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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**GREAT YARMOUTH.**—**LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP (No. 100).**—The annual installation of the W.M. and officers of Lodge Friendship, No. 100, was held at the Town-hall, on Thursday, 25th February. The lodge being opened in due form by the W.M., the ceremony was then proceeded with in the usual manner. Wor. Bro. O. Diver (Installing Master) having taken the chair, invested the following with their several offices, viz., Wor. Bro. James Bond, W.M.; Wor. Bro. M. Tracey, I.P.M.; Bros. R. W. Hubbard, Secretary; E. J. Bondfellow, S.W.; R. Martins, J. W.; J. W. French, S.D.; G. Bristow, J.D.; C. M. Kirkman, I.G.; Holt, Tyler. By the unanimous vote of the brethren assembled, Wor. Bro. O. Diver was re-elected the Treasurer of the lodge. At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the Crown and Anchor Hotel, where a splendid banquet was served by Wor. Bro. John Franklin, in his usual excellent style. The loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Wor. Bro. W. D. Palmer, P.M. 313, and P. Prov. G.R.; in responding for the visitors, expressed the pleasure he had experienced by attending the installation, and his gratification at the admirable working of the lodge, intimating his wish to become a subscribing member to Lodge Friendship, No. 100, which was received with applause.

**STONEHOUSE.**—**LODGE METHAM (No. 1205).**—On Monday, 16th inst., Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., M.P., was installed as W.M. of Lodge Metham for the ensuing year, in the presence of about a hundred brethren, many of whom had come from various parts of the two counties to do honour to his lordship, who is highly esteemed amongst his Masonic brethren. The interesting and imposing ceremony of installation was ably and impressively performed by Bro. Col. Elliott, assisted by Bro. Leigh, and at its conclusion the lodge choir sang the beautiful anthem "Behold how good and joyful it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." His lordship appointed his officers for the coming year as follows:—Bros. Col. Elliott, I.P.M.; Wm. Harries, S.W.; W. Glover, J.W.; Rev. P. H. Newnham, Chaplain; C. Leigh, Treasurer; W. Powell, Secretary; E. A. Northey, Assistant-Secretary; S. Hyne, S.D.; T. Gibbon, J.D.; C. Hale, I.G.; C. Mutton, D.C.; R. K. Granger and Howe, Stewards; T. Moore, Tyler. The following brethren were present:—Col. Elliott, P.M. 1205, P. Prov. G. S. W.; C. Leigh, P.M. 1205, P. Prov. G. Secretary; the Rev. Richard Measham, P.M. 1205, P. Prov. G. Chap.; R. W. Beechey, P.M., P.G.W. Malta; J. M. Hisley, P.M., P. Prov. G. A. D. C.; C. Parkin, P.M. 884, P.J.G.D. Derby; F. Aubrey Thomas, P.M. 1247, P.G.S.D.; J. B. Gover, P.M. 70, 1247, P. Prov. G. A. D. C.; Vincent Bird, P.M. 954, P. Prov. G.T.; S. Jew, P.M. 105 and 1496, P. Prov. G. Treasurer; W. B. Hambly, P.M., P.G. Treasurer; C. G. Gibson, P.M. 189, P. Prov. G. J.D.; J. Hele, M.B., W.M. 330, P. Prov. G. Organist Cornwall; G. Bignell, P.M. 105, P.G.S.; Josiah Austin, P.M. 1099, P. Prov. G. Organist; G. Sadler, P.M., P. Prov. G. S.B.; T. S. Bailey, P.M. 189, P. Prov. G. Treasurer; J. Montgomery, P.M., P. Prov. G. S.B.; Lord Charles Beresford, J.W. 1205; C. C. Gibbes, P.M.; the Hon. H. A. Court, J.D. 1205; W. Joll, P.M. 230; W. D. Thomas, P.M. 159; W. Powell, P.M. and Hon. Secretary, 1205; D. Cross, P.M. 1205; S. H. Annis, W.M. 223; J. E. Curteis, W.M. 189; C. Cooper, W.M. 105; Thomas Goodall, W.M. 954; J. May, P.M. 223; F. E. Thompson, P.M. 112; Dr. R. W. Beaumont, P.M. 114; E. A. Northey, William Harries, W. Glover, T. Gibbon, G. H. Emery, C. Mutton, C. Hale, S. Hyne, R. K. Grainger, E. Hart, H. Dean, J. Maher, W. H. Blowey, J. Martin, W. Pearce, T. E. Peck, A. Thompson, G. A. Arberry, W. Meadows, R. S. Smith, R. Bankhead, G. Nuick, T. Brown, W. H. Ching, T. Brooking, H. Boyling, J. S. Cox, W. H. Hunt, G. Congram, S. Page, Hislop, J. Maunder, A. Staite, G. W. Freep, G. T. Derry, A. E. Lean, J. Matters, W. Morris, J. P. Kearney, H. Shaw, T. Sims, 223; S. Roach, 105; G. Evans, 1099; Harris, 105; Raymond, 212; F. Littleton, 139; W. Brodie, 1254 (Exeter); W. Boon, 223; J. James, J.W. 105; J. Northey, 105; T. Moore, 1205; S. Samuels, 213; A. Ralph, 183; J. Sullivan, 202; E. T. Tarratt, 70; J. Murch, 1099; J. E. Nicholls, 1099; T. Child, 230; R. H. Burt, 230; J. J. Westcott, 202; E. Binding, 202; B. P. Fisher, 70; S. Ramsden, 70; J. Beer, 202; J. Courley, 153; W. Yeo, 223; &c. The annual banquet was held in the evening, at St. George's Hall, under the

presidency of Lord Charles Beresford, the newly-elected W.M. The hall was decorated with exceedingly good taste by Bro. Coath, P.M. 893, under the direction of a committee of the lodge, with flags kindly lent by Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, K.C.B., and a variety of plants from the gardens of the Earl of Mount Edgumbe. The banquet was provided by Mrs. Coffin, of George-street, Plymouth, and the wines by Mr. S. Vosper of Stonehouse, and in each of these departments the greatest satisfaction was given. There were about 120 brethren present, including the majority of those who attended the installation, and in addition there were also present:—Bros. Admiral Sir Henry Keppel; I. Latimer, P.M. 189, P.G.J.W.; W. Derry, P. Prov. G. S. D.; Risk; J. T. Smith, P.M. 223; Frœhnert; Fly; Sherwill; Haggarty; Hearle, P.M. and Treasurer 156, P.G.A.D.C.; J. J. Avery, W.M. 70; J. Waldo Howe, J.W. 189; Twose, P.M. 105; W. Coath, P.M. 893; A. Knowles, D.C. 159; H. Davey, S.S. 105; A. W. King, 1205; C. Walters, J. Pethick, and many others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed the removal of the cloth, and the W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Most Worshipful, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master," said His Royal Highness was a true, good-hearted Englishman, who would always carry out to the fullest extent the true principles of Freemasonry, and who would do honour to the high position he was soon about to occupy. The next toast was "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Past and Present Grand Officers, the Deputy Grand Master of Devon, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present." This was drunk with the usual honours, and was followed by the toast of "The R.W. Brethren the Rev. J. Hyshe, P.G.M. of Devon and the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, P.G.M. of Cornwall." In proposing this, the W.M. spoke in the highest terms of Bros. the Rev. J. Hyshe, and the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, both of whom were greatly beloved by the Masonic brethren of their respective provinces. Bro. Hyshe's name was a household word amongst Masons all over England—(hear, hear, and applause). Bro. Col. Elliott, who responded, regretted the absence of the P.G.M., who had recently been laid upon a bed of sickness, and who, at one time was so ill that his recovery was despaired of. He was now progressing towards convalescence, and he was sure every true Mason would heartily hope that the R.W. brother might live for many years to preside over the province—(applause). Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe had fully intended to have been present at the installation of the W.M., but he was suddenly called away to London, and the lodge was, therefore, deprived of the honour of his presence. Bro. Metham would also have been present but for the death of his brother. He had written expressing his deep regret at the cause of his absence, inasmuch as he had hoped to have had the opportunity of thanking all the lodges for their generous subscriptions to the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum at Stoke. He (Bro. Elliott) was glad to be able to say that towards this fund Metham Lodge had contributed fifty guineas—(applause). He had now to ask the brethren to join him right heartily in drinking the health of their W.M., Bro. Lord Charles Beresford—(cheers). The admirable manner in which his lordship had that afternoon discharged his duties after his installation was a sufficient justification—if there were no other—of the choice which the lodge had made. Metham Lodge should feel proud at having such a noble brother at its head, and also that it was the means of adding to the list of members of the Grand Lodge of England one who was so thoroughly and entirely worthy to fill that honourable post, and whom they might shortly hope and expect to see filling a high office under His Royal Highness the Grand Master of England. (Cheers). Lord Charles Beresford, in acknowledging the toast, assured the brethren that he had the highest appreciation of the great honour which had that day been done him, and he hoped to be able to attend to the duties of the office during the greater part of the year. He was also glad that it would give him an opportunity of being present at the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England. He had a very great idea of the value of Freemasonry, and believed it was one of the best institutions they had in the country. Under its banner, high and low, rich and poor, old and young, were brought together in social intercourse, and for benevolent and charitable purposes, and such an institution was bound to do good. (Hear, hear). The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," proposed by the W.M., and suitably responded to by Bros. Colonel Elliott and Leigh. "The Wardens and other Officers of the Lodge," was acknowledged by Bro. W. Harries, S.W., who thanked his lordship for the kindly terms in which he had proposed the toast. The office which had been conferred upon him was one which he valued very highly, and he hoped he should always be found performing its duties in a manner that would be in every way acceptable to the brethren generally. He was warmly attached to Masonry, and he need scarcely say that he was equally attached to his lodge, and he hoped he should always be found foremost in promoting that good feeling and those truly Masonic principles which were, or ought to be, the very essence of the Order. Metham Lodge was a lodge of which they all had reason to be proud, and the maintenance of its honour and reputation depended to a great extent upon the manner in which its officers discharged their functions. Those functions required a vast amount of thought, study, and attention, and it would be his pleasure, as indeed it was his duty, to give to the office all that study and earnest attention which the brethren had a right to expect of him. (Applause.) Bro. Glover, J.W., also acknowledged the toast, and hoped the lodge would find him always at his post. Bro. Admiral Sir Henry Keppel responded for "The Visiting Brethren and Sister Lodges," and the last toast on the list was our "Poor and Distressed Brethren." During the evening, valuable musical services, vocal and instru-

mental, were rendered by Bros. Frœhnert, Fly, Hart, Cross, Harries, Emery, Gibbons, Mutton, Binding, Glover, Maher, Helet and Rowlands. The evening, altogether, was a most enjoyable one.

**GREENWICH.**—**STAR LODGE (No. 1275).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, March 5th, 1875, at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. There were present:—Bros. H. Keeble, I.P.M.; W. Ough, P.G.S., P.M.; J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; J. J. Limebeer, S.W.; H. J. Green, J.W.; Rev. G. R. P. Colles, Chaplain; R. W. Williams, S.D.; C. R. Williams, J.D.; W. Bell, I.G.; F. B. Williams, Organist; W. E. Williams, E. W. Chetwynd, W. Brough, W. B. Woodman, E. H. Rand, A. Tilsey, W. Kipps, G. F. Guest, J. Brooks, L. H. Williams, E. Lane, H. J. Clare, H. W. Elmer, W. Hardman, W. P. Tong, J. Ellis, E. Searle, A. C. Woodward, F. J. Lindsey, W. F. Gardiner, and others. Amongst the visitors we noticed: Bros. John Archer, 667; A. Stewart, 1446; A. Burnell, W.M. 1446; A. Boehr, 1446; W. T. Morphew, 1446; J. Hayward, S.W. and W.M., elect, 946; W. B. Wallace, 127; H. Potter, 11; W. H. Waghorn, W.M. 946; and others. Bro. H. Keeble, P.M., opened the lodge. The minutes of last regular lodge were read and confirmed. The ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of all the candidates for initiation; Bros. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M. (the father of the lodge), took the chair. He raised Bro. E. Chetwynd, passed Bros. E. H. Rand and J. Brooks, and initiated Messrs. E. Searle and F. J. Lindsey, all the work being well and ably done. Several propositions were received from candidates for initiation. Bro. George Pym, P.M. 749, P.M. 1310, the W.M., was absent through ill-health. The lodge was closed. The usual banquet was served.

**THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).**—The last regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last at the City Terminus Hotel, Bro. Nathan Bryant Headon, W.M., presiding. There were also present Bros. J. H. Townend, S.W.; John Scex, J.W.; James Stevens, I.P.M.; James Freeman, Treasurer; Edward Moody, Secretary; Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chaplain; Richard Hanway, S.D.; G. W. Blackie, J.D.; W. H. Catchpole, I.G.; Thomas Preston, D.C.; W. H. Hook, G. Jenkins, Thomas Ilamer, and Charles Taylor, Stewards; besides forty-five other brethren, and Bros. E. M. Haig, P.G.S.; J. Poore, P.M. 720; T. Larham, 1216; Rickwood, 192; John Constable, P.M. 185; and Ross, W.M. 185. Bros. T. W. Headon, E. H. Davis, J. Stamp, and F. T. Davis, were raised, and Bro. Gray was passed. The brethren were then called off for refreshment for about half-an-hour, and on the resumption of the lodge the ballot was taken for the proposed initiates, and it being unanimous in favour of the whole of them, who were eight in number, Messrs. Richard White, Charles Bristow, Richard Isaac Measures, and Anthony Alexander Hicks, who were in attendance, were initiated in ancient form. The work of the day was all performed by the W.M., in splendid style. On the motion of Bro. J. Preston, D.C., a Past Masters' jewel of the value of ten guineas was voted to Bro. Headon, with the thanks of the lodge to him, on the termination of his year of office in October next. The motion was carried by acclamation. The elections were then taken, and Bro. J. H. Townend, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. of the Great City Lodge for next year. Bro. James Freeman was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Steedman, T. Bros. Browne, Lewis, and Hooker were elected on the audit committee, and then the W.M. read the circular which had been issued from Grand Secretary's office, relating to the installation of the Prince of Wales. It was thereupon unanimously resolved that the W.M., Bro. Headon, do represent the Great City Lodge, as Steward on that occasion, and that the expenses of the Steward and the cost of the Steward's jewel be defrayed by the lodge. This proposition was received by all the brethren with expressions of considerable satisfaction, and it was requested that the Secretary would return the names of all the brethren to Grand Secretary, as desiring to be present on the occasion. In acknowledgment of the services rendered by Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M. 720; as instructor of the Lodge of Instruction connected with the Great City Lodge, it was decided that he should be a recognised visitor at the Great City Lodge, at all the lodge meetings, and banquets. The W.M. announced that his list as Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in May, already amounted to over 170 guineas. He also announced that the arrangements for the visit of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs to the lodge, which will take place to-day, were complete, and that the event would be one of the most interesting in connection with Freemasonry that had ever occurred in the City of London. A great number of eminent Freemasons would be present, and among them would be many Past and Present Grand Officers of England, as well as representatives of Freemasonry in Scotland, Ireland, and America. The band of the Grenadier Guards would perform a selection of music during dinner, and a party of vocalists, consisting of Bros. Chaplin Henry, Baxter, Carter, and other eminent musical brethren, would sing in the intervals between the toasts. He requested the brethren to be punctual in their attendance, as the lodge would be opened precisely at four o'clock in the pillar room of the City Terminus Hotel, and the banquet would commence at six o'clock in the large hall. The brethren then adjourned, the work of the day having occupied them from a quarter past three to half-past ten o'clock, with the exception of the slight interval for refreshment. All the arrangements were of the most satisfactory description, and they will no doubt be equally satisfactory at the great meeting of to-day.

**BOOTLE.**—**BOOTLE LODGE (No. 1473).**—The first anniversary festival of this very excellent lodge, which was consecrated so auspiciously a year ago, was celebrated

with the greatest élat on Thursday, 4th inst., at the Town Hall, Merton-road, Bootle, near Liverpool. The proceedings were fixed to begin at half-past two o'clock, and shortly after that hour Bro. S. G. Ibbs, P. Prov. G. S. B., the W.M. of the lodge, proceeded to open it in ancient and approved form. The officers and members present were Bros. Harold Wyatt, S.W., W.M. elect; John W. Turley, J.W.; J. P. McArthur, Treasurer; T. D. Pierce, Hon. Secretary; Dr. T. M. Wills, J.D.; W. H. Clemmey, S.W.; Blake, Tyler; E. Johnston, J. W. McWean, T. Grant, J. Sharpe, H. Parry, I. Platts, J. Evans, W.M. 220; J. J. Dowling, J. C. Paterson, J. Hodgson, W. Shortis, P.M. 724; G. Woollan, R. A. Hough, H. J. Mandy, J. Ferranti, J. D. Glass, R. J. Sprakeling, J. Duncan, jun., J. C. Caley, H. J. Tiffin, A. McCubbin, W. H. M. Smithson, A. Bucknall, J. Le Comber, and F. M. Jones. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. W. Doyle, P. Prov. G. J. D., P.M. 667; T. Evans, P.M. 1356; H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823; W. M. Chudley, W.M. 241; W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823; J. W. Ballard, W.M. 724; A. Winkup, P.M. 667 and 1256; J. Wells, P.M. 580; W. Horn, 1086; W. Smith, W.M. 1235; H. Trevitt, 724; T. W. Kellett, 721; P.M. Larsen, P.M. 594; R. Ing, P.M. 594; J. W. Baker, P.M. 241; J. F. Newell, W.M. 1035; A. D. Hesketh, 1182; J. Ireland, Treasurer, 1356; R. Roberts, 1356; and others. As the last act of his official year, the W.M. initiated three candidates into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, performing the ever-impressive ceremony with unction and efficiency. The chair was then given up to Bro. J. W. Baker, P.M. 241, who proceeded to instal Bro. Councillor Harold Wyatt, the W.M. of the Bootle Lodge, the work being done with that facility and effectiveness for which Bro. Baker maintains a high reputation in West Lancashire and elsewhere. The investiture of officers for the year was as follows:—Bros. Samuel E. Ibbs, I.P.M. and Treasurer; John W. Turley, S.W.; Richard Roberts, J.W.; J. P. McArthur, D.C.; John Duncan, jun., Hon. Sec.; Dr. T. M. Wills, S.D.; Wm. Hughes, J.D.; Wm. H. Clemmey, I.G.; J. C. Paterson and J. C. Hulbert, Stewards; and William Blake, Tyler. After "Hearty good wishes" had been given by the leading representatives of the lodges present, the W.M. thanking them for their kindness, the purely business portion of the proceedings terminated, and the brethren, after the lapse of about an hour, sat down to an excellent banquet in the very handsome lodge room, the catering having been entrusted to Mr. Russell, Bold-street, Liverpool. "The Queen," "H.R.H. Bro. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," "Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, M.W.D.G.M. of England, and P.G.M. West Lancashire," and "Bro. the Hon. F. Stanley, D.P.G.M., and the other P.G. Officers, Past and Present," were proposed by the W.M. in brief but pointed terms, the last-named toast being acknowledged by Bro. S. E. Ibbs, P. Prov. G. S. B., and Bro. J. W. Turley, P.G.J.D. "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution for the Children of Deceased and Distressed Masons," given by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. W. M. Chudley, W.M. 241, who said the funds of the Institution now amounted to £11,600. Bro. Ibbs proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Harold Wyatt," wishing him a prosperous year. He wished that Bro. Wyatt might enjoy the position as much as he (Bro. Ibbs) had done during the past year. Being an eminent member of the Corporation of Bootle, and an old Mason, there was little doubt that the duties of the chair would be fulfilled by Bro. Wyatt with honour to himself and benefit to every member of the lodge. The brethren had made a very judicious selection, and would have no reason to regret their choice. The toast was drank in bumpers with great enthusiasm. The W.M., in acknowledging his thanks for the compliment of toast and response, said he would content himself by saying that every effort would be made by him to deserve the good opinion of every member of his lodge, and he hoped that at the close of his year's office, he would not have sacrificed any part of that high esteem by deed or word. There was one thing which gave him confidence, and that was the conviction that he would have the hearty co-operation of every officer of his lodge. That fact invariably strengthened a Master's hands, and gave him greater confidence in fulfilling his duties. Before sitting down, the W.M. gave "The Worshipful Past Master, Bro. S. E. Ibbs." The lodge, he said, owed Bro. Ibbs a deep debt of gratitude for having so readily acceded to the request to become the first Master of the lodge, and for the exceedingly able manner in which he had fulfilled his duties. The brethren had deputed him (the W.M.) to present Bro. Ibbs with a slight mark of their regard, with the hope that he would look upon the spirit in which it was given, rather than upon its intrinsic value. The W.M. then presented a handsome silver salver to Bro. Ibbs, who acknowledged the gift in suitable terms. In speaking of the ball recently held, he said that £35 had, as the result, been handed over to the Bootle Hospital. "The Installing Master," responded to by Bro. Baker, P.M., "The Officers of Lodge 1473," "The Visiting Brethren," and "All Poor and Distressed Masons," were the other toasts on the list. Several excellent songs were given by Bro. A. Bucknall (whose "Doctor's Boy" caused immense amusement), Bros. Baker, A. Winkup, and a number of brethren connected with the Bootle Lodge.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—**LODGE OF ISRAEL** (No. 1474).—On Monday, the 8th inst. Bro. Michael Davis was installed W.M. of this lodge for the second time. The ceremony of installation was performed by W. Bro. Muggleton, P.M. 74. The following brethren were invested as the officers: Bros. S. Lyon, S.W.; Isaac Silverston, J.W.; Rev. G. B. Emanuel, B.A., Chaplain; J. Myers, Treasurer; Maurice Silverston, S.D.; Philip W. Newman, J.D.; and Marks, Secretary. There was an unusual amount of work performed, as the three degrees were gone through prior to the installation. This lodge, which was only consecrated

twelve months since, has made a progress unusually rapid. During the past year twenty candidates have been initiated, and the members already number fifty. In point of importance the Lodge of Israel already stands second to no other in the province, and has been pre-eminent in the cause of charity. It boasts of a very strong Benevolent Fund, which has been liberally endowed by the members, and the Masonic and local charities have not been neglected. On the same evening a ball was given in aid of the Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund, under the patronage of the Provincial and Deputy Provincial Grand Masters of Warwickshire and a long and influential list of Stewards. The room was gaily decorated with valuable oil paintings and flowers, and with the magnificent dresses of the ladies, and full Masonic clothing of the brethren, produced a tout ensemble at once various and pleasing. About two hundred were present, and the result will, we hope, bring a handsome surplus to the coffers of the charity. Great credit is due for the success of the ball to the committee and its chairman, Bro. B. Lazarus.

**LIVERPOOL.**—**LODGE OF EMULATION** (No. 1505).—One of the most enjoyable meetings of this young and prosperous lodge, which has so greatly flourished under the able rule of the first W.M., Bro. Henry Nelson, was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Bro. Nelson opened the lodge in due form, shortly after six o'clock, and amongst those present during the evening were: Bros. J. T. Callow, S.W.; H. Morris, J.W.; J. Hocken, P.M., Treasurer; W. Quayle, Secretary; W. H. Corbin, S.D.; R. Croft, J.D.; J. Dale, Acting I.G.; J. Capell, D.C.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Org.; W. H. Ball and H. Williamson, Tylers; H. Carmichael, J. Parvis, W. H. Chapman, T. Garrett, W. S. Russell, R. Brown, C. Blood, C. W. Sidebotham, R. Foote, H. J. Atkinson, R. Lytham, H. Coulson, H. Burrows, G. Clements, and E. P. Eyre. The numerous visitors included Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W. of Greece; J. R. Goepel, P.G.D.C.; John (Jolly) Nash, 457; H. Hart, 1094; J. Ferguson, 753; R. H. Evans, W.M. 1393; J. Parsons, P.M. 203; H. Jackson, S.W. 1393; J. McCarthy, J.W. 1393; E. Wilson, Sec. 1393; N. Turner, 1356; R. Evans, 292; H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823; H. W. Nicholas, 249; T. J. Hughes, 216; D. Saunders, 1299; J. B. MacKenzie, 1182, 1356; and others. A long night's business began with the initiation of five candidates, and was followed by two raisings. The whole working was of an unusually complete and effective character, the masterly manner in which the W.M. did his duty being admirably seconded by all his officers. At the close of the business the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, served by Bro. W. S. Russell, manager of the Washington Hotel, in a manner which fully warranted the subsequent compliment paid to him by the W.M. in a special toast. Bro. Nelson gave a few of the loyal and Masonic toasts with commendable brevity, wisely choosing to make his meeting one of harmony rather than that of mere speech-making. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W. of Greece; R. J. Goepel, Prov.G.D.C. of West Lancashire; and R. H. Evans, W.M. 1393. A specially enjoyable feature of the pleasant after-banquet proceedings were the capital songs given by Bro. John (Jolly) Nash, who proved the very prince of harmony in private, as he is certainly the "merriest man alive" in public. Amongst others who gave songs and recitations, all of which were above the average, were Bros. T. J. Hughes, H. W. Nicholas, R. Brown, H. Morris, Chapman, H. Jackson, W. S. Russell, N. Turner, and Quayle. The evening was spent most pleasantly by all who were present, thanks in a large measure to the tact and good management of Bro. Nelson, W.M.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**BURGOYNE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION** (902).—The Fifteen Sections were very ably worked on Friday, the 5th inst., by fifteen different brethren. Bro. Wuest, P.M., was in the chair, Bro. Frost, P.Z., acting S.W. There were twenty-eight present, of whom no less than fourteen were Past Masters, and W.M.'s, and four were Preceptors of other Lodges of Instruction. A more instructive and pleasant evening cannot be spent than the two hours from eight p.m. to ten p.m., on Friday, in this increasingly thriving lodge.

#### Scotland.

**GLASGOW.**—**LODGE ST. JOHN** (No. 33).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, 2nd inst., Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., presiding. Bros. John D. Young, S.W.; D. Horn, J.W.; John Dick, Secretary; R. B. Dalzell, Treasurer; and a numerous attendance of members of the lodge and visitors. The lodge was opened by Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., when the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved. There being no business of importance before the lodge, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and a very pleasant and agreeable evening was spent.

**GLASGOW.**—**LODGE ST. MUNGO** (No. 27).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Thursday, 4th inst. Bro. Dugald Butler, R.W.M., occupied the chair. Bros. McInnes, S.W.; B. Bain, P.M. Union and Crown, acting J.W.; with the several officers in their respective places. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. Dugald Butler, and the minutes read by the Secretary, Bro. Wm. Niven, and approved of. In the course of the opening of the lodge Bro. Wilson, Chaplain, explained the three great principles upon which Freemasonry is based, Faith, Hope, and Charity, in a masterly style, which added much to the beauty of the ceremony of opening. Bro. A. Young, 919 (E.C.), was then affiliated into Lodge St.

Mungo, Bro. A. Bain, P.M. Union and Crown, officiating. There being no further business, the brethren spent the remaining part of the evening in harmony and refreshment most pleasantly.

The 146th anniversary festival of this lodge was held in the Crown Hall, Sauchiehall-street, on 2nd inst., and proved to be one of the most largely attended and successful Masonic gatherings of the season. As usual of late years it took the form of an assembly and supper, the wives and sweethearts of the brethren being thus pleasantly admitted to join in the proceedings; and when, soon after 8 o'clock p.m., dancing was commenced, there would be over fifty couples on the floor. At about eleven o'clock supper was served in a spacious hall above the salle de danse, when fully 140 sat down to the good things purveyed for the occasion by Bro. James Ancell (27) of Glassford-street. The R.W.M., Bro. Dugald Butler, presided, and Bro. T. Loch-head, Treasurer of the lodge, officiated as Croupier. On the platform supporting the chairman were Bros. Archd. McTaggart, D.M.; Geo. Sinclair, P.M.; William Bell, R.W.M. 33; Thomas Boston, 553; and others. Throughout the hall were numerous brethren from other lodges. After supper the Chairman gave in succession the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Lodges," "The Prince of Wales, Patron of the Scottish Masonic Craft, and the other Members of the Royal Family," and "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow." The latter was coupled with the name of Bro. A. McTaggart, P.G. Secretary, who, in a strikingly succinct reply, stated that the scope of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow was summarised in four words, viz., "work, security, benevolence, economy." The toast of the evening—"The Lodge St. Mungo, No. 27"—was proposed by Bro. Sinclair, and coupled with the name of the R.W.M., Bro. Dugald Butler, who delivered an able reply. In course of so doing he said that when he remembered how that chair had been filled in former years and on similar occasions, by learned professors, physicians, clergymen, and influential merchants, he felt conscious of his inability to deal as effectively as he would like to do with its duties and responsibilities. It would be his earnest aim, however, to keep the lodge over which he had the honour to preside, green and flourishing—and he would ever rejoice in its growing prosperity. The history of their parent lodge was very ancient, dating as far back, distinctly, as the days of Malcolm Canmore, A.D. 1068, more than 800 years ago; and the records of the lodge of St. Mungo, still extant and in their possession, carried them back for nearly a century and a half. This was now their 146th anniversary in the city of St. Mungo—they were getting on to the age of Methuselah—and during that period alone, although he could not venture on precise numbers, they had for many years past, been admitting at the rate of about twenty-five members yearly, and had sent brethren from their little sanctuary with the principles of Freemasonry in their consciences and the sympathies of the Craft in their hearts to almost every corner of the world. He (the Chairman) would venture to assert that the men who represented their brotherhood in various parts of the world would do no dishonour either to their principles or to their common humanity, wherever they were found. For his own part, without pretending to so profound an acquaintance with the recondite principles of our mystic orders as many others do, he was satisfied to rest his faith and extend his fellowship to mankind on the broad and simple platform of its earliest and grandest degrees, and to give the right hand of brotherhood, if called upon, to Jew and Gentile, Christian and Brahmin alike, without fear and without suspicion. He knew nothing of Masonry that was not in the Bible, and he knew nothing in the Bible that was not of God. What the Pope and his representatives, Cardinals or Councils, had to fear in connection with it was to him incomprehensible; and if his Holiness had ever been admitted to their secret, it must have been to some very distorted view of the whole system. Certain newspapers, he was aware, had been occupied a good deal lately in attempting to show that the Pope is, or is not, a Freemason—which might be a matter of curiosity, but was certainly of no moment. If the religious system, of which his Holiness was the acknowledged head, embodied principles which would not bear the touch of Freemasonry, or assumed authority which was inconsistent with the liberties of mankind, the less the world had to do with it the better. It would be more to the purposes if such papers could show us for certain that Garibaldi was a Mason, or that such men as Luther and Knox belonged to their ancient fraternity. They knew in fact that Robert Burns was a Mason, Benjamin Franklin was a Mason, that the Prince of Wales was a Mason, and for him (the Chairman) and those before him, that was perhaps enough. In such principles, and with such fellowship, they defied the Pope, and could enjoy their privileges and celebrate their festival, as they now did, with perfect indifference as to the threats and excommunications of his Holiness. Amongst the remaining toasts were "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. Wm. Bell, and responded to by Bros. Thomas Boston, 553, and Thomas Fletcher, P.M. 33; "The Ladies," by Bro. John Scouler; and "The Strangers," by James McDonald. Thereafter, dancing was resumed down-stairs, and kept up by the younger and more enthusiastic spirits until an early hour.

**DUNBAR.**—**DUNBAR CASTLE LODGE** (No. 75).—After the usual Masonic business meeting on Tuesday, 2nd inst., the brethren of this lodge entertained their R.W.M., Captain Dennistown, of the 64th regiment, to a farewell supper occasioned by his approaching departure for the South of England. The chair was well filled by Bro. Brand, D.M., supported by Bros. Vallance, P.M.; Nelson, J.W., ably discharging the duties of Croupier. The chairman in proposing the toast of the evening, referred at some length to Captain Dennistown's Masonic qualifications, which had gained for him, in so short a time, the right of presiding

over them as their R.W.M., and that they viewed his coming departure with every regret in losing such a good friend and excellent Master. The toast having been responded to with much enthusiasm, Captain Dennistown thanked the brethren very kindly for the support they had at all times given him, and said that in marching behind the drums of the 64th, in other countries, he should always remember with pleasure his short residence with the Dunbar Castle Lodge. A very pleasant evening was passed, other toasts following, songs contributing in no small degree to the pleasure, marred only by the thought of losing their respected R.W.M.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MARK (No. 102).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held in their hall at 213, Buchanan-street, on the 8th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. Jas. F. Mitchell, presided, and there were also present Bros. Thos. Halket, P.M.; Thos. Kerr, S.W.; J. Renton, J.W.; Jno. Smith, Secretary; A. C. Paterson, Treasurer; Jas. Gladstone, S.D.; and Hugh McMillan, J.D. The lodge having been opened, James Henry Crawford, a candidate duly recommended, received the E. A. degree at the hands of the R.W.M., after which, the newly-made brother enjoyed the advantage of a short, but very admirable and instructive lecture on the tracing board, delivered to him by Bro. Halket. The R.W.M. thereafter tested Bro. Crawford, and delivered the charge to him belonging to the degree he had just taken. The chairman then said he supposed the brethren were aware that there were offices in the lodge not yet filled up. There was the S.W., the Inner Guard, and the Depute Mastership. The appointment of the two first-named rested entirely with the members of the lodge, the last-named was his (the Master's) affair only. He had therefore much pleasure in appointing as his Depute, a brother who was an able Mason, from whom he (the chairman) had derived much instruction, and who brought to the discharge of the duties of the office a rare amount both of ability and energy. He referred to Bro. Alex. C. Lindsay Gray. Thereupon Bro. Gray was duly installed as D.M., by Bro. Halket, and having been invested with the jewel of the office, took his seat on the dais at the Master's right hand. He then, in very neat terms, returned thanks. He was but young in the lodge, he stated, but he had a sincere desire to increase his Masonic knowledge, and he trusted that, with the assistance of the R.W.M., he might prove to be not altogether unworthy of the high honour to which he had been called. It was then agreed upon that the S.W., and I.G. should be appointed at next meeting (22nd inst.), and the lodge was thereafter duly closed.

AIRDRIE.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 166).—This lodge met on the 3rd inst. in their lodge-room, Olive Hall, Airdrie, Bro. Jas. Henderson, P.M., in the absence of the R.W.M., presiding. There were also present Bros. H. McIndoe, S.W.; D. Lindsay, J.W.; T. Inch, Treasurer; James Halliday, Secretary; and several members of the lodge. The lodge being opened by the acting R.W.M., the minutes of previous meeting were read and approved of. Mr. George Penman, who had been well recommended, received the E.A. degree from Bro. Henderson in a very efficient manner. Some business of the lodge having been got through, Bro. J. Jamieson, who had received the E.A. degree, was advanced to that of Fellow Craft, Bro. Jas. Henderson officiating. The lodge was then closed in due form.

RUTHERGLEN.—ROYAL ARCH LODGE (No. 116).—The quarterly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 5th inst. Bro. William Ferguson, R.W.M., presiding. The lodge being opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting being read and confirmed, the lodge proceeded to labour. A candidate being in attendance (Mr. J. Stewart Anderson), was regularly initiated in that superb style, which the R.W.M. of this lodge can adopt, the ritual being carefully and judiciously given, and the precepts it contains instilled into the mind of the neophyte. This being the harmony night with No. 116, the attendance of members and visitors was unusually great the room being crowded in every part. Amongst the brethren we observed Bros. Scouler (Provost of Rutherglen), Councillor Don (Dean of Guild), Kinning, Gilmour, Craig, Hamilton, Colquhoun, Lang, M. Alpine, Muir, Calder, F. Price, Scott, M'Waters, Callen, M'Indoe, Tait, Murphy, Melville, M'Cormick, Somerville, Dunn, Ferrier, Graham, Dick, M'Bride, White, Hutcheson, Kerr, Walker, J. Price, Sterling, Duncan, Pearson, Park, J. Gilmour, Wright, Montgomery, Woodrow, M'Queen, Duncanson, Gemmell, Lock, Hodge, Baird, Crowth, Anderson, Bruce, Todle, W. Lang, Rove, M'Larty, W. Hamilton, Quin, M'Donald, and others. The lodge being called from labour to refreshment, the brethren enjoyed themselves with song and sentiment, the singing of Bros. M'Larty, M'Alpine, Price, and Black conducting very much to the harmony of the evening. In the midst of the hilarity the lodge was called from refreshment to labour, for the purpose of affiliating as honorary members Bro. Scouler (Provost of Rutherglen), and Bros. M'Waters and Tait. This was accordingly done, the brethren being duly made honorary members. Bro. Scouler thanked the lodge for the honour, and said it gave him great pleasure to come amongst the brethren of No. 116, and he felt deeply grateful for the mark of honour they had thus conferred on him. It should always be his duty to forward the interests of the Order, and he trusted that all the members would adopt those beautiful precepts taught them in the lodge, so that they might be an honour to themselves, and show to others the benefits morally accruing from the companionship of our ancient society. The lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, when some excellent songs were sung, the brethren enjoying themselves till high twelve, the lodge being then closed in full form.

COATBRIDGE.—LODGE OLD MONKLAND ST. JAMES'S (No. 177).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place

on 2nd instant, in the Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings. The R.W.M., Bro. Richard White, assisted by the officers, punctual to time, opened the lodge in due form, and some business associated with the lodge being amicably concluded, two candidates were proposed, and the ballot being proved clear in their favour, were introduced, and initiated into the Order, the degree being given by the R.W.M. in a very careful and impressive manner. Several candidates were proposed, and duly seconded, for initiation at the next meeting, and the lodge was closed in formal manner. Among the officers present we noticed Bros. A. Donaldson, D.M.; J. Stewart, S.W.; W. Dickson, Sec.

KILMARNOCK.—ST. CLEMENT'S LODGE (No. 202).—This lodge met on the 6th instant. In the unavoidable absence of the R.W.M., Bro. David Hodge, the lodge was opened by Bro. Alexander, P.M. A candidate (Mr. M'William) having been proposed and approved of, was duly entrusted with the E. A. degree by Bro. Alexander, after which the lodge was raised to the second, and the R.W.M. having by this time arrived, asked the favour of Bro. Martin to give the same candidate the F.C. Bro. Martin, who is well known in the provinces to be an efficient worker, assented to this, and gave the degree in a very excellent manner. The lodge was then opened in the M.M. degree, and it being a case of emergency, Bro. M'William, as also Bro. John M'Laren, obtained the sublime degree from Bro. Alexander in very good style. Nothing in the shape of business being before the lodge, it was closed. Among the brethren present were Bros. G. Smith, J. Barrie, W. Thompson, Wm. Fisher, Thomas Clark, Sec., and others.

GLASGOW.—LODGE STAR (No. 219).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their lodge-room, No. 12, Trongate, on Monday, 8th inst., Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M., in the chair, Bros. Garth, S.W.; Horn, J.W. There were also present: Bros. A. Bain, P.M. Lodge Union and Crown, 103; G. C. H. McNaught, W. H. Bickerton (Freemason), and a very large attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren, upwards of seventy having signed the book. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. John Morgan, and Mr. J. A. Easton, a candidate, received the E.A. degree, Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M., officiating in a very efficient manner. Bro. Jasper Martin was then installed as Depute Master, Bro. A. Bain performing the ceremony of installation. The lodge being raised, Bros. Easton and Loughran received the degree of Fellow Craft, Bro. Morgan officiating. The lodge was then raised to the M.M. degree. There being six brethren for advancement to the sublime degree of Master Mason, Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M., asked the favour of Bro. A. Bain to officiate. Bro. Bain, who is well known as an efficient worker, assented, and gave the degree in his usual impressive and masterly style. The lodge was then closed in due form.

The seventy-sixth annual festival of this lodge will take place in the hall, No. 12, Trongate, on Wednesday, the 31st inst.

GLASGOW.—LODGE SHAMROCK AND THISTLE (No. 275).—The 58th anniversary of this lodge was celebrated by a soiree, concert, and ball, held in the Masonic Hall, Struthers-street, on Friday, the 5th inst. Bro. R. M. Yuill, R.W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported on the platform by Bros. G. C. H. McNaught, P.M.; Rowan, D.M.; Peterson, S.M.; Ronald, S.W.; Finlay, J.W.; J. Horn, Secretary; Rev. R. Thomas, Chaplain; Joseph Singleton, R.W.M. 178; and others. Amongst numerous visiting brethren present were a deputation from Lodge Clydesdale, No. 557, consisting of Bros. Wm. Phillips' R.W.M.; Dr. Russell, D.M.; John B. McNaught, S.W.; John Howie, J.W.; and others. After tea, the chairman delivered a short address. It was just three months, he said, since he had been elected to the office of Master of Lodge 275, and he must admit that during that time he had had the greatest pleasure in the world in performing the duties pertaining thereto, owing to the support he had received from the other office-bearers. They were met there that night to celebrate their 58th anniversary, and he was proud at being able to state that the year they had last passed through could compare favourably with any of those before. They had a good proof of that in the turn-out which he saw before him that night. He was pleased to see such an assemblage of the brethren, but he was better pleased to see such a turn-out of their wives, sisters, cousins, &c. In this connection, the Chairman then briefly referred to the attempt to introduce into this country from America the element of female freemasonry, and in downright terms deprecated the Order of the Eastern Star. He was glad to find, he said, that that star had disappeared beneath the horizon, and was now looked for in vain. Referring to the operations of the lodge during the past year, he said that amongst others they had not failed to exercise the greatest of all virtues, namely charity. They had assisted many a poor and worthy brother "pulling hard against the stream," and when all was done that could be done for him until the end, they had seen his remains decently interred. Nor did they even stop there; they had assisted the widow in having her children educated and brought up in respectability. The Chairman having concluded, Bro. Horn, Secretary, rose and stated that they had now come to the most interesting portion of the evening's proceedings, namely, the presentation of a small testimonial to their worthy Past Master, Bro. G. C. H. McNaught. He (the speaker) need not there expatiate upon Bro. McNaught's many good qualities. When he joined that flourishing lodge they soon found in him something above the average. He was speedily called upon to be their Secretary, and then, upon the resignation of Bro. Phillips, he was elected to the chair. Though youthful in appearance he was old in knowledge, and had for two years performed the duties of the office of Master in a manner which made them all

feel proud of him. He had therefore great pleasure in then and there presenting Bro. McNaught with a handsome silver tea service, as also a Masonic jewel, subscribed for by members of the lodge and other friends, as a mark of the esteem in which they held him. Bro. McNaught, in acknowledging the compliment, said he desired to thank every individual subscriber to the testimonial, and also all there assembled, for the very flattering manner in which its presentation to him had been received. When he was elected to the chair of the lodge he was a very young man, and a very young Mason, and it therefore could not be expected that he should do everything that might have been desired. However, he had endeavoured to discharge his duties conscientiously, impartially, and to the best of his ability. He would add that the lodge was also much indebted to the industry and zeal of its office-bearers, and he took that opportunity of thanking the latter for the encouragement and support they had afforded him during the period he held office. In the concert which followed the vocalists were Miss Aitken, Mr. W. Lee, and Mr. J. Templeton; and the occasion concluded with an assembly, at which the master of ceremonies was Bro. Hardie.

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION (No. 332).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 170, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Monday, 1st inst. Bro. J. B. Macnair, R.W.M., occupied the chair. Bros. A. Connochie, J.W., acting S.W.; W. Dempster, S.M., acting J.W.; and the remaining officers in their respective places. There were also present W. H. Bickerton (Freemason), and several brethren of the lodge and visitors, amongst whom we noticed Bro. W. Harper, R.W.M. Lodge Clyde, 408. The minutes of the last regular meeting, also an emergency meeting, having been read and approved of, several matters of business connected with the lodge was discussed and harmoniously settled. The R.W.M., Bro. J. B. Macnair, then presented the lodge with some emblems for the better working of the lodge, which was heartily received by the members present. Bro. Laird, Treasurer, in a neat and appropriate speech on behalf of the lodge, thanked Bro. Macnair, for his handsome present, and Bro. Dempster, S.M., proposed that a silver plate be put upon Bro. Macnair's present, with a suitable inscription, showing by whom the present was made, and in commemoration of Bro. Macnair's kindness, which was unanimously agreed to. There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the members adjourned to the adjoining room for refreshment, and with toast and song spent a short time together most pleasantly.

RUTHERGLEN.—LODGE ST. JOHN'S OPERATIVE (No. 347).—Saturday, 6th inst., marked an era in the history of this lodge, on which occasion the memorial stone of a new Masonic Hall for the burgh, was laid with all the Masonic honours by the R.W.M., Bro. John Cunningham. The lodge, which was constituted twenty-nine years ago, was an offshoot from Lodge Royal Arch, No. 116, and has prospered greatly since its formation, its membership and revenues being now in a very flourishing condition. As the outcome of this prosperity, the brethren came to a resolution some time ago to build a hall for themselves, their present lodge-room being too small, and otherwise ill-adapted for their necessities. A limited liability company was formed, with the title of the Rutherglen Masonic Hall Company (Limited), for the purpose of raising the necessary funds, and a contract having been entered into with Mr. Park, builder, Rutherglen, a site was fixed upon in Cathcart-street, and building operations were begun at the commencement of the year. The edifice will be two storeys in height, and will have a frontage of 55ft., its width being about 36ft. The ground flat will be occupied as shops and a house for the hall-keeper, and the Masonic Hall and ante-rooms will take up the whole of the space in the upper storey. The cost of the building will be about £1,500, and it is expected to be ready for occupancy, in August ensuing. Invitations to attend the ceremony of the 6th inst. had been issued to many of the lodges in the West, and in response thereto, the following were represented, more or less numerous: Hamilton Kilwinning, 7; St. John's Lesmahagow, 20; Old St. John, Lanark, 21; St. Mungo, 27; Ancient, Stirling, 30; St. Mary, Coltness, 31; Thistle and Rose, 73; Thistle, 87; Union and Crown, 103; Royal Arch, Cambuslang, 114; Royal Arch, Rutherglen, 116; St. Mary's, Partick, 117; St. John, Shettleston, 158; St. Mirren, Paisley, 129; St. Barchan, Killarchan, 156; Hamilton, 233; Shamrock and Thistle, 275; Union and Crown, Barrhead, 307; St. George, 333; St. John's Operative, 347; Commercial, 360; St. Clair, 362; Clyde, 401; Thornetree, Thornliebank, 512; St. Andrew, East Kilbride, 524; Clydesdale, Larkhall, 551; and Clydesdale, Glasgow, 556. At about 3 p.m., Lodge 347, was opened in Bro. Reid's Hall, Main-street, the following being present:—Bros. John Cunningham, R.W.M.; Wm. Gardner, P.M.; Samuel C. Abbot, D.M.; David Smart, S.M.; Jno. Murdoch, S.W.; Thos. Alston, J.W.; Wm. Lecoy, S.D.; Thos. Brodie, J.D.; Alex. Warnock, Secretary; Wm. Miller, Treasurer; Andrew Pearson, Chaplain; and Jas. Crawford, B.B. Previous to the opening of the lodge on the E. A. degree, Bro. Bryce, Tyler of Grand Lodge of Scotland, who came through for the occasion, read the following special permit from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province: "Lochwinnoch, 27th February, 1875. I, Henry Lee Harvey, Esq., of Castle Semple, R.W. Depute Provincial Grand Master for Renfrewshire, East, as presiding over the Masonic province in the absence of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Colonel Campbell, of Blythswood, do hereby authorise and commission Bro. John Cunningham, R.W.M. of Lodge St. John Operative, Rutherglen, No. 347, to lay the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall at Rutherglen, with full Masonic honours, at Rutherglen, on Saturday, 6th March, proximo, hereby granting him full powers to make choice of the necessary office-bearers to assist him



on said occasions, and requiring him to make a full report of the proceedings immediately thereafter to me, For all which these presents shall be full and sufficient authority. Signed Henry Lee Harvey, Depute Provincial Grand Master for Renfrewshire East." The lodge having been opened, the deputation from Lodge 116, senior lodge of the province, were admitted, and the above having been read to them, it was arranged that they should carry the working tools in the procession; and therefore the various lodges assembled at Rutherglen Green, where they were duly marshalled by Bro. Edward Cornelly. At about 3.30 p.m., the procession marched from the Green, headed by the band of the 105th Lanarkshire Volunteers, and preceded by Captain Cornelly on horseback, who attended as Grand Marshal. On arriving at Cathcart-street, the brethren of St. John's, Royal Arch, Shamrock and Thistle, and one or two other lodges, defiled into the building, and ascended to the second storey, where the corner-stone was to be laid, the other lodges taking up a position in front of the edifice. The usual ceremony was then proceeded with by Bro. Cunningham, R.W.M. of St. John's Lodge, who, at the proper interval, was presented with a handsome silver trowel by Bro. Gardiner, P.W.M., as a token of the regard entertained for him by his brethren in the lodge. At the conclusion, prayer having been offered up by the R.W.M., and the Masons' Anthem having been played, Bro. Cunningham delivered a brief congratulatory address to the assembled brethren, in the course of which he expressed a hope that the building, of which they had just laid the memorial stone, would be the means of giving an impetus to Masonry in Rutherglen and the district. He thanked the office-bearers of the lodge for the energy which they had displayed in promoting the building scheme, and the deputations from the other lodges, who, by their presence at the ceremony, had manifested a kindly interest in the welfare of their brethren in Rutherglen. Bro. Scoular, Provost of the Burgh, then expressed the great pleasure he had derived from being present at the interesting ceremony which had just been performed, and said it was a satisfactory indication of the esteem in which the brethren of Rutherglen were held, that such a large and influential body of Freemasons had consented to take a part in the proceedings. He hoped that the events of that day would aid in binding them closely together by those ties of brotherhood which they all recognised, and he exhorted them to show to the world that such a bond of fellowship was no meaningless title, but that in their journey through life, they smoothed each other's path by kind words and deeds, and a brotherly interest in each other's welfare. Cheers were then given for the Queen, R.W.M. Cunningham, and Provost Scoular, after which the assemblage dispersed. The brethren of Lodge 347 returned to Bro. Reid's hall, their usual place of meeting, we may state, when the lodge was closed in due form. Altogether, the day was one which will be long remembered in the ancient burgh of Rutherglen.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY (354).—The annual soirée and concert of this lodge was held in the Victoria Hall, Buchanan-street, on the 5th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. James Shaw, occupied the chair, supported by Bro. A. Arrick Smith, P.M.; D. Buchanan, D.M.; W. Stafford, S.W.; A. B. Ferguson, J.W.; D. Leitch, J.D.; Colin McKenzie, Jeweller; Robert Paterson (acting) Architect; J. Dorman, C.S.; and J. Rowat, I.G. There was a large attendance of the brethren generally, with their wives, sweethearts, and friends, and numerous visitors from sister lodges. After tea, the chairman delivered a brief address, in which, after a few preliminary remarks, he touched upon the subject of the lodge, and continued:—I can say with confidence, we have prospered in a manner satisfactory to all. I don't think the prosperity of a lodge depends on the number of Masons they add to their roll in the year. It depends mostly in trying to create that amount of good feeling and brotherly love which should exist amongst the brethren. Better make nine worthy members in the year, than ninety and nine unworthy. The Lodge Caledonian Railway may take the credit of having added to its number members who will be a credit to the Order, and I trust it will be long ere it can be said of it, that it is a shop where Masonry is sold for pounds, shillings, and pence. During the past year we have added to our number one third more members than during the year previous, and have thus been enabled to increase our charities, both in a direct and an indirect manner. Charity is one of the chief corner stones of our temple. The charity of which our Order boasts is not the giving of a few pounds in pecuniary aid alone. The true Mason will be slow to anger, and easy to forgive. He will admonish with friendship and arm with kindness. The true Mason will love and cherish all who sit beneath the Great Architect of the Universe. It is a Mason's boast that his charity extendeth throughout the whole world. However, much the sceptic may laugh us to scorn, we remain united throughout the whole globe, and will continue so to the end of time. Why have our lady friends never been appealed to to assist us in our works of charity in Glasgow? Both in England and Holland the ladies assist very much in the furtherance of Masonic charities, and why we in Glasgow cannot get up bazaars for that purpose as well, is a matter of surprise to a good many. There are 26 lodges in the province of Glasgow, and though each should only educate six boys, in after years we should have something to show for the Masonic body. It must be gratifying to see amongst us to-night some of the first stones of our lodge, which is twenty-six years old, with a roll of 662 members scattered throughout the whole world. Many have been called away by the Great Architect of the Universe, and one well-known face will be missed from amongst us, that of Bro. Gemmell, who, by his kindness and willingness to oblige, gained the confidence and esteem of every one who came in contact with him, and who guarded the

precincts of our temple for twenty-five years with a jealousy and devotion not to be equalled. The chairman concluded by expressing a hope that they might have many returns of their annual reunion, and that each of these might be as successful as the present. An excellent concert programme was then entered upon, for which the vocalists engaged were Miss Coleridge, Mr. H. Cathcart, and Bro. James Houston, the most popular local comique. At an interval during the evening, Bro. Collin McKenzie shortly addressed the meeting, his remarks being chiefly in corroboration of, or to the same purport as, those of the chairman, as to the genuine prosperity of the lodge, the suggestions of the R.W.M., to arrange for the education of a few boys and girls, children of deceased Masons, the desirability of increased efforts for the spread of education generally, and the valuable assistance that might be afforded by the ladies in raising the funds to carry out the objects in question. The occasion was concluded with an assembly.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CLYDESDALE (No. 556).—The usual bi-monthly meeting of this lodge, on 1st inst., was one of unusual interest, owing to the fact that the members met for the first time in their new hall, at No. 106, Rose-street, South Side. As the brethren in Glasgow are aware, this lodge, the youngest in the province, constituted only last year, met from the beginning until recently in an underground hall in the Crown-street Assembly Rooms. The disadvantages of the situation, however, compelled them to look about for a change; and circumstances being prosperous with them, they took a lease of a two-storey self-contained house in the locality above mentioned, and which they have now transformed into premises in every way eligible for their purpose. The lodge-room is upstairs, is some 33 by 23 feet, inside dimensions, and will, when the decorations are fully completed, be at once a commodious and elegant Masonic hall—the second, we may add, erected on the south side of the river, within the province of Glasgow, the first being that of Lodge Neptune, in St. James's-street, Kingston. The interest taken in the occasion was manifested by the attendance on Monday evening, no fewer than 84 brethren having signed the 'Tyler's book.' The R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Phillips, presided, and of other office-bearers of the lodge there were present Bros. John McNaught, S.M.; John B. McNaught, S.W.; John Howie, J.W.; John Frew, S.D.; Hugh Weir, J.D.; George B. Yuill, Secretary; H. W. Jackman, Architect; and J. Webster, Chaplain. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. J. Peters, R.W.M. Lodge Royal Arch, Pollokshaws, 153; Geo. Muir, D.M. 103; D. Ronald, S.W. 275; John Wilson, G. Marshal, 31; Geo. W. Wheeler, 73; John Horn, Secretary, 275; Peter Hepburn, J.W. 178; Jas. B. McNeil, 362; and others. The lodge having been opened, the chairman, in a few remarks, referred to the new locale in which they were now assembled, which, however, he asked them to remember, did not show as it would do when the decorations were completed. Thereafter the lodge proceeded to business, when Bros. Wm. Kirkwood, P.M. Lodge Royal Arch, Rutherglen; John Horne, Secretary; and Thos. Russell, Lodge Shamrock and Thistle, 275, were affiliated members of No. 556 by the R.W.M. The subsequent work consisted of the initiation of four duly recommended candidates, also by the R.W.M., the passing to the F.C. degree of Bro. James Barclay, by Bro. J. B. McNaught, S.W.; and the raising to the sublime degree of six brethren, by the R.W.M. The lodge was thereafter closed in due and ancient form. In proof of the prosperity of this young lodge, it may be stated that within two months past, that is since the beginning of the year, they have initiated sixteen members into the Order, and that an emergency meeting is to be held for the initiation of three more.

GLASGOW.—LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their lodge room, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Friday, the 5th inst., Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., presiding, Bros. John Oliver, S.W.; and J. Brode, P.M., acting S.W.; there were also present Bros. A. Morton, I.P.M.; John Davidson, P.M.; and a goodly number of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. John Monro, and in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. H. Bickerton, Secretary, Bro. A. Morton, I.P.M., read the minutes of previous meeting, which were approved of. Bro. John Monro presented the lodge with a Masters' apron, which could be used by his successor in office, which was received with acclamation. Applications were then read from the following gentlemen for initiation into the ancient privileges and mysteries of Freemasonry, Messrs. Wm. Harrison, John Brash, F. C. E. Schröder, and Alex. Martin, there being no objection they were admitted, and received the E.A. degree, Bro. Julius Brode, S.W., officiating in a most masterly style. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE NEPTUNE (No. 419).—The thirteenth annual soirée of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst. in Crown-street Assembly Rooms. The R.W.M., Bro. James S. Scott, presided, supported on the platform by Bros. Dalziel, S.M.; L. Brown, S.W.; J. B. McNaught, S.W. 556; Deueef, S.D.; Colin Wood, J.D.; McAllister, Secretary; R. T. Dunn, Treasurer; and Johnstone, Chaplain. Among brethren from sister lodges, in the body of the hall, were Bros. G. C. H. McNaught, P.M. Shamrock and Thistle, 285; Malcolm Stark, D.M. St. Vincent, 553; Dr. Russell, D.M. Clydesdale, 556; and others. After tea, the chairman delivered a brief address, in the course of which he congratulated the brethren on the steady progress of Lodge 419. During the time she had been in existence, she had admitted no fewer than ten hundred members, and he thought that it augured well for her prosperity in the future. The lodge had done some good in their day and generation, and in the way of charity especially had often caused the heart of the widow and orphan to leap for joy. Referring to the extension of Masonry in Glasgow, the speaker said he remembered

when there were only fourteen lodges within the province, whereas now the number was twenty-six. In concluding, the Chairman remarked that the facts, among others, that the Prince of Wales was about to become Grand Master Mason of England, and that the representative of her Majesty's Government in Ireland was G.M. there, were surely sufficient to give the Craft a status in society. An excellent concert programme was then entered upon, in which the ballad singing of Misses Marion Vallance and Edith Leslie, and the respective efforts of Bro. Charles Stewart (tenor), D. Alexander, and J. C. Gordon in the humorous department, gave satisfaction to all and sundry. The occasion, as usual, concluded with an assembly.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ATHOLE (No. 413).—The usual fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their lodge-room, 213, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, 9th inst. Bro. John Wallace, R.W.M., officiating; Bro. Colin McKenzie, S.W.; Bro. D. Leitch, J.W.; there were also present J. Millar, P.M.; Bros. J. Loutitt, D.M.; Agnew, Treas.; Stevenson, Sec.; the visitors were Bros. John Morgan, R.W.M., Lodge Star, 219; J. B. Macnair, R.W.M., Lodge Union, 332; W. H. Bickerton (Freemason); and a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. John Wallace, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Several matters connected with the lodge were discussed and amicably settled. The lodge being raised, the following brethren were advanced to the degree of Fellow Craft, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason:—Bros. I. Simpson, John Connell, D. Cameron, R. Russell, R. Easdale, being an emergency meeting. Bro. Loutitt, D.M., officiated in the Fellow Craft degree in such a masterly style, that looks well for the future working as well as the present, of Lodge Athole. Bro. J. Millar, P.M., officiated in the M.M. degree in his usual careful and impressive manner. The lodge was then closed in due form. At the next regular meeting, Tuesday, the 23rd inst., Bro. Walter Baynham will give a lecture, subject, "Freemasonry." Visitors cordially invited.

GLASGOW.—LODGE GLASGOW (No. 441).—This lodge met in the Masons' Hall, Struthers-street, Calton, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. Bro. Hugh Tulloch occupied the chair, and the office-bearers present were Bros. W. B. Marr, Secretary; Wm. Sloan, Treasurer; John Neagle, S.D.; Duncan Campbell, J.D.; and James Martin, P.G.S. The lodge having been opened, one candidate for initiation came forward and duly received the E.A. degree at the hands of the R.W.M. There being no other business the lodge was then closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. VINCENT (No. 553).—The ordinary bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in Claremont Hall, 162, Kent-road, on the 11th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. Robt. McDougall, presided, and there were present, Bros. Malcolm Stark, D.M.; William Wilson, 87, acting S.W.; A. C. Hunter, J.W.; John McLellan, Treasurer; and Thos. Best, J.D. The business consisted of raising Bros. Thos. McLean, Thos. Liddel, John Shields, Wm. McGhee, and T. B. Barrett, receiving the sublime degree at the hands of Bro. Bain, P.M. 103. At the close of the proceedings, Bro. William Wilson, 89, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Bain, for the admirable working they had just witnessed, which was carried by unanimous acclamation. Bro. Bain having briefly acknowledged the compliment, the lodge was duly closed.

CROSSHILL.—LODGE MARIE STUART (No. 541).—A pro re nata emergency meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on the evening of Monday, the 1st inst., in the regular place of meeting. Bro. Julius Brode, S.M., acting R.W.M.; Bro. John Monro, R.W.M. 360, acting S.W.; and Bro. Robt. W. Buchanan, Secretary, acting J.W.; with a fair attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren from Glasgow and elsewhere, including Bro. Thos. Halkett, P.M. St. Mark's, 102. The lodge having been opened by Bro. Brode, in his usual impressive style, the Secretary was called upon to read a committee minute, explaining the object and business of this meeting, viz.: the filling up of the offices rendered vacant by the resignation of the late R.W.M., Bro. J. D. Porteous, on his removal from Glasgow, to fill the office of Postmaster of Bolton, Lancashire, and by the death of Bro. Stamm, J.W.. The committee recommended Bro. Brode for the office of R.W.M., and to supply the other offices, they suggested that the remaining office-bearers should be advanced, and new nominations made for the more subordinate vacancies thus formed. This proposal having been put and unanimously approved of, Bro. Halkett, at the request of the lodge, proceeded to instal Bro. Brode (who is an Installed P.M. of No. 360) to the office of R.W.M., and invested the other office-bearers present in their new positions—a duty in which, from his great experience, Bro. Halkett is quite at home, and which he performed on this occasion in his usual impressive and kindly style. The newly-installed R.W.M., Bro. Brode, having received the appropriate greetings of the brethren, in a few well chosen remarks thanked them for the high position in which he was placed, and referred to the great responsibility which he felt to devolve upon him, from filling the chair as successor to such an accomplished and eminent Master as Bro. Porteous, who, he was sure, carries with him the grateful esteem not only of this lodge, but of every lodge in the province and neighbourhood. He should, however, perform the duties to the best of his ability, and would be stimulated to do so by the efficient support which he was confident he could count upon from the office-bearers and every brother of the lodge. At the close of his remarks, the R.W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Halkett, for his attendance and service that evening, which was heartily responded to and acknowledged in fitting terms. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

## ALTERATION OF THE DAY FOR THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

On Monday last a deputation from the Board of Stewards for the next annual festival of this institution, consisting of Bros. John B. Monckton (Town Clerk of London), J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Griffiths Smith, P.G.S.; Dr. Ramsey, and R. Wentworth Little, Secretary, waited on the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, at the Mansion House, in consequence of a communication from his lordship's Secretary, as to the date of holding the festival of 1875, at which the Lord Mayor has kindly consented to preside. The deputation was received by his lordship, who informed its members that the festival of the Sons of the Clergy would be held on the 12th of May, and the Lord Mayor of London and the Sheriffs had always to attend that festival. In consequence therefore of this fact, the festival of the Masonic Girls' School would have to be held on the day previous, Tuesday, the 11th of May, on which day his lordship would be pleased to preside. The Stewards' visit to the school he would also be obliged to alter in consequence of other engagements; and instead of taking place on Friday, the 17th of May, he would appoint Saturday, the 8th of that month for the Stewards' visit, and on that day he and the Lady Mayoress would also attend, go over the Institution, and distribute the prizes. The deputation said that these alterations should be carried out, and having thanked his lordship, withdrew.

The Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls cannot be held on Tuesday, the 11th proximo, the Freemason's Tavern being otherwise engaged on that evening.

The following is the list of candidates for election on Saturday, 10th April next, with the lodges and provinces to which their respective fathers belonged.

1. Blanche Jenny Perks, Brecknock Lodge, 656, S. Wales, E.D.
2. Ellen Elizabeth Hollis, Medina Lodge, 35, Hants, and I.W.
3. Mary Sarah Rogers, Confidence Lodge, 193, London.
4. Susan Jane Norrish, St. Peter's Lodge, 1125, Devon.
5. Ellen Sophia Christie, Perfect Friendship Lodge, 376, Suffolk.
6. Mary Emma Barsby, Witham Lodge, 297, Lincolnshire.
7. Eliza Edith Daly, Joppa Lodge, 188, London.
8. Fanny Craig, British Kaffrarian Lodge, 853, S. Africa.
9. Ada Elizabeth Kite, Dartmouth Lodge, 262, Staffordshire.
10. Emily Case, Prosperity Lodge, 62, London.
11. Mary Ann Richardson, United Chatham Lodge, 184, Kent.
12. Minnie Phillips, Fidelity Lodge, 3, London.
13. Mary Louisa Bowler, Virtue and Silence Lodge, 332, Suffolk.
14. Sarah Lissie Bellamy, Harmony Lodge, 272, Lincolnshire.
15. Laura Sophia Stransom, Royal Union Lodge, 382, Middlesex.
16. Louisa Bigger Stewart, Industry Lodge, 48, Durham.
17. Diana Gordon Morris, St. George's Lodge, 112, Devonshire.
18. Edith Harry Escott, Strawberry Hill Lodge, 946, Middlesex.
19. Ellen Lucy Morgau, Philanthropic Lodge, 818, Monmouthshire.
20. Rosa Milligan, Prudent Brethren Lodge, 145, London.
21. Ada Huyshe Claise, Brunswick Lodge, 159, Devonshire.
22. Emma Elizabeth Tipper, Etruscan Lodge, 546, Staffordshire.
23. Annie Eliza Scott, Royal Alfred Lodge, 780, London.
24. Elizabeth Owens, Finsbury Lodge, 861, London.
25. Ann Maria Strong, St. John's Lodge, 492, Antigua.
26. Elizabeth Trumble, Vitruvian Lodge, 87, London.
27. Fanny Amelia W. Saunders, Unanimity Lodge, 102, Norfolk.
28. Ida Mary Bryant, Scientific Lodge, 88, Cambridgeshire.
29. Catherine Louisa Hellier, Era Lodge, 1423, Middlesex.
30. Caroline Norris, Royal York of Perseverance Lodge, 7, London.
31. Mabel Ellen Bingham, Grenadiers, 66, London.

The name of Florence Ada Holland has been taken off the list under Law LII., limiting the age of candidates to eleven years.

## THE MASONIC TEMPLE IN ROME.

To judge by the crowd of idlers and gazers who thronged the Via della Valle to watch the arrivals at the chastely decorated portals of the new Masonic Temple, the official organ of the Vatican was rather out in its "certainty" of what all good Romans would do on that occasion. As for "the brethren of the mystic tie," they assembled in great force, and must have remarked, as they passed the vestibule, through the courtyard, and ascended the luxuriously carpeted stairs, lined with Municipal Guards in full uniform, the elegance of the festoons which overhung their progress and the rich and tastefully-grouped flowers which diffused their perfume from the vases. One great object of attraction, it is fair to say, however, General Garibaldi, failed to appear. He was represented by his son, Menotti, who explained that at the eleventh hour his father had had a severe access of his rheumatic pains, and was thus, to his great sorrow, prevented from joining his brethren on this august occasion. By two o'clock more than two hundred Masons had assembled. Then the Master of the Ceremonies arranged the order of procession, the brethren of the first degree leading, followed by those of the second and third; next by the Rose Croix

Chapter and the members of the other higher degrees; after them the representatives of the foreign lodges; and finally came the Grand Master, surrounded by the dignitaries of the Grand Orient of Italy. Thirteen brethren bore the thirteen symbolic lights, another the flaming sword, and a third the standard. The procession then marched through the several halls, and stopped before the gate of the Temple, where the usual signs of recognition having been exchanged, the gates were thrown wide apart, and the ranks dividing, admitted the Grand Master, who then led the way under the arch of steel, formed by fifty of the brethren armed with swords, and points of which touched each other at an acute angle. The secret ceremonial then followed, with its usual solemn impressiveness, after which the Grand Orator, Bro. Mauro Macchi, delivered an impassioned harangue, recounting the great objects of Masonry, the opposition it had encountered, and the triumph it had finally won in planting the tripod of liberty, equality, and fraternity on which it rests, in the Eternal City. It was difficult for the orator, surrounded as he was by the survivors of imprisonment in Bourbon and Papal dungeons, by old men who had grown grey in the struggle for Italian unity, and by youths who bore about them the scars of the wounds received at Solferino, at Marsala, at Gaeta, at Castelfidardo, at Aspromonte, and at Mentana, to refrain from a few pointed allusions to the old order of things and the new, but he kept within the bounds of a becoming moderation, and made allusion to the presence of the foreign lodges, particularly to those of Great Britain, in graceful and affecting language. Lieutenant-Colonel Balcarras Ramsay, of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, replied on behalf of his compatriot brethren, expressing himself fluently in Italian, and eliciting repeated marks of approbation from the brethren. Other speakers followed, of whom the most loudly applauded was Signor Brienza, of Naples—that stronghold of Masonry. Telegrams kept arriving all day, even during the proceedings, from other Italian lodges, many of which, I remarked, are called after Garibaldi, as well as from lodges in North and South America (of which the Argentine Republic was particularly warm in its greeting), in France, in Germany, in Luxemburg, in Austro-Hungary, and, in short, from nearly half the counties in Europe, congratulating Italy on her Masonic Temple in Rome. The ceremony was brought to a close with the customary forms, and the brethren dispersed to meet again next day, at a conversazione, to which ladies were to be admitted.

This is the first lodge which has been inaugurated in Rome since 1870. Several attempts at establishing such a Masonic institution have been made, but without success; the initiative, it is said, having been taken under auspices scarcely influential enough. The Temple in the Via della Valle is a large square hall, at the head of which stands the throne of the Grand Orient, with places set apart for subordinate Orators on each side. It is elegantly adorned, the walls and cornices being painted white, relieved by colours judiciously varied and by ornaments in gold. Three statues occupy pedestals on the walls—that of Hercules, personifying strength; of Venus, representing beauty; and of Minerva, typifying wisdom. Over portals on the inside is the following inscription, cut in granite and with letters of gold:—"Templum hoc Romæ a servitute redemptæ liberi structoris Italici justitiæ veritati sacrum. V. kal. mart. MDCCCLXXV."

To-day was the *giorno di gala*, so to speak, and a large number of Masons in Rome attended the conversazione and musical entertainment to which it was chiefly to be devoted; and also in the hope that Garibaldi would appear—a hope in which, however, they were disappointed, the General being still confined to his room. Another lodge meeting was held at two, at which were once more represented the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Dalhousie Lodge, the University Lodge of Oxford, and the Havant Lodge. Business having been concluded by an address from Grand Orator Mauro Macchi, and a loudly cheered response from Colonel Balcarras Ramsay, who conveyed, through Menotti Garibaldi, the greeting of British lodges to his illustrious father, the Cantata, expressly composed for the occasion by brother Swicher, with words also *ad hoc* by Brothers Castellazzo and Bacci, was given in a saloon opening out of the Temple with grand effect by Signora Wiziach and Signor Nicolini and others of the operatic company in Rome. The poem, a finely-animated ode, was particularly successful in its chorus. A brilliant assemblage of ladies, many of rank, other English residents in Rome or passing visitors, where escorted through the halls of the building to the interior of the Temple, the elegant design and decoration of which evoked many compliments to Bro. Landi, its architect. Conspicuous in his courtesies was the portly figure and fine grey head of the Grand Master, Joseph Mazzoni, who reminded one not a little of the late Earl of Zetland; while at every turn presented himself some soldier wearing the medal of an Italian victory or some civilian patriot who bore the marks—not less noble insignia—of years of seclusion and rivation in political prisons.

## Obituary.

## Bro. RICHARD LIMPUS.

Bro. Richard Limpus, P. Prov. G. Organist Middlesex, W.M. 1309, died at his residence, 41, Queen-square, Bloomsbury, on Monday, 15th inst. He was initiated in the British Lodge, became a joining member of the Acacia Lodge, also joined the Lebanon Lodge, 1326, and Era Lodge, 1423. He was exalted in Royal Arch Freemasonry in Mount Lebanon Chapter, 73, and was a founder of Lebanon Chapter, 1326, holding office in both. He was a Past Steward and Life Governor of the Masonic charities. He was a hard worker in Masonry, doing good

suit and service on all and every occasion. A more popular, highly-esteemed, respected, and beloved brother never yet belonged to the Craft, for to know him was to like him. He has left a sorrowing widow to lament his loss.

Bro. Limpus was a brother of the Rev. H. F. Limpus, vicar of Twickenham, who is also well-known as a musician of considerable attainments. Bro. Limpus, from his early training and long practice, had obtained a high reputation as a choir-master no less than as an organist, and the choral services at St. Michael's had, under his direction, become known for their excellence. It was, however, as the founder of the College of Organists that Bro. Limpus had acquired his reputation among his professional brethren, and his death will be a great loss to the institution, to the interests of which he had devoted himself with the utmost earnestness. The arrangements for the festival service in aid of the College Benevolent Fund, held at St. Paul's Cathedral a few months since, were made by Bro. Limpus; but shortly after, his health began to fail, and his illness, which was largely due to overwork had now terminated fatally.

## Bro. GEORGE PYMM

Bro. George Pymm, W.M. 1275, P.M. 749, P.M. 1310, P.Z. 749, &c., died on the 15th inst. He was initiated in the Belgrave Lodge, 749, passed through the various offices, and in due time installed W.M. He took the Royal Arch degree in 749, and served every office, being a P.Z. He was a Life Governor and Past Steward of the charities. A more free, open-hearted, genuine brother never lived. He has realised Masonic teachings by "living respected and deeply regretted" by all who knew him. A widow and family mourn their irreparable loss.

## Masonic Tidings.

Bro. P. A. Nairne, P.M. 176, was elected on Saturday last to represent the lodge as its Steward at the installation of the M.W.G.M.

The annual Festival of Bro. H. Muggeridge's Lodge of Instruction (Stability, 217) will be held on the 30th April, at the City Terminus Hotel. The Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, will preside at the banquet. (See advertisement.)

The annual ball of the Red Cross Order will be held on the 31st inst. at Willis's rooms. The president is Col. Burdett, M. Em. Grand Viceroy and Deputy Grand Commander of St. John. The surplus proceeds will be given to the Masonic Charities and the Almoner's Fund of the Red Cross Order. Coote and Tinney's band is engaged. Sir Knts. R. Wentworth Little (Treas. Gen. and Commander of St. John), Treasurer; H. A. Dubois, G. A. Treas. and Commander of St. John, and C. F. Hogard, G. V. Chamberlain and Commander of St. John, are Hon. Secs.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, held at the Rose Tavern, 86, Fulham-road, on the evening of Good Friday, March 26th, Bro. Ardin, P.M. Zetland, 511, in the chair.

THE PRINCE OF WALES AT CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.—On Thursday evening, 12th inst., our Bro. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, and the Princess of Wales paid a visit to this school, to witness one of the series of "public suppers," so called, which have always been held there during the Lenten period since the foundation of the school in the reign of Edward VI. Their Royal Highnesses were accompanied by Princess Christian, Prince George, and Prince Albert Victor. The Royal visitors arrived at the Hospital about 7 o'clock, and were received at the entrance by Mr. Allcroft, the treasurer, and a goodly number of the Governors. Thence they were escorted by the authorities, each carrying a wand of office, to the Grand Hall, which on this occasion was unusually crowded by privileged visitors, many of whom were ladies, over and above the scholars themselves, about 750 in number, large and small. As the Royal party entered the hall the whole company rose to receive them, and the fine organ at the eastern end of it pealed forth the National Anthem with thrilling effect. After taking the places assigned them on the dais, the choir sang the air, "God bless the Prince of Wales," the Royal visitors and the general company standing. By this time the whole 750 boys had been seated on either side of a table in the centre of the hall and extending over its whole length, on which their frugal supper had been laid; but before sitting down to it an appropriate hymn was sung, the whole company joining, and prayers were said and selected passages of Scripture read from a rostrum or pulpit by the head Grecian in the school—Mr. Reichel—with becoming reverence and a most mellifluous voice, every syllable being distinctly audible over the vast building. Supper over, the boys, gathering up the fragments in baskets, according to usage, and some of them at intervals carrying lighted tapers in their hands, filed past the Prince and Princess, two abreast. This was a long and, at last, a somewhat tiring ceremony, seeing that there were 750 of them, but it was at times relieved by the merriment caused by such of the boys as carried baskets of broken victuals on their shoulders doing their best under perverse circumstances to make asuitable obeisance to the Prince and Princess.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—The present inclement season should teach us caution. Exposure to its influence, combined with confined atmospheres in close and heated rooms, frequently lays the foundation of evils which must be at once attacked before serious mischief be brought about. We are all apt to be careless, and what at first sight may appear to be only a slight cold, may perhaps eventually terminate in some formidable malady. On the first appearance of anything of the kind, this Ointment should be applied (after due fomentation and according to the directions) to the chest and throat; this alone will afford great relief, but to doubly secure one's self the pills should simultaneously be taken, this will confirm the cure.—ADVT.

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## Births, Marriages and Deaths.

## DEATH.

LIMPUS.—On the 15th inst., Bro. Richard Limpus, of 41, Queen-square, London, aged fifty years, Organist of St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, P. Prov. G. Organist Middlesex, W.M. 1309. A brother who was esteemed and respected by all who knew him.

## Answers to Correspondents.

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

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Q.Y.—Will you kindly inform me the correct style to address the First Principal of a chapter. Is it E.Z., or M.E.Z.? What is the title of the First Principal of a Prov. Grand Chapter, and of the Supreme Grand Chapter? Also how should Comp. H. and J. be addressed; as E. Comp. H., or J. respectively? And have Past Zs. any other distinction than "P.Z."?

[Strictly speaking, we think that, in all probability, E.Z. is the proper appellation for the First Principal of a subordinate chapter, and the same rule applies to J. and H. But custom seems to give to the First Principal the same title as is given in Grand Chapter, "M.E.Z.," and equally in Provincial Grand Chapter. There is no distinct rule certain on the subject, but "mos est lex."—ED.]

The following stand over:—Letters from "Deux Etoiles;" Fred Morrell, Oxford; A.P.M.; reports of Early Grand Encampment, Scotland; Rock Lodge, No. 1289; Whittington, 862; East Surrey Lodge of Concord; 603; Lodge of St. George, 323, Nelson, New Zealand,

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1875.

## PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION.

We were happy in being able to announce some of the preliminary arrangements for the installation of our Royal Grand Master in our last impression, and we call attention to the official documents to-day. We think that the announcement of the "modus," proposed for appointing the additional Stewards will give much satisfaction. The London lodges are to nominate each one Steward, and the provinces, two Stewards each. The idea seems a very happy one, and if perfectly and practically carried out, will tend greatly to simplify the proceedings of the day, and to obviate many possible difficulties. The Craft will be

greatly pleased to note that by the favour and consideration of the Grand Master, all Master Masons can be present; at any rate, an allotted number of them. This act of grace will be warmly appreciated. Our contemporary, the *Times*, despite its usual accuracy, made one or two mistakes in its statement about things Masonic on Monday week last, to which we think it right to call the careful attention of our brethren. It states, for instance, that a Committee of Grand Officers was proposing regulations, &c., and drawing up the arrangements. Our distinguished Bro. Sir Albert Woods has "virtute officii:" the natural direction and elaboration of all the needful arrangements; but by special appointment of His Royal Highness, the Grand Master, the superintendence of the arrangements for the accommodation of the members who are privileged to attend, has been entrusted to Bro. Thomas Fenn, who officiated for some years as Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. The *Times* also announced that only 400 tickets would be issued for the festival at Freemasons' Hall. In this, we believe that the *Times* is both premature and incorrect. The arrangements for the dinner rest with the Grand Stewards alone, and they certainly have not yet decided on any such course of action. We will endeavour faithfully to keep our brethren "au courant" of all the arrangements and regulations, as they are matured, from week to week, as we well know the deep interest which our loyal brotherhood feels in regard of this most felicitous event in the annals of our English Craft.

## THE SPECIAL STEWARDS.

Some brethren, especially in the provinces, are under the impression that by serving as a Steward on this occasion they become Grand Stewards and have the privilege of wearing the "crimson." We need hardly, perhaps, say to our general readers that this is not the case. These Special Stewards have nothing whatever to do with the Grand Stewards or the Grand Stewards with them. The Grand Stewards' duties are entirely distinct. They are connected with the procession, the ceremony, and particularly the banquet at the Freemasons' Hall, or, properly speaking, the Grand Festival, of which they pay a large proportion of the expense. The Special Stewards are appointed to assist Bros. Woods and Fenn in carrying out the arrangements for admitting and seating the brethren, and beyond the cost of the jewel, which they may have or not as they please, they will not be called upon to contribute towards any expense.

## THE PROSPECTS OF MASONIC LITERATURE.

It is very remarkable, and at the same time a perfectly inexplicable fact in the annals of Freemasonry, how evanescent have been the efforts of Masonic writers generally, and how fleeting has been the popularity of Masonic literature. In this country the record of Masonic literary enterprise is—with one notable exception—the record of failure and of loss. Of all our Masonic writers, Oliver is the only one who has retained in any measure, if we may so say, the Masonic literary market. Magazines and Mirrors, serials, sentimental and matter of fact, have come and have gone, and for the most part to-day, they are relics of archaeological curiosity, and serve to "point the moral and adorn the tale" of unsuccessful speculations and an apathetic brotherhood. No one Masonic periodical has so far survived a few fleeting years, and that the *Freemason* has weathered the gale so long, cannot fairly be ascribed to the support of our Order, but simply to the pluck and perseverance of its enterprising and fraternal publisher. His motto has been "auspiciis melioris ævi," and we trust that the sympathy of our great Order may yet be extended to his efforts on behalf of literature, and reward his zealous energy and self-sacrifice, by revived interest in Masonic journalism, and a more general display of appreciation and approval. In saying this we do not intend to complain, and we do not complain; for probably no Masonic journal has ever been cheered by a more kindly

circle of correspondents and subscribers, and the position of the *Freemason* is not only one of which our publisher may be proud, as it is his own creation, but it is also, and it is gratifying to remember, in the enjoyment of much confidence and an increasing circulation weekly amongst our honest and truth-loving English Craft. But we have been led into these remarks, not, we venture to deem, ill-timed or inappropriate, by learning from the other side of the Atlantic that the same fate seems to attend literary efforts there, the same spell seems to be cast on the most striking productions of Masonic literature. Bro. Gouley's *Freemason* of St. Louis has not only an American but a world-wide reputation. It has been conducted with singular ability, truthfulness, and fearlessness, on the principles of Freemasonry alone, and in a manner to reflect the greatest credit on our able and energetic brother. And yet here with the January number of his very interesting paper, Bro. Gouley announces that he suspends the publication until April, in order to see if he can receive the more hearty support of his brother Freemasons, and we fancy, too, the payment of over-due subscriptions. Bro. Gouley tells us that in order to establish the *Freemason* of St. Louis on a firm basis he bought up and consolidated with his journal five other Masonic magazines, the *Iowa Evergreen*, the *Californian Masonic Mirror*, the *Texas Masonic Mirror*, the *Illinois Masonic Trowel*, and the *Mississippi Tablet*. He further mentions this startling fact, that though he closed the eighth volume with "over 7000 names" upon his "books," "in commencing the ninth volume, 1875, the cry of poverty comes up with redoubled force." Though it is true that the "prominent and leading Masons" in most of the American states "continue to increase," yet Bro. Gouley tells us "the number of reading Masons" who are "willing" to pay "two dollars per year" is "so limited" that he "cannot afford to furnish a journal of this size for the price without throwing his entire time and labour away, without making a labour of love a labour of loss." With the following opinion of Bro. Gouley, we fully concur. "The apathy exhibited by the Masonic fraternity, composed as it should be, of the most reflecting and intelligent minds of the community, wherever located, is perfectly astounding, and as incomprehensible as it is alarming." Thus we see, that in the United States, Masonic literature has a hard if not a harder battle to wage, both for existence, much more for success, than even we have in the old country. If in England we count our numbers by tens of thousands, in America they count them by hundreds of thousands, and certainly that two such excellent and high-class periodicals, as Bro. Mackey's *National Freemason*, and Bro. Gouley's *St. Louis Freemason* should not be fully supported by our American brethren, does surprise and startle us not a little, we confess. Two causes seem to predominate, in bringing about this untoward state of affairs, unwillingness to pay the annual subscriptions, and lack of genuine sympathy with the Masonic press. There are a good many excellent brethren, who do not refuse to support the press, but do necessarily dislike to be reminded that the payment of the pittance is due. We all remember that amiable person, Nicholas Nickleby, who had the philanthropic weakness and custom of leaving "little accounts," not long ones, owing. And in Freemasonry, the caterers for Masonic literature have the same class fraternally to deal with, kind, good, zealous Masons, but who meet the reminder of payment with a P.O.O., and the authoritative word, "discontinue." There is also a class of Masons, who seem to expect to have Masonic literature provided for them, "free gratis." They forget that printers have to be paid, that reporters have to be subsidized, that editors have to be remunerated, and that the publisher has a claim for interest of locked-up capital, for time, and for general management. This is a fact sometimes forgotten, and it lies, if as truth generally does lie, "at the bottom of a well," certainly at the basis of all possible Masonic literary profit and success. There is still a lingering dislike to the Masonic press. It is, we venture to think, alike unwise and unmasonic, inasmuch as a properly conducted Masonic



press, like a properly conducted press anywhere, is an additional guarantee, in our humble opinion, for the safe progress of society, the needful development of intellect, and the peace and well-being of the human race. We can only hope that Bro. Gouley's appeal may be answered by our American brethren, in a true Masonic spirit, and that we may yet have to record another happy victory of right and truth, and cultivation, over the opposing influence of prejudice, ignorance, and benumbing apathy.

#### THE OPENING OF THE NEW MASONIC TEMPLE AT ROME.

Italy continues, as it has long been, a land of the deepest interest to all educated Englishmen. That happy association of our youth, which, in our great and sheltered "academies," linked us with the "Morgen land" of poetry and history, of legend and romance, is preserved by us more or less during our busy lives. There are few of us who have not strayed in the "tempi passati" amid the ruins of Rome, and the "debris" of the Colosseum, few indeed to whom the Italy of many hundred years is not familiar, in all its eventful annals, and in its imperishable worthies. It is this wonderful, if pervading "classicism," to use a modern word, which has tended, in our opinion, so much to round off the sharper angles of the Anglo-Saxon character. To the blunt and honest, if dogged sensibilities, of our semi-Teutonic ancestors, we have superadded the "gentillesse" of the Norman Preux Chevalier, and upon this has been grafted that appreciation of the free struggles of Rome, and the intellectual aspirations of Greece, which have rendered the character of Englishmen so "thorough," if with many defects, as before the nations of the world. Hence to Italy, Roman, Christian, Mediæval, nay, even Papal, Englishmen have all turned as age has followed age, with the deep sympathy of memory and admiration. And, as Freemasons, we have also much of deeply seated interest, in the Masonic present and future of that favoured land. Until quite recently, Freemasonry was practically unknown in Italy, it was suspected, denounced, watched, and suppressed. It was a subject of fear to the rulers, and even of doubt to the ruled. Hence arose what is inevitable under such circumstances, an anomalous and regrettable state of things. The lodges, forbidden to meet under the wise sanctions of law and order, met in secret, and there was cast over Freemasonry what is always prejudicial to its interests, a hindrance to its progress, and unfair to its real character, that colouring of a political secret association, of which Freemasonry proper knows nothing. But all these untoward obstacles have gradually passed away, or at any rate are slowly yielding to the onward and humanizing march of liberation and enlightenment. The Roman Catholic church has not yet, indeed, given up its hostility to Freemasonry, and does still, and will probably yet still, in the fervour of its perverse fanaticism, like some other good but most mistaken men nearer home, impede alike by open denunciation and secret calumny, the benevolent and philanthropic teaching of true Freemasonry. We congratulate our Italian brethren on the opening of the New Masonic Temple at Rome, and we trust that this successfully completed work may be the omen to them of many more peaceful and fraternal victories. We believe that the Italian Freemasons have, so to say, the "game in their own hands," if only they will, to use a familiar expression, "run straight," and carefully avoid any declinations from the one right course, as usual a straight and a narrow path, either to the right hand or to the left. Their first attempt should be to be "quit" of all real or supposed political tendencies. Freemasonry has nothing to do with secret political societies, with "carbonari" or "Madre Natura," with any of these peculiar forms of "Giovane Italia," which have their own ends to attain and their own principles to propound. And these aims and these principles are not Masonic. The tendency of too many foreign bodies of Masons is to indulge in the fine phrases and stereotyped formulæ of socialism or communism, accompanied with the vague and often meaningless professions of humanitarian

sympathies and philanthropic designs. The Italians are, in themselves, not only a most tolerant, but a most genial people, full of kindness and affection for their fellow men, and those of their own kith and kin. To them Freemasonry in its message of fraternity, equality, beneficence, toleration, justice and truth, its practical vitality, and its active charity, will appeal with forcible emphasis. These are, after all, Italian virtues, despite the errors and false teachings of others, and as such they will, we doubt not, soon permanently take root in the luxuriant Italian soil. May the future progress of Freemasonry in Italy be one of practical utility, of expansive benevolence, and of true fraternity.

#### ARCHÆOLOGICAL PROGRESS. VI.

The famous so-called York Constitution, published by Krause, originally in the "Kunsturkunden," in 1810, has been the subject of much controversy. He, himself, originally announced it as "the ancient York Constitution, accepted in the year 926 from an original, preserved by the Grand Lodge of York, translated into Latin by an Englishman in 1807, and retranslated from Latin into German by Bro. Schneider, in Altenburg, in 1808, and illustrated with explanatory notes by the editor." Such is the original description given by Krause, in the edition of 1810, which we have not seen, according to our able Bro. Findel. The history of this document is somewhat peculiar. Quite at the end of the last century, or at the beginning of this, Bro. Schneider, of Altenburg, received from a Bro. Böttger, then in London, an account of an old York Constitution, which he had seen. This letter is to be found in the Altenburg journal for Freemasons, 1. B S 408. He describes this MS. as a very old one, consisting of 107 leaves, in large folio, of which nearly one third was illegible by him, on account of its being in old English. In this volume were contained the charges said to be collected by command of King William III., in 1694, as also the fourteen regulations from King Edred's until Henry Eighth's time. Bro. Schneider, of Altenburg, in unison with Bros. Mörlin and Pierer, therefore continued his enquiries in respect of the York Constitution. In 1803 he told a Bro. Van Dyk, passing through Altenburg from Holland of it, and expressed his desire to have a copy of it. In the beginning of the year 1808, Bro. Van Dyk sent him a Latin MS., which he said was a copy of the York Constitutions, and which he had received, through a certain Colonel William Erskine, who lived in Scotland, but was often at York in the summer. A certain I. Stonehouse, dating and sealing his letter from York, Jan. 4th, 1806, declared the Latin to be a "true copy of a MS., which, composed in the ancient vernacular tongue of the country, was written on parchment, and was preserved in the archives of the most venerable Society of Architects of this town, contains the same things as the Latin translation." At the conclusion of the Regulations of Edred, &c., Stonehouse also says, "this translation in the Latin tongue answers to those, which, from time to time, have been added to the parchment MS. above mentioned, and are found at the end of the same." This is signed the same day in 1806. This Latin translation was again translated into German by Bro. Schneider, and is certified to be correct, by a certain Carl Erdmann Weller, 9th January, 1809, according to his opinion, and that of three linguists of the Royal Saxon Chancellerie at Altenburg. Such is the history of the document, and a very remarkable one it is. Several points in it must strike even an uncritical student. Of the original MS., nothing is so far known, as no extant constitution agrees with its description, and the charges of William III., and the regulations of Edred, are entirely strange to our English Masonic historians and students. Who translated the MS. constitution into Latin is not told us. In one place Krause calls it "Stonehouse's translation," but nothing has as yet been discovered, either of Col. Erskine or of Stonehouse. There is as yet no known Masonic constitution in Latin, and where

Colonel Erskine got it from, seems very difficult to understand, unless indeed, it was a "prolusio lathomica" of the famous Dr. Brown. Admitting that there are some circumstances of suspicion about its history, let us go and see what its internal evidence has for us. In the first place, we must give up the Edwin name and theory. The tradition probably refers, as good old Drake pointed out in 1726, to Edwin of the Deira, and not to Athelstan's brother. If there was an old guild at York, as there might have been in Edwin's time, it might have been patronized by him and subsequently have received a charter of confirmation from Athelstan. But Edwin the Atheling's name is clearly a mistaken interpolation. It is very remarkable, that there are expressions in Krause's Constitution which are perhaps only to be found in Anderson's Constitutions, especially of 1738. Both mention Carausius, both say that he gave the Masons two and not three-pence, and both call Edwin, correctly, Athelstan's brother. Both refer to the early establishment of a Grand Lodge, and the early meeting of the Grand Assembly of York. What then is the value of Krause's MS., per se? That it represents a constitution of 926 is both absurd and untenable. The archaisms, the verbiage, the allusions all forbid such an idea. But the constitution, notwithstanding we dethrone it from its high archæological pedestal, is still, in our opinion, a valuable document, and genuine, as a Masonic constitution. We cannot now trace the original, it is true; at least we have not done so, so far, and as we observed before, no one in England knows anything about the Charges of 1594, or the Regulations of Edred. But we still believe the documents to be Masonic documents, and to have been probably seen by Anderson and Preston. Whether the original "Codex" seen by Böttger now exists it is impossible to say, if we had it before us, we could perhaps affix a date to it, but judging from the translation, though we admit such a medium is not entirely reliable, we should not be disposed to place the MS., at any rate, earlier than the contemporary constitutions of the 15th century, if even it does not belong to a still later epoch. In all our discussions, therefore, it appears to us, we can only use Krause's Constitution, &c., as an old and interesting Masonic document. We reject entirely the supposition, that it was fabricated at the beginning of this century.

#### LODGE MEETINGS.

Our lodge meetings almost universally still have for us all happy associations and pleasant memories. They are to us like an oasis in the outspread desert of time, for there, as in every well-ordered lodge meeting, we all of us assembled in blither days perhaps, of yore, to keep up the venerable traditions, and to "work" the cherished ceremonial of our good and genial Craft. To-day we are older, and may be sadder than of old. Time has thinned our locks and bowed our forms, the lapse of years, the conditions of our calling, the wear and tear of life, nay even the trials and sorrows of mundane experience, have affected us all more or less, and ours are now serious and sobered views of men and things, instead of the exuberant flow of spirit, and the gay "insouciance" of early days, and to us, therefore, lodge meetings are not quite so accessible or so available as in other and younger days. We have home duties and claims, or our steps are not so elastic, or our health so good, as one and both used to be, or we find that our first consideration must be sterner avocations, and that our society must henceforth necessarily consist of the domestic circle. All these, and many other causes and contingencies, as years advance, make some of us less assiduous than we were in our lodge attendance, less frequent in our appearance amid the friendly and fraternal gathering. Yet, as we said at the outset, all our associations and memories of lodge meetings are pleasing and refreshing. There was the humble "upper room," where we met, a cheery and goodly band, say some four short "lustra" ago. We seldom missed a lodge meeting then, and our assemblies were alike agreeable and always welcome. In that old spot we saw the light of Ma-

sonry, there we took office, there we sat in the Royal Chair. There, as careful Past Masters, we closed our mystic ceremonies; there, for many a long year, we met, as month followed month, that muster roll of good fellows and true, who enhanced the charms of Masonry by their social worth, and who upheld the prestige of our lodge by their high characters. And yet how few of that goodly array of Master Masons, and Past Masters and officers, and brethren, are still to the fore. Bro. Stiggins has the gout badly; Bro. Thompson has retired into the far west on a fortune and a family connection: Bro. Philpotts has married a second time, and Mrs. Philpotts, No. 2, objects to the lodge; Bro. Chandler has daughters to take out; Bro. Willis is a disappointed old bachelor, who has never recovered his refusal by a certain young lady we wot of; and Bro. Shakerley has become pompous and learned, and a swell. Few of the "old school," now assemble in that famous lodge, or around that festive board. A new generation has taken their place, but still the old familiar work is done, and still the links of brotherhood are kept up. So it has always been, and so it will ever be. Such is the fate of most earthly things—they are and they are not; they flourish and decay. Still let us cherish the memories of those lodge meetings of ours, which seem always to tell us a tale of more youthful, perhaps more joyous days. They were to us "albæ dies." When we greeted them week by week, or month by month, they were symbols of all that is true, and pleasant, and faithful, and gracious, in the friendship and in the brotherhood of man, and their strains still linger in our ears, and their warm sympathies still vibrate in our hearts. Such were to us many of the lodge meetings of the past. What the present should be to our "nova progenies" we will try and point out in our next impression.

#### A NEW MASONIC LITERARY WORK.

We have been favoured, by the courtesy of Bro. W. J. Hughan, with a portion of the proof sheets of the memorial volume in connection with the completion and consecration of the Masonic Hall at Philadelphia. It promises to be a most interesting resumé, when we have it in its entire state, alike of the history of American and Pennsylvanian Freemasonry. This work has been got together, we believe, by a syndicate of some of the most distinguished of the Philadelphia Freemasons, but on this point Bro. W. J. Hughan can give further details. Though we are unable, owing to the press upon our pages to give a more detailed account of it in the *Freemason*, we have made arrangements by which much of the history will appear in the May number of the *Masonic Magazine*, and to which useful periodical we beg to refer our many readers. We in England feel the greatest interest in all that appertains to American literary efforts, and we welcome the memorial volume as conducive to the best interests of Masonic history and Masonic literature.

#### THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES.

We are informed, on good authority, that the arrangements for the ceremony at the Royal Albert Hall are under the sole control of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Sir Albert W. Woods, *Garter*. Subject to his direction, the superintendence of the carrying out of the arrangements for the admission and seating of the brethren, is, by special appointment of His Royal Highness, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, entrusted to Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.A.G.D.C. Bro. Sir Albert Woods has held the office of Grand Director of Ceremonies for fifteen years; besides this long personal experience, he has had the benefit of the experience of his father, Sir William Woods, who formerly held the same office in Grand Lodge.

Bro. Fenn held the office of Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies for five years; namely, from the year of laying the foundation stone to the Inauguration of Freemasons' Hall in 1869, on which latter occasion he discharged a duty similar to that with which he is now entrusted. His services received the personal recognition of the Earl of Zetland, and at the quarterly communication in June, 1869, the thanks of Grand Lodge, inscribed on vellum, were presented to Sir Albert Woods and Bro. Fenn, for the admirable manner in which they organized the "preparations and arrangements for, and conducted, and carried out the ceremony of the Inauguration Festival." He is Secretary

and Past Master of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, a member of the Board of General Purposes, and is well known to the Craft from the leading part that he takes in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, of which eminent lodge he has been an active member for nearly twenty years.

#### INSTALLATION OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The following circulars have been issued from the Grand Secretary's office.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., March 10, 1875.

Sir and Brother,

By book post I forward a packet of circulars, which I shall feel obliged by your distributing to the W.M. of each lodge in your province.

In order to facilitate the arrangements therein referred to, and prevent confusion and delay at the entrances of the Hall, it is desirable that two brethren of your province, to whom the members or some of the members of each lodge are known, should act as Stewards, and undertake to be present before the doors are opened, for the purpose of identifying, so far as practicable, the brethren as they enter. I shall therefore feel obliged if you will, after consultation with the Provincial Grand Master of the Province, return the names and addresses of two brethren who may be willing to undertake this duty.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been pleased to sanction the striking of a special Jewel to be worn by the Stewards who personally assist in carrying out these arrangements.

The cost of the jewel is not to exceed five pounds.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

JOHN HERVEY, G.S.

To Bro. ——— Provincial Grand Secretary, ———

N.B.—All communications on this subject are to be addressed to the Grand Secretary, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., and marked on the outside, or on the envelope, "Installation."

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., March 10th, 1875.

W. Master,

A limited number of brethren being required to assist the Executive in carrying out the arrangements for the admission and seating of the brethren at the Royal Albert Hall, the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to order, that each of the London lodges shall have the privilege of nominating a Steward for that purpose. If, therefore, it is the desire of your lodge to name a Steward to serve on the occasion, you will have the goodness to forward the name and address of such brother on or before the 31st instant.

Should those returned exceed the number required for this service, the selection will be determined by ballot. It must however be distinctly understood that every brother whose name is so returned must undertake to attend the meetings when summoned, to be present at the hall at twelve o'clock on the day appointed, and to undertake the duty that may be assigned to him.

The Stewards personally discharging these duties will have the privilege of wearing a special jewel which His Royal Highness has been pleased to sanction.

The cost of this jewel is not to exceed five pounds.

By command of the M.W.G.M.,

JOHN HERVEY, G.S.

To the W. Master, Lodge No. —

The following is the form of letter suggested to be adopted by the Masters or Secretaries of lodges in communicating with the members individually.

March —, 1875.

Sir and Brother,

The installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as M.W. Grand Master, is appointed to take place at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, on Wednesday, the 28th of April next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, being the day fixed by the Constitutions.

In order that proper arrangements may be made, I am requested to make a return of all qualified members of Grand Lodge, and of all Master Masons, who may desire to be present on the occasion. Should there not be accommodation in the hall for all the brethren, whose names are returned, an equitable distribution of tickets for the admission of Master Masons who are not members of Grand Lodge will be made to each lodge.

As no brother will be admitted whose name is not returned to the Grand Secretary on or before the 31st of this month, your answer must reach me to the above address on or before the 24th instant.

Brethren who are subscribing members of more than one lodge must return their names on one list only, and it is particularly requested that no brother will return his name unless he is prepared to attend.

Tickets will not be transferable.

Yours fraternally,

To Bro. ———, Lodge No. —

#### 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.]

#### MASONIC FAIR PLAY.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I read an extract, professedly from the "Pomeroy's Democrat," an American paper, in a contemporary of yours, with great "gusto," as like Samuel Weller, I could say, "them's my sentiments." Then I remembered all of a sudden that I had seen those "werry identical words"

afore, and that they once formed part of a leading article of yours in the *Freemason*, which has been extensively reprinted in Masonic papers and serials of the United States. So I said to myself, says I, "here's a go." A bit of the *Freemason* copied into the "Pomeroy's Democrat," and then republished in a contemporary Masonic paper in London as American. Is there such a thing as Masonic fair play? I pause for reply!

MARK TAPLEY.

#### INSTALLATION OF THE PRINCE OF WALES AS M.W. GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you permit me to offer one or two suggestions as to the forthcoming event for the benefit of those whom it may concern. I believe we may thank the *Freemason* for the decision to hold the meeting at the Albert Hall, a suggestion first made and urged in your columns.

As there will be a very large influx of country Past Masters present, and as it is very desirable that the occasion should be made the most of for the Masonic charities, I venture to suggest that all W. and Past Masters, &c., desiring to attend, should acquaint the Secretary of their respective lodges, and that through that channel only, tickets, say at 10s. 6d. each, should be issued from the Grand Secretary's office, say up to the 7th or 14th April. After that date the tickets should be double the amount I mention, in order to induce brethren to apply early, and to enable Sir Albert Woods and his staff to make the necessary arrangements. Of course I take it that the numbers of lodges will be strictly arranged according to precedence, the oldest, according to their number, in the lower boxes, and the new ones at the top and in the gallery.

I suppose the actual members of Grand Lodge will be upon the stage with His Royal Highness. I think the entrance of His Royal Highness should be the signal for the whole of the brethren to rise and sing the National Anthem; the effect would be magnificent with four or five thousand voices, and as we are thoroughly loyal, I fancy it would not be considered unmasonic or out of place if the proceedings were precluded in this way.

A very considerable sum might be raised by the issue of tickets, as I suggest, which might be equally distributed, after payment of expenses, between the three great Masonic charities.

There are very few of the 10,000 Past Masters entitled to attend who would grudge the 10s. 6d. for the ticket.

The jewel commemorative of the event, suggested by a correspondent, should, in my opinion, be restricted to those who were actually present. Medals are not given in war to those who only wished to be at such and such a battle, and it would be ridiculous to allow those who could not trouble themselves to go up to town the same privilege which the participants in the greatest Masonic gathering of this century, will be enabled years hence to talk of with pride and satisfaction. Of course it will be out of the question for the multitude who flock to town to dine together, I presume, however, that the Prince and the Grand Officers will probably have a banquet, and I venture to suggest that here also a goodly sum might be made for the charities, by charging say £2 2s. for the dinner ticket, allowing all Past Masters, bona fide members of Grand Lodge, to go who liked, and giving a moiety of the dinner fee to the charities. Of course, under ordinary circumstances people will not pay £2 2s. even to dine with His Royal Highness, but on such an occasion, of the thousands who will come up for the installation, I should be very much surprised if 500 at least cannot be found who will gladly pay £2 2s. to sit down to the banquet.

And for the rest I have a cool proposal to make, which is this, that the London lodges should entertain the country lodges. The Masons of London should hold high festival, and each lodge might easily banquet a few Past Masters who have come up to town from long distances, and who very likely have no personal friends to entertain them elsewhere. I merely throw this out as a suggestion for the consideration of the metropolitan brethren. It would be very easy for all the lodges intending to banquet to intimate to the Grand Secretary that lodge so and so would have a banquet at such a place and hour. The Grand Secretary might then allot in rotation the Past Masters, &c., of such a country lodge to them for hospitality, when the Secretary of the lodge would communicate with the Secretary of the country lodge, as to the number, rank, &c., of the members who propose to accept the invitation.

Speaking for myself, as a country Mason, pretty well known in the Craft, I may state that I have never been privileged to partake of the hospitality of any London lodge, and I for one am open to any invitation, however humble, to any metropolitan lodge, however remote.

Your obedient servant,

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To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"E. J. W." has let his hobby-horse—opposition to court, &c., uniforms—run away with him. I never dreamed that it should be worn in our lodges, or that "small coteries" would be formed, at the same time I am aware of the fact that volunteers do attend lodges in uniform, and that no jealousies are fostered thereby.

The 28th of April will be of so exceptional a character that it behoves us to seize every means possible to mark it as a red letter day in our Masonic calendar. Perhaps "E. J. W." will give me credit for having travelled largely also, and that I have a considerable knowledge of the "high, noble, and generous character of His Royal Highness," and that it is this very knowledge which has, to some extent, prompted the suggestion, the more especially as military brethren cannot always afford, even if permitted to wear, multi. I speak now of that large and worthy set of non-commissioned officers, and wish to steer clear of such a fiasco as that at Plymouth.



With Bro. Wilkins I hope that an order will be issued defining the several uniforms I have suggested being worn, and giving authority for the same.  
Yours very fraternally,  
AN OLD P.M.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
Allow me to ask a question for the information of country brethren, who may be desirous of being present at the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master. Is it imperative that evening dress coats must be worn, or can brethren appear in frock coats. Your information on this subject will greatly oblige many of the brethren, and enable them to provide accordingly.

An answer in this week's issue of the *Freemason* will oblige.

I am dear sir and brother, yours fraternally and faithfully,  
A. P.M., P.Z., &c.  
Sheerness-on-sea, March 17th, 1875.

#### THE STATUS OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I would venture to suggest to "An Old P.M., One &c.," that he would be rendering a service to Freemasonry by getting the subject of the Status of Past Masters definitely settled by a reference to Grand Lodge through the Board of General Purposes. It is, as I have already endeavoured to show, the silence of the Book of Constitutions on the question that has given rise to the present discussion. We are told in that book only so much: first, that subscription as a member of any lodge is sufficient to preserve rank and privileges as a Past Master; and next, that a brother who has for twelve months ceased to subscribe to any lodge loses those privileges, and cannot regain them until again installed Master.

From this law I infer:—

1st.—That a Past Master in possession of his privileges has a right on joining any lodge as a Past Master with rank from date of Mastership, or at any rate of joining the lodge; and—

2nd.—That a brother who had forfeited those privileges would have, whether rejoining his old lodge or entering a new one, to take his seat as an ordinary Master Mason only; and further that he would on regaining his privileges, rank in his lodge below all those who had passed the chair during the time that his privileges had been in abeyance.

Referring to the first of these points, I believe that it is sometimes contended that a brother has no right, whatever be his position in the Craft, to rank as a Past Master in a lodge in which he has not passed the chair. This view is, I venture to think, wholly opposed to the law which preserves to him everywhere his rank and privileges so long as he subscribes to any lodge. In the second case the loss of rank is simply the consequence (and, as it seems to me, a fair one) of his "demonstration."

I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,  
BUSY BEE.

#### THE RIGHT OF VISITING LODGES.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is one of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry that every brother who is not suspended or expelled has an unquestionable right to visit any lodge he pleases, provided he complies with certain rules, which fact I should have thought most Masons were acquainted with. I cannot explain (nor would you permit me to do so in your paper) the proper method of claiming this privilege, but your correspondent, W. I. Adye, appears to have been at fault, and, if so, was very properly rejected by the W.M. of the Domatic Lodge. If he is really a Mason, and is desirous of learning the correct method of presenting himself for admission into a strange lodge, he can gain that information at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement any Friday evening. When I first went there I was unknown to anyone present, yet I found no difficulty whatever in gaining admission, and your correspondent may do the same if he only knows how to go about it. If I presented myself in the same manner at the Domatic or any other lodge, and was refused admission, I would summon the W.M. and his Wardens before the Board of General Purposes, where I feel sure they would be severely dealt with.

The Book of Constitutions is perfectly clear on the subject, notwithstanding "Busy Bee's" opinion to the contrary. I would recommend him also to seek information from the rulers of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

Yours fraternally,  
D.A.

#### THE PUBLIC HOUSE QUESTION.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Every Brother who has the interest of the Craft at heart must be exceedingly obliged to you for the impartial manner in which you have reviewed this great and important subject, clearly demonstrating that it is to the interest and welfare of the whole fraternity that the columns of your valuable paper are devoted.

It is mainly against the practice pursued in lodges of instruction that induces me to address you. They (lodges of instruction) are, you must admit, most valuable auxiliaries to Freemasonry, for by their aid we become in a comparatively short time, acquainted with the sublime teaching of our Order, and the mode of working generally, and are thereby the better enabled to perform the important duties that may at any time devolve upon us. I therefore think a decorous and reverential mien is absolutely necessary in the due performance of the rites and ceremonies so dear to the hearts of every true and faithful brother amongst us. Then let us not rest until we have done all in our power to preserve in its entirety the

spirit of the lessons inculcated, and also arrive at the best means of conveying with all their force and meaning the moral truths of our art.

There are several alterations which, if happily effected would tend materially to raise our institution in the eyes of the brethren (especially the newly-initiated) and the world at large. First discontinue our connection with the public houses; second, let drinking and smoking have a time and place assigned, and not be introduced during the performance of our Masonic rites. Although it is most desirable that Masonic Halls should be built, yet I do not think it is necessary or advisable to remain where we are until that happy time shall have arrived, but at once secede from our present objectionable connection. Are there not suitable rooms to be obtained in almost every street in London, where the brother in search of Masonic knowledge, may have our mysteries expounded without being compelled as at present (see places of meeting at the end of this paper) to frequent such places as are objectionable to him.

I have not the slightest doubt the number of worthy brethren would considerably increase were the foregoing suggestions carried into effect. To suppose for one moment that our severance from public houses, or the discontinuance of smoking and drinking during "labour," would cause our meetings to be less frequently attended, or endanger the stability of the Craft, would but be stating that the three principal supports are anything but wisdom, strength, and beauty.

Yours fraternally,  
J. W. HARPER.

#### ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In trying to get out of the difficulty, "M.M." has put his foot into it. The resolution of the lodge, to which I referred in my last, stated that Bro. Wigginton was the "Founder." The part I wished to correct in the report of the installation meeting, was just this—and this is the very part that "M.M." gives repetition and prominence to in this letter. Bro. Younghusband was quite right in stating that, as consecrating officer, he was the first occupant of the chair, and no reasonable man could find fault with this expression. But I must again inform "M.M." that the "Founder" of the lodge was the brother above-named (as also its first W.M.), and of the knowledge of this fact, I wish him joy. Let "M.M." stick close to the centre, and he will seldom be misled.

Yours, very fraternally,  
A P.M.

#### AN ALBERT EDWARD COMMEMORATION MEDAL.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to your able leader of the 6th inst., touching the above subject, I am of opinion that you fully expressed the sentiments and wishes of every brother. Grand Lodge would complete this event in its entirety if they would authorise a uniform jewel to be worn by every member of the Craft who chose to do so, in commemoration of so great a day in the annals of Freemasonry. There should be no exception made; in an instance like this do not let brethren be made envious of each other, because chance and grade may exclude them partaking the honour of being present as Steward, but let every brother be allowed to show the thorough affection and loyalty he bears to our Royal brother.

As you rightly observed, if it is managed in a business manner, our charities ought to considerably benefit by it also, and I hope your article may yet receive the consideration of Grand Lodge. Coming from you the question would be more delicate, perhaps, than coming from some other brother of Grand Lodge, who, I hope will press the matter upon their notice, but for so far expressing my sentiments in the matter, great thanks are due to you, and I trust your suggestions will not be thrown away.

Yours fraternally,  
A. H. E.

#### MR. BRADLAUGH AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am astonished at the contents of the *Freemason* to-day, respecting the visit of Mr. Bradlaugh at New York and Boston, for if it be true that he is a member of an irregular lodge, meeting in London, our American brethren have unwittingly received into their fellowship a gentleman whose Masonic position is unrecognised in this country, or in any country whose Grand Lodge is in harmony with the Grand Lodge of England.

I trust that your correspondents will not fail to investigate the matter, and I feel certain that if my friend, Bro. Buchan, "puts his hand to the plough," he is not likely to rest until the matter is settled.

If Mr. Bradlaugh is a regular Mason, let it be known, and if a deist, he shall have our best wishes as brethren; but if an atheist, and an irregular Mason, let it also be known that the fraternity may be warned, and our American friends prevented from again doing what they will regret as much as we do, should the latter supposition be proved correct.

Yours fraternally,  
Masonic Watch Tower, 13th March, 1875.

We have received the following memorandum, professedly from Mr. Bradlaugh:—

"Memorandum.—From Mr. Charles Bradlaugh, The National Reformer, 29, Turner-street, Commercial-road, London, E.

"To the Editor of the *Freemason*. March 16, 1875.

"Charles Bradlaugh, born 26th September, 1833, was made in the Loge des Philadelphes, on the 9th March, 1859, was received in the Loge de la Perseverante Amitié,

Grand Orient of France, 11th March, 1862, and was an avowed atheist prior to the first date.

"Charles Bradlaugh also joined the Tottenham High Cross Lodge, after a discussion on his anti-theological opinions, and he received his regular certificate from the Grand Lodge, which certificate he returned to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England last September, cancelled, in consequence of the accession of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master. The lodge at Tottenham, changing its locale, Mr. Bradlaugh only subscribed one year."

#### A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to state my information was incorrect. Bro. Constable did apply to Grand Lodge for a grant of £100, for the endowment of the Freemasons' life-boat. It was not carried.

The last part of my letter in your edition of last week ought to read 1000 lodges and chapters, would produce £150, not £100 as is placed.

Yours fraternally,

SOLOMON DAVIES, Lodge Faith, No. 141.

#### THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

A special Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday at Freemasons' Hall. The chair was taken by Bro. Major Creaton, Vice-Patron, and among the brethren present were Bros. A. H. Tattershall, H. Massey (*Freemason*), Raynham W. Stewart, Hyde Pullen, J. C. Parkinson, Dr. Ramsay, John Symonds, H. Moore, Griffiths Smith, Spencer Stanhope, C. F. Hogard, H. A. Dubois, W. F. C. Moutrie, John Boyd, Thomas Cubitt, Jesse Turner, and Little and Binckes, Secretaries of the two schools.

The meeting was called for the purpose of making alterations in the laws of the Institutions, particularly with regard to extra privileges to be granted to the Stewards of the annual festivals; but there were also other matters before the court as well.

Bro. J. Symonds stated the extra privileges which it was proposed to give to Stewards of festivals, and said that his proposition for giving additional votes had been submitted to a joint committee of the two schools and the result was the recommendations which were embodied in his motion that day. For the purpose of carrying this into effect it would be necessary to erase the second clause of law 13 and the whole of clause 15, which he proposed.

Bro. Hyde Pullen seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. J. Symonds then proposed—

"To consider the following laws under the heading 'Privileges of Stewards' (to be inserted after law 24), second clause of law 13 being re-enacted—viz., every Steward making a donation, at an anniversary festival, if not less than ten guineas, shall be entitled to additional votes at each election of Girls and Boys for the first Stewardship, one additional vote; for each subsequent Stewardship, with a similar donation, two additional votes; with 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 Girls and Boys and a further extra vote for every additional sum of not less than fifty guineas so collected and paid over."

He explained that it was right to make some recognition of the eminent services some brethren performed on behalf of the institution. Some brethren undertook the Stewardship, and acted as Stewards, but took no further trouble about it. Others, on the contrary, took a great deal of trouble, and collected large sums of money for the institution, and in doing so also incurred great expense. It was proposed that some return should be made to the brethren who took so much trouble to collect the money; but it was not intended the extra vote should be given to the Steward until the money on his list was all paid.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, wished to know whether commission would be paid to the collectors on these sums; because this was a serious question, and the institution would be paying twice over.

The chairman said it had been decided that commission should be paid in the Girls' School, but not in the Boys'.

Bro. J. Symonds added that the question of the collectors' emolument was one which had been before the General Committee from time to time, and must be altered. It had always been his opinion that the collectors should receive something, although only small, where these Stewards lists were paid over to them. The collectors in some cases had to call for individual guineas several times, the subscribers being out when they called, and the money was paid afterwards at the office. In that case they received very little.

Bro. Binckes opposed the payment of commission on the sums collected from the country. The provincial brethren objected very much to it. The question had been settled, and he hoped it would not be re-opened, the collector for the Boys' School had £10 a year given him for those cases where he called on brethren for subscriptions, which were afterwards paid at the office. The motion did not affect the collector at all.

Bro. Parkinson asked whether the words, "and shall collect and pay over the amount to the funds of the Institution," did not affect the collectors at all.

On this some discussion arose, when Bro. Parkinson proposed, and Dr. Ramsey seconded, the omission of these

words in the motion, and also the concluding four words of the motion; and the same brethren also proposed and seconded the insertion of the word "five-hundred," instead of "fifty" guineas.

Bro. J. Symonds adopted the omission of the words proposed to be omitted by Bro. Parkinson, but adhered to his proposition, to have "fifty" guineas as the sum named.

This was adopted, and the motion was carried.

The following motion was also carried:—

"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."

Major Cretton and Colonel Burdett were elected trustees of the sustentation fund of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, for which Major Cretton thanked the brethren, and a vote of thanks having been passed to him for presiding, the committee adjourned.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS. For the Week ending Friday, March 26, 1875.

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

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 20.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
" 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.  
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
" 1426, The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, at 4. (Special).

Red Cross Conclave 9, Villiers, Northumberland Arms Hotel, Isleworth.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.  
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.  
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 22.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.

" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, King-st, St. James's.

" 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.

" 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.

" 902, Burgoyne, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 905, De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Gt. Ilford.

Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.

Mark Lodge 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

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-sr, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

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

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 23.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.

" 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

" 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street.

" 141, Faith, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.

" 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.

" 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 239, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

" 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tavern, Walworth.

" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, Clerkenwell.

" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st, Millbank.

Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 46, Old Union, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

Rose Croix Chapter Palestine, 33, Golden-square.

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

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmorston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.

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

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

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

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Matlier, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

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

Metropolitan 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 24.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.

" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

" 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John, Hotel, Queen's Road, St. John's Wood.

" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.

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

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

Red Cross Conclave, 15, St. Andrews, Regent Masonic Hall, 68, Regent-st., W.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-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 25.

General Committee, Girls' School, at 4.

Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

" 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.

" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

" 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.

" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 766, William Preston, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford.

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

" 177, Domestic, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 766, Wm. Preston, City Terminus Hotel.

" 834, Andrew, Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.

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, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

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

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

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

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 26.

[Being Good Friday, the following lodges probably will not meet.]

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.

" 569, Fitz-Roy, Head-quarters Hon. Art. Co., City-rd.

" 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

" 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.

Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

K. T. Precep. 26, Faith and Fidelity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (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.

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

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's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

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

For the Week ending Saturday, March 27, 1875.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 22.

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

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

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 23.

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

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

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

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

" 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Mark Lodge, 11, Joppa, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.

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

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

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24.

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

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

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

" 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.

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

" 1493, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.

Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.

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

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 25.

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

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

Chap. 292, Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

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

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

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

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, March 27, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 22.

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

" 219, Star, 12, Trongate.

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

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

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 23.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.

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

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

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24.

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

" 505, Burns' St. Mary, Hurlford.

" 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 25.

" 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.

" 334, Cumnock, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.

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

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 26.

Lodge 51, London, Black Bull Inn, New Milns.

" 118, St. Bride's, Masonic Hall, Douglas.

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

" 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Follokshaws.

" 236, St. John, Forth Inn, Carnwarth.

" 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilbirnie.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 27.

Lodge 28, St. John, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch.

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

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

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 27, 1875.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 22.

Lodge 349, St. Clair, Freemason's Hall.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 23.

Lodge 151, Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, Cockburn-street.

Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemason's Hall.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24.

Lodge 112, St. John's Fisherrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburg.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 25.

Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemason's Hall.