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A Meeting of the
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Will be holden at the
"KING'S ARMS," HAMPTON HILL,
At 2.30,
On Thursday, 5th November, 1874.

The Brethren will attend Divine Service at
St. James' Church, Hampton-hill, at 3.30, when a
SERMON

Will be Preached by the REV. CANON
COLLIS, D.D., Provincial Grand Chaplain.

THE
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The Brethren will attend
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at St. James' Church, Hampton Hill, at 3.30.
The Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro.
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After Lodge is closed there will be a

BANQUET

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Grand Chaplain,

V.W. Bro. JOHN HERVEY, Grand Secretary,
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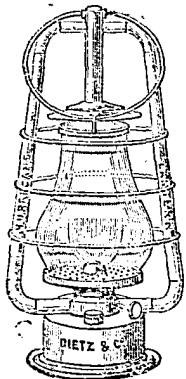
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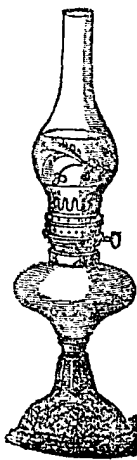
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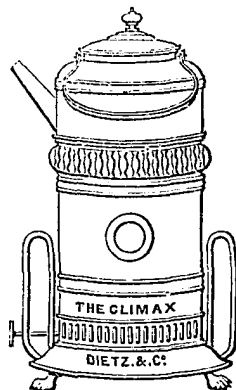


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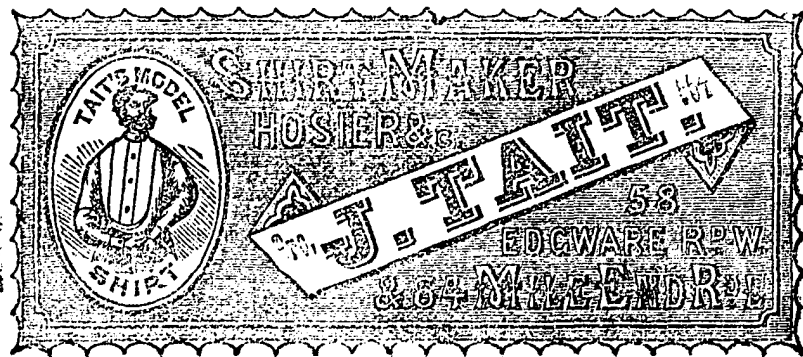


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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—The first meeting of this lodge for the season (1874-5) was held at Anderton's Hotel, on Monday, the 19th inst., Bro. W. F. Smith, W.M., presiding. The business comprised the balloting for and initiation of Messrs. Richard Beldan, Thomas Edward Webb, Joseph Kilsby Ward, Thomas Brown, and Charles Mitchell May. The candidates having been duly prepared were introduced, and admitted to E.A. degree, the ceremony was admirably conducted by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Brett, P.G.P., Jones, P.M., Hurlstone, P.M., and the remainder of the officers. Bros. Sir Gilbert E. Campbell, Bart., P.M. 1415, Prov. S.G.W. of Middlesex, and Charles Elmes, 823, were proposed and balloted for as joining members. The lodge then proceeded to the election of a W.M., when Bro. Hayley was unanimously chosen. Bro. Quilty was re-elected Tyler, and an Audit Committee was likewise appointed. The lodge then adjourned to the banquet, served in the great hall. Forty-four brethren sat down to table, among whom we observed in addition to the brethren already mentioned, Bros. R. Wentworth Little, P.M. (Secretary), Prov. G.S. Middlesex; Thomas Kiniston, A. Moore, C. Walker, F. H. Roberts, E. Franks, S. Godden, E. Sedgwick, C. Brothers, R. P. Tate, Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie, John Walmsley, U. Kell, and a number of others. The visitors were Bros. T. Dayson (382), O. Lee (18), F. W. Day (3), D. J. Ross (13), J. G. Marsh (28 and 192), J. C. Flakerty (205), T. Willert (1107), and two brethren from Holland—Bros. Simon Brone (3 kol.), and L. A. van Viegge (Ultrajectina). The usual toasts were given and duly honoured, and thus the Masonic reign of Bro. W. T. Smith as W.M. came to its close. He was presented with a P.M.'s jewel of the value of £10 10s. as a mark of esteem on the part of the lodge, and in testimony of the remarkable exertions he had made for the lodge, and on behalf of Freemasonry during his year of office. After a pleasant evening the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

BRADFORD.—*Eccleshill Lodge* (No. 1034).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemason's Hall on Friday, the 23rd inst., at 6 o'clock. Bro. William Pratt, W.M., was in the chair, being ably and influentially supported by his officers and a goodly number of Past Masters and brethren. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous lodge read and confirmed, after which Mr. Pollard, architect of this town, being a candidate for Masonry, was ballotted for and approved. He was then initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the Worshipful Master in a very able manner, Bro. Kitcheman, J.W.,

having explained the working tools, and Bro. Christopher Pratt, P.M., given the charge, the Worshipful Master gave a lecture in the first degree on the tracing-board. The Building Committee then presented their report and balance-sheet of the new banqueting room just completed in connection with the lodge, for the better accommodation of the increasing number of members, which was unanimously adopted and entered on the minutes. Bro. Hutchinson, P.M., Charity Steward, acting on behalf of the lodge in the interest of the son of our late esteemed brother John Armitage, now a candidate for the Boys' School, had the petition signed by the members present, and all the necessary matters arranged for presentation to the Provincial Grand Lodge, to be in readiness for the next election of candidates for the Boys' School. This awakened the spirit of generosity usually prevailing in this lodge with a desire to endow four of the Officers, viz., Secretary, Treasurer, Inner Guard, and Organist, all the other chairs being already endowed. Bro. Christopher Pratt, P.M., and Bro. Geo. Pearson, with their usual liberality, gave each £20 towards the project, thus securing two chairs. A subscription was then entered upon, when the amount of £15 was subscribed towards the other two officers, leaving only £25 to be subscribed to complete the endowments which will, no doubt, be forthcoming in due time. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bros. Pratt and Pearson, which was suitably responded to by them in speeches setting forth the importance of supporting the charities whereby the child of a deceased brother had a chance of a sound education free of cost. After the usual Masonic toasts and the efficient services of the officers, especially Bro. Nicholson the Organist, had been acknowledged, this most interesting meeting was brought to a close.

READING.—*Grey Friars Lodge* (No. 1101).—The installation of Bro. James Greenfield took place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., before a very numerous and influential assemblage of brethren. The ceremony was performed by Bro. W. W. Moxhay, P. Pro. G.R. Berkshire and P.M. 114, in his usual happy manner. The W.M. was saluted by the members in each degree, and received the hearty good wishes of the visitors present, after which the appointment and investment of the Officers took place, amid the acclamations of the brethren, amongst whom were Bro. J. Egginton, I.P.M.; J. T. Freeman, S.W.; E. Margrett, J.W.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chaplain; the Rev. C. R. Honey, Assistant Chaplain; J. T. Stransom, Treasurer, and W. P. Ivey, Secretary. Before closing the Lodge for the purpose of retiring to refreshment, letters were read from the following influential members of the Craft stating their inability to attend, and expressing their hearty good wishes for the prosperity of the lodge, and a successful year of office to the W.M.:—Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Pro. G.M. Berks and Bucks; the Rev. J. Studholm Brownrigg, D. Pro. G.M.; the Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes, Bart., P.D. Prov. G.M.; G. J. Shaw Lefevre, M.P.; the Rev. A. P. Purey Cust, 414; C. C. W. Griffiths, 30, P.M. 280, Pro. G. Treas. Worcestershire; Superintendent Mott; J. Constable, W.M. 185; Thomas Cox, P.M. 1204; Chas. Aveline, W.M. 840; Alfred Brunsden; Robert Turner, W.M. 795; W. J. Powell, W.M. 945; W. H. Binham, W.M. 209; A. Burns, W.M. 574, &c. &c. The banquet was provided by Bro. W. Bailey at the Upper Ship Hotel, and the arrangements gave unqualified satisfaction; between forty and fifty brethren sat down. Bro. Greenfield, W.M. presided. Amongst the company were Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S. and Secretary to the R.M.I. for Boys; C. W. Wyndham, P.M. 586, P. Prov. G.I.W. Wiltshire; Swinburne, P.M. 246; Lucy, P.M. 529; Dew, P.M. 694, P. Prov. G.R. Hants; Lear, W.M. 694; the Rev. J. McGuilding, Chaplain, 1419; Moxhay, I.M., P.M. 414; the Rev. H. G. Layton 858; Joseph Morris, W.M. 414, Pro. G.S. of W. Berks and Bucks; R. Bradley; P.M. 414; J. W. Hounslow, P.M. 414; J. Egginton, I.P.M. 1101; Pro. G.D.C.; Geo. Chancellor, P.M. 1101, Pro. G. Treas.; J. T. Brown, P.M. 1101, P. Pro. G.S. of W.; J. T. Freeman, S.W. 1101; E. Margrett, J.W.

1101; J. Stransom, Treas. 1101; W. P. Ivey, P.M. and Sec. 1101, P.P.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks; A. Welch, S.D. 1101; W. W. Ridley, I.G. 1101; W. G. Flanagan, J.D. 1101; Howlett, D.C. 1101; C. H. Kidley; J. E. Danks, Steward 1101; R. E. Mount, J.D. 1328; Seymour, Newman, Vickers, Robinson, Crane, &c. &c. The usual Masonic toasts followed the banquet, with several excellent speeches, the principal of which were made by Bros. Guilding and Binckes. The former, in returning thanks for the Chaplain, vindicated Masons from the charge of being a body to which good Christians should hesitate to belong. With reference to the secession of the Marquis of Ripon the rev. speaker referred to the great disappointment which the late Grand Master's resignation had caused, and referred in eulogistic terms to the singular absence of bitterness which had characterized the allusions made by Masons to that subject. Bro. Binckes made a forcible appeal on behalf of the Masonic charities, and alluded particularly to the Boys' School, urging the brethren not to relax in their support. Many other speeches were made by the W.M., I.P.M., I.M., Treas., S.D., and visitors. The W.M. in a complimentary speech eulogised the working of his Immediate Past Master, and presented him with a splendid P.M. jewel—the unanimous vote of the lodge, which was responded to by Bro. Egginton in a most feeling manner. A very agreeable evening was spent, which was considerably enhanced by the beautiful glee singing of Bros. Mason, Barnby, and Lawler, which delighted every one present.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).—The first monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, 15th inst. There was a good attendance of members, including the W.M.; Bros. T. H. Staton, S.W.; Jas. Forbes, J.W.; R. Bescoby, S.D.; E. Lancaster, J.D.; J. L. Ritchie; P.M.'s Reed, Webb (Treasurer), and Moody. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the election, by ballot, of four candidates, viz. Messrs. Timberlake, Bathard, Freshwater, and Owen was then proceeded with, and found to be unanimous in favour of all. The W.M. then initiated them into the ancient mysteries of the Order in his usual masterly style. The resignation of a brother, in consequence of his having left England, was then proposed and accepted with regret. Three candidates having been proposed for election at the next meeting, and the hearty good wishes given to the W.M., the lodge was closed in due form, the brethren adjourning to the tavern, where they found Bro. Francatelli ready to receive them. The brethren having been well entertained, grace said, and the cloth removed, the W.M. proposed the "Health of the Queen, coupled with that of the Craft," which was responded to with Great Northern fire. He next gave the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. elect, and very nicely alluded to the position the Craft was in at the present time, carefully avoiding any allusion to the late G.M. The "Deputy Grand Master (the Earl of Carnarvon) and other Grand Lodge Officers" was next given and responded to by Bro. T. Adams in a humorous speech, who returned thanks for the sumptuous banquet spread before him. The "Initiates" were next given by the I.P.M. Bro. Reed sang the E. A. Song, and the brethren duly "joined hand in hand," much to the astonishment of those for whom the toast was given. The initiates responded, one stating that hearing so much of Freemasons and Roman Catholics of late, he had determined to see what the former were, and was pleased with what he had seen and heard that evening of the society. Another, that he had hesitated like the late Prime Minister had lately done about some important business, whether to do it, to put off doing it, or not to do it at all. He had chosen the former and was sorry he had not joined before. The "Visitors" was the next toast, and was responded to by all, viz., Bros. W. Mann, P.M. Industry; P.G.P. T. Adams; T. Tyrell, S.W. Camden; — Arkell, S.D. Lion and Lamb; T. Harper, Celtic; J. A. Woodwell, Confidence. The I.F.M., handling the gavel, gave in a very nice manner the health of the W.M. This toast was well received by all present, as the

W.M. is universally liked. In responding the W.M. addressed himself principally to the candidates, giving them kindly advice on the new life they had just entered upon. The W.M. gave the P.M.'s of the Great Northern Lodge. The I.P.M., Bro. Reed, responded on behalf of himself, and Bros. Webb and Moody for the kind manner they had always been received, and for the substantial marks they all wore. He also gave kindly advice as to what the new members might become, should they be spared, as there was no doubt that Great Northern rule would always be carried out, and that worthy men only would be called to fulfil the duties of officers. The "Officers of the Great Northern Lodge" was then given and responded to in a very humorous speech. The evening was very much enlivened by several songs and recitations from Bros. Webb, Owen, Lancaster, Schmerl, Moody, Bescoby, Harper, and Arkell, and was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

HAMPTON COURT.—*Burdett Lodge* (No. 1293).—The October meeting of the above lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, present Bros. Henry Phythian, W.M.; Keily, S.W.; Pearce, J.W.; Buss, Secretary; Little, Treasurer; Berrie, S.W.; R.W. Colonel Francis Burdett, P.G.M.; R.W. J. C. Parkinson, D.P.G.M.; Sanders, Baxter, Sissons, Wiles, Hill, Shaboe, Kenning, Massa, Sadler and others. Visitors Bros. White, P.G.S.; Arkell, 192; Mallam, Phythian and others; the business of the evening included initiations, passing and raising, all of which were most ably performed by the W.M., after which the lodge proceeded to the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, the whole being unanimously in favor of Bro. Keily, W.M.; Bro. Little, Treasurer; Gilbert, Tyler. An Audit Committee was also appointed. The lodge was then closed, after which the brethren adjourned to a well spread dinner, provided by Bro. Sadler in his usual satisfactory manner, toasts, speeches and songs closing a very successful and happy meeting.

ALDERSHOT.—*Aldershot Camp Lodge* (No. 1331).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Aldershot, on the 3rd ultimo, presided over by the W.M., Bro. A. McKenzie, P.G.P. Hampshire and Isle of Wight, who was supported by the following officers and a good attendance of brethren, including several visitors, viz.: Bro. Capt. Richardson, P.M. and Treasurer, P.G.S.D. Hampshire and Isle of Wight; Bro. White, S.W.; — Bennett, J.W. — Anderson, S.D.; T. Walton Mayer, J.D.; — Lucas, Secretary I.G. pro tem; and — Burns, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. Bartram, a candidate for initiation, which proved unanimous; and he, with Mr. Ash, balloted for at the previous meeting, but not then able to attend, were duly admitted to the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the charge of the Degree being ably given by the S.W., Bro. White. Bros. Phelps and Davis, candidates for passing, having given proof of their proficiency in the former degree, were entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and they were admitted and duly passed as F.C.'s; it was then closed to the First Degree. The next duty upon the agenda paper was the consideration of Bro. Captain Richardson's notice of motion, that the lodge be removed to the Assembly Rooms, High Street, Aldershot. This was seconded by Bro. Walton Mayer, J.D., accompanied by suitable remarks. Bro. Richardson, who at the previous meeting had so fully explained to the brethren the motives which actuated him in submitting the proposition, thought it unnecessary to reiterate the sentiments then expressed by him upon the subject, as no doubt the majority of the brethren were present when the notice of motion was given, and the remainder had been in possession of the summons for the regulated period. He would, however, for the information of those brethren who were absent from the last meeting, and unable to confer with other brethren respecting the motion, briefly explain the objections held, not only by himself, but by many other brethren, to the meetings of Masonic lodges at hotels, and pointed out the great efforts now being made

in various parts of the kingdom to withdraw our lodges from hotel influences and the temptations the brethren are subjected to; notably in an adjoining province, where a large Masonic hall was in course of erection for the convenience of lodge meetings. He hoped each brother had given the motion his unbiassed and conscientious consideration, and would readily acquiesce in the resolution of the majority. He likewise trusted that from the fact of his being a founder and P.M. of that lodge, the brethren would give him credit for having no personal motive to serve in this matter, as the motion he had made was submitted to them solely with a view to the advancement of the interests of the lodge, and from his heartfelt desire to see it prosper. An amendment was proposed and seconded to the effect that a committee be appointed to report upon the accommodation afforded at the Assembly Rooms before taking any step in the matter; but this information was at once furnished by Bro. Richardson in detail, he being in possession of a plan of the building. The majority of the brethren were likewise fully aware how admirably the rooms were adopted for Masonic meetings, the P.G. Lodge of Hampshire and Isle of Wight having been held there so recently as the 24th July last; consequently the amendment which was only supported by four brethren, was lost, and the original motion duly carried. A brother having been proposed and seconded as a joining member, hearty good wishes from Panmure Lodge No. 723, given by Bro. Hacker, its W.M. and P.G.J.D., were received, and the lodge closed with solemn prayer at quarter to nine o'clock p.m. At the meeting on 1st inst., the above minutes were confirmed, one brother unanimously elected as a joining member, two brethren passed, and three raised; this being the night for the annual election of officers by the lodge, there was a strong muster of the members. Bro. White, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Captain Richardson, re-elected Treasurer for the third time, and Bro. Burns re-elected Tyler. The elections being ended, it was proposed by Bro. Richardson, seconded by Bro. Mayer, and unanimously approved that the retiring W.M., Bro. McKenzie, be presented with a P. Master's gold jewel, from the lodge funds, in recognition of his services during his year of office. A lodge of emergency will be summoned for 29th inst., to receive the report of the Audit Committee, and clear off any work requiring to be performed, prior to the installation meeting, which will take place in the Assembly Rooms, at three o'clock p.m., on the first Thursday in November.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—Since its consecration and dedication last July twelvemonth, we have had frequent occasion in these columns to record, and to record with feelings of the most sincere gratification, the continued healthy progress of the Ivy Lodge; its perfect mode of working; and the continued and unbroken love and harmony which reign throughout from the opening of the lodge until the Tyler's signal for departure. But, moreover, the Ivy Lodge is entitled to the highest regard, in respect to the large amount set aside from every payment made to its funds from every source; and devoted to purposes of active and quiescent Masonic charity. We confess, therefore, that we entertain the highest esteem for the Ivy lodge, although we have not the honour of its membership, and we are ever pleased to be present at its meetings. On Tuesday; the 20th inst., the lodge was called to hold an emergency meeting by the W.M., at its usual rendezvous, the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road. The hour named was, seven p.m., and punctual to the time appointed, there were present in their places Bros. Chas. Smith, W.M.; G. Mattock, S.W.; J. J. Cantle, J.W.; J. Noke, P.M. 87, acting P.M.; E. Thurlkile, Treasurer; C. F. Poupart, S.D.; L. Cornelissen, J.D.; C. S. Jolly, Secretary; and G. T. Fox, P.M. 73, Tyler; the only officer prevented from attending his duties Bro. Ashwell, I.G. In the course of the evening two brethren, Bros. J. Barwick and J. Coker were passed to the second degree; and Bros. C. Cook and R. Giles were raised Master Masons; a

third candidate, Bro. W. G. Silcock, from unavoidable circumstances, was unable to be present. The working of the W.M. fully sustained his high character as a thoroughly intellectual Mason, and the ceremonies were given in all their entirety without the slightest curtailment, very much to the benefit of the respective candidates. When the lodge was closed the brethren sat down to refreshment of the simplest order, but which was partaken of with a relish and good humour which could not have been exceeded had soup, fish, entrees, and all the other enticements of the table crowded the board. The W.M. afterwards explained why he had called that especial meeting. It was not alone, he said, for the purpose of conferring the degrees on the brethren whom he had advanced in the science that evening, because that business could have been held over until a future occasion, but he had felt it imperative on him to call the brethren together that they might express the fraternal affection with which they regarded a brother now present, but whom it was within the bounds of possibility, they might never meet again in the Ivy lodge. He alluded to Bro. Charles Nott, one of their earliest associates, who, from combined motives of consideration of health and flattering commercial prospects, was about in a few days to leave England for Sydney; New South Wales. He assured Bro. Nott that he would carry with him the sincere regrets of his brethren of the Ivy Lodge at losing him, and their heartiest good wishes for his future welfare. Bro. Nott replied in feeling terms, and stated that in leaving the Ivy Lodge he hoped that he was not severing himself from Freemasonry; he intended as soon as he was settled in his new home, to be affiliated to another lodge under the English Constitution, of which his brethren now present would have due notice; he thanked them fervently for the kind wishes expressed towards him. "Auld lang-syne" was sung by the brethren, a *l'Eccsaie*, in verity "with heart and voice." A very happy and interesting evening was passed by the brethren, and the W.M. may feel satisfied that his kind purpose in holding this meeting was amply justified by the result; and that Bro. Nott, in his long and anxious progress through the Southern seas—will have many an hour lightened by the happy memory of his connection with Freemasonry, and his final parting with Bro. Smith, and the good men and true of the Ivy Lodge.

INSTRUCTION.

STRONG MAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 45).—The members of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction worked the Fifteen Sections on Sept. 28th, at the St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, being their last time of meeting in that venerable hostelry, the following brethren taking part in the working:—Bro. Beckett in the chair; Solmie, S.W.; Percy, J.W.; Bros. Gilchrist, Sadler, Bently, Saul, Defriez, and Turner. The following brethren were present: Bros. Maples, P.M.; Arnold, W.M.; Byng, Williams, Burke, Holford, Taylor, and Foxcroft. The working of Bros. Gilchrist, Sadler, and Turner was very highly commended by the brethren. The lodge will meet in future at Bro. Maples, P.M., the Crown, Clerkenwell Green, every Monday evening throughout the year at eight p.m., over the meeting-place of the parent lodge.

BURGOYNE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 902).—The annual supper was held by the members on Friday evening, October 16th, at the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales'-road, Ken-tish-town. Bro. R. N. Field, W.M. of the mother lodge, was a most able president, and was assisted by Bro. P. M. Wuest, the much respected Preceptor; also by Bro. P. M. Frost. There were several distinguished visitors, and amongst them Bro. Layland, the able Preceptor of the United Pilgrims and Domestic Lodges of Instruction. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and most heartily responded to, particularly that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Several of the brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening, and a very fine recitation was given by the W.M. from "As you like it." It only remains to add that the wines, &c., were supplied by Bro. Green, and gave great satisfaction, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Royal Arch.

WHITEHAVEN.—*The Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter* (No. 119).—The regular annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, College-street, on Friday, Oct. 23rd, at three o'clock in the afternoon. There was an unusually large gathering of companions. Among those present were Comps. G. W. Kenworthy, Z.; John Barr, H.; Edward Fearon, J.; W. B. Gibson, P.Z.; John Bowes, P.Z., P. Prov. G.S.B.; Dr. Henry, S.E.; Edward Tyson, N.; W. Sandwith, P.S.; John Rothery, W. Cowie, Thos. Mandale, John Tickle, Geo. Fitzgerald, Geo. Rynie, John Young, Jos. Price, G. F. Archibald, C. B. Pritilardo, Thos. Atkinson, W. Armstrong, Thos. C. Windross, F. Trimble, and Jas. Cooper. Visitors:—W. Mossop, M.E.Z. No. 148, P.P.G.P.S. West Lancashire; Thos. Dodgson, P.Z. 995, P.Z.P.P. G.P.S.; and Reuben Pearson, P.Z. No. 995. The chapter was opened in due form, according to ancient custom, by the Principals, assisted by the visiting Principals, when the remainder of the companions were admitted, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for several brethren as candidates for exaltation, and Bros. James R. Bain, Dr. Dick, and Thos. Bell Roxby being present were exalted in ample form, at the request of the M.E.Z., by E. Comp. John Bowes, who also gave the mystic lecture; the historic lecture being given by Comp. Fearon, J.; and the symbolic lecture by Comp. John Barr, H. The M.E.Z., Comp. Kenworthy, then presented Comps. Barr, Fearon, and Dr. Henry for the benefit of installation as Z., H., and K. respectively, and the ceremony was proceeded with by E. Comp. John Bowes, according to ancient form, being assisted by Comps. G. W. Kenworthy and W. Mossop. In due time the whole of the companions were re-admitted, and the new chiefs proclaimed and saluted, and the benediction pronounced. After some routine business, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded the E. Comp. Bowes for his valuable and efficient services, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet-room, where under the presidency of the newly-installed Principals, a most enjoyable evening was spent, enlivened by some excellent music, conducted by Comp. Cooper, Organist. After the usual loyal toasts those of a Masonic character received due attention. The M.E.Z. was proposed by Comp. Kenworthy, who spoke very highly of Comp. Barr, and said he believed a bright future lay before Chapter 119, for he was confident the M.E.Z. would set an example to all of fervency and zeal in Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. Barr, in response, said, that as far as he could he should endeavour to discharge his new duties in an efficient manner, and that, with the assistance of their Preceptor, Comp. Bowes, he had no doubt Chapter No. 119 would become a model of good working. Comps. Fearon and Dr. Henry endorsed the remarks of their chief. Comp. W. B. Gibson, P.Z. proposed the health of the Installing Principal, Comp. Bowes, and referred at length to the impressiveness of the ceremonies they had listened to that day and to the extent of their obligations to Comp. Bowes on that as well as on a former occasion. Comp. Bowes warmly thanked all present for their kindness, and said he had endeavoured to render their beautiful ceremonies in an intelligible manner, and his efforts having met with their approval he was amply repaid for his trouble. He intended to watch over Chapter No. 119 till it was self-working, and he trusted the newly-installed Principals would never hesitate to call for his services whenever they needed them. Comp. Fearon, H., proposed "the Visitors," and coupled with the toast the name of their late townsman, E. Comp. W. Mossop, M.E.Z. of the Chapter of Elias Ashmole, No. 148, Warrington. He said Comp. Mossop was admitted to light in No. 119, and the position he held in West Lancashire was a proof of his zeal and fidelity as a Mason and his conduct as a man. It gave him peculiar pleasure to meet his old friend in that room and to welcome him once again in Whitehaven. Comp. Mossop responded at some length, and reciprocated the very kind remarks of Comp. Fearon. He had done some work

since he left Whitehaven, and the further he advanced in Masonry the more beauty he found in it. In his position of M.E.Z. of No. 148, he was, as they were, under obligations to Comp. Bowes, and he always found him ready to render instruction and assistance whenever either was sought or required. He wished Chapter No. 119 every possible prosperity, and he felt confident with their present officers they would soon realise their most sanguine wishes. Comp. Bowes proposed the health of the subordinate officers of the Chapter, and showed the importance of the duties entrusted to those officers. He coupled with the toast the name of Comp. Edward Tyson, P.S., whose family he had known for thirty years. Comp. Tyson made a most stirring speech, and declared his intention to do his best to master the duties attached to his office, and thereby contribute to the well-being of the chapter. A few other toasts brought the proceedings to a close.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—The October meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the City Terminus Hotel. Present Comps. King, Z.; Roberts, H.; Newman, J.; Fellows, S.N.; Strickland Muggeridge, S.E.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.S.; Chapman and Arkell, A. Sojourners; Kenning, Treasurer; and Gilbert Janitor; H. Muggeridge, Yeoman; J. Copestick, Newton, Storr; Phythian, Cann, Marks, Kent. Visitors Comps. Taylor, Gompertz, Pearce, Partridge, Marsh and Harper. Three brethren presented themselves for exaltation, Bros. H. Povey, Neptune Lodge; C. B. Cheese, Gresham Lodge; and J. Curle, Lion and Lamb Lodge; the result of the ballot being unanimously in their favour they were exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Masonry, in a very masterly manner by Comp. H. Muggeridge, Z.; Roberts, H.; and Newman, J.; assisted by the other officers. The next business was the election of Principals and officers for the ensuing year, the result of the ballot being in favour of Comps. Roberts, Z.; Newman, H.; F. D. R. Copestick, J.; Birdseye, S.N.; Jones, P.S.; S. Muggeridge, S.E.; Kenning, Treasurer; and Gilbert, Janitor. An Audit Committee was then proposed, consisting of the three Principals, P.S., Scribes, N. and E., Fellows, Newton, and Phythian. The chapter was closed in due form. The usual banquet followed, accompanied with toasts, songs and recitations.

BEDFORD.—*Bedford Chapter* (No. 540).—On Wednesday, the 21st October, 1874, a H.R. A. Chapter was held in the Chapter Room, at seven p.m., for the purpose installing the Principals and investing the officers for the ensuing year. The minutes of the former chapter were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installing the Principals was rendered in an impressive manner by Ex. Comp. W. Merrifield, (a P.Z. of twenty years' standing) who was ably assisted by Comps. G. Merrifield, P.Z.; Northway, P.Z.; and T. R. Jones, the retiring Z. The board of Principal being closed, the Z. invested the officers for the ensuing year.

Mark Masonry.

DEVONPORT.—*Friendship Lodge* (No. 16).—The members of this lodge held a very successful meeting on Thursday 22nd inst., when Dr. Major Tanner Davy, the Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons of Devon, attended for the purpose of installing Bro. Knight as the W.M. for the year ensuing. The interesting ceremony was very ably performed by the P.G.M. in the presence of a large number of brethren, including many visitors from other lodges in the three towns, and the W.M. afterwards appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Price, S.W.; Cochrane, J.W.; Murch, S.D.; Elphinstone, Treasurer; Swanborough, M.O.; Jeffery, S.O.; Ward, J.O.; and Bening, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was given to the P.G.M. for having come so great a distance expressly to instal the W.M., and after the business of the lodge was terminated, the brethren partook of their annual banquet, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The health of the P.G.M. was drunk with great cordiality, and reference was made to the extreme

popularity of the R.W. brother amongst all Devonshire Masons. In responding to the toast Bro. Davy made a humorous, but at the same time very instructive, speech, and addressing himself to the officers of the lodge he gave them some excellent advice as to the duties which devolved upon them as Mark Masons. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Knights Templar.

PRESTON.—*Prince of Peace Preceptory*.—The regular meeting of this Preceptory was held on Monday evening, the 19th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Bull Hotel, Preston. The eminent Preceptor, Captain A. H. H. Whitehead, occupied the principal chair, and was supported by the following Knights Companions:—Lieut.-Colonel Birchall, Prov. Constable; John Worsley, Constable; Lieut. Airey, Marshal; James Worsley, P.E.C., Expert; Dr. J. D. Moore, P.E.C.; J. Galloway, P.E.C., Treasurer; W. W. Cottam, Registrar; Jos Harding, Captain of Lines), &c. The Preceptory was opened by the Preceptor, the muster-roll called, and other business transacted. A memorial to the V. H. and E. Great Prior as to the recent changes in the Order was discussed; this chiefly objected to the fact of the word "Masonic" being omitted in the designation of the Order, according to the existing regulations, the abolition of Past Rank, and the alteration of the titles of the officers and of the meetings, &c. It was resolved unanimously that the memorial submitted be signed by the Preceptor, Constable, Marshal, and Registrar, and forwarded in due course to the Prov. Chancellor. A candidate was proposed for installation in the Preceptory, the alms collected, and the Preceptory closed in due form. The Knights Companions afterwards attended a banquet under the presidency of Sir Knt. Whitehead, when, after ample justice had been done to the good fare provided, the usual loyal and chivalric toasts were given.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.

CALEDONIAN RAILWAY LODGE (No. 354).—The meeting of this lodge on Wednesday, 21st inst., was a specially interesting and unusually successful one, the feature of the evening being a presentation from the members of the lodge to P.M. A. Arrick Smith, in token of their appreciation of his services during his Mastership, and of their esteem for him generally. Bro. James Shaw, R.W.M., presided, and there were on the dais Bros. A. McTaggart, P.G.S.; A. Arrick Smith, P.M., 354; John Fraser, P.M. 87; W. R. Dunn, Secretary; James Balfour, P.G.D.C.; George Weston, R.W.M. 73; Julius Brodè, P.M. 360; W. Phillips, R.W.M. Clydesdale Lodge; Jno. Miller, R.W.M. 87; and David Reid, R.W.M. 465. Rarely has there been so numerous a gathering in connection with the lodge, the attendance including brethren from various lodges in the district. The lodge having been opened in the Apprentice degree, the minutes of last meeting were read by the Secretary and approved of. The R.W.M. announced that on that night fortnight it would be necessary to elect office-bearers for the year. The R.W.M. then inquired what time it was; and being informed that it was high twelve, called the brethren to refreshment; the same being supplied in abundance, and served in excellent style by the Stewards. The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" having been duly honoured, the R.W.M. gave "The Three Grand Lodges," coupled with the names of Bros. Bickerton (360), and J. Thomson, Lodge Truth (22), Belfast. The toast was acknowledged by these brethren in turn; the latter remarking that a feature in Irish Masonry he soon hoped to see established in Scotland was the Orphan Schools for the children of deceased brethren. The R.W.M. next gave "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," which was drunk with highest honours, and responded to by Bro. McTaggart, P.G. Secretary, who, in course of his reply, stated that not only did the Provincial Grand Lodge occupy a very important position

but that it was the strongest and most active working Provincial Grand Lodge in Scotland. It had never been found deficient in its endeavours to strengthen and uphold its dignity, and had noble work for the Craft in this part of the kingdom. It had had a succession of eminent Provincial Grand Masters, including Sir Archibald Alison, the historian of Europe, whose works would be read while the English language endured; the late lamented Captain Speirs, of Elderslie, a proficient, exemplary, and enthusiastic Mason; and now Bro. W. Montgomerie Neilson, of Queenshill, who, he might mention, was a member of this lodge—in fact, it was his mother lodge, and he was one of its most distinguished Past Masters. One special feature had marked his reign as Provincial Grand Master; that was the annual visitation of the various lodges in the province, chiefly conducted and superintended by Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M. The immediate result of this step was to show that the state of matters generally in the province was not so good as it might have been; and the after result was that all that was defective had been remedied. The members of the various lodges had come into closer union; they were more social and obliging in their work, and he (Bro. McTaggart) believed that there was not a lodge in Glasgow that would not do everything in its power in aid of a sister lodge. The jealousy that formerly existed had entirely disappeared, and the lodges were now working as harmoniously as it was possible for lodges to work in any part of the world. In addition, he said, we have been enabled to establish a Fund of Masonic Benevolence in Glasgow for the relief of our decayed brethren, the widow, and the orphan. It is encouraging to know that this fund has, from very small beginnings gradually increased till at length it has attained considerable dimensions. Its progress was no doubt slow, and, for a considerable time, its stability uncertain; but through the indefatigable energy of its then Treasurer, Bro. James Thomson, it continued to prosper, and its position was finally strengthened by receiving the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The fund is chiefly maintained by a levy of five shillings from each newly initiated candidate, and from this source alone is produced an income of about £150 per annum. We are, therefore, able to give each applicant for relief about £3 on an average. £5 is a not unfrequent vote; and we hope by-and-bye to give from £10 to £20. We have £500 funded, and our current account at the bank is quite able to meet the current claims on the fund. I am quite sure that Bro. Neilson would have been proud to have been with us to-night, and have replied to this toast; and I shall have much pleasure, the first time I see him, to tell him of what was done. Especially I shall mention to him what our brother from Ireland said about the Masonic Institutions of that country, and especially of the Orphan Schools. We are persuaded, from the great interest he has displayed in the cause of education, that his hand will not be slack in promoting any scheme of a similar nature that may, for the benefit of the Craft and those in any measure depending on it, be proposed for establishment in this country. Bro. McTaggart concluded his remarks by thanking the brethren for the cordial recognition given to Provincial Grand Lodge, and for the honour they had personally conferred upon himself. The S.W. gave as a sentiment "May the mouse never leave the Mason's meal poke wi' a tear in its e'e," and the same having been duly sympathised with, the R.W.M. said they had now come to an important point in the evening's proceedings. They all knew that when Bro. Smith was called to the chair, which he (the speaker) now occupied, it was under special difficulties and on very short notice, and he was sure they would all say that he had fulfilled the duties of the office in the best manner. Especially had their brother been successful during his Mastership, in creating a large amount of good feeling in the lodge; which, generally, would now stand comparison. In conclusion, and in handing over to Bro. Smith a valuable gold 'hunting' watch, suitably inscribed, the R.W.M. said he had much pleasure on behalf of the lodge, in wishing him at the same time every success in

life, and expressed their hope that he might long be able to come amongst them, and enjoy himself as formerly. The toast of "Bro. Smith and his Fireside" was then given from the chair, and drank with much enthusiasm and highest honours. The R.W.M. then intimated that he had just received a note from one of their members, presently in Belfast, Bro. R. J. Schmidt, in which the writer expressed his great regret that owing to non-communication with the lodge he had been debarred from sharing in their expression of feeling towards his "friend and noble brother," Arrick Smith. Not to be left out altogether, Bro. Schmidt enclosed in his note a small token of his own, a handsome finger-ring, and he "humbly requested" that his fellow members would drink just one glass extra to the health of Bro. Smith, "the same as if he (the writer) had himself proposed it." The R.W.M. having handed the ring to Bro. Smith, this request of the absent brother was duly complied with. In acknowledging the compliments paid him, Brother Arrick Smith said in reference to his period of office as Master that his weak endeavours for the good of the lodge, and for the Craft all over the world, would have been of little use but for the able staff of office-bearers whom he had to support him. In that respect he was very fortunate, he and they having only one point in view, the great end of Masonry to "Let brotherly love continue." Their gift of that evening he would wear proudly, and would never take it out to see the time without calling to mind the happy hours he had spent in the lodge with so many warm-hearted brethren. He must just thank them; and he could assure them that he would always be ready to do whatever he could to assist the lodge, or any other brethren, as long as he had life. Referring to Bro. Schmidt's token of friendship, it had taken him so much by surprise that he scarcely knew what to say. At any rate he should prize it very highly, and he hoped that a note would be sent to their brother in acknowledgment of his remembrance. Bro. Brodû, in complimentary terms, proposed "Success to *The Freemason*," referring, in course of his remarks, to the handsome offer of one hundred guineas made by its proprietor towards the establishment of an adequate scheme of Masonic benevolence in Scotland. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. J. Stewart, who replied. Bro. McTaggart, in a humorous address, proposed the toast of "Lodge 354, Caledonian Railway." He was a member of the lodge, he said, of some years' standing, and it had been his privilege and extreme delight to instal the office-bearers for some three or four years in succession. He could, therefore, now say to them, in a fatherly sort of way, that he was pleased at being asked to propose a toast that could not have fallen into better hands. He begged to couple with the toast the health of the R.W.M. (Bro. Shaw) who now occupied the chair, and had never been found wanting where an honest man's place demanded his presence. The R.W.M., in briefly acknowledging the toast, said that he felt very proud of the position, the important position, and hoped he should do his best to promote the good feeling that should prevail amongst brethren and the prosperity of lodge 354. Amongst the remaining toasts were "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Jas. Jamieson (225), who replied; and "The Musical Talent of the Evening," coupled with the name of Bro. Jas. Houston—by whom it was acknowledged in characteristic terms. We have but to add that the amount of musical talent present was unusually great, the more formal proceedings of the evening being most agreeably relieved by songs, stories, &c. from Bros. Jas. Houston, Charles Stewart, J. G. Sharp, John Good, Connor, Barker, Crabb, and McPhee. Altogether, as we have said, the occasion was a great success.

SUPREME COUNCIL 33°, A. AND A. S. RITE FOR SCOTLAND.—At a meeting of Council held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 12th inst., Bro. Henry Inglis, of Torsonce, Provincial Grand Master of Peebles and Selkirk, was duly installed as a member of the 33° and of the Supreme Council.

At a meeting of the Sovereign Tribunal of the 31°, held at a later hour on the same day, the

Right Hon. the Earl of Kellie, Senior Grand Warden in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Second Grand Principal in the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter; the Right Hon. Lord Rosehill, Past Grand Sword Bearer in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Grand Sword Bearer in the Royal Arch Chapter; and Walter Montgomerie Neilson, of Queenshill, Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow were admitted to the 31st degree.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SUSSEX.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons was constituted on Friday, 23rd inst., at the Old Ship Hotel, Brighton, Brother Sir John Cordy Burrows, J.P., was installed as R. W. Provincial Grand Mark Master.

The movable Grand Lodge was presided over by Lord Limerick, who was assisted by the Rev. J. R. Portal, M.A., as Past Grand Master; Col. Burdett, as Deputy Grand Master; Col. Adair, as S.G.W.; and Bro. J. Gilbert Smallpiece, as J.G.W.

The presiding Grand Master, in addressing the Grand Lodge, stated the satisfaction he felt, shared in by the London members of the degree generally, at the establishment of a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge in Sussex. He took the opportunity of congratulating the Mark Masons in this neighbourhood on having secured so worthy a man as Bro. Sir J. C. Burrows to preside over them in the capacity of Grand Master.

Bro. T. J. Sabine nominated Bro. F. Davison, as Grand Treasurer, in the room of Bro. J. R. Stebbing, of Southampton, lately deceased.

Sir J. C. Burrows was then obligated, invested, and enthroned, and in a suitable and very feeling manner thanked the brethren for the confidence reposed in him, and for the very high honour to which they had preferred him. He subsequently invested his officers for the ensuing year.

Several motions relating to the business of the day, or of importance to the Province, were then proposed and considered.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will meet next year at Hastings.

The Visitors present numbered nearly a hundred, and double that number of letters had been received from all parts of the country expressing regret that circumstances would prevent the attendance of brethren, but sending their best wishes for the prosperity of the degree in the South of England, and for the success of the new province of Sussex.

Multum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

In reply to "An Old Mason," (page 630) I would remark that the newspaper paragraph respecting Baron Ceschi, in which he is designated "Deputy Grand Master of the Order of Knights of St. John," must have been founded on error. There is no present Grand Master, and consequently cannot be a Deputy. The Protestant branches of the Order, in England and in Germany, are not in coalition with the Roman Catholic branches. I am not aware that "now and again we have paragraphs" in the *Freemason*, "having reference to the doings of that English Langue, emanating doubtless from Masonic members of that august brotherhood." I only remember one paragraph, of a very few lines, in or about July last, I think, which was contributed by myself, containing the simple announcement that the anniversary had been held at the Gatehouse, Clerkenwell, and Divine service, by permission of H.M., at the Chapel Royal, Savoy.

LUPUS.

THE GRAND MASTERSHIP OF THE IRISH FREEMASONS.—The Press Association understands that his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, has accepted the office of Grand Master of the Freemasons of Ireland, rendered vacant by the death of the Duke of Leinster. The Viceroy's installation will probably be held in Dublin in the ensuing December.

Original Correspondence.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The enclosed extracts from an address delivered by Bro. Rob Morris, Past Grand Master of Kentucky, June 4th, 1873, may afford some light to your esteemed correspondent, Bro. D. Murray Lyon.

With regard to the Victoria Chapter, recently inaugurated in Glasgow, being the first established in Great Britain, it will appear from Bro. Morris' statement that, prior to 1868, when he resigned the office of Grand Patron, no charters had been granted for the organisation of chapters, the bodies which may have been formed before that time were designated "Families of the Eastern Star," and those, we learn from the same source, had ceased to exist, which is fully borne out by Bro. D. Murray Lyon.

For the information of those who feel interested in the matter, I may state that the charter I issued to Victoria Chapter bears the signatures of Bro. Robert Macoy as Grand Patron, a Mason of world-wide reputation, who for upwards of twenty years has been Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the State of New York, and of Bro. Morris as Grand Secretary, of whom Bro. Lyon speaks.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours courteously and fraternally,

H. J. SHIELDS, 33°.

Glasgow, Oct. 24, 1874.

"Illustrious Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Officers, and Delegates of the Grand Chapter, Eastern Star, of the State of New York, I accept this as a good occasion to visit your Grand Chapter of the Adoptive Rite, and thank you for the invitation. By your permission, I will place upon record certain facts containing the origin and progress of the Rite with which I am familiar. . . . In the "Eastern Star Manual," compiled by Bro. Macoy, the statement is made in the preface that "the Order of the Eastern Star was established in the United States in 1778." This is an error. It should have read, "Adoptive Masonry was established at that time." . . . When I began to write and lecture upon Freemasonry, I found the desire for ladies' degrees as deeply planted in the breasts of others as my own, and I was called upon everywhere to confer such degrees as we had,—namely the Good Samaritan, the Heroine of Jericho, the Mason's Daughter, and others. They were all rather thin, gave but little satisfaction, barren in matter, and inartistic in form, and I was convinced that something better could be made. In 1850, twenty-three years ago, I wrought out with all my ability my idea of what was needed in this department, and called it the Eastern Star. . . . Two ideas I kept steadily in my mind,—namely that in the ties which bind Master Masons together, the honour, safety, and comfort of the wife, widow, mother, sister, and daughter are sacredly regarded; and, second, that to make these privileges available in the moment of peril or distress, some forms of private recognition are needed. Twenty-three years of experience, and the affiliation of fifty thousand ladies, substantiate the belief upon which I set out. We cannot truthfully say to a lady that we will "introduce her into Freemasonry;" nor do I think such a statement ever has been made, nor can we promise the lady who has been initiated into the forms of the Adoptive Rite, that she will be thereby any more entitled to Masonic aid than she was before, nor do I think that that statement has ever been made. What, then, is the inducement we offer her? Why this: that a lady who, by birth or marriage is really in possession of these rights of relief, will find her appeal made easier to her through the signs and passes, and, perhaps, still more through the certificate we furnish her. This is the spirit and purpose of the Adoptive Rite, as I have always taught it, and every other Mason who, directly or indirectly, has been instructed in this system through me. I presume I have personally communicated the degree of the Eastern Star to ten thousand ladies. In this most respectable assembly are many who

received the degrees from me, and they can testify if I have ever promised them more than this. Several attempts were made at different times to organise the Eastern Star into a system. The first, in 1855, was styled "the Constellation," of which a number were constituted. But it was found in practice that the Ritual was too complicated, demanding more dramatic skill than was available in many places, and this soon fell into disuse. Then, in 1859, a Ritual was framed for "Families of the Eastern Star," of which quite a large number were organised. But the trouble with these was, that not enough of the dramatic element was introduced into them, and they fell through for want of interest. In 1868, when I sailed for the Holy Land, I resigned to Bro. Robert Macoy the title and prerogatives of Grand Patron, which I had assumed as the author of the system, he consenting to undergo the heavy cares incumbent upon the office. I need not say that Bro. Macoy has fully justified my choice. The result of his labours, continued through five years, has been to establish chapters of the Eastern Star in all parts of New York, in New Jersey, in Mississippi, in Illinois, in Iowa, in Massachusetts and Connecticut—to name them all would almost be to call the roll of the States. Surely this is an encouraging evidence of the adaptedness of this system to the wants of the present age. The Rituals of the system you are now working, styled Chapter of the Eastern Star, were the work of Bro. Macoy himself, I assisted him in the preparation of certain portions, and gave him my warm approval of the whole. He expressed the opinion to me many years since, that no form of the Adoptive Rite can be permanent, or can exercise much influence upon the minds of its recipients, unless it is hedged in with charters dramatized in ceremonies, and illustrated with jewels and paraphernalia like other systems of Masonry. This form of Eastern Star Chapters seems to meet with universal acceptance, and I think it may be deemed permanent. As to the charge of modernism, this applies equally to all the forms of Masonry, except the first three degrees. To say that ladies have nothing to do with Freemasonry, is a stupid assertion unworthy a sensible man. To whom are the benefits applicable, if not to them? And what good is Freemasonry to do them, unless they are informed of their claims? And what better way is there for imparting this information than the method practised in the lectures and ceremonies of the Eastern Star. There is nothing to discourage us in the opposition we meet with. For the same opposition was made to Royal Arch Masonry sixty years ago, yet see how popular it is now! Everything in Masonry must stand upon its own merits. If the Eastern Star satisfies the demands of the age, it will live. Men may say what they please against it, it will live, and will become an institution in the land. That it has done good already, I know. That it has capacity for good, a thousand times greater, I honestly believe. Therefore, let us adhere to it patiently, do its work faithfully, and in due time we shall receive our reward if we faint not.

Obituary.

BRO. SAMUEL INNS, D.P.G.M., OF NORTHANTS AND HUNTS.

We have this week to record the death of Bro. Samuel Inns, of Towcester, member of the Lodge of Fidelity 445, and D.P.G.M. of Northants and Hunts.

The deceased brother had been for upwards of 30 years a member of the Masonic brotherhood, and always evinced the liveliest desire to promote the interests and welfare of the Craft, and to carry out in a practical manner the principles of the Order.

He never spared expense and trouble in doing this, and his zeal was rewarded in a small degree by his promotion to the important office which he held at his death, and to which he was raised several years since.

He had been for some time ailing, but his friends did not anticipate so speedy a termination to his career as was the case, his last illness being of only two days' duration.

It was felt (though not specially wished by deceased), that it was incumbent on all his brothers in the province, and especially those of his own lodge, that it was their duty to pay a last tribute to his memory by following him to his grave, and accordingly, at his funeral on the 15th inst., upwards of 60 members of the lodges in the province assembled for that purpose, for which a dispensation from Grand Lodge had been previously obtained. Lodge being opened, a procession was formed and marched up to the residence of deceased, and thence to the parish churchyard, in Masonic order.

His Grace the Duke of Manchester, P.G.M. of the province, was prevented from attending by his absence from England, but sent a letter of condolence, and many similar letters were sent by other brothers who were unable to attend.

The funeral service was taken by the Rev. W. H. Lee, Vicar of Towcester, the Rev. E. G. James, late Curate, Bro. the Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake, P.P.G.C., Bro. the Rev. Wm. Howes, P.P.G.C., and Bro. the Rev. C. G. Barr.

The "Dead March" in Saul was impressively played while the body was in the church, by Bro. Wm. Simmonds, W.M. 445, and P.G.O.

The deceased brother's regalia was borne on the pall. The pall bearers were six of the oldest P.M.'s of deceased's lodge. Bro. Marston was G.D.C., and Bro. Evans 445 was A.D.C.

Before closing the lodge it was unanimously resolved to request the lodges of the province to go into mourning for three months, and the customary banquet of the deceased brothers lodge, which was fixed for Oct. 23rd, is of course postponed.

A luncheon was provided for the brethren assembled, and after it the memory of the deceased brother was drunk in solemn silence.

A funeral sermon was preached on Sunday morning last, by the Rev. W. H. Lee, when most of the members of deceased's lodge were present in their private capacity.

Deceased was 67 years of age.

Masonic Tidings.

A KINDLY NOTE.—The Supreme Council of Freemasons in France has invited all the Grand Lodges of the world to meet at Lausanne on the first Monday in September, 1875. Says a clerical paper, "It is against the general peace that this assembly will conspire. All the friends of honesty—*les amis du bien*—should keep their eyes upon it." I want to know whether this sort of language is not libellous? If it be not, most certainly it tends to incite a breach of the peace.

BRO. GEORGE KENNING has received the commands of Grand Lodge for the supply of clothing and jewels, for the Grand Master and other Grand Officers.

BRO. EDWARD VERNON has just returned from a pleasant trip to his native land across the water. He was a guest at No. 33, Golden-square, London, and speaks in rapturous terms of his reception by Captain Nathaniel George Philips, 33°, and other distinguished members of the Supreme Council of England. We envy our stalwart brother his delightful experiences of travel.—*New York Dispatch*.

BRO. KNIGHT, the newly-elected Alderman for the Ward of Cripplegate, was entertained at a complimentary dinner, given by the residents of the ward at the Albion Tavern last week.

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The following stand over:—Letters from E. M., C. H. G. E., H. D. E.; Reports of Lodges—1276, Seacombe; Chapter 995, Ulverstone; Provincial Grand Lodge of Jersey; Laying the Foundation-stone of the Masonic Hall at Alloa; Stanley Hospital Fete and Gala, Liverpool.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

DEATH.

SHORT.—October 28, at Broxmore, Dawlish, Caroline Mary, wife of J. Stroud Short I.P.M., Salem Lodge, 1443, aged 32 years.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1874.

"LE MONDE MACONNIQUE" AND "THE FREEMASON."

In the September number of our French contemporary there appears, at page 204, what purports to be a fraternal criticism on some articles which have appeared this year in our journal on "The True Mission of Freemasonry." This review also appears to be written by the Editor, who is, we understand, Bro. Caubet, and with it we have little to find fault, as it is both able in substance and moderate in tone. It is quite clear, indeed, that our esteemed Bro. Caubet does not approve or agree with our views, and regards the suppression of mystico-philosophical teaching, and of a supposed eclectic system of doctrine and morals as "l'effacement de la Francmaçonnerie." We, "au contraire," entirely disagree in turn with Bro. Caubet, but he has clearly as much right to hold and enounce his opinion on the subject as we have on our part. But we think it right to say also this. The unfortunate position into which Freemasonry in France is daily drifting, in deference to most mistaken counsels, might, if we thought well to prolong the discussion with Bro. Caubet, which we do not, be adduced, we think, in strong proof of the soundness of our original contention. We did not, as it happens, allude to French Freemasons in our articles, but as Bro. Caubet has himself raised the question, we think it better, like true Freemasons, to express our opinion on the subject, openly and honestly. And we speak with some little knowledge of the state of affairs, and yet with most sincere goodwill to our Gallican and other foreign brethren, for whom, too, we are willing to make every allowance alike for difference of situation, and difficulty of position. But yet, when as in France, to-day, French Freemasonry has all but assumed the declarations and dogmas of the most painful period of her history, when

the very existence of a Supreme Being, and even the immortality of the soul, are not only erased from the professions of the governing body, but even private lodges are hardly permitted to avow the same secret truths, every reflecting brother must see that the foundations of French Freemasonry are sapped, that, on such principles it never can long flourish, and that evil days are in store for French Freemasons. Such are our candid opinions, "quantum valent," and such we commend to the careful consideration of our courteous Bro. Caubet, from whom we part with every assurance of our true Masonic consideration. But when we turn from our fraternal antagonist, Bro. Caubet, to Bro. H. Valleton, who writes another critique on the articles in the *Freemason*, at page 221, what can we possibly say either of his style or his tone? Not only is this additional review in marked contrast with the brotherly and polished language of the Editor, but it is a deliberate departure from the usual French politesse. Bro. Valleton commences his unmasonic tirade, by describing the Editor of the *Freemason* as a "confrère égaré par esprit de nationalité au milieu des plus importantes questions philosophiques comme un homme perdu dans une haute forêt." This is, as Mr. Sam Weller would say, "pretty well for a beginning," not, probably, that such language much matters in any way, the more so, as before the close of this article some of our readers may perhaps be of opinion that the remarkable expression "confrère égaré" belongs more fairly to Bro. Valleton himself than to the Editor of the *Freemason*. For Bro. Valleton goes on to say, that in our simple and straightforward enunciation of the universality of Freemasonry, and yet of the happy possession in all our lodges of God's holy and inspired word, where can any one possibly "accumuler en moins de mots plus de contradictions, illogismes, plus de sophismes, plus d'enormités, plus de non sens." "Mighty civil, bedad," as Paddy said, "and excissively foine writing!" Well we must, we feel, bow at once to such sweeping accusations from so lucid and so just a critic, consoling ourselves with the reflection, however, that if it really be contradictory, illogical, sophistical, full of enormity, utterly nonsensical, to hold such views, we share them, as we are proud to believe, with ninety-nine out of every hundred of our English Craft. And when Bro. Valleton goes on to express his mournful opinion in these sad words, "Helas! il est bien manifeste que les Maçons Anglais ne sont ni illuminés, ni mystiques, ni philosophes, ni logiques," I feel bound to say at once, that I deeply fear we English Freemasons shall long remain, as he puts it, neither illuminés, nor mystics, nor philosophers, nor logicians, as we certainly do not intend to give up our Bibles, nor banish religion from our lodges. But Bro. Valleton is not even content with such allegations. No, good man, he means, as we say, to go "the entire animal," and so he proceeds to make use of language which we deeply regret to see fall from the pen of any educated and civilized brother Freemason, for he loudly declares that because we English Masons accept the Bible as God's Word, and use it in our lodges, our Free-

masonry is "anti-liberal and reactionary." He ought to have said anti-*infidel* and yet most tolerant. But it appears to us a very profitless task, a sad waste of time and intellect, to follow our "frère égaré" in this outburst of unmasonic intolerance and of revolutionary nonsense, and so we propose to leave him, as the French say, "planté" dans une "haute forêt" of "sophismes," "illogismes," "enormités," and rubbish. Bro. Valleton's knowledge of English Freemasonry is as correct, moreover, as his criticism is just and fair. He tells us at page 223, that our English Freemasonry is "closed to Jews, who only accept the Pentateuch," that it is "closed to Hindoos and Parsees," that it is "closed to all Freethinkers." No doubt English Freemasonry is closed to Atheists, and long may it continue to be so. But this is not all. Blinded by his own "esprit de nationalité," this well-informed brother goes on to assert that English Biblical Masonry is so much a religious sect, that there are actually "Clergimen" (*sic*) who direct it, with the title and position of Chaplains. Horrible enormity! Is it not? What a priest-ridden lot we are! Yes, will it surprise our readers to be told, that English Freemasonry is a "sect so narrow that it only chooses those Biblical Christians who belong to the higher or middle classes," and that it rejects actually "those Biblical Christians of the working classes, whom it keeps at a distance by its fees and its various expenses." How any French brother can really sit down and take the trouble to put together such an amount of unmitigated falsehood and absurdity, it passes our comprehension to realize altogether. We need not allude to the remainder of Bro. Valleton's lucubration, as it is simply one of those ill-digested rhapsodies put forth by some of our foreign brethren, which really serve as an excuse for the opposition by governments and religious bodies to a propaganda which savours alike of irreligion and socialism. We in England, despite Bro. Valleton, mean to go on our peaceable, tolerant, and what the Germans call "man-friendly" way, resolved on this one thing, however, which the example of foreign Masonry renders alike our bounden and our solemn duty, never on any account to let go the sympathy we always manifest for religion, and above all, God helping us, never on any pretence to remove the Bible from our lodges.

IS THE POPE A FREEMASON?

A most important question. Yet how can we answer it? We have heard it repeated so often lately, with great emphasis and energy of expression, that it is by some taken to be an admitted and an ascertained fact. Indeed, one or two Italian and Sicilian lodges have, we believe, on the faith of the story, expelled, as far, that is, as they could do so, Bro. Pio Nino from Freemasonry. Now we confess to have some doubts on the subject, and we should greatly wish to have those doubts removed. If the fact be a fact let it by all means be established, but on the rules and laws of evidence; so far, the actuality of the Pope's Masonic affiliation is, in our humble opinion, "not proven." It has been stated that he was

made in Italy, a young man, just as it has been averred, that in his juvenile years he displayed proclivities for "Giovane Italia." It has been announced that when on an ecclesiastical mission in one of the South American Republics he was initiated under one of the symbolic systems, or the "Rite Ecossaise." But up to this hour when we write, no one, as far as we are aware, has ever thought well to supplement these loud assertions by simple and satisfactory evidence. If the fact be really so, it surely can be proved to the satisfaction of all true Freemasons, and all honest men. If it be merely a device of partism warfare; a "fraus pia" for the purpose of discrediting an antagonist, the sooner such an indefensible system is put a stop to the better, especially amongst Freemasons, who so deeply prize honour and truth at all times and in all things. If the account is a pure "myth" it is hurtful to Freemasons and to Freemasonry to continue to propagate anything which is untrue; while if the report of the Pope's admission to Freemasonry be well founded, the sooner it be made manifest the better, both for Freemasons and the world. No good can accrue to any by the "suppressio veri" in this case on the one hand, and most certain we are, that the greatest possible injury will be done to the honest character of Freemasons and Freemasonry, if a "suggestio falsi" is needlessly persevered in on the other. If Pio Nono was ever initiated into our Order, the minutes of the lodge meeting must exist, and a certified copy of the minutes would set the matter at rest. But if no such certified extract can be supplied, it is idle for brethren to go on stating that such a thing is a fact, of which they offer no trustworthy evidence. Freemasonry has suffered so much from loose statements, unreliable references, hap-hazard assertions, and unfounded assurances, that we feel it is in the best interests of Masonic history and of Masonic veracity that we ask to day for some authentic proof of this "oft-told tale." We have in England our very worthy and able Bro. Gallico, who is interested in and connected with that "Morgen-land," so very pleasant always to scholars of every age, and not the less so to Masonic students. Will Bro. Gallico favour us with his view of the matter, and will he endeavour to lay before our readers some proof of the story if it be true? Or will he give us an honest avowal, if the statement be incorrect, of the mistake into which many Italian and other Masonic writers have fallen? We shall hope to hear from him on the subject shortly, as no one is more competent to give the information desired, and no one realizes more clearly the solemn need and duty, in all such inquiries, of strict, historical, unimpeachable truth.

OUR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER AT HIGHCLERE.

We are happy in being able to confirm, for the information of the Craft, our original view of the misquotation of our noble Bro. Lord Carnarvon's speech at an agricultural meeting at Highclere. As the speech had been reported in non-Masonic papers, we felt it to be our duty

to allude to it, in order to avoid any possible misconception in the matter. But we expressly stated when we wrote, that in our humble opinion, the words attributed to our most distinguished brother were purely a blunder of the reporter. We rejoice to be able to-day not only to re-affirm our own previous conviction on the subject, but to do so in the full certainty, that no such words fell from the lips of our able and deeply respected Deputy Grand Master.

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.]

SCOTTISH BENEVOLENT FUND.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have with much pleasure read what has been said in your columns in connection with this subject, and I trust something honourable to the Craft in Scotland will come of it. After the hundred-guinea challenge thrown down by the worthy proprietor of this newspaper, Bro. Kenning, I hope that some of the richer members of our Order in Scotland will come forward, and with still greater generosity put their hands in their pockets and come out with something handsome in support of the scheme.

I am, yours fraternally,

PROGRESS.

THE COMING INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In notice your correspondent, "A Country P.M.," thinks the hour for the assembling for the above ceremony should be fixed so that it would be over about six p.m., to allow country brethren from a distance to return home the same night. The suggestion would be a very good one if there was any probability of the brethren finding room in the Grand Lodge when they did come. But unless a larger building is provided than the present hall (large and commodious as it is) there will not be room for more than one fifth of the brethren who are entitled to attend Grand Lodge, and I believe nearly every brother entitled to that privilege will wish to be present. And I think you will find there is somewhere about nine thousand brethren entitled to attend Grand Lodge as M.'s, W.'s, and P.M.'s; and on an occasion like this, if the privilege could be extended to all W.M.'s of good standing, there would be such an assemblage of brethren of the mystic tie as the world has never seen. Would it not be well for the Committee to secure some place large enough to accommodate all? The Albert Hall would be a most appropriate place, having been built to commemorate our M.W.G. M.'s honoured and revered father.

I remain, yours fraternally,

ANOTHER COUNTRY P.M.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AT DEVONPORT.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Last week you were good enough to print in a supplement a detailed account of the ceremony of placing the memorial stone of the new wing of this institution by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. In the hope that I may receive aid from my brethren in my arduous labours to support this excellent charity, permit me to state the grounds on which I appeal to the Masonic body.

1. The Asylum relieves distress in the direst form in which distress can be presented, in the person of the "Destitute Female Orphan."

2. The inmates are exclusively the orphans of our sailors and soldiers, especially of those losing their lives in the public service. They are admitted without local preference, and no recommendation is required.

3. More than twenty of the fathers of child-

ren admitted since the Crimean war were members of our Order. The large number of non-commissioned officers who are constantly entering the Fraternity ensures that we shall never be without such candidates, and the cordial support of the Craft would equally ensure their prompt election. I shall be only too happy to answer any inquiry, or to send reports etc. to any brother desirous of contributing or collecting. Unless I can raise £2,000 between this and next April, 150 orphans now on the list of candidates will be disappointed, as no election can take place.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,
L. P. METHAM,
P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Devonshire, Hon. Sec.

LODGE SUMMONSES.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think it would not a little conduce to fraternal regard and brotherly love if each of the several lodges would instruct their Secretaries to send a copy of their Lodge summonses to the Secretaries of the other lodges in their respective provinces, as far as they are able, so that the meetings may be made known to the brethren, and opportunity offered, that should any brethren in the course of their respective callings find themselves at that particular time near to a lodge meeting, they could avail themselves of the pleasure of attending, and enjoy themselves with their brethren. It would also shew each lodge how all the other lodges in the province were progressing, and also as each lodge has a different method of printing its summonses, the best and neatest form would no doubt be followed.

I can scarcely suppose such a province as Middlesex, where so many lodges are located, (London) or so large a province as Yorkshire, would or could carry out the above suggestion.

Yours fraternally,
R. T. ANDREWS, 403.

LADIES AS FREEMASONS.

Sir,—

Will you kindly allow me to ask through your columns, if Freemasonry has a purifying, elevating influence upon men, why not admit women? Surely it would have a good effect on them also, and in many cases keep inviolate that unlimited confidence between man and wife that constitutes the happiness of every home.

THE WIFE OF AN APPRENTICE.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO PLYMOUTH.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It would be a very great pity indeed that the discussion of an important subject affecting very materially the interests of the Masonic body should be allowed to degenerate into a personal quarrel between two humble members of the Order like Bro. Curteis and myself; but I ask to be allowed just a word or two—and they shall be the last—in reply to Bro. Curteis's last letter, which is framed in a spirit that has nothing to recommend it, but everything to condemn it. Bro. Curteis is a lawyer, and he therefore adopts the lawyer-like policy of "no case, bully the other side." Seeing the extreme weakness of the cause which he came forward at the eleventh hour to defend, he now accuses me of having been guilty of insulting, unmasonic, and ungentlemanly language in my last communication—a charge which has its complete refutation in the fact of my letter being published in the columns of the *Freemason*, for I am quite sure, sir, that if it had approached to anything like the character which Bro. Curteis has been pleased to give to it, it never would have made its appearance in your columns.

The insinuation that I am only a recently admitted Mason is as ungenerous as it is stupid. I have yet to learn that a long connection with Masonry is necessary, in order to enable a person to form a common sense view of a common sense question. Bro. Curteis's letter is a sadly painful illustration to the contrary, and clearly proves that the oldest Masons are by no means,

necessarily, the wisest. But Bro. Curteis is a lawyer.

Again, he makes it a charge against me that I fail to realise the duties which, as a Mason, I am bound to discharge. That is an imputation which I throw back in Bro. Curteis's teeth. It is unfounded, unwarranted, and grossly malicious, and is simply a part of the policy to which I have already alluded.

Bro. Curteis says I made a personal attack upon him in my last communication. Nothing was further from my intention, and having read it again, I utterly fail to see what grounds he has for the assertion. I am afraid that at the moment of writing he was anticipating the contents of his own letter, than which there cannot be anything more ungenerous or unmasonic. But Bro. Curteis is a lawyer.

As I have already said, it was only at the last moment, when the explanation so long sought for, was forthcoming, that Bro. Curteis came upon the scene, but it cannot be said that he has in any way helped us out of the difficulty. His two letters did certainly contain just three facts, and they were—first, that he was a Mason, secondly, that he was a member of the Committee, and thirdly, that he is a W.M. These are not matters of the least public interest, but taking them for what they are worth, we were acquainted with them before.

And now, sir, having taken Bro. Curteis to task, permit me the opportunity of doing another act of justice. In my previous letters I was led, through an unfortunate misunderstanding, to reflect upon the action of Bro. Colonel Elliott, as a member of the Committee, but having satisfied myself beyond doubt that that gentleman is in no way responsible for what took place, I am desirous at the earliest moment of fully and freely expressing my regret that in the discussion of a question in which I took a very deep interest, I should have been induced to cast reflections upon a gallant officer and an excellent brother, which I am now convinced were undeserved. I am quite sure that Bro. Colonel Elliott will accept this expression of my regret in the same spirit in which it is given.

Thanking you for your courtesy in allowing such a free discussion of this unfortunate question to take place in your columns, I beg to subscribe myself.

Yours fraternally,
C.M. (1205).

THE LATE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I cordially echo the conclusion at which you have arrived in "A Few Words of Caution" in your number of 24th inst. Perhaps you could not conclude this very unmasonic controversy in a better manner than by the insertion of the following clever anagram, which may also amuse your readers:—

"The Marquess of Ripon."

"R.I.P. quoth Freemasons."

Yours fraternally,

P.M.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think your reply to our "South African Brother" will not prove quite satisfactory to him; another glance at his letter will show you that he meant proxy or person.

1st. The S.W. being absent through illness a proxy or substitute might have been invested by the W.M., and the brother so substituted could have acted for the absent brother, and as, I presume, he had previously held the office of J.W., he would have "regularly served as a Warden for one year," and would therefore be eligible for the Master's chair; but if he did not serve the office of J.W., and was absent a great part of the year, his having a substitute would not help him. He could not be installed even if elected, or if he were he will find it will come to the long ears of the "Board of General Purposes," which reach all over the world, and the "Board of Installed Masters," and the lodge must answer for it.

I should rule in my own lodge that if a J.W.

appointed by me was absent through illness on the installation night, and I invested a substitute, that if the J.W. proper attended at the next meeting of the lodge, and continued his lodge attendances for the remainder of the year, that he was eligible for the chair. But the J.W. in "South Africa" had no pretence for being put forward; he was not appointed or invested by proxy, and only took the J.W.'s chair by favour on the resignation of the brother who was appointed and invested. Dispensations are not granted in such cases.

I am, yours fraternally,
MAGNUS OHREN,
P.P.G.J.W. for Surrey.
Sydenham, Oct. 20, 1874.

ITALY.

Bro. George Kenning has received a most flattering communication from the lodge "Anziani Virtuosi," at Leghorn, of which the following is the translation from the original Italian:—"It affords us gratification, to send you, in the name of the Worshipful Lodge Anziani Virtuosi, Orient of Leghorn, a diploma of honorary membership, to which you have been elected, as a proof of our esteem for your Masonic virtues, and we are proud to place upon the roll of our lodge your honourable name. We consider ourselves fortunate in having entrusted to us the duty of acquainting you of the above resolution, and we inform you, as a Member of our Lodge Anziani Virtuosi, that we should be happy to greet you between the Grand Columns. In the meantime accept, in the name of the Craft, our Triple Masonic Fraternal Greeting."

(Here follow the official signatures).

The "Masonic Magazine" of August, September, and October, 1873, being out of print, copies will be thankfully received by the publisher, at 198, Fleet-street, London.

The "Cosmopolitan Calender" is now ready, price 2s., post free, 2s. 2d. To America, post free, 2s. 6d.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 6, 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, October 31.

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), Marquess of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dille, Preceptor

Monday, November 2.

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

" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.

" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 144, St. Luke's, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.

" 188, Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street.

" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.

K. T. Preceptory, 128, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-square.

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

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

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

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

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

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

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

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dille, 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, November 3.

Colonial Board at 3.
Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
" 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge.
" 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road, E.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Piccadilly.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.

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, November 4.

Grand Chapter at 7.
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 1491, Athenæum, Camden-road, Holloway.
Mark Lodge, Old Kent, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.
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), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.

Thursday, November 5.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1351, St. Clement's Dances, King's Head Hotel, 265 Strand.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road.
Chap. 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel.
Rose Croix Chapter, St. George, 33, Golden-square.
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.
The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

Friday, November 6.

Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 1412, Logia de la Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.
Chap. 3, Fidelity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
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), Lyceum Tavern, 354 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, a 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 (1293), 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, Lorne-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. Putts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses High-road, Tottenham.
Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, November 7, 1874.

Monday, November 2.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel Assembly Rooms, Preston.
" 1051, Howley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 5.
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.
West Lancashire Mark Lodge (65), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Tuesday, November 3.

Lodge 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.
Mark Lodge, Walton (161), Masonic Hall, Kirkdale.

Wednesday, November 4.

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.30.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.
" 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Hall, Leigh.
Chap. 477, Fidelity, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, November 5.

Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

Friday, November 6.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.
" 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
" 1387, Churilton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
Chap. 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence Schools, Kirkdale, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, November 7, 1874.
All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, November 2.

Lodge 20, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Lesmahagow.
" 119, Rosslyn, Freemasons' Hall, 25, Robertson-street.
" 129, St. Mirren, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
" 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.

Tuesday, November 3.

Lodge 31, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.
" 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 87, Thistle, 12, Trongate.
" 177, St. James, Masons' Hall, Coatbridge.
" 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.
" 406, St. John, Masonic Hall, Motherwell.
" 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings.

Wednesday, November 4.

Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 21, Old St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Lanark.
" 117, St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
" 126, St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 128, St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
" 166, St. John, 29, Grange-street, Airdrie.
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.
Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate.

Thursday, November 5.

Lodge 22, St. John's, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 149, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Irvine.
" 202, St. Clement's, Trades' Tavern, Kilmarnock.
" 290, Dalry Blair, Masonic Hall, Dalry.
" 370, Renfrew County Kilwinning, High-street, Paisley.
" 465, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Garnad-road.

Friday, November 6.

Lodge 7, Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Hamilton.
" 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
" 135, St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.
" 217, Cumberland, Old Town Hall, Port Glasgow.
" 242, Houston, Cross Keys, Johnstone.
" 248, Lockhart, St. John's Masonic Hall, Carnwath.
" 360, Commercial, 30 Hope-street.
" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
" 459, Shelburne, Cumbræ Hotel, Milport.
" 512, Thornetree, Thornliebank.

Saturday, November 7.

Lodge 215, St. Andrew, Avondale Inn, Strathaven.
" 305, St. John Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.
" 458, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Busby.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 7th, 1874.

Monday, November 2.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Committee, Freemasons' Hall, at 5 p.m.
Lodge 10, Dalkeith Kilwig Masonic Hall, High-street, Dalkeith, at 8.
" 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Pennicuik, at 8.
" 468, Oswald of Dunnikier, Public Buildings, Kirkcaldy, at 8.

Tuesday, November 3.

Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 83, Constitution-street, Leith, at 8.
" 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, East Register-street, at 8.
" 400, Duncarn, Town Hall, Burntisland, at 8.

Wednesday, November 4.

Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicholson-street, at 8.
" 261, Tweed, Cross Keys Hotel, Kelso, at 8.

Friday, November 5.

Lodge 291, Celtic, Ship Hotel, East Register-street, at 8.
Chap. 83, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN DUBLIN.

For the week ending November 7.

Monday, November 2.

Lodge 2, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
Chap. 245, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 7.30.

Tuesday, November 3.

Lodge 171, Duke of Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 7.30.
" 227, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
Prince Masons Chap. 5, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 5.

Wednesday, November 4.
Lodge 125, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 7.30.
" 158, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
" 620, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 4.
Grand R. A. Chap., Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
Chap. 12, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 4.30.
K. T. Preceptory, Kilmainham, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 4.30.

Thursday, November 5.
Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
Prince Masons Chap. 9, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 4.30.

Friday, November 6.
Lodge 232, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
Chap. 50, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
K. T. Preceptory, Eblana, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 7.30.
Prince Masons Chap. Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 5.

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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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Yours faithfully,

WM. ASHWORTH, Chancellor.

A letter was read from Sir Knight W. H. Wright, Past Provincial Deputy Grand Commander, containing a number of suggestions for the better working of the order in Lancashire, and on the motion of the Provincial Prior, it was resolved—"That a copy of the same be entered upon the minutes of the proceedings of the Provincial Priory."

(Copy.)

Bolton, 20th May, 1874.

My Dear Sir.—I regret very much that I shall not be able to be with you to-morrow, at Preston. I have been very unwell, and since Friday last have been very much worse. It will be the first meeting I have missed for a period of twenty-two years. I have been very anxious to get to this meeting, to explain my views on the alterations made at head quarters, some of which will no doubt elevate the order, others bring it into disfavour. I think something should be done as soon as possible to retrace our steps. I get letters from all parts of the Province on the subject. I hope you will have a good meeting. Please give my kind regards to our Eminent Prior, and say how very sorry I am to be deprived of the pleasure of meeting him as usual.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. WRIGHT.

C. R. N. Beswick-Royds, Esq.

(Copy.)

SUGGESTIONS.

- 1.—That a committee be appointed to consider the alterations made in the statutes of the order, and say which they disapprove of.
- 2.—That the alterations disapproved of be embodied in a memorial.
- 3.—That the committee be requested to draw up a memorial for each encampment.
- 4.—That each encampment be requested to get the memorial signed by the whole of its members.
- 5.—That an interview be sought with the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick.
- 6.—That a deputation be appointed to present the memorials and discuss the subject with the Great Prior.

In accordance with the foregoing suggestions, it was agreed that the following knights be appointed as a special committee to consider and report upon the subject, with power to add to their number, viz :—

The Provincial Prior, Sub Prior, Chancellor, and Sir Knights Lees, Birchall, and Jones.

2, River-street, Rochdale,
Sept. 16th, 1874.

Dear Sir Knight,—By command of the Very Eminent Provincial Prior, Sir Knight Albert Hudson Royds, I forward you form of Memorial adopted by the committee appointed by the Provincial Priory, to consider the suggestions of Sir Knight Wright, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Commander, (see Priory proceedings at Preston, May 21st, 1874).

With a request that the same be submitted for the approval of the Sir Knights of your Preceptory, notice thereof being given in the

agenda paper, and, if necessary, that you will convene a special meeting for that purpose.

Also that you will cause the Memorial to be entered in the minutes of the proceedings of your Preceptory, and that a copy of the resolution thereon be forwarded to me stating whether the Memorial was adopted unanimously or otherwise.

And further, that the Memorial, together with the copy resolution duly signed by the Preceptor, (E.C.) Constable (1st Captain), Marshal (2nd Captain), and attested by the Registrar, be forwarded to me not later than the 31st October proximo.

I am, dear Sir Knight, yours faithfully,

WM. ASHWORTH, Prov. Chancellor.

To the Eminent Preceptor
of the Preceptory.

The Memorial alluded to appeared in our impression of October 10th, page 615.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

ENGLISH CONSTITUTION.

At the Quarterly Communication holden at Freemasons' Hall, 20th, July, 1874. Present: R.W. A. T. Holrord, District Grand Master in the Chair; V.W. Ernest O. Smith, Dep. Dis. Grand Master; V.W. Watson Wilson, P.S.P.G.W. as S.D.G. Warden; V.W. W. G. Cassidy, P.J.D.G.W. as J.D.G. Warden; V.W. R. Le-worthy, District Grand Secretary; V.W. Jno. Gray, D.G.S. Deacon; V.W. A. Gardiner, D.G.A.D. Ceremonies; V.W. Jno. Ferguson, D.G. Swordbearer; V.W. W. Thomas, District Grand Pursuivant; V.W. S. A. DeLissa, District Grand Tyler.

District Grand Stewards, Past District Grand Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens as per Presence Book.

The District Grand Lodge was opened by the Right Worshipful the District Grand Master, in due form, at 7.45 p.m.

The Minutes of the Annual Communication of the 20th April were read.

Brother Deeper, P.M. Lodge 556, objected to the confirmation of that part of the Minutes referring to the election of the Committee of General Purposes, as also to the statement that the Report of the Orphan Society was received and adopted.

The District Grand Master explained that the putting the Minutes for confirmation, is intended to test their accuracy as a record of what was done; if, as he believed they were correctly taken, they ought to be confirmed. After a slight discussion, they were put and confirmed.

REPORTS.

The District Grand Secretary stated that the Reports of the Committees of General Purposes and Benevolence had not been signed by the Presidents, and therefore could not be brought up.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter read, dated 25th June, 1874, from the Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, addressed to the Right Worshipful District Grand Master, E.C., drawing attention to the fact, "That Bro. Wm. Vial, under suspension as a member of the late St. Andrew's Lodge, had been admitted as a Joining Member into the Robert Burns Lodge 817, E.C."

Letter also read from the District Grand Secretary, dated 4th July, addressed to the Worshipful Master of the Robert Burns Lodge 817, referring to the admission of Bro. Vial, and requesting an explanation of the matter.

In reply, the Worshipful Master of the Robert Burns Lodge, Brother James Spratt, stated, "That no communication had been received from the Provincial Grand Lodge, Scotch Constitution, concerning the suspension of Brother Vial, late of Lodge St. Andrew's, of which Lodge it was not known he was a member."

The District Grand Master said he did not consider the letter of Brother Spratt a reply or

explanation to the District Grand Secretary's letter.

MOTION.

The Deputy District Grand Master moved—That the following alteration be made in Bye-Laws of District Grand Lodge at pages 7 and 8, referring to the Committees of General Purposes and Benevolence, viz., by the insertion of the following words in each Bye-Law after the word quorum: "Not more than one Past Master to be elected from the same lodge." He said, in moving this motion, standing in his name, he did so in the interests of the Order; for he considered it was but right and equitable that all the lodges should, as far as practicable, be equally represented on the several Committees, as was the case in England, where, by the Book of Constitutions, only one Past Master was eligible to be elected from the same lodge for service upon its Board of General Purposes. It was very desirable to assimilate our practice to that of the Grand Lodge, and he thought the time had now arrived when the alteration of the Bye-Laws as proposed in this motion might well be made, and prove beneficial and equitable.

Brother W. Wilson, Acting S.D.G. Warden, seconded the motion and said: He thought it was a very proper one; it would place all the lodges on the same footing, and give the younger lodges an equal chance with the older ones.

Brother Cassidy, Acting J.D.G. Warden, did not think District Grand Lodge had any right to interfere with the present practice; it should be left to District Grand Lodge to elect whom they pleased.

Brother P. L. Murray, D.G. Steward, supported the motion, and said: If it was carried it would not take a retrospective effect, and he believed the business of the Committees would be quite as well carried on as at present.

Bro. C. H. May, P.M. 1169, thought there was plenty of room for reform, and he agreed with the Dep. Dist. Grand Master, but he considered it would be advisable, as the question to be decided was of importance, that owing to the small attendance of members, it should be postponed. He would therefore move as an amendment, that the motion stand over till next Quarterly Communication.

Bro. Gardiner, D. G. A. D. Ceremonies, seconded the amendment, and thought some reform very desirable.

Bro. Marshall, Worshipful Master, Lodge 390, thought it was but right that large lodges who subscribed most to the funds of the Order should be more largely represented on the Committees thereof. He should support Bro. May's motion for adjournment.

Bro. Deeper, P.M., 556, thought both motion and amendment were out of order, as the matter was clearly provided for by the Book of Constitutions.

Bro. Douglas, P.M., Lodge 390, supported the amendment, and thought it was not right in so thin a meeting to decide such an important matter; the larger lodges contributed more to the funds, and should not be snuffed out by the smaller ones, whose contributions were comparatively trifling. The decision of the D.G. Lodge should be postponed till next Communication.

Bro. Thomas, D.G. Pursuivant, said it was possible that the larger lodges might swamp the smaller ones; although the latter had as much interest in the order as the former, he hoped the amendment would not be carried.

The Dep. Dist. Grnd. Mast. said: He thought it possible, though not probable, that a strong lodge might seek to swamp the Committees; the Book of Constitutions had provided against this. His great desire was to ensure equal privileges to all lodges, who, no matter what their size, have a like interest. As the proper notice had been given, he trusted the question would be settled to-night by the members present, who were far from wanting in intelligence, and were mostly those who took a foremost position in all matters connected with the government and advancement of the Craft, and who do not allow engagements or inclement weather to deter them from regularly attending to their important Masonic duties. By deciding the matter to

night, at our Annual Meeting in April next, the new Committees could be elected under the new rules, if approved of by the Most Worshipful Grand Master,

The District Grand Master said he was also of opinion that as regular notice had been given, no need existed for a postponement of the consideration of the subjects which ought to be decided this evening; he should, therefore proceed to put the amendment and motion.

The amendment that the decision of District Grand Lodge on D.D.G.M.'s motion be adjourned till the next Quarterly Communication was lost.

The motion was then put and carried.

TREASURER'S BALANCES.

The District Grand Secretary in the absence of the Treasurer, stated the balances to credit.

District Grand Lodge . . £183 14 3
Benevolent Fund . . . 469 2 4

Bro. C. H. May enquired whether Irish and Scotch Past Masters ranked as Past Masters under the English Constitution, and are eligible as Members of District Grand Lodge.

The District Grand Master said the question had already been decided in the negative.

Bro. Deeper enquired whether a Member of two Lodges, in one of which he was in arrear, was entitled to a seat in District Grand Lodge.

The District Grand Master replied that full subscription to one Lodge would be sufficient to ensure Membership of District Grand Lodge.

The District Grand Lodge was then closed in due form at 9 p.m.

The following circular has been issued by the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales:—

Freemasons' Hall, New South Wales,

Sydney, 22nd August, 1874.

I am directed by the Right Worshipful the District Grand Master to inform you that he has considered it necessary to issue a circular, as annexed, to every member of lodges under the English Constitution in this Colony, and to express the hope that steps may be taken by you to draw the special attention of Freemasons under your jurisdiction to the important matter therein referred to, which course, it is trusted, may prove the means of checking the advancement of spurious Masonry amongst us.

Yours fraternally,

R. LEWORTHY,
District Grand Secretary.

To—————

Freemasons' Hall, New South Wales,

Sydney, 22nd August, 1874.

To Brother—————

Lodge No.—————

(English Constitution.)

You are particularly warned against the so-called lodges in this Colony working under the auspices of the Lodge of Memphis, the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and the Grand Lodge of Australia, as those who join, visit, or encourage such lodges, or admit members thereof into their own lodges, are liable to suspension from all the rights and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, which can only be legitimately exercised in this Colony under the authority of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, under the supervision of the District Grand Master of the English Constitution (Arthur Todd Holroyd), Provincial Grand Master of the Irish Constitution (James Squire Farnell), and the Provincial Grand Master of the Scottish Constitution (William Gillet Sedgwick), and their duly authorised successors or deputies.

It is hoped that your best efforts will not be wanting in inducing unwary persons not to join, or at all countenance, these spurious lodges referred to herein; and further, that you will explain to those who have unfortunately joined, that until their connection therewith ceases, and they are regularly initiated into Freemasonry, they are prohibited from visiting, or being visited by, Freemasons' lodges, or being in any way re-

cognised Masonically, or being permitted to be participators in the benefits of Freemasonry in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or elsewhere.

By order of the District Grand Master.

R. LEWORTHY,
District Grand Secretary.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CHESHIRE.

On Friday last, the 23rd inst., Comp. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G. Superintendent, held his Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasonry, at the Literary Institution, Altrincham. The following is a list of the brethren present:—Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.S.; Wm. Halley, P.G.H.; Rev. J. W. N. Tanner, P.G.I.; G. W. Latham, P.G.S.E.; J. Liddeley, P.G.S.N.; J. Woodcock, P.G.P.S.; J. Wood, P.G. Reg.; E. Harbord, P.G.S.B.; P. H. Kirk, P.G. Org.; J. A. Birch, P.P.G.J.; R. Cope, P.P.G.H.; Henry Howard, P.Z. 323; C. C. Immison, P.P.G.S.B. 758; W. Goodacre, Z. 423; E. G. Simpson, H. 941; M. Fentern, H. 324; R. Gracie, P.Z. 605; C. Coode, P.Z. 323; J. Little, Z. 941; T. Dixon, 477; H. Bulley, P.P.G.H.; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.H.; W. Fair; J. 491; J. Duffield, P.P.G.S., East Lancashire; T. E. Hignett, Z. 537; W. Worrall, E. 477; S. Warhurst, Z. 89; J. Sudrem, P.Z. 1045; C. N. Coates, Z. 1045; W. A. Renshaw, 1045; A. H. Hithen, 321; G. Burrows, Z. 430; J. Eaton, Jun., H. 430; J. J. Lawton, 430; W. M. Asher, Treasurer, 477; J. Dutton, P.S. 477; J. Clayton, E. 89; J. M. Beach, 361; W. Mathew, 721; J. Davenport, 1045; J. C. Cheetham, P.Z. 322; J. Davenport, Jun., 1045; W. Batchelor, Z. 324; T. Meadows, Z. 322; C. Dutton, H. 321; H. Balshaw, 1045; J. W. Petty, P.Z. 204; J. Hill, 323; W. H. Wakefield, 1045; W. Jackson, 1045; W. Spratley, 683; E. G. Parker, 1045; W. Shepherd, 287; H. S. Carrington, Z. 287; J. Turner, E. 287; C. H. Devereux, 295; J. Worthington, 1045; J. H. Waldon, P.Z., 361; J. F. Lawson, 430; C. Cook, P.S. 323; W. H. Watfield, N. 323; H. Kenyon, P.S. 1045; J. Beach, P.S. 361; and W. Shepherd, P.S. 287.

The interesting proceedings of the day were characterised by a spirit and vitality which clearly indicated how great is the progress of this section of the Masonic Order in this particular section of the Kingdom.

The P.G. Chapter was opened in ancient form by Comp. Lord de Tabley, P.G. Superintendent, assisted by Comp. W. Bulley, P.G.H., and Comp. the Rev. J. W. N. Tanner, P.G.J. The Roll of Chapters was called, when it was found that all within the large Province were represented, except one, the Chapter of Integrity, No. 320, Mottram. The minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Chapter was then read and confirmed unanimously.

The first business of importance was the reception of a very long report from the Committee of Inspection and Direction for the past year, giving ample details as to the working of the Chapters throughout the Province. In the course of the report it was stated that most satisfactory progress had been made in the different chapters in that division. This progress, the report stated, was not only an advance in numbers which by itself would be of little account, but in the loyal spirit and the determination to act according to the Book of Constitutions, and on the general system which seemed now to animate every Chapter in the Province. From personal visitation, the Committee were able to report that now the ritual was pretty nearly uniform throughout the province, and that nearly every Chapter in the Division had now acknowledged the authority of the Provincial Grand Superintendent. One Chapter only was at present not working. The committee had to report a most extraordinary improvement, both in the regularity of the proceedings, and the manner in which these proceedings were recorded. Instances were given of the change which the energy of the P.G.S. of the Province had effected since his rule began, yet in a smaller

degree the change was as manifest throughout all the chapters. The report concluded thus:—"A uniform ritual, an avoidance of all irregularities, a correct record of proceedings, and a practical adoption of the great virtue of charity, are all in striking contrast with the scattered and independent efforts—well meant in most cases, but feeble through their want of order and cohesion—that prevailed some few years ago; and though your committee cannot now expect from the very nature of things that much more progress can be made, yet they feel sure that the ground gained can never be lost, and that Cheshire Arch Masons will continue to act, (if such a term can be applied to a society whose existence is one of active charity and practical usefulness) on the firm basis of loyalty to its head and devotion to the order.

The P.G. Supt. said the report just read indicated a most satisfactory state of things throughout his province. He was gratified to find that not only did their numbers advance, but there was a loyal determination to work according to the Book of Constitutions, and a desire to follow one system of working. There could be only one feeling amongst the companions, after having heard the very minutely detailed report just read, that the committee deserved their very best thanks, and that they be requested to act again for the ensuing year. The efforts of the committee had been in the past, and would no doubt in the future be eminently valuable.

A motion to this effect, seconded by the M.E.H. was unanimously agreed to, and it was agreed that a copy of the report should be sent to every chapter in the province.

Captain Cope, P.P.G.H., briefly acknowledged the vote of thanks, and pledged the committee to a renewal of faithful and zealous services.

The Right Hon. Lord de Tabley said the review of the province submitted by the committee was so thoroughly exhaustive in its character, that it left him but little to say on that occasion, and he was rejoiced that that was so for two reasons, first, because the state of the province had been already placed before them in a manner more able than he could pretend to do, and secondly, because his strength would not enable him to address his companions as he could have desired. This much, however, he might say—that it was with gratitude to the Most High, and with feelings of personal satisfaction that he found himself for the fifth time presiding over the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cheshire. (Loud applause). It was true that the P.G. Chapter was a young one, but it had already shown signs of vigorous existence, and had unquestionably produced wholesome and salutary fruit. The sacred virtue of charity had been amply exemplified last year, and he was proud to know that this year they would give an additional proof of their love for that virtue by a liberal grant in aid of one of the great Masonic charities. (Applause). The way in which the various chapters had rallied round the Provincial Grand Chapter was most gratifying to him; and he was persuaded that not only would they reap their reward individually by doing so, but he believed that the sacred cause of Masonry in general would be benefited by their adhesion to the provincial authority. By working together in harmony and brotherly unity, they could do much to alleviate suffering humanity and to promote social intercourse amongst various classes of society; whereas separate and isolated efforts, even though well meant, would be thrown away.—(Hear, hear). He was rejoiced that Royal Arch Masonry in Cheshire was taking the position it should hold—at once the cornerstone and glory of solid Freemasonry—and he could only say that so long as his energies and health were spared to him by the Supreme Ruler of events, they should be devoted to the cause of Masonry, in whose behalf, too, he would invoke the continued and zealous support of the province of Cheshire, over which it was his pride and his very great pleasure to rule.—(Applause).

The Provincial Grand Superintendent then nominated and invested the following as his officers for the coming year:—

Companions T. Platt, H.; Henry Howard,

J.; C. H. Coates, P.S.; James Gerrard, 1st Assist. S.; E. G. Simpson, 2nd Assist. S.; J. S. Mort, D. of C.; Wm. Fair, Sd. B.; James Goodwin, Std. B.; T. Kirk, Org.; John Wood, Reg.; G. W. Latham, E.; John Siddeley, N.; F. Jackson, Treas.; Alcock, Janitor.

Comp. J. P. Platt, in the absence of the Treasurer, read the financial statement, which showed a balance in hand of £32 15s. 4d. On the motion of Comp. Lord de Tabley, seconded by Comp. T. Platt, M.E.H., the accounts were passed.

On the motion of Comp. Cope, P.P.G.H., seconded by Comp. Kirk, P.G.O., twenty guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

His Lordship having announced his attention of holding the next Provincial Grand Chapter at Crewe, the chapter was closed, and the companions banqueted together in the evening at the Town Hall, under the presidency of Captain Cope, P.P.G.H., Lord de Tabley being unable to attend in consequence of the state of his health.

THE MARK MASON.

Revised and reprinted from the *Sussex Daily News*, October 19th, 1874.

"Perseverance dear, my Lord,
Keeps honour bright: to have done is to hang
Quite out of fashion, like a rusty mail,
In monumental mockery."

Passing events in the local Masonic world during the last year or two lead us to ask the question, What is the "Mark Degree" in the Masonic Order? and the near approach of the constitution of a Province of Mark Masons in Sussex, which will take place on Friday next, October 23rd, at the Old Ship Hotel, Brighton, suggests an inquiry into the origin of the degree, the value of its practice, and the more immediate object of its establishment. First in order comes the question, "What is the Mark Degree?" At once it may be said that no degree in the whole Masonic system can lay a claim to greater antiquity than this. The degrees of "Mark Man," "Mark Mason," and "Mark Master Mason" were perfected at the time of building the Temple of Solomon. At that period of the world's history it was found necessary, in order to ensure perfect accuracy and completeness in all departments of the work, to establish a system of grades amongst the immense number of workmen employed, each member of each grade marking his work with some peculiar mark or symbol, which enabled the overseers to know the hands from whence each piece of work came. Even to this day it is the custom in stone quarries and in the mason's yard to keep up a similar practice, and no doubt the modern practice of "Trade Marks," as applied to manufactured goods or articles of a special character, took its rise from this circumstance. It had another object besides the discovery of each individual's work. This was to bring men of each grade together for mutual protection from the misfortunes of life, and to enable the unfortunate worker to lay some claim for assistance on his more fortunate brother, and thereby encouraging every worker to endure fatigue and hardship, to exercise the thinking faculties, and to use the cunning of his hand to the advantage of his employer and the ultimate reward of himself. In another sense the practice of the "Mark Degree" was of value for the purpose of encouraging a proper study of and practical working in the arts and sciences, without which the magnificent structures of the East, the splendid castles of Germany, the noble abbeys of France, the gorgeous cathedrals of England, the palaces of Italy, the Affghan Topes, the Buddhist temples, or the peculiar buildings of the Chinese could not have been erected, either to the honour of God or for the comfort of man. The Mark Degree is an essentially practical degree, and the wise, and good, and benevolent craft Freemason will be the better enabled to understand the peculiar mysteries, the potent teaching, the practical benevolence, and the broad adaptability of the Masonic system

to the world-wide wants of the human race, by seeking within the lodge of the Mark Mason the truth as to the practice of the Mark Degree. By this course, much that appears hazy and uncertain will be cleared and explained. This will account for the very large number of craft Masons, men holding a distinguished position in the arts and sciences, in politics and religion, in peaceful or warlike pursuits, the teacher and the scholar, the painter and the sculptor, the poet and the author, the mechanic and the engineer, the philosopher and the divine, and all true Masons extend their researches into Mark Masonry. From the Mason of title down to the most humble Masonic worker, all join in working the Mark Degree, and practise in their daily lives the exalted teachings of its symbolism. The *Craft Mason*, in speaking of the Royal Arch Degree, says:—"It is the Master Mason's degree completed." But the *Mark Mason* goes further still, and says, "Craft Masonry is practically and really incomplete until the Mark Degree has been taken between the degree of Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason." The *Mark Mason* thus places the Masonic order of things under existing circumstances:—"Ancient Freemasonry consists of five degrees and no more—viz., 1st, the Entered Apprentice; 2nd, the Fellowcraft; 3rd, the Master Mason; 4th, the Mark Master Mason; 5th, the Holy Royal Arch." And it is with this view of Masonic matters before them that intelligent and generous-minded members of the craft degrees have taken to, worked in, and supported the Mark degree. At the present time the Mark Degree is acknowledged and practised by nearly every Grand Masonic jurisdiction in the world. Scotland, Ireland, America, Germany, and other countries make it a "sine qua non" to the Royal Arch Degree, and English Royal Arch Freemasons have frequently been refused admission to R. A. Chapters, under foreign jurisdiction, for the want of a knowledge of the Mark. Some Craft Masons, a few of whom live in Sussex, have hitherto opposed and still continue to oppose the spread of the Mark Degree, but their sole objection is, "The Grand (Craft) Lodge of England does not acknowledge it." This, at best, is a poor argument, because some sixty years ago the few men who then held the reins of authority chose to exclude the Mark Degree, which up to that time had been practised in the "Craft" lodges throughout the country. It must be remembered that this was a period when the readiness of intercommunication of men with each other was not of so easy a character as it is at present. The penny post, the railway train, and the telegraph have in a peaceful manner revolutionised the world, and brought the thinkers and the workers of all countries into one common brotherhood. If sixty years ago Masons could have readily interchanged thoughts of interest to the Order, it is not likely that so useful a degree, at that time extensively practised, would have been excluded. The universal character of its practice and teachings would have rendered it necessary to be included in "Pure and Ancient Freemasonry" at that time as it does to-day. The world of Masonry does not stand still, and therefore to oppose this Mark Degree to-day because a few ancient brethren chose to do so "sixty years ago" is puerile. Notwithstanding this, "The Mark Degree continued to be extensively worked, especially in the Northern and Midland districts of England, the lodges being held under immemorial constitution, derived from the old Athol York Grand Lodge." Again, in a report issued by the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, the following paragraph appears, and has never yet been contradicted: "In England, the knowledge and working of the degree has never been lost, but it has been practised from the earliest time in distinct and independent Mark lodges, which have never acknowledged the jurisdiction of either the Craft Grand Lodges of 1717 or 1813, or of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of 1813." Since the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons in 1856, the degree has steadily progressed. The number of lodges has increased, and many provinces

formed. Its muster roll now comprises nearly two hundred lodges and nineteen provinces, in many instances presided over as Provincial Grand Mark Masters by the Grand Masters of the Craft Province. Notably is this the case in Somersetshire, the Mark Past Grand Master being also the Craft Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master of England, the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon. It is the same in South Wales, Leicestershire, Middlesex, Cumberland, Westmoreland, and other counties. In Sussex the Mark Degree has been taken up warmly by the principal Craft Masons of Brighton, Eastbourne, Lewes, and Hastings. The opposition which has been accorded to it has, to a certain extent, helped its success, and it is to be hoped that for the future the Craft Masons of Sussex will cease from opposition, and will spend their time in emulating the benevolence which the Mark Masons personally and through their lodges have evinced towards those institutions where the young of both sexes are sheltered, educated, and trained to meet the requirements of their future lives, and the aged and distressed are pensioned for a life of comfortable ending. Mark Masonry especially inculcates a deep and lasting respect for the wants of others. Its charity tends to lead the distressed to comfort, to diminish the aggregate of human woe, to diffuse unalloyed its beautiful influence amongst every grade of universal Freemasonry. The members of the Mark Degree have but to remain true to their lodges and to their obligations. This done, they need never fear the opposition of the ungenerous few, or be dismayed by the faint and heartless approbation of those who fear a bolder and more honourable course. The time has long since passed when such influence can prevail. The liberty of action, of thought, of enterprise, and, above all, of pure benevolence, has been secured, thanks to the good influence of Craft, Mark, and Royal Arch Freemasonry in combined action, and represented by true members of the brotherhood throughout the globe.

REVIEWS.

The "COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR" for 1874-75. George Kenning, 198, Fleet Street.

We have to congratulate Bro. Kenning on the appearance once again of his valuable "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar." Our enterprising brother likes to "take time by the forelock," and in this year of light appears the first in the field with his goodly and useful Masonic vademecum.

At a time when so many violent and unscrupulous attacks are being almost daily made by the ignorant or the intolerant on our benevolent brotherhood, it is most satisfactory to note and to realize, nevertheless, what progress Freemasonry is making in all parts of the world, and in this respect Bro. Kenning's "Cosmo," comes before us as a seasonable reminder of Masonic advance, and as a most interesting record of Freemasonry itself.

For Bro. Kenning takes us all over the world, like a Masonic "Cook," and his convenient and portable pocket book certainly well deserves the name of Cosmopolitan. Indeed, when Dr. Johnson wrote those memorable lines,

"Let observation, with extensive view,

Survey mankind from England to Peru," he clearly foresaw the day when Bro. Kenning was to issue his Cosmopolitan Calendar, which was to transport us, like the magic carpet in the Arabian Nights, in a moment of time, wherever Masons or Masons lodges are to be found, whether within the "Bills of Mortality" or in any quarter of the habitable world.

We can also safely say this, that the Calendar is well printed, well arranged, and well got up, and reflects every credit on Bro. Kenning and his staff.

And when we take up the "Cosmo" and turn over its well-filled pages, it appears very difficult to ascertain where, just now, despite maledictions and manifestoes not a few, Freemasonry is not to be found.

North and south, east and west, in lands civilised and lands uncivilised, there are Free-

masons to be "tracked;" and there, too, the "Cosmo." records alike the existence of Freemasonry and that of Masonic life which is evidenced by lodges and grand lodges.

To all who take an interest in the universal spread and organisation of Freemasonry, the "Cosmopolitan Calendar" is invaluable, as it brings them into Masonic contact, so to say, at once with friends and brethren far, far away.

We congratulate Bro. Kenning, we repeat, on this seasonable appearance of so useful and commodious a Masonic compendium, and we trust sincerely that it will receive, as it deserves to receive, the large and liberal support of our cosmopolitan craft.

Most valuable is the information it affords, especially to travelling Freemasons.

Wherever they go, wherever their weary feet may touch in the world-journey of life, if not exactly like Dibdin's hero of old, who was able to say,

"In every land I finds a friend,
In every port a wife,"

they yet can everywhere claim Masonic friendship and rely on Masonic sympathy. Our highly respectable brotherhood will, we feel sure, repudiate at once any approval of "plural wives," but they will hope that, guided by the carefully compiled pages of the "Cosmo." when travelling here or wandering there, amid a strange people or in a foreign clime, they may yet be aided and encouraged thereby to discover both a friend and a brother, a home and a shelter, amid storm or trial, and that, earnest Masons themselves, they may hail some equally faithful brethren, even in some most distant spot, who will offer them the true hand of Masonic welcome and the warm heart of Masonic hospitality, brotherhood, and good will.

TWELVE SCOTCH SONGS. By Bro. Gordon Campbell, Exeter College, Oxford. Whitaker and Co.

We have received the little "brochure" of our poetical brother, and we are glad to commend it to the notice of the craft.

There are many good Scotch songs, and many touching ballads, and we think that Bro. Gordon Campbell has caught the true spirit of the former, and the touching simplicity of the latter. Set to music, we doubt not that they will be most effective; as one or two, if not all of them, have already been set; and, even as we write to-day, memory rushes away to some Scotch ballads sung in days of old, as we do not suppose that we are ever likely to hear Scotch ballads sung again.

We give three specimens of the touching, the satirical, and the cheery, which we think will be appreciated by all our readers, as Masons, like other men, are not at all insensible to the charms of some Scottish lassie warbling so effectively her cherished ballads, which, for the nonce, turn all the gentlemen into ardent Jacobites.

The first is sentimental.

My Dearie, Oh!

The winter winds are sad,
The winter winds are eerie, oh;
Oh, shouldna' I be glad,
An' I was with my dearie, oh!

I love her—she's awa'—
And I am lone and dreary, oh;
She careth not at a'
For me though she's my dearie, oh!

But gin the simmer come,
The winter winds will weary, oh,
I'll gang to my old home,
And then I'll see my dearie, oh!

I'll woo my dearie, when
The gloaming is so eerie, oh;
I'll end my roaming then
And live and love my dearie, oh!

The second is satirical.

Donald's Tochter.

There is a sweet glen, though I'll tell na the name,
Because it's sufficiently known unto fame
As the place where auld Donald the Piper abides,
And the bonnie bright dochter of Donald resides.

O what is the reason that a' the young men
To get to the toun maun gang round by the glen?

Ye glen is na' far from the toun, ye maun know,
The glen is na' far from the country, and so
The lads from the country and lads from the toun
Baith come to auld Donald and ask for a tune.

Ance Donald's fair dochter went off for a wee,
To stay with an aunt near the braes of Dundee,
And somehow the lads lost their musical taste,
And Donald he gave up his piping almaist.

But a laddie there came while the lass was awa',
Asked Donald to pipe him a strathspey and a';
He asked the wee lass when she cam' back agen,—

He marrit the lassie and lives in the glen.
Noo what is the reason that a' the young men
To get to the toun wad gang round by the glen.

The third is thoroughly genial.

In Ither Days.

In ither days did lassies fair,
Their lover laddies meet,
And lovers then as happy were,
And kisses were as sweet;
Yes, lassies were as fickle then,
And aye the varra ways
That noo they have of snaring men.
They had in ither days.

In ither days a "na" meant "yes,"
When 'twas a lassie spake,
And ilka lad a severed tress,
As leelang pledge did take;
There is as fair a lass I ken,
As e'er met mortal gaze,
I thocht she loved me ance, but then
That was in ither days.

We give our readers one more extract for the sweetening influence of their life, and sagacious advisers of their worldly career.

"Sugar in my Toddy."

And oh it was so lang ago,
Before I knew my dearie,
I feared the winter's cauld and snow,
They made me feel so eerie;
I love my whisky and my wife,
My wife's a sonsie body;
She is the sweetness of my life,
The sugar in my toddy.

But noo before our ain fireside,
With 'a the bairnies round us,
We know there's naething can divide
The chain of love that's bound us.
So noo we're merry in our day,
And when there comes the gloaming,
We'll tak' fond hands and aye be gay,
To mak' a happy homing.

We hope soon to welcome Bro. Gordon Campbell again.

MEMORIALS OF THE MASONIC UNION OF 1813,
&c. By Bro. W. J. Hughan.

We have perused this goodly contribution to Masonic Archaeology with much interest. It contains, in the first place, an interesting account of the Articles and Arrangements of Union in 1813; an introduction to the history of Freemasonry in England; a list of Lodges, with their numbers, immediately before and after the Union; William's Constitution of 1815; and that rare Masonic work, Fife's Dausignys, "Serious and Impartial Enquiry." It is of course impossible in the limited pages of the *Freemason* to give a full review of this most valuable publication, and all we can do, therefore, is to call attention to its publication, and to thank Bro. Hughan for this fresh addition of his to our now numerous stores happily of Masonic archaeological publications.

The questions which arise out of the facts Bro. Hughan has so laboriously put before us, are neither few nor unimportant.

Everything, indeed, convinces us that we are still, so to say, on the threshold of English Masonic History, and that we require yet further researches to lighten up the obscurity which hangs on our Pre-masonic annals, if we accept 1717 as the date of our English Grand Lodge Revival.

But one question we should like to ask our excellent and able Bro. Hughan.

What authority had Dermott for the alleged arms of the "operative stonemasons?"

Where did he obtain them?

The undoubtedly original and indisputable arms of the old mason's guild or company of the City of London have been already published in the *Masonic Magazine*. The grant is still to be read in the British Museum.

But where did Dermott obtain these "supporters?" And who are the "operative stonemasons" to whom Dermott alludes.

Having studied Dermott very carefully, we confess that we do not set much store by his authority, unless supported by irrefragable evidence.

He was both a partizan, and somewhat unscrupulous as such, in his assertions and assurances, and before we could accept the coat of arms he gives us, as *heraldic* or *real* in the true sense of the word, we should much like to know where he obtained it. Is it the coat of arms of the Irish stonemasons, and is there any proof that that coat of arms was granted by the Irish College-of-Arms? We hope that the labours of our indefatigable Bro. W. J. Hughan will be appreciated by our entire Craft.

THE HISTORY OF PROTESTANTISM. By Revd. J. A. Wylie. Illustrated. Cassell, Petter, and Galpin.

Though the history of Protestantism might a priori seem more suitable for a magazine like "Good Words" or "Sunday at Home" than for the *Freemason*, yet we think it well just to mention its appearance.

Part I. of an illustrated History of Protestantism, has just been submitted to our notice, and we feel that we should be wanting in courtesy to the publishers not to acknowledge its receipt, and note its publication in our pages.

Of course, as Freemasons, whatever our individual views may be, we do not profess to enter into doctrinal discussions or theological controversies.

We have no right, it appears to us, whatever our own honest convictions maybe, to mix up our Masonic profession, which is purely and avowedly unsectarian, with any expressed opinion, as to those grave questions of religious difference, and conscientious antagonism, which are regarded as of such vital importance by many excellent persons, if even in opposing camps of thought and of persuasion.

The Illustrated History of Protestantism may appeal to many strongly, even as a subject of serious study, and whatever our opinion may be on the whole question, however we may approach the subject from conflicting and even opposing points of view, there can be no doubt but that Messrs. Cassell's publication will be welcomed and appreciated by many readers.

The first number is well got up, and admirably illustrated.

We confess that we are not great admirers of double columns, for the purpose of study, as we read a great deal, and find the double columns often very wearisome and trying to the eyesight.

Messrs. Cassell give with the first number of their History, a copy of Mr. Ward's painting, "Luther's First Study of the Bible," and we have no doubt whatever, but, that, with that great sympathy which many feel in England, with the struggles even of religious liberty, and the sacred rights of each individual conscience in matters of truth, if the work answers to the expectations this first specimen of it has undoubtedly given ground for, it will receive a very large share of the approval and support of those many readers, who just now, on all matters alike, are anxiously looking for historical accuracy, and authentic narratives of the past.