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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."

"That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to each Lodge and Chapter in the Province, inviting their co-operation, as well as that of Brethren and Companions generally, in obtaining subscriptions to the fund."

"That a circular stating the circumstances be also transmitted to all other Lodges and Chapters in England."

The name of the late Bro. J. R. Stebbing is so well known in all Masonic circles that it seems unnecessary to set forth at length his long and valuable services. For many years he was a constant attendant at Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, assisting the interests of the Brethren and Companions. He was Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes in 1861, 1862 and 1863, and also an active member of the Building Committee of the present Freemasons' Hall, London.

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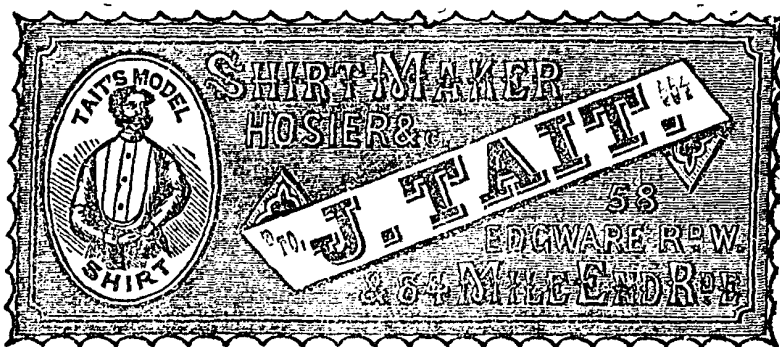
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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

BRITISH UNION LODGE (No. 114).—This old lodge met after the summer recess on Thursday, 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, when there were present Bros. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.P.G.C., acting W.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Peter de Lande Long, Vice President of the Board of General Purposes, the Worshipful Master; C. Schulen, P.P.G.D.C.; Emra Holmes, P.P.G. Reg., M.C.; A. J. Barber, P.G.O.; S. Wright, acting S.W.; J. Burton, J.W.; the Rev. A. W. G. Moore, P.G. Chap., S.D.; H. Miller, J.D.; the Rev. J. B. Tweed, I.G.; Viscount Mahon, M.P., Junior Lord of the Treasury; P. Mavor, W. Spalding, P.M., Sec.; Visiting Bro. N. Tracy, P.P.G.S.W. The lodge having been opened in solemn form, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed, Bro. Percy Mavor was duly examined obligated, and passed to the Second Degree, or that of F.C., the lodge being previously opened in that degree, the ceremony being performed with all Bro. Sanderson's well known ability and exactitude. Bro. Emra Holmes brought forward his motion, postponed from last meeting, relative to the appointment of a salaried Organist and the proposed augmentation of the initiation fee; but as the Secretary had omitted to make mention of the notice of motion in the circulars calling the meeting, Bro. Holmes, at the suggestion of the acting W.M., deferred putting the questions to the vote until next meeting, the Secretary undertaking to give due notice. The routine business having been disposed of, the lodge was finally closed and the brethren retired for refreshment, where, under the baton of Bro. Barber, an agreeable evening was spent. The usual toasts having been duly honoured, the acting W.M. said, as a rule they excluded personal toasts, but he felt sure that, on this occasion, he might be pardoned if he proposed one. They had amongst them a brother, a member of the lodge, whom they did not so often see as they could wish, but whose many and important duties elsewhere prevented his frequent attendance at lodge. He gave them the health of Lord Mahon. The toast having been very cordially responded to, Lord Mahon rose to reply. His lordship, in a few well-chosen words, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to come amongst the brethren of his lodge, and regretted that his public avocations and the distance of Ipswich from his residence, prevented his coming oftener. He said, one often saw in London huge placards, stating that if you wanted to spend a happy day you should go to Rosherville. For his part he could only say if he wanted to spend a happy evening he would come to the British Union Lodge. His lordship's graceful and pleasant little speech was much appreciated, and the speaker sat down amidst

the hearty plaudits of his Masonic brethren. The poor having been remembered and the last toast given, the brethren retired at twelve.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).—The first regular meeting of this lodge after the annual autumnal recess was held at Anderton's on Monday evening last, under the able presidency of its popular W.M., Bro. Field, who opened the proceedings with commendable punctuality at the hour at which the brethren were summoned—viz., 5 p.m. The business of the evening consisted of passing Bro. Abbott to the second degree, and initiating Messrs. Bartlett, Kellway, and Aveling into the mystic science, ceremonies performed by the W.M., not only with a degree of accuracy almost marvellous, but with a dignity and impressiveness calculated to enhance to the utmost the effect of the beautiful ritual. After labour the brethren sat down to a very elegant banquet, where, after the cloth was cleared, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts which loyalty alike to the Crown and Craft have incorporated with our landmarks. The health of H.R.H., the M.W.G.M. designate, was introduced by the W.M. with a few remarks appropriate to the occasion of the accession to the greatest dignity in the Craft of our beloved Prince. Referring to the progress of Freemasonry and its flourishing condition under ecclesiastical anathema, the W.M. observed that the impotence of denunciation recently displayed reminded him of the contemptuous reception of a similar curse from the Pope. Dr. Westland Marston in his tragedy of Philip of France and Marie de Meranie had attributed to the king of the threatened realm—

"Let him ban the fields,  
The grass will grow in spite of him."

The toast was followed by an exquisite rendering by Bro. Rogers, I.P.M., accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Earnshaw, Organist to the lodge, of the popular "God Bless the Prince of Wales," introducing the new verses composed by Bro. Hook, of the Great City Lodge, and which was received with much delight. Bro. Rogers, I.P.M., then proposed the health of the W.M., and highly eulogised the working they had beheld that evening. The W.M. briefly responded and proposed the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Rogers, which, having been duly honoured and responded to, the W.M. gave the health of the initiates, and when the honours had been duly rendered, and the very vociferous applause with which that toast is always received in a Mason's lodge had subsided, Bro. Poynter, P.M. and Treasurer, favoured the brethren with "The Entered Apprentice's" Song, as usually rendered by him, and which equally as usual was most warmly received. The three initiates individually responded, and the W.M., in terms of most cordial hospitality proposed the health of the visitors (who were as usual in this lodge very numerous), in acknowledging which, on his own part, Bro. Mallam, P.M. Chigwell (453), Burdett (1293), and Treasurer of the Athenæum (1491), gracefully alluded to the courtesy and fraternal kindness displayed by the Burgoyne Lodge, not only as experienced by him (Bro. Mallam) and those of his brother visitors who were members, with himself, of the infant lodge, in their reception that evening, but in the great goodness of the W.M. and brethren in aiding the recent rising of that northern light, the Athenæum, by the loan of much of the furniture indispensably essential to the working a new lodge. But (the speaker went on to say) great as these favours were they sunk into insignificance by the side of a greater—the loan of something much more valuable. In the person of their esteemed Treasurer they had lent the north a light indeed which had shed lustre upon the infant lodge over which he had been called to preside. The working of Bro. Poynter which for distinctness and impressiveness had probably never been surpassed, had not only deeply impressed those whom he had been privileged to admit into the Craft—had not only delighted the founders and joining members of the Athenæum, but had called forth, for its accuracy and beauty the warmest eulogies from distinguished but discriminating Grand Officers, who had visited the lodge, which, he was sure the Burgoyne would be glad to hear, was now

eminently flourishing. Bro. Headon, W.M., and Bro. Moody, P.M., Sec. of the Great City Lodge, also responded in eloquent terms to this toast. The W.M., in proposing the health of the P.M.'s of the Burgoyne Lodge, with which he coupled the name of their popular Treasurer, expressed his sense of the obligation he felt under to the P.M.'s, who were ready on every occasion with advice and assistance. He also alluded to the panegyric passed upon Bro. Poynter by Bro. Mallam, and expressed his gratification that their Treasurer's endeavour to maintain the reputation of the Burgoyne Lodge for good working had, by its appreciative reception in the north, been so entirely successful. Bro. Poynter in responding for the P.M.'s, begged to be allowed, although a P.M. himself, to confirm what the W.M. had been good enough to affirm of the P.M.'s of the Burgoyne; that they might always be relied upon when the interests of the lodge required their aid. Of this he in his capacity of Treasurer had had ample proof. So far as he was concerned in that character, it was nothing new to him to have to return thanks for the kindness and cordiality with which the mention of his name was invariably received in the lodge. He attributed it however rather to the kind appreciation of the brethren of the delicate nature of the duties of a Masonic Treasurer's office, than to any personal merit. Any ordinary body might be content to find a Treasurer in a joint-stock bank, or any body corporate or individual who would limit the duty to taking care of the money entrusted, and disbursing it according to order. The cheers of the brethren evinced however that they estimated the duty of Treasurer of a lodge as requiring the display of more tact and judgment than could be looked for in an ordinary parochial or municipal functionary. A Masonic Treasurer was, if he might be allowed the expression, a sort of grouting to cement the whole body of the brethren in the lodge together. Any success however he (Bro. Poynter) had attained in fulfilling this function, he attributed entirely to the cordial co-operation he had ever received from the P.M.'s and members of the lodge. He felt that like the noble Talbot in Shakespeare's Henry VI., alone he "was but the shadow of himself" they—the brethren—were "his substance, sinews, arms and strength." he however begged to return them his very sincere thanks for the kindness and acclamation with which the toast of his health had been received. The Treasurer having sat down amidst vehement applause, the other Masonic toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening, which had been enlivened by songs and recitations admirably rendered by some of the brethren, was brought to a most harmonious conclusion. The P.M.'s of the lodge present, besides those above mentioned, were Bros. Harvey, Iron, Vevers, H. Smith and Simmons. In addition to the visitors whose names appear in our report, we observed Bros. Coker, P.M.; Larham, P.M.; Albert C. Lewis, St. Andrews, 231, and Athenæum, 1491; Heaton, 1491; and several other more or less distinguished brethren.

## Red Cross of Constantine.

In the columns of this journal for November, 1873, we recorded the very successful gathering of this Order at Leicester on the occasion of holding the first moveable Grand Conclave. The impetus thus given to the movement has resulted in a most cordial invitation from the three conclaves at Liverpool, Nos. 55, 77, and 97, to hold the next Grand Meeting at their town, and the Grand Imperial Council accepted it. We understand the arrangements are now complete, and that the Grand Conclave will be held at the new Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Friday, 13th November. We believe the officers of the Grand Imperial Council and Grand Senate will muster in large numbers on this occasion, and we are sure that the Liverpool Knights will give them a cordial and hearty reception. The Order is progressing most favourably throughout the West Lancashire Division, which is in charge of Illus. Sir Knight Turner, Int. General, and his Deputy, Sir Knight J. Kellett Smith, M.D.,

K.G.C. &c. It is proposed to form a Sanctuary of the K.H.S. and a Commandery of the Order of St John in connection with the Liverpool Conclaves, and judging from the number of candidates offered, success must attend the proposal.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Thursday, the 29th ult., the new Province of Lincolnshire was constituted, and the Provincial Grand Master installed, at the School-room, Newland, Lincoln.

The brethren of Lincolnshire having been desirous that the Mark Degree in the East of England should, like the Craft, have a province of its own, petitioned the Grand Mark Lodge for a Warrant of Constitution, and came forward with the proposition of a Mark Mason for Provincial Grand Master, who they felt would reflect honour on Grand Lodge, and the Degree. The Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master, with his usual readiness to promote the good of the Order and to aid its extension, immediately granted the prayer of the petition, and knowing that Bro. John Sutcliffe, of Great Grimsby, the proposed first Grand Master of the Province, had always reflected honour on Freemasonry, and would be a most desirable representative of Grand Lodge in the province, designated him as the ruler of the province. The fame of Bro. Sutcliffe was not confined to the county in which he resided. As a native of Rochdale, and as having a wide connection with Lancashire, Cheshire, Durham, Northumberland, the Midland Counties and Yorkshire, he had acquired the esteem and respect of a large circle of business men and Freemasons, and it was not, therefore, surprising that his installation should be seized upon as a fitting opportunity to do him honour. On no occasion probably has there been such a numerous assemblage of brethren, who came from a long distance to pay respect to any one short of Royalty. Four hundred brethren hailing from London, Liverpool, Manchester, Rochdale, from Cheshire, Durham, and the North generally, together with representatives from intermediate places, arrived in Lincoln on the day previous to, and on the morning of the celebration. Among these were a large muster of Present and Past Grand Officers, both of Grand Lodge, and of Provincial Grand Lodges, Lancashire supplying a great proportion of the latter. This was partly to be accounted for by the arrangement that Bro. Romaine Callender, M.P., F.S.A., Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason of the County Palatine of Lancaster, would perform the ceremonies of Constitution of Grand Lodge, and Installation of the Grand Master assisted by his officers. Unfortunately, however, illness prevented Bro. Callender from attending, but his officers, headed by the banner of the Province, which was conspicuous in Grand Lodge made what amends they could for the disappointment caused by this untoward event. The trains, which arrived about half past twelve o'clock, brought the great bulk of the brethren, who were, by the liberality of Bro. Sutcliffe, immediately regaled with a repast, and Grand Lodge was opened by two o'clock. The appearance of Grand Lodge was very imposing. Jewels in the Craft, Arch, and Mark degrees of a gorgeous character were everywhere to be seen, and the room in which the brethren met being of noble dimensions, gave sufficient scope for a full display of gold and silk. The preliminary proceedings were admirably arranged by the Committee, and the brethren who acted as Director of Ceremonies, Secretary, and Organist, were well posted up in their duties, and acted as if these duties were in daily practice among them.

Among the brethren from London who attended, were Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Secretary; Bro. H. W. Binckes, Assistant Grand Secretary; Bro. Thos. Cubitt, G.D.C.; Bro. Thomas J. Sabine, Past Grand Overseer; and Bro. James Terry; and among the past and present Grand Officers, and Provincial Grand Officers, the following Mark Lodges were represented,—viz., Old York; Joppa, 14; Minerva, 12; Prince Edward, 14; Howe, 12; Southwark, 22;

Roberts, 24; Union, 32; Eclectic, 39; Britannic, 53; Fearnley, 58; West Lancashire, 65; St. Botolph, 108; Copley, 111; Blair, 113; Remigius, 117; Callender, 123; Alfred, 136; Faith, 137; Skelmersdale, 141; Wike, 142; Egerton, 155; and John of Gaunt, 172.

The brethren having assembled, a Lodge was formally opened.

Bro. Binckes then addressed the brethren, and said they had been brought together to assist one whom they honoured and whose name was widely known in the neighbourhood where they were assembled and in the surrounding districts, and who was esteemed and respected in every capacity of life which he filled, and at the same time adorned. He alluded to Bro. Romaine Callender, whose absence it was his duty to inform them of, but who had been specially nominated by the Most Worshipful the Grand Mark Master, Earl Percy, to instal Bro. Sutcliffe as Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire. He (Bro. Binckes) had had no idea up to that morning that there was any possibility that Bro. Callender would be absent, but on seeing Bro. Chadwick he had been informed that the ceremonies of that day would be shorn of their chief ornament. Although they had known that Bro. Callender was not well, they yet had indulged the hope that he would have been so far recovered from his indisposition as to be able to be present; indeed, he knew and was satisfied that nothing but a very severe cause would have kept that brother from his post of duty. He was very sorry at the last moment to find that Bro. Callender would not be present, and that he had commissioned Bro. Chadwick to communicate this fact to the brethren. He (Bro. Binckes) had been requested to supply his place, and he was therefore called upon at a moment's notice to undertake the onerous, but at the same time honourable duty of presiding over this Grand Lodge, and conducting the proceedings and installing Bro. Sutcliffe in the chair. He need hardly say that he felt it the most difficult task of his life, because Bro. Callender would have performed the ceremonies with consummate ability; but whilst lamenting his absence and its cause, in which every brother he was sure would sympathise, he would throw himself on the indulgence of the brethren, for which he knew he should not appeal in vain. He would now request Bro. Chadwick to read two communications he had received from Bro. Callender.

Bro. Chadwick then read the two communications, the first of which stated that Bro. Callender was laid up with a very severe attack of influenza, and might possibly not be able to attend, and the second that he had not recovered, and would positively not be present.

Bro. Binckes added that he thought those two communications would be accepted by the brethren as quite sufficient excuse for Bro. Callender's absence, and that while sincerely regretting it no one would have wished him to attend at any risk to himself. He would request that both the communications from Bro. Callender be entered on the minutes of this Provincial Grand Lodge. The brethren would now assist in the performance of the ceremonies of the day.

The Acting Provincial Grand Secretary, by direction of Bro. Binckes, read the summons convening the meeting, and the minutes of preliminary proceedings, after which, as Bro. Sutcliffe had not previously filled the Master's chair of a Mark Lodge, Bro. Binckes and a score of Installed Masters adjourned to another room, and a board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Binckes installed Bro. Sutcliffe as a W.M. Bro. Binckes again repaired to the lodge, accompanied by the Board of Installed Masters, but leaving Bro. Sutcliffe behind. On Bro. Binckes resuming the chair, Bro. Roberts, Director of Ceremonies, announced that the Provincial Grand Master Designate, Bro. John Sutcliffe, was without and requested to be installed. Bro. Binckes inquired if the patent of approval and appointment by the Most Worshipful Grand Master had been issued to the Provincial Grand Master Designate, and was in his possession. Bro. Roberts announced that it had been issued, and was in Bro. Sutcliffe's possession; whereupon at the request of Bro. Binckes, Bro. Roberts retired, and after-

wards returned with the patent, which he handed to Bro. Binckes, who having examined it, handed it to the Acting Grand Secretary to be read aloud. This ceremony concluded, Bro. Binckes announced his satisfaction, and called upon the Acting Provincial Grand Wardens, two installed W.M.'s and such Grand Officers as were present to retire and conduct Bro. Sutcliffe into the lodge. This was done, and Bro. Sutcliffe was placed in front of the W.M.'s pedestal. The Rev. D. Ace, D.D., who wore his Doctor of Divinity's gown, then offered up a prayer with great earnestness for a blessing on the work in which the brethren were engaged, and at the conclusion of the prayer,

Bro. Binckes, addressing Bro. Sutcliffe, said, he was too painfully aware that the observations he was about to make with reference to the W.M.'s qualifications for the very high office he was about to fill would fall lamentably short in the effect they would have produced on the W.M., if they had been uttered by the distinguished brother who had hoped to deliver them. He would wish that the brethren should not judge too critically the remarks which fell from himself, who had been called upon suddenly to fill the Installing Master's place. But however imperfect his words might be, they were simple and earnest words, and he trusted that the brethren would well weigh the importance of the occasion. This, however, he was sure they would do, as the recommendation of Bro. Sutcliffe to the Grand Master for nomination was an earnest of their appreciation of this important event. They were perfectly aware that there were many who knew nothing of the principles, the practice, or the merits of Freemasonry, who looked upon this Order with varied feelings, some of ridicule, and some of scorn. Some stigmatised it in terms of obloquy, and some would if they had the power resort to persecution. There were also many light or careless minds who either undervalued or did not value at all the principles and tenets sought to be inculcated by the Masonic organization, which dated from a very remote antiquity, and which had for its object nothing but the good of humanity. In the Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire he was sure they had one who did not belong to the first of these classes of men, nor to the second; but who, from the time of his initiation, had thoroughly realised the importance and value of the principles of Masonry, had carried out those principles in the most practical manner, and had done every thing in his power—and his power had been large and his influence great, and both had been most beneficially exercised—to extend those principles. To him the Craft at large were under an enormous debt of gratitude for the happiness he had diffused among its members. As concerned the Grand Mark Lodge, they knew there many Craft Freemasons who regarded the Mark Degree but slightly; but Mark Masons called themselves a select body, and studied Mark Masonry, fully impressed with the importance of those principles so worthily inculcated in the Craft degrees; in point of fact, if they knew it, they were exactly synonymous, for, if there were any men who had laid themselves out to promote brotherly love, relief and truth, they would be found among Mark Master Masons. After referring to the high distinction conferred on Bro. Sutcliffe by the Grand Master appointing him as Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire,

Bro. Binckes administered to him the obligation and invested him with the insignia of his office, inducted him on the throne, and placed in his hands the emblem of power.

Taking the time from Bro. Roberts, the brethren saluted the Grand Master, and then vociferously cheered him. With the heartiness and volume of their applause the Provincial Grand Master was completely overcome, and for some minutes was quite unable to speak. He therefore requested Bro. Binckes to obligate and invest Dr. Charles Harrison, P.M. 127, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. When this ceremony was concluded,

Bro. Radley, of Boston, rose and said that their next business was to nominate a Grand Treasurer for the province, and he felt sure when he mentioned the name of the brother he should propose for that office, it would be received with



the heartiest expressions of approval. He would have been glad if the task had been committed to a brother more capable of doing justice to it than himself, but still no one could do it with more sincerity, and it was with the knowledge of this feeling that he took upon himself the duty with so much confidence. He would propose Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, the son of their Provincial Grand Master, as the Provincial Grand Treasurer. He was glad to say that in Bro. Jack Sutcliffe they would have a brother who would emulate his father in the discharge of those duties which were attached to the office he proposed they should confer upon him.

Bro. H. Watson, of Lincoln, in seconding the nomination, said he fully endorsed all the expressions concerning Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, which had fallen from Bro. Radley, and he believed the Grand Lodge would also endorse them.

Bro. Jack Sutcliffe was then unanimously elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Master thereupon proceeded to invest the undermentioned brethren with their collars and jewels of office:—

W. H. Radley.....	S.G.W.
Frederick Watson .....	J.G.W.
T. H. Oldman.....	G.M.O.
Joseph Bellamy .....	G.S.O.
Wm. Watkins.....	G.J.O.
Rev. D. Ace, D.D.....	G. Chaplain.
Jack Sutcliffe .....	G. Treas.
R. C. Carline.....	G. Reg.
Robert Gough.....	G. Sec.
Bland .....	G.S.D.
Hy. Watson.....	G.J.D.
Moore .....	G.D.C.
Judd.....	G.A.D.C.
E. J. Hayward .....	G. I. of Works.
Captain Locock .....	G. Sword Bearer.
Jacobson .....	C. Std. Bearer.
Robinson (Gainsboro') .....	G. Organist.
E. J. Cullen .....	G.I.G.
Charles Scorer.....	
A. Kirk .....	G. Stewards.
R. Goodman .....	
Charles Mann .....	G. Tyler.

All these officers having been duly saluted on their appointment, a committee was nominated, on the motion of Bro. Oldham, seconded by Bro. Carline, to frame the provincial bye-laws.

The Prov. Grand Master then rose and said; It now devolved upon him to perform a very pleasing duty, and he regretted exceedingly that he had not the power of speech to give to the resolution he was about to propose the force which it deserved. They had all heard the very excellent and superior style in which their greatly beloved Bro. Binckes had discharged the duties of Installing Master. The ceremony had been performed with a talent which could not be exceeded even by Bro. Romaine Callender, whose absence they so much regretted. The announcement, which was made in lodge during his (the Prov. Grand Master's) absence from the lodge, had filled all the brethren with deep sorrow, for when Bro. Callender agreed to perform the ceremonies the brethren of Lincolnshire felt highly honoured. This sore disappointment, however, was in some measure cured by the efficiency of Bro. Callender's representative, Bro. Binckes, who always brought to the discharge of his duties the greatest ability mingled with an earnestness of purpose which could not fail to render them acceptable to the brethren. He (the Prov. G.M.) spoke as he felt, and he could not refrain from saying he appreciated the service Bro. Binckes had rendered, and which the lodge had been fortunate enough to secure. He would therefore ask the brethren to join with him in passing a vote of thanks to Bro. Binckes for his kindness in conducting the business of the day, and for the very clever manner in which he had performed the ceremonies they had had the pleasure of witnessing. He felt quite certain that every brother would agree with these remarks, and that the resolution would be carried with acclamation.

The motion having been seconded and carried unanimously,

Bro. Binckes said, in acknowledging the compliment, that he should occupy the time of the lodge for a very few seconds, as he should have an opportunity later in the afternoon of speaking

at greater length. He would simply say that he would rather this resolution had taken the form it was originally intended to take, of a vote of thanks to Bro. Romaine Callender. He regarded himself as only the *locum tenens* of that brother, and he looked upon it as a highly regrettable circumstance that Bro. Callender, who was such an excellent worker of the ceremonies, was not present. For he himself felt very acutely the disappointment they must all have experienced, and he was heavily oppressed with the responsibility of his position in having to take the place of such a distinguished brother. Nevertheless, he felt most grateful for their recognition of his services.

The Deputy Prov. G.M. said that he had great pleasure in informing the brethren that the aprons, jewels, and collars had been presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge by the esteemed Prov. Grand Master, and he would therefore move the thanks of the Grand Lodge to Bro. Sutcliffe, and that they be recorded on the minutes.

The Prov. S. Grand Warden seconded the motion, which was put by Bro. Binckes, and carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Fred. Watson, the chairman of the Committee of Management, for the loan of the organ, and to the Committee of Management; and the Prov. Grand Master said that for several weeks past Bro. Watson had been devoted to the duties which had fallen upon him as chairman. Very few knew the amount of work he had had to do. It had been most arduous, but it had certainly been discharged in a most efficient manner. Whatever Bro. Watson undertook to carry out he carried out with a will, and if it had not been for him the brethren would not then have been together.

Bro. F. Watson, in reply, said that on behalf of himself and the committee he had to thank the Prov. Grand Master and the brethren for their kindly-expressed vote of thanks. Although the labours of the committee had been very arduous, the brethren were amply repaid by seeing the eminent brother they had recommended to the Grand Master as Provincial Grand Master installed in the provincial chair. He was highly esteemed, and could not fail to bring honour upon the province. Any services the Committee of Management had performed were well compensated for by such a result.

This closed the business of Grand Lodge.

The Provincial G. Master, before closing the lodge, rose and said that he would take that opportunity of thanking from the chair the brethren who had come such long distances, at such great inconvenience, to do him honour as they had done that day. It was, indeed, a proud moment to him to see so very many brethren. From all parts they had come, from London, from Lancashire, from Cheshire. From Yorkshire, also, he was glad to see such a handsome muster. He could assure them all that he should ever remember it as a great honour they had done him, and he was sorry it was not in his power to recognise the obligation in any other way than by these words of thanks.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was then closed, and the brethren were entertained, to the number of over 400, by the Provincial Grand Master at a splendid banquet in the concert room of the beautiful Masonic hall, provided by Bro. Trafford of the Spread Eagle Hotel, Lincoln.

At the termination of the banquet the "Non Nobis" was sung, and the Prov. G.M. proceeded with the toasts; and in giving the toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," referred to the well-known loyalty of Masons in the Mark Degree, and to the bright example that Her Majesty set as a Queen and a Mother.

The Prov. G. Master next gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the members of the Royal Family." Whenever they drank the health of the Prince of Wales in Masonry it was in the double capacity of head of the Royal Family and the head of Masonry. He was not, however, a Mark Mason, but it was extremely gratifying to Mark Masons that he should be ruler of the Craft. With reference to the late Grand Master of the Craft, whom they all had honoured, he

would simply say, "Requiescat in pace." They were sorry that there should have been a secession from the Masonic ranks, as they would have been if even the humblest man in Masonry had seceded; but when the head of the fraternity left them, he thought "the least said the soonest mended." But there flowed from it this happy result, the development and bringing out of the Prince of Wales, the Heir Apparent of Great Britain, as Grand Master. Now, they would give spontaneous and undivided loyalty to His Royal Highness, and they did not want among their ranks any who would give but a divided loyalty either to the throne, the altar, or the cottage. The Prince of Wales had shown himself a first-rate fellow, and had taken the opportunity of informing himself on all matters which were likely to be of service in the position in life he was called on to fill. His duties as heir apparent had been discharged satisfactorily, and also those which he had performed for the Queen. He had made himself beloved wherever he went, and he was well imitated by the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Leopold. At the formation of this new Provincial Grand Lodge it was but right that the loyalty of the brethren composing it should be displayed, and it was with the greatest pleasure he gave them the opportunity of doing so by proposing "The Health of the Prince of Wales and the Royal Family."

The toast was enthusiastically responded to.

The Prov. G. Master next gave "the M.W. Grand Mark Master Mason, the Rt. Hon. Earl Percy, M.P.," and as time was getting short for the brethren from Manchester and the West, joined with it "the M.W. Past Grand Mark Master Masons, the Rt. Hon. Lord Leigh, Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Viscount Holmesdale, M.P.; W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P.; and the Rev. George Raymond Portal, M.A." Earl Percy had made his mark in Masonry, or he would not now have been in the position he was in. He (the Prov. G.M.) could not say the same thing for himself; for although he was an old and experienced officer in the Craft he was not an old Mark Master. Under the peculiar privileges granted by the Mark Degree, which the Craft did not, the Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Masters retained their offices only for a limited time, to give an opportunity for other brethren who were ambitious and desirous of getting into office to do so. There were in the Craft many enthusiastic men who worked for years and did not get high position. In the Mark it was not so, for there was a better opening for such brethren. They had, therefore, what was not to be found in the Craft, a good roll of Past Grand Masters, and what was more, they obtained the cream of the Craft. He then called upon the brethren to drink the toast.

Bro. Thos. Chadwick, Prov. Grand Secretary, Lancashire, said he did not know why a humble brother like himself should be entrusted with the proposal of toast No. 5, "The R.W. Dep. Grand Mark Master Mason, the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, and the Grand Officers past and present," but the Right Worshipful Master had made the duty comparatively easy by showing them that short speeches were the best. Again, the toast was so good a one that no words were necessary to recommend it to notice. The Earl of Limerick was well known to them all as a good worker in Masonry and a good Mason. Those who had had the opportunity of seeing him do the work knew this, and to those who had not he would only say they had missed a treat, for he was one of the best working Masons he (Bro. Chadwick) ever knew. The Provincial Grand Masters were always ready to do their work and any duty which might devolve upon them,—and the Grand Officers generally seized every opportunity that offered, to assist the Grand Master in the duties of his office.

Bro. Smallpiece, in thanking the brethren for the toast, assured them that it was the intention and wish of all the Grand Officers to give their support to the Grand Master and to further the interests of Mark Masonry in every way. He would not detain the brethren by any lengthened remarks, but he would refer to the success of Mark Masonry as evidenced by the great desire of brethren to join it, and by the establishment

of new provinces. It was only on the previous Friday that a new province had been established in Sussex, when the brethren assembled in large numbers at Brighton. These facts pointed to the estimation in which the Mark was held, and described it far better than any words he could use would do.

Bro. F. Binckes proposed "The R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason of Lincolnshire, Bro. John Sutcliffe," and in doing so said it was always a difficult and delicate matter to approach what the Director of Ceremonies had just announced as the toast of the evening. He had, however, the most excellent subject for the toast that he ever had in his life. Their excellent Provincial Grand Master he (Bro. Binckes) had at last found out, was the cleverest man within the circle of his acquaintance; for he had discovered the grand secret of renewing his youth. He would tell them why—and this he firmly believed—he had told him (Bro. Binckes) that evening while sitting beside him that he had eulogised him too much in the observations he had made, and he had seen mantling to Bro. Sutcliffe's cheeks the blush of modesty. Now they all knew that modesty was the peculiarly distinguishing characteristic of youth. If the Grand Master had not restored himself by some process into which he (Bro. Binckes) did not care to pry, he could not have seen that blush of modesty mantling to his cheek, but he would ask the brethren whether one word he had used concerning the Provincial Grand Master, in the course of the proceedings of the day, under the difficult circumstances in which he had been placed, had been in any respect more than he thoroughly and richly deserved by a long course of service both in Masonry and out of it? Of course not. Truly "on their own merits modest men are dumb;" but surely in the presence of one like Bro. Sutcliffe no one should be debarred speaking of those merits and commending them to a body of men like those then present. He was not speaking of Bro. Sutcliffe in empty terms of compliment, but he could speak of his qualifications, which were known to every one in the room. If he said more of him he felt he should be guilty of what was superfluity and excess—of "gilding refined gold" or attempting to "paint the lily." He would therefore, as simply as he could, but nevertheless most heartily and earnestly, ask the brethren to respond to the toast. The subject of that toast was the first Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire, and the brethren of that Province and of the Province of Lancaster testified their hearty approval of the Grand Master's choice by responding heartily to the toast. They wished to show how they valued what he had done in the past; they congratulated him heartily on his present position, and they wished him a prosperous career in the future.

The Prov. G. Master, on rising to respond, was received with loud applause. This lasted for some time, and on its subsiding he said the occasion was one of very serious and great importance to him. He would refer to the short remarks made by the Installing Master, Bro. Binckes, who spoke of the past so much, and who had the gift of eloquence in such a large measure. Unfortunately for himself he (the Prov. G. M.) had not that gift, but he was a practical man. He could not make the worse appear the better reason, and he hoped that Bro. Binckes would not flatter him too much. All that Bro. Binckes had said that he (the Prov. G. M.) had done and would do, he hoped would turn out to be the fact, and what he had been in the past he would try to be in the future. He had certainly undertaken that day a position of responsibility, which, perhaps, he should not have undertaken, but he was in this difficulty: that the brethren of Lincolnshire would not take nay from him. They appealed to him to take the office on the ground that he would be promoting the interests of Mark Freemasonry in the province. On consideration he thought there were other brethren in the province more deserving of high rank and position than he was. Being however, strongly pressed, and told it was a duty he owed to Freemasonry that he should take the office, and that there was no one else they considered more worthy, he considered the matter

again, and finding there was no help for it, he consented. As he had recently said, in Mark Masonry they must have the cream of Craft Masonry, and he was sure from the assemblage he saw before him that day they did get the cream of Craft Masonry. It occurred to him to say that Mark Masonry should be recognised by Grand Lodge; for, as they stood at present it seemed to him that they were dissenters from the Craft. (Bro. Binckes: "No. No"). As he had told the brethren of Lincolnshire, if he could be of any service in promoting the interests of Freemasonry it would afford him great pleasure to do so. He had undertaken this office on the same principle as that which guided all his actions through life, that what was worth doing at all was worth doing well. He never "went in" for half measures; he always "went the whole hog," and he would take Mark Masonry in hand in this province so long as it did not come in collision with Craft Masonry. (Bro. Binckes: "It never can"). Their Brother Binckes said it never could. Looking at Lancashire they found Craft Masonry, Mark Masonry, Royal Arch Masonry, and every other kind of Masonry there; the land was covered with it. He remembered William Dugdale of Bolton saying of the people there, "They stink of brass." He would not use the word offensively, but he would apply the meaning conveyed by the expression, to the position of Masonry in Lancashire; that province was the most Masonic province in England. He was not at all ashamed of being a Lancashire lad. In Lincolnshire they were not so thickly strewn as the brethren in Lancashire; but he should not depart from his desire of making Masonry great in Lincolnshire. He would once more thank the brethren for the compliment they had paid him by coming that day to witness his installation. It was such a compliment as any Provincial Grand Master must feel most deeply. He did not know all the brethren who attended individually, but he looked upon the gathering as though he knew every person composing it, and it was such a noble one that it must be an encouragement to him to perform his duties. He would pledge them his word, every one of them, that when they held Provincial Grand Lodge every brother there that day should have notice of it. To his thanks he would add another expression of heartiness by drinking the good health of every brother present, and that of their wives and sweethearts.

The Prov. G. Master then said that as the special train for the north-west would not leave till half-past seven there was no necessity for the brethren from that quarter to leave at present; for he would request their attention for a few minutes while he gave "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Binckes." He desired to thank that brother very much for the honour he had done him by installing him that day. They all knew Bro. Binckes, and he could not say anything of him which they were not previously aware of. Had Bro. Romaine Callender been present he might have had more to remark upon; but with regard to so well known a brother as Bro. Binckes, he would simply propose his health and leave it in their hands.

Bro. Binckes rose to reply immediately, and said they must not pause for a single moment, as the trains would not wait. They had all partaken of Bro. Sutcliffe's hospitality, and would gladly have enjoyed it still longer were it not for the exigencies of the railway. The proceedings of the day in Grand Lodge were peculiar; and he felt that they resembled very much a performance in a theatre where there was a thickly-packed audience to hear the play of "Hamlet," with the principal character to be filled by a distinguished actor, but before the proceedings commenced, the stage manager had to come forward to announce that the character would, through the illness of the great actor, have to be represented by a minor actor. The distinguished tragedian engaged at enormous expense could not come, and the audience must either be content to see the character played by a minor performer, or they could have their money returned at the doors. That was just the position of affairs that day. Bro. Romaine Callender had been taken ill. Although he (Bro. Binckes) along with all the brethren, were much grieved at his absence and the cause of it, he was very glad to

fill his post, and however imperfectly he had performed his duties he had endeavoured to do it in the best way he could. He felt indebted to them for the credit they had given him for those endeavours. He knew that one of the causes of this great gathering was the announcement that Bro. Callender would be present. No one more regretted than he (Bro. Binckes) throughout the day's proceedings, the absence of their distinguished brother, to whom he was quite prepared to render any assistance in a subordinate position; but he never thought for a single instant of being his representative. When the prompter's bell was rung and the green curtain drawn up, and all the magnificent mountings of the piece were displayed, it was found that the principal performer was not present, and he was called upon to fill his part. Whether he should ever again be emboldened to fill the same part he did not know; perhaps he might be like "single-speech Hamilton," who made a brilliant oration once, and never attempted it again; or like a sky-rocket which made a great show as it went up, and nothing but the stick remained to come down. He was very much pleased to have had to instal his old friend, although he much regretted the absence of Bro. Callender. Some remarks had been made about Grand Craft Lodge, and some Masons did not know Mark Masonry so intimately as the brethren present. It had been thought by some that Mark Masons were casting a slur on Craft Masonry, but any such observations must have been made unguardedly and from want of knowledge of what Mark Masonry was. He must ask them to take from him the fullest assurance that if the time of danger ever came to Craft Masonry, Grand Craft Lodge of England would find its warmest supporters in Mark Masons. Bro. Binckes then referred to the G. Master's remark that he (Bro. Binckes) had the power of speech; but he said that it was necessary that some one should be able to appeal to the hearts and sympathies of the brethren. He would now discharge another duty, and thank the brethren on behalf of himself and the absent Bro. Callender, whose representative he was. The brethren all wished him better health, also long life, happiness, and prosperity, and on all occasions received his name with respect. He (Bro. Binckes) took their reception of his name that day as a testimony of how highly they esteemed him, how deeply they regretted his absence, and how much they wished for his reappearance among them in health and strength.

The Prov. G. Master next proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," and spoke with gratification of the presence of the many he saw before him from Lincolnshire, Cheshire, Yorkshire, and numerous other places. To all of them he tendered his most sincere and hearty thanks for following the brethren of Lincolnshire to the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge. It was always pleasant to drink the health of the visitors, to whom they never gave the cold shoulder. They rather gave them the saddle of mutton, and whatever would make them enjoy themselves. That day they offered them a hearty reception, but he was sorry that train time was becoming so short that a general stampede of the visiting brethren might soon be expected. He would not therefore enlarge on this toast, but he could not conclude without saying that the Province of Lincolnshire felt greatly complimented by having such a large body of visitors from all parts of the country. He would call on Bro. Young, from the province of Durham to respond.

Bro. Young said that the fact of his coming from Durham would speak as much for his opinion of the Prov. G. Master as even volumes of words. The journey from such a distance would show that he had at heart the good of Masonry in Lincolnshire, and that he highly honoured the Prov. G. Master. He was delighted to have the opportunity of doing honour to Bro. Sutcliffe, and eagerly seized the occasion of giving him a welcome. With the view of doing so he immediately undertook to represent Northumberland and Durham. In its Provincial Grand Master, Lincolnshire had one who would be most welcome at all times in this (Bro. Young's) district. He was a most excellent representative of the Craft,—one of those baronial fellows who should have lived in times gone

by. Let them thank Heaven, though, that he had not, and that the present generation were personally acquainted with him. He (Bro. Young) was proud to have known him. He was sorry that time would not permit him to say more. If it had not been for the train leaving so soon, and making the brethren so anxious to get away, he should have been glad of a few minutes to express more strongly and fully the gratification he had in being present on that occasion.

Bro. Hartley also responded, and expressed the great pleasure it was to him after a lengthened period of absence from that district again to meet the Prov. Grand Master; still more was it a pleasure to see a brother who was so much respected installed in the high position of Master of that important province. The welcome he had given all the brethren was in keeping with all his other acts, and for that welcome he (Bro. Hartley) offered him his best thanks. It was with the greatest possible pleasure he came to the ceremony of that day, and he believed all the brethren who accompanied him joined him in acknowledging the kindness of the Prov. Grand Master. He hoped he would live long to enjoy his Prov. Grand Mastership, and to remember that the brethren had never spent a more pleasurable day.

Bro. T. Bashworth, of Rochdale, also gladly bore testimony to the pleasure the brethren had experienced. They had gladly travelled from Rochdale to witness the installation, and he might add that they would envy the brethren of Lincolnshire their Prov. Grand Master. Lincolnshire had shown them a very good sample of Prov. Grand Master, and it ought to be duly proud of him. The brethren who hailed from Rochdale were very glad to have been present.

A brother from Cheshire also briefly responded.

The brethren hereupon, with few exceptions, left for the special trains for the north-west, north-east, and south, and the business was virtually closed.

A few London brethren, however, including Bros. F. Binckes, H. W. Binckes, James Terry, Thomas Cubitt, and Bro. Sabine, of Brighton, remained for the night at Lincoln, and honoured the remaining toasts, which were "The Provincial Grand Officers and the Mark Lodge of Lincolnshire," "The Masonic Institutions and the Mark Benevolent Fund," "The W.M., Remigius Lodge, No. 117, Lincoln, Bro. R. Cotton Carline," and "The Ladies."

Bro. T. J. Sabine proposed "The Masonic Institutions and the Mark Benevolent Fund," and appealed to the brethren to support his list for the next festival of the Boys' School. He would represent the Mark Degree at that festival and wished to take up a list of 500 guineas; already he was strongly supported, and his list was headed with 40 guineas from Grand Mark Lodge. He had one donation of £21, eight of ten guineas each, seven of five guineas, and a great many smaller sums.

Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution responded, and after thanking the Lincolnshire brethren for their earnestness in the cause of Masonry, and their strong support of all the Masonic Institutions, gave a well arranged narrative of the good these Institutions had done.

The whole affair passed off with the greatest éclat, and the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lincolnshire was established under the happiest circumstances.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The usual monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., at Freemason's Hall. Bro. Wm. Paas in the Chair. There were also present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, Major J. Creaton, Walter Wellsman, Robert B. Webster, T. F. Peacock, H. W. Hemsworth, Henry Dubosc, Griffith Smith, Fred. Adlard, John Boyd, Thos. W. White, Wm. F. Moutrie.

The chairman was authorized to sign cheques for the Tradesmen's Bills for the September quarter, and in accordance with the recommenda-

tion of the House Committee the salaries of the educational staff were increased.

A petition on behalf of Mary G. N. Swain was deferred on account of her reading being imperfect.

A resolution was moved by Bro. Tattershall, seconded by Major J. Creaton and unanimously, carried to the following effect:—"That the proxies shall in all cases be sent to the parties to whom they belong, that is, to the Subscribers and Governors whose names are registered in the office books, unless the owner of a proxy or proxies should authorize the Secretary otherwise to deal with them, and in the case of such authority being given, it must be renewed previous to every election." The Secretary then read a letter in reference to the transfer of the Marquis of Ripon's votes which the committee would not entertain, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Prov. Grand Master of Staffordshire, has kindly consented to take the chair at the next festival of this Institution which is to be held on Wednesday, the 27th January, 1875. Brethren who may wish to become Stewards, will be glad to know that the Stewards' fee is fixed at two guineas, which includes dinner ticket and expenses.

#### Masonic Tidings.

NEW ORDER IN LIVERPOOL.—It has been proposed and resolved to attach to the Liverpool Conclaves of the Red Cross of Constantine a Sanctuary of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre and Commandery of the Knights of St. John. Candidates will be installed by the Grand Conclave to be held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on the 13th inst. Names of candidates will in the meanwhile be received by Ill. Sir Knight G. Turner, Int. Gen. for West Lancashire.

The meeting of the Moveable Grand Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine will take place on Friday, the 13th of November, not 15th, as, by the printer's error, appeared in our last.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (No. 1445), at the Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, on Monday evening, November 9th, 1874, at seven o'clock.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Robert Atkinson Bradley, who died after a long and painful illness at his residence, 3, Albany-villas, Queensland-road, N., Saturday, October 31st, aged 78 years. He was initiated in the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, in 1840.

#### PERSONAL.

BRO. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.—By reference to the Boston *Masonic Mirror* of Dec. 5th, 1829, will be found the following paragraph: "For evidence of the estimation in which this great man, Benjamin Franklin, held Masonry, this statement is amply sufficient. It appears from the minutes of the Order, that during thirty years and upward, while he was Deputy Grand Master of Pennsylvania, he was never absent from a single meeting." Does not this fact bear a noble testimony to the value and worth of Masonry?

BRO. G. A. SALA'S treatise on "Cookery in its Historical Aspect" may, we understand, be expected shortly to appear.

FOREIGN DECORATION.—The Emperor of Austria has conferred the Commandership of the Order of Francis Joseph on Bro. W. H. Russell, who was engaged as British Juror on the Small Arms Jury at the Great Exhibition in Vienna last year.

SIR JULIUS BENEDICT.—Numerous friends of Sir Julius Benedict, appreciating the eminent services which, during a long period of 40 years, he has devoted so effectively for the advancement of musical art in this country—as well as the uniform and unceasing zeal in all his transactions, and the good faith in all his engagements—are desirous of evincing their esteem by

presenting him, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, at the end of November, with a testimonial which will serve to embody such sentiments, and, at the same time, convey to his family a lasting remembrance of the cordial respect and esteem in which he is held, and which his high and honourable character so justly merits. The following noblemen and gentlemen have already consented to form a committee on the subject:—Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Shrewsbury, Lord Sydney, the Earl of Mar, Sir Robert Gerald, Lord Gerald Fitzgerald, Lord Suffield, Sir Robert Peel, Lord Camory, and Lord Londesborough.

MR. JUSTICE HONYMAN.—The *Observer* is enabled to state that, although the condition of Mr. Justice Honyman's health will not allow of his resuming his seat on the Bench at the commencement of Term, there is no foundation for the rumour that he intends immediately to give in his resignation.

THE BOARD OF WORKS AND THE BOARD OF TRADE.—The written opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown, signed by Sir Richard Baggallay and the Solicitor-General, on the interpretation of those clauses of the Petroleum Act which give power to regulate the landing, storage, and conveyance of petroleum has been officially communicated by the Board of Trade to the Metropolitan Board of Works, and has been referred by the latter Board to its Works Committee.

MR. EDWARD S. NORRIS, of Regent's-park-road, has been elected Master of the Carriers' Company for the ensuing year.

MR. WILLIAM HANCOCK has been appointed manager of the National Discount Company in succession to Mr. Thomas Smith, who has been compelled to retire in consequence of ill-health.

MR. ALBERT GRANT presided on October 30th at a meeting held at Westminster in support of the movement for the free opening of the Tower, and a memorial to the Government with that object was adopted.

SIR JOHN KARSLAKE, M.P., Q.C., is seriously indisposed; he has been ordered abroad by his medical advisers, and probably will not return to this country before the meeting of Parliament.

MR. D. M. AIRD, of the Middle Temple, author of "Blackstone Economized," &c., has undertaken a work that is nearly completed, "The Civil Law of France to the Present Time," which comprises all the Code Napoléon.

THE FRIEND OF MAN.—"The poor dog, in life the firmest friend," as Byron calls him, owes his chief fame to the poets. In the books of Moses he is spoken of with the dislike and contempt which still clings to him in some Arabic countries; but Homer turned the scale by his touching description of the faithful Argus's recognition of his master Ulysses, after twenty years absence, and ever since the poet and the naturalist have vied with each other in their admiration of the dog as a domestic animal. While the dog is thus known as the friend of man, Messrs. Spratt come forward as the friend of the dog, and have provided him with Patent Meat Fibrine Cakes which tempt his appetite, and afford all the properties necessary for his maintenance in perfect health and condition. All breeds of dogs thrive on these cakes (commonly termed biscuits) which consist of due proportions of meat, meal and dates, the highest authorities on canine food recommend them, alike for the pampered pet, the delicate-nosed setter or pointer, and the sturdy hound. As the "poor dog," like many another friend of man, has been too often badly treated, we therefore gladly recommend this addition to his comfort.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

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The following stand over:—"Masonic Revival;" communications from Cnpt. S. and W. J. Hughan; Reports of Lodges 177, 818, 862, 871, 973, 1141, 1276, 1415, 1423; Instruction 860; Chapter 995; Preceptory 123; Red Cross Conclave 17; Council R. and S. M. 5; Albion Rose Croix Chapter; Prov G. Lodge of Durham.

ERRATA.—In the letter of "A Country P.M.," page 677, for "all W.M.'s." read "all M.M.'s." In the advertisement of Mrs. Osborne, for "Boys" read "Girls."

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1874.

## OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

The return of our Royal Brother, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to England from his continental tour, naturally directs the attention of the Craft to his formal assumption of the high office which he has accepted, in accordance with the very wise provision of the Book of Constitutions on the subject. Some little obscurity rests on the actual verbiage of the section which relates to the Past Grand Master, and as to what the present position of our exalted Brother is, in respect of his actual governance of our Order. For the question, we think, may fairly be asked, Does the Grand Mastership of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales date from the date of his acceptance of the office, or from the date of his installation as Grand Master? The "Past Grand Master" is to be "invited to act until a new election takes place," and we are a little inclined to think (pace a superior authority and our Masonic traditions), an actual and technical construction of the section (page 30) might fairly be arrived at, that the acceptance by the



Past Grand Master of the direction of the Craft, "sede vacante," was in truth the initiatory and only needful act of his temporary administration of the Grand Mastership, the more so as nothing is said about his installation. Indeed, the section relating to Pro Grand Master, which follows, contemplates an immediate assumption of office, and is silent about installation. We are not aware at this moment of any precedent on the question, and shall be glad to hear what the legal authority of the Craft recommends and decides in the matter. The usage of Grand Lodge is probably in favour of a special installation, having regard to the provision for installation of the "Grand Master," and we are sure that we are but expressing the feeling of the entire Order when we say that we hope, as we doubt not, that a full and distinct announcement of the ceremony of installation will be given to the fraternity. From all parts of England the loyal members of our body will be anxious, if even at much personal cost, to come together to evince their personal attachment to their new Royal Grand Master and their unwavering fealty to Freemasonry. The past is over and forgotten, however deep may be our regret for a somewhat melancholy page in the annals of Freemasonry, and we look on to the future, to-day, in all of trust, gratification, hope, and confidence. For we have now, happily, at our head the Heir-Apparent to the throne, the eldest son of our beloved Sovereign, and as Freemasons have ever been truly loyal, alike in days of sunshine and storm, so they rejoice with heartfelt unanimity to-day when they realize that the personal union between the Royal Family and themselves, which was so strong in days of old, is reknit officially, and above all most closely and firmly once again. With no mere words of adulation, with no mere expression of lip-service, or even of sycophancy, do we English Freemasons desire or seek to approach our royal and distinguished brother, but as true-hearted members of our ancient Order, we welcome with heart and voice as our chief ruler the grandson of an old Grand Master. Happy, too, are we all in knowing and believing, that amid many obloquies, and not a few false accusations just now, our Brother, the Prince of Wales, has accepted with promptness and pleasure the vacant Grand Mastership of our fraternity, in an hour, too, of no little anxiety and trial. We require no better answer to the sneers of the ignorant, or the condemnations of the intolerant. We seek for no more complete compensation for any momentary regrets, than this one most agreeable fact, patent to all, a fact which, as we honestly believe, will prove to be alike a source of strength, and of pride, and of rejoicing to Freemasonry, and specially to our English brotherhood. It was only a short time ago, that some foolish and hot-headed prelate of the Roman Catholic Church thought well in an after-dinner speech to describe Freemasonry as a secret political society, to liken it to that of the Fenians, and to attribute to it consequently, hurtful views and revolutionary proclivities. And here to-day we behold the second personage in this realm, as if in answer to this arrant nonsense, not only not "ashamed to hear himself named a Free and Accepted Mason," but

associating himself intimately with the brotherhood, assuming the Mastership of his own lodge, and ultimately acceding with genial readiness to the request of Grand Lodge, to take upon himself the "ad interim" rulership of the Craft. In our humble opinion this kindly and most fraternal acceptance by our Royal Brother of the Grand Mastership of English Freemasons is alike the best proof of his true Masonic zeal, and the surest guarantee of our own Masonic progress. Despite any momentary halt or temporary depression, we shall continue to move on, we venture to think, even more unitedly, even more trustfully, and even more zealously than ever, because in answer to unjust arraignments and intolerant anathemas, we have rallied around our Royal Grand Master as [one man, and because, too, we all are also resolved, "Favente Deo Optimo et Maximo," "Teucro duce et auspice Teucro," to maintain before the world and our universal confraternity, alike our professions of Freemasonry, and to augment and to perpetuate our untiring labours of generous sympathy and brotherly love.

#### THE PROGRESS OF ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

It is not a little remarkable, we think, and we wish therefore to remind our brethren and readers to-day how, despite sundry difficulties, our English brotherhood is rapidly increasing its lodge-roll and in numbers everywhere. A priori, the recent attacks upon Freemasonry, by heated partizans and one or two disturbing causes might have been presumed to stand in the way of the progression of English Freemasonry, to have hindered its advance, to have constituted a stumbling block in its path. But on the contrary, we record in each hebdomadal impression of the *Freemason* some new lodge added to our long calendar, some fresh centre of light, and peace, and amity, and good will marked out and established in Metropolitan or Provincial "limits," to use an old Masonic term. So that we see, in the first place, and let us lay to heart the seasonable and solemn truth that slander and detraction, ill words and foul words, never have done much harm and never will do much harm, after all, in this fair world of ours. They may have a momentary effect on the incredulous and careless, they may inflict pain on some, or do passing injury to others, but the good sense of mankind revolts against them, in the long run, and the certain Nemesis of a higher Providence, always restores the balance sooner or later, here, between right and wrong. So that when to-day we hear or we read the heated declamations, or the unjustifiable falsehoods of unreasoning, or needlessly angry opponents, (for Freemasonry antagonises none), we note at once how, despite it all, and despite them all, Freemasonry finds its "compensation" in the rapid development of its universal organization and in the remarkable progress of its peaceful brotherhood. What better answer do we need? What safer response can we offer?—whether to the childish complaint or the bitter incrimination? Even amid the combined assaults of most heterogeneous allies, Freemasonry fears nothing and cares nothing, but passing by alike false friends

and relentless adversaries, marches on, to use a military simile, "with drums beating and colours flying," to combat with increasing success, ignorance, intolerance, suffering, and calamity. And in the next place, we think, despite much, no doubt, that may be said on the other side, that this extension of our brotherhood and this increase of our lodges are greatly to be encouraged and commended. There are some good brethren of ours who would apparently like to consider Freemasonry a little select society, not meant to be too large or to do too much, and who regard our material prosperity and numerical development as a subject of some little anxiety. Now we take, we confess, an entirely opposite view. Our opinion long has been that it is the duty of the authorities to give a full and free development to Masonic augmentation and expansion, whenever they can properly do so. We are also perfectly ready to admit, that, we believe, at no time in our Masonic history were the central authorities so alive to the requirements of our Order, and so wishful, in all of courtesy and good will, to further the wishes and aid the efforts of metropolitan and provincial brethren. But circumstances, even in Freemasonry, prove sometimes too strong for them and are "beyond their control." Their wishes may go in one direction; the technicalities of constitutional arrangements may compel them to pursue an opposite one. It often happens for instance, (we have known several illustrations in our Masonic career), where some young and active brethren, in large numbers, find the lodge accommodation of the district too small for them, and wish to make a "swarm," and constitute another Masonic hive of workers, not of drones. It is astonishing how often local prejudices and personal feeling, (which ought never to exist or be manifested among Masons) step in to oppose, to impede, to prevent. Though the mother lodge, or the older lodge, are, as we say, "full up," though, for local reasons, or class sympathies the existing lodges do not afford the opportunity of Masonic life or work for many excellent and worthy Masons, this youngest offshoot of our great Masonic tree is regarded by some as a set of "novi homines," whom it is desirable to put down, and the petition for a new lodge is considered as an opposition to "vested interests." Many of our readers will, we feel sure, remember exactly similar cases, and agree with us that we have not set forth in any measure an exaggerated or overdrawn picture. And yet how unmasonic it really is to be governed by such perverse prejudice and petty personalities. Freemasonry knows nothing either of favoured "castes" or "class legislation;" it is open, and wishes to be open, to all "good men and true," whether their social position be higher or lower in the scale, making every allowance for those needful cautions and restrictions which prudence may suggest, or safety may dictate. Now, were these impediments which are thus thrown in the way, sometimes, of local development removed or overruled we believe that, despite our most rapid progress, as Freemasons, we should see yet, even more lodges springing up on every side of us. And of one thing we are sure, nothing is so mis-

taken a course in Freemasonry, as in everything else human, as to regard with favour, on the one hand, a stationary prosperity, or to view with suspicion, on the other, active progressive zeal. Freemasonry, like all other human institutions, amid its many excellences, shares the common tendency to the "Valley of dry bones." We all want ever to be convinced that new blood and younger energies are requisite for the safe progress of society, and even the true development of Freemasonry. If our Freemasonry is of the heart as well as of the head, if we have mastered its great truths, if we wish to practice what we profess often so loudly to believe in, let us remember that our brother's interests are or ought to be as dear to us as our own, and let us jealously guard against any temptation to allow personal feelings or unworthy fears to impede the zealous efforts of some good men and Masons, or to stand in the way of the safe and advisable increase of local lodges. We have served our apprenticeship in our famous old Order in happy days gone by, surrounded by many dear friends and comrades. Let us commit without a doubt and without hesitation the handing on of our traditions and teachings of our principles and our labours of love to younger, and even, perchance, less experienced hands, believing and assured that every new lodge, composed of worthy and zealous brethren, is a fresh guarantee for the happiness of society, for the intellectual elevation of our fellows, for the good of the brotherhood, and for the safe and peaceful progress of mankind.

### 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.]

#### ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Would you permit me to make a few remarks on the subject of the Templar Statutes, &c., as referred to by Bros. Davies and Woodworth in your paper of the 10th inst. I shall be as brief as possible.

Bro. Davies complains that at the end of his office he "will retire with the honours of a full private, as this office does not carry past rank." It is a pity that as Preceptor he has not been successful in acquiring an accurate knowledge of the statutes and laws of the Order. He will not retire as a mere private, but will, as long as he is a subscribing member of the Order, continue to be a member of the Convent General and of the Great Priory of England and Wales. In fact, in addition to the rights and privileges hitherto held by Past Commanders, now called Past Preceptors, he will have the right of voice and vote in the supreme body of the Order, rights similar to those possessed by the highest in rank. The past rank which has been abolished refers only to the Grand Officers. For the correctness of these statements I refer him to the statutes, &c., or to the Chancellor of the Order, should he prefer such official ruling.

There has been no severance of the Masonic connection, but the reverse. The Great Priory statute referring to the connection between the Order of the Temple and the Craft is word for word the same as that in the old law in the Grand Conclave statutes, while the recent rule, extends the Masonic qualification. But Bro. Davies and others err in classing the Order of the Temple amongst Masonic degrees—a classification for which they have no official or other warrant. The Order has been from an early period connected with Freemasonry, but it is not a degree of the Masonic Rite. Its Christian and Trinitarian character is a sufficient proof of

this, and all Craft Masons should protest against a Masonic prefix to the Order of the Temple. Such a prefix is of recent origin in England, and has not been used in the statutes of either the Irish or Scotch Conclaves. Let us the Masonic society within its ancient landmarks, and not tolerate Masonic prefixes to Polanical bodies.

As to the change of name from Encampment to Preceptory, it is a small matter, and if an error, it can hardly require such an agitation to correct. To me it appears that the term encampment is wholly inapplicable to such bodies as he termed encampments. The Knights of old were not so termed unless when in the field; their meetings were called chapters, and their separate abodes preceptories.

As to Bro. Woodworth's complaint about the dress. He seems to forget that the Templars in England, Wales, and Ireland now form one body, subject to the same Grand Master and to the same general rules and regulations, and that the dress he complains of is, with the General Statutes of the Order, formally assented to and ratified by both countries. In making such General Statutes, both parties had to give and take, and, as far as I can see, Ireland had more of the taking than the giving. Almost the only thing she had to concede was the giving up of her absurd Templar Apron—a recent invention of their own. But leaving out the absurdity of the Irish Templar costume, was it expected that the English &c. Knights, who form at least four-fifths of the Order under the Grand Master, were to give up their old Templar costume, which corresponds with that worn by the Scotch and continental Knights, and conform to that of the Irish Knights, invented for the purpose of confounding the Templar Order with the Craft? Aprons properly belong to the Craft alone, and in the higher degrees of the A. and A. rite no aprons are used. If the brethren wish to alter the dress, let their representatives, the Preceptors and Past Preceptors, attend the Convent General, wherein they have the same right of voice and vote as the highest officers of the Order, for there, and there alone, can any alterations be made in the costume of the Order.

In conclusion, allow me to say that it is a pity that brethren appointed to rule over Preceptories should rush into print with their grievances, or fancied grievances, and, unintentionally of course, bring into disrepute their own position, and the laws which they are bound to respect and maintain.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

X. Y. Z.

Past Preceptor.

#### THE PLYMOUTH QUESTION.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Before your promised "finale" on the above is issued, kindly permit me the following few remarks:—

1st. This meeting took place on the 14th August.

2nd. I received the enclosed programme five or six days before.

3rd. The General's sanction was not asked till the 11th (after the programme was printed and distributed, mark!) when the Masonic non-commissioned officers of the Royal Marines applied to him through their commanding officer, and were refused, as I am creditably informed, on the ground that the programme entirely ignored their uniforms.

4th. As soon as this state of affairs was communicated to me, I wrote the following letter, which appeared next day in the *Western Daily Mercury*, a widely circulated local journal, in order that the Provincial programme manufacturers might, even at the eleventh hour, do something towards remedying their blunder:—

"THE NEW GUILDHALL.

"Sir,—As one of a numerous class of military Freemasons residing in Plymouth, kindly insert my protest against the action of the United Grand Lodges of Devon and Cornwall in excluding us from taking part in the reception of our Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on Friday next.

"The official programme issued a few days ago,

prescribes black coats, black silk hats, &c., &c., for all brethren assembling on that occasion. But plain clothes not being allowed to be worn by any soldier in that garrison (it is considered a crime of great magnitude to do so), I Sir, and, I may add, more than one hundred of my comrades, are thus debarred from what we consider our just rights, and feel ourselves thrown aside and slighted in the extreme.—I remain, yours truly,

"SOLDIER FREEMASON.

"Plymouth, 12th August, 1874."

No further notice, however, was taken, and as you already know, we were not permitted to enjoy what I always thought was our right, thereby exposing us to the ridicule of the outside world (our wives most especially included) which I think is not at all desirable.

In conclusion, I would like the committee, either collectively or individually, to answer in a straightforward manner the following pertinent question:—

Was the Major-General's sanction for Masonic soldiers in uniform to attend the demonstration asked before the programme was compiled and circulated (upon this the whole question hinges), and if he refused, why did they aid to exclude us by their insertion of black hats, &c., they well knowing that soldiers in the Plymouth Garrison were and are liable to heavy punishment if found in the streets in "mufti?"

I beg to remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

SOLDIER FREEMASON.

#### WAS THE POPE A FREEMASON?

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I see one of your correspondents (who signs himself C.A.) asks in last week's paper whether the present Pope was a Freemason and priest at one and the same time, to which you reply, in somewhat vague terms, that it is averred by some of the Italian Freemasons that he was initiated into a lodge when a young man, but we are not aware of any actual or trustworthy evidence on the subject; now I have a distinct remembrance of seeing in the columns of the now defunct "Magazine and Masonic Mirror" some few years ago, a detailed statement concerning this matter, in which, if I remember rightly, it was proved beyond a doubt that the Pope belonged to one of the lodges in Palermo, and was admitted when he was serving the office of Legate or Nuncio in that city, and therefore in holy orders, but of this latter part I am not sure. Extracts were also given from the lodge minute book, giving the speech made by Bro. Mastai Feretti when raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

I am, yours fraternally,

W. E. GUMBLETON, P.G.D.

[The vagueness of our answer is occasioned by the vagueness of the assertions of our Italian brother, for it has been confidently asserted that the Pope was made at Havannah, that he was initiated in America, that he was received in one of the South American republics under the "Rite Ecossaise," and lastly, that he was accepted as a member of our Order in Italy. All we seek for is proof; but up to this time no satisfactory or reliable evidence has been offered by any one.—Ed.]

#### THE JOHN THOMAS MEMORIAL.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

While at Norwood Cemetery on Thursday last, paying the last sad tribute of respect to our late Bro. Wisby, the W.M. of my lodge and myself thought we should like to see what memorial had been erected to the memory of our late Brother John Thomas. After much personal fatigue, and then only by the assistance of the clerk in charge, whose kindness we here gratefully acknowledge, we at length discovered the spot, but, Sir, imagine our surprise, (which will, we think, be shared in by all those who knew and esteemed our late brother, at finding that not only had no memorial been erected, but that his name had not even been cut upon the stone placed at the head of the grave, which

marks only the resting-place of his wife. Truly  
 "To live in hearts we leave behind  
 Is not to die,"  
 and one who, while living, so endeared himself  
 to all those who were brought into contact with  
 him, needs no monument to perpetuate his  
 memory; but, Sir, what has become of the  
 money subscribed to the "Thomas Memorial  
 Fund?"  
 Yours fraternally,

A SUBSCRIBER TO THE FUND.

### THE HIGH DEGREES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the Book of Constitutions I find  
 the following preamble to the Regulations for  
 the government of the Craft at page 16:—

"By the solemn Act of Union between the  
 two Grand Lodges of Freemasons of England,  
 in December, 1813, it was declared that pure  
 ancient Freemasonry consists of three degrees  
 and no more, viz.: those of the Entered Appren-  
 tice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason,  
 including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal  
 Arch."

The Constitutions further recite, in three dif-  
 ferent places, that no jewel, medal, or device,  
 belonging to any order or degree not recognised  
 by the Grand Lodge of England as part of pure  
 Ancient Masonry, may be worn either in Grand  
 Lodge or in any private lodge. And I believe I  
 am correct in saying, that not very long ago a  
 Provincial Grand Master was deprived of his  
 command for an infringement of this law.

It is not probably known to very many that  
 the second paragraph of the Act of Union above  
 quoted runs as follows:—

"It is declared and pronounced, that pure  
 Antient Masonry consists of three degrees and  
 no more, viz.: those of the Entered Apprentice,  
 the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, includ-  
 ing the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch.  
 But this Article is not intended to prevent any  
 lodge or chapter from holding a meeting in any  
 of the degrees of the Orders of Chivalry, accord-  
 ing to the Constitutions of the said Orders."

I would like to ask, through the medium of  
 your valuable journal, how in the history of  
 modern Freemasonry the latter portion of this  
 article was omitted, and how the present ruling  
 crept in; and why the Grand Lodge of England  
 should not recognise such branches of Freema-  
 sonry as, for instance, the Ancient and Accepted  
 Rite, and the Order of the Temple, which not  
 only acknowledge its position and authority, but  
 decline to receive any brethren who do not possess  
 certain qualifications as Blue Masons.

I am, yours fraternally,

BUSY BEE.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 13, 1874.

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

Saturday, November 7.

General Committee Boys' School at 4.  
 Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-  
 street.

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, Rich-  
 mond, Surrey.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby,  
 New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, November 9.

Lodge 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 136, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-  
 street.

" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 " 222, St. Andrew's, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-  
 street.

" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.  
 Chap. 22, Mount Sion, Guilhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

" 720, Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington.  
 Red Cross Conclave, 2, Plantagenet, Caledonian Hotel,  
 Robert-street, Adelphi.

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. Dilley, P.M. 11.55;  
 Preceptor.

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

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

Tuesday, November 10.

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

" 166, Union, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

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

" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-  
 street.

" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-  
 street.

" 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St.  
 John's-gate, Clerkenwell.

" 235, Nine Muses, Queen's Hotel, Cork-street, Bond-  
 street.

" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

" 917, Cosmopolitan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-  
 street.

" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

Mark Lodge, 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, South-  
 wark.

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

Domatic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Gros-  
 venor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Pre-  
 ceptor.

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

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

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward,  
 Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

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.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica  
 Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30;  
 Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.

Wednesday, November 11.

General Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution  
 at 3.

Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

" 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st.,  
 Woolwich.

" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lam-  
 beth.

" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.

" 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leaden-  
 hall-street.

" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road,  
 Limehouse.

" 823, Liberty L. of Richmond, Greyhound, Rich-  
 mond, Surrey.

" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st.,  
 Wapping.

Chap. 1260, Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.

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

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

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

Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road,  
 Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the  
 Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.

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

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

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 12.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Can-  
 non-street.

Lodge 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leaden  
 hall-street.

" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-  
 street.

" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.

" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 879, Southwark, Southwark-park Tavern, South-  
 wark-park.

" 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Docks, West  
 Ham.

" 1288, Finsbury-park, Finsbury-park Tavern, Seven  
 Sisters'-road, Holloway.

" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.

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

" 140, St. George's, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill,  
 Greenwich.

" 538, Vane, Freemasons' Hall.

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K. T. Preceptory, 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House  
 Hotel, London-bridge.

" 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple.

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

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 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.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses  
 High-road, Tottenham.

Friday, November 13.

Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.

" 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hotel, New Wands-  
 worth.

Rose Croix Chap. Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square.

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, Bal-  
 ham, at 7.30.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s,  
 Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern,  
 Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton,  
 at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1294), 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.

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 Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M.,  
 Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion,  
 Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-  
 end-road, at 8.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of  
 Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Pre-  
 ceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Roso Tavern,  
 Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel,  
 Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

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., Precep-  
 tor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND  
 CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 14, 1874.

Monday, November 9.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms,  
 Preston.

" 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead, at 6.

" 721, Independence, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row,  
 North Chester, at 5.

" 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Fur-  
 ness.

" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.

Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington,  
 at 6.30.



Tuesday, November 10.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.  
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.

Chap. 537, Zion, 9, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead.

Wednesday, November 11.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
 " 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.  
 " 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.  
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

Neptune's Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

Thursday, November 12.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.  
 " 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.  
 " 786, Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.  
 " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Patricroft, near Manchester.

Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 5.

Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

Friday, November 13.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 7.  
 Chap. 249, Mariners', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.]

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, November 14, 1874.  
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, November 9.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street.  
 " 205, St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Lochwinnoch.  
 " 219, Star, 12, Trongate.  
 " 307, Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, Barrhead.  
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robinson-street.  
 " 503, St. George, Odd Fellows' Hall, Helensburgh.

Tuesday, November 10.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.  
 " 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st., Kingston.  
 " 426, Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Renfrew.  
 " 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.  
 Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-street.

Wednesday, November 11.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.  
 " 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st.  
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.  
 Chap. 113, Partick, St. Mary's Hall, Partick.

Thursday, November 12.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Montrose, Town Hall, Airdrie.  
 Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-street.

Friday, November 13.

Lodge 18, Dumbarton Kilwinning, Mission Hall, Dumbarton.  
 " 170, Leven St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Renton.  
 " 179, St. Mungo, London Hotel, Mauchline.  
 " 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambusnethan. [1]  
 Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.

Saturday, November 14.

Lodge 31, St. Mary Coltness, Scott's Hall, Wishaw. [2]

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 14th, 1874.

Monday, November 9.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen, Masonic Hall, Writer's-court, High-street, at 8.  
 " 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.  
 Chap. 152, Perseverance, 86, Constitution-street, Leith, at 8.

Tuesday, November 10.

Lodge 1, Edinburgh Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place, at 8.  
 " 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Lodge-room, 4, Nicholson-sq., at 8.

Wednesday, November 11.

Lodge 2, Cannongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street, at 8.  
 Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

Thursday, November 12.

Lodge 8, Journeymen, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st., at 8.  
 " 272, St. John's, Torphichen Arms Hotel, Mid Calder, at 7.30.

Friday, November 13.

Lodge 548, St. Margaret's Burgh, School-room, Queensferry, at 8.  
 Chap. 56, Cannongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street, at 8.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN DUBLIN.

For the week ending Friday, November 13.

Saturday, November 7.

Lodge 238, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 7.  
 K. T. Preceptory, 25, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
 Prince Masons Chap. 4, Furnell, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 5.

Monday, November 9.

Lodge 100, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.  
 Chap. 2, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.

Tuesday, November 10.

Lodge 245, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 7.30.  
 Chap. 100, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.

Wednesday, November 11.

Lodge 143, Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 5.  
 " 120 Hiram, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 7.30.  
 Chap. 250, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.  
 K. T. Preceptory, 620, First Volunteer, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 5.

Thursday, November 12.

Grand Lodge of Instruction, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.  
 Knights K. H. 30°, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 5.

Friday, November 13.

Grand Master's Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 4.30.  
 Lodge 53, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.  
 Chap. 4, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.  
 K. T. Preceptory, 93, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.

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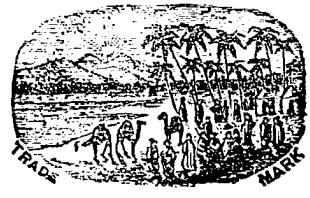
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# CONSTITUTION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The Earl of Limerick, M.W., Deputy Grand Mark Mason, acting as R.W. Grand Master in the unavoidable absence of the Earl Percy, on Friday last, presided over a Moveable Grand Lodge, having on his right Colonel Burdett, M.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master of Middlesex and Surrey, as V.W. Deputy Grand Master, and on his left the M.W. Bro. G. Raymond Portal, M.A., R.W. Past Grand Mark Master, Col. A. W. Adair, Past Grand Senior Mark Warden, as S.G.W., and Bro. J. Gilbert Smallpiece (Guildford), G.T.W., as Grand Junior Warden, Bro. J. Binckes, Grand Secretary, Bro. C. Wadham Wyndham (Wimborne, Dorset), Grand D. of Ceremonies, Bro. Rev. W. Mortimer Heath (Lychett Rectors, Poole), Grand Chaplain, Bro. E. Dubose (London), Grand S.B., as Grand Sword Bearer, Bro. Thos. Cubitt (London), P.A. Grand D. of C., as Grand Deacon; Bro. S. R. Ade, Grand Standard Bearer. The Moveable Grand Lodge was opened in form, and the Earl of Limerick explained the nature of the meeting in a neat and effective speech, which contained a considerable amount of information respecting the origin, progress, present position and future prospects of the degree in this country, and its connection with several foreign Grand Districts. His Lordship also dilated upon the necessity of union among all the Mark Lodges, and the advantages to be derived from the formation of a Provincial Lodge. The only other business before the Moveable Grand Lodge, except the constitution of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex and installation of the R.W.P. Grand Mark Mason, was the nomination of a brother for election at the half-yearly communication of Grand Mark Lodge in December next, as Grand Treasurer, in the room of Bro. J. R. Stebbing, of Southampton, whose death, which took place a few months ago, caused a vacancy in the office of Grand Treasurer. Bro. T. J. Sabine then nominated Bro. F. Davison Deputy Grand Mark Master of Middlesex and Surrey, as a candidate for election to that office, and took occasion to point out the special qualifications of Bro. Davison, who, as a good and trusty worker in Freemasonry for many years, especially in the Mark Degree, had won the esteem and respect of all who knew him. The business of the constitution of the Mark Province of Sussex was then proceeded with; the petition for the formation was then produced and read. It was quite a work of art, being emblazoned with the arms of Sussex, Brighton, and Hastings at each corner; a keystone with the names and numbers of the lodges now open in Sussex, viz., Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 75, Brighton; Southdown Lodge, No. 164, Hayward's Heath; East Sussex Lodge, No. 166; Hastings and the Keystone Lodge, No. 168, Brighton. The petition was signed by nearly ninety subscribing and honorary members of the lodges mentioned. The Patent of appointment of Bro. Sir John Cordy Burrows was then read, and he was regularly obligated and installed, upon which he announced that he desired to appoint an old and very able Mason as his Deputy, naming Bro. J. M. Cunningham, who was duly installed as Deputy G.M.M.M.

The R.W.P.G. Master then invested his officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

S.G.W. Bro. Dr. Trollope (St. Leonards), W.M. No. 166 Mark Lodge.

J.G.W. Bro. W. Hudson (Hayward's Heath), P.M. 75, and 164 Mark Lodge, P.G. Mark A.D. of C.

G.M.O. Bro. John Robinson (Brighton), P.M. 75 Mark Lodge.

G.S.O. Bro. Thomas Cook (Brighton), P.M. 75 Mark Lodge.

G.J.O. Bro. J. Pearson (Brighton), P.M. 164 Mark Lodge.

G. Treasurer Bro. Braithwaite (Keymer), S.D. 164 Mark Lodge.

G. Secretary Bro. Thomas J. Sabine (Brighton), W.M. 75 Mark Lodge, Treasurer 168. P.A.G. (Mark) D. of C.

G. Assistant Sec. Bro. S. R. Ade (Brighton), S.W. 164 Mark Lodge.

G. Registrar of Marks Bro. W. Kirkland (Eastbourne), S.W. 166 Mark Lodge.

G.S.D. Bro. W. R. Wood (Brighton), S.W. No. 168 Mark Lodge.

G.J.D. Bro. J. N. Stoner (Brighton), J.W. 168 Mark Lodge.

G.D. of C. Bro. C. J. Smith (Cliftonville), Sec. 168 Mark Lodge.

G. Assistant D. of C. Bro. C. W. Duke (Hastings), J.W. 166 Mark Lodge.

G.S. of W. Bro. G. R. Lockyer (Brighton), P.M. 75 Mark Lodge.

S.S.B. Bro. G. Smith (Brighton), J.W. 75 and 164 Mark Lodge.

G. Standard Bearer Bro. G. Emery (Brighton), Treas. 75 Mark Lodge.

G. Organist Bro. A. Croucher (St. Leonards), No. 166 Mark Lodge.

G.I.G. Bro. G. Moren (Heathfield), M.O. 166 Mark Lodge.

G. Stewards Bro. J. Donan (Hastings), Sec. 166 Mark Lodge.

Bro. W. J. Kemp (Cliftonville), M.O. 164 Mark Lodge.

Bro. J. R. Hawkins (Preston), No. 168 Mark Lodge.

G. Tyler Bro. Thomas Hughes.

As each officer was conducted by the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies to the R.W.P.G.M. he, investing with the collar of office, addressed them in appropriate terms on the duties they should perform, and pointed out briefly the reasons, which had induced him to give the respective appointments to those he was then investing. The bye-laws were considered and approved, other formal business was transacted, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of London, Liverpool, and Glasgow.

## THE BANQUET.

Was subsequently held in the spacious Assembly Room of the Old Ship Hotel, an apartment, which in "the good old times," was wont to be ever and anon, devoted to the Masonic fraternity. The brethren felt at home in their old familiar quarters, and were fully prepared in anticipation to enjoy the feast of good things which Mr. Bacon had so well prepared for them. Nor were they in the leastwise disappointed, for the banquet was of the true Old Ship type, leaving nothing to be desired for, but reflecting the highest credit on all engaged in its preparation and serving.

The newly-installed R.W. P. Grand M.M.M., Bro. Sir John Cordy Burrows, J.P., presided, supported by the R.W. Dep. G.M.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, on his right, and the M.W., Bro. Cunningham, Deputy Provincial Grand M.M.M., on his left, also by the other officers of Grand Lodge, altogether about 100 brethren. The banquet ended, the Prov. G.M.M., proposed the first toast,—that of the Queen,—a toast he remarked, dear to every Englishman. He coupled with the toast "Mark Masonry," and congratulated his brethren that we lived under a constitutional Government of which every Englishman ought to be proud—proud of his country, proud of his Queen. (Applause.)

The R.W.P.G.M.M.M., next gave "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." The Prince of Wales, who took a great interest in Freemasonry, and would soon be Grand Master of the Masonic body in England, would, he trusted, endear himself to the Masonic body by becoming a Mark Mason, a member of this degree. (Applause.) He was sure that no man, no prince living, had a greater hold on the affections of the people of his country than had our noble Prince of Wales. He might have run a little wild at first—so much the better if it made him a better man in after life. He also referred in glowing terms to the Duke of Edinburgh and his amiable consort, and concluded by saying, "I love my Queen, I love the Royal Family, and above all the rest I love the Prince of Wales." (Applause.)

The next toast from the Master was that of "the M.W. Grand Mark Master Mason, the

Right Hon. Earl Percy, M.P." Earl Percy, the head of the Mark Master Masons, and presumptive heir to the Duke of Northumberland, one of the oldest of England's nobility, had given his best attention to the promotion of Mark Masonry throughout the country, more especially in the north. They must always reverence the head and chief of such a body as theirs: in all his relations of life Earl Percy had won the esteem and love of all his countrymen, more especially the Mark Master Masons. (Applause.)

The R.W. Prov. G.M.M. next gave "the M.W. Past Grand Mark Master Masons, the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, the Earl of Carnarvon, Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., W. W. Beach, Esq., M.P., and the Rev. George Raymond Portal, M.A." The proposer of the toast observed that most of those names were well known to them all as those of men of note, not as Mark Masons alone, but as men of mark who had done good service for their country. He desired especially to couple with the toast, the name of the only Past Grand Master Mark Mason then with them, Bro. the Rev. George Raymond Portal. (Applause.) He was pleased to see a clergyman of the Church of England acting in that capacity, because, without desiring to say anything condemnatory of the order to which he belonged, he feared there was a want of liberality towards Masonry too often exhibited among them. But if the clergy, as a body, were not all they ought to be, Bro. Portal was all he ought to be,—how pleased they must all be to know that they had a Past Master who was a Minister of the Church of England. (Applause.)

The M.W. Past Grand M.M.M., Bro. the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, who was received with the warmest Masonic demonstration responded. He remarked that he had great pleasure in so doing. In the first place, because he thought it to be one of the peculiar privileges of the Degree of Mark Masonry that they should have a large body of Past Grand Mark Master Masons. (Hear, hear.) In other orders when the Chief got on to the throne, he stuck there for the rest of his natural life: in this degree, the Chief, following out their old landmarks, was changed every three years, new blood being thus introduced to office, and in the event of the death or failure of one Grand Master, another well acquainted with the duties was prepared to take temporarily the reins of office, and to advise and assist his successor. (Hear, hear.) He also thanked them for proposing the toast, because in the body of Past Grand Mark Master Masons, they had such distinguished men, notably the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master of Craft Masonry, and who would soon be the Pro-Grand Master. (Hear, hear.) In other orders the Grand Masters, partly from the decrees of fate, and partly from the decrees of the Vatican were of a rare character, something like the Brighton octopus, few and far between. (Laughter.) A great deal had been talked about the matter to which he had been incidentally referring, and one would almost be led to think that the Masonic body were at a loss to find a distinguished man to preside over them. But such, he could assure them, was far from being the case, for if the Prince of Wales, whose acceptance of the post of honour he was proud of, had declined it there were other well-fitted and illustrious men ready to occupy it. How great was the contumely heaped upon the body by the Roman Catholic press! Masonry did not profess to be an antagonistic profession to that of any religious body; its simple claim upon all men was that it opened its doors to men of all religions, and of all politics, setting an example of universal brotherhood to men of all religion and of all politics. And they might depend upon it that despite the opposition from the Romanists, all persons who were worth having in the fraternity would come to them on these terms—(Applause.) In the crisis that was approaching, men of all religions and politics would be glad to come to them, knowing that in Freemasonry, whatever else might happen, they would have one place within the four seas of Britain where men could meet without differences, or desiring to cut each others' throats, and this alone would



suffice to draw within their ranks all who were worth having.—(Loud applause).

The Prov. G.M.M.M. then gave the "R.W. Dep. Grand Mark Master Mason, the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, and the Grand Officers Present and Past." Referring to the enthusiastic reception given to the toast, he remarked that he knew when he mentioned Lord Limerick's name how well it would be greeted. He felt deeply indebted to his Lordship for his attendance; by his cordiality of manner he had won the affectionate regard of every one present.—(Hear, hear). As well as being for two years Deputy Grand Mark Master, his Lordship was Provincial Grand Master of Bristol in Craft Masonry. He was not alone thus high in office, was not only a Peer of the Realm and Legislator, but he was an exceedingly kind and good man, one of whom the more they saw the more they would love. He asked them to love his Lordship as all good Masons should love each other, and he desired them to show their love, on that occasion, by drinking his health from the very bottom of their hearts.—(Applause).

Lord Limerick, on rising, was heartily received. He observed he always felt that calling on the Grand Deputy Master or Senior Grand Officer present to return thanks was like putting the last first, because he had to return thanks for Past as well as Present Officers, the Present reaping all the advantages of those who had gone before them. It was so in Mark Masonry, wherein they were now reaping, in increased numbers, the advantages they had derived from having good officers in those who had gone before, with whose exertions they could not be too much pleased. He was delighted with the addition made to Mark Masonry that day, in the constitution of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Sussex, and he had pleasure in knowing that, in a few days more, another Province would be formed, that of Lincolnshire.—(Applause). Let all remember in all they did in Masonry that they desired simply to act as an illumination of religion, irrespective of sect, desiring also to be obedient to the laws of God, and to the laws for the good government of the country wherein they resided. They desired also to carry out charity, not only as to themselves and those dependent on them (although it had been said that they desired this only for themselves), the true Mason not only gave his utmost for the good of his brethren, but, as they would, and if they looked ahead, that in whatever concerned the maintenance of true charity, Masonry was never far behind.—(Hear, hear). They did not go into theories, but they claimed to be judged by their fruits, and let them always remember, whether in Craft Masonry or Mark Masonry, whatever the Order might be, that combined with the Order and the Craft, there were solemn obligations they had undertaken, which were but means to an end, that end being the promotion of the glory of God and the welfare of their fellow men.—(Loud applause).

Immediately after resuming his seat, his Lordship rose again and proposed the toast of the R.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason of Sussex, Bro. Sir J. Cordy Darrows. He observed that he felt he should not be doing justice to the toast were he to spend many minutes in proposing it, for that would seem as though he felt the necessity to have recourse to argument in its favour. Moreover, most of the brethren present knew more of the Right Worshipful Brother than he did, and the number of names appended to the petition for his installation to office, proved how highly he was esteemed by all.—(Applause). They were also well acquainted with his services to the town of Brighton, and it had added to the pleasure he felt in coming there that day to make the acquaintance of a brother of whom, from the ordinary sources of information, he had already heard so much.—(Applause). Long might he continue to hold office as their Provincial Grand Master, long might the province flourish under his rule, and when old time should call him away, might the province still continue to flourish.—(Applause).

Bro. Sir J. Cordy Darrows, R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M., responded. He desired not only to thank his health members for drinking his

health, but for having that day placed him in so high and distinguished a position, one of the greatest honour and dignity, that of the first Grand Master of Mark Masonry in the Province of Sussex. He could only assure them that those sentiments which he knew to pervade their bosoms with regard to the spread of Mark Masonry would be carried out most thoroughly by himself.—(Hear, hear). He felt that in his officers he had a number of most honourable brethren to assist him in the discharge of his duties. No man should rely too much on himself, but he knew that those appointed to office were all good men and true. He knew, with regard to the post he occupied, that the Head and Chief must be a peace-maker; he hoped and trusted he should ever remember that his first duty was to make men love and trust each other, and then that he should relinquish his gavel, having gained the love and esteem of the Mark Master Masons of Sussex.—(Applause).

The Prov. G.M. then proposed "the R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master Masons present," observing that he trusted they would ever find a welcome to their table, hospitality being one of their characteristics as Mark Masons. He coupled with the toast the names of Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. of Middlesex and Surrey, Bro. the Rev. J. Sicklemore, Prov. G.M. of Kent, and Bro. the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, Prov. G.M. for Hants.

Bro. Col. Burdett, in responding, remarked that they had all that day been delighted in witnessing the manner in which the constitution ceremony had been performed. He had witnessed many consecrations, but never one that had given him greater pleasure.—(Applause). He considered that it would be a most important Province, and that Sussex would shortly hold a very high position in Mark Masonry.

Bro. Sutcliffe, Prov. G.M. designate of Lincolnshire, also responded and expressed a hope that he should be favoured with the presence of some visiting brethren from Brighton, on the occasion of his installation on the 29th.

The M.W. Past Grand M.M.M., Bro. the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, then proposed "the W. Dep. Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason, Bro. J. M. Cunningham, M.D., and the Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. Dr. Cunningham, Prov. D.G.M., responded. He also observed that some time ago Mark Masonry was received very coolly by many brethren holding high offices in Craft Masonry, but he thought the time was now come, under the leadership of their Grand Officers, that Mark Masonry would make its mark among the Grand Lodges of England. He was afraid with regard to what had lately happened in the Province of Sussex, that some of them might desire to make Mark Masonry antagonistic to Craft Masonry. (No, no.) But he trusted the officers appointed that day, would not during their year of office, take it up in that way, but strive to make it a still more beautiful addendum to Craft Masonry, all doing what they could to carry out the great principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and that they might be eventually bound together in one great chain of universal brotherhood.—(Applause).

Bro. Braithwaite and Bro. W. R. Wood also responded to the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers.

Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.G.M. Secretary of Sussex, then, at the desire of the R.W. Provincial Mark Master, proposed the toast of "the R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master Masons present," and alluded to the gratifying fact that on the present occasion they were favoured with the company of the P.G.M.M. of Kent, (Bro. J. Sicklemore, M.A.), of the P.G.M.M. of Hants and Isle of Wight (Bro. Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A.), and of Middlesex and Surrey (Bro. Col. Burdett), and in addition to these, the R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master designate of Lincolnshire (Bro. John Sutcliffe of Great Grimsby), who would be installed in the Masonic Hall, at Lincoln, on Thursday next. The brethren associated together in Mark Masonry, were, as a rule, good and earnest Craft Masons who recognised the necessity and importance of combining the Mark degree with the Craft and Royal Arch degrees, so

as to complete with unmistakeable links, the chain of universal Freemasonry. It had been said of the degree by an influential Craft Mason in this Province, "I have been informed they, (including the Mark with other non-universal degrees) owe their origin mostly to the political and religious intrigues of the middle ages." Now he (Bro. Sabine) claimed an antiquity for the Mark degree in ages far beyond the middle period of England's history. He claimed a world-wide universality for the Mark degree, as extended as was the Craft degrees themselves, because all who could be received into Craft Masonry were entitled to receive the Mark degree, be they Hindoo or Turk, Catholic or Protestant, Chinese or Persian, in fact all who were true to the idea of God and faithful to their fellow-men and benevolent to those in misery and distress.—(Applause). He took this opportunity to allude thus briefly to these matters, because for years he had been opposed in a bitter and unforgiving spirit by certain brethren in Sussex, whose education, whose position, and whose knowledge of Freemasonry, should have led them to have assisted rather than have retarded the establishment of the Mark degree in Sussex, the interests of which would now be watched over by the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, that day established under such happy circumstances, and in the presence of the large number of distinguished brethren from all parts of the country. That distance was no object to prevent attendance was apparent from the presence there that day of Bro. J. Sutcliffe, who had travelled all the way from Grimsby to do honour to the occasion, and to give support to the spread of the degree in the south of England. It would be impossible for him to allude to the qualifications of each brother, and he might be pardoned for stating generally that they were all good and true Craft Masons as well as earnest and sincere Mark Masons. On this occasion he desired to couple the name of Bro. John Sutcliffe with the toast, and asked them to accept it from him with more than usual heartiness, in honour of the many distinguished Masons present that day.—(Applause).

The toast was duly acknowledged by Bro. Sutcliffe, by Bro. Colonel Adair, and by Bro. Henry Brett, of the Southwark Mark Lodge, who observed that Masonry equally esteemed Jews, Mahomedans, Parsees and Hindoos, and that so long as Masonry in England excluded discussion among its members of matters of controversial religion and politics, so long would its present high position continue.

Bro. Binckes said the next toast was one that as a rule, when he appeared before his brother Masons, he was called upon to respond to, and not to propose—it was that of the "Masonic Institutions and the Mark Benevolent Fund." That evening they had had their principles very fairly discussed, but there was one matter on which all could meet on common ground, that of the support of the Masonic Charities. Mark Masonry had done its duty to all the Masonic Charities; especially was this manifest in the case of Bro. Sabine, who placed before them a list of £170, procured by him for the Boys' School.

Bro. Little, Secretary of the Girls' School, also spoke of the claims of that institution.

Bro. T. J. Sabine responded, and instanced the vast amount of support the charities had received from Mark Masonry.

The Prov. G.M.M.M. then proposed the health of Bro. Ade, observing that he was one who had done everything in his power for the promotion of Mark Masonry.—(Applause). Wherever they went they required *Ade*—(Laughter).

Bro. S. R. Ade, in responding, observed that in Mark Masonry he had been honoured beyond his deserts in being appointed an officer of Grand Lodge. Mark Masonry had performed the manly and noble act that day which Craft Masonry had never performed towards him—(Hear, hear).

"The Ladies," from the Prov. G.M.M.M., responded to by Bro. Charles Hudson brought the proceedings of a very pleasant evening to a close.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF THE  
NORTH AND EAST RIDINGS OF  
YORKSHIRE.

MASONIC BANQUET AT SCARBOROUGH.

Yesterday there was a great gathering of Freemasons at Scarborough, the Provincial Grand Lodge of the North and East Ridings having accepted the invitation of the Denison Lodge, Scarborough, to hold its annual assembly in that town. There was a numerous muster of Masonic celebrities in the Grand Hotel. It was arranged that the business of the lodge should be transacted during the afternoon, so as to throw the banquet in the evening open to non-Masons. Accordingly the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the spacious drawing-room of the hotel; the business commenced at 1.30, when the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, followed by a large and brilliant retinue, passed in procession up the main staircase amid the flourish of trumpets. The procession was very imposing. In the evening a banquet was served up in the large dining hall, which was appropriately decorated for the occasion, and which, when filled with its numerous distinguished assemblage, arrayed in Masonic costume, presented a brilliant appearance. Around the room was arranged groups of gay flags with shields, Masonic emblems and devices, and there was a profuse display of flowers and other decorations. Nearly 200 guests sat down to the sumptuous repast. Lord Zetland occupied the chair, supported on his right by Bro. W. Bell, M.D., Hull, D.P.G.M., of the North and East Ridings; Bro. Sir H. Johnstone, Bart., M.P., P.P.G.W.; Bro. Sir Charles Legard, Bart., M.P.; Bro. J. W. Teal, P.D.C.W.M., No. 200; Bro. W. F. Rooke, M.D., P.P.G.W.; Bro. Peck, P.P.G.S.; and on the left by Lord Londesborough, P.P.S.W.P.G.W.; Major Bannister, P.P.J.W.; Bro. Chris. Sykes, M.P., P.P.S.W.; Bro. R. Bower, P.P.S.W.; Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.P.S.W.; Bro. Sir James Meek; and Bro. Hollon, P.G.T. Amongst the company were brethren from Hull, Malton, Richmond, Leeds, York, including the Lord Mayor, and other lodges in the district, and the brethren of the Scarbro' lodges mustered in strong force in order to give a cordial reception to their Masonic brethren. Conspicuous among the guests by their uniform were Sergt.-Major Tallet and Farrier-Sergt. Thomas Lawrence (3rd Dragoon Guards), York. Pritchard's celebrated band performed selections of music during the banquet, which was served up in excellent style. Grace before and after meat was said by the chaplain, the Rev. W. Ballantine. At the close of the banquet,

The noble Chairman proposed "The Queen and the Craft." Wherever a lodge of Masons existed, there he knew that toast would be received with enthusiasm.

The noble Chairman next proposed the health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W., Deputy Grand Master of England, with the Present and Past Grand Officers. It was a somewhat painful duty to have to propose such a toast at the present moment, when they might be said to have no Grand Master. At their last Provincial Lodge they were honoured by the presence of their Grand Master, who bestowed upon him (the Earl of Zetland) the office he now held. That was a day he should always look back to with feelings of the utmost pleasure. From the marks of respect with which their Worshipful Grand Master was then received it appeared that he was esteemed by every Mason. His loss would be severely felt not only in that lodge but throughout the country. With respect to Lord Carnarvon, many present were no doubt able to appreciate the interest he took in Freemasonry.

Lord Londesborough, who was received with loud applause, proposed—"The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire. He felt sure that the name of Zetland would be well received in any part of the world, but more especially in Yorkshire. He congratulated the noble Lord on the office he had attained in the order, and hoped he would b

come equally respected with his late father. (Cheers.)

The noble Chairman appropriately responded to the toast, and referred to the connection that had so long existed between his family and that province. He also spoke of the progress of Freemasonry.

Sir John Harcourt Johnstone, M.P., next proposed "The health of Bro. John Pearson Bell, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings," and spoke highly of the services that gentleman had rendered Freemasonry in the province.

Bro. Bell, in responding, dwelt upon the advantages to be derived from Freemasonry, and complimented the Provincial Grand Master on the excellent way in which the business of the day had been gone through under his auspices.

The noble Chairman then proposed "The Denison Lodge, No. 1,240, and the various Lodges in the Province." His Lordship expressed his gratification at the splendid reception accorded to them by the Scarboro' Lodge.

Bro. Delamere suitably responded.

Mr. Christopher Sykes, M.P., proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which was responded to by Bro. Henry Smith, Provincial Grand Secretary of West Yorkshire.

Sir Charles Legard, M.P., in a humorous speech, proposed "The Ladies," which toast was humorously responded to by Mr. Christopher Sykes.

This brought the proceedings to a close.

MASONIC PILGRIMAGE TO SHAKESPEARE'S TOMB.

There set forth from Paddington Station the other morning a pilgrimage of unwonted character, the purpose being to offer, on part of the Masonic Brotherhood of England, a tribute to the memory of England's great poet. A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire had been convoked by Lord Leigh, the Provincial Grand Master of the county, to meet the "pilgrims," all of whom, without exception, were Masons. Primarily the pilgrimage had been organised by the Bard of Avon Lodge (whose present Master is Sir George Elliot, M.P.) to unveil a window which the lodge, which is chiefly composed of literary and artistic brethren, had placed in this shrine of one whose written works have discovered to the eyes of all who have had the benefit of Masonic light and teaching that he himself had practical knowledge of the craft. The pilgrims yesterday from Paddington were headed by the Worshipful Master of the Bard of Avon Lodge, Sir George Elliot, M.P., and among those with him were Bros. Prince Iskander Khan (son of the King of Afghanistan); Colonel Burdett (the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex); W. P. Frith, R.A.; Edward Piggot (the Examiner of Plays); Edmund Yates; G. A. Sala; J. C. Parkinson (of the Grand Lodge, Deputy Grand Master of Middlesex); J. B. Monckton (Town Clerk of the City of London); Eneas McIntyre, Q.C. (the Grand Registrar); Thomas Fenn; John Herve; Dr. Ramsay; Major Harding; R. G. Glover; Alfred Layton, P.M., 181; W. Donne, P.M., 181; F. Gray; De Ross Hyde (Bard of Avon Lodge); Captain Cotton (Bard of Avon Lodge); Octavius Hansard, P.M., 181; W. Burgess, &c., &c. Before the "retained" carriages provided by the Great Western Company had arrived at Stratford-on-Avon, the Provincial Grand Lodge had been, by the special permission of the mayor, in the Town-hall of Stratford, and the members of the lodge went forth to meet their masonic brethren at the station, providing carriages to convey them and other brethren to the house where Shakespeare was born. Thence on the invitation of the Vicar of Stratford, the Rev. Dr. Collis, Grand Provincial Chaplain of Warwickshire, after the brethren had been formally met in the Town-hall, procession "in clothing" was made to the church. A full choral service was held in the

historic shrine, and Dr. Collis preached a short sermon—a discourse fitted to the occasion, the place, and the hearers. The brethren then broke off for a time, the window was unveiled, a tablet placed beneath it shown, and the pilgrims had an opportunity of once more looking upon the treasures of the erst Warwickshire hamlet, where the stone lies which, on pain of the poet's curse, stops human curiosity and all posthumous honours which humanity would give. Beneath the monument which Shakespeare's daughter erected, and which John Ward, the forgotten leader of the strolling players, the father of *The Renables* re-erected, Dr. Collis read a paper showing the need of restoration of the church, if it is to be preserved. In the evening the pilgrims dined at the Red Horse Hotel (famous through Washington Irving's pilgrimage), the Master of the Bard of Avon Lodge, Sir George Elliot, presiding. The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was duly honoured, and then Bro. Parkinson, the Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England, in proposing, by the Worshipful Master's command, the toast of "The New Ruler of the Craft, the Prince of Wales," made a speech, in which he said:—In proposing the toast of "The New Ruler of the Craft, the Prince of Wales," it is not necessary to dwell upon the circumstances which have led to his Royal Highness now filling the position of Grand Master. It may be well-known, and not inappropriately in connection with the name of the constituted chief of the Freemasons who is destined to be the future Defender of the Faith in England, that the Masonic memorial, the erection of which in the chancel of Shakespeare's church we have celebrated to-day, speaks of a long-standing and close connection between Freemasonry and the Church of England, especially in this place. The late vicar of Stratford was an old and ardent Freemason, and was chaplain to the Bard of Avon Lodge, a position in which he is succeeded by the present vicar, who is also Provoked Grand Chaplain of Middlesex. It is cheering in times like these to know that there is nothing exceptional in this union between the Protestant Church and Freemasonry; that we number distinguished brethren upon the bench of Bishops, and that in all parts of this realm the craft and the reformed religion go hand in hand, identifying the same duties, inspiring the same hopes, and impressing upon their adherents that broad charity and that lively faith in good works in which sensible men are content to live and die. (Cheers). There was a time—a time which measured by the years of our national life, was not so very long ago, when the English clergy might have felt difficulty in becoming Freemasons, because of the absolute obedience to duly constituted authority and to the law of the land to which our brotherhood is committed. The House of Commons, after the fall of Wolsey complained that the clergy made laws in Convocation for disobedience to which the laity were excommunicated. Yet those laws were often at variance with the laws of the realm. Archbishop Warham said he was sorry for this; but as the laws made by the clergy were always in conformity with the will of God, the laws of the realm had only to be altered for the difficulty to vanish. (A laugh). Well might the historian ask what must have been the position of the clergy in the fulness of their power when they could speak thus on the eve of their prostration. The public of England had been warned recently, and by high authority, that the opposing principles of superstition and impious teaching are already marshalling their respective forces, and that England may be called upon to start a middle course between—the language is Mr. Disraeli's—the cold and withering blast of atheism and the scorching sunbeam of sacerdotal usurpation. Should that time unhappily arrive, Freemasons will rejoice in the knowledge that so many English clergymen have sworn fidelity to the principles of the craft. It is good for them and good for us that these clerical brethren should not voluntarily hide aside all distinctiveness to present themselves at the door of the lodge unqualified for Masonic instruction. It is well as

our mysteries are gradually made known to them—and they are taught as Burns wrote—

"By that hieroglyphic bright,

Which none but craftsmen ever saw,"

to take part in our solemn ordinances and mystic rites, and to offer up with us, as brethren, their adoration to the Most High, that God of the Mason's Lodge and of the English Liturgy, who is the "lover of concord," and "whose service is perfect freedom." Churchmen soon learn that Masons are zealous ritualists; but that their ritualism is a foe to bigotry, to nebulous superstition and to idolatry, however specious may be its forms. Masonry and the Protestant religion both proclaim the volume of the Sacred Law to be the rule and guide of faith, but they do not teach that any frail and erring creature of the dust is infallible, or that interpretations of the sacred volume are to be accepted blindly and without judgment. In brief, the principles of the Reformation and the spirit of Freemasonry have so much in common that if ever the hard-won fruits of the first are threatened the duties and teachings of the Masonic Lodge will assuredly keep the brotherhoods, both lay and clerical, on the side of loyalty, truth, and freedom. (Cheers).

The W.M., Sir George Elliot, M.P., then gave "The Earl of Carnarvon and the Grand Officers, Past and Present," which was responded to by Bro. Aeneas M'Intyre, the Grand Registrar of England, who, in a speech of great eloquence, defined the duties of the Grand officers, and proclaimed the earnest desire of all filling the positions to discharge those duties. The Grand Registrar pointed out that the Craft is most fortunate in having a nobleman of Lord Carnarvon's lofty character and versatile accomplishments in high office, and added that if his Royal Highness the Grand Master appointed his lordship Provincial Grand Master, as was probable, the order would have still stronger reasons for appreciating Lord Carnarvon's qualities. An appointment of Deputy Grand Master would then have to be made, and the Grand Registrar knew of no better training for that high position than a long and successful discharge of the duties of Provincial Grand Master. He had however, no sort of doubt but that whoever it might please his Royal Highness to appoint would be loyally received by the brethren, and that the Grand officers would meet as heretofore with that warm welcome at the hands of the brethren which was one of the high privileges of their position. The Grand Registrar, who had been most warmly received throughout, resumed his seat amid a tumult of enthusiastic applause. The toasts of the Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, Lord Leigh, and the Provincial Grand Master of Lancashire, Colonel Burdett, were severally given from the chair, and were responded to, Lord Leigh wishing that the officers of the Grand Lodge of England could visit the Provinces more frequently, and Colonel Burdett expressing for Middlesex the great satisfaction experienced at the cordial greeting and welcome given the brethren from that county by Lord Leigh and the brothers of Warwickshire. The health of the Vicar of Stratford as the Chaplain of the Bard of Avon Lodge, gave Canon Collis an opportunity in reply of again explaining the urgent needs of Shakespeare's church for repair and reconstruction. A Provisional Committee was formed, in which Lord Leigh, Sir George Elliot, Brother Edgar Flower (a leading resident of Stratford), Colonel Burdett, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, and Bro. Edmund Yates consented to serve, for the purpose of ascertaining the best modes of laying before the English public the present condition of Shakespeare's Church.

The health of Dr. Ramsey, of Inveresk, as W.M. elect of the Bard of Avon Lodge was then given by Sir George Elliot, who expressed himself warmly on the subject of being elected for a second year to the chair of this Lodge, and on the personal esteem felt for the brother who would succeed him. Dr. Ramsey in reply expressed his firm intention to uphold the prestige of the Bard of Avon, and in the course of an animated and successful speech informed the brethren that Bro. Edmund Yates had grati-

fied him by applying for office, and that Bro. Yates would be one of the Deacons under him, and would in due time present himself for election into the chair—an announcement received with loud cheers. Bro. J. C. Warden returned thanks for the Stratford Past Masters of the Bard of Avon Lodge, and the proceedings terminated. Some of the pilgrims returned to town the same evening, but the majority came back by special train next day.

### Scotland.

#### LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT ALLOA.

As intimated by us last week, the laying of the foundation-stone of this hall could not be laid by the Grand Lodge, on account of their having held a funeral lodge on the 12th inst., in favour of the Earl of Dalhousie and Lord Murray, and accordingly the brethren of the Alloa St. John's Lodge (No. 69) had to put off the public demonstration in the meantime, as the laying of the foundation-stone could not be retarded longer, and therefore had no alternative but to take the initiative themselves, and lay it with full Masonic honours by the R.W.M. The Oddfellows, Foresters, Free Gardeners, Shepherds, &c., will, no doubt, have met with a disappointment on this occasion, as it was not in the power of the St. John's Lodge to allow them to proceed in procession without the attendance of the Sister Masonic Lodges from other quarters. It is gratifying, however, to state for their information that when the hall is completed, which it is expected to be early in spring, they will then have an opportunity of turning out in procession along with the Masons, as it is intended to have then a gigantic demonstration on the day the hall is opened. It is just two years past on the 17th of this month since a grand demonstration took place in Alloa, in connection with the laying of the foundation-stone of the New Burgh Buildings, which ceremony was performed by Major-General Sir James E. Alexander, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Stirlingshire. If the grand demonstration had taken place as at first anticipated, it was expected that the same gentleman would have performed the ceremony; but, in the circumstances, he deputed the Right Worshipful Master for Alloa—Mr. G. B. Graham—to lay the stone. Accordingly, on Tuesday, this was done with full Masonic honours. The weather was most unpropitious for the occasion, but, notwithstanding, the proceedings were witnessed by a large number of spectators. The building which is being erected is next to the Archaeological Museum in the Glebe. It lies back off the street a little, but railings are to be placed in front so as to make it in a line with the pathway. The building is a plain substantial one, and is designed by Mr. James Mitchell, joiner. It is to contain on the lower flat a public room, which is 15 feet by 14 ft. 6 in.; three bed-rooms, 14 ft. 6 in. by 12 ft. 6 in., 13 ft. by 10 ft., and 10 ft. by 8 ft. 6 in., respectively; kitchen, 14 ft. by 11 ft.; bath-room, 9 ft. by 6 ft. 6 in.; and scullery, 8 ft. by 5 ft. 6 in. The height of the ceiling will be 11 ft. 6 in. The entrance to this flat is from the front, with a vestibule glass door into the lobby, which is 6 ft. wide. In the upper flat will be the hall, which is 30 ft. by 20 ft., with curved ceiling 14 ft. 6 in. in height, and will be lighted by four windows. There will be also two ante-rooms on the same flat adjoining the hall, the one 15 ft. 5 in. by 12 ft. 5 in., and the other 12 ft. 6 in. by 10 ft. 6 in., the height of ceiling being 11 ft. 5 in. The flat is entered from the end of the south gable by a stone stair, built in with brick, and roofed. The entrance door to the hall is 3 ft. back from the south gable, which cannot be seen from the front. The contractors are Mr. Alex. Gloag, mason work; Mr. James Marshall, joiner work; Mr. James Grant, plaster work; Mr. Alex. Mitchell, plumber work; and Mr. John Walker, slater

work. We have only to congratulate the Alloa St. John's Lodge (No. 69) on their having at last obtained such a suitable resting place after being jostled about for many years.

The Lodge formed in the Royal Oak Hotel at three o'clock, at which a goodly number of the brethren attended, and at half-past three they formed in procession and marched to the site of the hall, headed by the band of the 1st C.R.V. playing the "Hallelujah Chorus." After all the brethren had assembled, along with a few friends, at the "scene of action," the band played the "Queen's Anthem," after which the worthy Chaplain, Rev. A. Bryson, offered up a most impressive prayer for the occasion.

The Right Worshipful Master, Mr. G. B. Graham, then said the architect, Mr. Andrew Mitchell, will kindly step forward, and bring forth the various workmen necessary for the completion of the work, which was done. He then called on the treasurer, Mr. Allice, to place the bottle in the cavity, and the secretary, Mr. Johnstone, to cover it with the brass inscription plate; the Junior Warden, Capt. Cobb, to apply the instrument of his office, the plumb to the stone; the Senior Warden, Mr. Philp, to apply his instrument of office, the level, to the stone; and then upon the Past Master, Mr. S. N. Morison, to apply his instrument, the square, to the stone, all which having been done, the R.W.M. said—Having full confidence in you, brethren, as being perfectly qualified for your various duties, it only remains for me to finish this noble work which we have begun, and accordingly he gave three knocks on the stone with a mallet, and declared it duly laid in full Masonic form. This being done, the Past Master handed to the R.W.M. the cornucopia, or horn of plenty, which he put on the stone, after which the Senior Warden handed the vase of wine to the P.M., who handed it to the R.W.M., he pouring it upon the stone. This being done, the Junior Warden handed to the Senior Warden the vase of oil, who handed it to the P.M., and then to the R.W.M., and he also poured it on the stone.

While this ceremony was being gone through the band played "Old Hundred."

The Chaplain of the Lodge then said—Right Worshipful Master, this is a day upon which I may felicitate the Alloa St. John's Lodge (No. 69) upon the attainment of an object to which they have long looked forward. It is a most worthy object of ambition to have a permanent meeting-place, and a permanent locality for the brethren. We have to congratulate ourselves not only upon the feeling immediately within the Lodge, but also by the kindly feeling which has been manifested to us by many brethren around us contributing to our finances and enabling us to obtain this the object of our ambition. And while I congratulate you, the honourable brethren around me, I have to express the hope that having at last a local habitation and a name, that this our Lodge will be used to further the ends of Masonry, to which we have sworn fealty. I have also no doubt that those ties of brotherhood which we have sworn to observe, will, in time to come, extend more throughout the community, and that the power will become more than a name—that it will become a reality for good in all social movements. If the day had been better I should have liked to have said something more, but considering the state of the weather, I have only to say, in conclusion, that I congratulate you most heartily that the Lodge, which after an existence of more than a century, has attained this worthy object of ambition, and let me also add, so well, I having an interest apart from being a member of the lodge, in the buildings that are erected upon this bit of land. I must also congratulate you on the admirable plans and the excellent house which is here being erected. And may God bless us all in our union that this our Lodge may always be used by the brethren to His glory, and to the welfare of our fellows. And so, as the years go on and our lodge grows older, let us hope in good work and good brotherhood, it will promote the welfare of the locality with which we are placed.

The procession again formed and marched off



to the tune of "Oh the Merry Masons," and proceeded along the length of the Glasshouse Loan, after which they returned, the band playing "Jenny's Bawbee."

The foundation-stone was placed in the north-east corner of the hall which is on the second flat.

The brethren then marched in to the Royal Oak Hotel, where the Lodge was closed in due form. The following are the articles inserted in the bottle, which was placed in the stone, viz.—*Alloa Journal* and *Alloa Advertiser* of date the 17th October; *Alloa Illustrated Family Almanac*; and *Lothian's Annual Register* for 1874; *The Freemason* of London; *The Masonic News*; *The Circular*; also *The Scotsman*, *Courant*, and *Glasgow Herald* of date the 20th; a parchment sheet, containing the names of the Office-bearers of the Alloa Lodge (No. 69) for 1874, the Contractors, the Architect, and members of Committee of the Building Fund. The coins of the Realm complete the articles sealed up in the bottle.

The following inscription was on the plate that covered the cavity of the stone:—The new Masonic Hall for the Alloa Lodge (No. 69) was laid 20th Oct., 1874.

THE DINNER.

At five o'clock the brethren, along with a number of friends, sat down to dinner in the Royal Oak Hotel. The Right Worshipful Master, Mr. G. B. Graham occupied the chair, and was supported on the right by the Chaplain of the Lodge (Rev. A. Bryson), Mr. John Mailer, and Mr. John Johnstone, Treasurer; and on the left by Mr. Stephen N. Morison, Mr. Andrew Alice, Secretary, Mr. Alexander Gall, and Mr. James Mitchell. The croupiers were Mr. John Philp, Senior Warden, and Captain Cobb, Junior Warden. A blessing having been asked by the worthy Chaplain, the company partook of a sumptuous repast, prepared by Mr. Reid in his usual first-class style.

After dinner had been partaken of, the Chairman gave the first toast, "The Queen," which he said was and should be the first toast on the list.

The Chairman then proposed the "Prince and Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family." He said that the Prince of Wales must be in particular favour with all the members of the Lodge, on account of his going to be installed Grand Master of England—(Hear, hear). It was now some years since first he was installed into the secrets of Masonry, and since that time he had shown himself worthy of the trust and confidence that was then reposed in him, so much so that the Craft in England deemed it expedient to raise him to the throne of the Grand Lodge of England—(Hear, hear, and applause). It bears out the old saying, and it was not so much of a saying as a truism in Masonry, that kings, dukes, and lords have never thought it beneath them to lay aside their swords to put on aprons as brother Masons. The Prince of Wales was in that position just now, and they wished him God speed, and trusted that Masonry, not only in Great Britain, but in every other country, would not be disgraced by the choice that had been made by the Grand Lodge of England at this time. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

The Chairman then proposed the "Army, Navy, and Volunteers," and coupled the toast with the name of Sergeant McClelland.

The toast being duly honoured, Sergeant McClelland in reply said that they were all aware that he had been in the army for many years. He joined in the year 1838, and had been in arms ever since. He said they always had a small army, but they were not afraid, but at the present day their science, steadiness, and determination would make a great multitude—(Applause). With regard to the volunteers he said they were just nursing education into a small focus, and when required it would burst out spontaneously to support Her Gracious Majesty—(Applause).

The Chairman then proposed the "Grand Lodges of Great Britain and Ireland," and thought that they could not meet without dedicating a bumper to those Lodges—(Great applause).

Mr. Philp said that the toast that he had to propose was one he would just require to mention—that was the toast of their worthy and most respected friend "Lord Kellie." He need not say anything of Lord Kellie, but there was one thing that he would say, that a more genial gentleman, a better friend, and a kinder-hearted man they never met than Lord Kellie. They had experienced that in regard to their Masonic Hall. He said Lord Kellie was certainly a friend of all to further the interests of the town; but he was not only respected in the town, if they went to Edinburgh, he occupied a very proud position—Grand Senior Warden—and he hoped that ere long he would be raised to the throne; and he was certain of this, that if he was he would sway the sceptre in the same just way—(Loud applause).

Mr. Robert Pauling replied, and said that Lord Kellie's health had been proposed in very complimentary terms, but he was sure that too much had not been said of his Lordship—(Applause).

The Chaplain, Mr. Bryson, said he had a toast to propose, in the accomplishment of which they were all deeply concerned, which was "Prosperity to our Lodge, Alloa St. John's (No. 69)." After alluding at some length to the state of the different lodges in the various countries, he said there was a rising sun of prosperity amongst their Craft; and he thought the Alloa St. John's, after a hundred and twenty years or so, sometimes blessed with a great accession of members, though never blessed with a permanent situation, had passed through very many vicissitudes. They had been looking forward to the event which that night had inaugurated. First of all it was to the enthusiasm of their worthy chairman that it had been laid; to the other, a growing feeling among the brethren in the parish—the growing feeling that they should have a local habitation, and he thought that was a second reason. The third reason was that there were a great many people throughout the parish who were Masons who had hitherto been affiliated to their lodge, and who felt that the interest of the lodge would be best promoted by having that hall. He then dwelt at some length on these three reasons. He continued, and said that with the toasting of the Alloa St. John's Lodge he had a duty to perform which was perfectly congenial with the toast, and that was the presentation of that beautiful trowel by which their Chairman, as Master of the Lodge, had laid the corner-stone that day—(Great applause). He had singular pleasure in doing so. First of all, because their Chairman was an Alloa man bred and born, and he thought he was an honour to their town. After speaking about the Chairman's history, he said that he was a thoroughly self-made man, and it showed that it was within the reach of any of them if they were sober and honest to be the same. They wished him profoundly all domestic happiness and bliss, that his children may rise up to call him blessed, and that his wife might be spared to him. He always wondered where those beautiful presentations went as they were never to be seen. It was a monstrous thing to put it into a box, and he was going to suggest that when the season began in which one of his friends there was so much engaged, he meant the salmon fishing, he thought he should just ask them six in rotation, and that that trowel would make an excellent fish slice—(Loud applause and laughter). That trowel was presented to him because they held him in very high respect,—as a man of integrity they hoped that he would be long spared amongst them—(Loud applause and song, "For he's a jolly good fellow").

The trowel was furnished by Mr. P. W. Hill, jeweller, and bore the following inscription:—

Presented to  
Brother GEORGE B. GRAHAM, R.W.M.,  
on the occasion of his laying  
the Foundation-stone of the  
"Masonic Hall" at Alloa.  
20th October, 1874.

The Chairman said that he returned thanks for the toast that had been proposed. He had now been for several years connected with the

Alloa Lodge, and during those years he had passed through the different grades of office. He could assure them that he was very much pleased and gratified on this occasion, and he took that particular opportunity of thanking the brethren for the confidence they placed in him, and for the cordial support that they had given him in that day's proceedings. He then spoke about Masonry, and trusted that the Alloa Lodge would long prosper in the new hall that they should very shortly have the pleasure of occupying—(Loud applause).

Mr. S. N. Morison then proposed the "Office-bearers." He assured them that he had looked forward for years and years back to have accomplished what they had done that day. Of course their building had not yet been finished. No member of that lodge could tell the tale how they had been tossed to and fro like wild fowls hunted upon the mountain side, having no place to plant their foot; but with the energy of their friends and the office-bearers in the lodge, they had laid the foundation-stone of the hall that day. He looked to the Senior Warden and all other office-bearers, for without their guidance, support, and energy which they had displayed ever since the canvass began they would not have been in such a position as they now enjoyed. A good deal has to be done yet; but he was sure that they would be ready, however much they had done heretofore; not to lack in what was to be done, but that they would make a pull, a strong pull, and a pull together, to accomplish the end they had all heartily wished for. He coupled the toast with the name of the Senior Warden, which was duly drunk and responded to in pleasing terms by Mr. Philp.

The Chairman then proposed the "Commissioners of Alloa," and coupled the toast, which was enthusiastically drunk, with the name of Mr. Mailer.

Mr. Mailer said he did not know where to begin to reply to the speech made by Mr. Graham. Before the present ministry came into power, the town was a very different looking place to what it was now. Sometime ago he said their town was hardly passable, but now it was a different thing. (Cheers.) He said they had good streets now, and were not charged anything more than before—2s. a pound. (Applause.) They had plenty of water to drink now, and they had well-caused streets. He said he was one of the oldest Commissioners who were at the Board, and he had the satisfaction of looking back that the town of Alloa was considerably better than when he got it. He then referred to 1689, and what had been done since, and sat down amidst loud applause.

Other toasts followed—"The Press," by Mr. Philp, and responded to by Mr. Lothian; "The Architects and Contractors," by Mr. Pauling, and replied to by Mr. A. Mitchell for the architect who said he could not take all the honour, as his son drew out the plans, and by Mr. Grant for the contractors; "The Stranger Brethren," by the Chairman, and responded to by Mr. Robertson. Other healths were proposed, such as "The Chairman," &c., which were all duly acknowledged.

Several songs were sung by the brethren and friends present, and the happy company broke up at a seasonable hour after having enjoyed a happy meeting.

KILSYTH.

*Lodge St. John's (39).*—On Tuesday, the 27th ult., the remains of Bro. Alexander McKenzie, for many years Tyler to this lodge, were interred with Masonic honour. The brethren of the lodge, under the leadership of Bro. John Cuddie, R.W.D.M., proceeded to Newton Street, the residence of deceased. After a short devotional service by the Rev. R. H. Burns, parish minister, the coffin was mounted on the shoulders of four brethren, and shortly past three o'clock, the band playing the Dead March in "Saul," the mournful procession, which was of great length, moved slowly along to the place of interment in the Old Church

yard. At the grave an appropriate hymn was sung by the assemblage, and a pathetic and touching address delivered by the Rev. George Rutherford, Independent Minister, after which the remains were lowered to their last resting place.

#### GLASGOW.

*Lodge Marie Stuart* (541).—The regular meeting of this flourishing suburban lodge was held on Monday, the 26th ult., within the hall, Queen's Park Rooms. Present, Bro. J. D. Porteous, R.W.M.; Bro. Julius Brodè, S.W.; Bro. W. M'G. Mason, J.W.; and a large attendance of brethren. The lodge having been opened in the Apprentice degree, the minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed. The list of office-bearers for the ensuing year, as submitted by the Standing Committee, was unanimously adopted, and the election and installation will take place at next regular meeting. The R.W.M. intimated that it was his intention to hold Lodges of Instruction at stated intervals during the course of the current year. The R.W.M. also brought under the notice of the lodge the rules and regulations of the Royal Scottish Masonic Benevolent Institution, and, after recapitulating the purposes of its formation, warmly commended it to the attention of the brethren.

*Lodge St. Clair* (362) met in their hall, 25, Robertson Street, on Monday evening, 26th ult., Bro. James Black, R.W.M., presiding. The lodge was opened on the Apprentice degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved of. The brethren then had under consideration estimates from several tradesmen for painting and decorating the hall, with the result that the offer of Bro. D. R. Gray was accepted. There was next considered the suitability of a harmonium sent in for the approval of members; and it was agreed to defer decision on the matter till next regular meeting. The R.W.M. then announced that at the meeting to be held on 9th November, the nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year would take place. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form.

*Lodge Star* (219) met in their hall, No. 12, Trongate, on 26th ult. Bro. Wilson, R.W.M., presided, Bro. R. S. Alston, D.M.; Bro. Garth, S.W.; Bro. Horn, J.W.; and the other principal office-bearers being present. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bro. Millar, R.W.M., 87; Bro. Stark, D.M., 553; Bro. Peterson, Secretary, 27; and Bro. M'Dougall, Secretary, 87. The lodge having been opened on the first degree, the minutes of the last meeting were read and sustained. Bro. Millar, 87, requested the privilege of initiating a candidate for admission into that lodge, which was granted. The other work done was the affiliation of a brother from Thistle Lodge, Stewarton, two raised to the Fellow Craft degree, and one to the Sublime degree of Master Mason. Bros. Crawford, Currie, Mutter, and Daly were then appointed auditors of the books, and, there being no further business, the lodge was duly closed.

*Cathedral Chapter* (67) met in the Masonic Hall, Struthers Street, Calton, on the 27th ult. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, Bro. Duthie in the chair, when two brethren took that degree. The lodge was then closed, and opened on the Excellent Master Mason degree, the same office-bearers in the chairs, when Bros. Alexander Williamson, John Ferguson, and Robert Pettigrew took that degree. This lodge having been closed, the Royal Arch Chap-

ter was opened, Comps. J. Duthie, W. Mack, and G. Thallon, as principals, and Comps. D. Ronald, J. Nagle, and J. Dickie, Sojourners. Bros. Williamson, Ferguson, and Pettigrew were admitted, and exalted to the Royal Arch degree in full chapter of comps. The scribe then read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were passed, and, there being no further business, the Chapter was closed in due form, Comps. Duthie, first; William Mack, second; and George Thallon, third Principals, the comps. all standing to order as Royal Arch Masons.

*Caledonian of Unity Chapter*, (73), met in their rooms at 170, Buchanan Street, on the 27th ult., when a Mark Lodge was opened, with Bros. G. W. Wheeler, R.W. Mark Master in the chair, John Tweed, S.W., and John Stewart, J.W. The Secretary (Bro. Balfour), read the minutes of the meeting on 29th of September, which were duly passed. An application was read from Bro. Henry Mitchell, M.M., Lodge Buefort, E.C. 103; also an affiliated member of the Lodge Thistle and Rose, 73, Glasgow. He was recommended by Bros. John Tweed and Jas. Balfour; and no objection being made, the applicant was duly prepared and received the degree at the hands of Bro. Wheeler. The Mark Lodge was then closed, and that of Excellent Master opened, when Bro. Henry Mitchell, along with Bro. Jno. B. Neil, (who received the Mark degree on the 28th of October, 1873), received that degree at the hands of Bro. Jas. A. Park. The Excellent Master Lodge was closed, and opened to that of the Royal Arch, when the aforesaid Bros. Henry Mitchell, and Jno. B. Neil were received and admitted as companions of the said degree by Comp. Wheeler, 1st. Principal Z, ably assisted by Comps. Park and Stewart, Comp. Jas. Balfour, acting as 1st Sojourner, with Comps. Murray and Mc. Gregor as 2nd and 3rd Sojourners, respectively. Comp. Balfour installed into office Comps. Wm. McGregor, 3rd Sojourner, and Thos. Yule, 2nd Captain. After some other business had been transacted, the Chapter was duly closed.

*Lodge Athol* (413), met in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan Street, on the 27th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the R.W.M. (Bro. John Wallace), the chair was occupied by P.M. Bro. John Miller; S.W. Bro. J. Louttit; J.W. Bro. O'Brien. The Lodge having been opened on the first degree, a candidate for admittance to that order was duly installed by Bro. Dobbie, P.M. 362. At the close, a vote of thanks to Mr. Dobbie for the impressive and generally excellent way in which he had worked the degree, was moved by the chairman, seconded by the S.W., and was carried unanimously. Bro. Dobbie, in briefly acknowledging the compliment, remarked that he had always found the brethren of the Athol very kind and friendly, and it was a source of great pleasure to him in any way to reciprocate such good feeling. If at any time it lay in his power to assist them, he should be only too glad to do so. Thereafter the lodge was raised to the Fellow-craft degree, and two brethren advanced to that degree from the one below, the work being performed in the most efficient manner by the chairman. Thereafter the Lodge was duly closed.

*Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow*.—The quarterly communication of this Lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan Street, on the 29th ult. There were present: Bros. W. Montgomerie Neilson, R.W.P.G.M.;

F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M.; John Baird, P.G.S.W.; Thos. Halket, P.G.S.D.; Geo. Thallon, P.G.J.D.; Alexr. Bain, P.G.B.B.; Robert Robb, P.G. Marshal; John Fraser, Assistant P.G. Marshal; James Balfour, P.G. Director of Ceremonies; Wm. Phillips, P.G.I.G.; Bro. Fletcher, R.W.M. 3½, Acting P.G.S.W.; and Bro. Weston, R.W.M. 73, Acting P.G.J.W. The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and of several Committees were read by Bro. Mc Taggart, (P.G. Secretary), and confirmed. A discussion then ensued upon a question, Bro. Spiers v. Lodge St. Mary, Partick, 117, which was ruled from the chair to be irregular. The question of the advisability of holding a P.G. Masonic Festival this winter was next taken up and fully discussed; it being ultimately resolved that the festival should take place, and that it should, as in former years, be in the shape of a soiree, concert and ball. The P.G.L. Committee were deputed to make the necessary arrangements. On the motion of Bro. Fraser, Assistant P.G. Marshal, seconded by Bro. Robb, P.G. Marshal, it was unanimously resolved that new clothing should be forthwith provided for the P.G.L. office-bearers and stewards, as well as a supply for visitors from a distance. There being no further business on the card, the chairman (whose first appearance it was after a lengthened absence from ill-health), said they would allow him to express the great pleasure he had in being able once more to come back amongst them. For the last six months he had had a bad time of it; but he was on his legs again and hoped to be able to assist in carrying out the work. He concluded by, in very cordial terms, thanking the D.P.G.M. for his valuable services to the Province during his (the chairman's) absence, and especially for his indefatigable attention during the season of lodge visitations. The P.G.L. heartily applauded the compliments thus paid to the D.P.G.M., who, in returning thanks for the same, observed that he had merely done his duty. After some business of minor importance, the Lodge was duly closed.

*Lodge St. Vincent* (553).—The minutes of the quarterly communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, held on the 29th ult., embodied a notice of the consecration of this lodge. There were present on the occasion, Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M., presiding, assisted by Bros. John Baird, P.G.S.W.; J. B. Walker, P.G. Treasurer; A. McTaggart, P.G. Secretary; Thos. Halket, P.G.S.D.; Jas. Balfour, P.G. Director of Ceremonies; John Fraser, P.G. Assistant Marshal; Wm. Phillips, I.G.; and Thos. Fletcher, P.G. Convener of Committee. The P.G.L. having been opened in proper form, the ceremony of consecration was performed in a very solemn and impressive manner by the presiding Brother. Bro. Millar, Grand Director of Music, conducted the choir most efficiently. After the consecration had been completed, the D.P.G.M. installed the office-bearers, and congratulated them on the establishment of a new and promising lodge at the West-end. The newly elected R.W.M., Bro. Robert McDougall replied, and in neat and felicitous terms thanked the D.P.G.M. for the invaluable services he had rendered Lodge St. Vincent at the commencement of what he (the speaker) hoped would be a prosperous career. The following were the office-bearers installed upon the occasion; Bros. Robert McDougall, R.W.M.; Malcolm Stark, D.M.; — Walker, S.M.; Thos. Boston, S.W.; A. C. Hunter, J.W.; John M. Yelland, Treasurer; — Halley,

Secretary; Jno. Fletcher, S.D.; Thos. Best, J.D. An after meeting of the lodge in which the office-bearers of P.G.L. took part was a pleasant and harmonious one.

*Lodge Clydesdale* (556).—The minutes of the Provincial Grand lodge, read at its meeting on the 29th ult., bore reference to the consecration of this lodge, which took place within the Crown Street Assembly Rooms, on the 17th of September last. Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M. presided, assisted by a competent number of office-bearers of P.G.L. The approaches to the Hall having been securely guarded, the P.G.L. was opened in due and proper form, and the ceremony of consecration thereafter performed in a decorous and solemn manner, according to the prescribed ritual. The usual congratulatory speeches were exchanged, and the installation of office-bearers was then proceeded with. The following is a list: William Phillips, R.W.M.; J. B. McNaught, S.W.; J. McNaught, S.M.; J. Howie, S.W.; John Freu, S.D.; James Weir, S.S.; John Doig, B.B.; J. Brown, J.G.; McDougall, J.S.; Wm. J. E. Dobson, Provincial Grand Steward; Henry Jackson, Architect; Thos. Russell, D.M. After the installation, the D.P.G.M. expressed his opinion that from Bro. Phillips's past experience in the capacity of R.W.M., his well-known zeal for the order, and the active position he had occupied in its affairs generally, that Lodge Clydesdale would in the future hold a prominent position in the annals of Freemasonry on the South side of the river, and he hoped the succeeding Masters would emulate the example of the first. A hearty vote of thanks to the P.G.D.M. for his services concluded the proceedings.

*Chapter Commercial* (79).—Some months ago a movement on the part of a number of the members of this Chapter, and a few of the brethren of the Lodge Commercial, No. 360, being Royal Arch Companions, was originated, having for its object the resuscitation of the chapter, which has for some years been in abeyance. Owing to certain rather exceptional circumstances, the charter and other property of the chapter could not be got possession of by the parties interested, and as the difficulty in consequence of this seemed for the time to be insurmountable, it was deemed necessary to apply to the Supreme Grand Body for a dispensation to open the chapter and instal officers in the absence of the constitutional authority. In accordance with this a meeting, summoned for the evening of Friday, the 23rd ult., by authority of Comp. F. A. Barrow, the worthy Provincial Grand Superintendent for the West of Scotland, was held and largely attended by the *élite* of the order in Glasgow. Companion Barrow presided, and, after reading the requisite documents, proceeded to open the chapter, after which the nominations to the various offices having been made and confirmed, he performed the ceremony of installation in his usual lucid and impressive style. Companions Julius Brode, Allan McKenzie, and Andrew Ritchie were duly elected and installed as Principals, A. M. Taggart and W. Smith as Scribes E and N, G. McPherson as Treasurer, and Baird, Morton and Jack as Sojourners. Companion Brode thanked the Provincial Grand Superintendent for the very efficient manner in which he had conducted the ceremonial, and alluded to the substantial exertions he had made in assisting in procuring the reposal. The M.E. Superintendent having replied in brief but courteous terms, the chapter was thereafter closed in proper

form, all being delighted with the complete success of this, the first meeting of the chapter's second existence. It is but right to say that since their installation the property of the chapter has been delivered to the office-bearers, so that it will not be necessary to meet again under the special dispensation.

*Lodge Thistle* (87) held their usual meeting in the hall, No. 12, Trongate, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., Brother John Miller, R.W.M., in the chair. There were also present Bros. John Fraser, P.M.; C. K. Jenkins, D.M.; Thos. Paton, Treasurer; and a numerous gathering of members and visiting brethren. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, after some preliminary business Bro. Fraser proposed Bro. W. H. Bickerton, 360, for affiliation, which, having been duly seconded and carried, was accordingly done by the R.W.M. After the initiation of a candidate into the mysteries of the order, the lodge was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and then raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason, when a Fellow Craft received that high honour from the R.W.M. in a masterly and impressive manner. After the transaction of some private business, the lodge was closed in due form.

#### DUMFRIES.

*Presentation Supper*.—It having been intimated to some of the brethren of the Thistle Lodge of Freemasons, Dumfries, that it was the desire of Bro. John Crosbie, of Lantonside, to present the lodge with a banner, it was resolved to entertain Bro. Crosbie to supper on the occasion. Accordingly a large number of the brethren met in the Lodge Room, White Swan Hotel, last night, Bro. Dykes in the chair, and Bro. Riddick, Croupier. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided by Mrs. McGowan, the lodge was opened by Bro. Robert Wilson, R.W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then given, after which Bro. Crosbie, in a few neat and well chosen remarks, presented to his Mother Lodge, Thistle, a very elegant banner, and the R.W.M., in name of the lodge, thanked Bro. Crosbie for his magnificent present, which will be publicly displayed at Lockerbie for the first time on Friday next. The banner was ordered through Bro. Riddick, and was supplied by Bro. George Kenning, 145, Argyle Street, Glasgow. Toast, song, and sentiment followed in the usual Masonic style, till the lodge was closed in due form.

#### Ireland.

##### IRISH FREEMASONRY.

IN the *Freeman's Journal* a column or so is devoted to publications on the authority of "The Catholic Union of Ireland." It professes to supply trustworthy intelligence on Catholic subjects, domestic and foreign, likely to be of interest to Irish Catholic readers. It is not often, indeed, that the subjects treated of are of interest outside that communion, or that the mode of treating them adopted is such as to recommend these *communiqués* to the general public as likely to supply "trustworthy intelligence." It may be interesting, however, to the public to learn that these unfortunate "Irish Catholics" are afflicted with a new grievance, if we are to believe the Catholic Union. The last publication of the Union refers to the bugbear of Freemasonry, and we learn that it is an untold insult to good Catholics

that the Prince of Wales in England and the Duke of Abercorn in Ireland, should have accepted Grand Masterships in the Order. But, true to the provincialism which seems fated to pervade everything really "Irish," the Union are much more incensed against the new Irish Grand Master than against his illustrious English colleague. Speaking of the Prince of Wales, the Union seems inclined to be merciful, if strong:—"We protested, as most of the Catholics of the empire did protest, against the parade which His Royal Highness made of his Masonic belongings, and we are convinced that it would have been more prudent for the Prince of Wales not to have done so." How did His Royal Highness survive such a crushing disapproval of his masonic doings? In the reign of George IV. an absurd English journal hinted that the Duke of Wellington was aiming at sovereign power in the State, but added for the reassurance of affrighted Royalists—"But we shall take care, &c." Possibly the spirited protest of the Union, even if it never reached its distinguished object, brought consolation to many a pious Irish Catholic heart. It is to be hoped so; for, otherwise, there was a great waste of virtuous indignation. But, as we said before, the Union reserves its bitterest resentment for the conduct of the Duke of Abercorn. We are told that whatever excuse might be made for the Prince of Wales there is none for the Irish Viceroy. "He shares largely in the actual government of Ireland, and has at his disposal a huge amount of valuable patronage. Therefore it is that we say that it would be injudicious, and would most probably be attended with serious suspicions as to the mode in which the Castle work of Ireland would be done, were his Excellency to take office in an organization that is looked upon with odium by the vast majority of the Irish people. That vast majority has no sympathy with Freemasonry. It is a condemned association, whose members are held together by a bond of profane oath, and which is a recognized branch of the most anti-social, anti-Christian secret societies of the Continent and of America." Then the reader is reminded of all that the "secret societies" of the Continent are doing against the faithful in Germany and Switzerland, and "the frightful evils which Freemasonry is accomplishing in Brazil!" And—will the reader believe it?—as a piece of "trustworthy information," the Union states that here at home Freemasonry "is struggling to crush our Catholic enterprise; to keep back Catholic youth from employment in various public offices; to shut the hospital professorships against Catholic doctors, and to monopolise various departments in connection with the legal administration of the country." Freemasons will smile at the petty spite which could dictate such falsehoods. The numerous Roman Catholics who, scorning the presumption of the Italian priesthood, have found their way into the craft, will blush for their co-religionists. And the general public, who know the characters of recognised Masons, comprising the best and most distinguished men in the country, will know what to think of the authors of such scurrility—only to be equalled by the pastorals of the Papal Legate. Seriously to reply to such falsehoods—advanced by those who, if they be honest, can know nothing of Freemasonry—is not our object. We simply desire to show our readers the character of one of the influences at work in forming Roman Catholic opinion in Ireland. We are free to admit that very few Roman Catholics



whose opinion is worth considering would endorse such "trustworthy" teaching. We attach no importance to the fact that the present Pope was a Freemason before his office compelled him to abandon the brotherhood, any more than to the late secession of the Marquis of Ripon from his Faith and from the Order. These are events which concern merely the individuals themselves. Freemasonry is not one whit more respectable because Giovanni Maria Mastai Ferretti once belonged to one of its lodges; nor will it be thought less of because the Marquis of Ripon is not permitted by his new masters to maintain his connection with the craft. Both events are matters of very little importance to the Order. And it is equally unimportant to Masons that the Roman Catholic Church should have "cursed altogether" an Association where protestant and Roman Catholic meet in Christian brotherhood. Ultramontane jealousy did not influence the Prince of Wales, if he ever heard of it. Nor will it, we need not say, in the slightest degree influence the Duke of Abercorn. Whether his Grace has become Grand Master or not, we cannot say, notwithstanding the rumour to that effect. There is, we believe, some technical difficulty in giving him the highest post in an Order, where civil distinctions are not held superior to legal qualifications. But this we may be assured of that the whinings of the "Catholic Union" will not prevent his following in the steps of the Heir to the Throne of England.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ANTRIM.

At the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim, held in Ballymena, on the 14th inst., the D.P. Grand Master, Sir Charles Lanyon, in the chair—the following resolution, expressing regret at the death of his Grace the late Duke of Leinster, Grand Master of the Freemasons in Ireland, was proposed by Bro. Frederick A. Matthews, Past D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. John H. Lawlor, P.M. No. 431, and unanimously passed, and copies directed to be forwarded to the Grand Lodge and the present Duke—viz.: "That, on this the first meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim since the death of his Grace Augustus, Duke of Leinster, who for upwards of sixty years filled the position of Grand Master of the Freemasons of Ireland, we cannot refrain from recording our heartfelt sorrow at his removal from amongst us. His Grace, whose ancestors in by-gone centuries more than once filled the high office of Grand Master in this country, conferred great, continuous, and lasting benefits on the Order during the lengthened period of his rule. We feel profound regret that we shall no more enjoy the advantage of his wise and able counsel; but the conspicuous example of the Masonic virtues which, in his exalted station, his long and honoured life afforded, will ever live in the memories of a grateful brotherhood."—*Correspondent.*

#### OBITUARY.

Liverpool last week was suddenly deprived of two good Masonic sons, and the news of their deaths will spread much sorrow amongst those to whom our deceased Masonic brethren were best known. Bro. Thomas Page, licensed victualler, Low-hill, died very suddenly on Thursday week.

Our brother had been in ill health for some time, and during the day dined in Liverpool, after which he lay down on a sofa to rest awhile. During the afternoon a friend called, and as he appeared to be asleep, it was resolved to arouse him, but he was then found to be unconscious. A doctor was called, who directed Bro. Page's removal to his house, where his own medical man was called in to attend him. He never regained consciousness, but died the same night about eleven o'clock. Bro. Page, although never prominently taking part in Masonic affairs, was well-known in connection with public matters. He was chairman of the Licensed Victuallers' Association about ten years ago, and, besides being a member of the committee, he took a leading part in matters connected with the trade, frequently attending in London on deputations to the Government having reference to the interests of licensed victuallers. Bro. Page also interested himself in the welfare of the Licensed Victuallers' Institution, in West Derby-road, and was generally present at the annual treats given to the inmates, for whom he always exhibited a kindly regard. Bro. Page a few years ago was a member of the West Derby board of guardians; and three years since he contested West Derby ward, in the Conservative interest, for a seat in the town council, but was unsuccessful. Bro. Page died in his 46th year. His remains were interred in Smithdown-lane Cemetery, on Saturday last, and the funeral was largely and very influentially attended. Amongst those who were present were Mr. Alderman Rigby, Bro. E. Samuelson, Mr. Alderman Heintz, Dr. Monk, Bro. W. J. Lunt, Mr. T. Blezard, Mr. J. Tarbuck, Bro. J. Ellis, Mr. H. Danson, Mr. J. Atkinson, Mr. W. Coward, Mr. T. Hamson, Mr. R. Lumb, Bro. W. Vines, Bro. Richard Bennett, Mr. T. Hughes, Mr. Nuttall, Mr. T. Heyes, Mr. J. Andrews, Mr. Coward, Bro. Captain Berry, and a great many others, members of the Licensed Victuallers' Association and licensed victuallers generally. Bro. Page has left five children.

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Another death which took place on Saturday, was that of Bro. George Rigby Smith, Wine and Spirit Merchant, formerly Sec., and afterwards S.W. of the Harmonic Lodge, and also, we believe, either W.M. or P.M. of Lodge No. 155. He died at his residence, Parkside House, Stanley-road, Bootle, near Liverpool, the immediate cause being consumption. He had been ill for some time, and had been confined to his house for nearly the whole period since the burning of the landing stage, at which he was present, and, in consequence of getting wet, caught a cold which aggravated the complaint of which he has died at the early age of 37 years. Bro. Rigby Smith served his apprenticeship as a printer with Messrs. M'Corquodale at Newton. When he was out of his apprenticeship he went into the employ of his uncle, Mr. Alderman Thomas Rigby, and during the time he was with him he not only gave great satisfaction, but he gained the respect of all with whom he had business to transact, and made himself a host of friends. He took a warm interest in the charitable institutions of Liverpool, particularly the Seamen's Orphanage and the Bluecoat Hospital. The inmates of the last-mentioned institution will miss him greatly, for he was always interesting himself on their behalf, and gave them a treat annually. He was also a member of the Licensed Victuallers' Association. Mr. Smith has left a widow and four children.

#### Reviews.

STOKES' RAPID WRITING. Houlston, and Sons, 7, Paternoster-buildings.

We think Mr. Stokes' book is both very serviceable, and likely to be very useful. In nothing is there still so much defect to be noted as in handwriting. Either through custom or carelessness, through haste or the habit of years, we often write a "fist," to use a popular word, not decipherable by our best friends. We shall all remember Sergt. Snubbins' Clerk, who boasted to the vivacious little Perker with a self-approving chuckle that no one could read Sergt. Snubbins' "Court hand" but himself, and that an "expedition fee" had been paid in several most important opinions. And probably every day cases arise in which, as a friend of ours once observed, "if you have a little spare time, I shall be willing to pay for some writing lessons for you." Indeed we are disposed to think, we may say certainly, hardly a day elapses but that the patient members of some "chapel" ask with "bated breath," for they never use strong language, as Mr. Weller once did, "where" that gent was "baptized," whose MS. so puzzles them as well as their foreman compositor, and deplore at the same time, that when he was sent to school he was not taught to write better. Indeed, it has been asserted that, in some cases, such has been the despair over some passages of hopeless caligraphy, that the "devil" has been dispatched to the "Fox and Grapes" for a jug of mild beer to soothe the feelings of the assembly.

We feel, then, how all printers will hail Mr. Stokes' well-conceived and most interesting little manual; and will hope that, in this case at any rate, theory and practice may go hand-in-hand.

Mr. Stokes gives some admirable rules and examples, which, we trust, all will profit by; as nothing is so pleasant in itself as good writing.

We quite agree with the old schoolmaster who once told a bevy of laughing girls that, notwithstanding many other nice things, and pretty things, (here he looked at the young ladies), and good things in the world, nothing was so pretty, nice, or good, as a fine running hand! Whether the young ladies believed him we are not told. We have been deeply affected, we admit, by one example Mr. Stokes gives us of bad hand-writing, and which we think well to transcribe for the benefit of our readers.

As Mr. Stokes says, sententiously, "Imperfect writing sometimes produces deplorable results."

#### AN AP(E)ALLING WARNING.

A gentleman wrote to a captain at sea,  
To ask, as a curious favour, if he  
When he touched at a place where monkeys  
abound,  
Would bring him home "two," if two choice  
could be found.  
On the captain's return he wrote off to his  
friend,  
To say, that he hoped for his monkeys he'd send;  
Tho' he'd shipped a full hundred, and brought  
them away,  
On the passage some died, he was sorry to say.  
So, in spite of all care, he could only contrive  
To bring him home eighty-six monkeys alive.  
The gentleman started, the gentleman stared,  
For eighty-six monkeys he wasn't prepared;  
Either he or the captain had made a great  
blunder,  
To think how it occurred, overwhelmed him  
with wonder.  
When his letter was read, nothing clearer could be,  
He'd put t double o, and had not crossed his t!  
Thus he'd eighty-six monkeys consigned to his  
dwelling,  
As a little reward for bad writing and spelling.  
Gentle reader, and writer, and speller beware!  
Remember the monkeys; take care, oh, take  
care.

Can any thing be more ap(e)alling?

One monkey is enough as a general rule for most quiet people, especially if it be like most of the Simian genus, dirty in habit, noisy, and mischievous; an habitual thief, and of a treacherous disposition. No further example is needed to prove the absolute importance of good writing, and the possibly awful consequences of bad.