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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178).—An emergency meeting of this well established and prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, August 5th, at the Bridge House Hotel, High-street, Borough. There were present Bros. C. Deakin, W.M.; J. Ruse, S.W.; F. A. Smith, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P. Prov. G. P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; W. Batchelor, S.D.; J. Stock, as J.D.; F. Garbett, I.G.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M.; and many others. The ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of Messrs. J. Savage and E. Morley, as candidates for initiation, and Bro. J. McIntyre, St. John's Lodge, 73, Ireland, as a joining member. The work done was raising Bro. R. Sparks to the Third Degree; passing Bros. J. K. Deakin and S. E. S. Shaw to the Second Degree; initiating Mr. J. Savage and Captain E. Morley into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. F. H. Ebsworth, P.M. and Treas., did the raising and passings, and Bro. C. Deakin, W.M., did the initiations. All the work was beautifully rendered and solemnly done, each candidate being done separately added to the impressive nature of each ceremony. The usual five guinea Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted from the lodge funds. The other business on the agenda paper being disposed of, the lodge was closed, and is adjourned until Thursday, September 2nd. Slight refreshment followed the hard labour so well done.

PROVINCIAL.

LIVERPOOL.—ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 667).—The members of this ancient and honourable body Masonic, which holds its meetings in Liverpool, had their third annual "garden party" in the pleasant gardens and grounds of the Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire, on the 28th ult.; and as the weather was delightful, the company of the most brotherly and sisterly character, and the arrangements quite up to the "Alliance" mark (which is saying a great deal), the enjoyment of the large merry gathering was general and complete. The festival originated with, but was not confined to, members of 667, and therefore other lodges were well represented, there being altogether about 120 present. The committee consisted of Bros. H. Gregory, W. Doyle, H. Firth, A. Morrison, E. Carter, W. Brittain, R. Douglas, H. Eve, and Dr. Joyce, the office of Hon. Sec. being admirably filled by Bro. A. Bucknall. The fête was of the most enjoyable kind, and proved even more successful than its two predecessors at Roby. Dancing to Martin's quadrille band, croquet, bowling, and other games formed the bulk of the afternoon's amusements, and the catering was most satisfactory there was all the greater enjoyment. Besides the members of the Alliance Lodge, there were numerous visitors, including Bros. H. Nelson, W.M. 1505, P.M. 673; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; R. Brown, W.M. 241, Hon. Sec. W. L. Masonic Educational Institution; J. Skelton, P.M. 667; A. P. Fabian, P.M. 487, P.P.S.G.W. Hants.; A. Strother, 823; W. Nash, 823; Gallagher, P.M. 1011, Salford; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; Widdows, I.G. 673, &c. After a pleasant "garden party" the company returned to Liverpool by special boat at eleven o'clock.

LIVERPOOL.—DERBY LODGE (No. 724).—The usual quarterly meeting of this lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. The chair was occupied, and the lodge was opened by Bro. J. W. Ballard, W.M., and amongst the officers and "privates" present were Bros. W. Vaughan, S.W.; G. Beecken, J.W.; Thomas Chesworth, P.M., Treas.; A. Hart, Sec.; McSwiney, S.D.; Crisp, J.D.; M. Hart, I.G.; H. Trevitt, S.S.; Armstrong, J.S.; Williamson, Tyler; J. Davison, I.P.M.; W. Shortis, P.M.; Cain, P.M. Bros. Ellis, Jacobs, Marcus, Gordon, Hawksworth, Geves, Sherrington, Ellison, Evans, and others. The visitors for the evening were Bros. T. Shaw, W.M. 823; W. Cottrell, I.P.M. 823; J. Holland, P.M. 823; W. Lunt, P.M., P.G.S. Cuthbert, 823; Somers, 1502; Bryan, Org. 1035; G. Maxwell, S. 594; and others. The minutes were read and passed, and the ballot for a candidate being carried, he was solemnly initiated. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Gordon and Hawksworth were examined and found "efficient." The lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, these brethren were duly and impressively raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The working of both degrees was done in a truly masterly style by the W.M. The lodge having

been closed to the First Degree, Bro. J. W. Ballard, W.M., rose and said that he had a pleasing duty to perform, in presenting a testimonial to Bro. Thos. Chesworth, P.M., Treas. The lodge had voted a sum of money for the testimonial, and the brethren had supplemented it with further subscriptions for the purpose of doing justice to the presentation to such a worthy brother as Bro. Chesworth. The brethren were aware, he said, of the various offices Bro. Chesworth had filled. He was for two years its Master; and at a time when the lodge was not in affluent circumstances he, together with the other P.M., had worked laboriously to retrieve its fortunes. He was happy to say that its present flourishing condition was in a great measure due to the untiring exertions of Bro. Chesworth, who had held the responsible office of Treasurer for about six years. The testimonial the committee agreed upon was a piano, which he (the W.M.) had now great pleasure in presenting in the name of the officers and brethren of the Derby Lodge, 724; and he hoped that Bro. Chesworth would long live with his wife and children to enjoy its melodious tones. Bro. Chesworth said he had not sufficient words to thank the members of the Derby Lodge for this token of appreciation of the few services he had rendered to the lodge. Any other brother who might have been placed in the same position would have acted in a like manner. He was glad to state, as Treasurer, that the lodge was in a very flourishing condition, mainly due to the affability and influence of its members, and hoped that it would long continue to enjoy the appellation it had achieved outside the building amongst those who visited it, viz., that of the "Happy Derby Lodge." So long as he had health and strength, he would continue to act with the same zeal for the lodge as he had hitherto done. After some propositions for initiation, the lodge was duly closed. The brethren then proceeded to refreshment, and the usual toasts were given. The musical portion of the evening was pleasantly furnished through the exertions of Bro. Jacobs, M. Hart, Ellis, Cottrell, Shortis, and others. Bro. Bryan presided at the instrument, in the absence of Bro. Veale, the Organist. The piano which was presented was a splendid walnut cottage, by an eminent maker, and attached to it was a suitable inscription.

JERSEY.—ST. AUBIN'S LODGE (No. 958).—This flourishing lodge assembled on Tuesday, the 20th July, in great force at the Masonic Temple. There was, as usual, a numerous attendance of brethren. The lodge was opened by Bro. Ed. Martel, W.M., supported by Bros. A. Dawson, S.W.; H. W. Chapman, J.W.; J. Oatley, P.M., &c., &c. Amongst the visitors were Bro. A. Schmitt, P.P.G.S.W.; J. O. Le Sueur, P.M., P.G. Sec.; C. Kingsnorth, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Thos. Shattock, W.M. 322; J. R. Pickford, P.M. 491, P.G. Treas. (Monmouthshire); F. P. Le Marquand, P.M. 491, P.P.G.D.; Dr. Thos. Aubin, J.W. 491; Gen. Thos. C. Kelly, C.B., J.W. 877; Ed. Gilley, W.M. 491, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge being opened in the Second Degree, Bros. Fox, Riddle, and Dolbel were examined as to their proficiency and retired. During their absence the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when the candidates were duly received and raised. The whole of the ceremony was most impressively rendered by the W.M., and in that peculiarly quiet manner of his so highly appreciated by the brethren. Bro. J. Renouf, after the necessary preliminaries, was passed to the Second Degree. The lodge was lowered to the First Degree. Bro. John Oatley, on rising, said:—W.M.,—In conformity with the resolution unanimously passed in open lodge, I feel much satisfaction in presenting you on its behalf this gold Secretary's jewel, as a small token of how much we all appreciate your zealous endeavours towards the progress and advancement of the lodge, you have evinced in your faithfully and earnestly discharging the duties of Secretary during a period of three years, as to your indefatigable exertions the concord and prosperity of the lodge are mainly owing; and may your zeal still continue in favour of our fraternity. The inscription is as follows:—"Presented by the St. Aubin's Lodge, No. 958, to Bro. Ed. Martel, W.M., P.M. 491, P.G.D.C., in recognition of his unwearied, valuable, and faithful services, both as its Secretary and Preceptor." The worthy recipient, upon rising to return thanks, was received with a burst of applause. He was evidently much affected, and expressed himself in truly appropriate Masonic terms that will not be forgotten by those who had the pleasure of hearing them, especially dilating on the unity and concord existing between St. Aubin's Lodge and all her sisters in the Province. The brethren adjourned, when the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The toast of the evening, proposed by Bro. A. Schmitt, "Bro. E. Martel, W.M.," was warmly received and effectively acknowledged. The brethren separated about eleven o'clock, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

DERBY.—HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1085).—On Wednesday evening, the 4th of August, the regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall. The brethren present were: Bros. Henry T. Bobart, W.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; W. Heathcote, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.M., Treas.; James Worsnop, P.M., Secretary; Thos. Gadsby, J.D.; G. Pipes, D. of C.; Jos. Heathcote, I.G.; T. Slinn, Tyler; J. M. Moore, P.M.; Jos. Shaw; J. W. Shepherd, J. H. Biggs, J.D. 802; J. H. Hepworth, Edgar Taylor, J. O. Manton; visitor, Thomas Cox, P.P.S.G.W., P.M. 253. The lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, at 7 p.m. The circular convening the lodge was read, and also the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. The sum of five guineas was voted to be presented to Bro. Stone on retiring from his duties of Tyler to the lodge, as a small token of appreciation of the zealous manner in which he has fulfilled the duties of the office for so many years. There being no other business, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the usual quarterly supper, when the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to by appropriate speeches.

PAIGNTON.—TORBAY LODGE (No. 1358).—The annual meeting of this lodge took place at the lodge-rooms, Town Hall, Paignton, on Monday, 2nd inst., when Bro. W. E. Warren, the W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. Rev. R. Bowden, P.M., P.P.G.C.; the Board of Installed Masters comprising Bros. J. T. Goodridge, I.P.M. 1358; S. Cash, P.M. 328; T. Oliver, P.M. 328; J. C. C. Piller, P.M. 1358; Jas. Greenfield, P.M. 328, 1358, P.P.G.J.D.; Harland, P.M. 328, P.P.G.J.D.; Dr. Colston, I.P.M. 248, P.G.S.; Law, 1358, P.M., P.P.G.S. W. Herts. There was a numerous attendance of the lodge members, among whom, in addition to those above mentioned, were Bros. Couldrey, Pope, Chinnock, T. Tozer, W. Windram, H. Jackson, Hunt, King, Palk, Crute, Evans, Gordon, Campbell, West, Bridgeman, Brooks, Bovey, and Rev. N. Platt. The visitors were Bros. Hurrell, Hawley Lodge; Dr. Colston, 248, and Harland, 328. Too much praise cannot be given to Bro. Bowden for the effective manner in which the ceremony was performed. After the usual salutations, the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers, viz., Bros. J. T. Goodridge, I.P.M.; J. Couldrey, S.W.; T. Pope, J.W.; Jas. Greenfield, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., Treas.; W. Windram, Sec.; Rev. N. Platt, Chaplain; Jas. Chinnock, S.D.; T. Tozer, J.D.; H. Jackson, I.G.; C. H. Law, P.M., Dir. of Cer.; Brooks, Org.; Maunder and Evans, Stewards, and Tozer, Tyler. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Gerston Hotel, and, under the presidency of the newly installed W.M., partook of a magnificent banquet, provided by the manager, Mr. Codner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to by the brethren, the reply of Bro. Colston to the toast of "The Visitors" being an eloquent outburst of Masonic feeling. After one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent by this young lodge, the brethren separated early, expressing themselves much delighted with the day's proceedings and with high hopes of the ensuing year being equally as prosperous as the past.

DAWLISH.—SALEM LODGE (No. 1443).—At the last regular meeting of this lodge there was one passing and two raisings. The ballot was taken for one joining member, which proved unanimous. Bro. W. Ball was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. S. Whidborne, the Treasurer, and Bro. Haggarty, the Tyler, were also elected. The banquet will take place at Bro. Ball's on August 18th, at 6 p.m. The installation will take place at the Town Hall, at 3 p.m. Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire, an hon. member of the lodge, took part in the proceedings.

MANCHESTER.—LODGE OF TRUTH (No. 1458).—The members of this lodge held their regular meeting at the house of Bro. Potts, Royal Archer Hotel, Dale-street, Manchester, on Saturday, the 7th August. Amongst the brethren present we noticed Bros. Henry Smith, W.M.; Charles Pearson, S.W.; Charles Joel Kent, J.W.; John Knider, P.M., Sec.; Thomas Tyers, P.M. Treas.; Jno. W. Turner, I.P.M. Visitors: John Coll, 25; Daniel Lomas, 823; John H. Walton, 412, Oswego, United States America; R. Dottie, 1161; J. Pierpoint, 645; John Hey, S.W. 387. Business commenced by punctually opening the lodge at 4.50 p.m. The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to pass Bro. Oldham to the Second Degree. Business being concluded the lodge was closed in the two degrees, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The cloth being drawn the W.M. proceeded with the Masonic toasts, which were enthusiastically responded to. Bro. Turner, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and said on that occasion he was especially gratified to have that toast entrusted to him by the W.M., as he had two intimate friends there, in Bro. Jno. H. Walton from America, and Bro. John Hey, S.W. 387, from Bradford, the first of whom had rendered them assistance during the formation of the lodge, and to whom it would be a special pleasure to see them so prosperous and happy. Respecting Bro. Hey, he (the I.P.M.) said he was proud to have him for a friend, knowing him to be such a good and conscientious Mason, and one who had made his position in Masonry by his abilities and perseverance. In responding Bro. Walton said it was a very great pleasure to him to be amongst them that evening, and the greatest pleasure he had enjoyed for a very long time to see the members work in unison with each other, and vie to make every one happy amongst them. Bro. Hey also congratulated the members on the prosperous appearance of the lodge, and said it had certainly been a great pleasure to be amongst them, and he should carry into Yorkshire the kindest feelings for his reception that evening. The other visitors responded in suitable terms to the toast and expressed their pleasure at the efficient working and brotherly reception. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in glowing terms by Bro. Tyers, P.M. The W.M. responded by expressing his wish to be of more service to the lodge (which was not necessary as all the members are aware of his anxiety for their comfort and the prosperity of the lodge). After the toasts of "The P.M.'s and the Officers" had been responded to, the S.W. and J.W. were called upon for their respective toasts, and the brethren separated about 9 pm., after spending an entertaining and agreeable evening.

Knights Templars.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF LANCASHIRE.

By command of Sir Knight Albert Hudson Royds, Provincial Prior, all Preceptors, P.G. Commanders, and such companions as were entitled to be present, were summoned to attend the meeting of the Provincial Priory of Lancashire, on Thursday, the 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool and in reply to the invitation there was a large gathering of the Knights of the Order. The Provincial

Preceptory was held under the banner of the Alpass Preceptory.

The Alpass Preceptory was opened at one o'clock, by Sir Knight W. Doyle, E.P. of the Alpass Preceptory, and shortly afterwards the Provincial Officers entered in procession, and were received under the arch of steel.

The Provincial Priory was then opened in form by Em. Sir Knight A. H. Roys, Prov. Prior. The Registrar then called over the muster roll of Prov. Officers and of the Priories in the province, when it was found that only one preceptory (the Plains of Tabor, Colne) was unrepresented. The Chancellor's report was read and confirmed, and the accounts of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, which had been audited, were passed. Sir Knight Birch, was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer, and Sir Knight Lawson, the P.G. Equerry. The Committee of General Purposes was re-elected, with the exception of one member who retired, Sir Knight W. Doyle being substituted in his place.

The following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year:—Sir Knights A. H. Roys, Prov. Prior; C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, Sub. Prov. Prior; J. B. Phillips, Prelate; W. Ashworth, Chancellor; W. Doyle, Constable; J. A. Hall, Marshal; Birch, Treas.; J. Chadwick, Registrar; S. H. Smith, Sub-Marshal; T. Clark, Herald; T. H. Jenkins, Warden of Regalia; J. Greaves, Almoner; C. Jones, 1st Standard Bearer; J. Worsley, 2nd Standard Bearer; J. E. Hall, 1st Aide-de-camp; J. B. Carr, 2nd Aide-de-camp; J. W. Taylor, Captain of Guards; J. E. Jackson, Sword Bearer; J. L. Goodwin, Org.; J. K. Smith, 1st Purs.; H. Thomas, 2nd Purs.; G. Turner, Vice-Chancellor; J. Lawson, Equerry.

The next meeting was appointed to be held at Oldham. The sum of £10 was voted out of the Almoner's fund for the Masonic charities, the division being left in the hands of Prov. Prior, Treas., and Almoner.

A vote of thanks was cordially passed to the Provincial Prior (Sir Knight A. H. Roys) for the great amount of labour he had used in promoting the interests of the Order. In acknowledging the vote the Prov. Prior thanked the Sir Knights for the support he had received in connection with his office, and trusted they would continue to render him the same warm and continuous support in the fulfilment of his duties.

The Provincial Priory was then closed, and the officers retired under the arch of steel. The E.P. of the Alpass Preceptory afterwards closed that encampment in due form.

The hall was beautifully and most effectively decorated with flags and banners, including three very large Grand Lodge, Knight Templars, and Red Cross flags, sent from the well-known establishment of Sir Knight G. Kenning, the general arrangement being under the superintendence of Sir Knight J. Wood, who is at the head of the Liverpool section of the business. The banners of many Sir Knights gave increased and striking effect to the tout ensemble.

A banquet was, after business, served in the large banquet hall of the Masonic Temple, the chair being occupied by Sir Knight A. H. Roys, Prov. Prior. After banquet he gave the toasts of "The Queen, Patroness of the Order," "Their Royal Highnesses the Princess of Wales, and the Rest of the Royal Family," "The Prince of Wales, Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master," and "The Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, the Very High and Eminent Great Prior of England." Sir Knight Captain T. Berry, P.G.C., proposed "The Very Eminent Prior of Lancashire, Sir Knight A. H. Roys;" and Sir Knight Pierpoint, "The Eminent Sub-Prior of Lancashire, Sir Knight C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds." The Sub-Prior gave "The Very Eminent Priors and Officers of the Neighbouring Provinces;" and Sir Knight R. Brown, Reg., "The P.G. Officers of Lancashire, Past and Present," which was responded to by Sir Knight J. A. Hall. The P. Prior proposed "The E.P. of this Preceptory," which was responded to by Sir Knight Doyle, E.P.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF RENFREW-SHIRE EAST.

A communication of this lodge was held in Paisley, on Saturday, the 7th inst. Bro. Col. Campbell, of Blythswood, the Provincial Grand Master, presided; Bro. James Caldwell acted as S.W., and Bro. James Gilmour as J.W. The lodges represented were—Royal Arch, Rutherglen, 116; St. Mirren, Paisley, 129; Royal Arch, Pollokshaws, 153; St. Barnhan, Kilbarnhan, 156; Prince of Wales, Renfrew, 246; Renfrew County, Kilwinning, Paisley, 370; and St. John's, Rutherglen, 374. The Grand Master made a statement in connection with the meeting, and thereafter installed Bro. James Gilmour into the office of J.W. of the lodge. It was arranged that the consecration of the new hall for Rutherglen St. John's Lodge take place on the 5th of November prox. A conversation took place regarding the consecration of the Pollokshaws Lodge, but no definite resolution was come to, though it was understood that the ceremony would take place shortly before or after the consecration of St. John's.

NOTICE.—The memorial stone of the new public school at Old Cummock, Ayrshire, will be laid with full Masonic honours by Bro. Col. Mure, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Ayrshire, on Thursday, the 19th inst.

The brethren are to assemble in the Black Bull Hotel at a quarter-past one o'clock p.m.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire will be opened in the lodge room of St. Barnabas, Old Cummock, at half-past one o'clock precisely.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 31).—The regular meeting of this most ancient and flourishing lodge was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glas-

gow, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., in the chair, Bro. J. B. Young, S.W.; Bro. D. Horn, J.W.; with a large attendance of members of the lodge and visitors. Among the visitors were Bros. George Kenning, 30° E.C. (proprietor of the *Freemason*); W. H. Bickerton (*Freemason*); J. Wallace, R.W.M., Lodge Athole, and others. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. William Bell, and the Secretary, Bro. John Dick, read the minutes of the last regular meeting, also of an emergency meeting. The minutes of the emergency meeting brought up a discussion as to whether it was not detrimental to the Order to get up these hurried meetings, after which the minutes were confirmed. The lodge was then raised to the degree of F.C., when the following brethren were passed to that degree, viz., Bros. Peddie, Neilson, Blackwood, Clark, and Allan, Bro. John Dick officiating. The lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts given and responded to, "The Queen," and "Three Grand Lodges," by the R.W.M., Bro. Bell; "The Prince of Wales," by Bro. J. B. Young, S.W.; "United Brethren," by Bro. D. Horn, J.W.; and "Sister Lodges" by Bro. G. Park, P.M. The R.W.M., in proposing "The Three Grand Lodges," called upon Bro. George Kenning to respond on behalf of England. Bro. George Kenning rose and spoke at length, and in the course of his remarks alluded to the various Masonic Charities they had in England, also to the different working, and that it would give him great pleasure to see the brethren putting their shoulder to the wheel, and have something to show for Freemasonry in Scotland in the way of a home for decayed Freemasons, their widows, and orphans; also that he should like to see those hurried initiations and emergency meetings done away with, for, as the Senior Warden, Bro. Young, had just remarked, it was detrimental to the Order. Before sitting down he would thank them kindly on behalf of the English Constitution for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and responded to. Bro. Wallace, R.W.M., Lodge Athole, in responding for the Sister Lodges, said—In respect to what Bro. Kenning had said respecting Masonic charities, and the system of hurrying the degrees, he was sorry to say it was the truth, and a disgrace to Scottish Freemasonry, and hoped that the brethren would start with heart and will at once, and see whether they could not, like other countries, show what the beauties of the Order were in the way of Masonic institutions for the aged, the widow, and the orphan. After a few remarks from several of the brethren, the lodge was called to labour, when Bro. Horn, J.W., reminded them of his motion for raising the fees. The R.W.M. said, before closing the lodge, he had a pleasant duty to perform, that of proposing a worthy and highly-esteemed brother, who had come amongst them that evening for affiliation into this lodge, Bro. George Kenning, proprietor of the *Freemason*. Bro. Park seconded the proposition, which was received by all with acclamation. Bro. W. Bell, R.W.M., performed the ceremony of affiliation. The lodge was then closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE KILWINNING (No. 4).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 4th inst. In the absence of the R.W.M., Bro. S. Henderson, S.W., presided, and was well supported by the other office-bearers present. There was very little business before the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting, also of an emergency meeting, were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Currie, Sec., read a letter from the widow of the late Bro. Capt. F. Elliott, who, it appeared, was not in pleasant circumstances, her eyesight failing, and her means being scant. After a conversation among the brethren present, it was agreed, on the motion of Bro. Adams, that the R.W.M. and his Wardens lose no time in making the necessary enquiry into the case, they having the authority of the lodge to grant immediate assistance until proper arrangements can be made for her support. Bro. Henderson then intimated that as soon as the summer holidays were over the usual fortnightly meetings for instruction would be commenced, which he hoped would be well attended. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE THISTLE AND ROSE (No. 73).—The monthly meeting of this old lodge was held on the 3rd inst. in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-st. The R.W.M., Bro. G. McDonald, presided, supported by his Wardens, Bros. W. MacGeorge, S.W.; J. F. Hanbridge, J.W.; James Bannerman, D.M.; J. S. Ampleford, Sec., &c. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, when the lodge was passed to the Square Degree. The Secretary said that he would have a proof of the new bye-laws to submit to the lodge for approval at next meeting. It was then agreed to order 1000 copies. The R.W.M. then said he had seen one of the very old members of the lodge, who, he was sorry to say, was not in the most prosperous circumstances. He, therefore, took the liberty to ask the brethren present to vote some assistance to him to help him over his present difficulty, which was at once done in a handsome manner. The lodge was then raised to the Sublime Degree, when Bros. McLeod and Cameron received that degree, Bro. McDonald officiating with his usual ability. While the candidates were being prepared for the Third Degree, Bro. McDonald read a circular from Bro. G. Kenning, of London, Liverpool, and Glasgow, which had been handed to him by Bro. G. B. Adams (of the *Freemason*), who was present. It referred to a new work being brought out by Bro. G. Kenning, viz., a new Masonic "Encyclopedia," which he recommended to their favourable consideration. Brethren could get forms for intending subscribers filling up from Bro. Adams, or at the establishment of Bro. Kenning, 9, West Howard-st. The lodge was then reduced to the degree of E.A., and applications from two gentlemen were read, craying admission into the Order, viz., Mr. John Thomas Crome and Mr. Joseph

Solomons. They were proposed and seconded by Bro. C. T. Owen and R. McKean. They were approved of, and received the First Degree, Bro. McDonald officiating. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE THISTLE (No. 87).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place on the 3rd inst., in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street. The meeting was very well attended. Bro. James W. Burns, R.W.M., took the chair and was supported by Bros. J. Booth, S.W.; W. Wilson, J.W.; John Miller, P.M.; John Fraser, P.M. (acting Sec.); Arch. McTaggart, M.A., P.G. Sec.; Thos. Paton, Treas.; Walter Stewart, S.D., &c., &c. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bros. John Kirkland and David Marr, both of Lodge Baron of Paisley, No. 114, were affiliated members of Lodge Thistle, No. 87, Bro. A. McTaggart performing the ceremony in his usual minutely correct way. The office of J.D. having become vacant, Bro. Fraser, P.M., proposed that Bro. McLauchlane be elected to fill the duties of that office. This was seconded by Bro. Wilson, and unanimously agreed to, and he was declared elected, and was installed into office by Bro. McTaggart. No business of further importance being brought up, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

RUTHERGLEN.—LODGE ROYAL ARCH (No. 116).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, Rutherglen, on the 6th inst. Bro. W. Ferguson, R.W.M., presided, supported by Bros. W. McGaveny, S.W.; Jas. Gilmour, J.W., and a large number of brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed. The R.W.M. said that the widow of the late Bro. A. Park was in very straitened circumstances, and he called the earnest attention of the brethren to the case. After some little conversation it was resolved that, in the mean time, a sum of money be granted from the lodge funds, and her case brought up before the Provincial and Grand Lodge Benevolent Committees, the R.W.M. undertaking to see this done. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

SHETTLESTON.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 128) held its monthly meeting on the 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall, at Shettleston, the R.W.M., Bro. Campbell, presiding, supported by Bros. C. Webster, S.W.; Jas. Miller, J.W.; and a large number of well qualified brethren. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Geo. McLeod called the attention of the brethren to the fact that it was now nearly twelve months since the last picnic of the lodge took place. Many of the members of the lodge thought that now, when we had splendid weather, was the time to arrange about the getting up of one. He would therefore propose that the 28th of August be fixed as the day for that purpose, and the place of resort be "Barr," a beautiful spot of romantic verdure. This was seconded by Bro. John Allan, and supported by the brethren present, and a committee appointed to see the arrangements completed. After some further business of the usual character, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION (No. 332).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 2nd inst. The attendance of members was very good indeed, but the attendance of visiting brethren was much more than an average. The R.W.M., Bro. J. B. Macnair, was unable to be present on account of the quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland being held on the same evening, which he had to attend, in Edinburgh. In his absence Bro. Mitchell, P.M., took the chair, and was very ably supported by many brethren of ability and popularity. Among those present were Bros. Murray, acting S.W.; A. Macachie, J.W.; John McInnes, Sec.; J. Balfour, P.M.; J. Laurie, Treas.; Thomson, R.W.M. 333; Forsyth, S.W. 333; R. Andrews, J.W. 333; R. Campbell, St. John's, New Brunswick, No. 22; J. Stewart, 360; James Crabbe, 242; Jas. Wilson, 169, and others. The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There being no more business in this degree the lodge was passed to the F.C. A request from the R.W.M. of Lodge Union and Crown, 103, to pass a brother of that lodge to the Fellow Craft on their behalf was at once complied with. Bros. W. G. Burns and J. H. Gill, of Lodge Union, and Bro. John Campbell, Lodge Union and Crown, then received that degree; it was most ably given by Bro. Mitchell in his best style, and was much admired by the brethren present. This finished the pressing business before the lodge, and it was called to harmony under the care of the J.W., when a really pleasant and profitable hour was spent. Bro. Mitchell, who was in excellent form for the chair, brimfull of good humour and common sense, gave the customary loyal and Masonic toasts, which were loyally and Masonically responded to by the brethren. He then in a most able and eloquent speech gave "The Press," passing a high eulogium on the manner in which the press was conducted in this country. Touching on the Masonic press, he paid a high compliment to the energy, great ability, and perseverance of Bro. G. Kenning, proprietor of the *Freemason* and *Masonic Magazine*. He said the endeavours of Bro. Kenning to meet the wants of the brethren were beyond all praise, and he hoped soon to see the circulation of these papers multiplied a hundred fold. Bro. Stewart replied for the Local Press, and Bro. Adams for the Masonic. He next gave the toast of "The Visiting Brethren." He said it afforded him much pleasure to see so many present; it was at all times pleasant and profitable to meet together, and hoped the visiting brethren had all enjoyed their visit to the Union Lodge that night. Several brothers replied on behalf of their own lodges, Bro. J. Wilson, 169, remarking that though he might be the oldest Mason among them, he was no speaker; he would therefore only thank them for the kind reception he had met with. After a few remarks from Bros. James Crabbe, 242; Thomson, 333; Robt. Campbell, St. John's, New Brunswick, warmly

thanking the Union Lodge for the kind reception they had met with, "The Health of the Presiding R.W.M." was given, and warmly responded to. Bro. Mitchell, in reply, gave some interesting information about lodges in Canada and the States while he was visiting them some years ago. He concluded by saying he had not yet lost taste for Masonic working: although he had six sons Freemasons, four of them holding office, he must say he still felt at home when he was in the chair of a lodge. "Happy to meet and happy to part" brought the night to a close. All went away pleased.

RUTHERGLEN.—**LODGE ST. JOHN** (No. 347).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in Read's Hall, Rutherglen, on the 30th ult. There were present in their respective places, the R.W.M., the Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and a number of well-qualified brethren to constitute a lodge, which was opened in the E.A. Degree, and the minutes were read and confirmed. An application for admittance was read from Mr. Thomas Brown; this was favourably entertained, and he received the First Degree. Bro. John Templeton, a member of Lodge Commercial, No. 180, Oben, was then affiliated as a joining member of St. John's Rutherglen, No. 347. The lodge was passed to the F.C. Degree, when Bros A. Robertson and Dougald McLarplan were instructed in that degree. The lodge being raised to the Sublime Degree, the same brothers received that, the R.W.M. officiating through the three degrees. After an intimation that the next meeting would be held in their new hall, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY** (No. 354).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on the 6th inst. The R.W.M. was in the chair, supported by his Wardens and other office-bearers, together with a goodly number of brethren. The only business was the reading of the minutes, which were confirmed, and the installation of Bro. Colquhoun as Treasurer, which was done by the R.W.M. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE COMMERCIAL** (No. 360).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, situated at 30, Hope-street, on the 23rd ult. The object of the meeting was to confer the Sublime Degree upon those brethren who were prepared to receive it, so as to leave the business before the next regular meeting no more than what can be got through in one night. The lodge was opened, Bro. Monro, R.W.M., presiding, aided by Bros. J. M. Oliver, S.W.; Reid, acting J.W.; together with a sufficient number of well qualified brethren to constitute a lodge. There was only one brother forward for the Master Mason Degree, viz., Bro. Brash, who received it, Bro. Monro officiating in his usual able manner.

The regular meeting of this lodge took place on the 6th inst., in their lodge-room, 30, Hope-street. The meeting was well attended by members and visitors, among whom were the following:—J. Monro, R.W.M.; J. M. Oliver, S.W.; T. Graham, acting J.W.; Dr. Alex. Morton, I.P.M.; J. D. Porteous, P.M.; J. Brodie, S.W.; J. E. Spiers, S.M.; S. J. McGeorge, P.M. 241, E.C.; James Wilson, 915, E.C.; J. W. Burns, R.W.M. 87; and others. The minutes of the previous meetings being read and confirmed, a conversation took place regarding some diplomas, which appear to have been so carefully laid past, that they cannot now be found; but no doubt they will turn up after another careful search, which was ordered to be made again. A pretty lengthy correspondence ensued between Bros. Lamb, Treas.; P. M. Sage, and Monro, R.W.M., anent the Cummings testimonial. After various brethren having expressed their opinions upon it, the Secretary was instructed to communicate with Bro. Sage, and request him to be present at the next meeting, in order to get the matter satisfactorily arranged. The lodge was then raised to the Master Mason Degree, when Bro. Couper was raised to that degree, P.M. J. Brodie working the First Section; Bro. Monro, R.W.M., the Second, which work was gone through in excellent style by those two able brothers. This finished the business before the lodge, and it was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE ST. ANDREW** (No. 465) held their regular meeting on the 5th inst., in their hall, Garmad-road: present, Bros. Read, R.W.M.; Clark, S.W.; Davidson, J.W.; W. Campbell, Sec.; &c. The meeting was a large one. The lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. An application for Freemasonry was read from Mr. Daniel McMaster, which met with the approval of the assembled brethren, and he received the First Degree. The lodge was then passed to the Second Degree, when Bros. Milliken and Davidson received that degree. When the lodge was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., Bros. Davidson, Milliken, Wilson, and Steward, were completed in their Masonic desires. It was then proposed by Bro. Charlton, and seconded Bro. Herron, that Bro. Rotheram receive honorary affiliation into St. Andrew Lodge as a mark of their appreciation of his services to the Craft, which was agreed to, he stepping to the altar and receiving the usual obligation. Bro. Read, R.W.M., went through the work of the evening in capital style. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE ST. VINCENT** (No. 553).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, Kent Road, on the evening of the 5th inst. The R.W.M. was in his own place, supported by Bros. J. B. McNaught, S.W.; J. Best, J.W.; R. Bell, R.W.M. 34; Dick, Sec. 34; Lamb, D.M. 360, &c. The meeting was well attended by the members of the lodge, and a considerable number of visiting brethren were present. The lodge was opened, when, as usual, the first business was the reading of the minutes. Besides those of the regular meeting, there were some emergency meetings, all of which were approved and confirmed. The bye-law question was then brought up for settlement. The R.W.M. said he had a proof copy, but, as the three degrees were to be worked that night, it

was resolved to have a special meeting that day fortnight to settle that and any other business standing over. There were two candidates for the First Degree, which was very cleverly given by Bro. D. Lamb, D.M. 360. When the lodge was passed to the Second Degree three brothers appeared for that degree, which was given by Bro. Bell, W.M. 34, in his usual solid way. For the Sublime Degree four brethren were presented. In this degree Bro. Lamb again was placed at the altar to officiate, his exertions in this giving evident satisfaction to the brethren present. This young lodge has been working very hard since its establishment. Its members seem to be endowed with a great deal of Masonic enthusiasm. We trust its office-bearers will take advantage of this, and by their smoothly working together they will "flourish like a green bay tree." The business being ended, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire Freemasons was held on Tuesday, August 3rd., at the Victoria Hall, Exeter, the Right W. Brother, the Rev. J. Huyshe, Prov. Grand Master, presiding. Amongst a large attendance of brethren were the following:—

PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS.—L.P. Metham, P.G. Deacon of England, and D.P.G.M. of Devon; H. W. Hooper, P.P.G.R.; Samuel Jew, P.P.G.T.; Rev. T. Lemon, P.G.S. Chap.; Rev. W. Whittle, P.G.J. Chap.; W. Browning, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Way, P.P.G.T.; the Rev. W. Langley Pope, D.D.P.P.G.C.; H. Welch, P.G.P.; Walter G. Rogers, P.G.S.W., and P.G. Sec.; W. Trevena, P.P.G.D.C.; F. Aubrey Thomas, P.G.S.D.; G. N. Burden, P.G.S. Works; J. Gambell, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. T. Maynard, P.P.G. Treas.; J. R. Price, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Bartlett, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. F. Hiffley, P.P.G.A.D.C.; C. J. Harland, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Easton, P.P.G.S.W.; John Rogers, P.A.G. Tyler; the Rev. J. Dickenson, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Chapman, P.G.J.D.; W. H. Reed, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Cann, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Ingram, P.D.G. Steward of Malta; R. Rodda, P.P.G.R.; H. B. Stark, P.P.G.O.; C. H. Law, P.P.J.G.W.; C. Leigh, P.P.G. Sec.; J. A. Orchard, P.G. Steward; G. Bignell, P.G. Steward; J. Greenfield, P.P.G.J.D.; Attwood, P.G. Steward; J. Gould, P.G. Steward; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.A.D.C.; M. C. J. Harris, P.P.G.J.D., Somerset; Rev. T. Russell, P.P.G. Chap. Oxon; W. B. Hambly, P.G. Treas.; V. Bird, P.P.G.T.; E. A. Davies, P.P.G.S. Works; Isaac Watts, P.P.G.T.; The Rev. W. H. Carwithen, P.P.G. Chap.; J. H. Westlake, P.P.G.S.; J. Du Pre, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Miller, P.P.G.D.C.; W. E. Stone, P.P.G.J.W.

IMMEDIATE PAST MASTERS.—T. Goodall, 954; J. E. Curteis, 189; J. H. Blackell, 1099; A. Thomson, 39; S. B. Harvey, 1255; J. H. Warren, 1254.

PAST MASTERS.—E. Roseveare, 1099; H. Minell, 202; W. T. Pilditch, 156; H. Dubosc, 156; H. Davey, 1128; W. Amery, 159; J. J. Shapland, 421; W. Joll, 230; W. Quicke, 39; J. May, 223; J. P. Phillips, 223; H. Cole, 1091; W. Dodd, 1194; G. Hilson, 105; P. D. Michellmore, 1138; Alfred Bodley, 39; G. E. Stentford, 159; J. H. Tonkin, 282; J. Page, 39; J. S. Short, 1443; J. T. Drake, 1396; A. Wolf, 223; W. S. Passmore, 444; T. W. Caird, 444; H. A. Pattinson, 1181; T. G. Sutton, 847; G. Evans, 1181; J. Chadwick, 444; T. Freeman, 106; G. P. Allen, 100; S. Willoughby, 1099; J. Bristow, 106; Bishop, 106; P. Sherwin, 106; W. Cumming, 710; R. Brewin, 112; C. Stribling, 70.

WORTHFUL MASTERS.—T. Higgs, 106; W. Fowler, 1212; F. Hall, 156; W. B. Maye, 710; S. P. Anniss, 233; T. Parkhouse, 1125; S. Loran, 1443; W. E. Warren, 1358; E. A. Collings, 303; F. J. Pratt, 1396; W. R. King, 1138; F. Sowdon, 372; J. J. Avery, 70; W. Salter, 1181; A. R. Lethbridge, 159; J. Norman, 954; W. Moore, 202; A. F. Luke, 112; A. Latimer, 189; J. Murch, 1099; H. Woodgate, 847; R. G. Bird, 550; J. Rendle, 1247.

SENIOR WARDENS.—E. Patten, 223; J. H. Toms, S.W.; C. S. Richardson, 1212; E. Hawke, 159; H. W. Thomas, 70; C. Pinn, 1284; E. H. Edmonds, 444; W. H. Terrell, 202; J. Gould, 1099; J. Walke, 109; B. Barber, 1254; J. S. Hearle, 1255; J. C. Fly, 1247; J. S. Smith, P.S.W. 1125.

JUNIOR WARDENS.—H. Bailey, 203; W. Boon, 223; W. Glover, 1205; O. Stephens, 954; F. Pollard, 1284; J. H. Keats, 1247; T. B. Purnell, 1396; S. D. Nicholls, 282; G. Huxham, 1254; J. Woodman, 444; J. Pearse, 1255; C. Adams, 39; J. H. Stephens, 159; J. P. Rogers, 1550.

After the minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge meeting had been read and confirmed,

Bro. Rogers read the Secretary's report, which showed that returns had been received from all the lodges in the province, and that the total amount of dues was £278 19s.

Bro. Hambly read the Treasurer's report. The balance in hand from the last account was £209 9s. 8d. The fees of honour amounted to £27 10s.; the dues from lodges, as stated above, £278 19s.; dispensation, 10s.; proportion of expenses received from Cornwall on account of the visit of the Prince of Wales, £47 17s. 4d.; total £563 13s. 1d. The expenditure included £15 to the widow of a deceased brother; £105 to the Female Orphan Asylum, Stoke; £50 to the Fortescue Annuity Fund; £10 to the Torbay Infirmary Fund; £95 12s. 9d. expenses incurred in connection with the visit of the Prince of Wales; £19 10s. 8d. for printing and advertising; £49 14s. 6d. dues in respect of the Fortescue Annuity Fund; £15 voted by the Committee of Petitions, and other smaller items. The balance now in the hands of the Treasurer is £176 5s. 7d.

The reports were received and adopted.

Bro. Gover brought up the report of the Committee of Petitions, which was as follows:—The Committee of Peti-

tions beg to submit to the Provincial Grand Lodge a statement of their proceedings for the past year. In the first place, they have pleasure in reporting that by the exertions of the committee, and by the kind assistance of Bro. H. Dubosc, the election of a widow as a pensioner on the Widows' Fund was secured. By the power vested in them the committee voted £5 to the widow of a late brother of Lodge 39, Exeter, and they further recommend that £10 be voted by the Provincial Grand Lodge; also £5 to the widow of a late brother of Lodge 156, Plymouth, and recommend that the Provincial Grand Lodge grant a further sum of £5. £5 was voted in aid of the education of a daughter of a late brother of Lodge 282, Tavistock. £5 was contributed for the relief of a member of Lodge 112, Exeter, to assist him in his serious illness—and the Provincial Grand Lodge was recommended to grant a further sum of £15,—to be given through the Provincial Grand Secretary: the committee further recommend that the sum of £5 be granted to the widow of a deceased brother of Lodge 223, Plymouth, to be expended at the discretion of the clergyman of her parish. Also a sum of £5 to a member of Lodge 106, Exmouth. The committee very much regret that they have failed to secure the election of their candidates for the Boys' and Girls' Schools. This is the more to be deplored, from the fact that there are several strong and deserving cases waiting their turn to be placed on the list of candidates. The committee cannot disguise from themselves, and cannot too strongly impress upon the Provincial Grand Lodge, that every year brings with it a greatly increased difficulty in obtaining successful results in the Masonic charity. They are willing to believe that this is owing to the increased interest felt by almost every other province, as shown by their entering the lists in the laudable effort to provide for their destitute brethren, their widows, and orphans. This is peculiarly the case with regard to the Boys' School, to ensure success in which double the number of votes are now required than were necessary only two or three years ago. It is the duty of the committee to point out this difficulty. It rests with the Provincial Grand Lodge to provide the remedy. Its influence may possibly avail to induce a larger and more earnest support of the Masonic charities by the lodges in the province, and greater unanimity in co-operating to secure the election of the candidates selected by the committee. (Applause.)

Bro. Metham proposed the adoption of the report, and in so doing he congratulated the Provincial Grand Lodge that during the last year, through the agency of the Committee of Petitions, more good had been done than had formerly been the case. Cases had been brought before them of a most distressing character, and he knew that great judgment had been exercised in apportioning relief to them. He called attention to the proposal which he made some years ago, that a Provincial Masonic fund should be raised for the purpose of educating the children of deceased and needy Masons in the province. The proposition was then overruled, but he was still convinced that it was the right thing to be done, and would yet be done, and whoever brought it forward at a future Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, would receive his most cordial support (hear, hear), for the scheme which he had proposed would, he was sure, be the only cure for the present evil.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Fortescue Annuity Fund was read by Bro. Rogers. There is a balance in hand of £48 7s. 6d. The fund is made up as follows:—Invested in Consols, £928 15s., and a further sum of £185 15s.; Devon and Exeter Club, £400; in Savings' Banks, £215 9s. 4d.; due on Williams' Mortgage, £140.

In accordance with a notice of motion previously given, Bro. S. Jew, P.P.G. Treasurer, moved the following alterations in the bye-laws:—

"That every brother, on his appointment to either of the following offices, shall pay towards the Fund of General Purposes the undermentioned sums, viz.:—D.G. Master, £8 8s.; G. Wardens, each £4 4s.; G. Chaplain, £2 2s.; G. Treasurer, £2 2s.; G. Registrar, £2 2s.; G. Secretary, £2 2s.; G. Deacons, each £2 2s.; G. Sup. of Works, £2 2s.; G. Director of Ceremonies, £2 2s.; G. Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies, £2 2s.; G. Sword Bearer, £2 2s.; G. Organist, £2 2s.; G. Pursuivant, £1 1s.; G. Stewards, each £1 1s. That every brother who may be promoted from an inferior to a superior office, or re-appointed to office in the Provincial Grand Lodge (except the Provincial Grand Secretary) shall pay the full fee as provided for in Law No. 2. Except also in the cases of Provincial Grand Pursuivant or Provincial Grand Stewards, who shall only pay the difference between the fees due in the office which they leave and that to which they are advanced."

In proposing this motion, Bro. Jew said it had long been before the province, and therefore it was not necessary that he should enlarge upon it, but he wished to point out that from the year 1860 to 1871 there were twenty-two re-appointments. This he had discovered while examining the Treasurer's books to ascertain the names of those who had not paid the augmented fees of honour. It would be observed, therefore, not only that twenty-two brethren were deprived of provincial honours, but that a loss accrued to the province of £71 8s. But that was not all. As well as he could remember, from 1868 to 1874, about the same number of reappointments were made, and he should imagine that about the same amount of money was lost to the province. Thus, forty-four brethren remained undecorated who should have possessed purple collars, and the province had lost within the last fifteen years about £140 or £150 simply by re-appointments. He thought it was enough for so many brethren to bear with the loss of a much coveted honour, without the funds of the P.G. Lodge suffering also. (Hear, hear.) If the whole of the offices were filled (excepting that of Secretary, who was a permanent officer), by new appointments, including the two P.G. Chaplains, only fifteen brethren could obtain Prov. honours, exclusive of the

stewards who did not carry past rank, and there being forty-six lodges in the province, only one-third could obtain purple collars in face of the fact that there were in the province about two hundred brethren eligible for them. When calls were made upon them for charity those calls were always responded to in no grudging spirit. (Hear, hear.) As an instance of this he would mention that when, two years ago, the P.G.M. went up to represent the aged Freemasons they gave him the sum of £100, and last year they gave to the D.P.G.M. a hundred guineas for the Female Orphan Asylum at Stoke. (Applause.) But in order to sustain this it was necessary that the fees of honour should be paid in full, and he therefore hoped that his proposal would be carried without opposition. (Applause.)

Bro. LEIGH said he should be quite willing to second the motion if the D.P.G.M. was excepted from it. He quite thought that if a brother was promoted from a lower to a higher office he should pay the full fee.

Bro. METHAM explained that he held his office by patent from the Grand Lodge of England, and therefore was unaffected by the proposition.

Bro. RODDA supported the motion, which, after a short discussion, was carried.

Bro. ROGERS moved for £50 for the Fortescue Annuity Fund, which was allowed.

Bro. JONES moved for fifty guineas be given to the Devon and Exeter Hospital.

This was opened by Bro. WATTS and other brethren, and an amendment was removed to reduce the sum by twenty-five guineas. Bro. Watts contended that it was not Masonic to give money to instances that were in no way connected with Masonry.

Bro. METHAM protested against this remark, and argued that it was essentially Masonic. It was their duty, as Masons, to first take care of the household of their own faith and then to carry comfort and consolation to others. (Applause.)

The proposition of Bro. Jones was carried by a large majority.

Bro. W. S. Passmore, of Lodge 444, was elected as Treasurer for the coming year.

The P.G.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. L. P. Metham, D.P.G.M.; Lord Charles Beresford, W.M. of 1205, (Metham), P.G.S.W.; the Rev. T. Russell, 489, (Bideford), P.G.J.W.; the Rev. W. Whitley, 156, (Plymouth), P.G.S. Chaplain; the Rev. C. H. Deshon, 303, (Teignmouth), P.G.J. Chaplain; W. H. Barker, 847, (Honiton), P.G. Registrar; W. G. Rogers, 112, (Exeter), P.G. Secretary; W. H. Hancock, 164, (Sidmouth), P.G.S.D.; H. Dubose, 156, (Plymouth), P.G.J.D.; G. C. Bignell, 105, (Plymouth), P.G. Supt. Works; J. Gould, 444, (Starcross), P.G.D.C.; J. Redgate, 1212, (Stoke), P.G.A.D.C.; S. Willoughby, 1099, (Stoke), P.G. Sword Bearer; J. S. Short, 1443, (Dawlish), P.G. Organist; D. Attwood, (Ilfracombe), P.G. Pursuivant; J. H. Tonkin, 282, (Tavistock); P. D. Michelmore, (Newton); J. Harper, 251, (Barnstaple); S. B. Coulston, (Brixham); and H. M. Body, 1332, Prov. Grand Stewards.

At the conclusion of the business of Grand Lodge, a number of the brethren dined together at the New London Inn, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

The following brethren have been appointed office-bearers under District Grand Lodge of N. S. Wales (English Constitution):—

Arthur T. Holroyd, P.M. 656, District Grand Master; Ernest O. Smith, P.M. 556, Deputy District Grand Master; Frederick W. Elliott, P.M. 868, Senior District Grand Warden; John Gray, P.M. 1169, Junior District Grand Warden; Rev. W. Begg, M.D., J.L.D., M.M. 390, District Grand Chaplain; W. H. Simpson, P.M. 390, District Grand Treasurer; S. O. Evans, M.D., P.M. 868, District Grand Registrar; A. Gardner, P.M. 1169, President Board of General Purposes; R. Leworthy, P.M. 817, District Grand Secretary; W. H. Becke, P.M. 556, Senior District Grand Deacon; Thomas Chapman, P.M. 656, Junior District Grand Deacon; J. F. Marshall, P.M. 390, District Grand Superintendent of Works; A. Berney, P.M. 556, District Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. Thomas, P.M. 1169, Assistant District Grand Director of Ceremonies; M. D. Mitchell, W.M., District Grand Sword Bearer; J. E. Graham, W.M. 655, District Grand Pursuivant; S. A. De Lissa, P.M. 655, District Grand Tyler; Jno. S. Gordon, W.M. 556; J. F. Passau, S.W. 656; F. Harper, W.M. 868; W. G. Beverley, W.M. 937; N. J. Robinson, W.M. 1169; G. W. Davies, W.M., District Grand Stewards. C. H. May, P.M. 1169; F. Harper, W.M. 868, Auditors.

COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES:—President—A. Gardner, P.M., Zetland Lodge, 655. District Grand Master, Ex Officio, Deputy District Grand Master, Ex Officio, District Grand Senior Warden, Ex Officio, District Grand Junior Warden, Ex Officio, District Grand Treasurer, Ex Officio, District Grand Secretary. J. F. Marshall, P.M. 390; Jno. Gray, P.M. 1167; W. G. Cassidy, W.M. 817; Thomas Chapman, P.M. 656; M. Medway, P.M. 656; F. Senior, P.M. 655.

COMMITTEE OF BENEVOLENCE:—President—Frank Senior, P.M., Zetland Lodge, 655; M. Medway, P.M., Cambrian Lodge, No. 656; F. Senior, P.M., Zetland Lodge, No. 655; J. F. Marshall, P.M., Australia Lodge, No. 390; T. Chapman, P.M., Cambrian Lodge, No. 656; W. D. Banks, P.M., Cambrian Lodge, No. 656; Jno. Gray, P.M., Unity Lodge; W. H. Simpson, P.M., D. G. Treasurer, Ex Officio, No. 390; R. Leworthy,

P.M., D.G. Secretary, No. 817; and all Masters of Contributing Lodges.

FREEMASONS' ORPHAN SOCIETY. — President, — The District Grand Master. Vice-Presidents,—Deputy District Grand Master, W. Bro. W. H. Simpson, W.M., Lodge of Australia, No. 390; W. Bro. W. H. Cassidy, W.M., Robert Burns Lodge, No. 817; W. Bro. H. Westcott, P.M., Unity Lodge, No. 1169. Committee,—Life Governors, Masters of lodges, and First Principals of chapters contributing, Trustees, Treasurer, and Secretary. Trustees,—District Grand Master—John Taylor, P.M., Lodge of Australia, No. 390; Henry Westcott, P.M., Unity Lodge, No. 1169. Treasurer,—District Grand Treasurer, W. H. Simpson, Lodge of Australia, No. 390. Secretary,—District Grand Secretary, R. Leworthy, P.M., Robert Burns Lodge, No. 817; and all Masters of lodges contributing to the fund.

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FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

(From our Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, June 7th, 1875.

A very melancholy event had occurred previous to my last letter, but the particulars did not reach me in time for the mail—I refer to the suicidal death by poison of Mr. Lanseigne, of Dunedin, long and favourably known in business circles as a wool-broker, and in society generally as a warm-hearted and kindly gentleman. The news of his death (and by such means) cast quite a gloom over the commercial community in the city. But acting this way on society generally, the feeling was intensified among the Masonic fraternity, with whom he was an especial favorite. He was one of those who had "put his principles in some measure to the test" being a Frenchman, and naturally, you may say, a Roman Catholic, the time came when he had to choose between Romanism and Masonry. He, without hesitation, held firmly to the latter, and laughed to scorn the excommunication the Church pronounced over him. By his death Scottish Masonry has lost a zealous workman; he was a P.M. of the Otago Kilwinning, and Grand Secretary of the Prov. Grand Lodge of New Zealand, S.C., he also held office in the Prov. Royal Arch Chapter S.C. The last time I saw him was in the discharge of his duties as Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies at the installation of Bro. John Hislop as Prov. G.M. for New Zealand, S.C., a work which he got through with great satisfaction, although the number of Masons assembled (about 350) was probably the largest ever before seen in any hall in the colony, then in excellent health, and spirits; a few short months have passed, and he has launched his frail bark on the river of death, gliding onwards to the deep and unfathomable ocean of eternity. That he should have taken his own life, all must deeply deplore, but that it was done in a fit of insanity few that knew him will doubt. Between the cares of business and the recent loss of a dearly loved child his brain became impaired, reason lost her seat, and what had a short time previously been to him a world of life and of hope, became a black gulph of despair. Being of a peculiarly sensitive disposition he concealed his feelings, from even his intimates in Masonry, and those who saw him, at the opera, with his daughters, the evening previous, in more than his usual high spirits, little dreamed of finding him next day a corpse. Bro. Lanseigne's life was insured for a thousand pounds, which, it is satisfactory to know, was promptly paid by the Government Life Assurance. Bro. Lanseigne was buried with Masonic honours, a large number of brethren, of six Craft lodges, and one R.A. Chapter, being in attendance.

Turning to a more cheerful theme, I have to record a special meeting of the Refton Pacific Lodge, No. 1453 (Province of Nelson, South-west), to present Bro. P.M. Gessing with an illuminated address, expressive of the high esteem in which he was held by the brethren, and their regret at his departure from among them (on a visit to England). There was a large muster of the brethren, including Bro. Millar, F.S.A., Grand Superintendent of Works, Prov. Grand Lodge Otago, S.C.; and Bro. P. M. Broad. The W.M., Bro. Carreras, presented the address in a very effective speech, and Bro. Gessing, who was much affected, gave a feeling reply. Thereafter, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and to wish, Bro. Gessing "God speed."

I have come across an extract from the *Australian Freemason*, and I think it worth recording. "A new lodge called the 'Manoah,' holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was inaugurated at Sydney on the 12th of April last. During his address the R.W.M. referred to three characteristics in the principles of the lodge. 1. The abolition of all dues. 2. No spirituous or intoxicating liquors whatever shall form part of the lodge refreshment, all the promoters being teetotalers, and so strict is this principle held, that the clause of the by-laws embodying this point cannot be altered under any circumstances. 3. That there be a yearly settlement of the lodge funds, and it is provided that no Master allow himself to be reinstated or surrender the chair to his successor until the profits (if any) have been distributed pro rata amongst members who comply with a certain by-law." This is the first time I have heard of a lodge in

the colonies having no dues; as a rule, dues are too high, and the result is that some pay, but by far the larger number fall in arrears, and eventually disappear from the lodge-room, if not from the lodge books.

The Nelson Mark Masonic Lodge, No. 57, has closed, and the warrant has been returned to Grand Mark Lodge.

The annual meeting of the Southern Cross Lodge, No. 997, E.C., was held at the lodge-room, Invercargill, on May 19th, at noon, for the purpose of installing Bro. David Macrorie as Worshipful Master; the Installing Officer was Bro. Wade, P.M. After the ceremony, the W.M. appointed, and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. G. Fox, S.W.; A. C. Henderson, J.W.; W. J. Moffet, Treasurer; W. B. Scandrett, S.D.; J. Hamilton, J.D.; Heywood, Steward; Sugar, Tyler. After the usual salutations from the brethren, and "the hearty good wishes" of the visitor, the lodge was closed in due form.

FREEMASONRY AT THE RIVER PLATE.

A Mount correspondent writes as follows:—

The 24th (St. John's day) passed off very quietly, different in every way to the time when we as youngsters looked forward to it with an object of amusement. This was a cold, a bitter cold day, and but few people ventured into the streets, much preferring a warm fireside, or, perhaps, a warmer bed, to rambling about town. The only people who appeared to be on the alert were the Freemasons, and under many a topcoat a pair of black unmentionables, or a glimpse of a swallow-tail, denoted the wearer's occupation of the day. The installation of the W.M. of the Acacia Lodge took place at the usual hour, and for the ensuing year our old and esteemed friend Chevalier John Oldham holds this position; the Masonic banquet was held at Dr. Fleury's mansion, and at it several most eloquent speeches were made.—*Buenos Ayres Standard*.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC MEDALS AND TOKENS.

In the *Freemason* of 31st July I described a Masonic token under this heading; and I have since been much puzzled to discover the event which a silver medal, belonging to the same brother, was intended to commemorate. The following is a description of it:—It is a little larger and a little heavier than a half-crown. In the upper portion of the obverse is a conventional sun, under which is No. (the number has however never been added), under this again has been engraved the name of a gentleman who was one of the permanent Grand Officers of the "Moderns" during the latter part of the last, and for the first decade of the present century. I may mention that he is described as Mr., the term brother being much more sparingly used then than now, particularly when there was a possibility of its being seen or heard by the outer world. The inscription is FREE.MASONS.HALL. The obverse contains the square, level, plumb-rule, compasses, and sword, fastened together by a ribbon tied in a triple bow. The inscription is VIDE.AUDI.TACE. The medal is in perfect preservation. A very distinguished brother, to whom it was shown recently, thought it must be a pass of some kind, from the fact that the owner's name was engraved upon it. I believe this suggestion was not far from the truth; for having occasion to refer to Preston's Illustrations (11th edition, 1804) on another subject, I found (page 289) that it was resolved at the Grand Lodge, in June 1779, to raise a loan of £2000, without interest, to pay off the debts upon the hall. No subscriptions of less than £25 were to be received, and there were not to be more than 100 subscribers. "It was also determined that an honorary medal should be presented to every subscriber, as a mark of respect, on account of the service which he had rendered this society, and that the bearer of such medal, if a Master Mason, should have the privilege of being present at, and voting in, all the future meetings of the Grand Lodge." One can hardly resist the conviction that the foregoing extract refers to the medal described above, although the absence of a date upon the medal must be borne in mind. E. S.

Having read the many letters which appeared in the *Freemason*, relative to a token in commemoration of the Installation of the Prince of Wales in 1790, it will give me much pleasure to send you one for your inspection (if you have not already seen one), on which you can make your own comments. I knew I had one when some time ago it was spoken of in your paper; but could not then put my hand upon it. The date, you will see, on the face is 1790, but on the edge 1794. The arms much resemble those of my mother lodge. I do not think the animals leopards, as stated in your issue of the 31st, but beavers. Should any brother wish to possess it, they can have it for a consideration. I came by it thus. About seven years ago I purchased some fruit in the Bristol Market, and that token was among the coppers as change. Should you desire to see it, if you will kindly tell me how I can send it, the same will be instantly forwarded.

Yours fraternally, WM. HAZARD,
P.M. 103, Senior Tyler No. 8.

HUGHAN'S MASONIC TOKEN OF A.D. 1794.

I have again examined the token, and this time with extra care, so as to clearly establish the fact that the different issues of the little copper coin differ only in minor details.

The one mentioned by Bro. E. S. varies a little from mine, and the others mentioned in the *Freemason*, but the obverse and reverse of the coins are in agreement. The arms, crest, and motto are alike in each of the tokens; so

also the inscription. The supporters are in all probability beavers, though they might do for a mild form of leopard. Bros. E. S. and T. F. think the Bible (or a book) is represented on the reverse, and not an hour-glass, as I fancied. They may be correct, but really it almost does for either equally well.

On the rim of my coin is "Masonic Token, I. Schichley, Fecit, 1794." In my former communication the prefix "I" to Schichley was omitted. Bro. Colonel Burdett's issue has "Masonic halfpenny token" on the rim, whilst the one alluded to by Bro. E. S. has "Halfpenny, payable at the Black Horse, Tower Hill."

It is evident, then, that the inscription on the rim of the different issues of the token varied according to the fancy of the customers who ordered them, and so we may take it for granted that virtually all the coins refer to but the one original, with slight variations.

The size of the one in my possession is exactly one inch and one-eighth in diameter, and weighs a mere trifle over a quarter of an ounce.

Although H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was elected Grand Master 24th Nov., 1790 (as the inscription on the token states), the installation did not take place until 2nd May, 1792.

The arms on the obverse were those adopted by the Grand Lodge of England ("Moderns") until A.D. 1813, when, the "Union" being consummated, the United Grand Lodge of England has since been distinguished by a blending of the arms which severally distinguished the "Moderns" and "Ancients" before that period.

W. J. HUGHAN.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN A "FREEMASON."

I do not see any reason to doubt the fact that Sir Christopher Wren was a "Freemason," and that his admission occurred on May 18th, 1691, when Aubrey stated it was to take place.

There does not, however, appear to be any evidence of Sir Christopher Wren's connection with the Lodge of Antiquity prior to 1720, and even if the three candlesticks were presented by him to the lodge in 1675, it is not at all likely such a presentation was made during his presidency, for his initiation (or adoption) was not to take place until 1691.

Sir Christopher Wren may have made the gift to the Master or President of the lodge in 1675, who may have officially taken part, with other old lodges, at the laying of the first stone of the cathedral, or he may not. In the absence of the evidence, our speculations are of no value.

W. J. HUGHAN.

ALPHA AND THE "SUSSEX LODGE," 1841.

Cannot "Alpha" communicate a few more particulars as to the lodge about which he desires information. Was it called the "Sussex Lodge," and did it meet in Kensington Palace? If so, why refer to the Sussex Arms. I shall be happy to search any calendars in my possession, and will communicate the result, provided I have some certain data to go by before commencing the search.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Review.

"The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite." Illustrated. By Bro. J. T. LOTH, P.H. Dr.

We have received this handsomely got up book with much pleasure, and looked through it with much interest. For those who belong to the A. and A. Scottish Rite, as it is called, this work will be a sort of vade mecum, as regards grades and blazonries. Bro. Loth must have taken the greatest pains in its preparation and publication, and we are pleased in the interest of archaeology, and of all that tends to illustrate and adorn the somewhat barren path of the literature of the Craft, and of the high grades, to note the fact, and to commend this work to the approval and patronage of our many readers. All such efforts we think deserve encouragement which serve to prove even to the outside world, too ready to scoff at Masonic literary endeavours of any kind, that whether it be in respect of Craft Masonry proper, or what may be fairly termed the Christian Grades, we have amongst us those whose Masonic knowledge, and whose archaeological attainments, are worthy of much admiration. We therefore, heartily welcome Dr. Loth's book, and we trust that, unlike Masonic literateurs generally, he may not experience the result of many Masonic sufferers in the cause of literature, discouragement, apathy, and loss. We trust to hear "au contraire" that his "labour of love" has been a thorough success. One point, in the interests of Masonic history and correct archaeology, we wish to call attention to. Of course the "Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite," though very interesting to its own adepts, ought not, and indeed cannot, be looked upon as a representative of Freemasonry proper. It is in fact a system of its own, modern as regards date, and purely Christian as opposed to the universal teaching of Craft Freemasonry. At present it consists of thirty-three degrees, but was previously of twenty-five, and first of all—if the "Rite Ecossais" is the child of the Chevalier Ramsay's fertile imagination—three, Scotch Master or Scotchman, the Novice, and the Knight of the Temple, which may be perhaps called the "Rite de Bouillon." The Rite de Bouillon is probably of date about 1728. The present French Rite Ecossais is nearly analogous "nominatim" with the Scottish Rite, though why it is called the Scottish Rite we know not, as until Ramsay's manipulations no one had ever heard of the "Rite Ecossais," or of the "Rite Ancien," or of the "Maçonnerie de Perfection," which were all supposed to be, as a French writer puts it, "grades originaires d'Edinbourg." Various attempts have been made from time to time to reduce the "Rite Ecossais." Le Chevalier de St. Martin is said to have reduced it to ten degrees, and

another form of it is composed of seven, the last four being Ancient Master, Elect, Scotch, Kadosh. The Rite Francais, "ou rite moderne," which may be said probably to date from about 1786, consists of seven grades, the three Craft, and Elect, Scotch, Knight of the East, and Sovereign Prince Rose Croix. But the basis of all these rites is our ancient Craft system, more ancient than any other, and whether those brethren were right who, not content with the Spartan simplicity of our forefathers, grafted these mediæval, mystic, and Knightly grades on to the old parent tree, must be left to the individual judgment of the educated and expert Freemason. As a literary effort we congratulate Bro. Loth on his work.

W.

ROYAL MASONIC BENOVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee met at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 11th August. Present:—Bros. Major Creation, Chairman, H. G. Warren, R. Spencer, J. A. Farnfield, J. G. Stevens, A. H. Tattershall, L. Stean, W. Stevens, James Brett, S. Rawson, Griffiths Smith, I. Newton, Thomas Cubitt, W. Hilton, Prof. Erasmus Wilson, and Jabez Hogg. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Warden's Report stated that the entertainment kindly voted at the last meeting was held on the 30th ultimo, and gave great pleasure to the inmates assembled. The death of two annuitants was reported. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for payment of annuities due 1st September. One candidate was placed on the list for election in May next, and permission was granted to an annuitant to reside in the Asylum at Croydon. Votes of thanks were accorded to Bro. Griffiths Smith, for drawing up agreement, and to the Chairman.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of the Subscribers to this Institution met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. G. Chancellor, V.P., in the chair. The other members of the Committee then present were Bros. Henry Browne, Benj. Mallam, John Symonds, Richard Spencer, S. Rosenthal, W. Roebuck, W. F. Moutrie, H. Dubosc, J. W. Dosell, Hyde Pullen, George J. Palmer, and F. Binckes, Secretary. Bro. Binckes announced that the result of the late festival was a list of subscriptions amounting to £12,704.

It was then resolved that £500 be transferred from the General to the sustentation account, and the chairman was authorised to sign cheques for house bills amounting to £2,775 3s. 3d.

One petition was afterwards accepted, and the Committee then adjourned.

Poetry.

WHAT MASONRY IS.

Walter Scott well defines Freemasonry when he says:

It is the secret sympathy,
The silver link, the silken tie,
That heart to heart and mind to mind,
In body and in soul can bind.

And Prior, who said:

It is like the ladder in Jacob's dream,
Its foot on earth, its height above the skies.
Diffused in its virtues; boundless in its power;
'Tis public health and universal cure,
Of heavenly manna, 'tis a second feast,
A nation's food, and all to every taste.

MASONIC EPITAPH:—

Be this alone my epitaph,
When life has closed its span,
"Beneath this stone a BROTHER sleeps
Who loved his fellow man."

"There is a world where all are equal,
We are hurrying towards it fast—
We shall meet upon the Level there, when the gates of death are past;
We shall stand before the Orient, and the Master will be there,
To try the blocks we offer, with His own unerring square.

"Let us meet upon the Level, then, while labouring patient here;
Let us meet and let us labour, though the labour be severe;
Already in the western sky, the signs bid us prepare
To gather up our working tools and part upon the square."

Michigan Freemason.

SONNET.

O'er Nature free, 'mid her green hills and plains,
Or link'd to art in gardens neatly trim'd,
The wild bee, golden-strak'd and hairy-limb'd,
With ceaseless joy and ceaseless toil and pains,
A pleasing task, embraces close and drains
The deep contents of flow'r-cups honey-brim'd.
Nor quits his hold of each bright chalice rim'd
With glowing hues till not a drop remains.
His is a jocund, yet a busy life,
That workman blythe, the devious-roaming bee,
Nor with one health glad pledg'd, though largely rife
With heav'n's nectarous sweets, content is he.
But like a bard he all the smiling day,
In endless feast of Nature's charms doth stray.

M. GORDON.

Masonic Tidings.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction on Friday, the 27th of August, by Bro. David Rose, P.M., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich (not at the Earl of Chatham as previously announced). The lodge will be opened at seven o'clock sharp.

An alarm, which threatened serious consequences, took place in the Pavillion on Hastings Pier, a groundless cry of fire having been raised. By the presence of mind of Bro. Marriott, the conductor of the band, the fear of the visitors was allayed, our brother quietly sitting down to the piano, and thus arresting the attention of the alarmed people.

A PRESENT FROM THE QUEEN TO THE BRIGHTON AQUARIUM.—A gigantic turtle, from the Island of Ascension, weighing over 3 cwt., has been presented by the Queen to the Brighton Aquarium. It is considered the finest specimen ever seen alive in this country. It will be exhibited in a temporary tank in the Central Hall during the preparation of a tank for its permanent reception.

Friday, 6th inst., being the birthday of Bro. the Duke of Edinburgh, was observed at Windsor with the customary honours. His Royal Highness was born at Windsor Castle on the 6th August, 1844.

Tuesday night's *Gazette* contains an announcement of the promotion of Bro. the Duke of Connaught of the 7th Hussars from the rank of captain to that of major, with seniority from that day.

The Earl of Rosslyn, of Easton Lodge, Essex, acting as representative of the Manor of Walthamstow, has succeeded the late Mr. E. Warner, M.P., of Higham Hall, as a vice-president of Forest School.

The circulation of the Bible in Turkey has now been authorised by the Porte.

The Lord Mayor has left London for the vacation.

The Earl of Carnarvon has left town for Cowes, and will take a short cruise in his yacht.

THE VISIT OF THE PRINCE OF WALES TO INDIA.—"According to present arrangements," says the *Times of India*, "the Prince of Wales will, after remaining in Bombay for a short time, go on to Ceylon and thence to Madras. From Madras the Prince goes by sea to Calcutta, and, as it has been arranged that he is to arrive there on Christmas-day, there will be a considerable interval to dispose of in the neighbourhood of Madras. Probably Bangalore will be visited, and Mysore elephants hunted; and it may be that Hyderabad may be looked in upon. Preparations for the forthcoming visit are also being made in Calcutta. The East India Railway Company are constructing a royal train to consist of five carriages, one of which is to be a State reception saloon, one a sleeping carriage, two carriages for the staff, and one for the personal attendants of His Royal Highness. The reception saloon and sleeping carriage are being furnished and upholstered in a very elegant style. Extensive alterations and improvements are also being effected at Government House. The Public Works Department are busily engaged renovating the whole building, and making alterations where needed. A suite of apartments in the S.W. wing are being fitted up especially for the Prince's private use, the old throne is to be replaced by an elegant structure, the drapery of which will consist of the finest crimson velvet trimmed with gold and emblazoned with the Royal Arms. It appears that the Nizam's Government are making preparations on a magnificent scale for the reception of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at the capital of the Deccan. Very costly furniture has been ordered through a European firm in Madras, to grace the Royal Banqueting Hall to be fitted up for the occasion." The *Bombay Gazette* says:—"Now that the day has been fixed on which the Prince of Wales may be expected to land in Bombay, the leading native gentlemen of the city evince considerable interest in the coming event, and there can be no doubt that the reception of His Royal Highness will be very cordial."

DALRY GRAVITATION WATER WORKS.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE WITH MASONIC HONOURS. Monday, the 2nd inst., will henceforth be regarded as a red letter day, and one that will not soon be forgotten in the history of the parish. The day was one of autumn's loveliest, and the occasion of the demonstration was the laying of the foundation stone of the Gravitation Water Works at Wee Auldmuir, near to the Auldmuir Burn, in the valley between the first-named place and the Baidland range of hills. Monday being "St. Margaret's Day," which is an annual fair holiday, the public works were closed, and the inhabitants, in holiday attire, turned out en masse to witness the ceremony. The members of Dalry Blair Lodge, 290, joined by deputations from Mother Kilwinning, Royal Blue (Kilbirnie), and St. John's (Kilmarnock), assembled in the lodge-room, and proceeded thence to the more capacious F.C. school-room previous to forming into marching order.

[A detailed account of the proceedings will appear in our next.]

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And at W. H. Smith and Son's bookstalls.

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ANOTHER RITUALISTIC ATTACK.

The Ritualists, like the Romanists, seem to be in a state of great exacerbation as regards Freemasons and Freemasonry. It is to them apparently just now like the bit of "red rag" to the stamping bull, and has the same effect apparently both on their tempers and their feelings! We deplore the fact exceedingly, but we can do no more, as veracious chroniclers and careful observers of the way of the world, than note it for the information of all whom it may concern. There is not much in it perhaps one way or the other, but in this hot weather unnecessary agitation and nervous excitement are equally to be deprecated. The meeting for the consecration of the Alexandra Lodge, and the speeches then delivered, seem to have stirred up the bile of a correspondent of our juvenile contemporary, *The Church Herald*, who rushes into print with a childish volubility and inexperience which would be amusing were they not somewhat distressing. We wonder that our contemporary admits such a very slip-slop bit of writing in its ornate pages, but as not so long ago we read a very unworthy and unfounded attack on our Order in the *Church Herald*, we do not wonder when we behold the following weak and silly ebullition which appeared in the issue of August 4th. We give the letter in extenso for the benefit of our readers.

"MASONIC INFIDELITY."

"Sir,—Let me call your attention to a speech recently delivered at the Alexandra Palace by Mr. J. C. Parkinson, a well known authority in Freemasonry, and one who has done more than any man living to show how thoroughly hostile are the principles of the Craft to all that Christians and Churchmen hold dear. :—

"I think it is useful, on occasions of this character, to take a brief survey of the position of

Freemasonry, and to mark its progress at home and abroad; and this is the more necessary from the impotent antagonism which continues to threaten and denounce all within its pale. The triumphant installation of the Prince of Wales as our Grand Master has been followed by the usual exhibitions. His Holiness the Pope has again anathematised what he is pleased to denominate 'the Masonic sect.' (A laugh.) Bishop Dupanloup has honoured us by a bitterly hostile pamphlet; the organ of Ultramontanism has declared that 'the Protestant religion and Freemasonry are identical and must stand or fall together'—a proposition it is certainly not worth our while to dispute; and an elaborate volume has been published on what is alleged to be the secret warfare of Freemasonry against the Church. The battle ground is not of our seeking; for we are ready to welcome, and do welcome as brothers, Roman Catholics if they are worthily recommended, and if they can take our obligations and obey our laws. These indispensable conditions being fulfilled, we hail the enlightened Roman Catholic as a Mason with the same cordiality as we extend to the Jew, the Mahomedan, or the Parsee. The very first page of our Book of Constitutions states that, 'let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order provided he believe in the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, and practise the sacred duties of morality; and it is this broad toleration and true Christian charity which shocks bigotry, and makes priestcraft tremble.' (Cheers.)

"Mr. Parkinson next exulted at the official recognition of the Freemasons of Italy by their brethren in this country, and quoted a glowing letter from the Grand Orient to himself thanking him for his "trenchant public utterances" on this subject. Finally he remarked:—'Official relations having been established between the Grand Lodge of Italy and that of England, the best answer Freemasons can make to the embittered railing of those who would, doubtless, put them to the torture if they dared, is Loyalty and Charity—Loyalty to the principles and rulers of the Craft; Charity and toleration to all mankind, including our persecutors and slanderers. A Roman Catholic poet once wrote in a purely Masonic spirit,

'For modes of faith let graceless zealots fight,
He can't be wrong whose life is in the right.'

Here we have an authoritative definition of Loyalty and Charity—Loyalty to principles opposed to the Church—but Mr. Parkinson did not end here. As if to defy decency and proclaim the absolute indifference of Freemasonry to the vital truths of Christianity, this arch apostle of latitudinarianism ended his speech with this abominable sentence:—'Freemasonry has nothing to do with sects or creeds, or with its professors as such. Its motto is Liberty of Conscience.' And this profession of negation was received, according to the report, with loud and enthusiastic cheering from an assembly which included many of the chief Freemasons of England. Surely, Sir, after this we shall hear no more of men who profess themselves Christians belonging to this wicked, secret organization.

"I see that the name of an English priest, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, the Rector of St. Clement Danes, was given as present at this orgy of infidelity, but I cannot believe this without corroboration. Is not the reverend gentleman's diocesan the proper person to appeal to?

"A CHURCHMAN."

What do our readers think of this very foolish attack by this anonymous and intolerant "Churchman" on our two worthy brothers J. C. Parkinson and R. J. Simpson? The suggestion in the P.S., that our good brother the Rector of St. Clement Danes has rendered himself amenable to his diocesan by advocating toleration and friendliness, loyalty and charity, is really almost too delicious, and shews to what lengths the spirit of persecution, whether in Ritualist or Romanist, will lead some people! We on the contrary fully endorse all that was said by Bro. Parkinson and Bro. Simpson, and for this controversial sciolist to seek to brand the expression of such philanthropic and kindly addresses as Masonic infidelity, is an insult alike to truth, to religion, and Freemasonry. Can we induce

such obtuse, though perhaps honest writers, like "A Churchman" to think? If so, he will perhaps be ready to admit, that because we proclaim an open platform to be the basis of our Order, it does not take away from us our individual belief in any degree. Out of the lodge we may be earnest Roman Catholics, members of the Church of England, or of any denomination, and zealous in our own measure and degree for what we believe conscientiously to answer the query, what is truth? But in the lodge we know nothing of religious disputations, differences, decrees, or dogmas; we accept all good men who believe in the Great Architect of the Universe, and revere the Revelation which he has given us. This position seems to some inconsistent, but it is not; it is both very simple and very distinct! Indeed, it seems to us a waste of time to argue the point, as, after all, the Ritualists in this, as in other things, have only borrowed the "old clothes" of the Roman Catholic arraigners of Freemasonry. The letter of "A Churchman" is in one respect a simple impertinence, though we may fairly allow something for a very hazy understanding, while in another it is as jesuitical a production as we have ever perused. Despite "A Churchman," (we doubt such being a fitting appellation for the writer of so much intolerant bombast) we cordially accept Bro. Parkinson's definition of our principles, just as we entirely assent to what our good Past Grand Chaplain said on that interesting occasion.

PROGRESS OF FREEMASONRY IN SCOTLAND.

We are glad to be able to transcribe from the *Edinburgh Courant* of Friday, July 23, the following remarks on Scottish Freemasonry, which we have read with pleasure, and which we think our brethren will be glad also to peruse. These words were penned with reference to Rev. Dr. Loth's recent work, which we have reviewed elsewhere, but they are in themselves both kindly and weighty, and represent, we believe, fairly and truly, what is the actual position of Freemasonry among our warm-hearted fellow-countrymen, under the auspices of the Scottish Grand Lodge. We also think well to call attention to them, because they contain some statements and suggestions, which it will do our Scottish brethren much good to ponder over and follow out.

"FREEMASONRY IN SCOTLAND."

"In this country Freemasonry is making gigantic as well as rapid strides in our day. It is in the fashion at present, as every social institution is sure to be at any time when Royalty comes to the front of it, taking a lead in the control of its affairs. It would be interesting to learn the number of Masons who have been made since the day of that splendid gathering—a *durbar* of more than Oriental magnificence—on which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was inaugurated as the Grand Master of English Masons. But nobody knows. It is disappointing when one begins to enquire about the numerical strength of this, the most powerful social organisation, next to the Church, in the country, to find that there are no reliable statistics bearing on the question. In Scotland very few lodges could inform the public of the number of their own members. Any of them could give you the names of all who have paid their subscriptions for an indefinite number of years. The minute-book records the names of those who attend the meetings for labour and recreation. But how about the scores or hundreds connected by Masonic generation with each lodge who never attend and have given over paying their annual tribute? A man is made in a lodge, and his name remains on its books; he may discontinue attending its meetings for any of an unrecordable number of reasons: he may get tired of them, may shift his residence in the city, may go to another town, go abroad, or he may die, and all the time his name is on the books. When the Earl of Rosslyn mounted the Scottish Masonic throne he proposed certain financial reforms, which, if they had been carried, would by-and-bye have helped to supply the item of information here desiderated; but they were not carried. In England matters are on a slightly better footing. There, when a man leaves a town, he is supposed to take away with him a certificate of member-

ship from the lodge he was connected with, and by receiving this certificate he ceases to be a member of it. Each lodge, when this rule is attended to, can tell the number of its living members; for a Mason in connection with a lodge is not allowed to die and be buried like a dog. But does the brother who leaves the town join another lodge? Are all the Masons in any town members of lodges? Not at all. It is but a very small fraction of the men who could work their way into the mystic presence of a Right Worshipful Master.

"It is mere guess work, but some who have the means of making a very good guess estimate that in England, Ireland, and Scotland there cannot be less than three millions of living Freemasons. Happily it is a fundamental principle of their organization not to meddle with politics in any of the protean forms of that practical study. If it were otherwise the results would be very bad for either the country or Masonic Craft. All would depend on the strength or weakness of the force of cohesion among the members of lodges and between the lodges. As it is, Freemasonry exercises an untold control over hundreds of thousands of our countrymen. This is not a suitable occasion for referring to its influence all over the world. In that respect it is powerful enough to render the head of the Roman Catholic Church uneasy about it in the countries where he is supposed to be regarded as a Pope—a father in religious reality. But in our own country the social influence of Masonry is immense, and as things go, is mainly for the good of its members. It promotes personal intercourse and kindly feeling. It brings men together who would otherwise remain not only strangers but aliens to each other. The genialities of our nature find a free scope and cordial greeting in a Masonic lodge—so testify many of the wisest and best of men."

We agree with the writer. We believe that Freemasonry has a great future before it among the Scottish people, if only its Grand Lodge can muster up courage to tighten up, so to say, the private lodge system, which, in our opinion, is in Scotland greatly behind ours in England. Many Scotch brethren are sensible of the fact, many Scotch lodges are moving on in a right direction; but three points press upon them, and hinder their reforms and impede their advance. The first is the lowness of the initiation fee in many lodges, the second is the want of a greater interval between each degree as the normal regulation of the Scottish lodges, and thirdly, the want of a compulsory subscription in every lodge, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Were these reforms at once carried out, the status of Scottish Freemasonry would be immediately raised, more so we believe, than many of us even suppose. But we do not want to seem to be too dogmatic, and we rather, following in the wake of the *Edinburgh Courant*, support the very intelligible points and suggestions of a "Scottish Brother," and we shall be glad to insert any letters on the subject, which, moderate in tone, and fraternal in spirit, seem to merit the consideration and perusal of our numerous readers.

A MIGHTY COOL SUGGESTION.

We find the following striking little article in the *Weekly Examiner and Ulster Observer*, a Roman Catholic journal, published at Belfast, of July 24th. We have thought it well to transfer it to our columns, as it may interest some of our readers.

"The question of Freemasonry in the Royal Irish Constabulary has been dealt with already by one of the Dublin journals. Freemasonry is undeniably present in the ranks of this force, and it is important in proportion to the duties of the body in which it is noticeable. The Prince of Wales is the Grand Master of the Freemasons, and he is the coming King. The King can do no wrong, but a policeman can do wrong. He is the immediate guardian of society, and as such should preserve the confidence of society's humblest member. By binding him up with a small section of the people, Freemasonry must have the effect of lessening the confidence of the great mass in the individual. Confidence is also

shaken in the entire constabulary. We do not mean to say that Freemasonry is, at present at least, of much political significance or power in this country; but it is well-known that the Society of Freemasons is a powerful political organisation in other countries. We have admitted the thin end of the wedge, and the Prince of Wales has assisted his own and his house's downfall. There can be no doubt that the diametric opponent of Freemasonry is the Catholic Church. The Society of Freemasons is a secret one, bound by oaths, and the members of which owe implicit obedience to the chiefs of the Craft. The Catholic Church is open, and proclaims its objects on its banners and from its lips. No Catholic can be a Freemason. He puts off his Catholicity as soon as he puts on its badge and learns "the grip." It is said that there are 17,000,000 Freemasons. There are 200,000,000 of Catholics in the world. Which is likely to win—the secret society or the frank and open presence of the Catholic Church? It is not too much to say that even already English Masonry has begun to assume the aspect of that foreign branch of the society from which the Bishop of Orleans stripped the veil in his "Etude sur la Franc Maconnerie." A good deal of light has been let in by the publication of a little book by a German author, which has now been translated into English, entitled "The Secret Warfare of Freemasonry against Church and State." Yet even if Masonry in the police were of no actual danger, the force ought to be, like Cæsar's wife, above suspicion, and in a purely Catholic country like this the people ought not to be made distrustful by the committal of their persons and property to the care of men whom they believe to be secretly banded together in hostility to the great institution to which they belong. We are sure that the matter has only to be brought under the notice of the authorities, when it will be as compatible to be a policeman and a Freemason as it now is to be a Catholic and a Freemason."

Is it not almost pitiable to see to what lengths so called religious fanaticism and unreasoning intolerance will lead rational beings? Here is a writer not probably unkind or unbrotherly in private life, pointedly putting forth in type the most cruel and unthinking theories of deliberate persecution. He has nothing to allege against Freemasonry. It is too absurd in Great Britain to talk of Freemasonry as having anything to do with politics, and this writer therefore can only appeal to that sectarianism which is always deplorable, and to that want of charity which is always hurtful. Because the Pope has condemned Freemasonry "proprio motu" unheard, and undefended, because the present possessor of the "Chair of St. Peter" has suddenly evoked from the dust of years the allocutions of Clement and Benedict, which some Roman Catholic authorities have held are obsolete, all Freemasonry is to be condemned. In Great Britain, in England, and Ireland, the Masonic body is undeniably composed of most respectable, religious, loyal citizens, and despite their social position and their benevolent undertakings, they are to be held up to the religious (?) hatred of all firm Roman Catholics, because former Popes condemned the Carbonari, and Pio Nono, has excommunicated the Communists! The best of the joke is, that in all probability the good old Pope himself is a Carbonari. He was in his "hot youth" a great friend of Mazzini and Co., and all the stories current about his being a Freemason probably resolve themselves into this, that when an ardent Liberal, and opposed actually to the then Papal Government, he was admitted into the "Carbonari" or "Madre Natura." Surely it is time that Roman Catholic scribes, like this ardent young man in the columns of the *Weekly Examiner*, &c., should give up attacking alike the religious and the loyal character of Freemasons. It says a great deal for the cool assurance, and not a little for the extreme violence of the Ultramontane party, that they should venture to put forth openly such a demand, or even make such a suggestion. Let us hope that the Irish Government, happily presided over by our noble brother, its most distinguished head, will, on the contrary, turn a deaf ear to all similar requests, whether

proffered with unadulterated "cheek" or genuine "blarney," and refuse in the slightest measure to interfere with the sacredness of liberty of conscience, or by unwise concessions pave the way for universal religious persecution. Everywhere the Church of Rome, just now supposed to be wise in her generation, in her attacks on Freemasonry, and especially in Great Britain, is demonstrating to all clear-minded observers how unchanged she is, and that, despite her profession of liberal ideas, she has "rien appris" and "rien oublié." Her voice may perhaps be heard in favour of what she terms toleration and religious freedom, but her acts too clearly evince, that still before her glowing mind are looming in the distance visions of delightful "Auto-da-Fés," and of those better and happier days when the brave, the faithful, the virtuous and the chaste, were at the cruel mercies of the familiars of the Holy Inquisition. However, save the mark! Let us hope that a brighter future is in store for poor "ould Ireland," and that Irish Freemasonry, despite its intolerant opponents and vilifiers, may "go on and prosper," upholding manfully the rights of conscience, proclaiming peace and toleration, loyalty and charity, and demonstrating even to its bitterest and most foul-mouthed opponents, that its great abiding anthem is "Glory to God" in the highest, and on earth "Peace and good-will towards men."

CREDULITY.

What a wonderful history is that of the human race. As we look back on the fact to-day, and study the veracious annals of history, notwithstanding Sir R. Walpole's condemnatory dictum, we see how each successive age has been marked in many things by a spirit of hopeless credulity. Men have believed without thought, without reason, and without logic, alike the assurances of the charlatan, and the announcements of the impostor. The most idle stories have been propagated by the perverse or the fanatic, the most ridiculous allegations have been made by the interested or the "intrigant," and have found favour with that countless horde of "gobemouches" of all ages, lands, and tongues, which has thronged the Vanity Fair of life in past ages, and is neither fewer nor less credulous in every pathway of public and private life to-day. And one of the most painful facts connected with this apparently inherent, may we not say innate, propensity of mankind, is that religion has sometimes called in the spirit of credulity to foster fanaticism and encourage persecution. As Freemasons, we are not justified in dealing with the creeds or practice of religious denominations, quæ creeds and practice, but only as facts of history to point the moral or illustrate the argument. Thus we may fairly instance lying miracles and idle legends, by whomsoever invented, as proofs of credulity in past ages, even alas! in our own, just as we turn to such hopeless impostures as the "Liquifaction" of St. Janarius, and the Greek fire at Jerusalem, with a sigh, nay, a tear, as we realize what startling evidence they afford us of the continued credulity of our fellow-creatures. Now, just at this moment, the credulity of a large number of Roman Catholics and Ritualists, and of other denominations, and even Protestants professedly, by the way, is most remarkable in respect of Freemasonry and Freemasons. Urged only by their spiritual guides, who ought to know better, and do, we believe, really know better, a great many worthy and religious people have the most extraordinary notions concerning our peaceful Order. Nothing is too bad for some to say, nothing is too bad for others to believe, or profess to believe. We published in our last impression a story taken from a Canadian Roman Catholic paper, *Le Nouveau Monde*, Montreal, and forwarded to us by a responsible correspondent, which serves to show what people can say and what people will believe of us wicked and dangerous Freemasons. Yet can any one credit the statement of the sealed paper? or the sanguinary oath? Can any one even believe in the existence of the good "Passionist Father," whose kindly feelings were so dreadfully hurt, by this too fearful confirmation of his

doubts and dread of Freemasons? The whole story is, we fancy, a "pious fraud," and though it may suit the warm imaginations and susceptible emotions of Roman Catholic religionists in Canada; it will not meet the requirements of our more sifting and careful criticism in England. We believe the whole story to be a pure myth, even the good old monk to be a figure of speech. It is a very pretty story, the agony is piled up wonderfully, and does Mr. J. Marshall, the American correspondent of the *Monde*, infinite credit. Who is this eloquent writer? As the conclusion is that "Freemasonry is the same all over the world," the clear object of this veracious anecdote is to make the credulous believe what the writer himself knows to be a lie—we can use no more polished word—that in England, or the Canadas, or the United States, Freemasonry has anything whatever to do with politics. The hero of the story, if it be not Mr. Fitz Marshall himself (see Pickwick *passim*), is a German, and we can say at once, on behalf of our good Teutonic brethren, that such a proceeding is a mendacious burlesque on German Freemasonry. We can only deplore deeply the bitter intolerance of such writers, and look with heartfelt regret on this fresh chapter of the history of the hurtful credulity of mankind.

MASONIC ENTHUSIASM.

We confess that we like a little enthusiasm in all things of earth. Enthusiasm is, however, not the feature of the hour which is most conspicuous. Indeed, the very reverse is the case, and in most of worldly ways, and even in religious duties, we constantly hear complaints of the coldness of the age, and the want of some little enthusiasm. Mr. Anthony Trollope, in his clever contemporary satire of many prevailing weaknesses, and much existing "baseness," puts in the mouth of "Marie Melmotte" the statement that she does "not care for swells," that they "don't mean what they say," that they are "generally half asleep, and don't care for anybody." It must be feared, we admit, that our youth do not shew much enthusiasm for anything, except it be Hurlingham or Newmarket, and that just at the present hour society is in the greatest need of a little enthusiasm. In all this we say nothing of the ladies, who, in their higher natures, keep alive any enthusiasm which still exists for anything in the world. But we live professedly in a cold, a cautious, a prosaic, a doubting age, and we can hardly expect to find much enthusiasm for anything. Like Mr. Sam Weller, the general theory of us all, apparently, just now, is to eat our "melting pears," to ask for no "names," and to get on "pretty well." Voila tout! And the spirit of the world re-acts upon Freemasonry. When the world was social Freemasonry was social, when the world was reforming Freemasonry was reforming, when the world "rests" and is "thankful," Freemasonry becomes contented and prosperous, and, like the world, deprecating any evidence of too much zeal, and averse to enthusiasm. Of course there is a good deal of common sense in all this, a proof of that hard practicality which is the boast and pride of our Anglo-Saxon family. And to some of us, no doubt, the days of enthusiasm are over in most things, and even in Freemasonry time has destroyed our illusions and thinned our friends; age has made us old and wheezy, gouty and irritable. No "couleur de rose" appears on the scene for us now; all is dry and dusty, and brown and withered. What charmed us once charms us no more. What once was the delight of our eyes has passed away in the finished record of our being. And so there has come upon us a numbing of interest and a quenching of enthusiasm. Anticipation and realization are two very different things. The promises of youth have faded before the stern advances of years. We shake our heads to-day at the eager impetuosity of youth; we are no longer enthusiasts, we deprecate enthusiasm, we condemn sentimentality, and we denounce unpracticality. Those of us who began our Masonic career some years back may remember early days of Masonic enthusiasm. And, to say the truth, the experience of onward "lustra" has not really diminished

our love for the good old Craft. If we are a little more measured in our words, a little less high-flown in our theories; if we keep before us ever that Freemasons are but men, and that we cannot expect impossibilities, we still have lost nothing of that enthusiasm for our Order which led us to make many sacrifices for it, and to give much time, and care, and thought to it, a long, long time ago! It is still, despite some drawbacks, what it always professed to be. It is still, despite some weaknesses and defects, a great, a useful, a beneficent Order; and if, following the colder current of the great gulf stream of the world and society, we are less enthusiastic in speech and estimate, we do not the less undervalue its claims, or deny its mission in the world. Never does a thought come over us of deserting its honoured flag. To us that flag seems floating out high and full, and under it we are happy to march, and for it we are ready to fight. It will not be pulled down by us. Other hands may seek to do so, enemies and calumniators may arise, but we shall never let go our loyal adherence to that old Brotherhood of whose great name we are proud, and for whose principles, let the world say what it will, we are still enthusiastic.

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.]

MINUTES AND THEIR CONFIRMATION.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As there seems to be a considerable and important divergence of opinion upon this subject, perhaps you will kindly grant me a little space in order that I may draw the attention of your readers to it; and if I should succeed, as I hope I shall, in enlisting the sympathy of some of our working brethren, an official declaration in the matter may be the result, followed (if necessary) by an alteration of the existing mode of procedure. Indeed, I go so far as to hope that you, Sir, may lend the weight of your editorial opinion upon the disputed question.

The conflicting opinions, then, upon this subject, briefly stated, are these:—

1. The confirmation of minutes is merely the affirming the clerical correctness of the report of what took place at a former meeting.

2. That by the formal confirmation of the minutes of a previous meeting what was then done receives a formal sanction, without which such former action is void and of none effect.

Now, Sir, I have been greatly astonished to find that the latter opinion is held to be the correct one, by some of the officials at Freemasons' Hall, upon some portions of our working; for instance, the election of W.M.; indeed, in a recent issue of your paper (June 12th), by a letter on "Precedence," signed "Hadley," it seems that this view was actually carried out.

Now, Sir, I trust that I shall be able to show, firstly, that this view would be very inexpedient, if it were the correct one, and therefore demands alteration; and secondly, that the view is not correct.

Firstly, then, with regard to the inexpediency of the course in question:—When a matter, of which due notice has been given to all the brethren of a lodge, has been once voted for and carried, it can be neither right nor expedient that the next lodge, consisting probably of entirely different brethren, should have the power to arbitrarily reject a deliberate vote of the former one, and that without any notice whatever, or that the former supporters of the measure, knowing nothing of the fate awaiting their already (supposed) settled action, may not even be present to again support it. Again in the case of election of W.M., what a door it opens to pique and spite, as in the instance quoted above, where the W.M. elect, having offended certain brethren by the premature announcement of his appointment of officers, had his election cancelled by the non-confirmation of minutes.

Secondly, I cannot think that such a course is even legal, for what is a "minute"? Simply the record of something that has been done. What is the "confirmation of this minute"? Simply the asserting at a subsequent meeting that this something done has been correctly reported.

Now let us see what the "Constitutions" say with regard to the election of W.M. In section 1 "Of the Masters and Wardens of Lodges" (p. 56) it is laid down that "Previously to the installation of the Master, the minutes of the preceding meeting of the lodge must be read and confirmed, so far as least as the election of Master, after which, &c."

Now this may seem perhaps to give colour to the view that I am opposing, but does it do this in reality?

The true spirit of any passage is always obtained by comparing it with the context, let us, therefore, turn to section 2 "Of Private Lodges" (Cons. p. 62), and we there find, "At the next meeting after his election, when the minutes are confirmed, he shall be duly installed," almost the same statement, yet sufficiently differing from the former as to give us an explanation of the true meaning.

Now in the latter passage it states that the W.M. elect shall be installed at the next lodge, i.e., the lodge "when" (in the ordinary course of things) "the minutes are confirmed." Nothing with respect to the validity of the election, therefore, depends upon the confirmation of the minutes, but the words are simply used as a true qualification or description of the proper degree of installation; had the other course have been intended the wording would not be "when the minutes are confirmed," but "when the minutes shall have been confirmed."

The latter clause of section 1 on page 76 then comes in to direct that in case of the non-confirmation of the minutes (i.e., if it be decided that there is not a proper record of the former proceedings, notice shall issue for a new election.

This same section further directs that, although "no Master elect shall assume the Master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed," yet "that he may in the interim rule the lodge," and this, mark you, as a right, and with no restrictions as to absence of P.M.'s, or the like. Surely it would be a gross absurdity to allow a brother to assume a position of absolute authority, and others at the very next meeting take it from him by reversing his election.

I may add, Sir, that I think my view is strengthened by the fact that no corresponding difficulty can occur under the "R. A. Regulations" with respect to the election of the three principals, who are considered "jointly as the Master, and each severally as a Master" (sec. 7, p. 15).

And, yet once more, how would such a cause of repudiation of a W.M. elect have been possible "in ancient times," when "no brother, however skilled in the craft, was called a Master Mason until he had been elected" (not installed) "into the chair of a lodge" (Ant. Ch. iv.).

In conclusion, Sir, I would ask you, and through you the Craft at large, whether it would not be better for the powers that be to settle this much-vexed question, which has, ere now, disturbed the tranquillity of even Grand Lodge, by a definite statement as to the effect of confirmation of minutes generally, appending, if needs be, directions that, in certain cases (such as election of W.M.), a vote given at one lodge must be ratified at the next by a more formal procedure than a so-called confirmation of minutes; but, in such case it might be well to expunge the permission of his taking up a rule that he may be so summarily deprived of.

With fraternal greetings, I remain, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

WM. TEBBS, P.M. 285,
P.P.G. Chaplain, Somerset.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE, AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has been called to a report of the late meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, which appeared in the *Freemason* of the 31st. ult. I do not know who is responsible for the report, but the selection of names of those present has been made with a degree of partiality, which is, in my opinion, highly reprehensible. From my lodge, the oldest lodge in the United Province by many years, five brethren attended, three being Past Masters, while from the Albany Lodge, No. 151, at Newport, the attendance was much more numerous; yet in the published list the presence of members from No. 35 and No. 151 is systematically ignored. I venture to think, Sir, that persons who presume to write reports of Masonic meetings should either omit names altogether, or else make their selection in such a manner as to avoid the accusation of partiality; and more especially was such caution necessary in this instance, since, although the Union of the Isle of Wight with Hampshire has been frankly and loyally accepted by the Island Masons as a body, there yet remains a feeling that we were not fairly dealt with, and a feeling of that description is not likely to be allayed by our presence at a meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge being quietly ignored. Understand, Sir, that I am not complaining of the omission of my own name, because I was not present, having been prevented at the last moment, by unavoidable circumstances, from putting in an appearance. Nothing could have been more appropriate and courteous than the remarks of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Beach, when he alluded to the union of the two provinces, and I am quite sure that no sentiments actuate him, but those of perfect fairness and impartiality, but your report, as it stands, leaves this impression—that although a Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Isle of Wight, not a single member from the two senior lodges in the Island was present. I protest most emphatically against such garbled reports, and I say that whoever wrote the report in question ought to have been better informed.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

T. W. FAULKNER, W.M. No. 35,
Past P.G.J.W., Isle of Wight.

PAPAL POWER IN TEMPORALS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The "Crusader" Organ of the "League of St. Sebastian" for July has an article "Chivalry—the trumpet of Rebellion inciting Latin Papalists to declare war against our ally the King of Italy and the inhabitants of Rome!" Some M.P. ought to stand up in his place in Parliament, and ask, "Are English subjects rightly members of the League, under the direction of the Jesuits, who have no legal existence in Britain?" The Papal Guards are members of the Ultramontane League. Private persons, British subjects, must not do hostile acts

against the King of Italy, our ally. A deputation should wait upon the heads of the League and say:—

We come to be informed by yourselves what the conditions of that league must be. When foes combine friends must unite. Germany and Britain must continue their amity in spite of the truculent trumpeters of the "Crusader."

The League wants temporal power restored to the Popes? On what, then, do they found this claim? On the pretended grant of Constantine, which has been proved to be a forgery. We are told that Silvester, the Bishop of Rome, healed Constantine of the leprosy—making him out to be a second Naaman; and that the Emperor, moved by gratitude to his priestly physician, made over to him Rome, Italy, and the provinces of the west. On this grant, which was never made known till some centuries afterwards, we are required to believe in the supremacy of the Pope over all Christendom. Of the forged decretals, too, on which so much power was assumed, I need not say a word. Phocas again, in the 7th century, murdered his Royal Master, Mauritius, Emperor of the West, usurped his throne, and was confirmed in it by the Pope, with the understanding that Phocas would recognize and support him as universal bishop, which he did. So the temporal power of the Pope comes from a murderer and usurper, an abandoned Zimri who slew his master. Spiritual power thus accrues to the Popes from one of the worst of men, and is the result of his wickedness. Pepin again, mayor of the palace to Childeric, King of France, got the Pope's leave to dethrone his master on the promise of receiving many provinces, which he did in return for his atrocious villainy. Charlemagne also, Pepin's son, added many further grants, thus increasing the Pope's territorial rights and also his spiritual power. These transactions remind one of Satan's proposal to Jesus to give him all the kingdoms of the world on the promise that he would fall down and worship him. The spiritual power of the Pope has been gained in these exceptional ways, and therefore on how sandy a foundation it stands! And donations from a temporal prince or emperor clearly set them above the Popes, since they who give authority are clearly above him who receives it, and Constantine presided at the Council of Nice.

I am, yours faithfully,
Bristol, 7th Aug. 1875.

A FREEMASON.

BRO. BURGESS AND THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Although I have declined to reply to the anonymous attack by a "Mark Master," I think that, since you have, in the interests of Masonry, now proposed an inquiry by a committee of Masons, it may be well for me to overlook the nature of a "Mark Master's" attack, and to reply to his questions.

1. I have already stated that the person to whom I communicated the fact of my ceasing to be a Masonic Templar was the gentleman who at the time of the disappearance of the Government of Masonic Templars was its Secretary. That letter to him was not a private communication, and he sent me an official acknowledgment of its receipt: the enclosure with it was a private communication, and was intended to be a detailed explanation to him of the cause of my ceasing to be a Masonic Templar, after having so long struggled for the restoration of that Order. I wished it to be private because I had no intention of bringing any charge, because I was heartily ashamed, for the sake of Masonry, that a Masonic Templar could act as one had acted. It is not true that I wrote a private letter to the Vice-Chancellor of the Temple and made in it a false charge, and marked the letter "private" in order to avoid the consequences of so doing.

2. One morning in November last a letter was brought to me on which I had to pay ninepence postage; observing that it came from the spurious "Order," I wrote to Mr. Tinkler, saying, that I should receive no more letters from that source; it seemed to me to be a poor kind of practical joke to have to pay ninepence for suffering an impertinence, and that I was justified in taking steps to prevent its repetition. I have previously stated that I could not be in London on the day arbitrarily fixed by the Temple. It has indeed occurred to me that such time was fixed upon because some of the Knights knew that I was unlikely to be able to be in London then.

3. "A Mark Master" says that only one representative of the Temple was present at the Judicial Council on 13th February last. No doubt, "A Mark Master" was present, but he forgets that I was there also, and the persons whom I saw there sitting at the judicial table were the following:

1. The Earl of Limerick (Prior of the Order of the Temple) in the chair; 2. the Rev. G. R. Portal; 3. General Clerk; 4. Major Clerke, (Sub Prior of the Order); 5. Lt.-Col. Chas. Hutton Gregory, (Masonic Templar); 6. Earl Percy; 7. Mr. Beach, M.P.; 8. Sir P. Colquhoun; 9. Mr. Tinkler; 10. a person with a strong Irish brogue, name unknown to me. Thus instead of the case being as "A Mark Master" puts it, it was precisely the reverse; for there being only one Masonic Templar present, there was consequently only one upon whose sympathy I could reckon. As to the proceedings of the so called "Judicial" body, the less attempted to be said, in their defence, the better. The Earl of Limerick, who presided, ruled that notes of proceedings could only be taken by one of those present, and refused me the services of a shorthand writer, whom I had employed to render to me a true and complete account of the whole proceedings. Of the charges brought against me by the Irishman prompted by Sir P. Colquhoun I know but little; the matter for discussion on which I had asked for the meeting to be held was not allowed to be discussed; but having a hurried opportunity after the rising

of the meeting of reading the charges, I learned (the only one that remains in my memory) that I was accused of "insubordination to my superior officer." Who that officer is I did not discover, but I understand by such charge being made, that this new order of knighthood assumes to be organised under the provisions of the Mutiny Act and Articles of War, clearly proving that it is not a Masonic body. "A Mark Master" has not a good memory. He has omitted to state that whilst denying the right of the Temple to summon me at all, I offered to that body, in writing, before the "Judicial Council," to place myself in the hands of two Masonic Templars, and to abide by their decision, on the understanding that their finding, and the whole of the evidence, should be published by "the Order of the Temple" in the *Freemason*, and read out in each preceptory in England and Ireland. For some reason—perhaps considering this "childish"—the "Order" has carefully avoided any acceptance of the proposal; but the fact of my having made it, and of the Temple having avoided accepting it, places upon my not withdrawing the statement of the real cause of my ceasing to be a Masonic Templar a very different construction from that insinuated by "A Mark Master."

In November, 1873, an official complaint of slander and falsehood by a certain "Knight" was made to the Council of the Great Prior, signed by Lord Eliot, the Rev. G. R. Portal, Sir E. Lechmere, Mr. R. Woolf, and other Masons. The council declined to inquire into it. When this "Knight" was appointed by the Rev. G. R. Portal (on the recommendation of Lord Limerick) to office in the Mark Grand Lodge, I on that account resigned the post of member of the general board of the Mark Degree, and subsequently that of Grand Register of Marks. How comes it that the Temple refused to notice that official complaint, but became so angry with me when an unproved offence of a similar nature was alleged against me. Can "A Mark Master" explain the apparent inconsistency?

The further my case is inquired into, the stronger will be the proof of the correctness of the view taken in your article of this date, that there is at present no safety for Mark Masons—that, in fact, Sir P. Colquhoun, not, so far as I am aware, himself a member of the Mark degree, is its absolute and irresponsible Master.

Faithfully yours, CHAS. J. BURGESS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There are two points which require to be cleared up in the above case.

1. A Mark Master who happens to be a Templar or a member of the 33° is not "necessitate handed over to the decision of an alien and non-Masonic tribunal." The Judicial Council consists of Masons, as both the Temple and 33° consist solely of Masons, and it includes, out of its nine members, three Past Grand Masters of the Mark Degree. I admit that I think it would be well if these three were required to be unanimous before the sentence of the court were carried out in the Mark Degree.

2. Major Burgess's case is emphatically not a case of "pure Templar discipline from first to last." His conduct in making a disgraceful charge against a brother Mason, a gentleman of high character and social position, and refusing when called upon either to withdraw or prove his charge, is not a matter of "discipline" at all.

It is conduct which would make me, and others in the Mark Degree as well, refuse to meet him in lodge or private society. Major Burgess denies that he made any charge against the brother in question, I will therefore ask you to print his letter, and then I will leave the matter, regretting that there should be any difference of opinion among Masons as to what is honourable conduct, and what is not.

"East Maccall, Old Charlton, Kent, S.E.
8th August, 1874.

"Dear Sir,

"In consequence of the conduct of the Hon. —, as a Masonic Templar, I have resigned membership of that body.

I shall be obliged by your informing me whether I owe any dues to either the Faith and Fidelity or New Temple Encampments, in order that they may at once be paid.

"Yours faithfully,
"W. Tinkler, Esq."

CHAS. J. BURGESS.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally.

A MARK MASTER.

[We have omitted a passage in Bro. Burgess's letter, as it does not affect the question in any way, and we think it a paragraph we ought not as Freemasons to publish to the profane world.]

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your being the Editor of the principal organ of the Craft, of which I have the honour of being a poor member, leads me to believe that when I state my case you will excuse the liberty I take in addressing you.

I was initiated, passed, and raised in Loyalty Lodge, No. 243, in the Island of Guernsey.

I am a government writer, and as the hours of employment are very short (being paid by the hour), my earnings are very small. My object, therefore, in troubling you, is to try and obtain your assistance in the way of an introduction to some brother, who would kindly give me some writing (law, ornamental, or otherwise) to do in my spare time. By doing so, you would confer on me a benefit for which I would be ever grateful.

I tried an advertisement in the *Freemason*, but it met with no response, and I have adopted this course.

Trusting that you will forgive me if I have intruded on

your valuable time, and hoping that you will give my case your favourable consideration,

I beg to remain, Sir, your obedient humble servant,
ROBT. S. R. B.

[We shall be very happy to put any brother in communication with our correspondent.—Ed.]

Obituary.

BRO GEORGE JONES OF CIRENCESTER.

From the *Hills and Gloucester Standard*.

We have to announce the death of a well-known and respected inhabitant of Cirencester, and one who was in the prime of life and with his powers for usefulness unimpaired—Bro. George Jones, of Dyer-street. The deceased had for many years been town-surveyor, and in this capacity he had been a most valuable public officer. In no particular, probably, was his fitness for the post more conspicuous than in the question of flood-water, which had always at certain seasons inundated the cellars of parts of the town. He was also inspector of nuisances both under the urban and rural sanitary authorities, and the energy and ability with which he prosecuted his arduous duties were all that could be wished. In addition, Mr. Jones was an auctioneer, and, as our advertising columns have lately shown, possessed the confidence of some of the leading landowners in the district. On Saturday morning, after giving instructions to his men with regard to certain obstructions in the river Churn, he started off on a journey on the business of his inspectorship, pausing at various points on his way to notice the current of the river, &c., in connection with the subject which mainly engrossed his attention. On his return in the evening he put his horse in at the Three Horse Shoes Inn; transacted business with the landlord, and mentioned that he was trying another means of getting rid of the water out of the cellars, which he hoped to find would be effectual, and left for home. This was near six o'clock. On his way down Dyer-street he met a police-constable, and passed on in the direction of his house. From this time all is conjecture as to his movements, but, thanks to the earnestness with which Mr. Superintendent Wood conducted his inquiries, we are able to say that the deceased gentleman, instead of going indoors at once, went direct to the bridge a little lower down, to see if his instructions had been complied with, and their result. There is a stone near the bridge, by which he could tell the height of the water in the stream, and as this place is the only outlet for the water which flows through the town, it was his custom early and late to visit the spot. It was very dark, and he must have knelt on the bridge to look over, and by some sad fatality slipped, falling into the shallow stream on his head, and before regaining consciousness he was drowned.

The shocking tidings quickly spread over the town, and a feeling of gloom pervaded all classes of the inhabitants. The deceased leaves a widow and nine children to deplore the loss of a kind husband and parent. The inquest was held on Monday, at the Bull Inn. The unanimous verdict of the jury was "That the deceased, George Jones, while engaged in the performance of his duty as town surveyor was accidentally killed by falling from the bridge over the Churn, either by injuries in the fall or by drowning and suffocation, and the jury deeply lament the loss of a faithful public servant."

His daughter is a candidate for the next election of the Girls' School, and her case is supported by a number of influential brethren.

BROTHER E. H. FINNEY, JUN., P.M.

A large number of our readers will hear with regret of the death, at the early age of 27, of Bro. E. H. Finney, jun., the only son of Bro. Major E. H. Finney. His health gave way seriously last autumn, and for the greater part of the winter he was confined to his bed-room, but he so far rallied recently as to give his friends grounds for hoping that the improvement would be permanent. Indeed, when the writer met him a month ago he appeared to have thoroughly recovered. On Sunday, the 25th of July, he dined with some friends, and seemed in good health; but a sudden change for the worse took place on the Tuesday, and he expired on Sunday, the 1st of August. He was interred on the following Friday, and had it not been for his father's wish that the funeral should be strictly private, many brethren would have testified their respect to his memory by attending.

At the time of his decease he was I.P.M. of the United Service Lodge, No. 1361, and H. of the Hope and Unity, Chapter, No. 214. He also filled the office of Assistant S.E. of the Metropolitan Royal Arch Chapter of Improvement, although his failing health prevented the companions seeing him amongst them during the last session. He was a member of, and held corresponding office in, each of the "High" degrees.

In conclusion, we are sure that all who knew him will feel the sincerest sympathy for Bro. Major Finney in his bereavement.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—During hot and sultry weather all persons who are afflicted with Bad Legs, Ulcerations, Varicose Veins, and cutaneous inflammations, suffer much more severely from their effects than at any other season of the year. Such persons will derive incalculable benefit from the assiduous use of these remedies, for by the local sedative influence of the Ointment on the blood vessels and nerves of the skin and subjacent structures, the congested condition of the former is subdued, and the irritated state of the latter calmed and mollified; and at the same time the internal use of the Pills in alterative doses cools the overheated blood and subdues the inflammation: these combined effects are soon productive of ease.—ADVT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, August 20, 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, AUGUST 14.

Lodge 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction (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, AUGUST 17.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. 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), Wheat-sheaf 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.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.
Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King, P.M., Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18.

General Committee of Grand Lodge, and Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich.
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Ho., Wandsworth.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Noke, P.M., Preceptor.
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.
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.
Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Mount Edgcombe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.
" 1339, Stockwell, Half Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.
Chap. 742, Crystal Palace Clarendon Hotel, Anerley.
" 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Lion-sq., Hampton.
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.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction (898), George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar, at 8; Bro. S. T. Finch, 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.
Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 3.
Union 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, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 21, 1875.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16.

Lodge 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.
Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
" 667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1276, Warren, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.
" 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18.

Lodge 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 9.
" 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale, at 6.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
Chap. 86, Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott, at 6.
Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 343, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 4.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Ho., West Derby, at 5.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 20.
Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, August 21, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16.

Lodge 556, Clydesdale, Freemasons' Masonic Hall, 106, Rose-street, S.S.
St. Mungo Encampment, Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17.

Lodge 437, Govandale, Masonic Hall, Portland Buildings, Govan.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18.

Lodge 117, Partick, St. Mary's, Masonic Hall, Partick.
Chap. 79, Commercial, 30, Hope-st.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-street.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20.

Lodge 12, Greenock Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock.
" 306, St. Thomas, Larkhall, 90, Wellgate-street, Larkhall.
" 321, St. Andrew's, Public Hall, Alexandria.
" 471, St. John's, Stane Inn, Shotts.
" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21.

Lodge 524, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, East Kilbride.
" 544, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Bank-street, Coatbridge, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 21, 1875.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16.

Lodge 44, St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall, George-street Edinburgh.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17.

Lodge 181, Hopetown, Masons' Hall, Bathgate.
" 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.
" 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18.

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19.

Lodge 48, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20.

Lodge 85, Kirknewton and Ratho, Masons' Hall, Ratho.
Chap. 83, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

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