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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN.

**SPRING LODGE (No. 1329).**—This lodge met at the Bridge House Hotel on Saturday, May 15th, Bro. J. H. Vockins, W.M., presiding, and Bro. Nairne acting as S.W. Bros. C. A. Read, J. H. Walker, A. S. Stribling, and W. C. Gleadall were raised to the Sublime Degree; Bro. R. J. Voisey was passed, and Mr. Wm. Lawey Permewan was initiated. The removal of the lodge to the Surrey Masonic Hall, already resolved, was delayed until the arrangements were finally completed. Bro. Reynolds moved, and it was unanimously resolved, to present each of the charities in rotation with the sum of five guineas at each half-yearly collection. The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. Spencer, who was present, and enthusiastically toasted.

## PROVINCIAL.

**ROCHDALE.**—**HOPE LODGE (No. 54).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, May 12th, at the Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale, and there was a good attendance of the brethren. The officers present were Bros. Richard Simpson, W.M.; Ab. Barker, S.W.; James Burnish, J.W.; Dan Mitchell, P.M. Secretary; R. Collingwood, S.D.; C. H. Bintliff, I.G.; James Midgley, P.M., Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 6.15 p.m., and the minutes of the previous lodges were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree. Bros. James Metcalf and John ThomasWorth, candidates for the Third Degree, were then called upon to show their proficiency in the former degrees, and, having satisfied the brethren, they were entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree. Bro. James Metcalf was then admitted and duly raised by P.M. Wm. Davies; Bro. J. T. Worth was also admitted and duly raised by T. B. Ashworth, P.M. The lodge was then closed in the Third Degree. The lodge was also closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Edward Clegg, the late Treasurer, having departed this life, Ben. Collinge, P.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer in his stead. The Secretary's salary was next determined on. There being no other business the lodge was finally closed at 7.45 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which was provided by P.M. Wm. Ashworth and his wife in their usual elegant style. After the cloth was removed the W.M. gave the usual toasts, commencing with "The Queen and the Royal Family." He next proposed "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England." "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master," was next given. Among the toasts of the evening "The newly-raised Brethren" was given. Bros. Metcalf and Worth responded in a very pleasing manner. The usual closing toast was given, and the brethren separated after having spent a very pleasant evening.

**SUNDERLAND.**—**WILLIAMSON LODGE (No. 949).**—The meeting for the installation of the W.M., &c., was held in the lodge-room, at the Royal Hotel, Sunderland, on Monday, May 10th, when upwards of 70 votaries of our mystic science attended to pay their respects to the W.M. elect. Among those present we noticed Bros. H. J. Turnbull, W.M. 80; T. Surtees, W.M. 94; T. Younger, W.M. 97; J. B. Wells, W.M. 661 (Seaham); J. J. Clay, P.M. 97; T. Henderson, P.M. 94; J. Riseborough, P.M. 94; J. S. Pearson, P.M. 94; H. Fryer, S.W. 97; A. Currie, J.W. 97; D. P. Huntley, J.W. 80, &c. Bro. Jas. H. Coates officiated as Installing Master, and rendered the ceremony in an extremely efficient manner. Bro. Gray, having been duly placed in the chair of K.S., appointed and invested the officers, of which the following is a list:—Bros. Alfred Gray, W.M.; Robert Shadforth, I.P.M.; John Eggleston, S.W.; G. B. Hall, J.W.; R. W. Halfnight, Treas.; John Barlow, Sec.; N. Taylor, S.D.; J. Macbeth, J.D.; D. Macdonald, I.G.; Geo. Porteous, M.C.; S. Bell, Org.; J. Thompson, Tyler.

**BARROW-IN-FURNESS.**—**HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1021).**—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, 10th May, the proceedings deriving their highest interest from the presentation of a magnificent Past Prov. Senior Grand Warden's Jewel, subscribed for by the brethren, to Bro. Sir James Ramsden, I.P.M., P.P.S.G.W. for W. Lancashire, in recognition of the valuable support given to the lodge during the term of his Mastership for two con-

secutive years, 1873 and 1874. It was intended that this pleasing ceremony should have taken place at the previous lodge, when Bro. Henry Cook, P.M. 1021, 119, P.P.G.R., &c. for C. and W., was presented with a beautiful jewel (P.Prov.G.S. of Works for C and W), which had been heartily subscribed for by the brethren in token of their fraternal regard and esteem for the many services rendered to the Craft since his residence in the town. The jewels were manufactured by Bro. Geo. Kenning, and were greatly admired by all.

**ROCK FERRY.**—**ROCK LODGE (No. 1289).**—The last meeting of this flourishing lodge, prior to the summer vacation, took place on Friday, 14th inst., and, in spite of the beautiful weather and numerous outdoor attractions, was very numerously attended. Bro. Ellis, W.M., was supported by Bros. Bolton, S.W.; Paton, M.D., J.W.; Wallace and Stanton, Deacons; Townsend, I.G.; Stevenson, Treas. and P.M.; S. Lewis, P.M.; E. Friend, P.M., &c. Visitors—Bros. Wilson, W.M. 537; Dutton, Grundy, Leighton, and others. The usual routine of business having taken place, the ballot was taken for Mr. John Moffat, and proving unanimous he was duly initiated by Bro. Friend. Bro. Ellis, W.M., then resumed the chair and passed a candidate to the Second Degree. Before the lodge was closed those brethren who had been present at the Installation of the N.W.G.M. having been requested to state their experience, took the opportunity of urging the younger brethren to constant attention to their Masonic duties, which would in time qualify them to visit Grand Lodge themselves as members of our Masonic Parliament. Candidates for initiation and joining having been proposed the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and a most agreeable evening ensued.

**HAMPTON.**—**LEBANON LODGE (No. 1326).**—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Lion-square, Thames-street, Hampton, on Saturday, May 15th, 1873. Bro. William Hammond, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M. 201, W.M. 1512, W.M. and W.M. elect, presided. There were present Bros. Col. Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex; H. A. Dubois, P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, P.M. 1423, S.W.; J. W. Jackson, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. 73, 871, and 1309, Secretary; E. Gilbert, S.D.; C. W. Fox, I.G.; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; J. T. Moss, P.G. Reg., Middlesex, I.P.M.; and some forty other members. Amongst a large number of visitors we noticed Bros. J. Barnett, 87; T. C. Walls, I.G. 141; H. Fajja, 1423; W. A. Simmons, W.S. 1423; J. A. Moore, 1423; Trew, 359; F. W. Kent, 1512; Arnold, 1512; and others whose names we could not ascertain. As the W.M. elect was the W.M. he was not reinstated. After the minutes had been unanimously confirmed, the W.M., Bro. W. Hammond, appointed and invested as his officers Bros. E. Gilbert, S.W.; C. W. Fox, J.W.; S. Wickens, P.M. Treas.; F. Walters, P.G.P., Middlesex, P.M. Sec. (reinvested 5th time); R. W. Williams, S.D.; John Hammond, P.M., J.D.; J. W. Baldwin, W.M. 1423, I.G.; W. Stanton, D.C.; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; H. Gloster, C.S.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middlesex, Tyler. He then initiated Mr. W. Crush; passed Bros. C. Lucop and F. H. Davis, 1423; and raised Bros. J. A. Moore, 1423; Arnold, 1512; and F. W. Kent, 1512. The work was well done. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. Other important business being done, the lodge was closed. Over fifty brethren sat down to the banquet.

**KINGSBRIDGE.**—**DUNCOMBE LODGE (No. 1486).**—The annual meeting of the Duncombe Lodge took place on Monday, 10th inst., at Kingsbridge, when Bro. James Haynes was installed as W. Master. The ceremony was impressively carried out by V.W. Bros. S. Tew, P.M. 105, and 1486 P.P.G.T.; and J. B. Gover, P.M., 70, 1247, and 1486 P.P.G.A.D.C., in the presence of the R.W. Bro. L. P. Metham, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M. Devon, and a board of installed Masters. The music during the ceremony was efficiently performed by Bros. Cranch, Emery, and Hart. The W.M., Bro. Haynes, invested as officers for the year W. Bro. Chas. Fox, I.P.M.; Bros. John Tucker, S.W.; James T. Partridge, J.W.; Joseph Foale, Treasurer; Joseph Cranch, Secretary; Rev. E. A. Lester, M.A., Chaplain; Rev. W. S. Evans, P.P.G.C., Organist; Bros. H. Gribben, S.D.; H. Lambie, J.D.; G. White, D.C.; E. Hammett, I.G.; Charles Elliott, S.S.; John Rogers, J.S.; John Lee, Tyler. The banquet was provided at the King's Arms Hotel by Bro. Robert Foale, one of the founders of the lodge. It was of a very recherche character, reflecting great credit on the cuisine of the establishment, and the liberality of the host and hostess, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In replying for that of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Master, Bro. Metham spoke in glowing terms of the Installation in Albert Hall, and said, however much Masons regretted (at the time) the secession of the Marquis of Ripon from the Craft, that scene in London was an answer to the world that the solid basis of the Order could not be shaken. V. W. Bro. Col. Ridgeway, P.P.G.S.W., responded for the Prov. Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Rev. J. Hyshe, whose extended rule over the Province had been so conducive to its welfare. Whether as a clergyman, a magistrate, an old English gentleman, or a Freemason, his conduct had gained for him the admiration and esteem of all who had the honour and pleasure of being associated with him. W. Bro. Fox, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the D. Prov. G. Master," who replied, and concluded by proposing "The Health of the Master, Bro. Haynes," trusting that his long experience and zeal for the Order would conduce to the prosperity of lodge 1486, now under his guidance. Bro. Haynes warmly thanked the proposer and brethren for the honour, assuring them that nothing should be wanting on his part to preserve harmony and charity amongst the members. The banquet was much enlivened by the excellent instrumental and vocal music of Bros. Cranch; G. Emery, 105; Hart,

1205; and Evans, 1486, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Letters of regret for their absence were sent by several brethren, including V.W. Bro. Latimer, P.I.G.W., and W. Bros. Nicholls, Westacott, Vcn. Archdeacon Earle, Bro. Gard, and amongst those present, in addition to those named, were V.W. Bros. Major Bewes, P.M., P.P.G., S.B.; Twose, P.M., 105; Heath, 710; Leal, 710; Beachey; H. W. Thomas, S.W., 70; R. Bird, J.W., 70; E. T. Tarratt, J.D., 70; Thorne, 70; Leal, 710; Toms, 1091; Holland; Sawyer, V.W.; R. Rodd, P.M., P.P.G.R.

**HAMPTON.**—**FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 1503).**—The last regular meeting for the season of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, in the rooms of the Lebanon and Hemming Lodges, by the kind permission of their W.M., Bro. Hammond, P.G.S. of Middlesex. There were present, Bros. Col. Wigginton, W.M., P. Prov. G.D.C. of Worcestershire; Saunders, S.W.; Horsley, P. Prov. G.R. of Middlesex, &c., acting J.W.; Hammond, W.M. 1326 and 1512, &c., acting I.P.M.; Walls, acting J.D.; Palmer (Burdett), acting Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., with the assistance of his officers, raised Bro. Taylor to the Third Degree. The solemn and impressive ceremony was exceedingly well carried out. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Ramsay, Confidence, and A. Taylor, La Estabilidad Caracas, Venezuela, as joining members, and declared unanimous. Bro. Buchill, P.M., &c., &c., proposed, and Bro. Wigginton, W.M., seconded, that Mr. Emmett and the Rev. Mr. D'Orsey should be members for initiation at the next meeting. Several names were then submitted as members for joining and initiation, and some minor business having been transacted, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hammond for the kind use of the Lebanon Lodge room and furniture, and the lodge was duly closed. At the cold collation which followed labour, Bros. Saunders and Walls presided, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. The usual Royal and Craft toasts were duly honoured, and the "National Anthem" sung by the S.W. and I.G. "The Health of Bro. Col. Wigginton" was proposed by P.M. Bro. Horsley in fitting terms, and replied to by Bro. Saunders, in the absence of the W.M. Bros. Horsley and Hammond replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers of the Province." Bro. Saunders gave "The Health of the Visitors," among whom were Bros. Hammond, Jordan, Lebanon, and Hemming; Palmer, Burdett; Court, Unanimity; Taylor, La Estabilidad. This toast was heartily received and acknowledged by Bro. Hammond, who, in the course of his reply, reverted to the very flattering manner in which his name had been mentioned in connection with the Lebanon by the W.M. in the lodge that afternoon, and concluded by stating that his humble services were always at the disposal of the brethren of the Francis Burdett. Bro. Hammond then gave "The Health of the S.W., Bro. Saunders," and complimented him upon the able manner in which he had presided at the convivial board. Bro. Saunders made a suitable reply, and said that should the brethren ever deem him worthy to fulfil the duties of W.M. of the Francis Burdett Lodge, it would be his great desire and aim to discharge the responsibilities of the position satisfactorily; and he had to thank them very kindly for the hearty manner in which his health had been received. The S.W. then proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. Walls. Between the toasts, Bros. Saunders, Walls and Court, jun., contributed several vocal effusions. The proceedings terminated at a comparatively early hour, and the brethren separated until September next.

## Royal Arch.

**PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).**—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, S.E., on Monday, the 10th inst., and was largely attended by members and visitors. The chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., Comp. Henry Smith, assisted by E. Comps. C. Hammerton, H.; the Rev. W. B. Church, J.; James Stevens, P.Z. Scribe, E.; H. C. Levander, P.Z., Treas.; John Read, P.Z.; Joseph Nunn, P.Z.; R. H. Harvey, P.Z.; William Watson, P.Z.; and William Worrell, P.Z. Amongst the companions present were George Waterall, Scribe, N.; M. S. Larham, P.S.; Thos. Poore, 1st A.S.; R. N. Field, 2nd A.S.; F. W. Levander, T. Jones, W. H. Van Baerle, G. H. Newington Bridges, A. C. Bradley, C. C. Gibbs, A. C. Burrell, A. Youngman, John Gilbert, &c.; and visitors M. E. Comp. Charles Horsley, Past Prov. Grand Registrar, Middlesex and Surrey; E. Comps. F. W. Laxton, H., Royal Middlesex Chapter; Herbert Dicketts, P.Z., 145; Percival A. Nairne, P.Z. 176; and H. A. Frances, P.Z. 857. The minutes of the previous regular convocation, as also those of an emergency meeting held in April, having been read and confirmed, and several apologies for non-attendance having been received, E. Comp. John Read, P.Z. as acting M.E.Z., proceeded to instal successively Comps. Charles Hammerton, as Z.; the Rev. W. B. Church, as H.; and George H. Newington Bridges, as J.; and the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. Henry Smith, was invested as I.P.Z. The respective ceremonies were performed with all that perfect and able working for which our Ex. Comp. John Read is celebrated in this Supreme Degree, and well merited the cordial and unanimous vote of thanks which the chapter subsequently accorded to him by acclamation. On the re-admission of companions below the chairs the following officers were invested with the collars of their respective offices, viz.:—E. Comp. James Stevens, P.Z., as Scribe, E. (seventh re-appointment); Comp. G. Waterall, Scribe, N. Ex. Comp. H. C. Levander, P.Z., as Treasurer (sixth re-appointment); Comp. M. S. Larham, P.S., who appointed; Comps. T. Poore and R. N. Field as his assistants; A. C. Burrell as D.C.; F. W. Levander and W. H. Van Baerle as Stewards. The newly installed M.E.Z. then presented

to the chapter a handsome Vol. of the Sacred Law in appropriate binding, and in substitution of one of less Masonic appearance, and the thanks of the chapter for the same were offered to the donor. The Past First Principal's Jewel of the chapter was presented to Ex. Comp. Henry Smith in terms of well deserved eulogy for his many valuable services, and his courteous but firm ruling of the chapter during his years of office. Propositions for exaltation and joining having been made the chapter was closed. The customary installation banquet succeeded labour, and the usual amount of harmony and good fellowship prevailed throughout the remainder of the evening.

**SOUTHELD.—PRIORY CHAPTER (No. 1000).**—The first regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, on the 12th inst. There were present: Comps. Rev. S. R. Wigram, Grand Chaplain, M.E.Z.; E. F. Phillips, H.; A. Lucking, J.; S. J. Weston, Treas.; J. C. Johnstone, Scribe, E.; J. A. Wardell, P. Soj.; Jas. Willing, jun., 1st Asst. Soj.; T. W. Gower, 2nd Asst. Soj.; W. Frost. The minutes of the consecration meeting having been read and confirmed, the Bye-Laws were discussed and agreed on; and several brethren were proposed for exaltation. The chapter was then duly closed.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

**EDINBURGH CONCLAVE (No. 4).**—The annual meeting of this convocation was held in the Conclave Rooms, St. James' Hall, Writers' Court, Edinburgh, on the 27th ult., for the installation of officers for the ensuing year. The convocation having been opened in regular form by Em. Sir Knt. D. Milne, M.P.S., and the minutes of election read and confirmed, Sir Knt. Milne unveiled the throne, which was then occupied by the P.S. (J. M. Sir Knight C. G. Christie, Int. Gen. Midlothian), who after having paid a high eulogium to Em. Sir Knt. Milne for the able manner in which he had discharged his duties as Sovereign during the past year, and congratulated him on his re-election, proceeded to install him into the Chair of C. The M.P.S. having thanked the Sir Knights for the honour they had conferred on him in re-electing him as Sovereign, expressed his determination to do all in his power to still further promote the interests of the convocation and maintain it in its very prosperous position, assisted as he felt assured he would be by the officers appointed to support him. The other officers were then declared duly elected and installed. The ceremony of installation over, Em. Sir Knights G. W. Wheeler, M.P.S., and J. Johnston, V., of the Glasgow Conclave, No. 114, being present, were elected and duly installed as honorary members of No. 4. The convocation was thereafter closed in due form, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the Prince of Wales Hotel to celebrate their annual festival, where they sat down to an excellent banquet provided in a most recherche style by Sir Knight Gaillard. Em. Sir Knt. Milne, M.P.S., occupied the chair, being supported on his right by J. A. Sir Knt. Christie, Int. Gen.; G. W. Wheeler, M.P.S., No. 114; J. McPherson, M.P.S., No. 103; J. Walker, S.G.; A. M. Bruce, Treas., &c. On the left were V. Em. Sir Knt. J. B. Mercer, K.G.C., P.S., H.P.; Lieut. M. Tracey, R.A.P.S. Concord Conclave, No. 8, Jersey; A. Henry, Hon. Sov., No. 4; H. E. Jones, P.S., No. 103; &c. Em. Sir Knt. J. Fleming, V., acted as Croupier, and was supported on his right by V. Em. Sir Knt. R. S. Brown, K.G.C., P.V.; Rev. F. L. Law, Hon. V.; J. Schopp, J. Webster, &c.; and on the left by Em. Sir Knt. J. Johnston, V., No. 114; E. B. Adam, S.B., No. 114; A. W. Rennie, Treas., No. 103, &c., &c. Altogether there were thirty-three sat down to the banquet. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and chivalrous toasts were given from the chair and heartily responded to. The Chairman then gave "The Health of J. M. Sir Knt. Christie, Int. Gen., who, in reply, expressed his great satisfaction in seeing representatives from the Third Scottish Conclave present, as it was an evidence of that harmony which ought to exist among the Order. Among the other toasts were "The Intendant General," responded to by J. M. Sir Knt. Christie; "The Knights of Grand Cross," responded to by V. Em. Sir Knt. J. B. Mercer; "The Sovereigns of other Conclaves," responded to by Em. Sir Knt. Lieut. M. Tracey, P.S. No. 8; J. McPherson, No. 103; and G. W. Wheeler, No. 114. The Int. Gen. gave "Prosperity to the Edinburgh Conclave No. 4," with "The Health of the M.P.S." Em. Sir Knt. Wheeler gave "The Health of Viceroy, Em. Sir Knt. Fleming. Sir Knt. Brown gave "The Hon. Sovereigns," responded to by Sir Knt. A. Henry. Em. Sir Knt. H. E. Jones, P.S., 103, proposed "The Officers," responded to by Sir Knt. J. Walker, Sen. General. The "Sentinel's" toast concluded the list, and the Sir Knights separated, after spending a very pleasant and harmonious evening, all expressing their admiration at the excellent manner in which Sir Knt. Milne had discharged the duties of the chair.

### Scotland.

**GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 31).**—A special meeting of this lodge was held within their hall at No. 213, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, 18th inst. The chair was occupied by the R.W.M., Bro. William Bell, and there were present Bros. Thomas Fletcher, I.P.M.; Robert Craig, Gavin Park, J. B. Walker, John Baird, and James McMillan, Past Masters; D. M. Nelson, D.M.; John D. Young, S.W.; Peter Brownlie, S.D.; J. Reid, J.D.; R. B. Dalzell, Treas.; and John Dick, Sec. The general attendance, including visiting brethren, of whom there were comparatively few, numbered over 120. The lodge having been duly opened applications for admission into the Order were read by the Secretary from the following, viz., Messrs.

John Mossman, sculptor, Glasgow; Campbell Douglas, architect, Glasgow; James Robertson, builder, Pollok-shields; John Scott, engineer, Glasgow; M. Wylie, wine merchant, Glasgow; D. Paterson, manufacturer, Lenzie; and J. Couper, tobacco manufacturer, Glasgow. Each candidate having been duly proposed and seconded, and there being no objections, they were properly prepared and admitted, and received the entered Apprentice Degree at the hands of the R.W.M. Thereafter, the lodge having been raised to the Fellow-Craft Degree, they were passed to that Degree by Bro. Thomas B. Bell; and, finally received the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at the hands of P.M. Bro. James McMillan. Subsequently, the lodge adjourned to refreshment, at which the R.W.M. gave in succession the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Lodges," and "The last-laid Stones of Lodge St. John." In proposing the latter, the chairman stated that their lodge was the oldest in the province, and that during last working year they had done more for Masonry than any of the others. They had made 75 members, had distributed between £30 and £40 in private charity, and contributed between £18 and £19 to the P.G.L. Benevolent Fund. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. John Mossman, who briefly replied. Speaking for himself, and for those who had been made with him that evening, he begged to express the pleasure and delight they felt in having got beyond the regions of darkness and into those of light. To be a member of the Craft of Freemasonry was what any man might be proud of, but to be a member of that particular lodge was something additional. The S.W. (Bro. J. D. Young) then proposed "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. R. McDougall, R.W.M., Lodge St. Vincent (553), by whom it was acknowledged in felicitous terms, and the lodge was shortly afterwards recalled to labour, and closed in due and ancient form.

**DUMBARTON.—ST. JOHN'S KILWINNING LODGE (No. 18).**—The regular monthly communication of this lodge was held on the evening of Friday, the 14th inst., in their lodge-room; R.W.M., Wm. Bave, occupied the chair. The lodge being opened with the usual formalities, was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, when three candidates were instructed in the mysteries therein by the Senior Warden, Bro. R. B. Thomson, after which the lodge was reduced, when a brother was affiliated into Lodge No. 18. The R.W.M. gave a short report of the recent communication of the Grand Lodge and his visit thereto. A committee was appointed to arrange about the annual excursion, and as the Master of 18, at a recent festival of a sister lodge, had suggested the idea of having an excursion of all the lodges in the Province of Dumbarton, or at least in the surrounding district, and which was highly approved of, the Secretary was appointed Convener, and empowered to communicate with the neighbouring lodges. A number of candidates were nominated for initiation, after which the lodge was duly closed, to meet on Tuesday night, the 18th inst., when the R.W.M. again presided over a very large assembly of the brethren, met together for a very interesting purpose. The lodge having been opened in the E.A. Degree, the R.W.M. took the opportunity of reading to the brethren the article which appeared in the *Scottish Freemasons' Magazine* of May 1st, entitled "Princes and Grand Master," and in a very long and able manner refuted the remarks and expressed his dissent to the sentiments therein given, and in the name of Dumbarton Kilwinning Lodge, one of the largest and oldest lodges in Scotland, repudiated such sentiments as anti-Masonic, remarks which were very loudly applauded. He also read to the brethren a letter from the Pope to the Bishop of Orleans, and commented thereon. He likewise read a history of the lodge, with numerous interesting extracts from the Minute Books, especially of the older records. This history was written by Bro. McKellar, for some time Secretary of No. 18, but now residing in the East Indies, from where he sent the documents. After a few arrangements were made in connection with attending the laying of the foundation stone of a new city hall in Glasgow and an aquarium in Rothesay with Masonic honours, the lodge passed from labour to refreshment. The usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts having been given and responded to, the R.W.M., in rising, said he had now come to the business for which they had particularly assembled, viz.: that of doing honour to a worthy brother and officer of the lodge, Bro. R. B. Thomson, Senior Warden, who had taken a very active part in all matters since he joined the Order nine years ago. Since he (the R.W.M.) was called to the chair he had received very able assistance from several brethren, in the working of the various degrees, and considerable forbearance from the brethren. There was likewise a large number of brethren who were able to instruct the newly initiated candidates into the mysteries of the Order. Bro. Thomson, along with the late Secretary, Bro. McKellar, and others, a number of years ago formed themselves into a circle to post themselves up in Masonic knowledge. The result of their labour then had now come down to their day, and the majority of brethren made have been indebted to none more than to Bro. Thomson, who was always ready, able, and willing to give instruction. Last year there was formed an instruction class, which met regularly during the winter, presided over by Bro. Thomson, the result of whose labour has been edifying to the attendants. And to endeavour to recompense you, Bro. Thomson, they have now taken this opportunity of presenting it; nor have they forgotten that you have a partner in life, who has often been deprived of your society. I have therefore to present you with this valuable gold Albert chain, and to Mrs. Thomson this gold brooch. To the chain was attached a beautiful Masonic emblem, on which was a suitable inscription. The R.W.M. then gave the toast, "Bro. R. B. Thomson, Senior Warden," which was most enthusiastically responded to, and likewise followed by "Dumbarton fire." Bro. Thomson expressed, in very feeling terms, his gratitude towards the brethren for their magnificent gifts to him-

self and wife. What he had performed was done for his mother lodge, and his duty to the Order. He next gave an interesting history of his efforts a number of years ago, in connection with an instruction class, but which was not appreciated by the then R.W.M., and in doing so passed a high eulogium to Bro. McKellar, late Secretary, who had been the means of exciting many, him among the rest, to delve deep into Masonic knowledge; and in concluding paid a passing tribute to the R.W.M., and others who had rendered him assistance in his researches, teachings, and advice. A number of other toasts were then given and responded to. During the course of the evening a number of the brethren sang a number of songs. The lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

**PARTICK.—LODGE ST. MARY'S (No. 117).**—The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow paid their annual visit of inspection to this lodge on Wednesday, the 19th inst. The deputation consisted of Bros. F. A. Barrow, P.G.D.M.; John Baird, S.W.; J. B. Walker, Treas.; A. McTaggart, Sec.; James Gillies, S.D.; J. Ritchie, A.; and George Sinclair, Treasurer of P.G.L. Benevolent Fund. In the absence, through indisposition, of the R.W.M. of the lodge (Bro. William Wylie) the visitors were received by Bro. Andrew Brunton, P.M., who acknowledged the supremacy of the P.G.L. in the usual manner, and had the mallet returned to him by the Depute Master. Thereafter the P.G. Secretary submitted the report of the deputation as to the state of the lodge affairs, which was to the effect that, on the whole, it was in a very healthy state. They had added thirty-five to its membership during the past year, had given away in private charity £9, and had handed over to the P.G. Benevolent Fund the very handsome sum of £12 10s. Moreover, at last audit the funds of the lodge were found to be £85 15s. 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d., as against £65 6s. 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d. at the one previous, being an increase of fully £20. In the course of his remarks in connection with the report, the P.G. Secretary, as he has done at most of the visitations this season, strongly deprecated the practice of giving any candidate more than one degree in one night, unless in bona-fide cases of extreme emergency. The Depute Master afterwards shortly addressed the meeting, expressing at the outset his sympathy with the lodge and its Master in regard to the absence of the latter, and the cause of it, but congratulating them on having such a worthy Past Master to act in his place. He (the speaker) had entirely to endorse what had been said by the Secretary in the matter of giving two or three degrees in one night. The P.G.L. was rigidly opposed to the practice, which, indeed, rendered a lodge guilty of, liable to suspension, and he trusted, therefore, that Masters would look to it. In concluding, the Depute Master congratulated the lodge upon its success during the past year, and bespoke a good turn out of their number at the ceremonial of Saturday. The chairman having in the name of the lodge thanked the deputation for their visit and for their kind remarks—which he would take care to convey to the R.W.M.—the visitors withdrew.

**GLASGOW.—LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360).**—A meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 30, Hope-street, on Friday, the 21st inst., Bro. Monro, R.W.M., in the chair; Bros. J. M. Olliver, S.W.; John Fraser, J.W., and a goodly number of brethren present. On the lodge being opened the Secretary read the minutes of previous meetings, which were approved of. The R.W.M. read a letter of application, with name of proposer and seconder, from a gentleman for admittance into the Order of Freemasonry. There being no objection it was resolved that the candidate be balloted for at next general meeting, Friday, 4th June, and if favourable that he receive the E.A. Degree. The R.W.M., Bro. John Monro, said it now devolved upon him to perform a most pleasant duty on behalf of the lodge, that of presenting their I.P.M., Bro. Dr. Morton, with a Past Master's jewel in testimony of his attention and zeal for the lodge while in the chair. Bro. Dr. Morton had done a great deal for the lodge, and in appreciation of what he had done he would now present him with this little token of their esteem, trusting that he might long be spared to wear it and come amongst them. Bro. Morton in a few well-chosen remarks said that he had not the slightest idea of being amongst them that evening, or that such an honour was going to be bestowed upon him, in fact, if Bro. J. Brode, P.M., his most esteemed friend and brother, had not called upon him and pressed him to come, he should not have been at the lodge that night, for he had been a member of the lodge for many years and was getting old, and with that and his profession he could not come very often amongst them. When he was called upon to occupy the chair it was with reluctance that he did so, knowing that there were members of the lodge more able to occupy such an important position than he was; however, in accepting that office he had performed the various duties to the best of his ability, and with the valuable assistance of Bro. Monro, their present R.W.M., had managed to get on better than he expected. It gave him great pleasure to know that the lodge appreciated what he had done by presenting him with this token of esteem, which he should ever prize, not from its intrinsic value, but for the spirit in which it was given. He would now thank the brethren for their kindness, assuring them that this token of appreciation he should never forget. The lodge was raised thereafter to the degree of F.C., when Bro. John Brash was passed to this degree, Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., officiating. The R.W.M., Bro. Monro, then proposed for honorary affiliation into this lodge Bro. G. R. Harriott, Provincial Grand Master of Wigton and Kircudbright, promoter of the scheme of the Benevolent Institution for Scotland, which was received with acclamation. Bro. Harriott was then affiliated by Bro. Monro, R.W.M., and on retaking his position on the right hand of the R.W.M. he thanked Bro. Monro for his kindness in proposing him for affiliation to Lodge Commercial, No. 360, also the brethren for the manner in which they had received it. From the high character he had heard of the

lodge he had reasons to be proud of the high honour they had conferred upon him. He should always be pleased to meet any of them, and anything he could do to promote the interest of the lodge it would be a great pleasure for him to do. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Prov. Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, 13th May, in St. John's Schools, Darwen. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren, amongst whom were: Bros. Col. Le G. N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. G.M.; J. L. Hine, P. Prov. G.W., as Dep. Prov. G.M.; Thos. Glaister, Prov. S.G.W.; Jas. A. Birch, Prov. J.G.W.; R. H. Hutchinson, P. Prov. G.W.; G. Mellor, P. Prov. G.W.; Major T. G. Parker, P. Prov. G.W.; Rev. F. A. Cave-Browne-Cave and Rev. C. J. Bowen, Prov. G. Chaplains; Saml. Isherwood, Prov. G. Treasurer; Thos. Clough, P. Prov. G.R.; Chas. Heywood, P. Prov. G.R.; John Tunnah, Prov. G. Sec.; Wm. Slater, Prov. S.G.D.; J. L. Barrett, Prov. J.G.D.; W. H. Prince, P. Prov. G.D.; T. J. Lancashire, P. Prov. G.D.; Isaac W. Petty, P. Prov. G.D.; Robt. Harwood, Prov. G. Sup. of Works; Robt. Whittaker, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; Geo. Lofthouse, Assist. Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; Wm. Whewell, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; Thos. Law, P. Prov. G. Organist; Jas. Hall, Prov. G. Purs.; Robt. Butterworth, Assist. Prov. G. Purs.; Jas. Newton, John Morris, Robt. Horridge, Jas. Horrocks, Prov. G. Stewards; Chas. Walker, Prov. G. Tyler. Also Bro. Franklin Thomas, P. Prov. G. Reg., Oxon; Bro. Ralph Landless, P. Prov. G. Sword Bearer, West Lancashire; and representatives from 75 of the 81 lodges in the province.

The minutes of the last preceding meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge were confirmed.

The Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts for the past year were presented and unanimously adopted and approved, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the auditors, Bros. Jas. Pilkington, Dr. Royle, and J. B. Jackson.

On the proposition of Bro. Samuel Isherwood, Prov. G. Treasurer, seconded by Bro. J. L. Hine, P. Prov. G. Warden, Bro. Samuel Statham, P.M. 325, Salford, was unanimously elected Prov. G. Treasurer, and was thereupon invested with the emblem of his office.

The R.W. Prov. G. Master appointed the following Prov. G. Officers:—Bros. W. Romaine Callender, M.P., Dep. Prov. G.M.; J. Tertius Dugdale, Prov. S.G.W.; Chas. Hy. Coates, J.G.W.; Rev. F. A. Cave-Brown-Cave and Rev. Alfred Salts, G. Chaplains; Thos. Chorlton, G. Reg.; John Tunnah, G. Sec.; Peter Royle, M.D., S.G.D.; George Wood, J.G.D.; Wm. Almond, G. Supt. of Works; Wm. Hy. Hopkins, G. Dir. of Cers.; Thos. Grime, Assist. Dir. of Cers.; Thos. Taylor, Grand Sword Bearer; Edwin Halliwell, G. Organist; John Taylor, G. Purs.; Albert Wolstenholme, Assist. G. Purs.; John Wardley, J. A. Tullis, Hy. Berry, Job Gregg, J. W. Shorrocks, J. H. Shorrocks, G. Stewards; Chas. Walker, G. Tyler.

The Report of the Charity Committee was read by Bro. J. L. Hine, P. Prov. G.W., chairman of the committee, and unanimously approved.

At the close of business the brethren proceeded in procession to the Co-operative Hall, where the banquet took place.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES.

By command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., a Provincial Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Masonic Hall, Llandudno, on Friday, the 21st inst., at three o'clock, when and where all Worshipful Past Masters, Acting Wardens, and overseers of lodges within the province, as well as from neighbouring provinces, were invited to attend the duties of the annual meeting. The invitation was cordially responded to, and the consequence was a large, influential, and unanimous gathering of brethren of the Mark Degree. There were representatives from the most distant parts of the wide-spread province, but Birkenhead was the most numerous represented. Amongst those who attended we observed the following:—Bros. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., R.W.P.M.M.; W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., P. Prov. G.S.W.; Major Platt, P.G.J.D.; T. Platt, P.G.T.; Captain Hampton Lewis, P.G.I. of W.; G. L. Woodley, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Sillitoe, P.G.S.O.; R. Newhouse, P.G.S.; C. H. Coates, P.G.S.B.; J. M. Bentley, P.G.O.; G. H. Wilson, P.G.S.; G. Higgins, P.G.St.B.; J. Heap, P.G.S.; J. Worthington, P.G.T.; R. Gracie, M.O. No. 11; Mathews, J.O. No. 11; Geo. Morgan, J.W. No. 11; J. Burgess, I.G. No. 11; M. Radcliffe, No. 11; F. Bolton; E. G. Lowe, No. 38; W. L. Banks, No. 38; J. Beresford; Roose, No. 38; Moon, No. 38, &c.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was held under the auspices of St. David's Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 38, of which Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., P. Prov. S.G.W., is the W.M.; and the Mark Lodge was opened shortly before two o'clock by Bro. Sillitoe, P.M. Several brethren were advanced to the degree of M.M. The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was then opened by Bro. the Hon. W. Egerton, M.P., R.W.P.G.M.M., the position of V.W.D.P.G.M. being occupied by Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope. The roll of lodges was called over, and letters of apology for non-attendance from P.G. Officers were submitted. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held at Birkenhead on the 11th April, 1874, were read and put for confirmation. After the trans-

action of some formal business, the following brethren were appointed officers for the year 1865—6:—Bros. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., R.W.P.G.M.M.; the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, V.W.D.P.G.M.M.; Captain Charles Hunter, P.G.S.W.; Captain James Watson, P.G.J.W.; Dr. Roden, P.G.M.O.; George H. Wilson, P.G.S.O.; George Higgins, P.G.J.O.; the Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner, P.G. Chaplain; Charles Henry Coates, P.G. Treas.; Richard Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; John Beresford, P.G.R.; Robert Gracie, P.G.S.D.; Francis Bolton, P.G.J.D.; Frederick Higgins, P.G.I. of W.; James Heap, P.G.D. of C.; Reginald S. Chamberlain, P.G.A.D.C.; George Morgan, P.G.Swd.B.; Morgan Radcliffe, P.G.Std.B.; Thomas H. Kirk, P.G.O.; Robert Fergusson, P.G.P.; John Worthington, P.G. Tyler; Stewards—Bros. W. L. Banks, E. G. Lowe, Dr. Pritchard.

The next Prov. Grand Lodge was fixed to be held at Altrincham, Cheshire. At the conclusion of the business a large number of the brethren banquetted at the Adelphi Hotel, Llandudno, under the presidency of Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton. An excellent banquet was provided, and during the evening the following toasts were proposed and cordially responded to:—

"Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen." "H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master; H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." "The M.W., Bro. Earl Percy, M.P., G.M.M.M." "The V.W., Bro. The Earl of Limerick, Deputy G.M.M.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers." "The R.W. Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., P.G.M.M., of Cheshire and North Wales." "The V.W., the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, Deputy P.M.M., and the rest of the Provincial Officers." "The Worshipful Master of the St. David Lodge." "The Masonic Charities, particularly the Mark Benevolent Fund."

#### LAYING OF THE MEMORIAL STONE OF THE NEW PUBLIC HALLS, GLASGOW.

On Saturday, 22nd inst., with full Masonic honours, under the most favourable circumstances as regards weather, and in presence of an immense concourse of spectators, the memorial stone of the Glasgow New Public Halls was laid by Col. W. Montgomerie Neilson, of Queenshill, Provincial Grand Master. The want of a building such as that now being erected has long been felt by the citizens of Glasgow. Impressed with the absolute necessity that existed for a building commensurate with the requirements of Glasgow, a number of gentlemen formed themselves into a company with the view of supplying this defect. The committee of the Public Halls Company having purchased at a cost of £12,258 that large square of ground extending from North-street to Granville-street, and bounded on the north by Berkeley-street, and on the south by Kent-road, and covering an area of 5492 yards, they proposed to erect a large building comprising a concert room, resembling the Philharmonic in Liverpool, although on a much larger scale, and a number of other halls in which assemblies, soirees, and meetings of societies could be held. The designs of the late Mr. Cunningham, of Liverpool, and Mr. Campbell Douglas, of Glasgow, were selected, although the plans of these gentlemen did not embrace the original intentions of the company. The contractors at once set to work, and the main walls are already approaching completion. The principal entrance to the hall will be by Granville-street. On the ground floor a large vestibule, 29 feet by 28, with inner octagonal hall 36 feet in diameter, gives access on either side to two halls 75 by 40 feet, besides various reception-rooms, retiring-rooms, and other conveniences. From these halls, as well as from the vestibule, there is communication with the great hall, which occupies the entire area of the eastmost portion of the building, and measures about 185 feet in length by 75 feet wide, the height of the ceiling being 56 feet. It will afford fully one half more accommodation than any other room in the city, and with the two smaller halls and the octagon chamber on the same floor, all of which are connected by spacious doorways, it will form one of the finest suites of rooms in the country for banquets or demonstrations of a public nature.

From the progress already made with the work, the committee are confidently of opinion that the halls will be finished in time to admit of the British Association holding their meeting within them in the autumn of 1876.

Shortly before two o'clock the committee of the Glasgow Public Halls Company assembled in the large hall of the Queen's Rooms, where they received the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and others invited to take part in the ceremony. Amongst those who took part in the procession were the Lord Provost, Sir James Watson, Lord Dean of Guild, Sheriff Clark, Sheriff Galbraith, Professor Douglas, Rev. Henry Batchelor, Dr. Logan Aikman, Rev. Dr. Marshall Lang, Rev. John Page Hopps, Dr. W. C. Smith; Bailies Torrens, Burt, Young, and Millar; Councillors Grierson, Wilson, Brownlie, Moir, McDonald, Martin, Clark, Osborne, Fulton, Finlay, and John Taylor, jun.; Deacon Convener Smith, Preceptor McDonald, Messrs. J. Campbell of Tillichewan, R. T. Middleton, John Mathieson, jun.; James Hannan, E. Robinow, R. G. McGregor, A. W. Auld, Anthony Inglis, Daniel Macnee, Arch. Galbraith, A. B. McGregor, Hugh Brown, David Rowan, Frank Baird, Provost Wilson, Govan, &c., &c. Captain McCall, who acted as Grand Marshal for the civic portion, then arranged the procession according to the order in the programme; while Mr. Robert Robb, who officiated as Provincial Grand Master for the Masonic portion, arranged the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons, who had assembled in the Lower Hall, the Provincial Grand Master, Colonel W. Montgomerie Neilson, of Queenshill, presiding. The other office-bearers present were F. A. Barrow, Deputy P.G. Master, and Senior Deacon Grand Lodge of Scotland; John Baird, S.P.G.M.;

J. B. Walker, P.G. Treas.; George Sinclair, Treas. of P.G.L. Benevolent Fund; A. McTaggart, P.G. Sec.; Rev. Dr. Burns, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. Dr. Penney, P.G. Vice-Chaplain; James Gillies, P.G.S.D.; George Thallon, P.G.J.D.; Alex. Bain, P.G.B.B.; Andrew Allison, P.G. Jeweller; Robert Robb, Chief P.G. Marshal; John Fraser, P.G. Marshal; John Balfour, P.G. Director of Ceremonies; John Miller, Director of Music; Wm. Phillips, P.G. Sword Bearer; A. Arrick Smith, P.G.I.G.; and J. B. Hardie, P.G. Tyler. There were also present H. F. McLean, Provincial Grand Master Upper Ward of Lanarkshire; Alex. Smollett, Provincial Grand Master Dumbartonshire; and Capt. G. R. Harriot, Provincial Grand Master Wigtown and Kirkcudbright. The Provincial Grand Master having, by virtue of the powers conferred upon him by Grand Lodge of Scotland, declared the lodge opened, the brethren proceeded to take their part in the procession, which, according to the programme and to Masonic etiquette, was at the end of all the lodges present. The Masonic portion of the procession included representatives or deputations from fully fifty lodges. Making allowance for one or two lodges, the numbers of which could not be made out by the Marshals, the Masonic procession would muster in all about 1700 strong. On being marshalled the procession proceeded through the West-End Park, Park Terrace, Woodlands Terrace, Scotland-street, Woodside Crescent, North-street, St. Vincent-street, and Cleveland-street, to the site of the new building in Granville-street, in the following order:—Band of Music; Chief Constable; Officers of Police; the Town Officers with Halberts; the Lord Provost and Magistrates; followed by the Town Council; Judicial and Civil Officers of the Corporation; Lord Dean of Guild; Deacon-Convener; Officers of Police; Sheriff of Lanarkshire and Sheriffs-Substitute; Clergy; Officers of Police; Chairman and Directors of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce; Chairman and Members of the Public Halls Committee and Architect; Inspector of Works and Contractors; Officers of Police; the Knights Templar; the Masonic Lodges, the junior in front; Band of Music; the Provincial Grand Lodge; Officers of Police.

The procession as it wended its way through the streets was witnessed by immense crowds of people. The Knights Templar, dressed in a pure white garb, the Freemasons wearing the insignia of their office, and the numerous flags which were born aloft in the breeze, gave the procession quite an imposing appearance. On arriving at the hall in Granville-street, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and others, took up their places on the platform, to the south side, and the Freemasons in front of the memorial stone. When silence had been proclaimed by the Provincial Grand Marshal, the band played the National Anthem, and the Provincial Grand Chaplain having offered up an impressive prayer, the Provincial Grand Treasurer deposited in the cavity of the stone a hermetically sealed glass jar containing the current coins of the realm, copies of the various newspapers, &c. The Grand Secretary, previous to depositing the plate in the memorial stone, read the inscription thereon, which was as follows:—"This memorial stone of the Glasgow Public Halls was laid by Colonel W. Montgomerie Neilson, of Queenshill, Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow, on 22nd May, 1875, assisted by his Provincial Grand Office-bearers, and a large number of Freemasons, in presence of the Hon. James Bain, Lord Provost, the Magistrates of the city, the Sheriffs of the county, James Campbell, Esq., of Tillichewan, Chairman and the Directors of the Public Halls' Company, and a great concourse of spectators." The 100th Psalm was then sung by a well-trained choir in connection with the Choral Union, and the stone lowered into its place. The operatives having completed their part of the work, the Provincial Grand Master laid the memorial stone with the usual ceremonial, spreading corn on it, and pouring out wine and oil thereon, repeating the while a short prayer, at the conclusion of which the band played the "Masons' Anthem," and three cheers were given by the brethren.

The Provincial Grand Master said:—It is now expected that I should say a few words to the Chairman of the committee who have undertaken the erection of this edifice. I therefore address myself for a moment to Mr. Campbell and his excellent committee. I have to say that, according to your request, we have laid the foundation stone—or rather, in this case, the memorial stone—of this building according to our ancient rites and ceremonies. Allow me, in name of the brethren, to congratulate you so far upon the great success of this enterprise. It is unnecessary for me here at this time to say much, but allow me to state that we, the brethren and public of Glasgow at large, have long felt the great want of such a hall as we now see being erected around us. It is exceedingly gratifying to find we are at last to be provided with accommodation so much required. Many around me know that there is not a city in the whole of England, even of the second class, which cannot boast of a magnificent public hall. It is much to be regretted that we in Glasgow, who boast that our city is the second in the Empire, have not till this moment made any tangible effort to have such a hall. I have read in your reports that the subscribers to these halls number from 314 to 320. Now you all, and our friend the Lord Provost, may say, and perhaps with some truth, that we are a great city, a public-spirited city, and that we can boast of our 600,000 inhabitants. But it is surprising to the brethren, as it is to me somewhat a matter of surprise, that with such a large population we can find only 314 individuals who are public spirited enough to subscribe to such an institution as we have here. (Applause.) I cannot explain this phenomena. I leave you to do so; but I have no doubt many of the thousands in Glasgow who cannot afford to subscribe for such a purpose, and who, I hope, will enjoy many hours of recreation and instruction within these walls, are much indebted indeed, and have much reason to be thankful, to you and to these 314 gentlemen who have done so much for them in this way. Not long ago



we heard a great deal as to the character of some of our music saloons—much indeed which was not to our credit, but rather to our shame. We should, however, remember that there are thousands in Glasgow who are wealthy enough to have their own drawing rooms and their own music and dancing at home. I am afraid that many of them forget that the great majority of the teeming thousands of this city have no such opportunities. I fear they do not keep in mind that there are thousands of young men who have, as absolute strangers and without friends, come to our city to fight the battle of life. Is it to be expected that these young men are to be without recreation and amusement, and if we do not provide both of a suitable kind, I do not know we can blame them for accepting such amusement as they can find. I am afraid that much of the blame must lie at the door of the wealthy citizens of Glasgow. I therefore trust that there will be found within these walls such recreation, amusement, and instruction as shall be beneficial, not only to our young men, but to all classes of the community. Allow me, in conclusion, to express the hope that before six months are over there shall be, instead of 300 subscribers, 3000 to these public halls.

Mr. James Campbell said:—Sir, on behalf of the shareholders and directors of the New Halls Company, I beg to tender to you, Colonel Neilson, as Provincial Grand Master, and the other members of the Masonic body present, our very best thanks for the interest and trouble you have taken in laying the memorial stone of these buildings. One cannot doubt but that the interesting ceremony, which has now been completed, gives a happy augury to the future of the undertaking. I have now the gratification of presenting to you, as Provincial Grand Master, this Masonic emblem as a remembrance of the occasion, to be preserved by you and yours. (Applause.) I have also very great pleasure in publicly expressing our very warm thanks to the Honourable the Lord Provost, the Magistrates, and members of the Town Council, for their attendance here to-day. To the Lord Provost our thanks are particularly due, for the warm interest he has taken in and the practical aid he has given to this undertaking ever since it originated. We have also to acknowledge gratefully the attendance of various gentlemen representing other public bodies in the city, who give us their countenance and encouragement. And now that these halls are fairly under way I trust that they will externally, under the guidance of our talented and painstaking architect, prove an ornament to our city, and be internally in all respects adequate for the various purposes for which they have been erected. We hope to have the buildings completed in time for a grand musical festival in the autumn of next year. (Applause.) I have only one word to say in conclusion, and that is that it will be quite necessary for us to have our whole authorised capital subscribed, so as to have the buildings finished free of debt. This matter I leave in the hands of my fellow-townsmen, with a strong conviction that they will enable us to do this, and so maintain the name for liberality which I am glad to say Glasgow possesses. (Applause.)

The Lord Provost—Mr. Campbell, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, My Brethren, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—I feel highly honoured to be called upon on this occasion, and to be supported by my fellow magistrates and many members of the Town Council, in celebrating such an event as the laying of the memorial stone of a building which, I trust, so inaugurated, will last long and be a great advantage to the community. You, Right Worshipful Grand Master, have stated truly, that amusement and recreation are necessary for the human kind, and your words, I have no doubt, will bear weight in the city, and that we shall see quite a rush of people becoming subscribers to these halls. (Applause.) I am sure that nothing is more gratifying to the citizens than to have a place of rational amusement, and on no occasion can the city be better served than to have the memorial stone of this building laid by you, Right Worshipful Grand Master, in the midst of such a concourse of fellow-citizens, with such an amount of honour and respect. (Applause.)

The Provincial Grand Master, turning to the Freemasons, said,—I beg to offer my thanks to you, my brethren, for having come here to lay this memorial stone. You have heard the Lord Provost and Mr. Campbell express their gratification at our presence. I trust when such an occasion occurs again you will, as you have done to-day, keep such order as has done credit to the Craft. I again thank you for your attendance to-day. (Applause.)

This concluded the proceedings at the memorial stone.

The Masonic emblem, which was a trowel of solid silver, with a beautifully-carved ivory handle, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Col. Montgomerie Neilson, of Queenshill, Provincial Grand Master, on the occasion of his laying the memorial stone of the New Public Halls.—Glasgow, 22nd May, 1875."

The proceedings at the building having been concluded, the Provincial Grand Lodge returned to the Queen's Rooms, and in the Pillar Hall there—with Bro. William Bell, R.W.M., Lodge St. John, acting Senior Warden, and Bro. Geo. McDonald, R.W.M., Lodge Thistle and Rose, acting Junior Warden—was closed in regular form.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Building Committee entertained the Lord Provost, magistrates, and the members of the Craft to luncheon in the Queen's Rooms—Mr. James Campbell, of Tillichewan, presiding. The company present was, with the addition of Mr. Alex. Smollett, of Bonhill, the same as that whose names are previously mentioned.

The Chairman gave the toast of "The Queen," which was warmly responded to.

The Lord Provost proposed "Success to the Glasgow Public Halls Company." In proposing the toast his lordship said that Friday was a day of storm and rain, but on Saturday we had had gleams of sun-

shine, and the Masonic brethren had been able to lay the memorial stone of the Glasgow Public Halls with the sun shining upon the occasion. He thought they might accept it as an omen that, although the commencement of the construction of the halls had been somewhat involved in difficulty, the end of them would be a great success. Glasgow was sadly in want of public halls, particularly in the west end of the city; for, with the exception of the Queen's Rooms, which was good enough of its kind, they had no other. The east and the south of the city were comparatively well provided for, and in the centre they had the City Hall, which, though large and commodious, was by no means accessible to the residents in the west end. The area of the new hall will be one-third larger than the City Hall, and it will have retiring rooms and accessories, such as are not to be found in the neighbourhood of Candleriggs. He felt that the gentlemen who had set agoing this scheme, and had carried it on so far amidst great difficulties, were entitled to the thanks of the citizens of Glasgow for providing such a building as that now being erected, which would supply a long felt want.

Mr. James Campbell replied. He assured those present that the undertaking was a very serious one, and he took that opportunity of stating candidly to them that if it had not been for the zeal and energy of his co-directors the scheme would have broken down altogether. But they had worked with zeal and determination, and endeavoured to give to the city a good hall, and to get money to pay for it. Although they were not in a position to say that they had sufficient of public support to enable them to open the halls free of debt, he was yet in sanguine hopes that before the building was finished every farthing would be paid. He had every confidence in the generosity of his fellow-citizens, and felt sure that the halls would be opened free of debt.

Several other toasts followed.

### Masonic Tidings.

GRAND MARK LODGE.—The Half-Yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of this Degree will be held on Tuesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern. A lodge of improvement will be opened at three o'clock, and previous to the opening of Grand Lodge, to afford the brethren who may attend Grand Lodge the opportunity of witnessing the ceremony of advancement as performed in our London Mark Lodges. Grand Lodge will be opened at five o'clock, and the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Limerick will be installed as Grand Master of this Degree. His Lordship, as was reported in the *Freemason* of the 27th of February, was unanimously elected Grand Master, in succession to Earl Percy, at a special Grand Lodge held on the 23rd of that month.

Captain Boyton was on Friday, 21st inst., initiated into the Craft of Freemasons. The initiation took place in the Lodge of Friendship, No. 206, at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.

The funeral of Bro. Allan, of 69 and 70, St. Paul's-churchyard, took place on Tuesday last.

We have received one guinea for the Masonic Life Boat Endowment Fund.

St. John's Lodge, Liverpool, No. 673, was represented at the Royal Installation by the following brethren:—Bros. M. Corless, W.M.; J. Thornton, P.M.; R. Pearson, P.M. Treas.; S. Johnson, P.M. Sec.; Prov. G. Steward, W.L.; T. Clark, P.M.; E. Byle, I.P.M.; T. Roberts, J.W.; and H. Burrows, J.D.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green.—This lodge will meet at 7 o'clock on Monday the 31st inst., to work the Fifteen Sections; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

ISLE OF MAN MASONS AND THE PRINCE OF WALES.—In connection with the recent installation of our most illustrious Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as M.W.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of England, the leading brethren of the Lodge of Mona, 212, holding under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, which meets at Castletown, Isle of Man, are about to send H.R.H. an illuminated address conveying their congratulations on the auspicious event. The address has been illuminated by Mr. J. Orr Marples, artist to H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, of the Liverpool and London Chambers, Liverpool, who has again displayed the finest taste in its execution. The border is composed of exquisite floral devices, the body of the address in early English text, and the initial letters contain the well known Manx arms. The following are the terms of the address, which will be enclosed in a handsome case, and forwarded to H.R.H. in due course.

"To his Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England.

"May it please your Royal Highness,—

The members of the Lodge of Mona, 212, under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, on your installation as Grand Master of England, beg to approach your Royal Highness with our most hearty good wishes. That your Royal Highness will tread in the footsteps of those of the royal family who have so ably preceded you in the annals of Freemasonry we most thoroughly believe. Our earnest prayers and wishes are that you be enabled to extend the efforts of the Order in the exercise of brotherly love and practical benevolence. And may the Most High, Almighty, and Eternal God, Architect and Ruler of the Universe, protect you on earth; and when this transitory life shall have passed away, may you finally arise from the tomb of transgression to shine as the stars for ever and ever. So mote it be.

"Signed on behalf of the lodge by the W.M. and Officers.

"Castletown, Isle of Man, May 12, 1875."

A marriage was solemnized on Saturday last, at St. John's Church, Forest Hill, of a particularly interesting nature. The affianced couple, together with their friends,

were evidently well known, for long before the carriages arrived to convey the parties to church, the villagers of Bell-green, Lower Sydenham, also the employes of the gas works, by whom they are highly esteemed, were out and lining the road, patiently waiting to obtain a glimpse of the bride and bridegroom, the latter being Bro. Charles Magnus Ohren, son of Bro. Magnus Ohren, of Lower Sydenham, and the former being Elizabeth, eldest daughter of James Watson, Esq., C.E., of Aberdalgie Lodge, Lower Sydenham. The bride was enthusiastically cheered as she entered her carriage, and the cheering renewed on the return from church. The ceremony was impressively conducted by the Rev. Dr. Boyd, in the presence of a large number of persons that had thronged the pews nearest the chancel. The bridesmaids were Miss Rose Ohren, Miss Kate Ohren, Miss Nellie Watson, and Miss Mary Macrostie, all of whom were richly clad, presenting a most charming spectacle. After the breakfast, which was prepared by Messrs. Sawyer, of the Crystal Palace, the happy couple left for their honeymoon, carrying with them heartfelt wishes for their happiness and enjoyment. The number of the wedding presents was very large, testifying to the prevailing regard and estimation towards the happy pair.

WELL DESERVED COMPLIMENT.—A benefit was recently given to Bro. Sam Hague, proprietor of St. James's Hall, Liverpool, who has been rendered houseless by the recent disastrous fire. The benefit, which was most successful, took place at the Royal Amphitheatre, under the patronage of His Worship the Mayor (Bro. Lieut. Col. Steble), Bros. John Pearson (High Sheriff of Lancashire), Capt. G. Turner, and others; and the attendance of brethren from various local lodges was very numerous, showing how deeply Bro. Hague's loss is sympathised with by the brethren. A second night was generously given up by Bro. Hague for the benefit of his company, who were also great sufferers by the fire.

THE LONDON TAVERN.—In announcing the approaching sale of his tavern (on June 2nd, unless an acceptable offer be previously made by private contract), Messrs. Gadsden, Ellis and Co. state that the building is of a very substantial character, and affords the following accommodation:—On the upper floor—which is approached by principal and secondary staircases, the former being lighted by means of a handsome glazed dome—the justly celebrated and admirably proportioned banquetting hall, extending along the entire front of the tavern, a very large reception room, communicating with the court room, serving lobby, and spacious landing. On the second floor—three front rooms, with set of lavatories, four back rooms, corridor, and landing. On the first floor—the pillar room—a lofty and beautifully decorated saloon, with ornamental coved and panelled ceiling and enriched cornice and entablature, supported by Corinthian columns and pilasters, and wall panelling; two other large and well-lighted rooms, used for public meetings and auction sales; a well lighted front office, spacious landing, and a large room at the rear, approached by an outer staircase.

SCOTSMEN IN LONDON.—Last evening a number of gentlemen met at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Bro. Macrae Moir. The Marquis of Huntly presided, and among those present were several representative Scotsmen resident in the metropolis. In opening the proceedings the chairman said that the testimonial was started quite spontaneously in recognition of Mr. Moir's efforts on behalf of his distressed countrymen. In a brief space of time the subscriptions had amounted to about £700, and the movement was cordially supported by Scotsmen of every political creed, and in every part of the country. The chairman subsequently presented the purse to Bro. Moir, with whom he warmly shook hands. In the course of his reply the recipient said that he took the testimonial as an incitement to do more in the future than he had accomplished in the past. Bro. Dr. Erasmus Wilson proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, which, seconded by Mr. Lyell, was cordially endorsed by the company. The names appended to the list of subscribers were printed on an illuminated scroll. They included the chairman, the Duke and Duchess of Argyll, the Duke of Buccleuch, the Duke of Montrose, the Duke of Richmond, Sir Richard Wallace, Sir W. Fergusson, and Professor Blackie, together with personal friends of Bro. Moir. There were altogether something like 236 subscribers.

BRO. SIR JOHN BENNETT AND THE AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS.—A mass meeting of agricultural labourers was held on Ham-hill on Monday afternoon. Sir John Bennett occupied the chair, and there were several thousand persons present. Mr. G. Mitchell moved a petition to Parliament praying that an investigation may be made as to the condition of the public charities. Mr. G. Potter moved a resolution in favour of the extension of the franchise, and Mr. Bradlaugh supported it. Other resolutions, asking the compulsory formation of school boards and the restoration of public lands to the poor, were also passed.

ROYAL LONDON MILITIA.—This regiment will commence its annual training, under Colonel-Commandant Bro. Sir William Anderson Rose, on Monday, the 31st instant. The recruits have been at drill for some time past, so as to enable them to join the ranks when the main body assembles for 27 days' exercise, which takes place this year at the artillery ground abutting on the militia barracks in the City-road.

THE summer excursion of the Cripplegate Pension Society has been arranged to take place at Rosherville Gardens on June 23rd. Bro. Alderman Knight is to be the chairman on this occasion.

THE annual festival of the Silver Trade Pension Society will take place at the London Tavern, on Tuesday, June 15th, at which Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor will preside, supported by the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday next:—

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd March for confirmation.

The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 28th April for confirmation.

The M.W. Grand Master will propose that the thanks of Grand Lodge be given to the Committee appointed by the Board of General Purposes to assist the Grand Director of Ceremonies in carrying out the arrangements for the Installation of the Grand Master on the 28th of April, including Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Thomas Fenn, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, specially appointed to assist him, and the Executive generally for their exertions on the occasion.

Election of Trustees of Grand Lodge Funds.

Election of members of the Board of General Purposes.

Election of members of Colonial Board.

Election of members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."

Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last Quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz:—

A Brother of the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, London ... £100 0 0

A Brother of the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 374, Montreal, Canada East ... 50 0 0

The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 189, East Stonehouse ... 150 0 0

The Widow of a Brother of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, London ... 50 0 0

A Brother of the St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 142, London ... 100 0 0

Report of the Board of General Purposes, to the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

"The Board of General Purposes have to report as follows:—

"It appeared from the return of its members made to the Grand Secretary by a Provincial Lodge, that the names of initiates were withheld from such return. This being in contravention of the Constitutions (Art. 14, page 66), the attention of the lodge was called to the circumstance, and an explanation requested, and it was stated in reply (and upon investigation the board have every reason to be satisfied with the bona fides of the statement), that the belief had always prevailed in the lodge that members ought not to be returned until raised to the Third Degree. The Board have received the strongest expressions of regret that such a mistake should have occurred, and have admonished the lodge in respect of it.

"It is thought right to report the matter to Grand Lodge, as a warning to other lodges in case a similar misapprehension prevails elsewhere.

(Signed) "JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

"18th May, 1875."

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 18th instant, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, it was unanimously resolved, "That the thanks of the Board be given to the President, Bro. John B. Monckton, for the urbanity and unvarying courtesy which he has displayed, and the very able and satisfactory way in which he has conducted the business of the Board during the past eventful year."

(Signed) PETER D. L. LONG, Vice-President.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of May instant, shewing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £3883 17s. 8d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

## APPEAL.

Appeal of a brother of the Bulwer Lodge, No. 891, Constantinople, against the ruling of the Deputy District Grand Master, relative to the resignation and subsequent election of Bro. Taylor as Master of the lodge, and also against his (the appellant's) suspension from his Masonic privileges.

N.B.—The papers relating to this appeal will be in the Grand Secretary's Office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

## PROPOSED MOTIONS.

1.—By Brother J. H. Wynne, No. 101 and 554:—That this Grand Lodge recommend from the funds of Grand Lodge that five pounds be given to each unsuccessful candidate at the election for annuitants of old men and women, belonging to the Craft of Freemasons, held on the 21st May, 1875.

2.—By Brother Benjamin Head, P.G.D.:—That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes. That the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

3.—Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, on confirmation of minutes, will move—That the two hundred pounds awarded by the Board of Benevolence, and confirmed by Grand Lodge in March last, to a brother, be placed in the hands of three brethren, in trust, for the benefit of the said brother.

We notice that Messrs. Feltoc and Sons, the Proprietors of the Spécialité Sherry, have removed to more extensive premises, No. 27, Albemarle-street, facing the Royal Institution.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of the subscribers of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Major John Creton, V.P., in the chair. There were also present Bros. H. Browne, Benj. Head, John Symonds, Joshua Nunn, Griffiths Smith, Thomas W. White, John A. Rucker, W. Paas, C. F. Hogard, Robert B. Webster, Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer, Treasurer of the Institution, S. L. Tomkins, Past Grand Deacon, Geo. Kenning, E. H. Thielley, W. F. C. Moutrie, A. D. Loewenstark, E. Harris, H. Massey (Freemason); H. M. Levy, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, A. H. Tattershall, A. H. Draper, Col. Peters, H. Phythian, Thomas Cubitt, W. H. Hemsworth, W. H. Swallow, A. A. Pendlebury, H. G. Buss, F. Binckes, Raynham W. Stewart, J. T. Moss, R. Ramsay, H. A. Dubois, Charles Hammerton, E. Barron, Major Finney, Col. Burdett, and Robt. Wentworth Little, Sec. The minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed, and the minutes of the House Committee, which were read for information, conveyed the intelligence that on the election of a new head governess of the Girls' School, Miss Moss, the second governess, had been chosen in place of Miss Davis, who resigns at Midsummer. A gift of one hundred guineas was voted by the House Committee to Miss Davis for the faithful discharge of her duties during her long occupancy of the office of Head Governess, and the gift was recommended to the next Quarterly Court. (Cheers). The election of Miss Moss, as Head Governess, was confirmed. The Surgeon of the Institution, Bro. Howell, having declined to receive his fees, the thanks of the House Committee were voted to him with a recommendation that the rank of Vice-President of the Institution should be conferred upon him.

The brethren then proceeded with the election of members of the House Committee, the election being conducted under the new rule, scrutineers of votes being appointed, and the poll being kept open till five o'clock, Bros. Thielley, Webster, and Moutrie were chosen scrutineers.

While this was proceeding the petitions were read, and six children were placed on the list for next election in October.

Bro. F. Binckes said: That with respect to the recommendation to the Quarterly Court concerning Miss Davis, he did not wish for a single moment to interfere with the Committee of Management, though he wished to say something on the subject. When a change was made in the head mistressship of the Girls' School, now many years ago, he, with Bro. Symonds and Bro. Lyall, were appointed to enquire into the best course of conducting the school, and they gave elaborate reports, when they were fortunate enough to find the lady to preside over the institution, who had since conducted it so admirably. They were very sorry now to lose the services of that admirable lady, and he meant to ask whether, though the recommendation of a gift to her had been made by the committee, some testimonial should not be added to it in the shape of an emblazoned vote on a neat piece of vellum, framed and glazed, expressing, not in fulsome language, but in a simple concise statement of why the testimonial was presented and embodying the appreciation which the committee, and, indeed, all friends of the institution, entertained of Miss Davis's services. Remembering as vividly and so well as he did all the circumstances which occurred when that lady was elected, he could not allow this opportunity to pass without asking to be allowed to add what he had proposed to the notice of motion already given for the Quarterly Court.

The Chairman said he could see no object on at all to Bro. Binckes making the above mentioned addition to the notice of motion, and every one would concur in it. He then read from the minutes:—"Notice for the Quarterly General Court—Gratuity £105 to Miss Davis."

Bro. Binckes said he would then add the words, "accompanied by a presentation of a testimonial on vellum and framed, embodying the sense of the appreciation of the committee of the services rendered by Miss Davis." (Hear, hear).

At five o'clock the voting papers for members of the House Committee were read out by the Chairman, when the following were found to have been elected, with the number of votes set against their names:

Bro. Thomas W. White	48
" Joshua Nunn	47
" Griffiths Smith	46
" J. A. Rucker	45
" A. H. Tattershall	45
" W. Paas	39
" Rev. J. M. Vaughan	39
" Benjamin Head	38
" H. Browne	32
" Colonel Peters	32
" Raynham W. Stewart	31
" H. A. Dubois	29

The undermentioned brethren were nominated to be on the Audit Committee for the year 1875-76 at the General Committee, Thursday, 28th April, 1875, and no others being named:—Bros. John G. Chancellor, Henry C. Levander, H. M. Levy, John G. Marsh, Joshua Nunn, William Paas, William Roebuck, John Symonds, and Robert B. Webster, remain the Audit Committee for the year.

Votes of thanks to the Chairman and Scrutineers closed the proceedings.

\* VISIT OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES TO SHEFFIELD.—We are pleased to learn that a commemorative medal in connection with the above event has been designed by our W. Bro. John Chapman, Prov. G.J.D. (Devon), and that the Mayor of Sheffield (Mark Firth Esq.), has accepted the design, and given a large order for the medal in bronze and white metal for distribution.

## BRO. E. JONES' DISTRIBUTION.

The following numbers were successful in the ballot for Life Subscribers—Boys' School:—1614, sold by J. Rollins; 895, F. Quinton; 988, J. G. Chillingworth; 1640, F. Jackson; 497, H. Milton; 806, G. Mace; 1657, J. Cook; 1160, T. Gardener; 642, S. Jenkins; 1134, H. Milton; 155, E. Jones; 1286, J. Newman; 1433, H. Born.

The Committee of Management were:—Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.M.; E. Roberts, P.M.; J. Reeves, P.M. There were £69 worth sold.

## AMERICAN NOTES.

The centennial of the battle of Bunker Hill will be celebrated in Boston, on June 17th next, with the greatest enthusiasm. The Masonic Fraternity has been invited to participate in the celebration, through a communication addressed to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Mozart Lodge, No. 436, of Philadelphia, was full of "work" at its recent stated meeting. Last when we looked in upon the brethren for a little while. All the degrees were conferred, and there were also several brethren who desired to sit for a brief space in the chair of King Solomon. "Mozart" was never more prosperous than just now.

THE CRAFT IN LOUISIANA.—Grand Master Girard reports that throughout the entire jurisdiction of Louisiana, notwithstanding the calamities that have befallen many brethren, and the general prostration of business, our beloved Fraternity is in a prosperous condition. Although there has not been as much work done as in other years, it is even in a much better condition than for years past. 'Tis true the numbers may have been lessened but that loss has been a real gain. A number of drones only have been stricken from the hives, a number of loiterers have been taught that they could no longer eat their bread in idleness and be welcome. A new vigor has been thereby instilled in the body of Masonry in Louisiana, and much less of its strength will be wasted on bad material that has now become useless rubbish. From the reports of the Committee of Work, through R. W. Bro. J. C. Gordy, who visited every part of the State, and of D.D.G.M.'s, tidings come corroborative of this statement, and commendatory of the experiment in District Lodge of Instruction.

In 1801 a golden urn containing a lock of Washington's hair, was presented to Grand Master Dunn, of Massachusetts, at his installation; and at every succeeding installation since it has been confided to the care and custody of the incoming Grand Master, with solemn and imperative injunctions to carefully preserve it, and at the expiration of his term of office, to transmit it to his successor, with the like charge. In December last, the urn was delivered to Grand Master Everett.

Mount Lebanon Lodge, Boston, has contributed to its Grand Lodge a portrait of Past Grand Master Bro. Simon W. Robinson, who sat in the Grand East in 1846-7-8, and died in 1864. It was painted by Bro. J. Harvey Young, of Joseph Warren Lodge, Boston.

St. John's Day, December 27th, was celebrated in 1732 by the brethren of the first lodge in Boston, "with that beauty and harmony of parts so peculiar to the Ancient and Honourable Craft,"—so the ancient minutes express it.

The Right Rev. Bro. Edward Bass, D.D., the first Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Massachusetts, officiated as Grand Chaplain in 1768, at the institution of Bro. John Rowe, as Provincial Grand Master of New England.

The New England Freemason, for March, contains a very fine steel-engraved portrait of its able editor, Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, Past Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts; also a number of interesting and valuable Masonic articles.

PROPOSED SECOND ENGLISH VOLUNTEER VISIT TO FRANCE.—A meeting of Volunteers took place on Saturday at the studio of Captain Mercier, for the purpose of receiving and considering an invitation from the Société Havreuse de Tir to English marksmen in the volunteer service to participate in the shooting competition for prizes to be offered by the society at the latter end of July. Lieutenant-Colonel E. T. Gourley, M.P., presided. After some discussion it was resolved that, subject to a sufficient number of volunteers entering their names by the 6th June, the invitation shall be accepted; that a committee should be appointed to carry out all necessary arrangements; and that in the event of a sufficient number of names being entered by the time specified to take part in the visit, the committee shall be empowered to make application to the Secretary of State for War for a similar sanction to that given last year for the visit of the volunteers to France to be made. It was further resolved that the entrance fee should be the same as last year, 12s. 6d.; that the general arrangements of the previous visit having proved so successful, they be followed as nearly as possible, and that the number of entries to be accepted should be limited to 300. Lieutenant Chaffey, of the 3rd London Rifles, having consented to act as honorary secretary pro tem., it was resolved that all applications for entry should be addressed to him, care of Captain Mercier, 12, Albert-terrace, Hyde-park. The meeting adjourned till Saturday, the 6th proximo.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—No one should treat the present changes in the weather with indifference, for they undoubtedly have a great effect upon the human body. It is necessary for every one to be cautious and watchful. Cautious as regards clothing and exposure, and watchfulness as regards the effect on the body. The skin, nervous system, and breathing organs often suffer severely, as is evidenced by Erysipelas, Rheumatism, Colds, Sore Throats, &c. When, therefore, symptoms of any of the above diseases show themselves, they should be at once attended to. The Ointment should be rubbed into the parts affected, and the Pills taken according to the printed directions; this treatment soon eradicates the disease and restores the general health.—ADVT.

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## BIRTH.

KNIGHT.—May 20, Elm-side, Hampton, the wife of Bro. Alderman Knight, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGE.

OHREN.—WATSON.—At St. John's Church, Forest Hill, by the Rev. Dr. Boyd, Chas. Magnus Ohren (son of Bro. Magnus Ohren), and Elizabeth eldest daughter of James Watson Esq., Aberdalgie Lodge, Lower Sydenham.

## DEATHS.

ALLAN.—May 20, at King's-road, Brownswood-park, A. Allan, son of the late Bro. J. B. Allan, of St. Paul's-churchyard, aged 32.

FOURDRINIER.—On the 23rd instant, at Holly Cottage, Forest Hill, S.E., aged 67, Anna Maria Fourdrinier, eldest surviving daughter of the late Charles Fourdrinier, Esq., and sister of Bro. John Coles Fourdrinier, P.M. Lodge of Antiquity, 2, &c., P.P.G.W. of North Wales and Shropshire.

## Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 12 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

MASONIC TIDINGS.—A little too personal.

We have received a communication "hailing" from Scotland so wild and so virulent, written, moreover, in a scrawl that it is impossible to decipher, that we naturally decline to publish it. The writer, in our opinion, ought to be looked after by his friends. Such of his statements as we can read are either the opinions of a vulgar non-Mason, or a confirmed lunatic.

Letters from H. Newbolt, D. Dist. G.M. Turkey; R. Rich; H. H.; Beta; Funeral of Bro. G. Stuttard; Laying Foundation Stone of St. Luke's Church, Dudley; Bro. Hughan's review of Mr. Heckethorn; Reports of Lodges 177, 720, E.C.; 210, 541, S.C.; and many other English and Scotch Lodges unavoidably stand over.

The great pressure of matter week by week must be our plea for the forbearance of our brethren. We are reluctantly compelled this week to keep back several most interesting reports and communications, which will appear duly next week.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1875.

## THE POPE AND THE FREEMASONS.

Most of our brethren will have read with pain, not perhaps unmingled with some little amusement, the Papal letter to Bishop Dupanloup, which appeared in our last impression. And though it be true that much of the force and most of the incriminations of the venerable Pontiff fall short, as far as we are concerned in England, yet, as we do uphold liberty of conscience, free worship, and the public press, we must, to a certain extent, feel that the censure, such as it is, is also intended for us. It is probable, indeed, that other Freemasons than our English brotherhood are the persons primarily intended; but still, as we are not afraid to avow our principles before all men, we must be also prepared to-day, if we properly can, to cast in our lot with our inculpated brethren elsewhere. But

we think it right to observe that we English Freemasons have no such watchwords as "liberty, equality, and fraternity." We entirely disclaim them as our watchwords for many good reasons, though as Freemasons we believe in and practise all three. Our only watchwords are brotherly love, relief and truth, loyalty and charity. If then we are not clearly obnoxious to many of the angry remarks of the Venerable Pontiff, we yet feel bound to observe that if we are to be condemned in common with other Freemasons because we uphold a free conscience, full toleration, and the liberty of the Press, as English citizens, and under our wise, constitution we are pledged manifestly as patriots to avow and conserve one and all. Nothing, we make bold to add, will make Englishmen ever swerve from these great first principles, alike of English law and English belief. We deeply regret to see the Roman Catholic authorities, and the chief of them especially, running a-muck literally against everything like constitutional freedom and religious toleration. It is a most mournful sign of the times, and seems to point to much of trial and of discord in the future for nations and for religious communities. But the language of this letter to Bishop Dupanloup, angry and unwise as it is, is most mild when compared with the utterances of another "brief" of Pope Pius the IX., which we give in another page, and which we have translated from the *Monde Maçonnique* for May. It seems that there is a society in France called the Reporative Society towards the Holy Trinity, which is under the patronage of St. Michael, for the purpose of praying to God for the extinction of all social societies, and the conversion of their members. The editor of the *Monde Maçonnique* calls it "ce curieux document," we would rather term it a sad document. Our good Bro. Caubet, the editor of the *Monde Maçonnique*, feels it so much that he adds, "sans le faire suivre d'aucune reflexion." Indeed, what could he say? What can any one say? We think that when our readers have perused it they will agree with us that it is positively a parody on all that is true, loving, or religious. Is it not most melancholy to realize that here is the personally benevolent Pontiff in his "green old age," the spiritual head of the largest Christian denomination in the world, denouncing all Freemasons, without any exception, as children of Satan, and declaring that in their lodges they heap up insults and blasphemies against the Most High, that they "break the tie which constitutes society," and that "many are the evils which they cause alike to religion and to civil society." We say nothing here of the wild assertions and the exaggerated and excited declaration of this mournful pastoral, as perhaps Bro. Caubet is right, the "least said the soonest mended." But we feel bound to subjoin one remark. We wonder that the authorities of the Church of Rome do not see that all their stage tricks, all this claptrap of unreasoning tremor, all this "anomia" of an untenable spiritual power, are one and all a heavy blow and great discouragement to true religion. It is but fair to bear in mind that the Church of Rome is not single in this revived inquisitorial persecution, as some Protestant bodies use language equally untrue, and equally insulting in respect of our peaceful fraternity, and seem rather to indicate a wish to revive burning and auto da fes, pains and penalties, and spiritual persecutions. It is, we venture to think and to say, most humiliating to all who wish well to religion and recognise gladly the effects of denominational zeal in the unceasing struggles of good and evil, to have religion itself, and the denominational unit, so to say, thus rendered a laughing stock to many, and a stumbling block to more. The Church of Rome, true to her malign feelings, her want of liberality and toleration, oblivious of the great power it does wield and might wield for the moral regeneration and religious happiness of mankind, is now condescending to make use of a low sensationalism, and is now deluging the contemporary literature of this and other lands with all the vituperation of an utterly harmless and benevolent Order, which a fertile and unscrupulous vocabulary can suggest. It is indeed a most sorry sight for men and angels, and most antagonistic to every true theory, whether of benevolence, or sympathy, of toleration, or of charity.

## OUR BRETHREN IN SCOTLAND.

It seems from some reports that we published last week from Scotland, that the views we ventured to express respecting the utterly unbefitting and uncalled for "deliverance" of the *Scottish Freemasons' Magazine* "anent" our English Order and our Royal Grand Master are fully shared in and approved of, as we felt sure they would be, by our worthy and warm-hearted brethren in Scotland. We felt persuaded from the first that such perverse and ill-regulated opinions in no sense whatever could be supposed to represent the real sentiments of Scottish Freemasons, and we rejoice to think and to know that all we ventured to say on so serious a subject has been fully endorsed by many able and excellent brethren "across the border." It would have been very strange indeed had it been otherwise. Why, because we English Freemasons had been so fortunate, in a time of great anxiety and depression, as to have obtained the kindly personal presence amongst us of our Royal Grand Master, and that we greatly rejoiced thereat—that, therefore, we were to be blamed, we could not and cannot understand. Why, again, because we were naturally exultant at such a solution of passing difficulties, at such an answer to the heated complaints of the Ultramontane Press, at such a prospect of future peaceful and wise administration, and because we said so, that we were to be "called over the coals" for our loyal exultation and gratification, we did not realise then, and we do not profess to realise now. No doubt the writer had some great compelling motive which induced him thus, "more" John Knox, in his own opinion, to hold forth and to "testify." We did not see it in England. We don't see it yet, and being alike independent in mind and free spoken in utterance, we thought it better at once to say what we sincerely felt, at so unreasonable, so unwise, so unmasonic a tirade! And we are therefore glad to find that our motives and our words are properly appreciated by our equally independent and outspoken brethren in Scotland. We hope that our contemporary will take warning, improve his style, and amend his vocabulary. Luckily, like all similar foolish and hasty attacks on Freemasonry just now, that utterly baseless charge against English Freemasons (which ought never to have been made), and those most uncalled-for remarks about an exalted personage, can have no effect on any one. Marked by bad taste, vulgar both in conception and expression, they are at once condemned by the good sense and simple loyalty, as well of Scottish as of English Craftsmen. We are accustomed, indeed, to Jesuit assailants and Ultramontane extravagances; we are not unprepared for an episcopal anathema or a Papal excommunication. We are resigned to the watery outpourings of deeply diving Baptists; to Habakkuk Mucklewrath's Presbyterian objurgations and censures; nay, to the asthetic performances of a sucking Ritualist. But to receive such cruel aspersions from an old brother Mason, a regular old stager in the mystic circle, a fraternal confrere in the literary arena, is indeed too much. We say, as the great Roman once said, with a sigh of Masonic grief, "Et tu Brute."

## MR. HECKETHORN'S OPINION OF FREEMASONS AND FREEMASONRY.

By a review of Mr. Heckethorn's History of Secret Societies of all ages and countries (a most ambitious title), which appeared in our last impression, our brethren will see that among other of his characteristics he has made another very violent attack on our Order. It seems as if there was a "mot d'ordre" just now to continue these futile incriminations of Freemasonry everywhere, and no one can fail to be struck with the peculiar tone running through Mr. Heckethorn's work, as if he was writing from a brief, and had to conduct his argument in one and one only direction, and to one and only one end! We pass over many of his allegations, which do not deserve notice at our hands, and give a specimen of his inflated style and veracious statements for the amusement, and information, and edification of our brethren.



Listen attentively, all ye sturdy and loyal Freemasons, to Mr. Heckethorn's happy representation of your feelings, your motives, your proceedings as attached members of the Craft. Page 389, vol. I. "Selfishness, an eye to business, vanity, frivolity, gluttony, and a love of mystery mongering, concealed under the pretence of brotherly love and a longing for instruction, these are the motives which lead men into the lodge." Is this statement true? We reply with the poet, and with a young lady, "emphatically no." As far as our experience of our Order goes, and it is somewhat extended now, ranging over many lustra, we do not hesitate to affirm, that no more unfounded assertion ever was made by even the most ignorant of cowans. Has Mr. Heckethorn ever heard of the Boys' and the Girls' School, or the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution? Does he know anything of the large sums of money we annually grant in charitable aid to the decayed, or aged, or suffering of our Order? We hope not, and surely in his case, we may all say with much unction, "Where ignorance is bliss, 'twere folly to be wise." Passing over this libel on our kindly and friendly brotherhood, let us take another equally startling passage: "The facility and frequency with which worthless characters are received into the Order, the manner in which all its statutes are disregarded, the dislike which any brother who insists on reform is looked on by the rest, the introduction of many spurious rites, the deceptiveness of the rites themselves . . . the puerility of the symbolism . . . all these too plainly shew that the lodge has banished Freemasonry." It may be true that Mr. Heckethorn has hit a blot with respect to the too easy admission of members; but that known worthless characters are freely admitted into Freemasonry in England we utterly deny. As for the rest of the complaints they are simply chimeras. In no Order are the statutes, &c., regarded as with us, and no wise or needful reform is ever long resisted. But many proposals are called reform, which are, in fact, only revolution, and therefore, we in England knowing full well "that the proof of the pudding is best known by its eating," and seeing how well the Masonic machine is working, as practical men we do not encourage excited proposals for unmeaning and unnecessary changes. It is very curious that Mr. Heckethorn will mix up English and Foreign Freemasonry, as if whatever was done abroad we do at home in our quiet land. Much that abroad is called Masonry we utterly repudiate in England, and we are quite one with Mr. Heckethorn in condemnation of many of the ridiculous proceedings which he mentions, such as the most absurd citation of Napoleon III., of the Emperor of Germany, of the Pope of Rome, and of Marshal Prim, before Masonic tribunals. All such proceedings are utterly opposed, in our opinion, to the peaceful and loyal character of true Freemasonry. Mr. Heckethorn adds, "like monasticism and chivalry, it (Freemasonry) is no longer wanted." We entirely disagree with Mr. Heckethorn, in such a doctrine. Whatever may be the case as regards chivalry and monasticism, Freemasonry has, as we believe, outlived them both, and has still a great future before it, as its mission seems to us to be especially marked out for it in these cantankerous days, by its gentle message of tolerating forbearance, and its kindly deeds of active benevolence.

#### THE FREIMAURER ZEITUNG.

Our contemporary, as we say, is "at it again." Not content with having attacked us, in the last number we have seen, it turns its attention to the *Masonic Magazine*, and declares that its utterances are equally pharasaical with our own, and that the views which have been expressed about the loyalty of English Freemasons, both in the *Freemason* and the *Magazine*, are most unmasonic. Luckily for us, such censure affects us very slightly indeed. We know that in what we say we express the feelings of an overwhelming majority of our English brotherhood, and beyond that point we do not seek to go, and we do not care to go. The *Freimaurer Zeitung* asserts that in such remarks as we have made, whether in the *Freemason* or in the *Masonic*

*Magazine*, against political discussions in lodges, that we oppose their best interests in Austria and elsewhere, and side with their opponents. We, "au contraire," claim that we are their best friends, and warn them in plain and straightforward language, of what we deem to be the cause of government objection and also interference in many countries, and advise them to become, like us, a purely unpolitical body, a benevolent brotherhood, a religious but tolerant sodality, and then they need not fear that any government will concern itself about either their meetings or their maxims. But the *Freimaurer Zeitung* does not like the advice. Perhaps not, but that does not prove that the advice is not good, and that the warning is not needful. Just the reverse. The child, nay, for that, the man, does not always like the doctor's prescription; the advice seeker does not always swallow down at once the somewhat unpalatable utterance of the advice giver, probably the true friend. Hence the *Freimaurer Zeitung* and Bro. C. Von Gager must be good enough to believe that we say what we mean, and mean what we say. All that we have put forward has been in the truest spirit of fraternal goodwill and sincere good wishes for the Austrian Freemasons; but having some little experience of the matter, knowing something alike of the prosperity and the drawbacks of Freemasonry, especially in foreign lands, we have thought it well, as brother Freemasons, to tender our honest advice, which, whether liked or disliked, accepted or rejected, was based on a close and careful study of our own Masonic annals, and was animated by a firm persuasion of the intrinsic excellences of Masonry when worked on true principles, and in accordance with its own great and sacred lore.

#### Original Correspondence.

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

#### THE GUILD THEORY.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I read Bro. Buchan's letter with much interest, but do not agree with him, as he knows. We most fraternally disagree. And so to-day as the question has cropped up again, I want to ask my good brother one or two questions, as the discussion of the Guild Theory will, I think, do good, if conducted on truly Masonic principles. Has it ever struck him, in his able efforts to maintain his favourite theory, he falls into the difficulty suggested by the old French proverb, "qui prouve trop, prouve rien."

That Freemasonry existed before 1717 we have the most undoubted proofs. We have the evidence of Ashmole in 1646, and again in 1682. We have about the same time the evidence of Dr. Plot, who was a non-mason, and not very friendly to the Order. We have Robert Padgett, Clerke to the Society of Freemasons 1685; we have a lodge at York in 1693; and we have the minute book of the Lodge of Alnwick in 1702. We also read of the Freemasons as an organized body, with signs, &c., mentioned in the "Tatler" in 1709, and which quotation is verified in the old *Freemasons' Magazine* for 1863, vol. IX, new series, page 3. I say nothing of the Scotch lodges, as I do not wish to poach on Bro. W. J. Hughan's manor, but certainly I know that in his mind, as in mine, the evidence is irrefragable that before 1717, speculative Masonry existed both in England and in Scotland, and that we, the revived Grand Lodge of 1797, are the continuation of the operative guilds.

I would ask Bro. Buchan another question. If he denies the connexion between the operative Grand assembly and the speculative Grand Lodge, where did the 1717 Freemasonry come from?

If it was entirely distinct from the ceremonies and ritual, and teaching of the operative guilds, who concocted it? When they met in 1716, or 1717, how did they meet? As operatives or speculatives, or neither, or both?

Does Bro. Buchan mean to contend that our speculative system took its rise 1717?—that it was entirely distinct from the operative guilds and the quasi speculative lodges in Scotland?

Who then were the Freemasons at Warrington who received Ashmole? Who were the Freemasons who met in Basinghall-street in 1682? What was the Worshipful Society of Freemasons of which Robert Padgett was "Clerke" in 1685? Who were the Freemasons at York in 1693? Who were the Freemasons in Staffordshire? It is quite clear that the Masons' Company and the Society of Freemasons were two distinct bodies, and, therefore, we are brought back to this, that towards the end of the 17th century a society of Freemasons existed in this country, which we have every reason to believe is certainly identical with our present speculative Order. I might adduce many other "points" and "illustrations" but I forbear, as these are enough for my present purpose, the more so as I am quite sure that their important bearing and precise value will be at once seen by so able and a correct

brother as W. P. Buchan. He is it seems to me, on two horns of a dilemma—if he says before 1717, I find no traces of speculative Freemasonry, who then invented it all in 1717? If he says he does, and admits the slightest identity between our Freemasonry and the Freemasonry in vogue before 1717, he practically adopts the guild theory.

As I have often said before, I am only writing in the cause of masonic truth, but at present I see no other possible ground by which you can historically account for the preservation and continuation of the Masonic lodge, and of the Masonic system, except in the guild theory.

Yours fraternally,

A MASONIC STUDENT.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Sir and Brother,—

I am more convinced than ever of the reasonableness of what is termed the "Guild Theory," in explanation of the origin of Freemasonry, and so I am working with Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, in unearthing all documents bearing in any way on Freemasonry, which are to be found in old lodge chests and in muniment rooms, which have been considered heretofore of no account in our researches.

The last few years speak of the success which has crowned our efforts, and I purpose shortly to enumerate the MSS. known by, or familiar to the Craft, a dozen years ago, and those accessible to the fraternity of to-day.

I am quite convinced that Freemasonry, as a secret institution, operative and speculative, sometimes both, and at other times one only of these two departments, existed centuries before the Grand Lodge of England was constituted in 1717, which was the first Grand Lodge ever formed, and at which meeting the first Grand Master ever elected was installed; but I am not prepared to admit that our three degrees, including the Royal Arch, are so ancient. I am fully prepared to defend my position, but at present I prefer letting my friend Bro. Buchan rest, as he is engaged in preparing a scientific work of considerable usefulness to those in his line of business, and which we believe has already taken exceedingly well in the United States, where genuine information and authentic facts are appreciated. When he is ready I am willing to say a few words if needs be.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### LORD CARNARVON'S SPEECH.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have carefully perused your leader at page 202, under the above heading, and I beg to thank you for the truly Masonic spirit in which it is written, at the same time you must excuse me for still standing by my little "vanity." No good but harm would ensue by me throwing it up before being properly satisfied that it was wrong. A good many brethren now consider that there is something in the 1717 theory, and although it may require a little touching up here and there, yet upon the whole it is not far off the mark.

I see you claim Lord Carnarvon as a supporter of the "guild theory," but I am not sure that that is exactly correct, for, quite possibly, for all we as yet know, his lordship may hold by or believe in the Solomonic theory! I see you also claim Bro. Hughan as an upholder of the guild theory, but I can scarcely admit that either, without a little explanation, for in our views upon the history of Freemasonry, Bro. Hughan and I sail side by side for at least nineteen-twentieths of the way. There is a good deal of difference between Bro. Woodford and myself upon the history of Freemasonry, but between the published statements of Bros. W. J. Hughan and D. Murray Lyon and myself I find very little; and to remove that little what is wanted is the publication of such records as those of the Masons' Company of London, not forgetting also the publication of the records of a number of the companies, crafts, and guilds. Were these all published I believe they would support the 1717 theory; you think otherwise, very good, but time and the records decide betwixt us. I think that is but fair seeing that at page 202 you, yourself, state that we are as yet only "upon the threshold of enquiry and verification."

Before closing this letter I would beg leave of you to allow me to state what my 1717 theory is. I ask this because I believe that the *Freemason* has of late had many additions to its readers, and as many of these will be young Masons, they will scarcely understand what is meant without a little explanation.

The 1717 theory draws a broad line of demarcation between speculative and operative Masonry, and asserts that the mediæval and earlier guilds were not the ancestors of the Grand Lodge of A.D. 1717. It also affirms that the Masons of the middle ages neither knew aught of nor practised our system of Freemasonry. It further asserts that our system of three degrees was altogether unknown to the Craftsmen of the middle ages, said degrees being the product of the brains of Desaguiliers, Anderson, and their confreres, in or about A.D. 1717. It also asserts the old Masonic guilds had no private mystical teaching, or none which was not at any rate common to other trades and "mysteries," and that the guilds were merely trading and operative bodies and friendly societies. And, in conclusion, it affirms that instead of the transactions of A.D. 1717 being the "revival" of speculative Freemasonry, they were its foundation; and instead of the four old London lodges either knowing or practising our system of Freemasonry before A.D. 1717 they were simply made use of in starting it.

Supposing the 1717 theory to be wrong in whole or in part, we have the Ashmole theory (as enunciated e.g. in Chambers, Encyclopedia, ed. 1875) to fall back upon before we come to the guild theory.

Let, however, the 1717 theory receive its quietus first.

I am, Yours fraternally,

W. P. BUCHAN

Glasgow, May 15th.

## THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the representative Steward this year to the Girls' School festival from the Province of South Wales, Eastern Division, I desire to record my protest against the plan adopted by the Secretary, Bro. Little, of "lumping together," in one amount, the contributions from distinctly separate provinces.

I ask the favour of your kind permission to do this through the medium of your valuable paper.

My Steward's list of contributions from members and lodges of my province amounted to £160, and not unnaturally I looked to find the amount duly chronicled in your columns as usual, instead of which I find South Wales bracketed with Monmouthshire, a province with which we have no more to do than with Gloucestershire, Bristol, Hereford, or Somerset, indeed, far less.

The contributions to the Masonic Charities from this province since the establishment in it of the system of Steward representation by our Dep. Prov. G.M., have exceeded £2500, but if we had only subscribed £10 we should have equally been entitled to ask to have this sum recorded.

Having no wish to lessen the credit fairly due to any other province by being associated with it, the record is calculated in the present case to give a wrong impression.

You have yourself been misled, as in your leading article you give the whole credit to Monmouthshire, and none to South Wales.

Separate records are given of amounts received from the London lodges; no two lodges are linked together, each getting credit for its own exertions and liberality. A fortiori separate records should be given of the subscriptions from separate provinces.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully,

SAMUEL BROWNING POWER,

P. Prov. G. Registrar, South Wales, Eastern Division.

## BALLOT FOR GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to announce in the *Freemason* that I am about to endeavour to follow the example set by Bro. Constable, and carry out a ballot in aid of the Girls' School Festival, 1876. The only difference between the two being that the present one will be confined to the Province of East Lancashire.

Yours fraternally,

C. M. STUART, S.W. 934.

## THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly answer the following question:—I am a member of the Scotch and Irish Constitutions, but not of the E.C. I am also a life member of the Boys' Benevolent Institution, E.C. What I want to know is whether in the event of either of my offspring requiring at some future time the benefit of this institution, are they entitled?

W.D. 489, S.C.

[We think not, as W.D. is not an English Mason, but have called Bro. Binckes attention to the question, who will no-doubt efficiently answer it.—Ed.]

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

## MARK MASTER MASONS' LODGES IN UNITED STATES LAST CENTURY.

I enclose an interesting account of a Mark Master Masons' lodge of last century, which was contained in the *New York Dispatch* for 31st January, 1875. The following first appeared in that paper, and on seeing it I at once communicated with my dear friend and brother, Charles Eugene Meyer, of Philadelphia (P.G.H.P. of Pennsylvania), for the promised notice. Doubtless, M.W. Bro. Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., and R.W. Bro. F. Binckes, G. Sec., will be pleased to read the particulars, and so will many others.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

The minutes of Holland Mark Lodge, formerly held in this city, supposed for many years to have been lost or destroyed, have recently come to light, and we are indebted to Bro. Edward Bill for an examination of them.

"But few of the brethren of the present day have a very distinct idea of the earlier methods of Masonry in this country. Doubtless, if asked, a majority would answer, without hesitation, that its organisation had always been the same as at present. This, however, is not the case, as will be seen by the following: April 8th, 1788, a number of brethren, members of Holland Lodge, No. 8, in this city, were convened for the purpose of, as the record phrases it, founding a Mark Degree in connection with that lodge, and a Mark Lodge was accordingly opened under the symbolic warrant, and a number of brethren received the degree of Mark Master. In 1789, six members of Steuben Lodge applied for, and received the degree. In 1791, the lodge issued a dispensation to a number of brethren from Connecticut to empower them to form and hold a Mark Lodge in that State. In this year, also, the lodge began conferring the Chair Degree on Masters elect and other officers. The warrant above referred to bore the name of Hiram Mark Lodge, located at Newtown, Fairfield county, Connecticut. September 22, 1791, a dispensation was issued to form a Mark Lodge in the Dutch West Indies.

The lodge, in 1815, ceased to act under the authority of its Grand Lodge Warrant, and took out a charter from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State, which charter was numbered 79.

"Among the distinguished members of this Mark Lodge was John Pintard, fourth Master of Holland Lodge,

and a well-known citizen, John Jacob Astor, De Witt Clinton, Peter R. Maverick, Robert R. Livingston, Chancellor of the State, and associated with Robert Fulton in his steamboat enterprises, Wm. Malcolm, Cadwallader D. Colden, Samuel Jones, jun., a lawyer and judge, John Wells, Nathaniel Sandford, David Longworth, of Directory fame, Ebenezer Irving, Gen. H. G. Stevens, of the Revolutionary Army, Stephen Price, of the Park Theatre, his brother, William and John Blake, Fitz Greene Halleck, and others, the mere mention of whose names stirs the blood of every Knickerbocker.

"It will be noticed that this Mark Lodge began its labours and did much of its work under authority of a Blue Lodge warrant, and more than this, assumed authority to create similar bodies in other States, from which may be deduced at least one fact, namely: that Masonry was much less governed then than now.

"The warrant of Holland Mark Lodge, in common with several others existing in the State, was ultimately surrendered to the Grand Chapter, and the degree conferred by them reserved exclusively to the subordinate chapters, but at what date we are unable at present to state. We take great pleasure, however, in behalf of Holland Lodge, and in the interest of the Craft generally, in acknowledging the kindness of Bro. Asa Worthington, a veteran of 87, by whom the records here referred to have been placed in custody of Holland Lodge, of which he is a member."

## A PONTIFICAL BRIEF.

TRANSLATED FROM THE "MONDE MACONNIQUE" OF MAY.

Pius the IX. Dear Son, Salutation and Apostolical Benediction.

For a long time already, and almost since the origin of the Masonic sect, the Holy See, which very clearly discovered its malice, had condemned and smitten it (frappe) with reiterated excommunications.

The Holy See had well predicted all the evils which it was about to cause to religion and to civil society. In truth, this worthy daughter of Satan making man as God, and establishing each as the supreme judge of his own conduct, rejects by this very fact all authority divine and human, and shatters, in consequence, the tie which constitutes all society. The warnings of the Church have been useless, and many men among those who ought to have suppressed this monster have not feared to favour it so well that at the present moment no human power is capable of struggling against it. It is necessary then, in order to tear out this venomous root of evils which affects the nations and forces into the eternal abyss the souls which it severs from life and salvation, to have recourse to the Omnipotent. Alone He was able to drive from heaven the true father of this sect; alone He can make it at present disappear from the earth. We deem it right then to recommend the project which you have formed of appeasing the Divine Being, offended by this impious sect, which in its lodges ("antres") especially heaps insults and blasphemies upon Him, to ask at the same time of the Lord the destruction of this sect, and the conversion of those who belong to it, and for this to form, with the permission of the ecclesiastical authority, a society of which the members, if they are priests, should unite in threes every day to offer up the holy sacrifice of the mass to the Holy Trinity; and if they are laymen to make to the same end and every day three communions. We are rejoiced to learn that the society scarcely formed has already received a great augmentation. We wish it still more considerable increase, that so in multiplying those who pray, it may appease more rapidly the anger of God, and obtain the grace which we desire. It is for this, my dear son, that we give you, with love to you and all your associates in this work, the Apostolic Benediction, mark of the heavenly favour and pledge of our paternal good will.

Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, the 7th January, of the year 1875, of our Pontificate the twenty-ninth.

PIUS IX., POPE.

## FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

The regular meeting of Lodge Concord, (No. 757) was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Mazagon, on Saturday, the 17th April, 1875. Present:—Bros. W. C. Rowe, W.M.; G. R. Henderson, I.P.M.; B. Robinson, P.M.; W. W. Whittaker, S.W.; F. S. Llewellyn, as J.W.; F. Burdett, Treas.; O. Tomlinson, Sec.; J. Spiers, S.D.; W. G. Dawie, J.D.; J. Luke, D.C.; J. E. Tyers, Org.; J. F. Grew, Steward; L. Thomas, I.G.; J. W. Seager, Tyler. Members:—Bros. W. W. Wilson, C. J. Hall, J. Holt, J. May, W. E. Craddock, J. Weddle, J. H. Barrett, H. Watson, F. Lean, J. Macdonald, J. Middleton, C. Peters, &c. Visitors:—Bros. H. W. Barrow; J. Connell, W.M. Lodge Emulation; C. Parker, R. Brunton, W. W. Farmer, Pestonjee Hornusjee; F. C. Laford, &c. The lodge was opened with prayer at 6.30 p.m. The summons convening the meeting was read. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The minutes of the last meeting of the permanent committee were read and adopted. Bro. Charles Peters was then examined as to his qualifications to be passed to the Second Degree, and was entrusted and passed out. All below the rank of Fellow Crafts were then requested to retire. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Charles Peters was then duly admitted and passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Issiac Holt was then examined as to his qualifications to be raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M.; all below the rank of a M.M. were then requested to retire. Bro. Issiac Holt was then entrusted and passed out. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Issiac Holt was then duly admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The W.M. then gave the charge and lecture on the Third Tracing Board in a very impressive manner. The lodge was then closed in the Third Degree, and resumed in the Second Degree, then

closed in the Second Degree, and resumed in the First Degree.

The following addenda, viz.: "That any member of the lodge whose dues are 12 (twelve) months in arrears shall be deemed to have resigned," was then put to the meeting and carried. Bro. G. R. Henderson then proposed, and the W.M., Bro. W. C. Rowe, seconded, that the addenda be sent on at once for the confirmation of the Right Worshipful the D.G.M., and that it be then printed and each member be presented with a copy. A letter was read from Bro. H. Boyen, requesting that he may be placed on the absent list, owing to his being called away on duty to Kandeish.

Bro. G. R. Henderson then proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M., Bro. W. C. Rowe, for the very handsome present of a wardrobe to the lodge to protect the banner and kit.

Bro. J. F. Grew then proposed, and Bro. F. Burdett seconded, Bro. James Calderwood, of Lodge St. Andrew, (No. 465), S.C., as a joining member.

Bro. W. C. Rowe then proposed, and Bro. W. W. Whittaker seconded, that Rs. 50 be granted from the General Charity Fund, for the assistance of the widow and family of the late Bro. O'Brien.

There being no further business before the lodge, it was closed with solemn prayer at 9.15 p.m.

## FREEMASONRY IN SMYRNA.

The Smyrna lodges under the English Constitution held a special meeting on Wednesday, the 28th of April, in commemoration to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' Installation, and was attended by a large number of members and visiting brethren from far and near. The chair was occupied by Bro. Canale, P.M. 896, Z. 132; and among those present at the meeting and at the banquet afterwards may be mentioned Bros. Dr. Cricca, Delegate of the Grand Orient of Italy; Carver, P.Z. 132, and others. An address of congratulation to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, proposed by Bro. Canale and seconded by Bro. Carver, was unanimously passed. After labour the lodge was called off to refreshment, and proceeded to the banquet room, where, in number about sixty, they sat down to partake of the good things provided for them. At ten o'clock the speaking was commenced by the Chairman. He said:—"To-night we are gathered together to commemorate the great event in the Masonic world, viz. the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master of England. On this I will but lightly touch, for there are present among you eloquent brethren—athletes in the use of language—who will do justice to the subject, and to them I leave it. I therefore esteem it a great privilege to submit to you the toast of the evening, 'The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of English Freemasons.' The toast was warmly responded to by the brethren present. Speeches were also delivered in Italian by Bro. Cricca, in French by Bro. Carver, in Turkish by Bro. Gabriel Effendi, in Armenian by Bro. Alparian, and in Greek by Bro. Gregoriades. After a very pleasant evening the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

## FREEMASONRY IN JAMAICA.

The Annual Installation of the Master and Officers of Westmoreland Lodge, 1377, took place at the lodge-room, Larar-nalamar, on Thursday, 8th April, at 7 p.m., when a goodly number of members and brethren were gathered to do honour to the occasion, the inclemency of the weather preventing a much larger attendance.

The retiring Master, Bro. C. P. Bovell, delivered an appropriate address, at the close of which he summoned Bro. John Williamson Mennell, Master elect, to the East, where the several charges were delivered and his answers returned. The brethren, at the request of the presiding Master, retired from the floor of the lodge while the ceremony of installation was being performed. The sound of the Gavel re-assembled the brethren, to find seated in the "Oriental Chair" their late Senior Warden, from which opposite direction he now addressed them as their elected and duly installed Master for the ensuing year. He then proceeded to install his officers, which are as follows:—Bro. Geo. A. Dalby, S.W.; James C. Young, J.W.; A. M. Forrest, Treas.; C. H. Distin, Sec.; Philip Stern, S.D.; John Jamieson, J.D.; F. J. Preston, I.G.; Bros. J. Robert Hopwood, George Fenton, Stewards; Robert Johnstone, Tyler.

The Treasurer and Tyler, with the W.M., were elected on a previous occasion, in accordance with the Bye-laws of the lodge.

The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form, and the brethren, after exchanging compliments and expressing their satisfaction in the wise and commendable selection of officers, bespeak for him a "pleasurable" and "profitable" administration.

The banqueting board was replete with such of the good things of this life as were within the grasp of the indefatigable caterer, while the brethren manifested their high appreciation in something more reliable than mere words.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts went the rounds, and the brethren dispersed before the approach of the small hours. A more agreeable evening is rarely spent out of ladies' company.

We are glad to be able to call attention, with words of sincere commendation, to Bro. Harty's Chromo Lithograph of the Installation of our Royal Grand Master. It will furnish a handsome pendant, to the Lithograph of our Royal Brother, and we have no doubt that many of our lodges will be glad to adorn their walls with these appropriate mementoes of a very joyful event for English Freemasons.





the scene where the great triumphs of all the Charitable Institutions of the Craft have been achieved. Still the change should not cause any brethren who may entertain the ancient opinions to relax in the measure of their support to this great educational establishment; for, after all, it is in the object to be attained, and not in the details of the manner of attaining it, that assistance is sought from the Craft. In this object we feel confident all will concur, and we hope to have the gratification of announcing in due course that the 77th Anniversary Festival has been the most successful yet held by the subscribers of the Boys' School. Madame Thaddeus Wells, Bros. Wilhelm Ganz, Chaplin Henry, Kerr Gedge, and E. Van Noorden will provide the musical entertainment on the occasion.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 4, 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, MAY 29.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec. Lily Lodge of Instruction (822), Greyhound, Richmond. Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

#### MONDAY, MAY 31.

Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st. Red Cross Conclave, Premier, Regent Mas. H., Regent-st. Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor. Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor. Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7. Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor. Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gutheil, Preceptor. British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8. St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor. Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors. West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor. Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8. Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 1.

Colonial Board, at 3. Half-yearly Communication Grand Mark Lodge, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-st., at 5. See Advt.] Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich. " 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley. " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square. " 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. Chap. 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley. Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor. Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor. Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, Preceptor. Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor. Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor. Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor. St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor. Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor. Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W. 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, JUNE 2.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7, p.m. Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor. New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8. Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec. Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30. Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar. Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor. Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.

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

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.

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

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 3.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall. " 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. " 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road. " 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.

Chap. 9, Moriah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.

Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arms Hotel, Peckham Rye, W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.

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, JUNE 4.

Lodge 1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

" 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls-Pond-road, N.

Union of Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

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

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 of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

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

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

For the Week ending Saturday, June 5, 1875.

#### MONDAY, MAY 31.

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

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 1.

Lodge 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.

" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.

Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Mark Lodge 161, Walton, St. Lawrence School, Kirkdale.

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

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

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2.

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.

" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.

" 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.

" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh.

Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

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

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 3.

Lodge 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, near Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 4.

Lodge 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.

" 1387, Chorlton, Mas. Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

" 1505, Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, June 5, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

#### MONDAY, MAY 31.

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

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

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 1.

Lodge 31, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 7, Hamilton Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Hamilton.

" 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.

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

" 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-street.

" 173, St. John, Masonic Hall, Largs.

" 253, Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.

" 331, St. Peter's, Portland Arms, Galton.

" 406, St. John, Dalziel Masonic Hall, Motherwell.

" 433, St. Thomas, Eglington Hall, Dalmellington.

" 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.

" 497, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Catrine.

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2.

Lodge 0, Mother Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Kilwinning.

" 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 21, Old St. John, Masonic Hall, Lanark.

" 86, Navigation, Commercial Hall, Troon.

" 126, St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.

" 128, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.

" 166, St. John, 29, Graham-street, Airdrie.

" 198, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Maybole.

" 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-street.

" 442, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Ardrossan.

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 3.

Royal Order for West of Scotland, 213, Buchanan-street.

Lodge 11, St. John, King's Arms, Maybole.

" 22, St. John's, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.

" 149, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Irvine.

" 157, St. John, Main-street, Beith.

" 165, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.

" 202, St. Clement's, Trades Tavern, Kilmarnock.

" 320, St. John, Masonic Hall, Ardrossan.

" 370, Renfrew, Masonic Hall, High-street, Paisley.

" 465, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Garngad-road.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 4.

Lodge 114, Royal Arch, Masonic Hall, Cambuslang.

" 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.

" 135, St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.

" 156, St. Barchan, Mason's Arms, Kilbarchan.

" 175, Greenock, St. John's Hall, Greenock.

" 215, St. Andrew, Avondale Inn, Strathavon.

" 217, Cumberland, Town Hall, Port Glasgow.

" 242, Houston, Cross Keys Hotel, Johnstone.

" 244, Union St. John, Black Bull Hotel, Stonehouse.

" 248, Lockhart St. John, Masonic Hall, Carnwarth.

" 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st, Calton.

" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street.

" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 459, Kelburne, Cumbrac Hotel, Millport.

" 512, Thorntree, Masonic Hall, Thornliebank.

" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 5.

Lodge 458, St. John's, Wilson's Hall, Busby.

" 544, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 5, 1875.

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 1.

Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-street.

" 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, Register-street.

" 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2.

Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-st.

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 3.

Lodge 48, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

" 97, St. James, St. James's Hall, Writers'-court.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 4.

Lodge 291, Celtic, Ship Hotel, Register-street.

#### Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master.

Copies of THE FREEMASON for May 1st and 8th, containing a full and accurate account of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Most Worshipful Grand Master and First Grand Principal, may still be obtained at the Office, 198, Fleet-street, or of any News-agent.