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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**CANTERBURY.—UNITED INDUSTRIOUS LODGE (No. 31).**—The usual monthly meeting was held on Thursday, the 4th of March last; among the brethren present were Bros. Capt. P. H. Knight, W.M., in the chair, Bros. Coppin, P.M., P. Prov. S.W., acting as S.W.; Dr. Browning, J.W.; Wilshire, Plant, and Dean, S.D., J.D., and I.G. respectively; Pringher, Tyler. The minutes of the last lodge night were read and confirmed, and on the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Major Elmsall, it was unanimously resolved that the lodge do record on its minutes its deepest sense of the heavy loss it has sustained by the death of Bro. John Pout, P.M., for twenty-six years one of its members, twenty-four of which he had been appointed Hon. Sec.; and also that a letter be addressed to his widow and family, sympathising with them in their bereavement, and expressing the great sorrow of the lodge at the loss of so good a Mason. Brother Pout was initiated in May, 1848, and from that time up to his death, which occurred on February 22nd, 1875, his signature is absent from the attendance book on twenty-two occasions only. Brother John R. Hall, P.M., P. Prov. Assist. G. Sec., was appointed by the W.M. Hon. Sec., and duly invested with the collar and jewel of his office. A ballot was taken for Dr. W. M. Longhurst, Organist of Canterbury Cathedral, which the W.M. declared unanimous. Some other business was transacted and the lodge adjourned.

**BATH.—ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE (No. 41).**—The monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, at 7.30 p.m., on Thursday, March 4th. Present—Bros. Clark, W.M.; Major Preston, I.P.M.; Brown, S.W.; Everingham, J.W.; Falkner, Sec.; Wilton, P.M., D.C.; C. Wilkinson, S.D.; Stiles, acting as J.D.; Denham, I.G.; Past Masters Wilcox, Carey, Rubie, Moutrie, and many members of the lodge. By previous arrangement, there were also many visitors: Genl. Doherty, W.M. 906; Simmons, W.M. 53; J. S. Bartrum, W.M. 379; Payne, P.M. 53; and Prov. G. Treas.; Sinnott, P.M. 326; W. Smith, P.M. 53; Dickenson, S.D. 379; Heyward, 906; Yate, 170; Dill, 906; Sumson, 33; W. F. Collins, 53; C. Collins, 53. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last regular, and also of an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. mentioned that he had received communications from Bro. Ashley, P.M. and Treasurer, and Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.M., &c., expressive of regret at absence on account of illness. Letters were read from Lodges 379, 926, 446, 285, 261, and from Bro. Else, Prov. G. Secretary, returning thanks for presents of the published history of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, and on the proposition of the Secretary, seconded by the W.M., it was resolved that a copy be sent to the Grand Lodge of England. The W.M. stated that Bro. Major Bousfield, M.P. for Bath, had presented £2 2s. to the lodge for charitable purposes, and proposed that it be supplemented by a grant of £3 3s. from the general fund, with the view of obtaining a Life Governorship in one of the charities. This was seconded by the I.P.M. and carried. The D.C. proposed, and Bro. Wilcox seconded a resolution that the letter of condolence on his domestic bereavement, which had been forwarded to the Pro Grand Master, and also his reply thereto, be entered on the minutes, which was unanimously agreed to. A ballot was taken for Mr. C. W. Rodway, as a candidate for initiation, which having proved favourable, the chair was taken by Bro. Major Preston, who performed the ceremony and gave the charge. Bro. Brown explaining the working tools. Bro. Smith was then examined as to his proficiency, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and the I.P.M. duly passed the candidate to the rank of F.C., the tools being illustrated by Bro. Birth. The lodge was resumed in the first degree. A vote of thanks to the visitors was passed for their attendance, and acknowledged by the P.M.'s of the respective lodges. Bro. Carey, P.M., proposed by Bro. Major Bousfield as a joining member. The lodge was closed soon after ten o'clock.

**IPSWICH.—BRITISH UNION LODGE (No. 114).**—This old and exclusive lodge met for work at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on the 18th ult., when there were present a goodly number of brethren. Bro. Kilpack, who was initiated and passed to the F.C. degree in this lodge last year—but who had been residing in Galatz, now came forward to be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, when the ceremony was admirably performed by the W.M., Bro. A. D. George—that beautiful hymn "Days and Moments swiftly flying" (No. 376, Hymns Ancient and Modern)—being sung in an adjoining room by Bros. Barber, P.G.O.; Emra Holmes, and George, and adding greatly to the solemnity of the proceedings. Bros. Lieut. Pirie, R.N., and Geo. Elliston were afterwards passed to the second degree, the W.M. effectively performing the more simple ceremonial, and other Masonic business having been transacted, the brethren retired for refreshment, when the customary toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**LION AND LAMB, (No. 192).**—The last regular meeting of the session was held on Thursday the 4th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Bro. George Newman, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. Cohu, S.W., Arkell, J.W., Jones, S.D., Legg, J.D., Rickwood, I.G., J. G. Marsh, P.M., Secretary, Abbott, Trott, Roberts, and Kenning, Past Masters; Bros. Bartholomew, Fisher, Baker, Stubington, Lucas, Bright, Kent, Cann, Alfatt, Stevenson, Cotter, Smale, Davis, Fellowes, and many others. Visitors, Bro. Henry Birdseye, and other five or six brethren. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then raised and passed several brethren. Messrs. J. Pinder, C. E. Scholes, and T. T. Hampton, were balloted for and initiated; the whole of the work being done by Bro. George Newman, in his usual happy and efficient manner. Bro. George Abbott, I.P.M., proposed, and Bro. F. Trott, seconded, "That in consideration of the onerous duties of the Secretary of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, so ably performed by Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.M., the sum of ten guineas be given out of the Lodge funds towards a suitable testimonial to be presented to him, and that each Brother have an opportunity of subscribing to such testimonial. This being carried unanimously, a committee was then formed to carry out the arrangements. A brother from Exeter was relieved from the charity box fund. The lodge was then closed, after which the brethren supped together, the evening being enlivened by some good singing and recitations by Bros. Scholes, Fellowes, Cann, Marsh, and visitors.

**OXFORD.—APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE (No. 357).**—On Friday, February 26th, a meeting of this lodge was held for instruction. The W.M. of the lodge, Bro. the Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., Oxon.; acted as instructor, the offices were filled as follows:—Bros. Gordon Campbell, W.M.; J. S. C. Bodley, S.W.; C. G. Paget, J.W.; W. P. Eversley, S.D.; A. Glencross, J.D.; G. Barker, I.G.; H. S. Butler, Secretary; Bro. Crossacted as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was performed. On Thursday, March 4th, another instruction lodge was held under the mentorship as before. The officers were Bros. J. E. C. Bodley, W.M.; C. G. Paget, S.W.; W. P. Eversley, S.D.; H. S. Butler, S.D.; F. E. Weatherly, J.D.; Stewart, I.G.; Bro. Hedges acted as candidate. The ceremony of passing was performed.

**BATH.—LODGE OF HONOUR (No. 379).**—At the regular meeting held at the Masonic Hall, at 8 p.m., on Monday, March 8th, there were present Bros. J. S. Bartrum, W.M.; Davis, acting as I.P.M.; Cook, S.W.; H. Gore, J.W.; H. Culliford Hopkins, Sec.; Barber, P.M., and Treasurer; Dickenson, S.D.; Loder, P.M., as J.D.; Leir, I.G.; A. Hunt, P.M., and other members. A return visit from the local lodges was paid by the following:—Bros. Clark, W.M. 41; Simmons, W.M. 53; General Doherty, W.M. 906; Carey, P.M. 41; Dr. Hopkins, P.M. 43 and 958, and P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire; Major Preston, P.M. 41; Payne, P.M. 53 and P.G. Treas.; Smith, Treas. 53; W. F. Collins, 53; Birth, 41; Rolfe, 53; Nixon, 53; Baldwin, 41; C. Wilkinson, 41. The lodge was opened in the first degree, and the previous minutes were read and confirmed. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Dr. Hopkins gave the lecture on the First Tracing Board to Bro. Little, which had been omitted when he was initiated at the meeting in February. The candidate was then examined as to his proficiency, and entrusted, after which he was requested to retire for preparation. The lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and Bro. Little on his re-admission was duly passed as a F.C. by the W.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. Dickenson. The charge was delivered by Bro. Dr. Hopkins. The lodge was resumed in the first degree. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., a vote of thanks was passed to the Royal Cumberland Lodge, for a present of the history of the lodge, the records being complete from its foundation in 1733, which had been compiled by Bro. Ashley, P.M., and published. A similar complimentary resolution was agreed to, thanking the visiting brethren for their attendance, especially the W.M.'s of the other two lodges in Bath, and Bro. Dr. Hopkins, a member of 41, for the efficient assistance he had rendered, which the W.M. hoped would be fully appreciated by the candidate, as affording him an insight into the principles of the Masonic Order into which he had so recently been admitted. In a pleasing, impressive, and eloquent manner, the W.M. expatiated on the benefits to be derived from such intercourse between the local lodges, and pointed out the advantages of the Masonic system as a humanizing and fraternal social link in every part of the world which may be visited by its members. Bros. Clark and Simonds, W.M.'s of the Royal Cumberland and Sussex Lodges, briefly replied in acknowledgement of the compliment. The lodge was finally closed at a quarter to ten.

**COSMOPOLITAN LODGE (No. 917).**—An excellent meeting of this lodge was held at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. The proceedings commenced at half-past six o'clock in the evening. There

were present Bros. Keay, W.M.; Jones, S.W.; Rowley, J.W.; Cocke, I.P.M.; Depotieu, P.M., Treasurer; Stean, P.M., Secretary; Taylor, S.D.; Lemarque, I.G. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M., assisted by his officers, raised Bros. Ellis and Starey to the sublime degree. The whole of the arduous and beautiful ceremony was exceedingly well carried out. The W.M. proposed, which was seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously, that the sum of £10 should be voted from the funds of the benevolent box to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. White, J.D., having resigned the lodge, the W.M. invested Bro. Lemarque as J.D., and Bro. Crouch as I.G. Some minor business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet. Among the visitors present were Bros. Themans, P.M. 141; Walls, I.G. 141, 1381, 1503, and 1512; Clarke, 141; Edwards, 192. After the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the following toasts, briefly, but to the point; all of which were responded to by the brethren with excellent "fire." The "Queen and Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the "Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," the "Visitors," the "Past Masters of the Lodge, and the Officers of the Lodge." Bros. Themans and Walls replied at length for the visitors. The former stated that he had visited the lodge several times, and had always found the working excellent, and the hospitality and conviviality unbounded, in conclusion, he paid a high compliment to the Past Masters, who had evinced so much energy in bringing the lodge to its present state of efficiency and prosperity. The latter, in the course of his reply, expressed the pleasure he had received by his visit, both as regards the proceedings in the lodge, and at the banquet table. He stated that he attended numerous lodges of greater pretensions, but that the working of the Cosmopolitan would challenge comparison with any, and if the present edition was an example of what had gone before, the lodge had every reason to be proud of its position in the craft. The I.P.M. having been entrusted with the gavel, proposed the W.M.'s health, and stated that it was a duty exceedingly pleasing to him, because he had introduced Bro. Keay into the lodge, and now had the gratification of beholding him fulfilling the duties of W.M. so well, and in that position had the honour of toasting him. This toast was well received, and the W.M. briefly replied. The Past Masters' toast was severally responded to by Bros. Cocke, Gibson, Depotieu, and Stean. The latter made an excellent reply, and expressed his pleasure, as one of the founders of the lodge, at seeing the great strides it had made in the Craft, and having been connected with Freemasonry upwards of forty years, out of which period he had been thirty-five years a Past Master; he was pleased to see that the principles of philanthropy which he had always advocated throughout his long Masonic career, were not lost sight of by the brethren of the Cosmopolitan, which, without interfering with the general funds of the lodge, was able to dispense charity from another source, viz., the box of benevolence, and in conclusion, he hoped that the lodge would eventually become Vice-Presidents of all the Masonic charities. Between the toasts Bros. Cocke, Walls, and Lemarque, contributed some vocal effusions. In consequence of there being a member of a continental lodge present, the W.M. made him a subject of a special toast. Bro. Vanemans, I.G. Mutual Faith, Zwolle, replied, and stated how honoured he felt, in having so high a compliment paid him by the W.M. and the brethren, and on his return to the Netherlands he should acquaint his brethren of the Zwolle Lodge with the gratification he had experienced at visiting so excellent a lodge as the Cosmopolitan, and under so able a W.M. The officers of the lodge having severally responded to their toast, the Tyler gave the concluding one, and the brethren separated.

**DERBY.—HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1085).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held for the first time at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. Bro. Henry J. Bobart, P. Prov. G.S.B., W.M., presided, and there were present, Bros. T. Iliffe, I.P.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; W. Heathcote, J.W.; W. H. Bobart, P.M., Treasurer; J. Worsnop, P.M., Secretary; T. Gadsby as S.D.; J. H. Biggs, as J.D.; G. Pipes, D. of C.; J. Heathcote, I.G.; W. Stone, O.G.; J. G. Eaton, C. D. Hart, T. H. Hepworth, Sam. Steele, Edgar Taylor, J. E. Russell, J. O. Manton, W. Butterfield, Hy. Mills, A. A. Newnham, J. Whales. Visitors—T. H. Warner, P.M. 802; J. McLaren, True Blue Lodge, 935, Wexford. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the third degree, when the W.M. raised Bro. Whales to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. He then resumed in the second degree, and passed Bro. Newnham. Two candidates for initiation, Messrs. Richard Daniel and James Parkins, jun., were ballotted for and elected. The lodge was then closed in ancient form, with solemn prayer, and adjourned. The foregoing were the first ceremonies worked at the new Masonic Hall.

**SANDWICH.—CINQUE PORTS LODGE (No. 1206).**—The installation of the W.M. of the Cinque Ports Lodge took place in their lodge-room at the Bell Hotel, Sandwich, on Tuesday, 2nd inst., when the interesting ceremony was ably performed by Bro. L. Hills, the retiring W.M. After Bro. W. W. Woodruff was duly installed in King Solomon's chair, he proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. F. Baker, S.W.; H. S. Watts, J.W.; Rev. J. B. Harrison, Chaplain pro tem.; A. C. Plater, Treasurer; C. Baker, Secretary; J. Alchin, Organist; E. Terry, S.D.; R. Harrison, jun., J.D.; L. H. Hatherway, I.G.; Dixon, Dir. of Cer.; Dick Baker, S.; J. W. Hughes, S.; and J. V. Greay, Tyler. Shortly after the lodge business was over the brethren retired to a large room, where a banquet of a first-class quality was provided by Bro. Birch. The fare was exceedingly good,

and about fifty brethren sat down together to dine. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. J. S. Eastes, D. Prov. G.M. of Kent; from Lodge Union, No. 127, Bro. Hornett, W.M., Margate; from Lodge Harmony, No. 133, we noticed Bros. H. Bathurst, P.M., and F. T. Giraud, P.M., of Faversham; from Lodge Royal Navy, No. 429, Bros. I. Jarman, W.M.; J. J. Darby, P.M.; L. Finch, P.M. and P. Prov. G.D.C. of Kent; H. Lucrd, J.W.; and H. A. Vilon, Ramsgate; from Lodge Invicta, Bro. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M. of Kent; and Hughes-Hallett, W.M., Ashford; from Lodge Wellington, No. 784, Bros. J. E. Apps, W.M.; W. Harding, P.M.; A. F. S. Bird, P.M.; A. E. Ralph, P.M. and P.G.S.D. of Kent, Deal; from Lodge Lord Warden, No. 1096, Bros. B. R. Eastes, W.M.; T. J. Usher, P.M.; Rev. J. B. Harrison, P.M.; T. Ayling, J.D.; and Bro. S. Holgate, Tyler, Walmer; from Lodge Lewises, No. 1209, Bros. W. Call, W.M.; G. Page, J.W.; and W. H. Howard, Ramsgate. Amongst the brethren of Lodge 1206 we noticed, in addition to the officers, Bros. L. Hills, I.P.M. and P.G.S. of Kent; R. J. Emmerson, P.M. and P. Prov. G.J.W. of Kent; W. Mate, P.M. and P. Prov. G.D.C. of Kent; and several other brethren. After ample justice had been done to the "inner man," the usual loyal, Masonic, and patriotic toasts were given; then followed the complimentary toasts, when the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master," and said he felt highly honoured with the presence of Bro. J. Eastes at the present festive board. Bro. J. S. Eastes duly responded to the compliment paid him, and in a very appropriate speech said that out of thirty-eight lodges in the province there were a great many more applications for the various charities than there were vacancies to admit. He cautioned the W.M.'s and brethren as to whom they admitted, as the rapid increase of lodges and the number of new members must increase the number of applications to the various charities, and great caution should be exercised. Bro. F. Baker, in a very suitable speech, proposed "The Provincial, Present and Past, Grand Officers," and coupled the toast with the name of Bro. E. Ralph, who very suitably responded. Bro. R. J. Emerson proposed "Success to the Masonic Charities," which, he said, were second to none in the world. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Finch, who responded in a very creditable manner. Bro. Plater next proposed "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Rev. J. Harrison, who duly responded. Several other complimentary toasts were proposed and responded to, and the evening's amusement was greatly enhanced by Bros. Frank Elmore, F. H. Cozens, and Thurley Beale, of London, who gave some excellent glees, songs, &c., in good style, which added considerably to the enjoyment of the brethren, and a very pleasant and agreeable evening was spent, which will doubtless long be remembered by all present.

**GREAT GRIMSBY.—ST. ALBAN'S LODGE, (No. 1294).**—On the 25th February, Bro. Jack Sutcliffe (late J.W.) was duly installed as W.M. of this lodge by Bro. Anderson Bates, P.P.G.D. of C. Line. Bro. Jack Sutcliffe was the first initiated in this lodge, his father, Bro. John Sutcliffe being then the W.M., who is well-known in the Masonic circle, and the recently installed Grand Mark Master for the province of Lincolnshire. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers:—Jos. Chapman, S.W.; John Nelson, J.W.; S.T. Paddelsey, Sec.; Thos. Coates, S.D.; Alfred Brady, J.D.; and D.H. Bury, I.G. Bro. C. B. Moody, is the Treasurer, and Bro. Hy. Wardale, the Tyler of the lodge. The W.M.'s and Wardens of the Grimsby (Pelham Pillar), Hull (Humber and Minerva), Louth (Lindsey), Brigg (Ancholme), and Barton (St. Matthew) Lodges, and other brethren honoured the occasion with their presence. After the Installation, 40 brethren sat down to a magnificent banquet, at the Royal Hotel, given by the brethren of the lodge as a compliment to Bro. Samuel Walmesley, the I.P.M., which was presided over by Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, the newly installed Master.

**HUDDERSFIELD.—LODGE OF TRUTH (No. 1458).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 6th inst., at the Royal Archer Hotel, Dale-street, Manchester. The lodge was opened punctually at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Henry Smith. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Davis and Mr. Edward Dickinson, and proving favourable in both cases, the ceremony of initiation was proceeded with by the I.P.M., Bro. Jno. W. Turner, on behalf of Mr. Davis. The W.M. then initiated Mr. Edward Dickinson, which he did with great proficiency. The J.W., Bro. C. J. Kent, afterwards delivered the charge in a most able and impressive manner. The lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, when the W.M. raised Bro. D. L. Breake to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, doing his work so creditably as to be congratulated by the Past Masters on his proficiency. Bro. Thomas Tyler, P.M., who is known as an excellent worker, then raised Bro. Richard Wincledon with that ability which his long connection with Masonry has taught him. Business was then resumed in the second, then in the first degree, when one gentleman was proposed for initiation, and one as a joining member. Heartly good wishes having been given by twelve visitors, and business concluded, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at eight o'clock. The brethren and visitors adjourned to refreshment, when thirty-five sat down to an excellent supper, provided by the worthy host, Bro. Potts, and presided over by the W.M. After the excellent working and rational enjoyment, the brethren separated, each and all expressing the pleasure they had enjoyed, at being present at the meeting of this rising and prosperous lodge.

**SHEPPERTON.—THAMES VALLEY LODGE (No. 1460).**—A meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held on Saturday, 6th inst., at the Ship Hotel, Halford. The lodge was opened by Bro. Lieut.-Col. Peters, and among the other brethren present were the Rev. Dr. Brette, P.G.C.,

S.W.; Lieut. C. B. Elliott, *Royal Naval Reserve*, J.W.; W. Paas, Treasurer; Lieut. J. G. Marsh, Secretary; J. L. Jones, S.D.; W. T. Howe, J.D.; Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; Lieut. R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Secretary Middlesex; Herbert Kerr, Charles Semple, Joseph Davis, J. Burdett Yeoman, John A. Magee, John While, W.M. 228; Thomas Cubitt, G. Purst. England; W. Worrell, P.M. 766; Rev. P. M. Holden, M.A., 907; Rev. W. B. Church, M.A., P.M. 165; A. Perrot, 720; G. Townsend, P.M. 754; H. Massey, P.M. 619, (*Freemason*); E. Amphlett, M.A., 859; John Boyd, Past Grand Pursuivant, England; E. Semple, 14; and H. Parner, Prov. Grand Organist, Middlesex. Bro. J. G. Marsh, at the request of Col. Peters, passed Bros. C. Semple, J. Davis, and R. Stone to the F.C. degree, and then initiated Mr. W. Sweetland, Lieut. Walter Alcock, Mr. J. E. Kershaw, Mr. C. J. Davis, and Mr. J. W. H. R. Gowan. When these ceremonies were concluded, Bro. R. Wentworth Little took the chair, and installed the Rev. Dr. Brette as W.M. for the current year. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers:—Lieut. Elliott, S.W.; J. L. Jones, J.W.; William Paas, Treas.; J. G. Marsh, Sec.; W. T. Howe, S.D.; J. A. Magee, J.D.; and Woodstock, Tyler. The lodge unanimously voted a fifteen guinea Past Master's jewel to Col. Peters, as the first W.M. of the lodge, and this being the conclusion of the Masonic business, the brethren, after four hours of hard work, adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was provided by Bro. Stone, the proprietor of the Ship Hotel, with great taste and judgment. When the cloth was removed, the W.M. proceeded with the toasts. In proposing "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master," Col. Burdett, the W.M. said he was supported by two Colonels, one on his right, Col. Burdett, and the other on his left, Col. Peters, the latter of whom was the father of the lodge, and the former of whom might not inappropriately be styled the grandfather. Both these brethren had done much good for Masonry, and their presence was always acceptable to the members of this lodge. Col. Burdett knew how pleased they always were to see him, and the lodge had only to hope that whenever they met he would favour them with his company. Col. Burdett responded, and in the course of his remarks, observed that the lodges in Middlesex not only held a proud position in the province, but in the Masonic world in general. The Thames Valley Lodge, although only a young one, was one of the most flourishing. The efforts made by the province were a step in the right direction, and the election of Dr. Brette to the chair of Master, in succession to Col. Peters, was another such step. While acknowledging the kindness which the brethren had manifested in drinking his health, he thanked them, not only for himself, but on behalf of all the Grand Officers, because the compliment was not only paid to him, but to the whole of the Province of Middlesex. In that province he would uphold the dignity of Masonry, and whenever his advice and assistance were sought they were at the disposal of the Craft. To the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master, Bros. J. C. Parkinson," Bro. R. W. Little replied, and remarked that the Grand Officers of the province viewed with great satisfaction the prosperity of the province, which, however, had only been in existence a few years. The success of individual lodges was also a source of much pleasure to them, and this lodge had attracted considerable attention. The first Master, Col. Peters, through whom the great success of the lodge had been attained, had worked very well on its behalf, and the thanks of the brethren were due to him in no limited measure. The lodge would, no doubt, continue to prosper, and under such W.M.'s as Col. Peters, and Dr. Brette, it had every chance of succeeding. Col. Peters proposed "The W.M.," a brother, who, though he had been a long time in Masonry, had never till that evening reached the distinguished position of the Masters' chair, which all Masons strove for, and were proud to get. As Master of this lodge, he would do his duty as he had in every other position in life which he had filled, and would do the best he could to carry on the work of the lodge in the most efficient manner. The W.M., in reply, said he would not speak of himself, although he was much obliged to the brethren for drinking his health. He should leave the brethren to judge of him by his acts. "Verba volant; facta manent;" and it was only by his deeds he would ask to be judged. He would now present the Immediate Past Master with a valuable jewel, which had been that day voted in lodge to Col. Peters, for his zeal and ability in discharging the duties of his office during the past year. It would be unnecessary to tell the brethren what Col. Peters had done, because they had seen for themselves. Col. Peters was founder of the lodge, and the brethren hoped that he would long have health and strength to come among them, and show how much they esteemed him. The jewel he had to present to him, was but a feeble token of the brethren's esteem for him, but its real value consisted in the feeling which had dictated the voting of it. It was certainly of elegant design and workmanship, and was constructed from a drawing by Bro. Marsh, the esteemed Secretary of the lodge. He hoped that Bro. Col. Peters would long live to wear it. Col. Peters, in acknowledging the kindness of the brethren in displaying such consideration for him, assured the brethren that he did not deserve it. The opportunity of becoming First Master of the lodge, was offered to him by his friend, Col. Burdett, and he need not say that he did not hesitate in the least in seizing it. But it would be improper if he allowed the present moment to pass over without saying that if it had not been for the great assistance he had had from very many members of the Craft, he could not possibly have carried out the duties of his year of office. That "nothing succeeds like success," was a sentiment which every member of the Thames Valley Lodge would agree was true; and he felt that under the auspices and guidance of its present Master, the lodge would progress. The lodge had already

attained a prominent position, and it could not be denied that the popularity of the Prov. Grand Master, Col. Burdett, gave an impetus to the brethren of the province on behalf of Freemasonry. Col. Burdett was a very active Prov. G. Master, and visited all the lodges of his province, and the personal interest he took in them, which he thus so plainly manifested, imbued the brethren with the same spirit as that by which he was actuated. The brethren would all corroborate him (Col. Peters) when he said that they would always be delighted to see Col. Burdett among them. With respect to the handsome P.M. jewel which the W.M. had just affixed to his breast, he would add that he was very much obliged to the brethren for it. It was an honour which all P.M.'s looked forward to, but did not always get, and he would value it; but though he had obtained it his efforts, in the interest of the lodge would not be in any way relaxed. The W.M. gave the toast of "The Initiates," five, fine, bright young fellows, fit to carry on the work of Masonry properly. The lodge was started but a year ago, and it had now thirty-one members, among whom were representatives of the Army, the Navy, the Church, the Law, and other professions. The toast having been responded to, the toast of "The Visitors" was replied to by Rev. W. B. Church, P.M., 165; and "The Press," for which a special toast was proposed, by Bro. John While, 228. The toast of "The Officers," was acknowledged by Lieut. Elliott, Royal Naval Reserve, S.W., who said he felt great interest in the working of the lodge. Whatever he had done had been for the interest he took in Freemasonry in general. Bro. Williams, Paas, and Bro. J. G. Marsh, replied for "Treasurer" and "Secretary," the latter brother stating that he was going to stand as Steward for the lodge at the next festival of the Girls' School. The brethren shortly afterwards started to town, having passed a very pleasant evening.

### Royal Arch.

**WILLIAM PRESTON CHAPTER (No. 766).**—A meeting of this young flourishing chapter was held on the 25th February, at the City Terminus Hotel, E.C., when the following companions were present:—Comps. William Worrell, M.E.Z.; George J. Kain, II.; Dr. R. H. Whiteman, J.; M. E. Newton, Treasurer; Henry Garrod, S.E.; George Newman, S.N.; Aug. Brown, First Assistant; Dr. W. H. Kempster, Second Assistant; also Dr. Cutmore and P. Steinmann. A ballot was taken for several candidates, the following being present, they were duly exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Masons, Bros. John T. Gibson, No. 1420; John T. Hiscox, No. 1420; H. F. Partridge, No. 769; J. M. Klenck, P.H. 1339. This being election night for the Principals and officers for the ensuing year, the following were unanimously elected: Coms. G. J. Kain, M.E.Z.; Dr. R. H. Whiteman, II.; George Newman, J.; Henry Garrod, Treasurer; William Worrell, S.E.; Aug. Brown, S.N.; Dr. W. N. Kempster, P.S.; A. Grant, Janitor. The following notices of motion were given to be discussed at the next convocation:—1st. That the chapter be a banner chapter. 2nd. That a jewel be presented to Comp. William Werrell, to mark the valuable services he has rendered to the chapter, as the first M.E.Z. All business being ended, the chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent dinner, presided over by Comp. William Worrell, when the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

### Mark Masonry.

**YEOVIL.—WILLIAM DE IRWIN LODGE (No. 162).**—The installation meeting of this young lodge was held on Wednesday last, March 4th. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Ben. Cox, P. Prov. G.W., the W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. Else, P.P.G.W., and the lodge opened in due form. After the confirmation of the minutes, a deputation from the Prov. G. Lodge entered, and was received with the honours, namely, V.W. Bro. Capt. Irwin, Deputy Prov. G. Master; W. S. Gillard, P.P.S.G.W.; Dr. Wynn Westcott, P.G. Reg. Marks. The R.W. Deputy then installed Bro. J. Chaffin, J.W., into the Master's chair, which ceremony he performed in a very able and impressive manner. The W.M. then invested as his officers, Bros. W. S. Gillard, S.W.; W. J. Nosworthy, J.W.; Dr. W. Westcott, M.O.; W. Sawtell, S.O.; Dr. P. Colmer, J.O.; G. Rugg, S.D.; J. Sherwood, J.D.; T. Davies, Reg. and I.G.; G. Summer, Sec. Several names were then proposed for advancement, and the lodge closed. The V.W. Deputy G. Master then opened a lodge of Ark Mariners, and advanced eight candidates; he then installed Bro. J. Chaffin, W.M., in the chair, and the ark was moored in due form. All the brethren then present adjourned to an excellent repast, and several hours were spent in genial toasts and kind remembrance of absent friends, the V.W. Dep. P.G.M. (Craft), Capt. Bridges, being especially remembered.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

The Premier Conclave of this Order met, in conjunction with the Beehive Conclave, No. 2A, on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Regent-street, and was numerously attended. Four candidates, namely, Bros. Edward Amphlett, M.A. (son of Baron Amphlett); Cuthbert E. Peck (son of Sir Henry W. Peck, Bart., M.P.); W. H. Whitway Wilkinson, L.R.C.P.; and Frederick Woodin, were installed as Knights of the Order. It was unanimously resolved that a vote of condolence be sent to the widow of the late Sir Knt. Edwin Sillifant, G. Standard Bearer, the M.P.S., who died on the 19th ult. Sir Knt. T. Burdett Yeoman was elected M.P.S.; T. Cubitt, P. Sov.

Treasurer; and J. Gilbert, Sentinel. The conclave was then closed and the annual assembly of the

## GENERAL GRAND CONCLAVE

was held. The chair was occupied by the M.E. Sir Knt. Col. Burdett, G. Viceroy, supported by Sir Knts. W. H. Hubbard, P.G.S.G. and G. Treasurer; J. G. Marsh, P.G.S.G.; H. C. Levander, G.H.C.; W. R. Woodman, G.R.; Angelo J. Lewis, G.C.; T. Cubitt, G.O.; T. W. White, G. Preceptor; W. Roebuck, G. Prefect; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, G.S.P.; Rev. P. E. H. Brette, D.D., G.A.R.; H. A. Dubois, G.S.A.; G. Kenning, G.I. of R.; Col. J. Peters, G. Standard Bearer; H. Parker, G. Organist; T. Burdett Yeoman, G.A.M.; E. H. Thielley, G.V.C.; C. F. Hogard, G. Herald, J. T. Moss, G. Usher; Chas. Horsley, Int. Gen.; S. Rosenthal, Int. Gen.; A. A. Pendlebury, K.G.C., No. 6; J. Baird Mercer, K.G.C., No. 4; G. Moren, No. 2a; F. W. H. Ramsay, M.D., Premier and Bard of Avon, No. 99; W. H. Scott, 101; W. Hurlstone, 6; Alfred Moore, Premier; F. Keily, 2a; J. W. Ellison Macartney, M.P., Premier; John Clark, 35; W. Cubitt Lucey, M.D., 6; Clement Sretton, 44; Rev. P. M. Holden, Premier; E. S. Norris, 2; T. Kingston, Premier; P. Sovereigns T. Massa, Premier; F. J. Barnes, 44; P. Viceroy S. Spencer, 2a; R. Gresley Hall, Premier; G. A. Green, 35; J. Musgrave Levick, 2a; Horatio H. Shirley, J. Adams, Action; William Winn, E. Amplett, W. H. W. Wilkinson, C. E. Peck, and F. Woodin, Premier.

The Grand Conclave was opened in due form, and the report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted. The Knights then proceeded to elect ten members of the Grand Senate, out of fifteen candidates, and the result of the ballot having been made known, the Acting Grand Sovereign announced that the principal officers of the Order for the ensuing year would be as follows, all being nominated but the last ten Senators, who were elected in conclave:—

**GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL.**—Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign; Colonel Francis Burdett, Most Eminent Grand Viceroy; The Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, Grand Senior General; William Edward Gumbleton, J.P., Grand Junior General; Rev. William Benjamin Church, M.A., and Rev. Joseph Marychurch Vaughan, Grand High Prelates; Henry Charles Levander, M.A., Grand High Chancellor; Robert Wentworth Little, Grand Treasurer; William Robert Woodman, M.D., Grand Recorder; Raynham William Stewart, Grand High Almoner; Angelo John Lewis, M.A., Grand Chamberlain; John Boyd, Esq., Grand Architect; Thomas Cubitt, Grand Marshal; George Toller, jun., Grand Orator; Thomas W. White, Grand Historiographer.

**PAST GRAND COUNCILLORS.**—The Right Hon. the Earl of Beattie, Past Grand Sovereign; The Right Hon. the Lord Skelmersdale, James Percy Leith, Past Grand Viceroy; Edward Busher, The Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, Robert Jones, Past Grand General; Rev. Thomas Fitzarthur Tovin Ravenshaw, M.A., Rev. Charles John Martyn, Past Grand High Prelates; Hyde Clarke, John Hervey, Past Grand High Chancellors; William Henry Hubbard, Past Grand Treasurer; Henry Gustavus Buss, Grand High Almoner; Colonel John Whitwell, M.P., Past Grand Chamberlain; John George Marsh, James Lewis Thomas, Past Grand Architects.

**GRAND SENATE.**—Joseph Chas. Parkinson, Grand Preceptor; William Roebuck, Grand Examiner; Chas. H. Rogers-Harrison, P.A.G.S., Grand Prefect; Rev. Philip E. H. Brette, D.D., Grand Sub Prelate; George Powell, Grand Vice Chancellor; Henry Arthur Dubois, Grand Assistant Treasurer; George Kenning, Grand Assistant Recorder; Lieut.-Col. Jas. Peters, Grand Sub Almoner; Alfred A. Pendlebury, Grand Inspector of Regalia; Eugene H. Thielley, Thomas Burdett Yeoman, Grand Standard Bearers; Frederick Keily, Grand Sword Bearer; Henry Parker, Grand Organist; John T. Moss, Grand Assistant Marshal; Chas. Frederick Hogard, Grand Vice Chamberlain; John Wm. Ellison Macartney, M.P., John Robert Goppel, Grand Heralds; James Percy Leith, Grand Usher.

The Grand Conclave was then closed, and the Knights adjourned to the banqueting room, where forty-two sat down, under the presidency of Colonel Burdett, in the absence of Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart., who, as was subsequently ascertained, had not received his notice in time to attend the meeting.

After the cloth was cleared, the Chairman proposed "The Queen and the Christian Orders," "H.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales," "The G. Sovereign, Sir F. M. Williams, and the P.G. Sovereign, the Earl of Beattie;" all of which were heartily received. Sir Kt. R. Wentworth Little then gave the health of the Chairman, and referred to the untiring zeal and sterling Masonic qualities of that illustrious Knight. The toast was responded to with the greatest *verve* and enthusiasm, all the company rising to give the Red Cross fire. Col. Burdett expressed his thanks and the pleasure he experienced in again meeting the Knights, and aiding the well-being and progress of the Order.

Sir Knt. Levander replied for the Council, and Sir Knt. Roebuck for the Senate.

Dr. Lacey and other M.P.'s. returned their best acknowledgements for the toast of "Prosperity to the various conclaves of the Order," and the Sentinel's toast concluded the proceedings. Out of respect to the memory of Sir Knt. Silbiant, a Grand Senator, the usual professional musical entertainment was dispensed with on this occasion.

**ROMAN EAGLE CONCLAVE** (No. 6) met at Anderton's Hotel on the 27th ult. under the presidency of Sir Knt. W. Hurlstone, M.P.S. During the evening Bro. Walter Spencer was installed as a Red Cross Knight and subsequently received the grade of Eusebius in company with Sir Knt. A. Perrot, the elected Viceroy. Sir Knt. W. Cubitt Lucey, M.D., was inducted into the chair of Con-

stantine and appointed his officer for the ensuing year. Amongst the members present were Sir Knts. W. F. N. Quilty, P. Sov. and Treasurer; H. C. Levander, M.A., P. Sov. and G.H.C.; R. Wentworth Little, G. Treas.; A. A. Pendlebury, K.G.C. Rec.; A. C. Morton, J. J. Caney, Rev. W. B. Church, P. Sov. P.H.P.; A. Smith, and G. Smith. Sir Knt. T. Cubitt, G.O., was the only visitor. A banquet followed the business in conclave, and after the cloth was cleared a Past Sovereign's jewel was presented to Sir Knt. Hurlstone, who suitably acknowledged the gift.

## THE INSTALLATION OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES AS GRAND MASTER.

The circulars for making the preliminary arrangements for the Installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master were issued on Wednesday from Grand Secretary's office. They consist of four forms. The first is addressed to the Masters of all London lodges, informing them that each London Lodge will have the privilege of naming a Steward to serve on the occasion of the Prince's Installation, and inviting the lodge to do so.

If the number of intending Stewards exceeds the number of those required for the service, the selection is to be by ballot: but every brother whose name is returned as wishing to be a Steward, must undertake to attend the meetings when summoned, to be present at the Albert Hall at twelve o'clock on the day appointed for the installation (the 28th April), and to undertake the duty that may be assigned to him. The Stewards personally discharging these duties are to have the privilege of wearing a special jewel, the cost of which is not to exceed £5. The second circular is to the Masters of all lodges, stating that the installation will take place at the Albert Hall, on the 28th of April, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Master Masons, not being qualified members of Grand Lodge, that is, brethren who have taken the third degree in Freemasonry, but who are not Wardens, Masters, or Past Masters, will be permitted to be present; but no brother will be admitted to the hall unless his name shall have been returned, in a form accompanying the circular, to Grand Secretary's office, before the 31st of the present month.

Should it be found impracticable to provide accommodation for all the brethren whose names are so returned, an equitable distribution of tickets for the admission of Master Masons will be made to each lodge. Brethren who are subscribing members of more than one lodge must return their names on one list only. Tickets will not be transferable, and as seats will be provided for every brother to whom a ticket is issued, it is particularly requested that no brother will send in his name unless he is prepared to attend.

The third circular is addressed to Provincial Grand Secretaries, informing them that it is desirable, in order to facilitate the arrangements, to prevent confusion, that two brethren from each province, to whom the members or some of the members of each lodge are known, should act as Stewards, and undertake to be present at the Albert Hall before the doors are opened on the 28th of April, for the purpose of identifying, as far as practicable, the brethren as they enter. Provincial Grand Secretaries are therefore invited after consultation with their Provincial Grand Masters, to return the names and addresses of two brethren who may be willing to undertake this duty. A further circular is also issued as a form of letter which Masters or Secretaries of lodges are to write to the individual members of their lodges, embodying most of the foregoing particulars.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The committee of this Institution met on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. Major John Creton, V.P., presided, and among the brethren present were Bros. H. M. Levy, C. A. Cotchtrune, John G. Stevens, William Stephens, John Bellerby, J. Newton, F. Adlard, Dr. Jabez Hogg, L. Stean, John M. Stedwell, Hyde Pullen, C. F. Hogard, W. Hale, Thos. Cubitt, J. A. Farnfield, Benjamin Head, Griffiths Smith, John Constable, Richard Spencer, and James Terry, Secretary.

A letter from the Marquis of Ripon was read by the Secretary, resigning the trusteeship of the Male Fund, the Widows' Fund, and the Sustentation Fund of this Institution.

It was suggested that the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, should be invited to accept the trusteeship of the Male and Widows' Funds, and Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, should be asked to accept the trusteeship of the Sustentation Fund.

The deaths of three annuitants and an approved candidate were announced, and the insanity of one annuitant was also reported.

The report of the Warden of the Asylum was read, as was also that of the House Committee, in which there was a recommendation that an honorary Vice-Presidentship should be offered for the acceptance of Dr. Strong, the honorary Surgeon of the Institution at Croydon for the last 11 years.

It was then moved, seconded and resolved, that this recommendation should be carried out, and Dr. Strong was thereupon duly elected an honorary Vice-President of this institution.

A letter from the Rev. John Palmer, as to the system of voting, was read, but it was not entertained by the committee.

Permission was given to one inmate to go home to her friends, the lady requested to do so, on account of age and infirmity.

The Chairman announced the death of Bro. W. Pulteny Scott, P.G.D., which took place on Tuesday, and a letter of condolence was therefore ordered to be written to Mrs. Scott. The committee then adjourned.

## OPENING OF THE MASONIC TEMPLE IN ROME.

The Masonic Temple was opened on Friday, 5th inst., by the Grand Master, Joseph Mazzoni. Brethren from all parts of Italy, with the badges of their degree and office, including Members of Parliament and of the liberal professions, artists, literary men, &c., were present. The foreign lodges were represented by Great Britain, France, Germany, Hungary, and North and South America. The Past Grand Master, Signor Mauro Macchi, delivered an eloquent speech congratulating Teutonic civilization on statesmen, like Bismarck and Gladstone, and hoping for a better day for Latin civilization, led by Italy. The reception of the foreign lodges was gracefully acknowledged in Italian by Colonel Balcarres Ramsay. During the proceedings, congratulatory telegrams kept arriving. The Temple is a model of simple elegance.

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE PUNJAB.

A regular communication of District Grand Lodge assembled at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on Saturday the 9th January, 1875, at 7.30 p.m. There were present:—Wor. Bros. Capt. Marmaduke Ramsay, A.D.G.M.; William E. Ball, as D.G.S.W.; Walter Adlard, as D.G.J.W.; William Mellor, D. G. Treasurer; George Davies, D. G. Secretary; Peter Scott, as D.G.S. Deacon; James Wilkinson, as D.G.J. Deacon; Capt. Lewis W. Taylor, as D. G. Organist; C. W. Calthrop, M.D., as D. G. Dir. of Cers.; William Bull, as D.G. Purst.; Bros. J. W. Lemarchand and J. J. Davies, Stewards; George Read, as D. G. Tyler. There were present representatives of Lodges: Himalayan Brotherhood, 459; Hope and Perseverance, 782; Ravee, 1215; Light in the Himalayahs, 1448; John the Evangelist, 1483; Industry, 1485.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in form at 7.30, with prayer, in ancient form.

The Wor. Acting D.G.M. proposed that the proceedings of the last regular communication having been printed and circulated to the lodges and officers of the District Grand Lodge, they be taken as read, which was duly seconded by W. Bro. W. Adlard, was put to the vote, and carried "nem. con."

The following brethren were proclaimed appointed to the following offices, the A.D.G.M. investing those of them who were present:—Wor. Bros. Arthur M. Saunders, 563, D.G.S. Warden; William Mellor, 1215, D.G.J. Warden; Rev. J. B. Brunesson, B.A., 1483, D. G. Chaplain; Major W. H. Mackesy, D. G. Treasurer; Major F. E. Hadow, 1483, D. G. Registrar; George Davies, D. G. Secretary; John Goldney, 459, D. G. S. Deacon; Capt. Fred. Grundy, 988, D.G. J. Deacon; Henry T. Tanner, C.E., 1448, D.G. Supt. of Works; Colonel C. Minchin, 1442, D.G.D. of C.; C. W. Calthrop, M.D., 782, A.D.G.D. of C.; Felix Goldstein, 459, D.G. Sword Bearer; Captain Lewis W. Taylor, 1483, D. G. Organist; William Bull, 1215, D. G. Purst.; Bros. Wycliff Jackson, 563; John Baker Tapp, 1485; W. J. Lemarchand, 782; J. J. Davies, 1215; Harry Calthrop, 1442; Captain G. G. Nelson, 2463, D. G. Stewards; Bro. Murphy, District Grand Tyler.

The R.W.A.D.G.M. then addressed the brethren as follows:—

"Amongst the actual offices there are but twelve appointments, and these have been distributed among nine lodges. The only lodge which appears to have a preponderance of strength is St. John the Evangelist, to which is assigned three appointments, but out of these three, two were of necessity assigned to it, as amongst its members alone at Lahore were found brethren competent to fill the offices of Chaplain and Organist. So, in reality, it has the Registrarship alone assigned to it."

"Since we last met, Worshipful Sirs and Brethren, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has accepted the office of Grand Master, which we heard of by telegram before the last meeting; and at the meeting of Grand Lodge on the 3rd December, he allowed himself to be nominated as Grand Master for the next year, thus proving he intends really to accept the office, and not take it as a stop-gap, if one may be allowed to use the expression. Until the next annual election comes on, all interested in the Craft will be delighted to hear that the Earl of Carnarvon has been appointed Pro Grand Master, and was obligated as such at the meeting referred to, and is succeeded as Deputy Grand Master by Lord Skelmersdale, the popular P.G.M. of Lancashire. We may, therefore, now fairly expect to hear by every mail of the appointment of a new D.G.M. for the Punjab."

"Turning to the report of the Board of General Purposes, there is little to remark upon. For some time past, a sum of Rs. 155 has been standing in the name of the Dalhousie Entertainment. This was got up by the energy of Wor. Bro. Adlard, P.D.G.J.W., who now presents this sum to District Grand Lodge, in order that the vote attached to it may be used. This offer the board recommend should be accepted with thanks, and in which recommendation I most cordially agree. As regards the second point brought before the board, the circular from the Punjab Masonic Institution, which will be read to you, explains itself. It is impossible to get up annual festivals as in England, and I most cordially and warmly support the idea of an annual drawing, and trust that all the Masters of Lodges for 1875 will take an active interest in the disposal of tickets, and become members of the committee. During 1874, we have had three similar drawings, which have been most successful; this one, however,



is on a larger scale. The last one we had was drawn on St. John's Day, and the first prize, a Vice-presidentship, was won by Bro. Major Beamish, 36th Regiment, and the second, a life-governorship, by Bro. Sola, of Umballa. In the annual one now proposed, it is intended to increase the number of prizes by having twenty life-governorships as prizes of the value, as you are all aware, of Rs. 100 each. The board suggest that District Grand Lodge should take five tickets, paying for them out of the Fund of Benevolence, which is well able to afford it; and should we not gain a prize, our money, Rs. 25, will go towards the P.M.I., a most deserving institution.

"As regards the Fund of Benevolence, there is one application for assistance come in from the W. Master of Lodge Multan, but as it does not appear of a very urgent nature, that W. Brother has been requested to furnish the board with more information before they proceed to deal with the case.

"I should, perhaps, before have alluded to the state of our funds. We have in the Agra Bank a sum of Rs. 2,655-7-9, of which Rs. 482-0-1 belong to District Grand Lodge, and Rs. 2,173 7-9 to the Fund of Benevolence. Returns from all the lodges are in, up to the 30th September, 1874, and seven have been received up to the 31st December, 1874. The only debt is one of about Rs. 450, balance still due to Lodge Hope and Perseverance for the furniture. This will be paid off before our meeting in April, and we shall then, I hope, go on even more successfully, if this is possible, than we have been doing for the past three years.

"At a recent election for the E.C. many of you may remember that the votes recorded for two brethren were equal, and when it was suggested that the W.M. had a casting vote, it was ruled by the Master in the chair had not a casting vote. This was entirely erroneous; and as there appears some difference of opinion as to when the casting vote can be used, I will read you para. 2, heading "Private Lodges," Constitutions, p. 62:—

"Whenever it may happen that the number of votes shall be equal upon any question to be decided in a lodge, either by ballot or otherwise, the Master in the chair shall be entitled to give a second or casting vote, excepting upon a ballot for a candidate for initiation or a brother to join."

"From which you will see that the Worshipful Master has the casting vote in all cases except upon a ballot for a candidate for initiation, or a brother to join. Consequently, in that case, he could have given a second or casting vote.

"As regards the state of Masonry in the Province, brethren, all is most satisfactory, so far as one is able to judge; the lodges have all elected as Worshipful Masters for 1875 brethren well suited to conduct their affairs for the good of the Craft in general and their lodges in particular. I congratulate those worthy brethren who have had bestowed on them the highest honour a lodge can confer, feeling certain they will not betray the trust reposed in them by their fellows.

"There is a ruling at the last meeting of Grand Lodge to which I desire before concluding to call the attention of all Worshipful Masters. Lodge St. Augustine, 972, has been admonished for initiating a Lewis before he attained the full age of twenty-one. Grand Lodge directed that his certificate be withheld until he attained the full age of twenty-one, and had been re-obligated. I mention this as many are under the impression a Lewis may be initiated at eighteen, and it was because this idea was so prevalent, that Lodge St. Augustine got off so easily. Any lodge so acting would in all probability lose its warrant."

The District Grand Secretary then read the proceedings of the Board of General Purposes and Fund of Benevolence."

At a meeting of the Board of General Purposes, assembled at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, the 2nd January, the committee examined the Treasurer's accounts to date, representing the following figures, which they accepted as correct:—

To Balance brought forward from 23rd October, 1874, ... ..	Rs. 504	15	1
„ Receipts from 23rd October, 1874, to 9th January, 1875, ... ..	557	0	0
Total Rs.	1,061	15	1

By expenditure from 23rd October, 1874, to date... .. Rs. 579 15 5

Actual cash balance at credit of D. G.

Lodge on 9th January, 1875, ... .. Rs. 482 0 1

Your committee considered a proposal made by Wor. Bro. Adlard, P.D.G., J.W., to transfer the sum of rupees one hundred and fifty-five, realised by an entertainment at Dalhousie, to the credit of D.G. Lodge, in the books of the P.M.I. Your committee cordially recommend the acceptance of Wor. Bro. Adlard's proposition with thanks.

Your committee note with pleasure that every one of the returns for the quarter ending 30th September, 1874, has been received by the D.G. Secretary, and returns for quarter ending 31st December, 1874, of the following lodges to hand—Light in the Himalayas, St. John the Evangelist, Charity, Ravee, Mooltan, Mayo, and Himalayan Brotherhood.

At a meeting of the Board of the Fund of Benevolence, assembled at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on Saturday, the 2nd January, the committee examined the Treasurer's accounts to date, representing the following figures, which they accept as correct:—

To Balance brought forward from 23rd October, 1874, ... ..	Rs. 1,777	7	9
„ Receipts from 23rd October, 1874, to 9th January, 1875, ... ..	456	0	0
Total ...	Rs. 2,233	7	9

Expenditure:—  
By expenditure from 23rd October, 1874, to date ... .. 60 0 0

Actual cash balance at credit of fund ... Rs. 2,173 7 9

The Committee considered a letter from the W.M. of Lodge Multan, recommending the case of a widow, for help from the Fund of Benevolence, but, as nothing definite was recommended, the Committee were of opinion that the case had better stand over for the present, and a reference made to the W.M. as to the character of the help required. The Committee, having considered the circular from the Honorary Secretary of the Punjab Masonic Educational Society, recommend that five tickets be taken in the proposed lottery;—the object being one of pure charity.

The A.R.W.D.G.M. then informed the District Grand Lodge that the next duty before them was the election of a District Grand Treasurer, W. Bro. Mellor having resigned. The A.R.W.D.G.M. had great pleasure in proposing W. Bro. Major W. H. Mackesy, who would, he was quite sure, perform the duties in a most satisfactory manner, which, being duly seconded by W. Bro. W. E. Ball, was carried unanimously.

The A.R.W.D.G.M., having requested W. Bro. Mellor to retire from the District Grand Lodge for a few minutes, proposed, that in consideration of the excellent service rendered this District Grand Lodge by W. Bro. Mellor, extending over a period of three years, during which time the status of this District Grand Lodge had undergone a thorough change, W. Bro. Mellor had taken up the duties of Treasurer at a time when there were little or no funds to look after. He now resigned the office, leaving the financial condition of this District Grand Lodge everything that could be desired. It was a pleasing duty, therefore, and one which he was sure the District Grand Lodge would participate in, in asking Bro. Mellor's acceptance of an undress District Grand Lodge Apron and Collar, to be paid for from the Funds of the District Grand Lodge.

W. Bro. G. Davies begged leave to second the proposition. In his capacity as District Grand Secretary he was in a position to bear testimony to the good service rendered this District Grand Lodge by W. Bro. Mellor. He had done his work well, and it was with no ordinary feelings of pleasure he rose to second the proposition. It was then put to the vote and carried unanimously.

W. Bro. Mellor being recalled, the A.R.W.D.G. Master begged his acceptance of the collar and apron, which, during his temporary absence from the lodge, had been voted to him. In reply W. Bro. Mellor assured the A.R.W.D.G. Master that he had served the District Grand Lodge con amore, not looking for or anticipating any reward. He accepted the gift voted by District Grand Lodge with great pleasure, and thanked them heartily for their kind acknowledgment of his services.

There being no more business before the District Grand Lodge it was closed in due form, with prayer, at 9 p.m.

#### FREEMASONRY IN SWITZERLAND.

ORIENT OF GENEVA.—INAUGURATION OF THE NEW TEMPLE OF THE "BROTHERHOOD LODGE."

The day of the 15th November, 1874, was impatiently expected by the brethren composing the Lodge "La Fraternité." Numberless difficulties had been placed in their way; but thanks to the energy of the W. Master, Bro. Camps; thanks to the good will of the Grand Orient of France, all their manœuvres had led to nothing, and the inauguration of the Temple was not hindered. At 10 a.m. the doors of the Temple were opened, and every one could admire the excellent taste and skill which had presided over the decoration and arrangements of the lodge. The brethren of the "Fraternité," the delegates of many lodges in Geneva, Bro. Jousserandot, member of the Supreme Council of France, Bros. Besançon and Amberney, of the Supreme Council of Switzerland, and many other visiting brethren from Lausanne, soon filled the lodge-room, when the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Camps.

After an address from Bro. Gomes, Orator of the lodge, detailing the progress and success of the lodge, and which we give later, Bro. Jousserandot exhorted the brethren of "La Fraternité" in an energetic allocution only to admit into their body meritorious candidates. He assured them of his deep admiration for the zeal and constancy displayed by the lodge, and expressed the happiness he felt at being in the midst of such an assembly. After speeches in a similar strain from Bro. Besançon, Bro. Krauss, of the Lodge "Union des Cœurs," and from Bro. Metford, of the Lodge "Les Amis de la Vérité," Bro. Amberney announced, as a matter of much rejoicing, that "L'Amitié Ecosaise" founded at Geneva, by the Supreme Council of Switzerland, would also carry on its work in the same Masonic Temple, and the activity of the one would stimulate the activity of the other. After the closing of the labours and the lodge, the brethren assembled at a magnificent banquet, at the Hotel Russie, at which the most fraternal union and harmony prevailed.

The following is the oration pronounced by Bro. Gomes on the occasion:—May we be happy my brethren. The day which has dawned upon us is an "alba dies" for Freemasonry. My mouth is all but powerless to express to you all the joy that my heart feels in this our solemnity; but you, Freemasons all, you who feel that your hearts still beat loyally for the holy traditions of our Order, you can rejoice and you will rejoice, for to-day is the inauguration of our new Temple. Very dear and very illustrious brethren, may my words be the words of gratitude for the brethren, our friends, and the brethren our visitors who have had the fraternal thought to come and sit at our sides in this new sanctuary, and to associate themselves

with our festival, in honouring us with their presence, and their intelligence. May the arches of our Temple resound with my praises of them, and re-echo for all the visiting brethren in the name of all our brethren present or absent, the most sincere and thankful recognition of their kindness which is on our lips, and will ever remain deeply engraven on our heart of hearts. At present, my dear brethren, I must ask all your indulgence, and think not that it is a useless or oratorical precaution.

My hesitation, you will understand, is most natural when I find myself in this new temple of which the opening is hailed by the presence of so many brethren, and when I see close to me, in the lodge, those worthy Masons whose voice would certainly have more authority than mine. But as the kindly will of our very dear Master and that of my brethren has conferred on me this difficult task, I will force myself to fulfil it, if not with talent at any rate with good will. Post tenebras lux. After darkness light. These words, my brethren, are very applicable to the situation we have just passed through, and in which we find ourselves to-day. "La Fraternité" had for the moment ceased to enlighten its "Orient." It remained in the shade, but it yet lived, and full of confidence in the revival of our work, notwithstanding the opposition we encountered, and the difficulties we experienced, we have always toiled as labourious workmen, that is to say, with ardour and perseverance. To emerge from the state of uncertainty in which we found ourselves placed by the force of circumstances, we addressed ourselves directly to the Grand Orient of France, and the very illustrious brethren who compose the Council of the Order, have been most willing, with the obliging aid of our most honoured Bro. Besançon, to receive our requests and to regularize our labours.

Ought it to be otherwise? Certainly not. Our lodge could not perish, it had to reform itself for its own good, of which I ever had the firmest hope—it must return to its origin to draw therefrom a new life. And so the happy day which now shines upon us, was at last to appear to unite the links of the past to those of the present. May the blessing of the great Architect of the Universe rest upon our generous brethren, may our love recompense them, and may our services and devotion repay to them, their numerous benefits to us.

Such pleasant and gentle sentiments so fill my heart at this moment that I am hardly able to express the happiness which I feel on seeing our efforts crowned with such success. I am profoundly moved by the solemnity, so much the more moved, because, putting aside my character of officer to preserve my liberty as a Mason, I am proud to be able to say that we owe this temple to the courage and persevering efforts of our very dear and venerable Master, Bro. Camps.

It is to him, the chief sanctuary, it is to him that all our gratitude is due. We are, therefore, ready to second his endeavours to increase the influence and consideration of Geneva Freemasonry. Under its exalted devotion our institution will be able to accomplish without difficulty the mission of pacific progress which its traditions have bequeathed to us. Have we not always thought that it was possible to unite mankind by suppressing little by little the causes which divide it? Have we not always thought that everything moved and changed itself in nature?—that everything held together and that we lived one for another here. Well, since it is thus, we hope yet for the reign of peace and of justice, and according to us, the best means for arriving at them, are toleration and liberty. I see before me the sacred symbols which represent to us the sublime principle which Masons our ancestors have defended in by-gone ages, at the peril of their lives, and which point out to us our duties. Therefore, to the work, my brothers. We will strive to penetrate the profound meaning of these symbols, to engrave them in our breasts, and practice the virtues which they teach. In the past ages, Freemasonry was preserved by humble workmen who desired to have amongst them, in the midst of all the persecution of which they were the victims, a link of brotherhood capable of assuring to those who are in misfortune, the succour of those who were in prosperity. Since that epoch Freemasonry has done nothing but advance. These bonds of union have ameliorated the social condition. To-day liberty reigns amongst us for all Freemasons, but Masonry has not said its last word. It is always a useful institution, mainly, because its end is to suppress all hatred, by putting in practice the broad principle—let us live one for another, let us support one another, and let us form a free people, united and strong, in order to combat those prejudices which create inequalities among men.

Our great object is the extinction of all animosity, of all fanaticism, of all intolerance, which, unhappily we yet see every day, deplorable spectacles in our age of light. May we continue our way and find ourselves again at the end of our course as united and as prosperous as we are here.

Deign, great God, to pour down the treasure of thy favours on the chief who governs us, on our very dear and very honourable Master, W. Camps, and to prolong his days for the good of his family, and of all the brethren who surround him now.

[Extracted from the Bulletin Officiel of the Grand Orient de la France. January, 1875.—ED.]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Dangerous Catarrhs, Bronchitis, Asthma, and Influenza, are rife at this season of the year. Hepatic and renal congestions frequently occur as the result of checked skin action, giving rise to serious symptoms and preventing attention to business or pleasure. No time should be lost on the first appearance of any indications of the invasion of these diseases, for the symptoms may be checked effectually by the use of these valuable remedies, the penetrating local effect of the Ointment acts surely in the affected parts, and restores them to a healthy condition, and the pills, judiciously taken in accordance with the lucid directions, relieve the congestive capillaries and materially lessen the chance of serious mischief supervening.—ADVT.

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

### MASONIC SONG.

For the information of your correspondent H., I append the Hymn to which he referred in your issue of the 20th inst. It is to be found in "Ballads and Songs of the Peasantry of England," published by Charles Griffin & Co., Stationers' Hall Court, London.

#### THE MASONIC HYMN.

"This is a very ancient production, though given from a modern copy; it has always been popular amongst the poor 'brethren of the mystic tie.' The late Henry O'Brien, A.B., quotes the seventh verse in his essay on 'The Round Towers of Ireland.' He generally had a common copy of the hymn in his pocket, and on meeting with any of his antiquarian friends who were not Masons, was in the habit of thrusting it into their hands, and telling them that if they understood the mystic allusions they contained, they would be in the possession of a key which would unlock the Pyramids of Egypt. The tune to the hymn is peculiar to it, and is of a plaintive and solemn character."

Come all you Freemasons that dwell around the globe,  
That wear the badge of innocence, I mean the royal robe,  
Which Noah he did wear when in the Ark he stood,  
When the world was destroyed by a deluging flood.

Noah he was virtuous in the sight of the Lord,  
He loved a Freemason that kept the secret word;  
For he built the Ark, and he planted the first vine,  
Now his soul in Heaven like an angel doth shine.

Once I was blind, and could not see the light,  
Then up to Jerusalem I took my flight;  
I was led by the Evangelist through a wilderness of care,  
You may see by the sign and the badge that I wear.

On the 13th rose the Ark, let us join hand in hand,  
For the Lord spake to Moses by water and by land;  
Unto the pleasant river where by Eden it did run,  
And Eve tempted Adam by the serpent of sin.

When I think of Moses, it makes me to blush,  
All on Mount Horeb where I saw the burning bush;  
My shoes I'll throw off, and my staff I'll cast away,  
And I'll wander like a pilgrim unto my dying day.

When I think of Aaron it makes me to weep,  
Likewise of the Virgin Mary who lay at our Saviour's feet;  
'Twas in the garden of Gethsemane where he had the bloody sweat;  
Repent, my dearest brethren, before it is too late.

I thought I saw twelve dazzling lights, which put me in surprise,  
And gazing all around me, I heard a dismal noise;  
The serpent passed by me which fell unto the ground,  
With great joy and comfort, the secret word I found.

Some say it is lost, but surely it is found,  
And so is our Saviour, it is known to all around;  
Search all the Scriptures over, and there it will be shown;  
The tree that will bear no fruit must be cut down.

Abraham was a man well beloved by the Lord,  
He was true to be found in great Jehovah's word,  
He stretched forth his hand, and took a knife to slay his son,

An angel appearing, said, The Lord's will be done.  
O, Abraham! O, Abraham! lay no hand upon the lad,  
He sent him unto thee to make thy heart glad;  
Thy seed shall increase like stars in the sky,  
And thy soul into Heaven, like Gabriel shall fly.

O, never! O, never, will I hear an orphan cry,  
Nor yet a gentle virgin, until the day I die;  
You wandering Jews, that travel the wide world round,  
May knock at the door where truth is to be found.

Often against the Turks and infidels we fight,  
To let the wandering world know we're in the right,  
For in Heaven there's a lodge, and St. Peter keeps the door,  
And none can enter in but those that are pure.

St. Peter, he opened, and so we entered in  
Into the holy seat secure, which is all free from sin;  
St. Peter, he opened, and so we entered there,  
And the glory of the temple no man can compare.

Note.—Our able and Rev. Bro. Woodford may be able to give some authentic data of its origin. As a poem, little can be said of it. "Royal Arch Masons" will more readily interpret its meaning.

J. CONSTABLE, P.M. 185.

### MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

If your correspondent, G. Baldwin, will put himself in communication with me, I shall be able to give him the information he is in quest of. I have a copy of the book, the correct title of which is as follows:—

"The sufferings of John Coustos, for Freemasonry, and for his refusing to turn Roman Catholic, in the Inquisition at Lisbon; where he was sentenced, during Four Years, to the Galley; and afterwards released from thence by the gracious interposition of His present Majesty King George II. To which is annex'd, The Origin of the Inquisition, with its Establishment in various Countries. A distinct account of that Tribunal, with many examples of its injustice and Cruelty; and the practice of the Primitive Church, in bringing over Heretics, compared with that of the Inquisition." With Portrait and Three curious Plates of the Tortures. London, 1746.

There is another kindred book, of which I have a copy, viz.:

"A Narrative of the Persecution of Hippolyto Joseph da Costa Pereira Furtado de Mendonça, a native of Colonia do Sacramento, on the River La Plata; imprisoned and

tried in Lisbon, by the Inquisition, for the pretended crime of Freemasonry. To which are added, the Bye-Laws of the Inquisition at Lisbon, both Ancient and Modern (never before published). Taken from the originals in one of the Royal Libraries in London." Two Vols. Portrait. London, 1811.

JOHN HOGG.

In answer to our good Bro. G. Baldwin, John Coustos, whose "sufferings" for Freemasonry have been often told, was a native of Berne, in Switzerland, but tells us that his father became naturalized in England in 1716. In 1738 he states that he went to Lisbon, and there was seized by the familiars of the Inquisition, tortured by that amiable institution, and was for some time in prison, until released by the intervention of King George the Second, 1744. The edition I have (the first), is "published for the author by W. Strahan, 1746," and contains a very sad recital and two very disagreeable plates, with a portrait of Coustos. A considerable amount of money was raised for him on his return to England, he was presented to the King, and his book had a large number of subscribers. As regards the essential verity of his statement opinions may differ, but of his actual imprisonment by the Inquisition and ill-treatment there is, we believe, little doubt. His account may be exaggerated and his portrait gives you the idea of a man who has "done it very well." There are English and foreign editions of the work, and even one in M.S.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

### AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.

I very heartily endorse the happy sketch of the progress of the Craft in the United States, and its charities, contained in the *Freemason* for March 6th.

The writer (and editor) is well known to the readers of the readable *Keystone* (Philadelphia) by his periodical letters respecting Freemasonry in Great Britain and Ireland, and we only wish that a brother equally competent would send similar communications from across the "Big-pond," so that we may be kept as well posted.

In the article reference is made to the Masonic contributions raised for national disasters in the United States. It has occurred to me that the assistance rendered by the American Craft to alleviate the distress caused by the great conflagration of October 8th and 9th, 1871 (through which so many brethren, and the widows and children of deceased Masons were rendered houseless, destitute, and poverty stricken), should be chronicled in the columns of the *Freemason*, and I have, therefore, carefully examined the final report of the proceedings of the Masonic Board of Relief (Chicago, 1872).

The energetic Grand Master at the time was the M.W. Bro. de Witt C. Cregier, and that most humane brother was the President; R.W. Bro. Holcomb, the V.P.; R.W. Bro. Egar, Grand Commander, K.T., Treasurer; and Bros. Haylett and Hill, Secretaries, with several other members and special committees. The report comprehends 160 pages of closely printed matter (octavo), is a model for clearness of details, and yet brief withal, and from beginning to end furnishes evidences of the discretion, carefulness, and fraternal manner in which the committee discharged their important trust.

The entire cash donations amounted to ...	Circa.	£16,618
Supplies of goods valued at ...	...	1,509

	£18,127
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Of this amount there was disbursed in the relief of the numerous applicants, grants to Chicago Lodges, the expenses of the Board, &c., &c., all minutely explained in the report ...

	£13,761
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The balance unappropriated, and which was in excess of the Masonic requirements to meet the distress was £4,366! which amount be it observed was returned to the donors.

From England the only contribution sent was £74 2s. 6d. from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire, the fraternity generally in this country having had a preference to subscribe to the general fund, which, as we know, the Grand Lodge, and many of its lodges most liberally aided.

The accounts were audited by the Grand Masters of Pennsylvania, District of Columbia and Iowa, and the Private Secretary of the first mentioned. Need we say more as to the truly Masonic character of American Freemasonry, when such a noble sum was contributed (with but few exceptions) from the Craft in the United States.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## Obituary.

### THE LATE BRO. D. H. HILL.

The whole Masonic brotherhood in the province of West Lancashire and Cheshire will learn with deep regret that Bro. Charles Hesketh Hill, Solicitor, died at his residence, Rose Cottage, Seaview-road, Liscard, near Birkenhead, on Thursday, the 25th ult. Our deceased brother, who was 60 years old, was long known as a zealous, conscientious, and consistent Freemason, and for many years was closely identified and took a warm interest in all Masonic schemes. He was P.M. of the Derby Lodge, No. 724, and several other lodges, and was a member of nearly all the other Orders. He was P.G. Registrar for West Lancashire in 1873-75, and took a warm interest in all Masonic charities, both in Cheshire and West Lancashire, frequently giving his countenance and support to meetings in connection with the different institutions. The remains of our deceased brother were interred at Wallasey Church, on Monday, when there was a large attendance of the brethren connected with local lodges.

### BRO. JOHN JONES, P.M. 205.

We have to announce the death of Bro. John Jones, an old inhabitant of Barnstaple, and who had been connected with the Newspaper Press for nearly forty years. Bro. Jones was a member of a Glamorgan family, some of whom settled in the neighbourhood of Lynton many generations ago. The deceased was born at Callington, in Cornwall, in the year 1801. He was brought up to the scholastic profession, and for many years was assistant-master at Mr. Carpenter's school at Pilton, and also assistant-mathematical teacher at the Barnstaple Grammar School, when under the mastership of the late Rev. Henry Nicholls. He afterwards became the proprietor of the *North Devon Advertiser*, a Conservative journal, up to the time of his decease. Bro. Jones was one of the oldest brethren of the Loyal Lodge, No. 251, in Barnstaple, and for two successive years was the Worshipful Master. About eight years ago, in conjunction with Bro. Samuel Jones, of Exeter, the deceased assisted in the formation of a Lodge of Freemasons at Ilfracombe, and was appointed the Worshipful Master there for the first year. He was also a director of the North Devon Building Society. Bro. Jones had been unwell for some months past, and last Thursday he was seized with inflammation of the lungs, and expired on Friday evening.

### BRO. CHARLES OLDROYD.

The Province of West Yorkshire has been bereaved of two excellent and distinguished brethren. Bro. Charles Oldroyd, of Lodge No. 208, Dewsbury, after gradually declining health, paid the last debt of nature on 25th February last, at the age of fifty-two years. He held the office of Prov. G. Registrar in 1862, and P. G. Treasurer from 1867 to 1873. He was initiated on the 7th Sept. 1845. The memory of his name is cherished.

### BRO. JAMES PEACE.

Bro. James Peace, of Lodge No. 279, Huddersfield, was initiated on 26th May, 1842, and gathered to his fathers on 4th March, inst., having exceeded, by four years, the allotted space of three score years and ten. He served as Prov. G. Junior Warden in 1849, and as Prov. G. Organist in 1851-2, and was also Past Prov. G.J. in the Royal Arch. He was exceedingly well versed in the ritual and lore of our Craft and Arch Masonry, and greatly interested himself in communicating to his brethren the knowledge he possessed. His veneration for and tenacity to the ancient landmarks and constitutions of our Order were excellently portrayed in his Masonic character. Peace to his ashes.

## Masonic Tidings.

Our exalted Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold has given a donation of £50 to the hospital for sick children.

The *North China Herald*, of Jan 21st, says:—"The following Masonic appointments have recently been made. At the meeting of the Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 501) on 28th Dec.—H. D. Camajee, W.M.; G. C. Stent, P.M.; J. Brown, S.W.; R. Pestonjee, Treas.; U. Harris, Sec.; J. Passmore, S.D.; B. Minck, J.D.; T. Ford, I.G.; T. Hore, Tyler. At the meeting of the Tuscan Lodge (No. 1024) on 4th inst.—J. J. Miller, W.M.; T. W. Eedfeldt, P.M.; L. Moore, S.W.; J. F. Goodfellow, J.W.; H. J. C. Barlow, Treas.; J. C. Hughes, Sec.; R. Palamountain, S.D.; W. Hopkins, J.D.; T. Hore, Tyler. The officers of the Northern Lodge of China for 1875 are:—E. Tobin, W.M.; W. A. Turnbull, P.M.; H. Watson, S.W.; R. Ferguson, J.W.; M. Hawtrey, Treas.; C. V. Housman, Sec.; H. S. B. Usill, S.D.; A. Bean, J.W.; W. Brand, I.G.; T. Hore, Tyler."

On Friday, the 26th ult., Bro. Crawley, P.M. 174, gave his lecture on conversation at the Highgate Literary Club, at Bro. Garrett's Bull and Gate, Kentish Town. The brethren connected with the Club, and the visitors expressed satisfaction. After the lecture several of the members played Mozart's First Symphony, and also Haydn's quartette No. 39 for strings. First violin, Bro. A. Dickinson; Second violin, Mr. R. Dickinson; Viola, Mr. B. Scarlett; Violoncello, Bro. Crawley.

The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs will, on Saturday next, the 30th inst., be the guests of the Great City Lodge. Lodge will be opened at four o'clock, in the pillar hall, at the City Terminus Hotel, and banquet will be served at six o'clock, in the great hall.

The "Golden Wedding" of Bro. Ransford, the well-known vocalist, will be celebrated by a dinner to his friends, which the Lord Mayor has kindly arranged to take place at the Mansion House on the 23rd inst.

Bro. Right Hon. the Lord Mayor will preside at a festival of the Royal South London Ophthalmic Hospital, to be held at the Bridge House Hotel, on Friday, the 19th inst.

The consecration of the St. Mary Magdalen Lodge, No. 1523, will take place at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Wednesday, April 7th.

Contrary to report, the Pope did not descend into St. Peter's yesterday (Friday, 5th inst.). The Vatican papers described His Holiness as "grievously afflicted" about the opening of the Masonic Temple in Rome on Friday. The condemnatory language used by the *Osservatore* had the effect of making several foreign Freemasons attend the ceremony, which is described as having been very picturesque.—*Echo*.

Wednesday, the 10th inst., being the twelfth anniversary of the marriage of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the occasion was celebrated at Windsor by the ringing of the bells of the Chapel Royal and the firing of a Royal salute of twenty-one guns in the Long Walk.

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## 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.

All Communications should be sent to 198, Fleet Street.

R. CARTER.—You ask how a W.M. can initiate one candidate, pass three, and raise four the same day, and, you add, you supposed that it must be done by suppression of the individual ceremony. If so, the W.M. is clearly acting, in our opinion, illegally. Initiation, passing, and raising are personal ceremonies, and cannot be performed in any way, we feel sure, in "groups." The best way would be to get the formal opinion of the Board of General Purposes on a case, as any member of the lodge can clearly object to and protest against such a "hash" of the ceremonial.

W.H. (Wellington, New Zealand).—Would you kindly answer the following queries, by so doing you will oblige, not only myself, but many of my colonial brethren. 1st. Is it proper for the members of a lodge to be summoned to attend the funeral of a brother, with instructions to appear in white gloves and neckties, without other insignia as Masons, and when there, to walk behind the mourning cortege. [Masonic Funerals are not of obligation.—Ed.] 2nd. A Past Master (S.C.) advises the R.W.M. to rule, that none but M.M.'s. can vote on the admission of candidates to Masonry; further stating that an E.A. cannot either speak or vote on any question; a F.C. may speak but not vote. I have looked through the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and can find no such provision, please inform me whence comes the ruling? [The W.M. is wrong on every point, and his ruling is untenable.—Ed.]

3rd. Bro. Henry Melville, well-known in this part of the world as the "Father of the Tasmanian Press," spent 40 years of his life on the production of a work entitled "The Lost Secrets of Masonry," it was in the hands of the publisher when he died some two years ago; he left peculiar conditions in his will in re the publication, which would take too much of your valuable space to recapitulate. Can you inform me if the publication has been completed, or if there is any likelihood of its shortly being so. [Bro. Melville's work has been published under the title of "Veritas."—Ed.]

The following stand over: Letters from "An Old P.M.," "A P.M.," Bro. Wigginton, (Poetry); A. Lawrence; D.A.; J. W. Harper. Reports of Lodges 1473, 1474, E.C.; 31, 27, 347, 354, 419, 541, 556, S.C.

W.H. (New Zealand).—Offer declined with thanks.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1875.

## THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

We have much pleasure in being able to inform our readers of the preliminary steps which are being taken for the purpose of making arrangements for the proceedings at the coming installation of His Royal Highness as Grand Master of English Freemasons, at Albert Hall, on the 28th April. The particulars will be found in another column.

## THE ALBERT HALL.

The Albert Hall, which has been selected by H.R.H. the Grand Master as the "locale" of his installation, April 28th, is, as many of our readers will know, that circular building at Kensington, in juxtaposition with the monument of the lamented Prince Consort. It has, no doubt, been chosen on account of the number it can conveniently receive, as those who are expected to attend, far exceed the normal accommodation of Freemasons' Hall. The building in which it is proposed that the Craft should muster for our "Annual Grand Assembly," and above all on the auspicious occasion of the installation of the Prince of Wales, has an outward circumference of 764 feet, its largest diameter being 219 feet 4 inches, and its smallest 185 feet 4 inches. Its interior arena is 102 feet by 68, and there are twenty-two distinct staircases for the 8000 visitors who can all be seated. Access to the building is gained by three entrances. One end of this large hall is occupied by the orchestra, in the midst of which appears the organ. In front of the orchestra is the area, surrounded by rising seats like those in a Roman Amphitheatre, which lead up to a triple tier of boxes. The upward sweep of the amphitheatre seats is continued in a lesser degree to the box tiers, each tier being placed somewhat further back than the one beneath it, and thus a double benefit is gained, everybody can see everybody else, and the architectural effect is enhanced. We are indebted to our contemporary, the *Graphic*, for this short, if clear account of the Albert Hall, and we shall await with interest the regulations and arrangements of the day's ceremonial. Our readers may depend on having them printed for their information the moment we receive them ourselves.

## THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

The large attendance of brethren on Wednesday last, the 3rd instant, showed how deep was the interest which the election of the Grand Master had caused in our ever-loyal Craft. The ringing cheers which greeted the unanimous resolution of Grand Lodge, evidenced, if evidence were needed by anyone, what a subject of rejoicing to the entire brotherhood is the re-election of our august Grand Master. A very becoming expression of fraternal sympathy to the Pro Grand Master in his afflictive bereavement, was moved by Bro. the Earl of Shrewsbury, seconded by Bro. Lord Limerick, and feelingly assented to by Grand Lodge. The condolence of all English Freemasons is with our distinguished brother in his affliction and heavy trial. The report of the Board of Benevolence was next considered, after a communication from Quebec, and a very serious report it was. £700, voted at the last meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence; among the votes for confirmation, were two of £200 each, an unusual occurrence. Well might Bro. Clabon put in a timely word of warning. From the discussion which ensued, it is quite clear that the warnings of Bro. Clabon, and the good advice of Bro. Havers were in truth imperatively required. It is all very well for brethren to expatiate upon what a brother has done for the Charities; but that is not the only ground of relief. Excellent are our Charities, worthy is the cause they represent, and most praiseworthy are the efforts some of our brethren make, even beyond their means, to aid these admirable and deeply-needed institutions. But we agree with Bro. Joshua Nunn, in pointing out what a good many of us often forget, apparently, that an old-fashioned authority, one which now-a-days is too little regarded in our dealings with men and things, said, long ago, "that if any provide not for his own, but especially for those of his own house, he is worse than an 'infidel.'" Our brethren are so genial and large-hearted as a rule, that they often lose sight of the truth that in all these cases, "charity really begins at home." If a brother gives up all his time and substance for Freemasonry, and leaves his family, those nearest and dearest to him, so destitute that they have at once to apply to the Craft, this fact,

though it may constitute a claim for them, it is no justification for him. Every case must be decided on its own merits, and we can lay down no general rule which will apply safely to all cases, as some are exceptional and special in the highest degree. But the warning to the brethren who constitute the Lodge of Benevolence to watch carefully over their grants is one which cannot be given too strongly, or repeated too often. We do not think that it is quite fair to throw all the "onus" of this largeness and open-heartedness of Masonic charity on the W.M.s. who attend occasionally. We have always been of opinion that, subject to one or two slight modifications, the original constitution of the Lodge of Benevolence should be carefully preserved for the best interests of Freemasonry. We do not believe that any blame can attach to what has been termed the "shifting character of the lodge." That is inevitable from the constitution of the lodge being an open board, and no scheme that we have ever yet seen or heard of, except one of an elected board, can do away with this special characteristic of the Lodge of Benevolence. But in our humble opinion, that constitutes alike the reality and the value of the Lodge of Benevolence to our entire Order, and the moment you take away this great open court of benevolence from English Freemasonry, you make a sacrifice to the spirit of centralization which is distinctive of provincial interest in this living and abiding duty of Freemasonry. We are of opinion, however, that if brethren would weigh all the cases accurately, and in the judicial spirit of Bro. Clabon, and, without laying down a hard-and-fast line, which we believe is impossible, would attend to the principles of donation he has so lucidly suggested, a greater uniformity of action on the part of the Lodge of Benevolence would be speedily attained. There is a tendency sometimes to make cases, the cases of Bro. A, or Bro. C, or Bro. E, forgetting that in the great exercise of Masonic charity, individuality and personality ought to go for nothing, and that the grant should be decided and acceded to only on right principles, and on constitutional grounds. We congratulate the Craft on the return of Bro. Havers to the Board of General Purposes. Great as have been his services to the Order, and long as has been his official training, so long that he may almost claim to be "emeritus" in the faithful army of Freemasons, we feel sure that we are expressing the opinion of the vast majority of our Order when we say we are glad to know that we still can count on the sound advice, the sobered judgment, and the loyal devotion to our good old Craft of our very able and distinguished brother, the Past Grand Warden, in the official arrangements of Grand Lodge.

## ARCHÆOLOGICAL PROGRESS.

No. V.

One of the great hindrances to the study of Masonic Archæology, and one of the greatest reproaches against Freemasonry, has been the compilation of fictitious documents. The profane critic all but naturally, when he discovers this or that "fraus pia," immediately begins to suspect all our documents. Many animadversions have been cast on Freemasonry on account of one or two unfortunate and unjustifiable errors—we would even say crimes of this kind. Our earlier historians and writers accepted too readily what was put forward as an old MS. or a venerable document, and exercised little caution and less criticism, in some evidences which they received as genuine and handed on as such to us. Take for instance what is called the Locke MS. though that is a misnomer. This purports to be a Masonic catechism of the reign of Henry VI., to have been seen by him, if not written out by him, and to have been copied by Leland, the famous antiquary, when found by him in one of the monasteries, by command of Henry VIII. But the curious part of this document is, that it is not a MS., but translated professedly from a German book, printed at Frankfurt. It first appeared in the "Gentlemen's Magazine," about the middle of the last century, was reproduced in the Masonic Magazine later, was previously used by Hutchinson, and subsequently by Preston, was accepted by Oliver, and has



been repeated ever since in all Masonic works more or less. The German pamphlet has not yet been found, and Kloss doubts if it ever did exist. How it could have got into the "Gentlemen's Magazine" no one knows, or who sent it to that journal. One copy of it in MS. exists in the British Museum, in the handwriting of Essex, the celebrated architect, late 18th century, and is probably a transcription of one of the printed copies. It was originally said that Leland's copy existed in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, but it is not to be found there, and Leland himself nowhere mentions it. It has had additional interest given to it by the alleged letter of John Locke. Dr. Oliver seems to think that the letter was genuine—the modern school of Masonic critics greatly doubt the fact. Indeed, it seems very dubious if Locke ever was a Mason at all, and no reason has ever been suggested why a letter to Lord Pembroke from him, should be first printed in a German pamphlet. The verbiage of the alleged catechism is very peculiar, and experts have said that the archaisms are unnatural, and in fact, made-up. The document in its present form is clearly a fiction, it is not what it purports to be, it cannot be what it claims to be. But it is just possible that we have in it an old form of Masonic Catechism, in use in some of the lodges, which by an ignorant brother, or by a profane, has been added to and garbled in order to serve his end. What that end could be, we cannot very well see, unless indeed it be, to support the old tradition that Henry VI. was a member of our Order. But it is useless to speculate. Whoever introduced this document in the "Gentlemen's Magazine," no doubt did it designedly; if he was a Freemason, it must have been from some mistaken idea of adding to the antiquity of our Order; if a non-Mason from ignorance or mischief. Subject to what we have said above, we must reject it as available evidence for our truth-loving and historical Order. The Charter of Cologne, is equally an inculcated, and equally an untenable document. Its history is somewhat obscure and intricate. It seems to have first appeared in Holland, whether made, there or not we know not; but though for a time it was accepted, it has long since been given up by Masonic critics. Brother Findel, in Germany, some time ago denied its genuineness and its authenticity, and such has been also the verdict of our modern English critical school. It is not a document of much importance in itself, and we can dismiss it here, with the expression of our opinion, that we wonder any competent critics should ever have been imposed upon by its hopeless and unhistorical statements. But here we must stop for to-day, as the examination into the alleged Constitutions of Edwin, printed by Krause, requires more space than we can give to it, and a great deal may be said on both sides of the question, at least as regards the special character of the document.

#### THE RIGHTS OF VISITING BRETHREN.

Many of our good brethren and correspondents seem to be somewhat perplexed with one or two difficulties attendant on this subject, which has always been somewhat of a "vexata questio" to our lodges. And some, we note, are rather disposed to blame what they term the "obscurity" of the Book of Constitutions on the matter. Now, with due submission to all such, we venture to express our opinion to-day, "au contraire," that the Book of Constitutions is quite explicit on the subject, and the law it lays down is equally sound and practical. We must bear this in mind, that while, by the general principles of our Order, all duly registered Freemasons, with their certificates and duly vouched for, can claim to be admitted to the working of a lodge, our lodges never have professed except on personal acquaintance, to admit all visiting brethren to their social reunions. Such is the hospitality of our genial Order, that, as a general rule, their hospitality is as co-extensive as their Masonic reception, but cases might arise in which, though they might receive a visiting brother "jure suo,"

in the hour of work, they might not desiderate his presence in the time of refreshment. We admit that such cases are rare, but they may occur, and they do occur, and some of our brethren seem to forget that the lodge has two characters, so to say, its public character in work, and its private character in refreshment. Each lodge is, or ought to be, a little family, an aggregation of private friends, and no one, without the full consent of the brethren, has a right to interfere with their freedom of action or intrude on their privacy in this respect. But let us see what it is that our Book of Constitutions really does lay down. These are the words of the law. "No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge unless he is personally known, recommended, or well vouched for, after due examination, by one of the present brethren." Two conditions of admission are clearly here expressed. The visitor must be known or recommended by some brother of the lodge, and must be vouched for as a Mason, after due examination, if he be not known to any of the brethren, by a member of the lodge. Nothing is said about his certificate. As a general rule, what occurs when an unknown visiting brother is announced, is this. A brother is deputed to examine him, and the production of the certificate is undoubtedly to be recommended as a proof of identity. But if the visiting brother passes his due examination and can conscientiously be vouched for by a member of the lodge, in our opinion the requirements of the Book of Constitutions are fulfilled. But the whole question really turns, for the most part, on the subsequent social reunion. In consequence many lodges make a rule, and they have a right to do so, that unless a visitor is introduced by a brother, personally, or be invited by the W.M. in the name of the lodge, he cannot be admitted to their private gatherings. And we confess we cannot see how our lodges err in making their refreshment hour as private and as confidential as can be. There are some good brethren of ours who go from lodge to lodge, whether they know any of the brethren or not, and expect, without demur and without fail to be at once welcomed into their private meetings. Now all who have had much experience of lodge life, know well how difficult often the exercise of hospitality becomes. We are met, a friendly "band of brothers," knowing each other well, intimately acquainted with each other's foibles, and, finding amusement from the lodge jest, and all of a sudden a stranger who knows none of these things, and understands none of these things, comes amongst us like a "wet blanket." In a moment geniality is chilled, the song is hushed, the joke is unheard. We have exchanged the full flow of warm-hearted sociality for the formality of etiquette, for "doing the civil." We write quite philosophically on the subject, stating facts as they are, as we do not profess to deal either in the sensational or in bombast. Hospitality is a very good thing and very commendable, and we may even, in these common-place days, sometimes "entertain angels unawares," but hospitality, like charity, still begins "at home." We cannot, therefore, blame those brethren who make the admission to their inner circle a privilege and not a right, though we shall uphold at all times the claim of all duly registered and subscribing members, subject to the provision of the Book of Constitutions, to be admitted to the working lodge.

#### BRO. CAPTAIN AILLET.

We publish in another column a most interesting account of generosity and good feeling on the part of a brother, Captain Joseph Aillet, of the French Mercantile Marine, and Commander of the ship Cilaos. It appears that the Industry, of the Port of London, commanded also by a brother, William Reid, was burnt at sea, in South Latitude 33° 47', and East Longitude 52° 47', and the captain and the crew took to the boats. While in the open sea the French ship Cilaos, commander our good Bro. Joseph Aillet, came across the captain and some of the crew in one boat, and then went in search of the other two boats. This gallant brother received the captain and all the crew in the Cilaos, took

them to Réunion, where he handed them over to the Britannic Consul. He had hospitably entertained the captain and twenty-one seamen for fourteen days, but declined emphatically to receive any payment whatever for their subsistence, though offered him by the English Consul. The Consul's despatch to the Foreign Office announcing this act of devotion and charity was published in the official journal of Réunion, and we give it also in another column. These two seamen brethren were cordially received by the Lodge L'Amitié, Orient de St. Denis, at Réunion, under the Grand Orient of France, and the kindly brethren raised an immediate subscription to purchase clothes, &c., for the destitute sailors. We feel sure that our generous English Craft will appreciate at once this truly Masonic conduct of Bro. Captain Joseph Aillet. And those of us who have at heart not only the peace of the world, but the lasting friendship of two great nations like France and England, will rejoice to hear of another little proof, if proof be wanting, how great, happily, are the mutual good will and good feeling between two such civilized and neighbouring people. We do not know if any official notice can be taken by our Grand Lodge, of the disinterested assistance of Bro. Aillet, or the fraternal sympathy of the Lodge L'Amitié at Réunion, but sure we are of this, that any English Freemason who reads the account in another column will feel how true a representative of the loving spirit of Freemasonry is our gallant Bro. Joseph Aillet, the Captain of the good French ship Cilaos.

#### 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 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ENGLISH AND FOREIGN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

This article in the impression of your paper of the 20th ult., prompts me to give an answer as far as German Freemasonry is concerned, by inserting which in your next issue you will greatly oblige.

You are perfectly correct, when you speak of the great number of Grand Lodges with several varieties of system which exist in Germany. Since 1866 the number has diminished, but we still have eight Grand Lodges, besides five independent lodges, and one lodge in Frankfort-on-the-Maine, working under a charter of the Grand Lodge of England. I may remind you, however, that the union of all lodges in England under one Grand Lodge only was accomplished under the Duke of Sussex, the 13th December, 1813. It was about the same time, when Bro. Schroeder, of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg strove to purify German Freemasonry from all the mysticism and strict observances imported into German Masonry from Sweden, by Zinnendorf. He was aided in his endeavours by such men as Goethe, Wieland, Duke Karl August, and others, and you will find by this time that most of the German Grand Lodges have returned to the rational English Craft Masonry with three degrees. The Grand National Lodge of the Three Globes, the Grand Lodge Royal York, both at Berlin, and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, have essentially the English Ritual, whilst the Grand Land-Lodge v.D., at Berlin retained the Swedish Ritualism. The light of Freemasonry, however, shines through all, sometimes clear and bright, sometime a little dim, and the one of Freemasons' landmarks; the exclusion of all political and religious polemics, is as strictly adhered to in Germany as in England.

The saying of Frederick the Great, that the Freemasons were his most loyal subjects, still holds good to-day. Since Frederick, who was made a Mason in the lodge Absalom, in Brunswick, the 14th of August, 1738, the Royal Family of Prussia have always favoured Freemasonry, and the present King of Prussia and Emperor of Germany is protector of the Craft, and he and his son are known to be good and active working Freemasons. As regards religion, I dare say that, as discussions, especially in lodges of instruction, are more free in Germany than here, attempts may have been made to introduce this topic, but such attempts will always be promptly suppressed as soon as it becomes known to the higher authorities.

So far in answer to answer to your charges, and now let me point out some differences between English and German lodges.

The public-house question has been solved in Germany long ago. Even in small towns you mostly find a Logenhaus, a club-house with a temple, belonging to the Freemasons of the town. The brethren will assemble there at least once a week, banquets, always cheaply arranged and paid for, not by the lodges, but by those who partake of them, are less frequent than in the English lodge-year, but the younger brethren have to be all the more regular in their attendance for instruction, if they

wish to be advanced. The entrance fees generally are moderate, but in the choice of candidates the utmost care is taken. A candidate has always to wait twelve months before he is ballotted for, and during this time he is watched by all the brethren of the lodge, whose business it is to make themselves acquainted with his character, habits, and morals, before the ballot takes place. After he has become an apprentice he has again to wait at least twelve months before he is passed into the second degree, and mostly a still longer time before he can be raised to the third degree. There is but little scope for office-hunting, the Worshipful Master and the officers being mostly re-elected year after year until they themselves tender their resignation.

The total number of the German lodges is estimated at about 310, but these lodges contain larger numbers and are altogether more lasting in their existence than is the case in England, and it is a rare occurrence in Germany for a brother to leave his lodge, and to resign, unless forced by external circumstances.

I remain, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,  
KARL BERGMAN, J.W. of Pilgrim, No. 228  
(Working in the German language).

#### THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER. *To the Editor of the Freemason.*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to offer a suggestion and to ask a question in relation to the unprecedented ceremony about to take place in connection with the installation of our Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Is the rule to be absolute that none but Past Masters can be present on this auspicious occasion, and if so, why? To shut out Master Masons would be unjust and dishonourable; at least, such is my opinion. It is scarcely within the realm of every Master Mason to become a Past Master, then why should this exclusiveness be exercised. I of myself know a little multitude of full-grown Master Masons who are quite as worthy to appear in the presence of His Royal Highness as any Past Master, and no argument or reason presents itself to me that they should be "disbarred" this privilege.

It would be unjust to close the door upon Master Masons of ten years standing, or any Master Mason. This body of Freemasons are the backbone and sinew of our most noble brotherhood. Master Masons, as a rule, are men of the right stamp—charitable—and numbers of them are Past Stewards, and many are Governors of our charities, and yet, withal, not Past Masters. I, for one, think these brethren should have the immunity of being present. I hold that it would be a lasting slur upon this, the greater and stronger body of Freemasons, should they be excluded, simply because they have not passed the chair, and never having had the opportunity.

If the rule is absolute, which I think might be relaxed if the feeling was made known at head-quarters, with all decorum and courtesy, and as the ceremony of installation will partake of the character of a levée, being in the presence of royalty, may more, the heir to the throne of England's empire is to be enthroned our Grand Master. Let me suggest that if exclusiveness is to be the barrier of Master Masons being present, make Court dress a law of necessity, and if, upon this authority, Master Masons can appear, we should have a large addition to the grand gathering, and they would help to raise, as well as help to swell, the honour on this unique occasion. There are numberless Master Masons gentlemen in the full acceptance of the word who are not Past Masters. I would earnestly press this matter and should thank you to offer a means whereby Master Masons can become eligible.

This installation will be a red-letter day in England's history, the fame of which is already sounding abroad, not only Masonically, but as a protest against the puny and silly anathemas of an intolerant and lugubrious priesthood, whom England's eldest son and pride will tolerate—all and every honour to him for his manliness in taking upon himself this great office in the very face of this unmeaning party.

Hearty good wishes, sincerely and fraternally yours,  
"NON NOBIS SED OMNIBUS."

2nd March, 1875.

#### THE RIGHT OF VISITING LODGES.

*To the Editor of the Freemason.*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was greatly surprised to see in your issue of Saturday last, a kind of half admission by "Busy Bee," that a stranger had no right of entrance to a Masonic Lodge, unless personally known, recommended, and vouched for by one of the brethren present, and a half-hearted kind of defence of the same, lest some expelled member, or some clever cowl, obtained admittance to our lodge-rooms. Bosh! The same might be said about the issue of bank notes, on the ground that a forged one might be uttered, or another presented from a bank which had failed to meet its liabilities. In the one case, so long as a man stands before you, to all external appearance a just and upright man and a Mason, you are to receive him as such, until the contrary be proved; and in the other case, I think he would be a very clever cowl indeed who could pass himself off as a Mason at my lodge.

My contention, sir, is, that the spirit of Masonry, its scope, its object, and its purpose (with other noble aims), is to unite man to man more and more; instead of giving pain, to be the medium of joy and gladness; to be the channel by which men of divers notions and languages may meet on the square for the purpose of giving and receiving information, and to render every kind office which justice or mercy may require; to ennoble a man wherever he may be, either in his own land or in a far-off country, in the crowded city or the secluded village; to exclaim with pride and satisfaction, "I am a Master Mason; try

me and prove me," and being found in all points a true man and no spy, he shall meet with that friendly grip which none but Masons know, and shall find friendly steps which shall be ever ready, even through dangers and difficulties, to meet with such an one, in forming a column for mutual support and defence.

I care nothing for the strained interpretation of page 89 of the Constitutions. To me it appears perfectly clear, that it is the easiest thing possible for one of the brethren present to step out, try, and prove the strange brother; finding him right, he vouches for him, and introduces him to the lodge, where I have always known him to be most cordially received. If this be not so, what is the good of all our secret signs, our tokens, our grips, and our words? If I, before being admitted as a Mason, have to be known, vouched for, and recommended, then there is no need for all these elaborate precautions. Our lodges, being scattered over the surface of the whole habitable globe, to me is nought; since, presenting myself at a strange lodge, I am met with the words, "depart from me, I know you not."

Are these brotherly love, relief, and truth? Is this the result of making ourselves known by signs, tokens, and perfect points of entrance.

Fraternally yours,  
JOSEPH PARKER, W.M. 346.  
Clayton-le-Dale, March 1st, 1875.

#### ARCHÆOLOGICAL PROGRESS.—No. III.

*To the Editor of the Freemason.*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am much interested in the series of articles entitled "Archæological Progress," and hope several more are yet to follow from your facile pen, and many other students of Masonic history have been similarly gratified to note their character.

As to the "Johannite teaching," I am quite certain that your statement is correct, viz., "It is quite clear, historically, that the Johannite teaching of Freemasonry, as suggested by Dr. Oliver, is, if not actually of the 18th century, at any rate not earlier than the 17th. In fact, I go farther, and declare it is my belief that the Festivals of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist were not common to the Craft until the last century. In other words, these 'Saints' were not the adopted Saints of Freemasonry until after the Revival of 1717."

You allude to the lodge at Alnwick, of which I gave a long account in the *Freemason* of January 21st, 1871. The "Orders" of Sept. 29th, 1701, provided for the Two Wardens being chosen on the "Feast of St. Michael the Archangel," and Apprentices were only to be "accepted" (after having served seven years) at that Feast. A few years later, the Festival of St. John the Evangelist was selected for the anniversary. You say truly "Of St. John the Baptist we find no trace" until the last century.

In the *Ordinacio Cementariorum*, circa, A.D. 1370, ("Fabric Rolls of York Munster,") will be found some curious laws to regulate "ye loge," "ye maystyr masoun," and "all ye masouns."

Though it is true we are not so well off in England as respects lodge records as in Scotland, yet we have the foregoing preserved, which is of considerable value, especially as it is of the fourteenth century, and a lodge record or code of regulations withal.

Then there is the entry in Elias Ashmole's Diary of Oct. 16th, 1646, of his reception, with Colonel Mainwaring, at Warrington, and the names of the brethren who attended the lodge. Also the visit of that well known antiquary at a lodge in London at Mason's Hall, March 10th, 1682.

There are also other references which will occur to you, and which are worth being collected and presented in one of your articles of the series, exhibiting the records and accounts of lodge meetings, &c., in England, prior to 1717.

Fraternally yours,  
WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Truro, 27th Feb., 1875.

#### THE FREEMASONS' LIFEBOAT SUPPORT FUND.

*To the Editor of the Freemason.*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The gratuitous services rendered by you in the lifeboat movement, induces me to ask a space in your next edition for this letter, that will enable me to explain the reason the above movement fell through. I think it would be found in the last report that appeared in your columns, Bro. A. E. Harris and myself were confined to our homes from illness, which prevented our attending the meeting; it was afterwards intimated to me by Bro. Harris, that his professional engagements, combined with the occasional indisposition, would prevent his attendance in future. Unfortunately a continuous affliction of rheumatic gout prevented my attending to business; since then, finding that a support movement could not be effected without the continual assistance of a committee, I made enquiries of Mr. R. Lewis, the Secretary of the National Lifeboat Institution, whether the sum of £500 could be realised by subscriptions, whether it would be accepted by that committee as a permanent endowment for the "Freemasons' Lifeboat." I received a letter of thanks to the Freemasons for their kind consideration of the institution, and that the sum specified would be accepted with pleasure. I wrote to several members upon the subject, but being confined to my bed for many months, was unable to form a committee. From the columns of your contemporary I find a rival movement has been started, and Bro. Constable has given notice to Grand Lodge that he would apply for a grant of £100 to endow the Freemasons' lifeboat, he having the sum of £33s. in hand, I delayed writing until the result of the application was known, but find it was not made, I visited my lodge last meeting to ascertain the feeling of the members. As to forming a committee for the purpose of realising the amount required, I am pleased to state I shall be supported. Knowing how heavily the pockets of the brotherhood are taxed, I would suggest a very easy mode of collecting the amount; it would

require the co-operation of W.M.'s and P.Z.'s, that they would, one night during their year of office, seek a subscription of sixpence each from every member present. Taking the average of thirty members at each meeting, 100 lodges and chapters, would produce £750, but supposing only half that number assembled, a Fancy Fair, by gifts from the wives, sisters and daughters of Masons would enable us to carry out the object.

I shall be glad to receive the opinions of the brotherhood through your columns, or by post, to me, with names of those who will assist on committee, as a meeting will be called immediately after the next meeting of the Faith Lodge, that officers may be elected, my accounts audited, and the money deposited in the London and Westminster Bank, in the names of the President, Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary, and a banker's receipt produced at each meeting, as was formerly carried out by

Yours fraternally,  
SOLOMON DAVIS,  
Faith, 141.

#### MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE. *To the Editor of the Freemason.*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"Busy Bee" says that the oldest P.M. of a lodge rejoicing it after an absence of a year or more becomes the youngest. The Book of Constitutions does not say so. I rely on the latter authority. "Magnus Ohren" says that the Book of Constitutions does not empower lodges to apply their funds to any other than Masonic charities or purposes, but it empowers lodges to make bye-laws, and by these bye-laws lodges may be so empowered. I never, during the forty years that I have been a Mason, saw such powers contained in any bye-laws, and if there are no such bye-laws, how then, Bro. Magnus Ohren?

If you will kindly give these few remarks a place in your next paper, I will not again trouble you on these subjects.

Your ever faithful brother,

AN OLD P.M., ONE, &c.

#### OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

*To the Editor of the Freemason.*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You have, on many occasions, advocated the cause of our Charities in your valuable paper. That I have ventured to say a few words on this particular subject, as the plan of support falls very short of a proper development, which should exist in such a body of Freemasons as we possess. I fear it will require a more able pen than mine, and a stronger argument than I can place on paper, to create a change in our system, but still I hope to solicit some stronger power on my side to advocate the cause of our Charities, whereby they may be supported by a large majority of its members instead of a very small minority.

It does appear to me somewhat strange that the Charity Committees should continue, year after year, to appeal to the large-heartedness of the few, instead of developing a scheme for the easier method of obtaining that support for our charities they so justly deserve.

I shall now offer several suggestions for the further consideration of our members.

1st. Every brother, giving a donation of five guineas, and collecting fifteen more, shall be entitled to the Charity Jewel.

2nd. That collecting-cards be prepared by the Secretary of each Institution, leaving sufficient space between the lines for every subscriber to write his name and address and the sum subscribed. All cards to be forwarded to the W.M. of the lodge, who is to take charge of all monies collected, and to forward the same to the Secretary of the Institution. No second card to be issued to any lodge until the first is returned and cash received at head quarters.

3rd. That the Committees of the Charities should make an alteration in the annual fees payable to the Institutions to meet the more advanced times. There are now 1524 lodges under the Grand Lodge of England, and I feel sure if some such plan was adopted, there would be no difficulty in obtaining twelve annual subscribers of One Guinea in every lodge under our Constitution. That would produce the large sum of £19,202. This sum divided by three would give £6,400 to each Institution. Each subscriber of One Guinea to have an equal interest of voting power in each Institution as to candidates to be elected.

I would also most respectfully call the attention of the committees to the following facts:—

Cheap fares has produced a greater travelling public, with larger dividends to the shareholders. Cheap postage a much larger revenue for Government.

And I would ask, why should not the annual subscription to our Masonic Charities be reduced from Three Guineas to One per annum, which, I firmly believe, would have the same beneficial results for the charities, as the above facts prove.

It is evident to everyone with half an eye to business, that three guineas given annually to have an equal interest in our charities, is not a popular feeling in the Craft, or we should have a larger number of annual subscribers on our lists.

Dear sir and brother, I remain, yours fraternally,  
P.M.

#### FREEMASONRY IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

*To the Editor of the Freemason.*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It was with interest that I read your account of Freemasonry in Constantinople and also with some regret, seeing that it only mentioned the Leinster Lodge when referring to the banquet, which appears rather one-sided, but I, as Secretary of the Leinster Lodge and a subscriber to the *Freemason*, cannot think of letting this go by unnoticed. In the first place, when the officers of the Leinster



and Caledonian Lodges were elected it was also decided that the installation of the two lodges should take place on the same day, so as to facilitate the one banquet, which was very happily carried out to the satisfaction of the brethren of both lodges. The first part of the programme was the installation of W.M. and officers of the Leinster Lodge, No. 166, I.C., held in the Masonic Temple, Hasskien, Monday, 28th December, 1874. The brethren met at 5.30 p.m., Bro. F. Flucker, W.M., in the chair, assisted by Bro. Hy. Wetherill, I.P.M., acting as S.W.; W. Ife, W.M. elect, J.W.; Jno. Wetherill, P.M. 166 and 687 (E.C.), and D.G.S.D., Treasurer; R. McGill, P.M., Secretary; T. Dickinson, S.D.; J. C. Blair, J.D.; T. Johnson, I.G.; Jas. Cowan, Tyler. The lodge was opened with solemn prayer in the first degree, the W.M. then calling upon Bro. Hy. Wetherill, P.M., to take the chair as Installing Master, when Bro. Wm. Ife, W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. Jno. Wetherill, P.M., and P. Flucker, I.P.M.. The lodge was in due time raised to the third degree, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Ife was duly installed in the chair of K.S. According to the ancient Irish rite the brethren below the chair were then re-admitted, and the W.M. was duly proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. P. Flucker, I.P.M.; J. J. Dunn, S.W.; J. Wetherill, P.M. 166 and 687, D.G.S.D., re-invested Treas.; Hy. Wetherill, P.M., Sec.; T. Johnson, S.D.; J. Laigon, J.D.; J. C. Blair, I.G.; J. Cowan, Tyler. Among those present were the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Oriental Lodge, No. 687 (E.C.), the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Caledonian Lodge, No. 489 (S.C.). The W.M. then thanked the Installing Master for the very able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. The visiting brethren were thanked for their kind assistance; the lodge was then closed in the usual manner at 7.15 p.m., the W.M., officers, and brethren retiring for a short time while the Caledonian Lodge was opened, when they were admitted among the rest of the visitors.

I am, fraternally yours,  
Hasskien, Feb. 17th, 1875.

H. W.

#### THE PUBLIC HOUSE QUESTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The last few weeks I have noticed that a great interest is being taken by you and your correspondents in the "Public House Question," and, although many complaints have been very justly stated, no one is coming forward to suggest something to better the position of Freemasons' Lodges.

As I am, and have been from the very first against the "Knife and Fork" system, and consequently against the public house lodges, I have been thinking about a remedy to prevent meetings in such places, and beg to submit to your readers the result of it.

There are now 1535 lodges working under the Grand Lodge of England, and I think the greatest part of them held in London, of all these I do not know of one which has its own temple, and have not heard of one.

Now how would it be, suppose twenty lodges with about fifty members each (altogether 1000 members) join together to form a company, each member taking one share of £5, a capital of £5000 would thus be created. With this sum, I should think, a nice house with a fit temple, with the required rooms, banqueting rooms, and minor ones as library, kitchen, &c., could be built, and although not elaborately yet plainly and suitably furnished.

The management would be entrusted to a committee formed of twenty members, each lodge to elect one, who would conduct the business of the entire club.

I will not enter into the expenditure of the concern, but feel sure that with a real Masonic management, the saving in banquets, wines, &c., would pay everything.

Trusting you will insert this in your next issue, I am, yours fraternally,

F.S., PILGER LOGE.

#### MR. BRADLAUGH AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I read with much interest the long letter under the above heading from the correspondent "Reviresco." After relating the sayings and doings of Mr. Bradlaugh within various Masonic lodges in the United States, where he has recently been visiting, "Reviresco" closes his remarks with the query—If he, Mr. Bradlaugh, is an atheist, what does it all mean? Meaning by this, I suppose, that if Mr. Bradlaugh be really an avowed atheist, how does it come that he is eligible, or has been allowed, both to be present and to speak, in the bosom of an open Masonic Lodge? In order to give this question fair play, I think there are three other questions we should get an answer to first, viz.—First, when was Mr. Bradlaugh made? Second, where was he made? Third, was he an avowed atheist when he was made? Trusting that some of your correspondents may be able to answer these questions, I am, yours fraternally,

LEO.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At pages 98 and 99 of your columns for 6th inst., there appears a very graphic communication from "Reviresco," detailing various proceedings of Mr. Bradlaugh in several of the American lodges. I shall not here enter upon any of the points touched upon by "Reviresco," but I would mention that I was also taking an interest in this matter, and a fortnight ago, a letter of mine appeared in Mr. Bradlaugh's own paper, *The National Reformer*, calling in question the truth of a statement he had made about Masonic lodges in the 17th Century.

In his speech at a Masonic Festival lately held in Boston, Mr. Bradlaugh said,—

"In the 17th Century, the Masonic Lodges of Europe were the sole temples where free utterance of true opinion gave possible light, while all around was dark."

Now this is a very important statement to write, and if Mr. Bradlaugh can support his assertion with substantial evidence, that evidence will, I believe, be both highly interesting and also of great value to all students of our Masonic history. I need add nothing further at present, but as it is announced that Mr. Bradlaugh will be in England by next Friday, I hope to be able to say something further at a future time.

I am, fraternally yours,  
Glasgow, March 6th, 1875.

W. P. BUCHAN.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think I can give an answer to the query of your correspondent "Reviresco" as to what lodge Mr. Bradlaugh belongs to. I remember, about a year ago, chancing to see in a copy of his paper, *The National Reformer*, a report of a meeting of the Lodge des Philadelphes Reunis meeting somewhere in Soho, at which Mr. Bradlaugh made a long speech in reply to a toast, which I think was "To the Oppressed all over the World." I suppose he is a member of that lodge.

I do not see the name of this lodge in the "Calendar." It carries on its work in the French language, and its members and officers seem to be Frenchmen. I should like to enquire by what authority they hold a lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, and whether they have any so-called authority from, or is acknowledged in any way by the Grand Orient of France.

Yours truly,

AN ENQUIRER.

#### A FEMALE TYLER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Being on business in the West of England, in a province whose working I had heard spoken highly of, I thought to do myself the pleasure of seeing for myself. I therefore determined upon a visit to one of the lodges, when, upon entering the hall, to my surprise, I saw a female in attendance, performing the duties of announcing brethren, &c., as O.G. Having previously read and heard of an Order termed the Eastern Star, purporting to be a Masonic Order, which I very much doubt, I thought perhaps I had stumbled upon one of those meetings, but upon entering the lodge-room, I found myself among brethren instead of sisters. Now sir, never having heard of but one lady F.M., I was at a loss to account for the presence of the one I saw in office outside. Upon enquiry, I found the Tyler had died some months since, and the female was acting in his stead: but I think the sooner a proper Tyler is appointed the more satisfactory it will be to the members, as also visitors. I must certainly say I found the working of the ceremonies was all that could be wished, reflecting great credit upon all the officers.

I am, dear sir and brother,

A VISITOR.

#### AN ACT OF GALLANTRY AND GENEROSITY.

It is reported from the Isle of Réunion, that Bro. Joseph Aillet, Captain of the vessel "Cilaos," saved, in the open sea, 400 miles distant from land, the entire crew of an English ship, commanded by Bro. Captain Wm. Reid. Both these brethren attended the Lodge Amitié, Orient de St. Denis, in the Island of Réunion, and were most kindly received by the brethren, who send the report to the Grand Orient of Navel.

The following is the official notice of Captain Aillet's gallant and kindly behaviour:—

"The 'Cilaos,' Captain Aillet, arrived at Réunion, Oct. 31, bringing 22 men, composing the shipwrecked crew of the English ship 'Industry,' all of whom he found in the open sea, and happily saved. The Governor has privately congratulated, and now publicly congratulates Captain Aillet for his conduct and generosity under the circumstances. He orders, in addition, the official publication of the following letter, which has been addressed to him by the English Consul on the occasion, and which has been transmitted to Captain Aillet:—

"Réunion, Nov. 3, 1874.

"Your Excellency,

"It is with great pleasure that I bring to the knowledge of your excellency the generous and disinterested conduct of the Captain of the French ship 'Cilaos,' which arrived on the 31st of last month at St. Denis, having on board all the crew of the English ship 'Industry,' of London. It appears that the 'Industry,' was burnt at sea, 33° 47' lat S, and 52° 47' long E, and that the crew had to take to their boats in the open sea, when, a few hours afterwards, they were providentially saved by the appearance of the 'Cilaos,' the captain of which vessel took them all on board, and with that kindness and courtesy which have always distinguished the French nation, treated them with the greatest hospitality for fourteen days, and now refuses to receive from the Consulate, in the name of the Government of Her Majesty, any indemnity for their subsistence. In this generous resolution, the captain is supported by the proprietors and consignees, Messrs. Lebeau et Cie. It will be my duty to bring the noble conduct of Captain Aillet to the knowledge of the Government of Her Majesty, which will, I have no doubt, hasten to thank the brave sailor for his great services. In the meanwhile, I can do no less than ask your excellency to express to Captain Aillet, in my name and that of the Captain of the 'Industry,' our sincere and grateful thanks for the assistance rendered to the crew of the lost vessel.

"I have the honour to be, your excellency's very humble and obedient servant,

"GERALD PAUL VERRY, H.B.M.'s Consul."

#### THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

A special quarterly court of the subscribers to the Masonic Boys' and Girls' Schools, jointly, will be held on Monday next, at Freemasons' Hall, at twelve o'clock, to consider some alterations which have been proposed to be made in the printed rules or "laws," which are now in force in the two institutions. The proposed alterations were reported in our columns at the time the propositions were made, and a joint committee was appointed to confer upon the subject. This committee having reported, the quarterly court will have to decide upon the report, viz.: To erase the second clause of law 13, also law 15; to consider the following laws under the heading:—"Privileges of Stewards" (to follow law 24) second clause of law 13, re-enacted; also the following new law:—"Every Steward at the anniversary festival who shall procure donations or subscriptions to the extent of not less than fifty guineas, in addition to his personal donation, and shall collect and pay over the amount to the funds of the institution, shall receive one additional vote at each election of boys (or girls) and a further extra vote for every additional sum of not less than fifty guineas, so collected and paid over." Also to add to law 37, providing for mode of election of House Committee. "Scrutineers shall be appointed for the purpose of taking the poll, which shall remain open until five p.m." Two Trustees of the Sustentation Fund of the Girls' School will also have to be elected by the Quarterly Court.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of the above Institution met last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. William Roebuck, V.P., presided. Among the other brethren present were John Symonds, Vice-Patron; S. Rosenthal V.P.; Samuel May, V.P.; Geo. Bolton, V.P.; Raynham Moore, Stewart, V.P.; J. G. Chancellor, F. Adlard, Henry Moore, John Read, A. H. Tattershall, Wm. Noak, H. A. Collington, W. F. C. Moutrie, J. W. Dosell, Geo. Free, Jesse Turner, A. D. Loewenstark, Henry Dubosc, G. J. Grace, Hyde Pullen, H. Massey (Freemason), and F. Binckes (Secretary).

A letter was read by Bro. Binckes, from Bro. J. Bond Cabbell, in reply to the letter of condolence sent to him by this institution, on the death of his uncle, Bro. Benj. Bond Cabbell. A letter having also been received from Bro. Edward Harris, the collector to the school, asking for an increase of commission on all sums collected by him, a sub-committee of nine brethren (five to form a quorum), was appointed to consider and report upon the matter. Three petitions from candidates for election were accepted, and an outfit to one late pupil of the institution was granted. The special court, as per advertisement, was appointed to meet on Monday next at twelve o'clock. The committee then adjourned.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The *Era*, of Saturday last, after repeating the announcement already made, that the Lord Mayor will preside at the next festival of this Institution, on the 12th of May, says his lordship will be "accompanied by the Sheriffs, one of whom is a Mason of some eminence, while the other was only initiated a few days ago." The same paper further says that "there will be a great attendance" at the festival "of celebrities in the city of London, most of whom belong to the Craft." At the meeting of the Board of Stewards, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, Grand Deacon, in the chair, a vote of thanks was passed to the Lord Mayor, for consenting to preside at the festival.

Bro. John Monckton, the Town Clerk of London, and Bro. J. C. Parkinson, who is the W.M. of the Needle-maker's Company, were respectively elected President and Treasurer of the Stewards.

The brethren anticipate a successful gathering, from the fact that it is many years since a Lord Mayor has occupied this position.

The "Lodge of Israel" (Birmingham, No. 1474) has established a benevolent fund for general charitable purposes. During the past eleven months a donation of ten guineas was given to the Redemption Fund of the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, and fifteen guineas towards the general Masonic Charities.—*Jewish Chronicle*.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 19, 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, MARCH 13.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
" 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.  
" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.  
" 1426, The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
" 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Swan Tavern, Battersea.  
Mark Lodge 144, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adam-st., Adelphi.  
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Pres.  
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, MARCH 15.

Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, Great  
Queen-street.

" 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.

" 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

" 185, Tranquillity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.

" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

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

" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

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), Union  
Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., 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 Col-  
lege, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W.  
Lindus, Preceptor.

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

Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria  
Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W.  
Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.

Lodge 30, United Mariner's, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-  
ham-street.

" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London  
Bridge.

" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.

" 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 435, Salisbury, Freemason's Hall.

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

" 857, St. Mark's, Half-Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.

" 1441, Ivy, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge-road.  
Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.

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

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

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Gros-  
venor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Latham, Precep.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Vic-  
toria-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 Wind-  
mill-street, W.

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

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

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

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

Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper  
Norwood. Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17.

Grand Stewards' Lodge.

Lodge 140, St. George's Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.

" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

" 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.

" 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.

" 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.

" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.

" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.

Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.  
Chap. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

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, Ab-  
church-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

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

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton  
Arms, Prince of Wales'-road, Kentish-town, at 8;  
Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park.  
Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern,  
Albion-road, Dalston, E.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.

Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.

" 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

" 55, Constitutional, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.

" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.

" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.

" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.

" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.

" 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.

" 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Approach-  
road, Victoria Park.

" 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton.

" 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-road.

Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.

" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

" 834, Andrew, Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.

Preceptory E., Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

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, Penonby-  
st., Millbank.

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate,  
Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-  
side, at 6.30.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 19.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.

Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, St.  
James's.

" 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.

Preceptory 6, St. George's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-  
street.

" 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-square.

" 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Inn, Richmond.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe  
Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st.,  
Regent-st., at 8.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354,  
Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Bal-  
ham, at 7.30.

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

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

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

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), 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 (1056), Portugal Hotel,  
Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

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

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke or 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'-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Pre-  
ceptor.

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, Ma-  
sons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Precep.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND  
CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 20, 1875.

MONDAY, MARCH 15.

Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.

" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.

" 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lan-  
caster.

Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liver-  
pool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16.

Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.

" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.

" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Fur-  
ness.

" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.

" 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Seacombe, at 6.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott, at 4.

" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-le-Willows.

" 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 4.

" 537, Zetland, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 5.

" 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

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

" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool,  
at 5.

" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.

" 1350, Fernor-Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.

Chap. 580, Unity, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 4.

Mark Lodge 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Hyde,  
Cheshire.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 343, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.

" 425, Cestrian, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row,  
Chester, at 3.

" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.

" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-st., Fleetwood.

" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-  
Woods.

" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.

" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Ho., West Derby, at 5.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19.

Lodge 1350, Fernor-Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Preceptory William de la More, New Court House,  
Prescot, near Liverpool.

" Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND  
VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, March 20, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 15.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 556, Clydesdale, Crown-street Assembly Rooms.

Encampment St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16.

Lodge 34, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 87, Thistle, 12, Trongate.

" 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.

" 543, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Dalmuir.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17.

" 117, Partick St. Mary's, Partick.

" 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-street.

Chap. 150, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18.

Lodge 22, St. John's Kilwieg, George Hotel, Kilmaronock.

" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 167, Free Operative, Masonic Hall, Biggar.

" 465, St. Andrew, Garngad-road.

" 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19.

Lodge 12, Greenock Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock.

" 31, St. Mary's, Coltness, Scott's Hall, Wishaw.

" 306, St. Thomas, 90, Well Gate-st., Larkhall.

" 321, St. Andrew's, Public Hall, Alexandria.

" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street.

" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 471, St. John's, Stane Inn, Shotts.

" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20.

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

" 524, St. Andrews, Masonic Hall, East Kilbride.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND  
VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 20, 1875.

MONDAY, MARCH 15.

Lodge 44, St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY, MARCH