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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**BATH.**—ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE (No. 41).—An emergency meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, February 3rd, previous to the annual meeting for installation of W.M. on the next day. The lodge was opened at 7.30 p.m., by Major Preston, W.M., assisted by the following brethren, Cooper, as I.P.M.; Clark, S.W.; Brown, J.W.; Everingham, Secretary; Falkner, S.D.; C. Wilkinson, J.D.; Wilton, P.M., &c., D.C.; Braham, I.G. There were also present Bros. Rubie, P.M.; and Dr. Hopkins, P. Prov. G.S.W. for Warwickshire, and many others. After the lodge had been opened, and the circular of summons read, the last named brother, by permission, addressed the W.M. and the members present, thanking them for many acts of courtesy and kindness during the few months he had resided in Bath, and specially for his admission as a joining member at the meeting in January, when illness prevented his attendance. He remarked, that during the 28 years of his career in Masonry, whenever he had founded or joined a Lodge or Chapter, or had been appointed to rule over one, in either of the three Provinces to which he had belonged, he had marked the event in some special manner, either by an address suitable to the occasion, or by a present to the lodge, or in some other way. Desiring not to make this an exception, he had prepared two large Masonic Charts, which he offered, one for the acceptance of the retiring W.M., the other as a present to the Royal Cumberland Lodge, and with it several of his published Masonic and other works, namely, "A Musical Ritual for the Three Craft Degrees," "Three Original Lectures on Freemasonry," and "An Account of the opening of the Masonic Temple at Jersey," with the oration he gave on the occasion. The lodge was opened in the second degree by the W.M., when, by request, Bro. Dr. Hopkins took the chair, and examined Bros. Robinson Murlis, and Hunt, on their proficiency. This proving satisfactory, they were entrusted and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the third degree. On their re-admission, the candidates were duly raised to the sublime degree of M.M., by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, Bro. Cooper, P.M., kindly rendering assistance in one portion of the ceremony. Bro. Dr. Hopkins then gave the charge, and also an interesting lecture on the third degree, enforcing the object of it, and enlarging on its traditional history. On the proposition of the W.M., a vote of thanks was carried by acclamation, for the assistance and instruction thus rendered by the newly-received member. Apologies for absence were read from Bros. Mann, P.M.; and R. Carey, P.M. The lodge was finally closed at a quarter to ten.

The annual meeting of this ancient lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, Feb. 4th, at four p.m., when there was a goodly assemblage of the brethren of this and other lodges. The lodge was opened in the first degree by Bro. Major Preston, W.M., assisted by his officers, namely, Bros. R. Carey, I.P.M.; Clarke, S.W.; Brown, J.W.; Everingham, Sec.; Ashley, Treas.; Wilton, D.C.; Falkner, S.D.; C. Wilkinon, J.D.; Graham, I.G. The circular of summons was read, and also the minutes of the previous regular meeting in January, which were confirmed. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Carey, and supported by Bro. Rubie, a committee was appointed to draw up a letter of condolence to the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, and Prov. G.M. of Somerset, on his bereavement by the death of the countess. The W.M. then drew attention to a presentation which had been made to the lodge on the previous evening by a joining member, Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P. Prov. G.S.W. for Warwickshire, of a Masonic chart, and also of several of his Masonic publications. He proposed a vote of thanks for the gifts, and that the chart be framed, so as to be hung up in the Masonic Temple, and the resolution having been duly seconded, was passed. The lodge was opened in the second degree by the W.M., who then gave up the chair to the Installing Master, Bro. Ashley. Bro. Clark was presented to him as W.M. elect, by Bros. Wilton and Carey, P.M.'s, and after the usual introductory proceedings, was duly obligated as such. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, all below the rank of P.M. were requested to retire, and a Board of Installed Masters was regularly opened, the chairs of S. and J.W. and I.G. being taken respectively by Past Masters Dr. Hopkins,

Wilton and Carey. There was a goodly array of those who had passed the chair, in whose presence Bro. Clark was inducted into the chair of K.S., after which the board was closed, and the brethren were admitted, who then took part in the customary salutation of proclamations, &c. The new W.M. appointed his officers as follows, giving an appropriate address to each on investing him with his collar and jewel, in regard to the duties desolving upon him:—Bros. Major Preston, I.P.M.; Brown, S.W.; Everingham, J.W.; Ashley, Treas.; Wilton, D.C.; Falkner, Sec.; C. Wilkinon, S.D.; Braham, J.D.; Denham, I.G.; Styles, Assistant D.C.; Gummer, Tyler. These necessary arrangements for the conduct of the lodge throughout the next year having been completed, Bro. Ashley gave the three addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren generally, in a truly impressive manner; indeed, his management of the installation throughout was so effective as to meet with general approbation, and to elicit a well merited vote of thanks, which, having been duly proposed and seconded, was carried by acclamation. A similar vote was in like manner passed in favour of Major Preston, for the efficiency with which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past year. The W.M. concluded the proceedings in the temple, by expressing his gratitude for the honour conferred upon him, and his intention to exert himself to the utmost in maintaining the dignity, the efficiency, and the Masonic character of the body over which he has just been legally constituted the ruler, and finally closed the lodge at about six p.m. In addition to the distinguished members and officers of the lodge already named, we may mention Past Masters S. Cooper, Capt. R. Peel Floyd, J. B. Moutrie, and J. S. Turner. Among the visitors were Bros. General Doherty, P.M. 53 and W.M. 906; W. F. Bennett, P.M. 53; Dr. Tunstall, P.M. 53; W. Smith, P.M. 53; J. L. Whatley, P.M. 48; T. S. Keene, P.M. 906. According to custom, the brethren re-assembled at the Castle Hotel to partake of the annual banquet, which was prepared by Bro. Rubie, and served à la Russe in his usual good style. Of course Bro. Clark, W.M., presided, supported on his left by Bros. Preston, I.P.M.; J. S. Bartrum, W.M. 379; R. Carey, P.M. 41; and on his right by Bros. Rev. Dun, Past Grand Chaplain of England; Major Bousfield, M.P. for Bath; Wilton, P. Prov. G. S. W., and P.M. 41; as well as many other distinguished Masons. As on all such occasions, the after-dinner proceedings and speeches referred chiefly to the events of the day, interspersed with music and song. To this, however, there was one exception, which deserves mention. Some time ago an effort was made by the Freemasons of Bath to repair the west front of the Abbey, in harmony with the restoration of other portions. A considerable sum was raised, which was expended, leaving much still to be done. The Rev. Bro. Davey introduced the subject, and made a powerful appeal to those present, to complete the work, himself offering 50 guineas as the nucleus of the fund. Bro. Carey, who has long shown great interest in the matter, spoke to the same effect, and as the example thus set was followed by many others, who gave their names for various sums, there seems good hope of success in the work; indeed the sums put down in the course of the evening amounted to nearly £150.

**LODGE OF TRANQUILITY, (No. 185).**—A very numerous gathering of brethren assembled at Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Monday the 15th inst. The special attraction being a desire to do honour to Bro. John Ross, the W.M. Elect, whose installation was announced to take place that evening. Prior to this event, some amount of usual lodge business had to be disposed of, the most important of which was the conferring of the Master Masons' degree upon Bro. Barber, and initiating into the ancient mysteries Bro. Geo. Downing. These ceremonies, as well as the rather difficult one of installation, were performed by Bro. John Constable, the acting W.M., with consummate ability. The several addresses were delivered with rare excellence, and marked feeling, securing the undivided attention of the audience, whose approbation was expressed by vociferous applause. The newly-installed Master, who seemed perfectly composed, and quite at home in his exalted position, addressing a few appropriate observations to each, invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Constable I.P.M.; J. D. Barnett, S.W.; D. Posener, J.W.; John Peartree, Treasurer; Phil Levy, Secretary; Bilby, Organist; Geo. Pare, S.D.; Bailey, J.D.; Croker, I.G.; Vesper, Tyler. The proceedings now became highly interesting. Bro. Saul Solomon, P.M., rose and delivered a most excellent address, in which he, in aptly chosen sentences, enumerated the high qualities which distinguished the I.P.M., Bro. Constable, and cited the great advantages the lodge had gained through his instrumentality, not only during his year of office, but ever since he had been connected with it. It afforded him unalloyed pleasure to present Bro. Constable with a slight token of the high esteem and affection in which he is held, it consisted of a handsome Past Masters' Gold Jewel, an elegant Silver Salver, and a Testimonial on Vellum, in a costly Alhambra Frame. This last Bro. Solomon considered the most important, in as much as it may be handed down from generation to generation, and upon it his posterity may gaze with pardonable pride, as having been presented to their ancestors in token of the high esteem and love in which he was held by his fellow men with whom he associated. The inscriptions on vellum, and with obvious alteration on the salver, were as follows: Lodge of Tranquility, No. 185. "The brethren of this lodge, at a meeting thereof, held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., on the 18th day of January, 1875, resolved unanimously to present this testimonial, with a Jewel and a salver, to Bro. John Constable, in recognition of the many services which he had rendered to the lodge, and of the efficient manner in which the duties of its W.M. had been performed by him during the then expiring year of his Mastership, and also as a mark of the brethren's admiration of his

qualities as a man and a Mason. Presented in open lodge on the 15th of February, 1875." Bro. Constable briefly, but feelingly, thanked the brethren for their, what he deemed, exaggerated appreciation of the slight services he had been able to render, and promised that such energies as he possessed, will in future, as they have been in the past, be directed to promote the prosperity of the lodge. The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting-hall, where an elegant spread awaited them, provided by Bro. Silver. The newly-installed W.M. presided, who, when the cloth was removed, proceeded to set an excellent example by the concise way in which he disposed of the various toasts. The responses were as brief, even Bro. Fred. Binckes, Grand Steward, checked his usual flow of eloquence when called upon to respond for the Grand Officers. This duty, he said, very often fell to his lot, although he was not entitled to it, he certainly was very nearly, yet not exactly, a Grand Officer. However, for want of any one better, he is always pleased to say a few words in praise of the Grand Officers who filled their several positions with honour to themselves and to the great advantage of the Craft. He could not allow this opportunity to pass without expressing his tribute of admiration of Bro. Constable as a man and a Mason. Whatever he may have done for this lodge, we, who have watched his career from without, could not help admiring his zeal, energy, kindness, and above all his fervent appreciation of all appertaining to the duties of the Craft. He had been pleased to witness the testimonials presented in such feeling terms by Bro. Solomon, but, after all that has been said and done, not half the debt of gratitude to which Bro. Constable is entitled, has been liquidated. Bro. Hickman, W.M. 188, briefly responded for the visitors. For the Past Masters, Bro. Morris Hart was called upon. He said—"The W.M. may probably think I feel overwhelmed with gratitude for the honour of being named the representative of the august body of Past Masters of this lodge, but such is not the case, as I cannot pretend to represent them conscientiously. I certainly have been a Past Master of a Lodge of Tranquility for fifteen years, but the present lodge seems quite different in all its aspects, mainly through the efforts of the Immediate Past Master. A transformation has been accomplished, so advantageous, that the old Past Masters are well pleased to be consigned into deserved obscurity, especially when we see many brethren of ability gradually advancing in the higher offices of the lodge. The testimonials which have been presented gave me profound satisfaction. I congratulate Bro. Constable with all my heart, and in this I am sure I am joined by the Past Masters generally. The present proud position of the lodge warrants a hopefulness for its future prosperity. Whatever services shall be required the brethren may rest assured will cheerfully be rendered by the Past Masters of the lodge. Prosperity to the benevolent fund produced an eloquent appeal from P.M. Solomon and was liberally responded to by many brethren. Bro. Constable proposed, amidst great cheering, the health of the Worshipful Master, who, in accordance with his determination to be brief, replied in few but very appropriate terms. The evening's proceedings were enlivened by the vocal efforts of Bros. Taylor, Baxter, and Barter, under the direction and with the assistance of Bro. Theodore Distin. Bro. Geo. Perrin, who happened to be present as a visitor, kindly volunteered his assistance. His well-known vocal abilities contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the assembly, who thanked him repeatedly with well-deserved applause. The Past Masters present were Bros. Saul Solomon, Morris Hart, Holbrook, Harfield, Myer Harris, Bloomfield, N. Moss, E. Gottheil, N. Gluckstein. Among an immense number of visitors the following were the most noteworthy:—Bros. F. Binckes, P.M., P.Z., G. Steward; Hickman, W.M. 188; Buckland, W.M. 204; Greenbaum, W.M. Montifore; Dalwood, W.M. 860; Groombridge, W.M. Marquis of Lorne; Dymis, P.M. 421; Lazarus, P.M. 205; Wells, P.M. 1314; Nash, S.D. 1347; Barden, I.G. 1347; Carter, P.M. 283; Taylor, P.G.D., Wilts, P.M. 580; Frankford, 188; Higgins, P.M. 421; Geo. Perrin, 23.

**LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH (No. 228).**—The installation ceremony of this old lodge was held on the 9th, at the Gate of St. John of Jerusalem, St. John's-lane, Clerkwell, the birthplace of the "Gentleman's Magazine," under Cave, and of "Reports of Parliament," written by Dr. Johnson. In the hall where Garrick made his essay on histories there had assembled a large company, including Bros. J. Parkinson, G.D., D.P. G.M. of Middlesex, and P.M. of Bard of Avon; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; J. Mason, P.G.S.B.; Buss, T.P.G.S. of Middlesex; Headon, W.M. Great City; Chesterton, L. 72; Sowden, P.M. 49; Dodson, P.M. 72; Gilbert, Radford, 777; Captain Styan, Treasurer of the Macdonald Lodge; Cue, P.M. 179; T. Preston, of the Great City Lodge. Bro. Hillhouse was in the chair, and Bro. James Terry presented Bro. While for installation. Bro. While, as Senior Warden, having been unanimously elected to the chair, and the Board of Past Masters having been formed, Bro. While was installed, in a most workmanlike manner, by his immediate predecessor, Bro. Hillhouse, who astonished the old Masons present by his efficient working. After the customary salutations, the new W.M. appointed as his Officers the following:—Bros. Griggs, S.W.; James Hill, J.W.; Winsland, Treasurer; Crump, Secretary (for the 23rd time); Snare, S.D.; Holford, J.D.; Percy, I.G.; Todd, D.C.; Flaws, A.D.C.; Patmore, W.S. The ballot was then taken for two gentlemen, who were admitted and initiated according to ancient form. After the usual business, the hall was set out as a banquetting-room, and the brethren enjoyed an excellent dinner, well served by Bro. Gay, the host. The W.M., in proposing the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," said that all Englishmen toasted the Queen as their constitutional sovereign, but Masons had other ties of affection, she being the daughter of a Mason, and the mother of their Grand Master, who was the father of "our kings to be." The toast having been honoured, the W.M. gave

"The Present and Past Grand Officers," and made an allusion, in terms of deep sympathy, to the affliction which had befallen the Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M. In coupling the toast with the name of Bro. Parkinson, the W.M. said it was a matter of deep gratification to him to greet their distinguished brother in this lodge, and mentioned that when he first met Bro. Parkinson it was not as a Mason; but their brother was carrying on a work which formed one of the great pillars of the Craft, which Bro. Parkinson was spending days and nights in, bringing to light the ills attending the badly carried out Poor Laws, by which the poor and wretched were left, in some instances, to perish in the streets; in others, are so crowded in the workhouses, as to inflict the utmost misery. The result of Bro. Parkinson's work with a small chosen band, was that the Casual Acts were passed, and Gathorne Hardy's Act was now in full operation. Bro. Parkinson, in reply, said that the W.M. had given the credit which he ought to take himself, for he, by his shrewd advice, had been one means of carrying out those great reforms of which he had spoken. He congratulated the lodge upon its excellent working, and Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson added that the Master of a lodge must be like a figure-head of a ship, to lead the way, and as a helm to guide it, and the Master they had would fulfil those requirements. Bro. Mason also spoke, and the W.M., after acknowledging the cordial toast of his name, proposed "The Health of his Immediate P.M.," upon whose breast he placed the jewel of the lodge, given only to those Masters who worked the ceremonies and installed their successors. Bros. Buss, Headen, J. Terry, and Hillhouse also spoke, and a very enjoyable evening ended, just before the hour when Dr. Johnson was wont to leave the gate for his much loved Fleet-street.

**BATH.—LODGE OF HONOUR (No. 379).**—In compliance with the summons, the members met at the Masonic Hall, at 8 p.m., on Monday, February 8th. Bro. J. S. Bartrum, W.M., opened the lodge in the first degree, assisted by Bros. Phillips, I.P.M.; Cooke, S.W.; Dr. H. Hopkins, P.M., &c., acting as J.W.; C. S. Barker, Treasurer; H. Culliford Hopkins, Secretary; J. Dutton, P.M., acting as S.D.; H. Smyth, J. D.; Leir, I.G.; Gazzard, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. Charles Edwin Little, who had been regularly proposed as a candidate for initiation. This proving favourable, he was introduced, properly prepared, and duly initiated by the I.P.M., to whom the W.M. had resigned his chair for the purpose. The delivery of the charge was necessarily postponed to the next meeting. The W.M. having resumed his place in the east, called on the Treasurer to read his report for the past year, which, having been certified by the auditors, was duly passed. Considerable discussion arose on matters connected with the internal affairs of the lodge, of no general interest. No other business offering, the proceedings were brought to a close at quarter to ten.

**SLEAFORD.—ST. BOTOLPH'S LODGE (No. 588).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Monday 8th inst., at which were present the following:—Bros. J. Bellamy, P.M., P. Prov. J.G.W., W.M.; Rev. W. Lynes, P.M., P. Prov. G.R. Staffordshire; T. E. Jacobson, P.M., P. Prov. J.G.W.; T. J. Tomlinson, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.C.; D. Elwood, P.M., Sec.; E. R. Dibben, S.W.; G. Williams, J.W.; W. Bourn, W. Stringer, and others. The business comprised the raising of Bro. Thorpe and the initiation of Messrs. R. Wildgoose and C. F. Bedford, the ceremonies being performed separately. The brethren appeared in Masonic mourning, in consequence of the recent death of one of the Past Masters of the lodge. Refreshment succeeded labour, and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

**WIMBORNE.—CUTHBERGA LODGE (No. 622).**—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the annual festival of St. John on Monday last, when Bro. J. W. Luff, S.W., P.G.S. Works, was installed W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The event attracted an unusually large attendance of members and visitors, including many of high distinction in the Craft, and the proceedings of the day were carried out in a truly Masonic manner. The Masonic Hall, where the gathering took place, was splendidly decorated in honour of the occasion. The lodge-room, too, which is handsomely furnished and cleverly lighted, was generally admired. Lodge opened at 4.30 under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. Montague Guest, P.G.S.W., when the following brethren were present:—Bros. H. C. Burt, I.P.M.; J. W. Luff, S.W.; A. J. Budden, J.W.; F. Binckes, P.G.S. (Secretary Boys' School); Captain Moore, 76; Wyndham, P.M., P.G.S.W. (Wilts); Holliday, P.M. (Ringwood); A. E. Guest, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W.; Rev. T. Pearce, P.D. Prov. G.M., P. Prov. G. Chap.; H. C. Burt, P.M., P. Prov. A.D.C.; Whitehead Smith, P.M., P.G.D.C.; E. T. Budden, P.M., W.M. 386, P.G.S.D.; W. J. Fletcher, P.M.; C. R. Rowe, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W.; Sopitt, P.M. 472, P. Prov. G.S. Works; Robins, 227; Dyer (Ringwood); Pike (Wareham); R. Friend, W. J. Tink, G. Wilson, J. Hammond, Bugden, Baverstock; Ings, W.M. Poole Lodge; G. R. Crickmay, P.M. 170; C. E. Amos (London) 921, 460; A. H. Green, 4266; Ponsonby, Atkins, Captain Herford, Austin, Dr. Phillips, Hunter, Yearsley, Baynton, J. B. Cole, Braine, Raymond, Ellis, Kerridge, P.M., and others. After the usual preliminaries the Worthy Bro. Luff was duly installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient form, the ceremony being rendered specially effective by the number of Past Masters present. The Installing Master, who admirably performed his duties, was Bro. E. T. Budden, P.M. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. M. Guest, I.P.M.; A. J. Budden, S.W.; J. Hammond, J.W.; C. W. Wyndham Treas.; J. Whitehead Smith, Sec.; J. A. Atkins, S.D.; Captain Herford, J.D.; Herbert, Org.; R. Friend, I.G. The business of the lodge having been concluded in harmony, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment. A most sumptuous banquet had been prepared, under the immediate

direction of the W.M. and a committee, and every provision was made for the comfort of the guests. The W.M. presided, supported by his Wardens, and the party numbered upwards of fifty—the most numerous company ever seen at the Wimborne Lodge. "The Queen and the Craft," "The Health of the W.M.," "Success to the Masonic Charities," and various other toasts were heartily drunk, that of the charities being responded to by Bro. F. Binckes, in his usual eloquent and persuasive manner. Forty-eight guineas were afterwards added by brethren present to the list of Bro. H. C. Burt, who has accepted the office of Steward for the Province of Dorset, at the next festival of Boys' School, the retiring W.M. having, with his accustomed generosity, placed 100 guineas on it previously. Some good singing after contributed to make it a most agreeable and pleasant evening.

**THE WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862)** held its usual meeting at Anderson's Hotel, on Monday, the 15th inst. Present: Bros. James Weaver, P.M. 862 and 1319, P. Prov. Org. Middlesex; James Brett, P.G.P.; R. W. Little, Sec. Girls' School; Hurlston, P.M.; Jones, P.M.; Smith, P.M.; Quilter, P.M., Treasurer; Kingston, S.W.; Walker, J.W.; Pritchard, S.D.; Walmsley, J.D.; Moore I.G.; and about 25 brethren. Visitors, Bros. E. Clark and Major Finney. Bro. Weaver, P.M., occupied the chair of W.M., and initiated into our mysteries Mr. Henry Cole, passed to the second degree Bros. Holland and Captain Waterhouse, of No. 255, and raised to the degree of M.M., Bros. Hum, Williams, Ward, and Oberti. The three ceremonies were performed in Bro. Weaver's usual masterly manner, and occupied him just three hours, but as Masonry is a labour of love to him, we are sure he derived as much pleasure from giving the ceremonies, as the brethren did who heard him. There was a notice of motion on the summons, which was ultimately withdrawn. Bro. P.M. Jones will represent the lodge at the Girls' Festival as steward. The brethren then retired to the banquet room, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

**SOUTHELD.—PRIORY LODGE (No. 1000).**—This very flourishing lodge held its annual festival on Tuesday the 26th ult., in the lodge room, at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, for the installation of the W.M. elect. The lodge was opened at two o'clock. After the preliminary business had been disposed of, the W.M. elect, Bro. Albert Lucking, P.M. No. 160, and Prov. G.A. Dir. of Cer. was duly installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very ably performed by the Revd. Worshipful Brother S.R. Wigram, P.M., and P.Z. 214; Worshipful Brother Wm. Pisse, P.M. 160, P.P.J.G. Warden, acting as director of ceremonies. The W.M. afterwards appointed, and invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. E. Phillips, P.M. 379, as S.W.; the Revd. S. R. Wigram, P.M. and P.Z. 214, and P.P.G. Chaplain, as J.W. and Chaplain; F. Wood, P.M. 1000, and P. Prov. S.G.W., re-elected Treasurer; J. A. Wardell, P.M. 100, W.M. 160, and P. Prov. J.G.D. re-appointed Secretary; W. Frost S.D.; W. P. Belliss, J.D.; H. Rowley, P.M. 1000, and P. Prov. S.G.D., D.C.; Chignell, I.G.; S. J. Weston, and F. Cantor, Stewards; Bro. Mountain, Tyler. The W.M. then initiated Mr. Taylor into the mysteries of the Craft. After the lodge was closed, the brethren, about thirty in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. F. Cantor, of the Middleton Hotel. Besides the above mentioned, the following Past Masters and visitors were present: Bros. I. R. Hemmann I.P.M. 1000; Jas. Willing, J.W. No. 877 (Domestic) and W.M. 1507 (Metropolitan); J. Clarkson, P.M. 865, and W.M. 1457 (Bagshaw lodge); H. G. Savage, P.M. 174; J. Weston (No. 25, Ireland); J. C. Johnstone, P.M. No. 20, Sligo (Ireland); S. Lilley, Sec. 1457; F. T. Dawson, P.M. 211, and P. Prov. G.O. During the evening, Bro. J. R. Hemmann, the I.P.M., was presented by the W.M., Bro. A. Lucking, in the name of the lodge, with the Past Master's Jewel. Bro. Hemmann returned thanks in a suitable manner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the evening was enlivened with songs, from Bros. Dawson, Phillips, Rowley, Savage, Berry, &c., and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**KIRKBY LONSDALE.—UNDERLEY LODGE (No. 1074).**—The annual meeting of this lodge took place at three o'clock on Friday, Feb. 5th. The only business was the installation of the W.M. elect, the Earl of Bective, M.P., P.G.M., supplemented by the annual banquet. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. D. Page, M.D., assisted by his Wardens and a full attendance of members and visitors. The P.G.M. being announced, he was admitted and received with the accustomed honours. The lodge being opened in the second degree, his lordship was presented for the benefit of installation by Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P. Prov. G.R.; the first part of the ceremony was conducted by the W.M. The chair of K.S. was then assumed by Bro. John Bowes, who installed the noble earl as W.M. of the Underley lodge for the ensuing year. The concluding portion of the ceremony was most impressively rendered by Bro. W. Dodd, P.M. 1074. The W.M. closed the lodge down to the first degree, and then appointed and invested his Wardens and other officers: the former being Bros. the Rev. Canon Ware, P.M., &c., and W. James, P.M., &c. Bro. Dr. Page, I.P.M., then handed to his lordship a very handsome marble timepiece and asked him to present it to their worthy Bro. Anderson, who had filled the office of Tyler without fee or reward from the time the lodge was constituted. The W.M. willingly acceded, and in graceful terms made the presentation. Bro. Anderson feelingly replied. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The chair was occupied by the W.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., P.G.M., who was supported on the right and left by Bros. the Rev. J. V. Thompson, Chaplain; John Talbot, W.M. 129, and Prov. G.J.W.; H. Raithmell, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.C.; Joseph Bintley, P.M., Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Dr. Page, I.P.M., Prov. G.S.B.; John

Bowes, P.M., P. Prov. G.R.; J. Holme, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.W.; W. Dodd, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B.; W. Bell, 314, (Preston); R. Pearson, P.M., P. Prov. G.R. West Lancashire; J. Postlethwaite, P.M., Prov. G. Steward West Lancashire; W. James, P.M., P. Prov. G.D., J.W. The S.W., the Rev. Canon Ware, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., ruled in the West. The following toasts were ably proposed and responded to:—"The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master; the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., W.M., and Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master; John Whitwell, M.P., Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master; and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," "The I.P.M., Bro. Dr. D. Page," "The Wardens and Officers of 1074," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Masonic Charities," "The Treasurer," "To all Poor and Distressed Freemasons throughout the Globe, and speedy relief to them." The music was under the direction of Bro. Godfrey, and contributed largely to the pleasures of the evening.

**DERBY.—HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1085).**—The ninth anniversary and installation meeting of this prosperous lodge, which now numbers over forty members, was held on the 3rd inst. at the St. James's Hotel, Derby. The W.M., Bro. F. Iliffe, P.J.G.W., and Installing Master, opened the lodge in due form and with solemn prayer, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Henry T. Bobart, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented and took the obligation. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and all below the rank of Installed Master having retired, the W.M. elect was entrusted with the pass-word, and withdrew. A Board of Installed Masters being opened, he was re-admitted and duly installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient rite, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. After having invested Bro. Iliffe with the collar and jewel as I.P.M., the board was closed. The Master Masons were re-admitted, and the new W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the various degrees. The W.M. closed the lodge in the third, and afterwards in the second degree. He appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. F. Iliffe, I.P.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; W. Beathcote, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.M., Treas.; J. Worsnop, P.M., Sec.; Theo. Hills, S.D.; Thos. Gadsby, J.D.; Geo. Pipes, D. of C.; G. F. Edwards, Org.; Josh. Heathcote, I.G. The customary addresses to the officers were delivered by Bro. M. H. Bobart, P.M. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and the lodge was closed in ancient form. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, at which the W.M. presided, when the numerous loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to by appropriate speeches.

**PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178).**—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Gregorian Arms Tavern, 96, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, on Thursday, February 4th. The lodge was opened by Bro. C. Deakin, W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. Ruse, S.W.; J. A. Smith, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; W. Batchelor, S.D.; W. T. Lover, J.D.; F. Garbett, I.G.; J. Stock, M.C.; G. J. Grace, P.M.; J. H. Harmsworth, P.M.; J. Porter, W. May, and others. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. C. B. Cheen, 849; P. Magee, 548; J. Howe, 1326; T. H. Miller, P.M. 907, &c. The work, done in an admirable manner, was raising Bros. J. Porter, and J. Howe, 1326, to the third degree, and initiating Mr. Thomas Simpson into the mysteries of the Order. It was arranged to have an emergency meeting on the first Thursday of the ensuing month. Business being ended, the lodge was closed. There was not any banquet. Soon after the lodge was closed the brethren separated.

**ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Marquess Tavern, Canonbury. The chair was taken by Bro. Younghusband, P. Prov. G.M., P.M., P.Z., supported by Bro. Dickinson, acting S.W., in the unavoidable absence of H. W. Catlin, who arrived later. Bro. Rafter, S.W.; Bro. Bigley, Sec., and the other officers, all of whom were at their posts punctually. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. Frank F. Toole, P.S.G.W. (Essex), W.M. 363; Samuel Poynter, W.M. 1491, P.M. 902; J. W. Myers, P.M. 276; T. Shackell, P.M. 193; T. Knight, P.M. 902; W. Manger, W.M. 1314; W. Davison, P.M. 30, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes of the preceding meeting, Bro. J. B. Cohen was raised to the third degree, and Bro. Jaffa passed to the second degree, both ceremonies being very ably performed. To suit the convenience of Bro. Younghusband, it was then arranged that, prior to the initiates being introduced, a silver salver which had been voted in accordance with a proposition made by Bro. Moxon, seconded by Bro. Bigley, should be presented to Bro. Shackell. The piece of plate, which bore the following inscription, "Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298. Presented to Worshipful Bro. Shackell, P.M. 30, P. Prov. G.P., Hants, W.M., on the occasion of his leaving England, as a slight token of brotherly love, esteem, and goodwill. London, February 2nd, 1875," was then presented by Bro. Younghusband, who said: Brethren, I am happy to have had the privilege of presiding over you this evening, more especially as it is an occasion when we are anxious to give honour to one to whom honour is due; to celebrate his removal to an enlarged sphere of usefulness; to rejoice at his prosperity; and to wish him God speed in the journey he is about to take. But the joy which we feel at his success, is chastened by the thought that his gain is our loss—the loss of one who has presided over us with

dignity during our hours of labour, and by his geniality lent a charm to our festive board. We grieve that the voice to which we have become accustomed, and to which we have listened with so much pleasure, will soon be no longer heard amongst us. Speaking personally, such was his kindness of heart, and readiness to oblige, of which I have had ample proof, I shall miss him severely. In my judgment, no amount of honour we can confer upon him is beyond his merits, although I am sure he will not esteem the testimonial we are about to present to him by its intrinsic value, but by the sentiments of regard of which it is the symbol—Bro. Shackell, such are the feelings with which we one and all regard you, and I am proud to be the medium of expressing them. When separated from us, by a wide expanse of land and water, I doubt not that your thoughts will often revert to the former companions of your toils, and be assured that your name will ever remain fresh in our memories, accompanied by an ardent wish for your return to the land of your birth. Permit me now, in the name of the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298, of which you were the founder, as the Consecrating Master, and first occupant of its chair, to present you with this silver salver, as a feeble token of our esteem and gratitude, together with this Past Master's jewel, which I have the honour to affix on your breast, and to wish with all our hearts, to you and yours, long life, health, and prosperity.—Bro. Shackell, much affected, in acknowledging the presentation, said he felt quite incompetent by word to express what he felt for that and the other kind presents he had received from the brethren, and he assured them that although in a few days he should have left this country for India, his thoughts would always be with them, and he trusted from his heart, in after years, to return and present himself at headquarters, and again work on their behalf, but more vigorously. Again thanking them, and highly eulogising several of his officers, Bro. Shackell concluded a lengthy reply, which had been marked throughout by an earnestness unmistakable.—The ballot having been taken, resulted in an unanimous approval that Messrs. Heine and Kleimnhausen should become members, and they were accordingly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Bro. Harry Moxon, who represented the lodge at the last festival of the Benevolent Institution, then stated that his appeal to his friends and brethren, on behalf of that excellent charity, had been so cheerfully responded to, that his list of subscribers had reached a very respectable amount, which he had hopes of considerably augmenting before the day of finally accounting for his stewardship, and he thanked them sincerely for their generous support. The Tyler and Treasurer having been elected for the ensuing year, and the further business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form, and the brethren afterwards re-assembled in the banquet-room and sat down to a sumptuous repast. This over, and the cloth cleared, the W.M. gave "The Queen and Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," "The Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, and the other Grand Officers, past and present," coupling with it the name of Bro. Frank Toole. The toasts having been received with usual Royal Standard fire, Bro. Toole responded at great length and in most eloquent terms, and we regret being unable to give his speech in extenso. He said he felt an unspeakable amount of pleasure at being present, and expressed his great desire to carry out, to the utmost of his power and ability, all the principles which Masonry inculcated. Masonry and Masonic Institutions were progressive and progressing. The principles of Masons were grand, glorious, and true ones, and they ought not to keep them exclusive. He was sincerely thankful to them for the kind manner in which they had drank the health of the Grand Officers. Bro. Bullantyne, P.M., then rose and said, as one of their oldest members he had been requested to propose the toast of the evening, "Health, Long Life, Happiness, and Prosperity to their W.M., Bro. Robert Shackell," who to their great regret was now about leaving England for India. Perhaps it was to their feelings of social brotherhood that Masonry owed so much of its success in our midst. It bound men together in one common chain of indissoluble friendship, and it was gratifying to feel that although a link of that chain was now about to be severed, when their brother reached another land—his adopted home—there would be an opportunity of again uniting the links, of which he doubted not due advantage would be taken. The toast having been warmly drunk, Bro. Shackell, in response said, that when he first received the intimation of his appointment he felt, and had ever since experienced, a growing sense of his responsibilities, and nothing could have tended more to increase that feeling than the expression of goodwill which he had that evening witnessed, and he should ever remember the years he had spent with the brethren of that lodge as amongst the most pleasant in his experience, and that whatever he might have been able to accomplish was as nothing compared with what he had learnt. He trusted they might all be spared to meet again in Old England, but whatever might betide him, his earnest prayers for their welfare would be ever with him. The "Health of the Visiting Brethren" was then proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Poynter, who dwelt at some length upon the zeal and attention which the W.M. had shown in the discharge of his duties. Bro. Catlin responded to the toast of "The Officers," Bro. Moxon to that of "The Masonic Charities," and the Tyler's toast closed a very interesting meeting.

SWANSEA.—TALBOT LODGE (No. 1323).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, and was attended by a large number of members and visiting brethren from far and near. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, Bro. G. B. Brock, Prov. G.S.W., the chair was taken by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Edward J. Morris, the senior P.M. of the lodge, and among those present at the meeting and at the annual banquet afterwards, may be mentioned, Bros.

the Rev. Latimer M. Jones, D.P.G.M. Western Division, South Wales; Charles Bath, P. Prov. S.G.W.; James G. Hall, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Marmaduke Tennant, P. Prov. S.G.W.; T. D. Daniel, Prov. J.G.W.; Geo. Allen, P. Prov. J.G.W.; T. Beavan Phillips, Prov. J.G.W. (Western division); W. J. Morgan, P. Prov. J.G.W. (Western division); Rev. A. H. P. Trewman, P. Prov. G. Chaplain, (Somerset); Rev. C. T. Heartley, M.A., P. Prov. G. Chaplain; John Jones, Prov. G. Treasurer; Clement S. B. Gardner, P. Prov. G. Treasurer; S. B. Power, P. Prov. G.R.; Lawrence Tulloch, P. Prov. G.R.; Walter Whittington, Prov. G. Secretary; W. H. Tucker, Prov. S.G.D.; Edward Daniel, P. Prov. S.G.D.; William Williams, P. Prov. G.S.D. (Monmouth); W. G. Davies, Prov. G. Sup. Works; J. Jones Hewson, P. Prov. G.D.C.; John Rogers, Prov. G.S.B.; Robert Margrave, P. Prov. G.S.B. (Western division); Edward Fricker, P. Prov. G. Organist; W. L. Jackson, Prov. G. Steward; Evan F. Daniel, P. Prov. G. Steward; Charles Taylor, W.M. 110 (Merthyr); James Goodall, W.M. 237 (Swansea); W. Griffith Davies, W.M. 364 (Neath); E. Cambridge Phillips, W.M. 651 (Brecon); John Jones, W.M. 833 (Aberavon); John C. Morris, W.M. 476 (Carmarthen); W. Stamer Thompson, W.M. 671 (Llanelli); David Evans, Walter Mills, G. B. Haynes, W. J. Rees, John Lloyd, E. S. Hartland, Thos. Thomas, H. Fry, A. F. Bayntun, R. W. Beor, Walter Lewis, H. A. Latimer, P. Ambrosoli, C. J. Brock, Jenkyn Jones (Carmarthen), Thomas Ford, James Livingstone, W. Paxton Garrett, Robert Maine, Ebenezer Thomas, Rev. J. Spilsbury, W. Thomas, Bowen, and others. The lodge was opened in the first degree, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed and some formal business disposed of, on the completion of which Bros. Lewis, Latimer, Ambrosoli, and Brock were brought up to answer the usual questions and retired. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and the brethren above-named were readmitted, properly prepared, and duly passed to the Fellow Craft degree. The W.M. elect, Bro. John Jones Jenkins, S.W., was then presented by Bro. Charles Bath, P. Prov. S.G.W., and having assented to the ancient charges and regulations, took the customary obligation. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and afterwards as a Board of Installed Masters, when Bro. Jones Jenkins was, in conformity with the established rites, duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being conducted throughout by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the year:—Bros. John Jones Hewson, S.W.; Evan Francis Daniel, J.W.; J. D. Davies, Chaplain; Samuel B. Power, Treasurer; Thomas Thomas, Secretary; John Lloyd, S.D.; E. S. Hartland, J.D.; W. J. Rees, D.C.; A. F. Bayntun, I.G.; David Evans, Steward; Henry Simons, Tyler. On the motion of the W.M., Bros. Charles Bath and J. G. Hall were unanimously elected as the representative Past Masters to serve on the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year. On the motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, seconded by Bro. Charles Bath, P. Prov. S.G.W., a cordial vote of thanks was awarded to the retiring W.M., Bro. G. B. Brock, for his able and efficient services during the past year, both speakers referring in terms of the highest eulogium to the manner in which Bro. Brock had presided over the lodge, and expressing the regret generally felt at his enforced absence through ill health. On the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the ball-room of the Mackworth Hotel, where, in number about sixty, they sat down to partake of the good things provided for them by Bro. Stone with his usual attention and care. The chair was filled by the newly-installed W.M., who was supported by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Edward J. Morris; Bros. the Rev. Latimer Jones, D.P.G.M. of the Western division; J. B. Phillips, Charles Bath, Rev. A. H. P. Trewman, Rev. C. T. Heartley, and other brethren before-named. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair with much ability and warmly responded to by the brethren. The health of the Provincial Grand Master was most fraternally drunk, great regret being expressed at the unavoidable absence of the R.W. brother in London. The W.M. proposed, in highly complimentary terms, "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master," remarking that it was impossible for the affairs of the province to be more satisfactorily administered than they were under their present rulers. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in responding, spoke at some length, referring to the progress and present position of Freemasonry throughout the province, dwelling most encouragingly upon the improved working together of the various lodges, which he characterized as being such as the brethren might well feel proud of, and in concluding assured them of his continued interest in and care for the fraternity, with which he had been connected for nearly twenty years. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers, associating with the same the name of the Junior Grand Warden, Bro. T. D. Daniel, who replied in an able address. The D.P.G.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M., as the eldest son of the Talbot Lodge," he having been the first candidate initiated therein, and fairly and honourably worked his way through the various chairs to the highest, which he most worthily occupied. The W.M. replied, thanking the brethren for the distinguished honour they had conferred upon him, and proposed the toast of "The Visitors," especially naming Bro. the Rev. A. H. P. Trewman, P. Prov. G. Chaplain (Somerset), who responded in felicitous terms for himself and the other guests. The toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," coupled with the name of Bro. Charles Bath, next followed, calling forth an excellent speech from that brother for himself and colleagues. "The Lodges of the Province" elicited return speeches from Bros. James Goodall, W.M. Indefatigable Lodge, Swansea; Charles Taylor, W.M. Loyal Cambrian Lodge, Merthyr Tydvil; W. G. Davies, W.M. Cambrian Lodge, Neath; E. C. Phillips, W.M. Brecknock Lodge,

Brecon; and John Jones, W.M. Afan Lodge, Aberavon; all breathing sentiments of fraternal good-will and regard. "The health of the Officers of the Lodge," responded to by the Senior Warden, Bro. Jones Hewson, brought the pleasant proceedings of the evening to a close. Bro. Edward Fricker, P. Prov. G. Organist, presided with his usual skill and good taste at the organ in lodge. Some excellent singing was contributed by Bros. Jones Hewson, George Allen, W. J. Rees, W. Paxton Garrett, and others, adding considerably to the general enjoyment. A special feature in the arrangements for the evening was the Shaksperian programme, the suitable and most appropriate mottoes placed round the menu, toast, and music, as well as the quotations culled to mark the various toasts, happily "hit the taste o' the time" and were greatly appreciated by the brethren. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and each and all appeared to regret when the hour for separating arrived.

ALDERSHOT.—ALDERSHOT CAMP LODGE (No. 1331).—The regular monthly meeting of this young, but prosperous lodge, was held on Thursday, the 5th February, at the Assembly Rooms, Bro. White, the Worshipful Master, presided. There were present: Bros. Mackenzie, I.P.M.; Richardson, P.M.; Cole, P.M.; Rose, several visiting brethren, and numerous members. The minutes of the lodge having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for three candidates, which, proving unanimous in each case, they were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, each initiate being presented with a copy of the book of constitutions and bye-laws of the lodge, the W.M. explained the tracing board of the first degree. The lodge was opened in the second degree, when an E.A. was passed. The lodge was opened in the third degree, when four Fellow-Craft brethren were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in an admirable manner, the masterly explanation of the tracing board was most cordially greeted.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, London, on Saturday, the 13th inst., when were present, Bros. N. B. Headon, W.M.; J. H. Townend, S.W.; G. Seex, J.W.; James Stevens, I.P.M.; Rev. J. R. Simpson, Chaplain; James Freeman, Treasurer; R. Stanway, S.D.; G. Blackie, J.D.; T. Preston, D.C.; W. H. Hook, Org.; T. Hamen and C. Taylor, Stewards; Steedman, Tyler; also Bros. J. Beneton, F. W. Potter, C. Jenkins, C. H. Burrows, J. Bumpus, R. Hooker, W. MacQueen, C. Stuart Barker, jun., T. Browne, E. Cox, Lewis Lewis, J. Thompson, J. J. Moore, W. Baber, T. W. Headon, F. J. Davis, J. Stamp, F. Keeble, R. Fendick, J. E. Hugo, W. Middleton, J. Phillips, H. Thompson, Owen Borven, J. L. Dulan, J. R. Hartley, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. Beattie, 142; G. Yaxley, 463; J. K. Pitt, 463; W. Morden, 25; J. Yalden, 181; D. Buckwell, 149; T. L. Hellier, 765; T. H. Harper, 1216; and H. R. Hallam, 1314. The lodge having been opened and minutes of previous meeting confirmed, was raised to the third degree, and Bros. Potter and Davis were respectively passed to the degree of F.C. The ballot for initiating having been declared unanimous, Messrs. G. J. Wright and J. T. Skinner being in attendance, were severally introduced and initiated. The whole of the ceremony was performed in the most able and impressive manner, by the W.M., whose arduous labour was considerably lightened by the perfect attention of his officers, in the important details of the work. Further propositions for initiating at the ensuing meeting were then made, and several apologies for non-attendance, and notably a telegram from Bro. Moody, the Secretary, from Belfast, were read, and duly acknowledged. The W.M. briefly referred to his forthcoming Stewardship, as representing the lodge at the ensuing festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, expressing his satisfaction with the support already given, and his anticipation in regard to further additions to his list. Bro. Preston gave notice of his intention to propose at the ensuing meeting, that a Past Master's jewel be presented to the W.M. on the termination of his year of office, no further business was before the lodge, it was closed in due form. This being an "off night," a plain but substantial supper was provided in the Pillar-Room, to which members and visitors at once repaired. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the initiates having been cordially received, Bro. Beattie, on behalf of the visitors, expressed their gratification with the entire proceedings of the evening. Those connected with lodge work had greatly added to their appreciation of Masonry, whilst the ample entertainment they had partaken of under the genial influence of the thorough harmony and good fellowship pervading the meeting, assured them that the lodge was animated by the true principles of the Craft. He wished the lodge every success and prosperity, and could only further desire that his brother visitors, as well as himself, might have many opportunities of witnessing its admirable working and enjoying its cordial hospitality. A most fraternal and enjoyable evening terminated with the Tyler's toast, and shortly after the brethren separated.

MOUNT EDGECUMBE LODGE (No. 1446).—A meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held at the Swan Hotel, Battersea-Old-Bridge, on the 13th inst. The lodge was opened at three p.m. by Bros. Burrell, W.M.; Poopard, S.W.; Thomas, Acting J.W.; Schiemann, Acting S.D.; Watson, Acting J.D.; Thomas, jun., I.G.; Ough, P.M., I.P.M., and Treasurer; Limebeer, Secretary. The minutes of the previous lodge meeting having been read, were confirmed, and the W.M. raised Bros. Wevell, Gibson, Bower, and Tily to the sublime degree of Master Masons. Bros. Langdale, Pratt, Wood, Cain, and Bailey were then passed to the second degree, and Mr. Rickets initiated. The three ceremonies were well carried out by the W.M., who had the assistance of an excellent staff of officers. Bro. Ough, the Treasurer, proposed that the W.M.'s list, as



Steward to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, should be headed by a lodge donation of £10 10s, which was seconded by Bro. Thomas, and unanimously carried. The W.M. returned thanks and hoped that that liberal gift would be supplemented by individual subscriptions, as the institution was in urgent need of support. Bro. Poupard, the S.W., gave notice of motion to increase the joining fee of the lodge to seven guineas. Two brethren of the Royal Alfred and Star Lodges were then proposed and seconded as joining members. The lodge was closed in ancient form and the brethren adjourned to banquet. In consequence of the lateness of the hour "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.," and the other formal lodge toasts were given by the W.M. very briefly, but were received heartily by the assembled brethren, of whom there were nearly sixty. Bro. Ough replied for "The Grand Officers," Bro. Rickets for "The Initiates," Bro. Manders, W.M. 1231, for "The Visitors," and Bro. Poupard, S.W., for "The Lodge Officers." The W.M.'s health was proposed by the Treasurer and I.P.M., and enthusiastically drunk. Bro. Burrell, in reply, expressed his gratification at the compliment passed him, and hoped that the brethren, at the termination of his year of office, would be satisfied with his efforts to promote the interest of the lodge and the comfort of every member, and, in conclusion, he stated that he was one of the Stewards at the ensuing festival. In the intervals of the toasts Bros. Rickets, Watts, Ross, Walls, and Wheeler vocally entertained the brethren. Among the visitors present were Bros. Frampton, P.M. 87; King, P.M. 172; Scott, P.M. 749; Pulsford, P.M. 1158; Watts, P.M. and W.S. 1201; Swallow, W.M. 382; Keay, W.M. 917; Manders, W.M. 1201; Pymm, W.M. 1275; Wise, S.W. 1158; Roe, J.W. 780; Walls, I.G.; 141, 1381, 1503. The Tyler, Bro. Fox, gave the concluding toast, and the brethren separated.

### Royal Arch.

**MOUNT SION CHAPTER (No. 22).**—The regular convocation of this Chapter was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Monday 8th inst., at 6 o'clock. Amongst those present were Comps. H. Muggeridge, Z.; W. J. Crofield, H.; H. Birdseye, J.; Venn, S.N.; Spooner, S.E.; A. Partridge, P.S.; Hirsch and Clemmans, A. Sojourners; R. H. Townsend, P.Z.; J. H. Townsend, P.Z.; Wright, P.Z.; Canham, P.Z.; Steih, Bassenett, Randall, and others. Bro. J. B. Batten was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Masonry in the usual magnificent style by Comps. Muggeridge, Z.; Crofield, H.; Birdseye, J.; assisted by the other officers. Afterwards Comp. R. H. Townsend presented a testimonial, written on vellum and beautifully framed, to Comp. A. Partridge on behalf of his father, W. H. Partridge, P.Z., expressing the pleasure it gave him in presenting the testimonial, having been associated with him in the Chapter for thirty-five years, during which time he had acted as Treasurer for twenty-four years, and was sorry that in consequence of his late severe illness he had been compelled to resign. Comp. A. Partridge on receiving the testimonial thanked the companions of the Mount Sion Chapter for their kindness in a few kind and appropriate words on behalf of his father. The chapter was then closed in due form, after which the companions adjourned to a well-served banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, which closed a very pleasant evening.

**WHITEHAVEN.**—THE SUN, SQUARE AND COMPASSES CHAPTER (No. 119).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held on Monday evening, 8th inst., at seven o'clock. The M.E.Z. Comp. John Barr, was supported by Comp. E. Fearon, H.; Dr. Henry, J.; W. B. Gibson, P.Z.; John Bowes, P.Z., &c.; E. Tyson, P.S., and other officers and companions. Bros. Montgomery and J.D. Thompson were exalted by the M.E.Z., in a manner that called forth the warmest approbation of all present. At the conclusion of the business, E. Comp. Gibson proposed, E. Comp. Fearon seconded, and it was unanimously resolved, "That the best thanks of the chapter are due, and hereby accorded to E. Comp. Bowes, for his valuable services as Preceptor." Com. Bowes after acknowledging the compliment, congratulated the members on the proficiency of their officers, especially the M.E.Z. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned for refreshment.

**PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).**—This chapter met at the "Horns," Kennington, London. Chapter was opened by M.E. Comps. Henry Smith, M.E.Z.; Charles Hammerton, H.; W. B. Church, J.; James Stevens, P.Z. and Scribe E.; H. C. Levander, P.Z. and Treas. and William Worrell, P.Z. There were also present Comps. George Waterall, S.W.; M. S. Larham, P.S.; T. Poore, A.S.; R. N. Field, A.S.; B. R. Bryant, Steward; W. H. Van Baerle, F. W. Levander, A. C. Burrell, Newington Bridges, A. C. Bradley, Gilbert, and others. Visitor, Comp. C. Burdett. The principal business before the chapter was the election of officers for the ensuing year; the result of the ballot being as follows, viz.: Comps. Hammerton, Z.; Church, H.; Bridges, J.; Stevens, P.Z., Scribe E. (seventh re-election); Levander, P.Z., Treasurer (sixth re-election); G. Waterall, Scribe N. (second re-election); M. S. Larham, P.S. (second re-election); and Gilbert, Janitor. Comps. Poore, F. W. Levander, Burrell, and Bradley were elected on the Audit Committee. A vote of two guineas in aid of a former member of the chapter was carried. The chapter P.Z. jewel was also voted to M.E., Comp. Smith, on his retiring from office. A considerable contribution was made by the members of the chapter, to provide additions to the excellent furniture. Six propositions for advancement at ensuing meeting were received, and other Masonic business having been despatched, the chapter was closed in due form, and the companions ad-

joined to refreshment. This chapter, always famous for its working and the unanimity of its members, appears likely to have a considerable impetus from the influx of numerous brethren of the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, being held in the same locality, and suiting the convenience of most of its members. We heartily wish the Panmure Chapter the continued success it certainly endeavours to merit.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

#### OPENING OF THE CORNWALL ROSE CROIX CHAPTER AT TRURO.

INSTALLATION OF SIR F. M. WILLIAMS, Bart., M.P., AS M.W.S., &c.

The Cornwall Chapter of Rose Croix was formally opened and consecrated on Tuesday, the 2nd February, 1875, at the Masonic Hall, New Public Rooms, Truro, by Major Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council for England and Wales, assisted by Lieut.-General H. E. Doherty, C.B., 33°, Deputy Insp.-General for the S. W. District of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of 33°.

The Supreme Council Chapter was first opened at 2 p.m., by the V.I., Bro. Major Clerke, 33°, as M.W.S.; Gen. Doherty, 33°, as High Prelate, and Ill.; Bro. William James Hughan, 30°, as Grand Marshal.

The following first members of the Cornwall Chapter were present: Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., 31°; W. J. Hughan, 30°; Rev. George Ross, M.A., 18°; Col. J. W. Peard, 18°; F. W. Dabb, 18°; John Hocking, jun., 18°; John Farran Penrose, 18°; Edward Dixon Anderton, 18°; Nicholas J. West, 18°; Charles Truscott, jun., 18°; Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, 18°; Rev. A. H. Ferris, 18°; and Charles Trevithick, 18°. E. and P. Bros. Thomas Chirgwin, 18°, and Henry Spry Severton, being unavoidably absent.

Visitors: Ill. Bros. Lieut.-Col. J. Elliott, 31°, P.M.W.S., and Capt. Shanks, M.W.S. of St. Aubyn Chapter, Devonport; W. B. Hambly, M.W.S., and Col. Fitz-Gerald of the Hayshe Chapter, Plymouth; George Brown, 18°, of the Shakespeare Chapter, Warwick, and W. E. Mitchell, 18°, of Metropolitan Chapter, London.

The following brethren were accepted as candidates for Perfection, and as Members of the New Chapter: Thomas Solomon, P.M. 331, P. Prov. S. G. W., (Truro); William James Johns, P.M. 131, P. Prov. G. Reg., (Truro); Samuel Harvey, P.M. 131, P. Prov. G. Purst., (Truro); Rev. Alfred Hayman Cummings, J.W. 131, Prov. G. Chap., (Truro); William Lake, P.M. 131, P. Prov. G. Reg., (Truro); Richard John, P.M. 131, P. Prov. G.D.C., (Truro); Samuel Harris, J.D. 331, also of No. 131, (Truro); William Tregay, P.M. 589, (Redruth); E. Milford Cock, P.M. 589, Prov. G. Std., (Redruth); John Thomas, J.W. 589, (Redruth); William Lodge, Member of Nos. 131 and 589, (Devoran); William Rooks, of No. 131, Prov. G. Purst., (Truro); Bros. Solomon, Cummings, Lake, Tregay, John, Lidgley, Cock, Thomas, and Rooks, being in attendance, were severally entrusted with the secrets peculiar to the 4° to the 14° inclusive in the Grand Lodge of Perfection; with the 15° and 16° in the Council of Princes of Jerusalem; and then created Knights of the East and West 17°. After which they were finally exalted to the degree of S.P. Rose Croix; the whole of the ceremonies being conducted in a most able and impressive manner by Major Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, Sec.-Gen. of Supreme Council; General Doherty, 33°, being the I.L.P., and W. J. Hughan, 30°, the G.M.

Each candidate was presented with a copy of the Regulations by Sir F. W. Williams, Bart. The degree could not have been given better under any circumstances, for the faultless style of the acting M.W.S. left nothing to be desired, and the candidates were evidently much pleased and interested throughout.

The fittings were good, and having all been made in the town, says something in favour of local skill and enterprise.

The Cornwall Chapter was subsequently consecrated by Major Clerke, 33°, in which beautiful ceremony he was ably assisted by Gen. Doherty, C.B., and the warrant (dated 24th Dec., 1874, and signed by the Earl of Carnarvon, 33°, S.G. Commander; Captain N. G. Phillips, 33°, L.G.C.; Major-Gen. Clerke, 33°, G.T.; J. M. P. Montagu, 33°; Major S. H. Clerke, 33°; Sir Michael Costa, 33°; and others) was read by William James Hughan, 30°, acting as Sec.-Gen. for the occasion.

Ill. Bro. Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., 31°, was duly installed and enthroned by the Consecrating Officer, after which the M.W.S. appointed the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—E. and P. Bros. Rev. George Ross, I.L.P.; Colonel Peard, 1st Gen.; N. J. West, 2nd Gen.; F. W. Dabb, Treasurer (elected unanimously); E. D. Anderton, G.M.; J. F. Penrose, R.; C. Trevithick, C. of G.; Charles Truscott, jun., Recorder; Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, C.; Rev. A. H. Ferris, A.; John Hocking, jun., Organist; and W. Rooks, O.G.; the remaining Officers being left for the next assembly.

Bro. Hughan, 30°, then proposed that the first business of the New Chapter shall be to elect Major S. H. Clerke, 33°, Grand Sec.-General, and Lieut.-General H. E. Doherty, C.B., 33°, Dep. Inspector General, as Honorary Members, and that the best thanks of the Chapter be hereby voted to these distinguished brethren for the honour of their attendance and most valuable services, especially to Major Clerke for the admirable manner in which he had acted throughout the ceremonies as M.W.S. After the proposition was supported by Sir F. M. Williams, Bart. (the M.W.S.), it was carried by acclamation, and fraternally responded to by the two brethren, whose aid was thus so enthusiastically acknowledged by the members of the New Chapter.

The M.W.S. then nominated Bro. Hughan, 30°; Col. Peard, 1st Gen.; West, 2nd Gen.; and Truscott, Recorder; as a Committee to prepare the Bye-Laws.

Colonel Peard, 1st General, rose and said there was yet another duty to perform, and that was to acknowledge the valuable services of Bro. Hughan, the Founder of the Chapter, who had, at considerable labour, and to the satisfaction of all the members, superintended the arrangements for the days' proceedings, and in appreciation of such devotion to the Rite, he proposed that Bro. Hughan be elected a Life Member of the Chapter, which, on being seconded by the Recorder, was carried unanimously and most heartily by the brethren.

Bro. Hughan thanked the Chapter for the honour thus conferred upon him, and explained that the starting of the Chapter was owing to their esteemed M.W.S. offering to defray all the expenses at opening, which had been most handsomely done by Sir F. M. Williams, Bart. Bro. Hughan was aware that he was acting contrary to Sir Frederick's instructions in mentioning the fact, but he trusted that the announcement would be forgiven by that worthy brother, when he saw how much his kindness and zeal on behalf of the Ancient and Accepted Rite were appreciated by the members of the Cornwall Chapter, and in fact throughout the Province.

The Chapter having been closed—the Ancient and Mystic Rite being first of all observed—the members adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, and partook of an excellent banquet, served in a most recherche style by Bro. Bray, Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., 31°, in the chair, supported by Major Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°; Lieut.-Gen. Doherty, 33°; Lieut.-Col. Elliott, 31°; Captain Shanks, M.W.S.; and Col. FitzGerald, as visitors, and 22 members.

Letters of apology and telegrams were received at the "eleventh hour" from Captain Nathaniel George Phillips, 33°; Lieut. Grand Commander, the Rev. P. H. Newham, 32°, and other brethren, regretting their absence.

### Scotland.

**GLASGOW.**—LODGE ST. MARK (No. 102).—The fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst. in their hall at No. 213, Buchanan-street. The R.W.M., Bro. James F. Mitchell, presided, and there were present Bros. D. Watson, S.M.; Jas. Gladstone, S.D.; John Smith, Secretary; A. C. Paterson, V.S.P.G.L., acting S.W.; and, among other visiting brethren, Bros. George McDonald, R.W.M. 73 (Thistle and Rose); and Louis Loeske, 286, Illinois. The lodge having been opened on the E.A. degree, James Thomson was duly initiated into the Order by the R.W.M., after which the lodge was raised to the F.C. degree, when the same was conferred upon Bro. James Aitken, the Master again officiating. The lodge was thereafter closed in due form.

**GLASGOW.**—LODGE STAR (No. 219).—This lodge met in their hall, No. 12, Trongate, on Monday, 9th inst., being their regular meeting. Present: Bros. John Morgan, R.W.M., presiding; John Garth, S.W.; Jas. Ilorn, J.W. There were also present Bros. J. Campbell, R.W.M. Lodge 128; A. Bain, P.M. Lodge 103; G. C. H. McNaught, S.M. Lodge 275; W. H. Bickerton (Freemason), and a large number of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting, and applications from the following gentlemen for admission into the privileges of Freemasonry read, viz., Messrs. W. Longman and Richard Lynch. There being no objection, the candidates received the E. A. degree, Bro. Morgan, R.W.M., officiating. The following brethren were then passed to the degree of F.C., viz., Bros. J. McDougall, A. Dryden, George Knot, Thos. Murphy, J. T. Erving, Bro. Muir, D.M. Lodge 103, officiating. The lodge was then raised, and Bros. Stewart and Knox, Lodge Star 219; and Bros. T. Murphy and J. T. Ewing, Lodge Union and Crown, No. 103, received the sublime degree of Master Mason, Bro. A. Bain, P.M. 103, officiating, the ceremony of the degree being performed in a most impressive manner by the brethren officiating. Bro. Smith, Lodge Mother Kilwinning, affiliated member of Lodge Star, No. 219, who had presented to Star lodge, about twelve months ago, a beautiful pair of Ashlars, now presented a pair of ornamental tops for the same, which are of beautiful finish and material, and add to the already many specimens of designs, emblematical of the Order, in the Star Lodge Room. The R.W.M., Bro. John Morgan, in a neat and appropriate speech, thanked Bro. Smith on behalf of the lodge, and hoped that he would be long spared to be amongst them. The lodge was then closed in due form.

**GLASGOW.**—LODGE CLYDE (No. 408).—It will be remembered that the emergency meeting of this lodge, held on the 28th ult., for the special reception to Bro. Henry McDonald, second mate of the ship Cospatrik, it was agreed that a letter be sent to the St. Helena brethren, acknowledging the great kindness shown by them to a brother of Lodge Clyde; and also that the leading office-bearers of the St. Helena lodges should be made honorary members of No. 408. Accordingly, at the last regular meeting of the lodge, the Secretary submitted the following which had been drawn up:—"To the R.W.M., P.M., S.W., J.W., and other office-bearers and members of Lodges St. Helena (No. 488) and Old Rock (No. 912).—Greeting, all whom it may concern. This is to certify, that at a special meeting convened for the purpose of congratulating our worthy and esteemed brother, Henry McDonald, late second officer of the New Zealand emigrant ship Cospatrik, who was rescued from a dreadful death by the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe, and thrown upon your hospitality by the ship British Scypre, and the kind manner in which you treated him, I have to say, in his behalf, will not be forgotten. By the unanimous desire of the office-bearers and members of his mother lodge, Clyde

(No. 408), S.C., I have been instructed to tender you their sincere thanks for the very true and Masonic way in which you received Bro. McDonald, and did honour to the Craft in general by rendering him that assistance he was so much in need of. We are glad to find that the real principles of Masonry are so well regarded, and carried out in the proper spirit. We shall acquaint the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, as also the Grand Lodge of Scotland, with what you have done for Bro. McDonald, and endeavour to get them also to recognise your very kind actions. As a further mark of our gratitude, we unanimously agree that the R.W.M., P.M., S.W., J.W., and Secretary of your lodge (St. Helena 488) be made honorary members of Lodge Clyde, holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (No. 408); as also the aforesaid office-bearers of Old Rock Lodge (No. 912). As you (488) are the elder lodge of the two, it is your duty to make the office-bearers of Old Rock Lodge acquainted with this, and after doing so to transmit their names along with your own to us for enrolment in our books. We ask your acceptance of the above, and wish your lodge, office-bearers, and members all prosperity, and trust that none of you or yours may endure the same hardships as our much beloved Bro. McDonald has done. And should we never meet here may we meet in the lodge above, where no such sufferings have to be endured, and where the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe shall reign over us in peace, love, and harmony." The letter, as thus drawn up, was approved of, and the Secretary, Bro. D. S. Mitchell, instructed to have it written out, and with his own signature on behalf of Lodge Clyde, and with the signature and seals of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, and Grand Lodge of Scotland duly attached, forwarded at earliest opportunity to St. Helena.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ATHOLE, No. 413.—The usual bi-monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held in their lodge room, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, 9th inst. Bros. John Wallace, R.W.M., presiding; Colin McKenzie, S.W.; D. Leeds, J.W.; and the remaining officers in their respective places. There were also present Bros. John Munro, R.W.M. 360; Wm. Bell, R.W.M. 34; John Morgan, R.W.M. 216; George Weston, P.M. 73; W. H. Bickerton (*Freemason*), and a large attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. J. Wallace, and the minutes read and confirmed. Applications were then read from the following gentlemen for admission into the Order, Messrs. G. T. Stark, A. Gilmour, and B. Ronald. The ballot box being passed around, and found clear, they were admitted and received the E.A. degree, the ceremony being performed by the R.W.M., in a remarkably impressive and striking manner. Bro. John Wallace, R.W.M., reminded the brethren that the annual festival of lodge Athole would take place on Friday, 26th inst., at Bro. Thornton's, 251, Argyle-street, when he hoped to meet as many of the brethren as could possibly make it convenient to attend. The lodge was raised to Fellow Craft, when the following brethren received that degree, viz., Bros. G. A. Stark, A. G. Bell, B. Ronald, R. Johnstone, T. Pearson, J. Balfour, and W. Mattheson. Bro. Loutitt, D.M., officiating. Raising the lodge to the degree of Master Mason, Bros. A. Gilmour, R. Johnston, W. Mattheson, T. Pearson, and J. Balfour, entered and received this sublime degree. Bro. John Munro, R.W.M. No. 360, officiating, in his usual masterly and impressive manner. There being no other business the lodge was closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE GLASGOW (No. 441).—This lodge held their usual monthly meeting in their hall, No. 22, Struthers-street, on the 9th inst., Bro. Hugh Tullock, R.W.M., in the chair. The lodge having been opened, two candidates, duly proposed and seconded, George Henry Reade, and John Crosbie, had the first degree conferred upon them by the R.W.M. The lodge was then raised to the second degree, when Bros. Reade and Crosbie, together with Bro. George Remington, were passed to that degree. Thereafter, the lodge having been raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the same brethren, as also Bro. Peter Charleston, were raised to that degree. The lodge was then reduced to the E.A. degree, when the R.W.M., in name of the lodge, presented Bro. John Main, their late S.W., with a handsome gold Albert and locket, as also with a beautiful finger ring for Mrs. Main, on the occasion of their respected brother leaving Glasgow. Bro. Main acknowledged the compliment in suitable and feeling terms, and the lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

### Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

#### MASONIC SONG.

Where is the song beginning, "We wear the badge of innocence, I mean the royal robe" to be found? Can any brother supply the words? H.

#### THE TARGUMS AND HIRAM.

In answer to Bro. Hughan, Mr. Bensley, the Librarian of Cambridge University, tells me there is no legend to be traced. Indeed it could not well be in the Targums. Oliver's statement is therefore incorrect.—ED.

#### THE GRAND CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND v. THE GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA.

In the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, I have been surprised to notice that the Grand Chapter of Scotland has refused to recognise the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for Nova Scotia. The reasons given being based upon the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia having fewer admissions during the year, and less funds at its credit, than each of several subordinate Chapters, holding of the Supreme Chapter, which could be named.

I am sorry to note this action on the part of the authorities in Scotland, who have also so far refused to recognise the Mark Grand Lodge of England, because, I apprehend, the question should have been as to the legality of the formation of such Grand Bodies, and that point being proved—which has been done—the argument that when few in number a society is wrong, but when numerous it is right, is too absurd to need refutation. The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia has forbidden intercourse with the two Chapters hailing from Scotland, by any of its members, and those who are best acquainted with the circumstances, will, we are persuaded, support its action in the matter.

REVIRE SCO.

#### THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

I have in my possession an old book of engravings, without title-page or date, consisting of 65 busts purporting to be those of Grand Masters, commencing with "Frere Raimond Dupui, Premier Grand Maitre Militaire, 1118," and ending with "Frere Antoine Manvel De Vil Hena, Soixante-et-Cinquieme Grand Maitre, 1722." The binding of the book is very old, and the leaves are turning yellow. Could any of your correspondents, learned in such matters, inform me as to what particular Order, or branch of an Order, they belong. They are all represented with a Maltese cross on the breast, and most of them are in armour.

Should any brother wish to see this book, I shall have much pleasure in forwarding it to him. W. CHAPLIN.

[The 65 busts are those of the Grand Masters of the Order of St. John, or the Knights Hospitaller, or Knights of Malta, as they are often termed. The first Grand Master was Raymond du Pui, or Dupui. Manuel de Valenia was the 64th, and Ferdinand de Hompesch was the 69th and last, when Malta was given up to the French. We do not go into the subsequent history. These busts are probably taken from a fine copy of the "Statuta Hospitalis, &c.," published at Rome in the 16th Century, of which abbreviated editions have been issued. We believe that in America they are now reproducing a somewhat similar work, with lives of the Grand Masters. Bro. Chaplin's work is valuable as a separate edition.]

A MASONIC STUDENT.

#### "THE FREEMASON'S MAGAZINE."

Please inform me the last date of "The Freemason's Magazine." W. J. H.

[The publication of "The Freemason's Magazine" closed about September, 1871. Ed.]

IS IT SO?

The "Bibliotheca Britannica," by Robert Watt, M.D., page 39, Volume I., contains the following:

"Anderson, James.—The Constitutions of Freemasons, &c. London. 1723. 8vo.—Discovery of their Ceremonies. London. 1725. 8vo."

My question, at the head of this paper, refers to the "Discovery of their Ceremonies." Did Anderson publish such a book?

I have, at last, ascertained the date of Dr. Anderson's death. In the "Gentleman's Magazine" of 1793, I found an obituary notice of Bro. Anderson. He died May 28th of that year.

Boston, U.S., Feb. 1, 1875.

JACOB NORTON.

### Masonic Tidings.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—FESTIVAL.

—A preliminary meeting of the Board of Stewards for the above Festival, will take place in the Board Room, No. 7, Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 24th inst., at four o'clock precisely, to elect the Officers of the Board, and to make such arrangements for the Dinner as may be considered most desirable.

At the Festival of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, (a full report of which will appear in our next), held on Wednesday last, the 17th inst., the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., present, Bro. H. A. Rickard was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold was appointed S.W., who, it was hoped, would spend the next term in Oxford.

THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC BALL.—At a final meeting of the Committee, in connection with the recent annual Masonic Ball in Liverpool, held at the Town Hall last month, it was announced that the nett proceeds, after paying all expenses, amounted to upwards of £170, which will be handed over to the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823, P. Sov. Conclave, 55, &c., recently gave his annual ball at the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, which proved one of the most brilliant of the season. His pupils, who turned out in great force, first enjoyed themselves, and then the children of older growth kept up the assembly until an early hour. Bro. Molyneux, whose services as hon. M.C. at nearly all the Masonic gatherings in Liverpool, have been more than once recognized in these columns, was largely patronised on this occasion by the brethren of the "Mystic Tie," their wives, and families; and our worthy brother is to be congratulated on the complete success of his annual assembly.

The Marquis of Conyngham has been installed at the Masonic Hall, Dublin, Great Prior of Ireland of the Order of the Temple and Hospital. The appointment was made in compliance with the nomination of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order in Great Britain and Ireland.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Among the many bad effects resulting from climatic variations, it is notable that the circulation of the blood becomes languid, and congestion of the capillaries much greater during the winter, hence the frequent appearance at this time of pimples, blotches, &c. Holloway's remedies cannot be too highly commended for the favourable interest they exert upon the skin. In all eruptions, cutaneous inflammation, and ulcerations, the detergent qualities of this ointment render it so efficacious in first cleansing the diseased part, and after inducing renewed and healthy action, that the skin becomes not only sound, but soft and silky, and fully capable of performing its functions and releasing the circulation from oppression.—ADVT.

### Poetry.

#### QUESTION AND ANSWER, BY MADAME VON OPPEN.

##### QUESTION.

Who, in this wonderful City,  
Raises his eyes to the Lord?  
Praying for help and for pity,  
Which only our God can accord?  
Are thoughts of death underlying  
All Mammon's glitter and gloss?  
Is the rich man fervently crying  
*Domine Dirige Nos!*  
Will God's hand protect us from danger?  
Has He to His children clung?  
When we speak to him should it seem stranger  
The old than the modern tongue?  
No! Rome shall not have all the honour  
In Christ's Romish Latin to pray;  
Luther's Church begs God's blessing upon her—  
*Conserva me, Domine!*  
Right royal dignity shewed He  
In the prayer for His daily bread—  
*Panem nostrum da nobis hodie!*  
Were the simple words that He said.  
What, on earth, is our habitation,  
Compared with the total sum  
Of our time with eternal salvation?  
*Deus noster refugium!*

##### ANSWER.

Upon the trackless ocean, far away from every shore,  
When all is wild and lonely, and land is seen no more,  
We are mute with fear of danger till we hear the voice of  
a Friend—  
Saying—I am with you always, even unto the end.  
In the furnace of affliction, when the flames are leaping  
high,  
When all earthly ties are broken, we know that Friend is  
nigh:  
We hear Him saying, what He said when to Heaven He did  
ascend—  
Behold! I am with you always, even unto the end!  
Whate'er our mother-tongue may be, whate'er our native  
land,  
He understands our prayers to Him; He guides us with  
His hand.  
Our instinct comprehends Him, although our lips be dumb  
With awe, when he whispers to our hearts—*Ego coliseum*  
*sum!*  
Soon must affliction's furnace, and life's little cares be past,  
When we are safe and happy in our Heavenly home at  
last,—  
From whence to the world for ever, that voice will still  
descend—  
Behold! I am with you always, even unto the end!

#### OUR BROTHER KING KALAKAUA AT THE NEW YORK MASONIC TEMPLE.

On Wednesday evening, December 30th ult., agreeably to a previous arrangement made by W. Bro. Gilon, on behalf of his Majesty the King of the Hawaiian Island Bro. David Kalakaua, accompanied by John M. Kapena Governor of Waiiu, and Bro. George M. Totten, Lieutenant, U.S.N., were received at the head of the grand stairway of the new hall by Grand Master Ellwood E. Thorne and brethren, acting as an Emergent Grand Lodge, and were escorted to the Grand Master's room, where a formal welcome was tendered to his Majesty and suite.

Inspector Dilks, with a platoon of police, having cleared the main hall of sightseers, the Grand Master and Grand Lodge, accompanied by the distinguished guests, then made a tour of the rooms of the building, with which he expressed himself as being highly pleased. On arriving at Doric room, it was found to be occupied by New York Lodge, No. 330, in special communication, convened by a dispensation of the Grand Master. The King, having expressed a wish to see the third degree exemplified, it was decided to enter. His Majesty, having proved himself a Mason by a critical examination, he was announced and admitted. W. Bro. John Giffin received him with honours due to his rank, to which the king replied as follows:—

Worthy Sir and Brethren,—I take great pleasure in this welcome, and "greet you all as brethren. Coming from a distant island to these great States, I acknowledge the kindly respect shown me by all the people of New York, and of the Fraternity whom I delight to honour. It was the ambition of my predecessors to obtain all information of the Craft in the United States that they could, and I purpose to follow them. Some of them visited this great country, which I am pleased now to acknowledge, to get their Masonic light. This great people receives my homage in and out of the lodge, therefore allow me again to thank you for this manifestation of your fraternal regard in this lodge."

The Grand Master, accompanied by the Governor and the Lieutenant, and the members of the Emergent Grand Lodge, were then admitted and received with usual honours due to their rank. The lodge then proceeded to exemplify the degree. The work was well rendered, and appeared to please His Majesty and suite. At the conclusion of the second part of the work His Royal Highness retired, followed by the Grand Lodge.

During the visit in the lodge, the Bible with which, it is said, Bro. George Washington was obligated upon when he took the oath of office as President of the United States, was shown to the King. The page whereon the hand of the first President rested when he took the oath was specially revered by his majesty, as he too placed his hand upon that page and kissed it.—N. Y. Dispatch.

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## Births, Marriages and Deaths.

## BIRTH.

MARSON.—Feb. 10, at 174, Park-road, Liverpool, the wife of Bro. B. B. Marson, P.M. 1356, of a daughter.

## Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

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P. Z.—Your answer, in our opinion, is perfectly correct.

The candidate must be proposed again, as the first nomination is, "ipso facto," void, under the circumstances.

P. M.—A Past Master of the lodge is one who has been duly installed as actual W.M.; a P.M. in the lodge is one who has joined the lodge as such.

WARDEN.—Are six months as Senior Warden, and six months as Junior Warden, the twelve months' qualification for the W.M.'s chair, provided by the Book of Constitutions?—[In our opinion it means twelve months' service either as Senior or Junior Warden.—Ed.]

The following communications stand over:—Testimonial to Bro. Stohwasser; G. Baldwin; "Masonic Amenities," by Bro. T. B. Yeoman; Freemasonry at Newport; Reports of Salisbury Lodge, 435; Jordan, 201; Hope, 52; Domestic, 177; Greta, 1073; St. John's, 279; Macdonald, 1216; Francis Burdett, 1503; Era, 1423; Mark Lodge, Langley, 28.

ERRATA.—At page 65, the Masonic title of Prov. G. M. Staffordshire was incorrectly appended to the name of the Right Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury.—In the List of Stewards of the Benevolent Festival, Lodge 357, for "Pickford," read "Pickard."—Lodge St. John, 32, Glasgow, in address to the chair, for "Bro. J. D. Deacon," read "J. D. Young."

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1875.

## THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ENGLISH AND FOREIGN FREEMASONRY.

Even to the most careless observer there is a great difference between English and Foreign Freemasonry, and to the Masonic investigator, there is a wide margin of separation. How does it arise? Why should there be this essential divergency between portions of a so-called universal system? The answer to these queries is to be found in the peculiar constitution and habits of foreign Freemasonry, and continental Freemasons. Broadly stated, England, Ireland, Scotland, the United States, Holland, and Switzerland, possess one simple uniform system of symbolical Freemasonry, though in some the higher grades exist under distinct and separate organizations. In almost all other foreign countries, Freemasonry appears under the form of some especial "system" or of the far spreading "Rite Ecossaise." In many of these countries, the higher degrees are

governed by a Grand Council or Chapter, which is yet, in some mysterious way, and by some strange "concordat," virtually overruled by the Grand Lodge, or "Grand Orient." In Germany, for instance, several Grand Lodges exist, and several systems, though the tendency latterly there has been, as with us, to adhere to the simpler system of Craft Masonry. This is one great and marked difference between English and Foreign Freemasonry, but there is also another still more striking. We in England are purely Freemasons, and we carefully eschew alike political discussions, and religious controversies. Now in this respect, the foreign Freemasons widely differ from us. We do not deny that in some countries the condition of affairs is widely different from ours, but yet we feel sure of this, that whatever the state of things may really be in any country, our system of abstention from all passing polemics, whether they be in respect of politics, or religion, is the best for Freemasons, and the safest for Freemasonry. Hence, in England we are admittedly a loyal body, and no one in his sane senses would think of accusing us of being a partizan, or revolutionary association. Abroad we feel bound to say that the proceedings and manifestoes of the Masonic bodies are not always marked by similar prudence or discretion. They publicly dilate, and they privately debate on questions, which, to use a French expression, are in our opinion, "hors de la Maçonnerie," altogether. Instead of confining themselves to the simpler considerations of true Masonic teaching, and the active work of living Masonic charity, they plunge boldly into the most controversial and debateable topics of social science and of administrative government. They do not seem to realize that the ruling powers of any country might, a priori, fairly object to such discussions, especially when carried on under the conditions of a secret society; and so they throw themselves, "in medias res," without any doubt as to their right or propriety in so doing. New we venture respectfully to express our decided opinion, that in thus acting they are altogether in the wrong, and have practically put themselves "out of court." Freemasonry never was intended as a secret debating society, either on the problems of government or the intricacies of our national interests or domestic arrangements, much less was it ever intended to serve, by the dissemination of utopian schemes for the reconstruction of society, as an active propaganda of modern socialism. And not only this, but almost inevitably such discussions lead them, ere long, into a very dangerous "terrain," inasmuch as opposed by some religious bodies strongly in some countries, they find themselves by degrees in antagonism to religion itself. Hence arise those fretful and heated cries of "sacerdotalism," of "dogmatic tyranny;" hence, in some countries, the Bible is taken out of the lodges; hence we hear of the ridiculous and hurtful custom of "Masonic adoption;" hence we listen to those denunciations against any religious formularies in lodge; hence above all at last we have to contend with the open disavowal of the Great Architect of the Universe, all which things are stumbling-blocks to English Freemasons, and serve to show the vital and enduring disagreement between much of foreign Freemasonry and our own. Happily, in England, keeping the "golden mean" in this as in all other things, we have, while most tolerant, nay, universal in our teaching, never banished, and we never will, either religion or the Bible from our lodges. Our work as Freemasons is begun, and ended, in the solemn invocation of the Divine Blessing on our purposes and on our labours; and much of the real, deep, honest, and sincere character of English Freemasonry is fairly ascribed to the fact, that without being debaters or dogmatists, without fulminating anathemas or damatory decrees, we have conserved with all our Masonic sympathy and fraternal aspirations for our common humanity, the sanction of religion, and our reverence for the Most High. This, we venture to conceive, is the only true basis on which Freemasonry can be safely founded, the only rightful conditions under which it can permanently prosper, and enlightened by the condition, and warned by the present aspect, in

many countries abroad, of the less satisfactory status of Freemasons and Freemasonry, we shall adhere more firmly than ever to those good old principles of our famous Craft, which, as year has followed year, have imparted stability and prestige, loyal zeal, and peaceful progress, to our genial and united English Brotherhood.

## OUR BRO. LORD LINDSAY.

By the courtesy of the Grand Secretary, we have been favoured with a file of the overland Commercial Gazette, from Mauritius, of January 8th. That paper contains a most interesting account of the Masonic reception there of our distinguished brother. As some of our readers may be aware, our P.G.W. had proceeded there in the interests of astronomical science, to note and report on the transit of Venus. The Freemasons of Mauritius, alike English and French lodges, vied with each other in giving him a most warm and hearty Masonic reception. The account is unfortunately too long for our columns, which are just now in much demand for the passing records of our English Freemasonry, but we may add that nothing could exceed the success of this truly Masonic manifestation, alike in lodge, and at the banquet, at both of which all the Masonic notabilities of Mauritius were present. Twice only during 61 years had any official of English Grand Lodge visited the Mauritius, and this fact added much to the interest of the meeting, and the reception. We subjoin the addresses of Bro. Pastor, Vénérable of the lodge, la triple Espérance; and of Bro. Bewsher, W.M. of the British, as we think they deserve to be recorded and preserved in the pages of the *Freemason*. Had space permitted, we should have been glad also to insert the addresses of the Reception Committee, as well as that of Bro. Avicé, Vénérable of loge La Paix, as well as the able speeches of Bro. Sir C. Shand, Chief Justice, of Bro. Nagle, and of Bro. Bewsher.

"T. C. F. Lord Lindsay,

"Le vénérable de la Res. Loge 'La Triple Espérance,' et tous les FF. de cet atelier, travaillant depuis 96 ans sous l'obédience du Grand Orient de France, vous souhaitent la bien venue de la manière la plus sincère, dans ce Temple, où nous sommes fiers et honorés de coopérer à votre Réception, et que nous avons été heureux de mettre, pour cet objet, à la disposition des Maçons de votre obédience.

"Ce jour comptera dans les annales maçonniques de notre orient.

"Nous devons au domaine de la science, qui occupe une grande partie de votre existence, l'heureux hasard qui vous a porté dans notre petit Pays. Puisse le Grand Architecte de l'Univers couronner vos honorables entreprises d'un plein succès. Vos ff. de Maurice s'en réjouiront de plein cœur.

"C'est pour la seconde fois, très cher F. Lord Lindsay, depuis 61 ans, qu'un Maçon aussi haut gradé, d'un mérite aussi profond que vous fait à la Maçonnerie Mauricienne l'honneur de sa visite. Dans ce même local de La Triple Espérance, d'où le 10 août 1813, à la suite d'une mémorable tenue présidée par Lord Moira, le Pro Grand Maître de toutes les Loges de la Grande Bretagne, ce très Ill. Frère, accompagné de notre F. Sir Robert Townsend Farquhar, le Gouverneur de Maurice et de tous les Maçons de cet Orient, avec leurs insignes, bannières déployées, se rendit sur la place de notre Eglise Catholique pour y poser maçonniquement, au milieu d'un concours immense d'habitants, venus de tous les points de l'île, la première pierre de cette Cathédrale.

"C'est pour les Maçons des Loges de Maurice non-seulement un plaisir, mais un grand honneur de recevoir votre aimable visite. Les Membres de la Loge La Triple Espérance espèrent que vous voudrez bien venir un jour les honorer de votre présence, les aider de vos lumières, et y recevoir encore l'accueil respectueux et fraternal qui vous attend dans toutes les Loges de notre Orient, où vous laisserez un doux et agréable souvenir."

"My Lord and Right Worshipful Brother,

"It will be a memorable day in the annals of the British Lodge, to have had the honour of conducting the Masonic work of this evening, at the reception of a brother so exalted and distinguished in the Craft, and to have been amongst the first to offer you welcome to these shores, and congratulate you on the valuable results of your expedition, for the study of the arts and sciences, has, from time immemorial, been intimately associated with Masonry.

"Right nobly have you acted up to the Charge delivered to you on the night of your initiation in that Grand Old Lodge, the Lodge of Antiquity, and to the subsequent charges as you mounted, round by round, the Masonic ladder.

"It is by such examples, Right Worshipful Brother, that our Order is made illustrious, and that to be a Freemason is rendered an honour.



"It points out to all brethren that by a strict observance of the principles laid down in the several charges, and by making the liberal arts and sciences their study, they can all, in their different stations of life, become useful if not distinguished members of society.

"From the very high position you hold, Right Worshipful Brother, in the Grand Lodge of England, my Lodge, and all English Masons in Mauritius, may, I feel assured, count on your valuable support, when the hour shall arrive to petition our beloved Prince and Worshipful Grand Master for an extension of Masonic indulgences in this Island, which I trust may not be far distant.

"That you may long live to be a ruler in the Craft, is the sincere and fraternal wish of the British Lodge."

#### ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.

St. Valentine's day has come and gone, and the effusions of the poet and the sighs of the lover have by this time faded into "thin air." We hardly dared to write on the subject, until after the venerated anniversary was passed away, for fear we should bring ourselves under the condemnation of that religious body which has thought well to make a deliverance about St. Valentine's annual festival, and the distribution of his missives on the day of rest. We agree with them in the abstract, and think that as all the "fair enslavers" of the metropolis could only receive the expected epistle on Monday, our provincial fairies and lasses, and even "females of mature age" might have waited too, so as not to interfere with the poor postman's sabbath day. But our object in calling attention to the good Saint's anniversary is for a very different purpose. A great deal has been written and spoken lately about women's rights, and "Female Freemasonry," and we have heard lately, not a few allusions to the "Lone Star," or the "Eastern Star," or the "Mystic Star," or something of the kind equally touching and mysterious. It seems that like our fair French sisters in the last century, who invented "La Maçonnerie d'Adoption." These names or some such names as these, represent a movement in America, to establish a female Freemasonry. Well, despite St. Valentine's Day, despite its memories and its associations, despite dear visions and laughing eyes and flowing ringlets, rather, we should say, close-clipped little patches of hair, we cannot sympathize with such proceedings. No! Whether it be that we are old, or cross, or gouty, whether it may be said of us that we are too much "laudatores temporis acti," not only do we believe in the pleasant presence and the tender souvenirs of a bye-gone time, but we are inclined to think that our fair sisters to-day, like some we hugely liked and loved years, yes, years ago, have no business, no, no business, we repeat, in a Masonic lodge. Dear creatures as they are, good and true, and brave, "angel beings," as we heard a married man once say, looking up to the gallery before him (his wife was not there), "corruscations of beauty," and "scintillations of grace," as we have heard them termed by young Masons, they are still, in our humble opinion, like "fishes out of water" in a Masonic lodge. If they ask why, as women sometimes Eve-like will, all we can say is, that there are so many valid reasons that we think it "unnecessary to state them." We admit that this is rather in the "haw-haw" style, in which some of the younger generation like to indulge. But were we to write our reasons in full, we should be like the old parson, who got to the "seventeenthly" and then said, naively, "here I will close, though I have several other heads, but I fear your patience, my brethren, won't stand it any longer." And so, in lieu of our prosy explanations and elucidations, as we lighted the other day on the following affecting stanzas, we give them in full. They explain themselves, and will doubtless be equally approved of by those fair sisters of ours, who read their husbands, or their brothers, or their intended's Freemason, as well as by those enthusiastic bachelors, and those somewhat vivacious married men, who give, with the deepest emphasis of pathetic emotion, the happy toast of "Woman, lovely woman."

"As Brethren we are met for mirth and delight,  
And joy the bright hours of our Banquet shall fill;  
Though, woman, dear woman, be absent to-night,  
The spell of her beauty is over us still.

"Though shut from our Lodges by ancient decree,  
In spite of our laws woman there bears her part;  
For each Mason, I'm sure, will tell you, with me,  
That her form is enshrined, and reigns in his heart.

"'Twas wisely ordained by our Order of old,  
To tile fast the door, spite entreaties and sighs;  
For once in our Lodge, she would rule uncontrolled,  
And govern the Craft by the light of her eyes.

"Think not that in mysteries alone we delight,  
Or that selfishness ever our fond hearts can fill,  
Though woman, dear woman, be absent to-night,  
The spell of her beauty is over us still."

Philadelphia Keystone.

#### THE PRINCE IMPERIAL.

We are not politicians, and the *Freemason* does not meddle ever with political questions per se. But there are certain subjects which seem to lift themselves, if we may so say, above the petty controversies and passing polemics of the hour. It must be a subject of much rejoicing to all Frenchmen and Englishmen to learn how well and ably the young Prince Imperial has acquitted himself in his Woolwich career. Those who know our English institution will be aware, that all we gave the Prince Imperial, as indeed all he asked for, was "a fair field and no favour," and in that he has displayed most commendable industry and intellect of a very high order. That he is the seventh out of a list of thirty-four, with 31,615 marks, is in itself a great deal, considering the examination, but when we add that he is sixth in mathematics, seventh in fortification, that he has done "very well" in artillery and mechanics, that he is fifth in gymnastics and first in equitation, and this, though eleven months junior than the average age of the class and not an Englishman, we feel that too much can hardly well be said either for his industry or his ability. It was our sad duty on a former occasion to offer our humble condolence to the widow and the orphan when, in the providence of God, Napoleon III. passed away from the troublous scene of human affairs. To-day we are glad to be able to record the results of the Woolwich examination, so gratifying to a mother's heart, and so interesting to that large section of the French people, which was faithful to the father and has not forgotten the son.

#### THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

It is stated that at the Committee Meeting on Wednesday, the 10th, our good Bro. Major Creaton in the chair, it was resolved to elect 15 widows and 22 male annuitants on the 21st of May. This resolution, which, it is also stated, has been arrived at in consequence of the liberal amount received at the Anniversary Festival, will enable the subscribers to vote for 37 candidates, leaving only 31 rejected applicants. If this announcement be correct, we congratulate the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Order, as, after the original announcements, this large increase of admissible candidates will come upon the Craft both as a pleasing surprise and a very welcome item of intelligence.

#### SURREY MASONIC HALL.

We beg to call the attention of our readers to the lithograph of the Masonic Hall which appears in the *Freemason* to-day, and also to the report of the Company, which we have much pleasure in printing.

#### THE INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

We are enabled to state, on authority, that the installation of our Royal Grand Master will take place at the Albert Hall. But no details are as yet arranged, nor will they be until after the next meeting of the Grand Lodge. Due notice will then, no doubt, be given to all the lodges of what is proposed to be done. We will keep our readers "au courant" of all the official and correct information on the subject, and recommend them not to pay any attention to sensational paragraphs, or unofficial statements.

#### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The want of care exercised by lodges in the admission of members has drawn from you remarks that fully indicate the evil of which your correspondent complains, but he also deals with another "blot or mischief-making source to Freemasonry, and that is the holding of our lodges in public houses."

Having repeatedly had my attention drawn to the several points treated upon by yourself, and your correspondent, on the above subject, allow me to give an opinion as to the remedy, and in doing so lay before your readers the way in which those evils were dealt with.

In the formation of a new lodge, three years ago, we had in view the objectionable features complained of, and therefore we adopted the following correctives:—That when a member had a candidate for initiation, or a joining member to propose, he should first name the matter to the W.M., who, with the I.P.M., Secretary, and Wardens, formed a "committee of enquiry," and when the result of their investigation had been laid before the lodge (for it to judge of the eligibility or otherwise of the party), it should then consider the case previous to taking the ballot. This course deals effectively with the haste and lax manner complained of, and will prevent the admission of members who "never pass, or seek to pass, beyond the 'arcana' of the 'knife and fork degree'."

"The holding of our lodges in public houses" should most certainly be avoided. Having regard to this, we not only rented rooms in a Masonic hall, but we made a by-law—that "no refreshment shall be served in connection with the lodge, except on the occasion of the annual installation banquet." This I think you will say deals with the "public house" and "knife and fork" difficulty.

With regard to the benefits of our institution being a temptation to those who wish to enter the Order, this could be met as by the lodge I have referred to, by raising the scale of charges, which has proved a thorough success.

With regard to the "fees" being a temptation to a lodge to disregard the necessary care that should be exercised in selecting its members—that is an evil that carries its own punishment, and a lodge that thus disregards its own character, must soon pay the penalty of its breach of Masonic law.

Another point you name, and very properly condemn, is the admission of members being directed by "a clique." This proves the force of a statement in one of your previous leaders, that we number many members who are not Freemasons. The only remedy for this is to see that every candidate for initiation is "first prepared" as he says, and then, depend upon it, we shall not hear of such unmasonic terms as "a clique" in the lodge.

I cannot better close this than by quoting our R.W., Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe, P.G.M. of Devonshire, who at the banquet of the lodge referred to, on the occasion of my installation, when treating upon this subject, said: "It (the London lodge) had endeavoured to do its duty without allowing itself to be carried away by a wish to largely increase its numbers, irrespective of the quality of those who were introduced into the lodge, and he wished to impress upon all Masons that they should not seek to get anyone and everyone into their lodges. For himself, he should be exceedingly glad if the Grand Lodge would double the entrance fee; they would then have a very different class of men in the Order. It was really a bad principle to look simply to the filling of their book with numbers. If a man put a bad stone into a building, it was by no means an easy thing to take it out again. But it must come out unless they wished to mar the beauty of the whole building, and how was the mistake to be remedied? Why, by never letting the stone go in. Never let them put an evil stone into a building, and then they would raise and erect a temple fit and proper for habitation. This was why they had raised their fee above that of every other lodge in the province, and he congratulated them very much upon having done so, because it was the way to keep them select. It might perhaps be said, in opposition to such a course as this, that Masonry was universal, and therefore ought not to be kept select; but he did not consider that there was anything in the argument. Masonry was universal, it was true, in its principles, but in its members it was select, and ought to be select."

Yours truly and fraternally,

I.C.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The sentiments, regarding the admission of candidates into lodges, expressed by yourself and "a sincere Mason" in the last impression of this journal, demand grave consideration from members of the Craft. There can be no doubt that great laxity has for some time existed in certain lodges in respect to initiations. Were it necessary for me to adduce evidence in support of this statement, I could easily offer indisputable facts, that have come under my own personal notice. I say this unreservedly, but with feelings of great regret and chagrin. The evil, to which reference has been made, may be counteracted by the adoption of careful and conscientious investigation into the moral and social status of each candidate, some days previous to the balloting taking place at a regular meeting. I have often felt my dignity lowered by being compelled, through frequent visits to lodges, to associate with men whose reputation was known to be of an indifferent character, and who had been initiated with-

out the prosecution of a single enquiry as to whether their conduct in public and private circles justified the brethren in receiving them into the fold. I have again and again protested against this negligent, and highly discreditable system, and have expostulated with young and inexperienced members, for having proposed parties of whose antecedents they had known positively nothing. To propose anyone without having received every assurance of his respectability, &c., from a lengthened personal acquaintance, and from those with whom he has been intimately connected, is an offence, which cannot be too generally opposed and condemned. I have, whenever an opportunity has presented itself, persistently impressed brethren with the expediency of exercising great caution in their selection of a candidate, and the responsibility assumed by proposers and seconders. Too many of us know full well what discredit has been cast upon the fraternity by some, whose sole ambition is to further their own mercenary designs, and to attend regularly at the banquetting table. These men know nothing about the principles upon which the Institution is based, nor do they understand how to establish their viva voce statement, that they are connected with the brotherhood, beyond the production of a Grand Lodge Certificate. Truly this is a sad theme upon which to reflect. Let every brother, I say, be determined to exclude from the Craft such men, who are certain to do incalculable harm. Let the Master officers and members of every lodge feel it an imperative duty to enquire personally into all propositions. By this means, I am convinced, improper persons would be effectually disbarred from passing through our portals.

"When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall, one by one, an unpitied sacrifice, in a contemptible struggle."

In the bye-laws of the lodge, of which I am Master and founder, is the following clause, which is rigidly observed by the members, who, I am happy to state, entertain the same feelings and views as myself, in regard to the question under discussion:

"That a Committee, consisting of the Officers and Past Masters of the Lodge, shall be appointed to enquire into all propositions for membership, full particulars being forwarded by the Secretary to each member of the Committee; and should there be any objection to a candidate, the W.M. shall communicate the same to the proposers, one of whom must be present to answer any question, which may arise, previous to the Ballot being taken."

Need I say more? I will, however, add that I sincerely trust that the observations I have been urged to make, may be considered in the same spirit in which they have been dictated, and that henceforth those who are received into the Order are such persons as may be readily admitted to our family circle. On a future occasion I may have something to say in respect to the holding of lodges at public houses, if you, Sir, will kindly accord me space.

I am, dear sir and brother, truly and fraternally yours,  
London, St. Valentine's Eve, 1875. C.S.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read the letter of "A Sincere Mason" in last week's impression with feelings of sorrow, as I am afraid the charges made are but too true; and, like him, am at a loss to understand why Freemasonry should in the slightest degree be connected with public-houses. Its beautiful ritual certainly demands a more befitting place for its rehearsal than can be found in the atmosphere of taverns generally.

For every moment spent in the attainment cannot but be fraught with good results. At the same time I cannot dismiss from my mind the fear that a man is apt to become worse instead of better (at least, his condemnation will be greater), by becoming acquainted with solemn and sacred things, to the letter of which so much importance is attached, if the spirit of the same is lightly thought of or disregarded.

Considering how churches, lecture-halls, theatres, &c., fill when made sufficiently attractive without the aid of drink and smoke, surely for the short space of two hours a Lodge of Instruction could be made interesting enough without either.

I should very much like to hear the general opinion of the brethren on this important subject, it having been intimated to me that it would be impossible to secure an attendance if drinking and smoking were prohibited during "labour." But believing, as I do, that it would be a glorious epoch in the annals of Freemasonry, when with one unanimous vote it is resolved to hold public-house meetings no more for ever, they have no cause to fear their numbers falling off on that account.

I remain, yours fraternally,

J. W. HARPER.

#### THE STATUS OF REJOINING PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly allow me to ask "Busy Bee" if he knows of a book called "The Constitution," and, if so, if he ever read it? Why I ask this question is because he says in his letter in your last number—"I submit that a brother holding that position (a P.M.) would, on joining, or on re-joining a lodge, take his seat below any P.M. then subscribing to it." I, as a Mason of 40 years standing, beg to say that I agree with him as to a P.M. joining a strange lodge, but on rejoining his mother lodge the case is very different. If he be the oldest P.M. when he resigns, on his rejoining he retakes his old place as the senior P.M., and I'll defy "Busy Bee" to prove the contrary by the Book of Constitutions, which contain our laws—and from them we cannot take one word, or add one word thereto. If he will refer to the above book, he will see that a P.M.

loses his membership with Grand Lodge by leaving his lodge for twelve months, and nothing more, and I will defy "Busy Bee" or any other of your correspondents to prove the contrary. If he can and will refer me to the page of the above book where such a rule can be found, I shall be very much obliged.

Your faithful brother,

AN OLD P.M., ONE &C.

February 13th, 1875.

#### MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As to the government of the lodge. Some years ago I had occasion to have some correspondence with an expert brother on this subject, which seems to me to be conclusive. See page 76, chap. 1, of the Constitutions, Edition, 1867:—"No Master-elect shall assume the Master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed, though he may in the interim rule the lodge."

Again, page 78, chap. 6:—"If the Master shall die, &c. In the Master's absence, the Immediate Past Master, &c., shall take the chair, and if no Past Master be present, the S.W., J.W., shall rule the lodge." But my correspondent says they have no power to take the chair.

Yours truly and fraternally,

BETA.

#### PRIZE ESSAY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

From time immemorial, it has been handed down from our predecessors that Freemasonry is the most moral institution that ever existed. We have also been informed, by some of our divines, that it is also the hand-maid to religion. With such excellent tenets put before the public, some thousands are annually tempted to join our ranks. Yet, at the present time, we do not register on our books more than 50,000, with a male population of some 16,000,000 of inhabitants.

I heard one of the Grand Officers say some few years since, that the average duration of membership was seven years. It therefore does appear strange to myself and many more, that we should initiate so many into our mysteries, and so soon lose them—there must be something morally wrong. Then what is it which prevents the growth of the most moral institution and the handmaid to religion?

I would, therefore, humbly suggest to the powers that are, that Grand Lodge should offer a premium of £150 or £200 for the best essay on the prevailing sin of the Craft, and the best remedy against the evil now existing of the short duration of membership in our lodges. I think I could venture to say it would be the best investment Grand Lodge has made for many years.

Dear sir and brother, I remain, yours fraternally,

P.M.

#### THE RIGHT OF VISITING LODGES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have always thought that a brother could enter any lodge as a stranger on proving himself to be of the Craft, and thus be a visitor for the evening. But it seems I have been in error on this point.

On the 12th inst. I presented myself at the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, held in Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and after half an hour's delay was courteously (?) informed by the principal officers that I was in the way and had better retire—not being vouched for by a brother.

It is true that on leaving my residence I omitted to carry my certificate in my pocket. But every Freemason knows that the production of a certificate under such circumstances avails nothing. At any rate, I was not allowed to enter the lodge.

I am, sir, yours truly and fraternally,

WILLETT L. ADYE, R.A., K.T., M.M., 30° K.H.  
12, Manley Terrace, Kennington-Park, S.E.  
15th February, 1875.

#### THE BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice in the Freemason of last week, in speaking of the different lists presented for the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows, you say Lincolnshire is at the head, through the exertions of Bro. Chadwick. I think there is some error. I alone am the representative Steward for the Province of Lincolnshire, and am at a loss to know who the brother alluded to is.

Believe me, fraternally yours,

WM. PIGOTT, P.M., P.G. Steward.

Brigg, 15th Feb., 1875.

[The name "Chadwick" was a misprint for "Sutcliffe."—ED.]

#### SURREY MASONIC HALL COMPANY (LIMITED).

The second annual general meeting of the shareholders was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., in the new hall, now being erected by this company in the Camberwell New-road.

Mr. W. Ramsey, who was unanimously elected to the chair, submitted to the shareholders present the director's report, and statement of liabilities and assets of the company, which, after being duly discussed and commented upon by the shareholders, were unanimously adopted.

Messrs. Ramsey and Pinder were unanimously re-elected Directors of the company, as also Mr. H. A. Dubois as Auditor.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman and directors of the company, and also the various officers.

The meeting was afterwards made special, in pursuance

of the notice given, for the purpose of enabling the directors to raise a loan, and a resolution was passed, empowering them to raise such loan. There being no other business to be transacted, the proceedings were formally closed.

There was a very good attendance of those that were interested in the good work, and the shareholders present were urged to use their influence amongst their Masonic brethren and others, so that the remaining capital of the company might be placed.

Those present then proceeded to examine the building as far as completed, and expressed themselves highly pleased with it, complimenting Mr. Oliver, the Builder, and Mr. Clark, the Architect, very highly upon the soundness of their work. The hall is progressing very fast, and when finished will be found to be quite as handsome a building as any on the southern side of the river; and we trust, before long, we shall have the pleasure of publishing its formal opening for Masonic and other purposes.

Applications for the remaining unallotted shares (which are £5 each) may still be made to the Secretary of the company, Mr. E. Sillivant, of 1, Gresham Buildings, Basinghall-street, E.C., and we hope that those who have the interest of the Craft at heart, and especially the removal of the meeting of lodges, chapters, &c., from public houses and hotels, to private rooms, for which this building has been primarily erected, will support this company in their laudable undertaking, by applying for the remaining shares unissued, without delay.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE ERA LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS (No. 176).

On Friday, February 5th, at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough, High-street, Southwark, the "Era" was added to the list of Mark Lodges meeting in London.

Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, as P.M. (Secretary of the Girls' School), the Officer appointed to perform the ceremony of consecration, opened the lodge. He appointed as his Officers, H. C. Levander, P.M. as S.W.; T. J. Sabine, P.M. as J.W.; F. Walters, P.M. as M.C.; and other Past Grand Officers to the minor offices. The Rev. P. M. Holden officiated as Chaplain.

The ceremony of consecration was beautifully and impressively rendered.

The lodge having been consecrated, Bro. H. C. Levander, P.M., took the chair, and in an excellent manner installed Bro. John Thomas Moss, W.M. Designate, as the W.M. He appointed as his Officers (after the ballot had been taken for the Treasurer), Bros. H. A. Dubois, S.W.; J. Baxter Langley, J.W.; T. H. Miller, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.P., P.M., Secretary; H. J. Green, M.O.; T. Horton, S.O.; W. Hammond, J.O.; W. Ball, R. of M.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chaplain; J. Hammond, S.D.; A. F. Loos, J.D.; J. Johnson, I.G.; W. Y. Laing, P.M., Tyler.

Bros. J. Wallis, 1326; D. D. Weinhausen, 1423; W. Munday, 1423; and J. Johnson, 1423, were regularly advanced to the ancient and honourable degree of Mark Master Masons.

Votes of thanks were given to Bros. R. W. Little, H. C. Levander, and T. J. Sabine, also honorary memberships of the lodge, for their kindness in consecrating the lodge. Bro. R. W. Little acknowledged the votes in a suitable speech.

Many propositions were received from candidates for advancement. Apologies were given for those candidates who were absent.

The lodge was then closed. A good banquet followed. The visitors included Bros. Sugg (Bon Accord), and very many others besides those mentioned in the report.

#### Masonic Festivities.

##### MASONIC BALL AT BARROW.

The third annual Masonic ball of the brethren in and around Barrow in aid of the Masonic charities took place in the Town Hall, Barrow, on the evening of Wednesday, the 27th ult., and proved in every respect of the most successful character. The fashionable assembly was under the distinguished patronage of the following Masonic leaders:—Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master for West Lancashire; the Right Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Derbyshire; the Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master for West Lancashire; Sir James Ramsden, P.M. 1021, P. Prov. G.S.W.; His Worship the Mayor of Barrow, J. T. Smith, P.M. 1021; Alexander Stoddard, P.M. 32, P.G.S.W.; George Remington, P.M. 995, P.G.J.W.; H. W. Schneider, P.M., and P. Prov. G.J.W.; J. H. Cook, P.M. 119, and 1021, P. Prov. G.R.; Aymer Ainslie, W.M. 995; and the officers and brethren of the neighbouring lodges, and of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 995. The general arrangements, which were most satisfactory, were carried out by the committee. The brethren appeared in full dress Masonic clothing, with the jewels and insignia of their respective offices, and as the ball room was decorated in the most artistic manner, the effect was one of the most striking and animated nature. The work of decoration was, in a large measure, carried out by the ball committee above named, and the artistic manner in which they performed their labour of love, reflected the highest credit upon their taste and zeal. The prevailing colours were blue and white—Masonic colours—with a sufficient admixture of other tints to avoid monotony. The platform was extended from the stage as far as the first principal, a distance of about twelve feet, and this elongated stage afforded ample space for the refreshment buffet and supper-room. These were separated from the ball-room by a tastefully-arranged screen of alternate narrow folds of marine-blue and white drapery. In front of the screen the shields of Bros. Lord Skelmers-



dale, the Marquis of Hartington, and the Hon. F. A. Stanley were displayed. The former was surmounted with a trophy of seven flags, and the two latter with trophies of five flags each. The buffet was at the extreme back of the stage, and decorated with handsome candelabra and plate, besides the good things which were intended for the consumption of the company. In front of this, in the side-wings, were the supper-tables, two in number, which were arranged in a manner which did Bro. Taylor, of the Hartington and Bull Hotels, who had the entire management of the refreshment department, immense credit. Round each table were handsome couches and chairs upholstered in crimson morocco, and on the walls, which were draped in blue, were several choice oil and water-colour paintings, chiefly depicting lake scenery, and a handsome crayon portrait of the Duke of Devonshire. The gem of the supper-room decorations, however, was the large fountain which had been erected in the centre of the room. From this fountain, which was surrounded by the choicest ferns, orchids, and other hot-house, foliage, and flowering plants, jets of water were thrown about eighteen inches, and fell over a diminutive rockery, into a basin at the foot, in which a number of gold fish disported themselves. The water fell with a pleasing sound, and imparted a charming coolness to the atmosphere of the room. At the opposite end of the hall the shields of Bros. Sir James Ramsden, J. T. Smith (Mayor of Barrow), and Schneider relieved the screen in front of the gallery, the whole imparting a pleasing effect to the room. Over the eight shields which ordinarily adorn the sides of the hall were placed smaller trophies of three flags, and from each of the principals was suspended a handsome silk banneret, the whole bearing the names of the principal cities and towns between which and Barrow trade is carried on. These latter were lent for the occasion by the Furness Railway Company. The gallery, which was very prettily adorned, was allotted to the musicians, who were stationed on a raised level platform, behind which hung the magnificent banner, with the motto "Semper Sersum," recently presented by Bro. Sir James Ramsden to the Barrow Cricket Club. The gallery on either side of the band-stage was entirely screened from view by lace curtains, looped with blue silk sashes. Masonic and Royal Arch bannerets and emblems were placed at intervals on and adjacent to the walls, and besides these there were two very pretty pictures—one a view of the Masonic Institution for Boys, and the other the Masonic School for Girls, both of which very excellent institutions are in London—and a hand-illuminated address recording the number of votes which the Hartington Lodge, No. 1021, possesses in perpetuity for the various Masonic charities. Among the gentlemen who kindly lent furniture, plants, decorations, and other articles for the ball were Bros. Sir James Ramsden, his Worship the Mayor (J. T. Smith), Joseph Fisher, Gradwell, Townson, Ashburner, F. Worrall, R. T. Taylor, H. Pickavance, and others.

#### MASONIC BALL AT HUDDERSFIELD.

Since the New Year came in there have been several balls in Huddersfield in connection with the Lodge of Harmony, No. 275, and Lodge of Huddersfield, No. 290. The ball of the season took place on Friday evening, February 12th, 1875, in connection with the Lodge of Truth, No. 521, in their new and spacious lodge-room, Fitz-William-street, which was most effectively decorated for the occasion, and was universally admired by all present. The thanks of the brethren are due to Bros. Jackson, P.M., and H. Platts for the elegant designs and decorations, the walls being draped with white muslin, relieved at intervals with large mirrors, and in various parts of the hall were baskets of imitation fruit and flowers, which completed the fairy-like scene. Dancing commenced about half-past eight, and was continued until far on Saturday morning, and at last, "when daylight did appear," there were still a few enthusiastic brethren left to think of pleasures past. The stewards did all in their power to make everyone happy, and were rewarded with success, so far as the younger brethren and ladies were concerned; we should have liked to have seen them more attentive to the ladies of more mature age. The Masters of Ceremonies did their work with efficiency and to the satisfaction of every one present. The brethren appeared in Masonic clothing, according to their rank and the degrees they had taken. Craft, Mark, Royal Arch, Knights Templar, and Rose Croix forming a various and beautiful scene.

Amongst the brethren present we noticed Bros. J. Craven, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W.; William Smith, P.M., P.Z. P. Prov. G.D.C.; T. S. Higgins, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.C.; George Marshall, P.M., M.E.Z.; Allan Jackson, P.M., P.Z.; B. Hutchinson, P.M., P.Z. 290; Harrop, P.M. 290; Joseph Hurst, P.M.; J. W. Tempest, P.M.; Joseph Varley, I.P.M.; Jos. Wood, P.M.; J. W. Turner, P.M., P.S.; Joshua Marshall, W.M. A.S., P. Prov. G.O.; T. Jackson, Past S.W.; J. W. Hinchliffe, S.W., P.S.; Joseph Holdsworth, J.W.; Sunderland, J.W. 1301; John Lunn, Sec., A.S.; Samuel Kelly, 30°, Albert Midgley, 16°, and others. The musical arrangements were under the management of Bro. Joshua Marshall, W.M., P. Prov. G.O., and gave every satisfaction, which, under such able management, they could not fail to do. This has certainly been one of the best Masonic balls ever held in Huddersfield, and in conclusion we can only wish the committee of management to do as ably next year, and they cannot doubt of success. The catering of Mrs. Shaw was of the very best and gave every satisfaction.

#### MASONIC BALL AT BOOTLE.

The brethren connected with the Bootle Lodge, No. 1473, have inaugurated a very admirable scheme, which, we hope, will not only be maintained in future years with success, but will be generally imitated by other lodges in the province of West Lancashire, and other divisions. On Thursday, the 28th ult., the brethren con-

nected with the lodge, gave their first annual ball, at the Town Hall, Bootle (near Liverpool), in aid of the funds of the Bootle Borough Hospital, an institution which does not now actually stand in need of funds, although the the committee exercised great wisdom in striving to lay by for the "rainy day" which may come. The claims upon the charity are increasing from year to year, thereby necessitating increased funds; and the effort to raise an endowment fund in connection with the institution, amply justified the effort made by the Bootle brethren to help in the good work. The complete success which attended the fashionable assembly, gave excellent promise that a substantial sum will be handed over to the treasurer of the hospital. No better hall for the purposes of the "gay and festive" could possibly have been found, as all the rooms are very conveniently situated. The large hall and ante-rooms were beautifully decorated with flags, evergreens, mirrors, &c., by Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.M. No. 823, the proprietor of the hall, who displayed exquisite taste in all the arrangements; and the tout ensemble was greatly enhanced by numerous specimens of choice statuary from the establishment of Mr. T. Jones, of Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, kindly given through Bro. John E. Jackson, S.W. 667. The ball was under distinguished patronage. The arrangements throughout were of the most satisfactory kind, and the general enjoyment and success of the assembly were greatly due to the exertions of the following committee of brethren, who were untiring in their exertions to make the ball pleasant to every visitor: Bros. S. E. Ibbes, W.M. 1473, Chairman; Harold Wyatt, S.W. 1473, Vice-Chairman; J. W. Turley, J.W. 1473; J. P. McArthur, P.M. Treasurer 1473; Richard Roberts; Dr. Willis; W. S. Barker; J. Duncan, A. Paterson, W. H. Clemmey, W. Hughes, J. J. Dowling, J. W. McWan, C. Ferranti. As at the recent ball at the Liverpool Town Hall, the stewards wore very beautiful badges, which were supplied by Bro. G. Kenning. Bro. H. M. Molyneux, very efficiently and courteously fulfilled the duties of M.C. Bro. F. D. Pearce, the hon. secretary, deserves his full share of credit for the zeal displayed in connection with his office. Mr. Eberle supplied the refreshments, and the music was played by Mr. Martin's excellent quadrille band. His Worship, the Mayor of Bootle, was present, and the company included the elite of local society. Mr. E. H. Bramhall's quadrille band furnished excellent music, and the catering of Bro. and Mrs. Taylor, both in respect to supper and lighter refreshments, gave entire satisfaction. Dancing began shortly after nine o'clock, and was kept up with great spirit until a seasonable hour. The duties of secretaryship were discharged by Bro. H. Bagot, P.M., P.G.S.; and Bro. G. B. Nalder, Hon. Secretary 1225; both of whom deserve honourable mention for contributing so much to the success of a ball which will doubtless result in a substantial addition to the funds of the noble Masonic charities.

#### MASONIC BALL IN HULL.

The annual ball given by the Humber Lodge of Freemasons, No. 57, in aid of the Masonic and Local Charities, took place on Thursday night, at the Public Rooms, Jar-ratt-street, and proved one of the most successful gatherings of the kind we have witnessed for some years past. Considerable interest always attaches to this reunion, and the members of the Humber Lodge are ever desirous that some improvement shall, if possible, be made in the arrangements for each succeeding year. Thus, Thursday night, were seen many additions to the ordinary embellishments of the ball-room and other accessories; and nothing that could in any way enhance the pleasures of the event was left unstudied. The ball was under the patronage of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Pro Grand Master of England; the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire; the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Hull (Alderman Charles Wells, P.M., P. Prov. G.W.); Bros. J. P. Bell, M.D., P.G.D. of England, and D.P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire; the Sheriff of Hull (Francis Summers, S.W. 57); C. M. Norwood, M.P.; Christopher Sykes, M.P., P.S.P.G.W.; Lieut.-Col. Pease, J.P.; A. Bannister, J.P., P. Prov. S.G.D.; the W.M., Officers, and brethren of the Minerva Lodge, Hull; Constitutional Lodge, Beverley; St. Germain's Lodge, Selby; Londesborough Lodge, Bridlington; Pelham Pillar Lodge, Grimsby; Kingston Lodge, Hull; Sykes Lodge, Driffield; and the Alexandra Lodge, Hornsea. With such distinguished countenance and support, backed by the assiduous working of the committee, we were not surprised to meet a large gathering of the officers and brethren of the various lodges in the district; and, as the request to appear in full Masonic costume was pretty generally complied with, a very gay and animated scene was made up. The company began to assemble soon after nine o'clock, and carriages continued to arrive in rapid succession for nearly a couple of hours, by which time the pleasures of the ball were at their height. On entering the hall at this hour the visitor could not fail to have been charmed with the elegant and elaborate preparations which had been made for the occasion. The orchestra was studded with fir trees, in similar style to that witnessed at the Infirmary Ball, last week; whilst in the centre was a large figure of "Peace," and above this was the silk banner of the "Humber Chapter, founded 1811." The banner of the "Humber Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, established 1756," was also displayed, together with bannerets from several of the lodges in the town and neighbourhood, and these imparted a cheerful aspect to this end of the room. In front of the orchestra were three large stars, made up of ramrods and bayonets, and along the crimson façade were a variety of Masonic emblems, &c. Over the entrances were flags and banners, and in the doorways were hung white lace curtains, fastened with pink bows and rosettes;

whilst mirrors and ornamental boxes, filled with flowers, were suitably disposed about the walls, giving to the walls a most comfortable and elegant appearance. The floor was covered with holland and, with Mr. R. Close's quadrille band in the orchestra, there was nothing left to be desired in those essentials of the ball-room. Nearly two hundred and fifty guests were present, including the Mayor and Sheriff, the Worshipful Masters of several lodges, and many brethren who hold prominent positions in the Craft; and the mingling of regalia and uniforms amongst the groups of ladies, whose toilettes were more than ordinarily elegant, made up a scene of surpassing gaiety and animation. The following gentlemen acted as officers and stewards, and in every way exerted themselves to secure the comfort and enjoyment of the numerous company:—Bros. Jonathan West, W.M.; Henry Preston, I.P.M.; F. Summers, S.W.; Thos. Thompson, J.W.; Josh. Hindson, S.D.; Thos. Taylor, J.D.; J. E. Winspear, I.G.; E. Kidd, C.S.; G. Haigh, James Walker, Richard Boggett, W. H. Wellsted, A. Shand, E. Stone, A. Milner, A. Loftus, Thos. Greasley, and Thomas Middleton. Bro. Alfred W. Ansell acted efficiently as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. J. G. Milner as M.C.; whilst the efforts of the committee were well seconded by Bro. T. Thompson, who proved himself a most indefatigable secretary. Through the kindness and liberality of Messrs. Maw, Till, and Kirke, the splendid furniture, which was lent by that firm for the Infirmary ball, was allowed to remain, and thus the ante-room to which the guests retired from the heat and exertions of the dance presented a more than usually warm and luxurious aspect. In the vestibule light refreshments were dispensed during the evening, and in this department the arrangements were far superior to those of last year. In order to afford this additional accommodation supper was laid in the assembly-room upstairs, where a sumptuous repast was provided by Bro. George Peacock. The dishes were interspersed with vases and epergnes filled with choice flowers, and the quality of the viands and wines supplied elicited the warmest expressions of commendation. The W.M., Bro. Jonathan West, presided, and at the conclusion of the repast he proposed "The Queen and the Craft," the toast being received most enthusiastically. "The Health of the Mayor" was next given, and Alderman Wells responded in a few happily chosen sentences, in which he congratulated the promoters of the ball upon the great success which they had achieved. "The Health of Sheriff" was the next toast, and it was received most cordially, and briefly acknowledged by Mr. Summers. The W.M. of the Minerva Lodge, Bro. Emes, next proposed "The Health of Bro. Jonathan, the W.M. of Humber Lodge," and the toast was received with the utmost warmth and sincerity. Bro. West, in acknowledging the toast, expressed the pleasure he felt at meeting so large a company on the occasion of their annual ball, and trusted that the pleasures which had been so well commenced might be continued for the rest of the night. He complimented Bro. Peacock on the excellence of his arrangements, and thanked the committee, officers, and stewards, for the hearty way in which they had assisted to make the ball a success. Bro. Summers, S.W., next gave "The Visitors," for whom Bro. Garforth, W.M. of the Kingston Lodge, responded; and Bro. Thomas Thompson proposed "The Ladies," the toast being gallantly acknowledged by Bro. C. Wells, jun. After supper dancing was resumed, and never for a moment abated in zest until the party broke up at a seasonable hour on Friday morning. We congratulate the members of the lodge upon the entire success which attended their efforts, for on every side we heard expressions of satisfaction with the manner in which the whole of the arrangements had been carried out.

#### MASONIC BALL AT BURY ST. EDMUND'S.

On Friday, the 12th inst., a Masonic Ball, under the auspices of the W.M. and brethren of the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, 1,008, took place at the Athenæum Hall. The company numbered about 230. The W.M., Captain C. J. Tufnell Oakes, officiated as master of the ceremonies, and the following brethren acted as stewards: Brothers, the Worshipful the Mayor, G. Thompson, P.M. 1,008; Major T. J. Huddleston, P.M. 1,008, and P.P.G.S.W., Suffolk; Captain J. N. York, P.M. 1,008, 88, and P.P.G.S.W. Cambs.; W. E. Bailey, I.P.M. 1,008, and P.G.A. Sec. Suffolk; J. Hendley Bevan, S.W. 1,008; J. D. Perrott, P.M. 651, 1,072, and P. Prov. G.S.W., Wales; William Patrick, J.D. 1,008; Henry Miller, I.G. 1,008; Capt. W. Horne, 1,008; Henry L. Cocksedge, 1,008; Capt. E. P. Huddleston, 1,008; T. F. Lucia, 1,008, and P.G.S.; William Clarke, Steward 1,008, P. Prov. G.S. Suffolk; Charles Jennings, 1,008; W. J. Nunn, Org., 1,008; Benjamin Chennell, 1,008, J.D. 88, and P.G.A.D.C. Cambs.; Odden F. Read, 1,008; Philip Fitch, 1,008; E. M. Fyson, 1,008; J. G. Oliver, 1,008; G. H. Nunn, 1,008; A. Dura George, W.M. 114; Samuel H. Wright, P.M. 516, and P. Prov. G.R. Suffolk; T. J. Smith, W.M. 516; Francis Wheeler, 1,224. A capital supper was served by Bro. W. G. Guy, of the Angel Hotel. Howlett's excellent band occupied the orchestra. The ball room was elaborately and elegantly decorated. At the South end of the room a large crimson panel bore the inscription "Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, 1,008," in gold and blue; and on a similar panel on each side, were the "Audi vide, tace." Between each window on the East side was placed an elegant pier glass with a triplet of Royal Arch or Craft candles, and under them were crimson panels bearing the working tools or different degrees of blue Masonry. The staircases and balcony at the North end were draped with crimson, inscribed "Faith," "I.T.N.O.T.G.A.O.T.U." in blue and gold characters. The beautiful silk bannerets of White Rose Chapter, 1,008, lined the staircase, and had a very pretty effect. The brethren appeared in Craft clothing until eleven o'clock, and afterwards in that of the Royal Arch, Knights Templars, and other degrees.

At the annual meeting of the Oakley Lodge of Freemasons, held at the Masonic Hall, Basingstoke, Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hampshire, and about 60 Grand Officers and brethren being present, the newly-installed W.M. said the brethren throughout the country had learned with deep regret of the very severe loss the Pro Grand Master had sustained by the death of Lady Carnarvon, and proposed that a letter of condolence should be forwarded to him. The motion was unanimously adopted.

ALEXANDRA PALACE.—We understand that the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs have, in response to an official invitation from the directors of the Alexandra Palace, graciously consented to attend the opening ceremonial, on the 1st of May next, in full Civic State.

The Queen has received, through the Earl Carnarvon, the war club of King Thakombau, which was in former times the symbol of sovereignty in the Fiji Islands, and which has now been presented to Her Majesty by the King in token of his dutiful allegiance.

Bro. the Hon. David Plunket, Solicitor General for Ireland, was, on Thursday, the 11th inst., re-elected for the Dublin University, without opposition.

Bro. John Pearson, ex-Mayor of Liverpool, has been appointed High Sheriff of Lancashire.

The infant daughter of the late Countess of Carnarvon was christened at the Chapel Royal of the Savoy, by the Rev. Henry White, Chaplain to the Queen. The sponsors were the Marchioness of Ely (representing Her Majesty), the Countess of Derby, and the Marquis of Salisbury. Lord Carnarvon, with his children, was present.

The Prince of Wales has consented to preside at the annual dinner of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February 26, 1875.

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

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
- " 1564, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
- Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, King-st., St. James's.
- " 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- " 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
- " 902, Burgoyne, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), 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, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
- Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street.
- " 141, Faith, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- " 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
- " 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- " 250, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- " 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, Clerkenwell.
- " P. 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st, Millbank.
- Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 186, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
- Rose Croix Chapter Palestine, 33, Golden-square.
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, 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. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

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

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

Meeting of Festival Stewards, Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at 4.

- Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
- " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
- " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.
- " 808, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
- Chap. 13, Union of Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, 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, Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havlock Park, Albion-road, Dalston, N.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

- General Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
- " 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
- " 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- " 766, William Preston, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- " 171, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
- " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford.
- Chap. 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 538, Vane, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 657, Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.

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

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. 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), Buil 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, FEBRUARY 26.

- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 569, Fitz-Roy, Head-quarters Hon. Art. Co., City-rd.
- " 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
- Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 862, Whittington, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, 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 (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, 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, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Precep.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 27, 1875.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.30.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.

" 1384, Equity, Walker's Hotel, Widnes, at 6.

" 1393, Hamer, 92, Everton-road, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 6.30.

" 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

odge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.

" 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.

" 724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 9.

" 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.

" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.

Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.

Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264) Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1313, Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.

Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale at 6.

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

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

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

Chap. 680, Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 3.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, February 27, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 219, Star, 12, Trongate.

" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.

" 544, Marie Stuart, Prince of Wales Hall, Crosshill.

Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James's-sq., Kingston.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.

Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street, Calton.

" 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

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

" 505, Burns' St. Mary, Hurlford.

" 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

Lodge 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hall, Dalry.

" 334, Cumnock, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.

Chap. 117, Govan, Portland-buildings, Govan.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

Lodge 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Follokshaws.

" 347, St. John's Operative, Council Hall, Rutherglen.

" 125, St. James's Newton, Masons' Arms, Ayr.

" 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilbirnie.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

" 143, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.

" 305, St. John's Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 27, 1875.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

Lodge 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

Lodge 151, Defensive Band, Alexandra Hotel, Cockburn-st.

Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

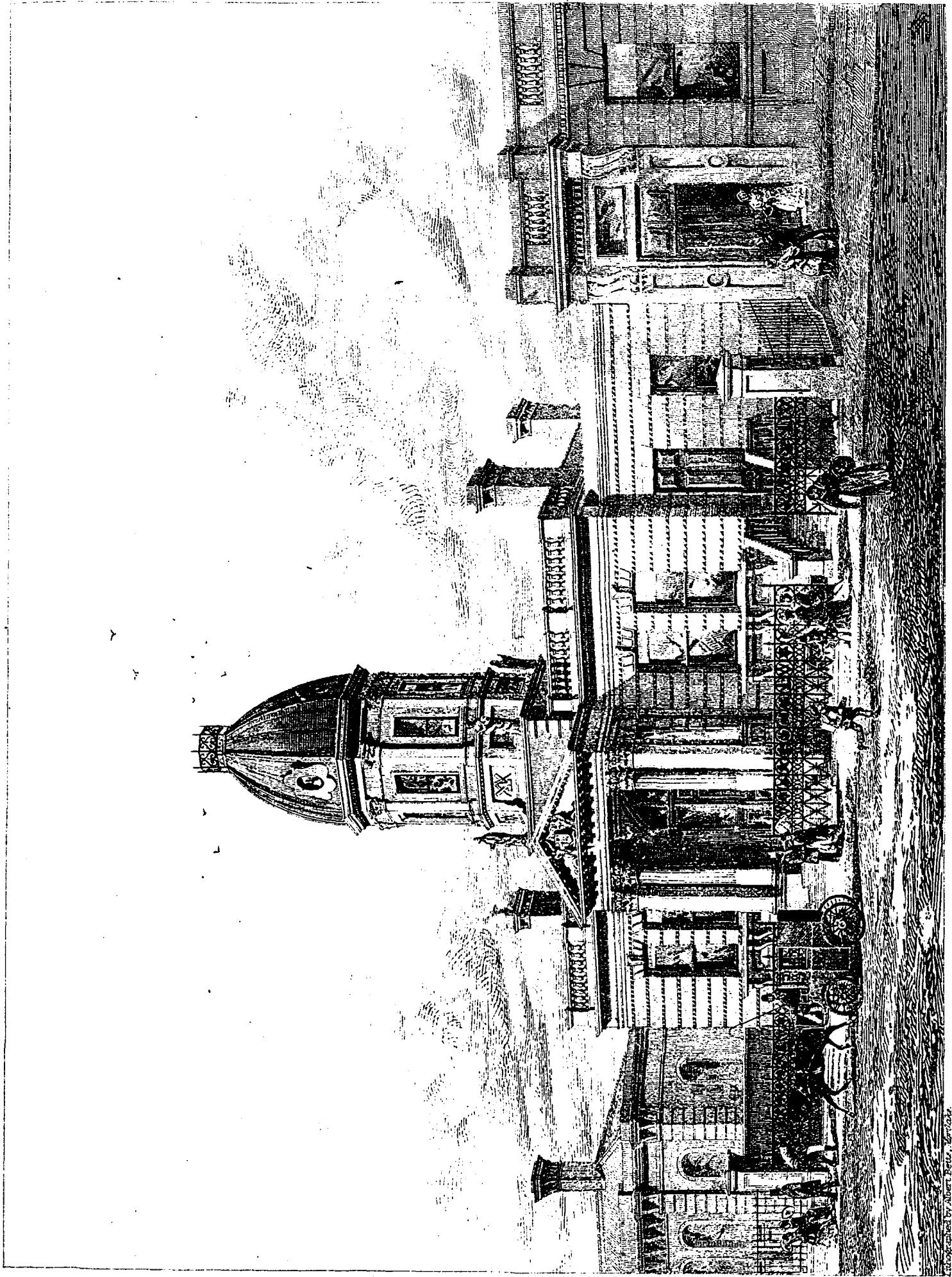
Lodge 112, St. John Fisherrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

Lodge 222, Trafalgar, 54, Bernard-street, Leith.



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