Yours faithfully and fraternally.

W.M.

[Probably, Lord Ripon will formally withdraw from all his Masonic obligations, till then it is clearly premature to take any steps in the matter of an honorary membership.—ED.]

Tantum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

RABBINICAL LITERATURE.

I have been expecting a further communication from the indefatigable Masonic student, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., &c., and delayed thanking him for his interesting communication in the *Freemason* of August 22nd, in the hope that he would discover some more particulars respecting "Rabbinical Literature."

1. I remember most distinctly seeing in a work—Dr. Mackay's *Magnum Opus* I think (*Encyclopædia of Masonry*), that some English translations of the Talmud appeared in 1711, and one portion alluded to the "*Hiram Abiff Legend*."

I have searched without success so far for the paragraph, but will try again.

2. The information respecting Dr. Plot's Staffordshire, 1686, and 1st edition of Bro. Elias

Ashmole's life, agrees my own researches, and I am glad to find Bro. Woodford confirms our previous statements as to the dates.

3. The "Masonic Notes and Queries, ought to be a well used department by the Craft.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

THE NEW PORCH OF SWANSCOMBE CHURCH.

By the courtesy of Bro. Magnus Ohren we are enabled to give the following detailed account of the proceedings:—

A very interesting ceremony took place at Swanscombe, Kent, on Saturday last, when the memorial stone of the New Porch, which is being built by the "Erasmus Wilson" Lodge of Freemasons, was laid with full Masonic honours by their Worshipful Master. The circumstances attending the gathering were altogether exceptional, and attracted a large number of distinguished Masons and visitors, amongst whom was noticed Prince Rhodocanakis, Grand Master of Greece; the Provincial Grand Secretary; the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works; and other Past Provincial Grand Officers. The Provincial Grand Master of Kent (Viscount Holmesdale), and his Deputy, W. Bro. Eastes, were unavoidably absent. The brethren assembled in their lodge room, at the Pier Hotel, at one o'clock, and then adjourned to Swanscombe, and having formed procession in the Rectory Grounds, proceeded to attend Divine Service at the Parish Church in the following order:—

The Tyler with drawn sword.

Brethren not members of any lodge in the County of Kent, two and two.

Brethren of Kentish Lodges, two and two.

Brethren of the Erasmus Wilson Lodge, two and two.

The Choral Director, Bro. Buckham,

The Architect with the Plans, Bro. Bignell.

Cornucopia with Corn and Vessel with Coins,

—Bro. Treasurer

Two Ewers with Wine and Oil,—The Deacons.

The Mallet and Trowel,—The Secretary.

The Junior Warden, with Column and Plumb Rule

The Senior Warden, with Column and Level

The Chaplain bearing the Volume of the Sacred

Law on a velvet cushion.

Provincial Secretary of Kent.

The Worshipful Master, Erasmus Wilson, with the Square,

Past Masters.

Service at the church by the Rector, the Rev. T. H. Candy, B.D., consisted of the usual evening service, to which was added two beautiful dedicatory prayers. The first lesson, 1 Kings, viii. 22 to 53 verse, was read by Bro. the Rev. C. A. James, M.A., of Stone, and the second lesson, Heb. vi. by the Rev. T. Blackburn, B.A., of Greenhithe. Two more appropriate chapters it would have been difficult to find in the whole of the sacred volume.

During the laying of the stone by the W.M. the following Hymn was sung:—

Here, Great God, to-day we offer

Of Thine own to Thee;

And for Thine acceptance proffer,

All unworthily

Hearts and minds and hands and voices,

In our choicest Melody.

Yea, we know Thy Love rejoices

O'er each work of Thine

Thou didst ears and hands and voices

For Thy praise combine,

Craftman's art and music's measure

For Thy pleasure didst design.

Honour, glory, might and merit,

Thine shall ever be;

Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Blessed Trinity!

Of the best that Thou hast given,

Earth and Heaven render Thee!

Amen.

The stone being lowered with three distinct stops, the W.M. standing on the East of the stone bearing the Square, H.I.H. Prince Rhodocanakis, the Grand Master of Greece, on his right hand. The Wardens went to the west, having with them the Level and Plumb Rule.

The W.M. having proved the stone by the Mallet, Trowel and Square, the Wardens by the Level and Plumb Rule, it was pronounced well laid, the Deacons presented the Ewers containing the wine and oil to the W.M., which were poured out conformably to Ancient Custom.

The Chaplain then offered a prayer and pronounced the Benediction, the proceedings being closed with the following Hymn:—

Praise to Thee, O! Master—Builder,
Maker of the Earth and Skies,
Praise to Thee, in whom Thy Temple,
Fitly framed, together lies;
Praise to Thee, Eternal Spirit;
Binding all their lives in one,
Till our earthly praise be ended
And the eternal Song begun. Amen.

The ceremony being concluded the Worshipful Master addressed a few remarks full of deep feeling and congratulation to the Rector on the restoration of the Church. He expressed a hope that around its Altar an ever increasing throng of worshippers would assemble to sing praises to God whom they had that day delighted to honour with their work. He hoped that love, and peace, and harmony would continue to prompt all who were engaged in carrying on the work in the Church. The work for which they had assembled that day had given them all great pleasure, and in the name of the Brethren of the Erasmus Wilson Lodge, he bade him an affectionate farewell.

The Rector (who seemed highly gratified) briefly acknowledged the kindness of the W.M. and Brethren of the Erasmus Wilson Lodge in undertaking the work they had brought to such a happy conclusion that day.

A photograph of the members of the lodge was then taken by Messrs. Watkins and Haigh, of 213, Regent-street, London.

The brethren and visitors, accompanied by the ladies, then repaired to the marquee in the Rectory grounds, where luncheon was served by Mr. Wingrove, of the Pier Hotel, Greenhithe; the brethren afterwards returning to Greenhithe to close the lodge.

The stone bore the following inscription:—
“This stone was laid and the Porch rebuilt, 1874, by the brethren of the Erasmus Wilson Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1464, as a tribute of affection to their First Master, Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S.”

The mallet used in laying the stone was kindly lent for the occasion by the Lodge of Antiquity, and was the one given to Sir Christopher Wren by Charles the Second, having been used by his Majesty on the occasion of his laying the foundation stone of St. Paul's Cathedral, London. A silver trowel was presented to the presiding Master, on which was engraved the following:—

“Presented to Professor Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., First Master of the Erasmus Wilson Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1464, by the brethren of the lodge, on the occasion of his laying the Memorial Stone in the Porch of Swanscombe Church, Kent, Saturday, August 29th, 1874.”

Previous to the stone being lowered to its final resting place, a bottle was placed underneath it, containing the following mementoes, selected by Bro. W. Russell, of Gravesend:—specimens of each coin of the current year; the day's “Times”; “Greenhithe Magazine”; scroll of vellum, on which was inscribed the particulars relative to the laying of the foundation stone; and a list of the brethren of the Erasmus Wilson Lodge who assisted at the ceremony.

The erection of the Porch, as well as the restoration of the church, is being carried out under the direction of Bro. Jabez Bignell, architect, who presented to Erasmus Wilson, on the laying of the stone, a beautiful perspective of the New Porch.

The arrangements for carrying out the ceremony were entrusted to Bro. F. C. W. Brandt, Treasurer, and Bro. A. Keep, Hon. Sec. of the lodge whose efforts were most successful, and whose services will long be remembered with gratitude, not only by the brethren of their lodge, but by all who were present and shared in the benefit of their labours.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset, on visit to Lodges Nos. 41, 53, and 379, was held in Bath, on the 4th inst. The brethren assembled at the Freemasons' Hall, Old Orchard-street, at noon, and transacted the business of the meeting. The following is a list of the officers appointed:—P.G.S.W., Bro. Lieutenant-General H. E. Doherty, P.M. 53 and W.M. 503; P.G.J.W., C. E. Davis, P.M. 379; P.G. Chaplain, Shackleton, J.W. 437; P.G. Chaplain, Mules, W.M. 1197; P.G. Treasurer, E. T. Bayne, P.M. 53; P.G.R., J. B. Colthurst, P.M. 437; P.G. Secretary, R. C. Else, P.M. 291; P.G.S.D., Carey, P.M. 41; P.G.J.D., J. B. Milborne, P.M. 325; P.G.S. Works, J. A. Bright, P.M. 772; P.G.D. Cer., G. Rugg, P.M. 914; Assist. do. J. H. Holloway, P.M. 446; P.G.S.B., J. S. Cottrell, P.M. 285; P.G.S. W. Drayton, P.M. 446; P.G.P. H. Leaker, P.M. 906; Assist. do. B. Cox, P.M. 1222; P.G. Tyler, Woodward, 291; Assist. do., R. Carter, 653; P.G.S. Samuel Dyer, 261; Pitt, 53; Colonel England, 53; G. Faulkner, 41; and Clark, 41.

At the conclusion of the business, the brethren repaired to the Assembly Rooms, where they partook of dinner, which was supplied by Messrs. Fortt and Son. A numerous company of brethren was present.

The Earl of Carnarvon, R.W.P.G.M., presided, and was supported, amongst others, by Captain Bridges, V.W.D.P.G.M.; the Rev. W. Shackleton P.G.C.; Bros. the Rev. M. J. S. Mules, P.G.C., C. Hutton Gregory (of London), P.G., Lieut.-General Doherty, P.G.S.W., C. E. Davis, P.G.J.W.; J. D. Colthurst, P.G.R.; E. T. Payne, P.G. Treasurer; R. C. Else, P.G. Secretary; R. Carey, P.G.S.D.; J. D. Milborn, P.G.J.D.; J. R. Rugg, P.G.S. Works; Major Vaughan Jenkins, P.M.; J. V. Cottrell, P.G.S.B.; D. Bright, P.G.D.C.; H. Leaker, P.G.P.; B. Cox, P.G.A.P.; G. Help, P.M. 53; Major Preston, W.M. 41; E. E. Phillips, W.M. 379; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; John Rubie, P.P.G.J.W.; R. D. Commans, P.P.G.R.W.; T. Wilton, P.P.G.J.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.P.G.J.W.; C. W. Oliver, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Smith, P.P.J.D.; Herniman, P.P.G.S.W.; J. F. Inskip, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Heame, W.M.; A. E. Bailey, P.M.; E. Down, W.M.; J. P. Estridge, F. R. Prideaux, P.G. Secretary, W. Hodges, P.G.D.C., &c., &c. Letters apologising for not being present were received from Bro. Earl Methuen, Bros. Goldney (Chippenham), the Rev. C. R. Davy, D. Bush, W. W. Beach, and many others.

At the conclusion of the meal, the noble Chairman proposed the toasts of “The Queen and Craft,” and “H.R.H. Prince of Wales, K.G., P.G.M. of England.”

The Right Hon. Lord Carnarvon said that he found himself for the first time in great difficulty in proposing the toast of the “Grand Master of England,” as there was no Grand Master at present in existence. All the brethren had no doubt heard that the Marquis of Ripon had tendered his resignation as the M.W. Grand Master of England on Wednesday last, and that resignation had been accepted. He greatly regretted the fact of that resignation, but he thought it was not for the Grand Lodge or any other body of Masons to inquire into the resignation which Lord Ripon had thought fit to specify, but whilst regretting so unusual a course, which he believed to be so unusual as to be unprecedented in the annals of Masonry; yet, extraordinary as the present state of affairs is, he believed that whatever powers existed and whatever functions had to be performed, they all devolved upon him. But whilst those functions continued to exist he was glad to say that although there existed no Grand Master of England there was a past Grand Master, in the person of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, than whom no one had taken a more lively interest in Masonry. He had therefore undertaken to convey to H.R.H. the desire of the members of the Grand Lodge that he should entertain their request to assume those powers which now devolved upon him. It would be for his Royal Highness to exercise his own discretion; but it

was a duty as agreeable to himself as he felt it was consonant with the wishes of the whole Craft, whether in London or in the country, that his Royal Highness should be requested to assume the duties.

General Doherty then gave the toasts of “The R.W.D. Grand Master of England, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers, past and present,” and “The R.W.P.G.M. of Somerset, the Earl of Carnarvon.” The toast was received with due Masonic honours.

The healths of “The V.W.D.P.G.M. of Somerset, Captain H. Bridges, and the rest of the P.G. Officers, past and present,” and “The Visiting Brethren,” were both proposed by Earl Carnarvon, and duly acknowledged. The Earl Carnarvon then vacated the chair, having to leave the city, and, in the absence of D.C.D., Bro. General Doherty took the chair. Bro. Binckes (of London) acknowledged the toast of “The Masonic Charities.” The other toasts were “The W.M's., Wardens, and Brethren of the Bath Lodges, Nos. 41, 53, and 379,” “The W.M's., Wardens, and Brethren of the other Lodges in the Province,” “The Stewards,” “The Secretary,” and finally “The Tyler's Toast.” The whole of the arrangements were entrusted to the following gentlemen on behalf of the three Bath lodges:—J. W. Preston, W.M.; T. Wilton, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Rubie, P.P.G.J.W.; R. Carey, P.M.; George Helps, W.M.; R. D. Commans, P.P.G.S.W.; J. M. Shum, P.P.G.S.W.; H. E. Doherty, P.P.S.G.D.; C. Phillips, W.M.; C. E. Davis, P.M.; H. Gore, S.W.; and H. C. Hopkins.

CONSECRATION OF ST. ELETH LODGE (No. 1488) AT AMLWCH.

It will be gratifying to the Masonic Fraternity at home and abroad, to find that the tenets and principles of the Craft are so rapidly extending, and that the number of lodges, and the members of those lodges, continue steadily to increase. We record, with much pleasure, the opening of a new lodge in a somewhat remote corner of the Island of Anglesey. This forms the third in the county, of which its scattered population numbers less than 60,000. It had been announced by circular and otherwise that the R.W. Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynne, Bart., M.P., P.G.M., would inaugurate and consecrate a Masonic Lodge at Amlwch, to be called “The Saint Eleth, No. 1488,” on Thursday, the third day of September, 1874. In the warrant obtained from the Grand Lodge of London, the following names appear, Bros. R. T. Philips, W.M. Designate; B. Roose, S.W. Designate; H. Hills, J.W. Designate. Every possible preparation had been made for the auspicious event, and the weather, which was beautiful and bright, seemed to conspire with all other contingencies in making the day joyous and happy. A number of Masons, and a crowd of non-Masons were waiting, with considerable anxiety, the arrival of the two o'clock train, by which the R.W.P.G.M. and other distinguished brethren were to come. It came at last. The Provincial Grand Officers, and a goodly number of the brethren, proceeded forthwith to the Castle Hotel, where the lodge is to be held. In due time the Consecrating Officer, Bro. Dr. Goldsborough, took the chair, appointed S. and J.W.'s pro. tem., and opened the lodge in the three degrees.

After preliminary arrangements the R.W.P.G. Master and P.G. Officers having entered, Sir Watkin opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the beautiful and impressive ceremony of consecration was proceeded with in a most solemn and effective manner. It was enlivened by music, consisting of a voluntary, Ps. cxxxiii. (St. Stephen's), a number of suitable responses, and an anthem, prior to installation and investment of W.M. and officers, Bro. Thomas, of Bangor, ably presiding at the harmonium.

The R.W.P.G.M. having closed the Provincial Grand Lodge, the following brethren were by unanimous consent installed to preside over the destiny of the newly-opened Lodge St. Eleth, No. 1488.—Bros. R. T. Phillips, S.W. 1113, J.W. 755, and W.M. 1488; B. Roose, J.D. 1113, and S.W. 1488; Charles H. Hills, I.G.

1113, and J.W. 1488; James Treweek, 1113, 957, Sec. 1488; E. M. Jones, 597, and S.D. 1488; Charles S. Dyer, 597, and J.D. 1488; Rev. Henry Lloyd, 1113, and Chaplain 1488; John Hughes, 1113, and I.G. 1488; Thomas Richard, 1113, and Steward 1488; Thomas F. Evans, Treas. 1488.

The presiding, or consecrating Bro., Dr. Goldsborough, shone as much in this as in the former part, and after all charges, and other details had been gone through, the Craft Lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then formed into procession, in full regalia, and in the usual Masonic fashion, from the lodge room to the Dinorben Arms, 53 in number. Their respective names, not including those already mentioned in connection with the new lodge are herein subjoined.—Bros. Sir. W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G. 17, R.W.P.G.M. of North Wales and Shropshire; Dr. W. G. Goldsborough, P.M. 202, 998, P. Prov. G.S.W. of North Wales and Shropshire, and P.M. of 1113, 1143, &c.; Wm. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., P. Prov. G.S.W., and W.M. St. Tudno, 775; Charles Hunker, P.G.M.G. Aberdeenshire East, and P.G.W. of Greece; Charles Dutton, P.S.G.W. Cheshire; T. C. Roden, P.M. 43, 482, 606, and 755, P. Prov. S.G.W. Warwick; John Peters, P.G.S.D., P.M. and Treasurer 597, Comp. 241; J. B. Hyde, P.G. Tyler; J. B. Boucher, W.M. 117; W. L. Banks, W.M. Eastern Division; Thomas Hathaway, P.G.S.; George L. Woodley, P.G.S.W.; J. Lloyd Griffith, P.M., Sec. 597, 1113; John R. Elias, 1113; Dr. Wynne Williams, I.G. 384; John Mason Harden, I.G. 755; William Jarvis, I.G. St. David's, 384; R. Rowlands, S.D. 384; Watson Robinson, W.M. 384; D. Cameron, 384; William Pritchard, 384; A. F. Snelson, St. Cybi, S.D. 597; John Ellis, W.M. 597; J. Phillips, 597; William Jones, 597; Owen R. Ellis, J.W. pro. tem. 597; O. W. Jones, B.A., S.W. and Chaplain 597; A. Jones Brereton, S.W. 1477; Alfred E. J. Watson, St. Tudno 755; W. S. Penny, S.D. 755; T. R. Peel, St. David's, Sec. 1147; David R. Davies, 1264; John R. Wilson, 1182; John H. Wilson, 1182; R. H. Williams, Anglesey, P.M. and Chaplain 1113; A. Walker, St. Oswell, 1124; James Neven, Segontium, 606; J. H. Warrington, Anglesey, 1113; Wm. Evans, P.M. 1113; Rev. T. Lloyd Ryffin, J.W. 1113; Salmon, M.M.; Sir Watkin, 1477.

The procession was watched by a numerous concourse of spectators, to whom it would seem the chief source of attraction was "Sir Watkin," who, we may state, never appeared more princely in his life. The dinner was provided by the Misses Hughes, and could hardly be surpassed in any respect. The tables were literally groaning under their heavy burden of delicacies, in quantity abundant, in quality excellent, and extremely well prepared. The blessing having been asked by the Rev. O. W. Jones, B.A., Chaplain 597, there was a general set to, each one vying with his neighbour in the enjoyment of the several dishes.

Dessert being well-nigh over, and the Prov. Grand Officers and others having to depart by the 7 p.m. train, Sir Watkin, who presided, commenced with the usual Masonic toasts as follows—

After a brief address, "The Queen and the Craft;" response, "God Save the Queen," lustily sung. "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," heir-apparent to the Crown, &c., responded to with Masonic honours. "God Bless the Prince of Wales," sung with remarkable spirit.

The "Grand Lodge of England," coupled with the G.M. of the Masonic fraternity in this country. The R.W.P.G.M. expressed his deepest regret, that, owing to some reasons of which he did not venture, as yet, to express an opinion, that distinguished nobleman had resigned the office he so honourably held for a number of years. He had been faithful in the execution of his Masonic duties, and unquestionably had done much good as regards individual cases of charity, and the Order in general. He (Sir Watkin) trusted that good fellowship, charity, and the other virtues inculcated by the Craft

had not been disturbed by his somewhat sudden and unexpected resignation. At present, H.R. Highness the Prince of Wales was nominally acting in that high capacity. He, however, had great pleasure in proposing as a toast, the health of Lord Ripon, Lord Carnarvon, and prosperity to the Grand Lodge of England, responded to Masonically.

Bro. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., P.P.G.S. &c., then rose to propose the health of Sir Watkin. He highly eulogised his career throughout, as a Christian and as a Mason; always overflowing with those excellent virtues commended and binding upon every individual member of the brotherhood. It did not matter in what circle his noble friend and brother turned, he always added grace, dignity, and lustre to it. He was verily a Prince in Wales. He (Bro. W. B. Hughes) hoped the brethren would all unite in drinking his jolly good health, and he trusted that his valuable life would be long spared to him, and that they should see another Sir Watkin, in time to come, occupying the same prominent position, which he held now.

"Can Sir Watkin?" by Bro. Cletter Jones. Sir Watkin in responding, observed that he had visited most parts of North Wales, and hoped this would not be his last visit to Amlwch. After expressing his gratification at the reception he had received from the brethren, and his heartfelt joy at the progress Masonry was making in this province, as well as in other places—new lodges multiplying—old lodges flourishing, &c., &c. He proposed the health of Provincial G. Officers, coupling with the toast Bro. W. B. Hughes, M.P., &c.

Bro. B. Hughes delivered a very telling and appropriate response. His reasons for coming to Amlwch on this occasion and embracing membership in so many lodges, were to do good to his fellow men, to elevate his fellow creatures to a standard, if possible, of every moral and social virtue. He was, like his worthy and noble friend, proud to see so many new lodges coming into existence. They could never, in his opinion, become too numerous. He would like to see a lodge in every parish, if it were possible, as the pure principles of Masonry could not possibly be too widely disseminated; there was but one grand object in view, and if all the brethren worked together, and pulled together, that could be achieved.

"The prosperity of the Lodge of St. Eleth, coupled with the W.M., Bro. R. T. Phillips and Officers." After a few congratulatory expressions, it was announced that time, tide, and the train, "would wait for no one."

The W.M. responded in brief, but very suitable terms, and before resuming his seat, proposed the health of Lady Wynne, which was received with enthusiasm. Sir Watkin responded in behalf of his lady.

The next toast, proposed from the chair, was "The R.W.P.G.M. of East Aberdeenshire, and P.G.W. of Greece, Bro. Charles Hunker." Sir Watkin thanked him most cordially for his much esteemed presence at the first gathering of the St. Eleth Lodge. Toast drank with Masonic honours.

This celebrated gentleman responded, thanking the R.W.P.G. Master of North Wales and Shropshire, and the brethren all, for the great kindness they had shown him. He was glad to find a Masonic lodge founded, and established, he hoped, at Amlwch; and sincerely trusted it would prosper.

This brought the chief Masonic toasts to a close, as it was well-nigh train-time. Sir Watkin was escorted to the station by the brethren, a great crowd following in the wake.

The few who returned to the banquet room, spent a couple of very pleasant hours in social toasts, songs, and recitations, thanks to the hostesses forming not the least prominent feature of the concluding scene. Bro. Treweek responded in her behalf. This rather lengthy report must come to an end, with the half untold; but from has been already stated, it will easily be understood that this inauguration meeting of the St. Eleth Lodge proved a great success in every respect, and augurs well for its future.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 25, 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, September 19.

Red Cross Conclave Villiers, Northumberland Arms Hotel, Isleworth.

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, September 21.

Lodge 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

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

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

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

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

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gathell, 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 College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

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

Tuesday, September 22.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.

Lodge 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.

" 255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

" 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tavern, Walworth.

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

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Canberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

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

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (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 Windmill-street, W.

Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.

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

Wednesday, September 23.

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.

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

Chap. 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane.

Red Cross Conclave 15, St. Andrew, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.

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

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

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

Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.
 Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havlock Tavern Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.

Thursday, September 24.

General Committee, Girls' School at 4.
 Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 766, William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford.
 Mark Lodge 118, Northumberland.
 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.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, September 25.

Lodge 680, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 Chapter 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Cligwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
 Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verity, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 26, 1874.

Monday, September 21.

Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, September 22.

Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1393, Hamer, Clarence Hotel, Everton-road, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Chester, at 6.30.
 " 1094, Temple Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Mark Lodge, Joppa, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Wednesday, September 23.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
 " 86, Loyalty, Assembly Rooms, Prescott, at 6.
 " 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 3.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms Inn, Ashton-le-Willows.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
 " 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chapter 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, September 24.

Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, 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.
 " 1313, Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 Chap. 292, Liverpool, Masonic Hall, 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.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, September 26, 1874.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, September 21.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 370, Renfrew Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Paisley.
 St. Mungo Encampment of Knights Templar, 213, Buchanan-st.

Tuesday, September 22.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.
 Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.

Wednesday, September 23.

Lodge 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.
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 All the Chapters in the Province meet for the election of Officers for the ensuing year.

Thursday, September 24.

Chap. 117, Govan, Portland Hall, Govan.
 " 547, Stewart, Freemasons' Hall, Market-place, Kilsyth.

Friday, September 25.

Lodge 118, St. Bride's, Freemasons' Hall, Douglas.
 " 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollokshaws.
 " 236, St. John's, Forth Inn, Carnwarth.
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At a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, recently held at Landport, it was unanimously resolved that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of raising a fund, to provide a suitable memorial to our late deeply-lamented Bro. Stebbing.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, a meeting was held at Southampton, which was largely attended, when the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

"That the Lodges and Chapters of the Province and Freemasons generally be solicited to subscribe to a fund, to be appropriated as the Committee shall determine, for the benefit of the Widow of our late lamented Bro. J. R. Stebbing, whose circumstances at the time of his decease render this appeal absolutely necessary."

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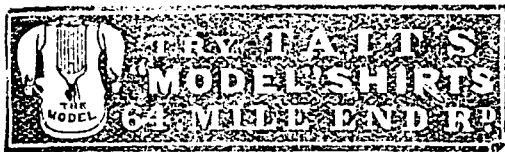
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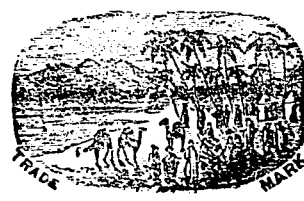
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4 in. 1/0 ... 2/8 ... 8/0 "

5 in. 1/3 12/6 "

6 in. 1/6 14/6 "

7 in. 1/9 17/6 "

8 in. 2/0 21/0 "

9 in. 2/3 "

10 in. 2/6 "

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