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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**PHOENIX LODGE (No. 173).**—The last meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Saturday, the 11th ult. The lodge was opened early in the afternoon by Bro. Wiles, W.M., assisted by Bros. Vine, I.P.M.; Carter, S.W.; Massey, J.W.; Matthews, Sec.; Burford, Treas.; Phillips, S.D.; Finch, J.D.; Andrews, D.C.; Allen, I.G.; Speight, P.M.; Tyler. The P.M.'s of the lodge present were Bros. Sharmman, Wilson, Salmon, Watson, Green. The visitors were Bros. Adams, P.M. 504, &c.; F. Binckes, P.M., &c., &c., Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; Coombs, P.M.; Watts, W.M. 194; Palmer, P.P.G.O.; Walls, S.D. 1381; Farquharson, 259, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. Charles and Tatham, passed Bros. Simpson, Garnett, and Houghton, and initiated Messrs. Güterbock and Davie. The ceremonies were well performed. Upon the conclusion of the Masonic labours the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to a most elegant banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts of ceremony were given briefly but well by the W.M., and the National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales" sung. Bro. Binckes, whose name had been mentioned in connection with the officers of Grand Lodge, made a very excellent reply upon behalf of those distinguished brethren, but declined to take any honour to himself as a member of that body, inasmuch as he explained, and very fully, that although having filled the office of G.S. he held no past rank in Grand Lodge, and consequently his name ought not to have been coupled with the toast, but, notwithstanding its impropriety he felt gratified at the manner in which his health had been received by the brethren of the Phoenix Lodge. "The W.M.'s Health" was then proposed by the I.P.M., and, having been duly honoured, was briefly acknowledged by Bro. Wiles. "The Health of the Initiates and Newly-passed Brethren" was next given, and elicited a most excellent reply from Bro. Davie. The song of the E.A. was contributed by Bro. Speight. "The Health of the Visitors" followed, and was responded to at length by Bros. Coombs and Walls. The toast of "The P.M.'s" was given by the W.M. in a very neat speech, and was severally responded to by Bros. Vine, Wilson, Sharmman, Salmon, and Green. Between the toasts instrumental, vocal, and dramatic selections were given by Bros. Palmer, Farquharson, and Walls. "The Health of those most useful and worthy Officers, the Treasurer and Secretary," having been proposed, and duly honoured, was responded to by Bros. Burford and Matthews. The toast of "The Junior Officers" followed, and having been severally replied to, the Tyler was called upon to discharge his duty, and the brethren adjourned until the second Saturday in April.

**DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).**—An exceedingly strong muster of the members of this lodge took place at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 10th ult., it being the last meeting of the season. There were present the following officers:—viz., Bros. Treadwell, W.M.; Everett, I.P.M., W.M. 1381; Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treas.; Willing, jun., S.W.; Palmer, J.W.; Buscall, S.D.; White, I.G.; Spinck, D.C.; Maclean, A.D.C.; Williams, Sec. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Everett, I.P.M., raised Bros. Gwynn, Cook, and Abrams to the Third Degree most impressively, and the W.M. passed as F.C.'s Bros. Killingback, Jewell, Jennings, and Stevens very effectively. There being no candidate present for initiation, a long discussion ensued upon two notices of motion upon the agenda, viz.: By the W.M., "That the summer festival take place in July;" and by the Treasurer, "That the visiting fee be raised to 10s. 6d." Both motions were unimpairedly carried by a large majority. A committee was then appointed to carry out the proceedings of the festival and which will be held at that abode of historical picturesque celebrity, the Rye House. The I.P.M. having in his capacity of Steward at the last Festival of the Aged Freemasons placed the sum of £10 on account of the lodge upon his list, the lodge endorsed it by unanimously voting that sum to him. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet. The usual Royal and Craft toasts were given briefly but pertinently by the W.M., and were received with excellent fire by the 112 brethren present, of whom eighteen were visitors. Bro. Smith, P.G.P., the father of the lodge, and Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., the veteran of the Craft, responded for the members of Grand

Lodge. The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a very graceful and kind manner, and who immediately responded by stating that to preside over so extensive a lodge as the Domatic was a task of no little difficulty, but if the brethren would only give him their hearty countenance and support during his year of office he would endeavour to discharge the responsibilities of the position to the best of his humble ability. "The Health of the Visitors" followed, and was responded to by Bros. Thompson, W.M. (Emulation), and Walls S.D. (Kennington). The W.M. next proposed "The P.M.'s" in a very neat speech, in which he expressed his personal obligations to those brethren. It is needless to state that this toast and the response that followed were most heartily received. During the proceedings Bros. Palmer, Wood, Walls, Budd, and others vocally entertained the brethren. "The Healths of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Junior Officers of the Lodge" were proposed and drank, and responded to on behalf of those absent and present by Bros. Williams, Palmer, Buscall, White, Spink, and Maclean. The Tyler's toast was called at half-past 10 o'clock, and the members separated until October.

**STOKESLEY.**—Cleveland Lodge (No. 543).—An emergency meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Monday evening, March 27th, Bros. William Guthrie Forbes, M.B., W.M.; Wm. Scarth Dixon, S.W.; James Coulson, J.W.; J. H. Handyside, P. Prov. G.J.W., and P.M., Sec.; Richard Watson, P.M., Treas.; David Dixon, S.D.; J. W. Sharp, J.D.; George Markham Tweddell, acting as I.G.; and Wm. Harrison, Tyler. The lodge being opened in the First Degree, and Bro. Hanson having passed a satisfactory examination, &c., retired until the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when he was again admitted and passed to the Degree of F.C. Several members of the lodge had travelled good distances to be present, which is a healthy sign of the spirit of Masonry.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Alliance Lodge (No. 667).—The monthly meeting of this well-conducted lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The chair was occupied by Bro. J. E. Jackson, W.M., and he was supported by Bros. T. Ockleshaw, I.P.M.; G. S. Willings, S.W.; Ellis, J.W.; W. Doyle, P. Prov. G.J.D., P.M., Treas.; H. Frith, Sec.; W. Phillips, P.M.; and others. Messrs. Isaac Levy, Bushell, and Titterton were duly elected, and as they were in attendance they were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the ancient Order by the W.M. in an effective manner, the ancient charge being given by the S.W., Bro. Willings, in a manner which has rarely been equalled. Two candidates were also raised to the Sublime degree of M.M. Notice of motion was given to raise the initiation fee to eight guineas. The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent supper, under the presidency of the W.M., and during the evening a number of excellent songs were given by Bros. Willings, S.W.; S. Jacobs, 241; Wright, 667; and others.

**GIBRALTAR.**—Meridian Lodge (No. 743).—The installation of Bro. Lieut. W. T. Deverill, of the Meridian Lodge, took place on Wednesday evening, the 15th ult., in the presence of the Most Worshipful the D.D.G.M., Bro. Captain and Brigade Major G. J. Gilbard, who most ably performed the ceremony. The officers of the lodge present were Bros. W. Vines, W.M.; Major T. E. Swettenham, P.M.; F. Fisher, P.M.; Lieut. R. W. F. Phillips, S.W.; W. A. Barron, Sec.; J. Herbert, Treas.; Dr. T. Babington; Burton, Tyler; Rowe, S.D.; White, Hitching; Visitors: Bros. Beale, P.M. 325; Francier, P.M. 325; Myatt, 153; Collins, Quartermaster H. Wilkinson, 31st Regiment, Amor, 325; Stainfield, 325; Conway, 153; Ghio, 325; Nolan, 153; and Bro. Sir Arthur Mackworth Captain R.E., Lodge 238. The lodge having been opened, the W.M. stated the business of the evening, and Bro. Deverill having been presented, and all those not P.M.'s having been requested to withdraw, the installation was proceeded with, and the ceremony was very impressive and instructive, and the Craft are highly honoured by a very distinguished member in Bro. Gilbard. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. T. Woodward, S.W.; H. Wilkinson (who was proposed and elected a joining member of the lodge), as J.W.; Barron, Sec. (for the fourth year); Herbert, Treasurer; Lieut. Newington, S.D.; Lieut. Phillips, J.D.; Rowe, Tyler; Fisher, P.M., as I.G. It was proposed by Bro. Major T. E. Swettenham that in addition to a cordial vote of thanks, Bro. Gilbard, the D.D.G.M., should be elected a permanent honorary member of the Meridian Lodge, which proposition was unanimously carried. The D.D.G.M. returned thanks for the honour conferred on him, and expressed himself always willing to come forward for the good of Masonry, and regretted that the Meridian Lodge was so soon to leave this station for England, and concluded by wishing the lodge every success and prosperity. A P.M.'s jewel was voted and will be presented to Bro. Vines so soon as it shall have been received, and a present was also voted to Bro. Burton, the retiring Tyler. The business of the evening being concluded, the brethren adjourned to an adjoining room, where an excellent repast was prepared, and having done ample justice there, the brethren retired at a very reasonable hour.

**ECCLESHILL.**—Eccleshill Lodge (No. 1034).—On Friday, the 10th ult. (the eleventh anniversary of this lodge), the brethren assembled to celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist. A large number of members and visiting brethren were present, amongst whom were Bros. Blakeley, P.M. Nelson of the Nile, 264; C. Avison, S.W. Nelson of the Nile, 264; W. H. Dick, J.D. Nelson of the Nile, 264; H. Farrar, W.M. Lodge of Hope, 302; C. Gott, S.W. Lodge of Hope, 302; F. C. Hope, Sec. Lodge of Hope, 302; J. Hamer, St. John's, Sedgfield, 325; G. Alsing, Caledonian (Scot-

land), 354; C. Crabtree, W.M. Harmony, 600; M. Mullen, J.W. Harmony, 600; S. B. Walmsley, P.M. Pentalpha, 974; W. Morgan, W.M. Shakespeare, 1018; H. Harrison, W.M. elect Shakespeare, 1018; W. Barraclough, W.M. Wharfedale, 1108; J. R. Croft, S.W. Wharfedale, 1108; C. Pratt, P.M., P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works; W. Beanland, P.M., P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works; J. G. Hutchinson, P.M., Charity Steward; and several other Past Masters. The lodge was opened by the W.M. (Bro. George Pearson) at 5.15 p.m., and Bro. Wm. B. Woodhead was raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M., assisted by the I.P.M. (Bro. W. Pratt). The Treasurer (Bro. J. Procter, P.M.) presented the yearly balance sheet, which was received with great favour by the brethren, as it shewed the lodge to be in a most flourishing condition. The W.M. afterwards announced that the installation of the W.M. and officers for the ensuing year would be proceeded with, and called upon Bro. C. Pratt, P.M., P.P. G. Supt. of Works, to perform the ceremony. Bro. W. Beanland, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., then presented Bro. James Hartop (W.M. elect), and he was duly and properly installed W.M. in a most impressive manner by the Installing Master. The W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Pearson, I.P.M.; J. Arnold, S.W.; F. Smart, J.W.; Rev. A. L. Cooper, Chaplain; J. Procter, P.M., Treas.; F. W. Nicholson, Sec.; J. Wilson, S.D.; J. Cass, J.D.; M. Pedley, I.G.; W. T. Croft, Organist; J. Lightfoot, Tyler; J. G. Hutchinson, P.M., Charity Steward; J. Busfield, J. Southworth, R. Thomson, J. Flaxington, J. Busfield, Stewards; J. Davis, M.C. The business being completed, the usual collection for poor and distressed Masons was made, and the lodge was closed according to ancient usage at 8.20. The brethren then adjourned to a recherché banquet. After supper the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. Jas. Hartop, and he was excellently supported by many P.M.'s and visiting Masters. The retiring W.M. (Bro. G. Pearson) spoke in most eulogistic terms of his officers, and thanked the brethren for the handsome manner in which he had been supported. He complimented the W.M. on the honourable position he had attained, and from the superior abilities he possessed and the excellent staff of officers chosen to assist him he was sure the present Masonic year would be one of great success. The W.M. in excellent terms returned thanks, and stated it was his intention to maintain the prestige of his lodge, and at the expiration of his term to leave it (if it was possible) in even better position than it stood at present. The visiting brethren all spoke in the highest praise of the splendid working they had witnessed, which they thought it would be difficult to excel by any lodge in the province. Bro. W. Beanland, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., in speaking of the charities and the efforts the Eccleshill Lodge had made to support them, stated that the lodge already stood very high in the province, having every officer endowed for the Boys' School, and he trusted ere long they would be in a similar position with respect to the Girls' School. The evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner, some capital songs, recitations, &c., being given by Bro. M. Mullen and other brethren, Bros. W. T. Croft, Organist, and J. W. Nicholson, Prov. Grand Organist, doing duty at the pianoforte. The entertainment was brought to a close by the usual toast: "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," &c.

**HAMPTON.**—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—The members of this young but flourishing lodge assembled in good strength at the Lion Hotel, on Thursday, the 16th ult. The officers of the lodge present were Bros. Hopwood, P.M. 141, W.M.; W. Hammond, P.M. Lebanon, P.J.G.D. of Middlesex, I.P.M.; Rawe, P.M., acting S.W.; Hurst, J.W.; J. Hammond, P.M., Sec.; Wheeler, S.D.; Fox, J.D.; Jessett, I.G.; Gutteridge, W.S.; Ockenden, D.C.; Tagg, A.W.S. The visitors were Bros. Colonel Wigginton, P.M., W.M. 1503, P.P.G.D.C. of Worcestershire, P.G.S. of Middlesex; Captain Birchill, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. of Herts; Dixon, P.M. 209, P.P.G.D.C. of Berks and Bucks; Wilson, P.M. 209; Martin, 201; Barton, 713; Robinson, 784; Hiscock, 865; Nuthall, 889; Sadler, 1293. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. initiated Messrs. Gavaron, Donald, and Day into Craft mysteries. This being the night for election of W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Hurst, J.W., was elected to that position, as the S.W., Bro. Hill, had declined standing for the honour. Bro. Rawe having resigned the office of Treasurer, the W.M. was unanimously elected in his stead, and a vote of thanks passed to Bro. Rawe, and which was ordered to be recorded upon the minutes. Upon the motion of the I.P.M. a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Hopwood. The bye-laws having been read, the lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured. In proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M." the W.M., in the course of his remarks, referred to the great success that had attended the Prince throughout his late Indian tour, and how gratifying it must be to the Craft that, by the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U., H.R.H.'s health had not in the least been impaired by his visit. In conclusion he hoped that the Freemasons would take an opportunity of according their M.W.G.M. a grand reception upon his safe return to his native country equal to that given him on the ever memorable 28th of April last. This toast having been enthusiastically received, and Bro. Walls having contributed the National Anthem, and "God bless the Prince of Wales," the W.M. gave "The P.G.M., D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present." He then proposed "The Health of R.W. Colonel Burdett, G.M. of Middlesex," which was duly honoured. "The Health of the D.P.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Province, Past and Present," followed, coupled with the names of Bros. W. Hammond, Grand Junior Deacon, and W. Wigginton,

Grand Steward. Bro. Hammond, in reply, stated that he was sorry that their R.W.P.G.M. had not been pleased to honour the lodge that evening with his presence, in order that he might have had an opportunity of witnessing the hearty manner in which his name and the officers of his province had been received. Colonel Burdett had written to say that he would be present, and he was sure some very important engagement indeed must have intervened to have prevented his attending their lodge, and he was sorry that his (Bro. Hammond's) position in Grand Lodge prevented him from replying on behalf of the R.W.P.G.M. He then went on to express his thanks on behalf of his brother officers and himself for the very kind manner in which the toast of the Grand Masonic executive of the province had been honoured, and in conclusion he stated that they (the Grand Officers) were only too proud to hold rank in the province that had as its chief so kind, genial, and affable a brother as Colonel Burdett. Bro. Colonel Wigginton, in opening his speech, said that as the J.G.D. of the Province had been diffident about replying upon behalf of the R.W.G.M., it could not be expected that he—who only held the office of G.S.—in the presence of his superior officer could say much. He then at length fully endorsed the remarks of the preceding speaker with regard to the abilities and worth of the brethren holding office in the Prov. Grand Lodge under the able sway of their ever courteous and much esteemed brother, Colonel Francis Burdett. The I.P.M. then arose, and said he was glad that the pleasing duty of proposing "The Health of the W.M." devolved upon him. He felt sure that the brethren would agree with him that Bro. Hopwood's year of office, which was now drawing to a close, had been a very prosperous and successful one, and he hoped that he would be many years spared to hold the position of second Past Master of the Hemming Lodge. In conclusion, he mentioned the W.M.'s connection with those excellent charities—the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. This toast having been duly honoured, the W.M. briefly replied, in which he stated that he was very pleased with the kind remarks of the I.P.M., but he was compelled to say that they were too eulogistic. He had endeavoured to do his best, and he believed that the members of the lodge were satisfied with him, and with that belief he should always look back to the year of his Mastership as being a very happy and pleasant episode of his life. "The Health of the Initiates" followed, and having been heartily drunk, Bro. Wigginton kindly contributed the song of the E.A. Bros. Gavaron, Donald, and Day having acknowledged the toast, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors." Bro. Col. Wigginton, in reply, said that on behalf of the two Grand Officers of Berks, Bucks, and Herts, viz., Bros. Dixon and Birchill, and the other brethren who had had an opportunity of visiting the Hemming Lodge that evening, he was empowered to state that their visit in every way had been highly pleasing to them. As P.M. of several lodges, and as W.M. of a neighbouring lodge, he had had opportunities of visiting different lodges, and he personally could say that the W.M. that evening, by taking the initiates separately, and being fully prepared to take the brethren for passing and raising had they been present, that he had had by no means an easy time of it, and in conclusion he complimented him and the lodge upon the successful manner in which everything had been conducted. Bro. Sadler fully endorsed the remarks of the last speaker, and concluded by stating that if the Hemming Lodge went on in the same excellent manner as it had progressed during the last few months it would in a very short time be second to none in the Province of Middlesex. "The Health of the I.P.M." followed, and having been duly honoured, Bro. W. Hammond replied. He said in the course of his speech that he felt very proud of holding the position of First Past Master of so good a lodge as the Hemming promised to be. When he came to consider the very short time it had been established, not eighteen months, and the paucity of its members at the commencement of their Masonic campaign, he was absolutely astonished at the rapid progress made both in strength and efficiency. The concluding part of his response was occupied in expressing his thanks to the W.M. and the brethren for the hearty and kind manner in which his health had been proposed and drunk. The W.M. then called upon the brethren to drink "The Health of Bro. Hurst, J.W., the W.M. elect," which, having been complied with, that brother replied by thanking the brethren for having elected him to the chair of K.S., and hoped that they would have no occasion to regret having done so, and that with the assistance of the P.M.'s he hoped to be able to carry out the duties of the position to the satisfaction of the lodge. "The Health of the late Treasurer, Bro. Rowe, P.M.," and that of "The Secretary, Bro. J. Hammond, P.M.," followed, prefaced by a few kind words of commendation from the W.M., and having been duly honoured, the I.P.M., in their unavoidable absence, acknowledged the toast. In consequence of the lateness of the hour, the W.M. was prevented from enlarging upon the next toast, viz., "The Health of the Junior Officers of the Lodge," and Bros. Wheeler, Jessett, Gutteridge, Ockenden and Tagg, representing that body, were prevented by the same reason from more than briefly responding. During the evening Bros. Ockenden, Jessett, Hurst, and Walls dramatically and vocally enlivened the proceedings. The Tyler's toast at eleven brought a highly successful meeting to a close.

**INSTRUCTION.**  
**VICTORIA METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**—This popular lodge of instruction, which holds its meetings at the Portugal Hotel in Fleet-street, and has it should be said no connection but of brotherly friendship with the Metropolitan Club of Instruction at King's-cross, held its annual banquet on Friday, 24th ult. There were present many of the Past Masters and W. Masters, who have sought and gained knowledge in the work of well ruling and government of

lodges, as well as a great many of the aspiring Masons who are determined to obtain knowledge even if they have no practical need of it just at present. Bro. Stacey, the honoured Preceptor of the lodge, presided, assisted by Bros. P.M. Bingemann, the Secretary; Foulger, P.M., Treas.; R. Griggs, W.M. of 228; J. While, P.M. of 228 ("Freemason"); Hopper, of Shanghai; and others. Bros. Whittaker, Nelson Reed, and Farwig assisted by occupying the three Wardens' chairs. The banquet was exceedingly well served. After the active exertions of the brethren in dealing with the viands, Bro. Stacey proposed the usual loyal toasts, and spoke of the pride which every Mason felt in seeing statesmen filling positions which entailed great duties upon them. In speaking of the lodge, Bro. Stacey, in the course of an excellent speech, spoke of the flourishing position, and expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing those who had acquired most of their Masonic knowledge in its ranks achieving positions in different lodges. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Griggs, the W.M. of 228, who, in reply, bore witness to the self-sacrificing spirit displayed by Bros. Stacey and Bingemann, and those brothers had won the hearts of all with whom they had come into contact. Speaking from his own experience, he said he did not believe that there was a better lodge of instruction in London, or one in which the members generally possessed so much knowledge of lodge work. He had obtained the goal of his ambition in sitting in the chair of his mother lodge, and that he was able to discharge the duties to the satisfaction of his brethren was in some degree owing to the facility he had acquired in this lodge of instruction. Bro. Perrin, the W.M. elect of the Victoria Lodge, and Bro. Hopper, of Shanghai, responded for the visitors. Bro. Foulger proposed the toast of the W.M. of the night, and all did honour to Bro. Stacey, who responded in felicitous terms. "The Health of Bro. Bingemann" was given with warmth, and he, in responding, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to work in the lodge. The officers were toasted, and the evening ended with harmony, displaying no little talent as singers and story tellers. The lodge, it may be added, has done practical good by subscribing largely to the charities.

### Royal Arch.

**BATH.**—Royal Cumberland Chapter (No. 41).—The monthly meeting was held on March 21st when owing to the illness of many of the members, and a heavy snowstorm, there was a very scanty attendance, and not till nearly an hour after the time fixed could the presence of three Principals be obtained. The chairs were filled by Dr. Hopkins as Z.; Rubie as H.; Moutrie as J.; Comp. Hearne was in his place as N.; and Brown as P. Soj.; also Bigwood as Janitor. The other officers were absent, and their positions occupied by substitutes. After the opening of the Board of Principals, and of the chapter, and the admission of the company, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. Hunt as a candidate to be exalted at the next meeting, which was unanimous in his favour. A communication was read from the Royal Sussex Chapter, which had met on the previous evening, requesting co-operation in taking measures to obtain a provincial Grand Chapter in Somerset, but in the absence of most of the proper officers the consideration of it was deferred. As there was no other business on the paper of agenda, it had been arranged that the acting Z. should give instruction in the ceremony of exaltation, which was, however, prevented by the lateness of the hour, and the unfortunate circumstances of the evening.

**LANCASTER.**—Rowley Chapter (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of this chapter for the installation of the Principals and investiture of the officers for the ensuing year took place on Monday evening, the 20th ult. There were present the Installing Officer, Comp. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, &c.; Comps. E. Simpson, P.Z.; Prov. G.S.B.; W. Hall, P.Z.; J. L. Whimpray, P.Z.; Edwd. Airey, H.; Wm. Heald, J.; F. Dean, E.; W. Wearing, N.; Wm. Hall, P.S.; J. Taylor and J. Ellershaw, Assist. Sojs.; H. Longman, J. J. Crockell, and others. After the chapter had been opened and companions admitted, the Principals elect were duly presented to the Installing Officer to receive the benefit of installation, and in Boards of Installed Principals in their several grades Comp. Airey was duly installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. Heald, as H.; and Comp. Dean, as J. After the Principals had been proclaimed and saluted, the following officers were presented and invested:—Comps. Dr. Moore, E.; W. Wearing, N.; W. Hall, P.S.; E. Simpson, Treas.; J. Taylor and Jas. Ellershaw, Assist. Sojs. A vote of thanks was awarded to Comp. Moore for his services as Installing Officer, and the chapter closed.

**IPSWICH.**—St. Luke's Chapter (No. 225).—The usual quarterly convocation of this chapter of Holy Royal Arch was held at the Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich, on Wednesday, the 22nd March, when there were present Comps. Emra Holmes, M.E.Z.; C. Byford, H.; J. Turner, J.; A. Barber, Scribe E.; Whitehead; George Abbot, Prin. Soj.; W. Daking, Dr. Mills, P.Z.; and others. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Comp. Daking, who was unanimously elected a joining member. This being the meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the following were elected to fill those responsible positions:—C. Byford, as Z.; J. Turner, H.; Whitehead, J.; Geo. Abbot, Prin. Soj.; W. Daking, Scribe N.; H. Barber, Scribe E.; Syer, Janitor; Godball, Treas. The current business having been gone through, and another joining member proposed, the chapter was closed, and the companions assembled round the social board under the presidency of Comp. Mills, in the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z., when the usual pleasant evening

was spent by the brethren of this old chapter, who are always "happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

### Mark Masonry.

**DEVON.**—Fortitude Lodge (No. 66).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Hayshe Temple on Tuesday, 28th ult., at which Bro. Isaac Latimer was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The large number of thirty-one Past Masters were present. The ceremony was very ably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. C. Godtschalk. After the installation the W.M. duly appointed and invested his officers:—Bros. C. Godtschalk, I.P.M.; J. J. Avery, S.W.; W. Hearder, J.W.; S. Jew, Treas.; V. Bird, Chaplain; J. B. Gover, Sec.; W. B. Hambly, Reg. of Marks; Emery, M.O.; Ferry, S.O.; Crimp, J.O.; Hearle, I.G.

### Scotland.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge St. John (No. 34).—A meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, 21st ult., at 7 p.m. The attendance of members and visitors was large. Bro. D. M. Nelson, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. W. Bell, I.P.M.; T. B. Bell, S.M.; J. Sellars, S.W.; P. Brownlie, J.W.; J. Dunn, Treas.; J. Dick, Sec.; and others. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bros. W. Lorimer, D. McDougall, W. Scott, R. Hutcheson, and J. A. Jardine were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. McMillan, P.M. Messrs. H. Tennent and A. Murray were initiated by Bro. T. B. Bell, S.M. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. Johnston, o, Mother Kilwinning; R. Campbell, St. John, N.B., Canada, 32; Paterson, 27; W. Campbell, 56, I.C.; W. Crawford, 80; Cameron, 219; J. Rice, M.A. 225, Dublin; Ferguson, P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); Easton, W.M. 579; Wilson, D.M. 579; Henry, J.W. 581; Allan, Sec. 581; and others.

**RENTON.**—Leven St. John's Lodge (No. 170).—The annual festival of this lodge took place in the Black Bull Inn, Renton, on Friday evening, 17th ult., when about sixty sat down to supper, including a number of the fair sex, as well as deputations from Dumbarton Kilwinning (No. 18) and Alexandria (No. 321). The chair was occupied by Bro. David Paul, R.W.M., while Bro. Sinclair, S.W., ably discharged the duties of Croupier. After supper had been partaken of, the Chairman rose and said: "Twelve months have now come and gone since I had the honour and privilege of rising from the seat which I occupy to-night to address a few words to those who had assembled on that occasion. It is only, however, like yesterday since then; but how many important changes have taken place amongst us during that time? Some have spanned the blue sea, and are at this moment in a distant land; others are scattered here and there, while death has called some to go the road from whence no traveller ever returns. But, brethren, such is life; and while it is well for us to look back sometimes and take a lesson from the past, yet we must grapple with the present, and have faith and hope in the future. We are here to-night to throw away those cares and troubles which are apt to arise in our every day life, and to enjoy for a few hours those bright scenes of pleasure which good fellowship can alone inspire within us. And, brethren, I think we require a night such as this, with our lady friends to invigorate and strengthen us for further labour, because their presence is like the beaming stars shining in all their sparkling brilliancy in the midnight scene, and I hope that every brother present may say what our great national poet said on one occasion:—

"That the sweetest hour that ere he spent

Was spent among the lassies, O."

After congratulating the brethren on the continued prosperity of the lodge, he spoke on the aims and advantages of Masonry. Our institution, he said, like every other human institution, is not perfect, it has its failings, but it is characteristic of the human mind that they detect the failings, but overlook the virtues; and it may be said of our critics:

"They are to our virtues ever blind,  
And to our failings ever kind."

The advantages of being connected with our Order are very great, besides the good fellowship and universal brotherhood we enjoy. It is surely a benefit to be connected with an institution whose universal language, and the great benefits it confers upon its members, gives it an influence and a power throughout the world which no institution of a similar nature can boast of. Masonry forms as it were an inner circle in society, under whose banner we can meet, away from the noise of the busy world, from business harassments, political excitement, religious contests, and the many other contentions which are going on around us at the present time; for here we can meet in peace and press the right hand of fellowship with a brother, and receive strength to pursue again the battle of life. But, brethren, we are told that the tree is known by its fruit, so the character of every institution is judged by those who are connected with it, and how they act. So, brethren, as Masons let us maintain its integrity by acting on the square of justice and keeping to the plumb line of rectitude in all our actions. Let us not imagine that Masonry is to be confined to the secret walls of a lodge, for while we maintain the secrets let us exhibit our principles in all our transactions with the world, and let our characters be adorned and cemented with its brightest jewels, namely, faith, hope, and charity; and by cultivating concord, friendship, and brotherly love we will best promote the spread and maintain the integrity of our Order. The Chairman then gave in succession "The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Lodges," and "The Pro-

vincial Grand Lodge of Dumbartonshire," the latter toast being coupled with the name of Bro. Hodge, W.M. 18, who replied. The Croupier then gave "The Visiting Brethren," Bro. Paton, 18, replied. Bro. Stewart, W.M. of 321, proposed "Leven St. John's Lodge," expressing the great pleasure he had at being present, and was glad to hear that the lodge was in such a prosperous condition. He passed a high eulogium on the office-bearers the way they discharged their respective duties, coupling the toast with the name of the chairman, who replied. Bro. the Rev. D. H. Wilson then proposed "The Ladies" in a very amusing and interesting speech. Bro. D. Murray replied. The remaining toasts were:—"Mine Host," by Bro. McKay, of 321, replied by Bro. Murray; "The Chair-man," by Bro. Allan, 18, and "The Croupier," by Bro. Lauder, 18. The proceedings were greatly enlivened by the excellent singing of Bros. D. Glen, Matheson, McCrimmon, Lawson, and Paton. An assembly followed. Bro. J. Matheson acted as Master of Ceremonies, Bro. Park's fine quadrille band supplying the music.

**MAYBOLE.**—Royal Arch Lodge (No. 198).—On Friday evening, 24th ult., within the King's Arms Hotel (Mr. Hunter's) upwards of forty couples sat down to supper on the occasion of Bro. J. Hamilton, P.M., being presented with a testimonial in recognition of his valued services as W.M. of the above lodge. Blessing being asked by Bro. Chapel, No. 11, supper was partaken of, and the following toasts followed from the Chairman, Bro. Jas. Nisbet, W.M., viz., "The Queen, Prince of Wales, and Royal Family," "Three Grand Lodges," "Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire," coupled with the name of Col. Muir, Prov. G.M., to which Bro. Kennedy, of Lodge Mother Kilwinning, replied, after which Bro. J. Lambie, S.P.M., proposed the toast of the evening, "The Health of our Guest," which was cordially and enthusiastically received. Bro. J. Hamilton, P.M., was then presented with a valuable timepiece. Bro. Lambie in his remarks, alluded to the warmth every one had towards him in the lodge, for his kind manner and consistent walk as a good Mason. He had not only been appreciated by his own lodge, but by all the lodges that knew him. Amidst prolonged cheers he was wished long life and happiness. Bro. Hamilton, in a few but well-chosen sentences, replied. Songs and toasts followed. The whole proceedings were of a most pleasant nature. An assembly followed, which was kept up briskly till an early hour. The testimonial bore the following inscription:—Presented to Bro. James Hamilton, P.M., from the brethren of Royal Arch Lodge, No. 198, Maybole, as a token of esteem for his valuable services as W.M.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Commercial (No. 360).—One of the most brilliant, enjoyable, and in every way successful Masonic gatherings that have occurred in the West for some years was held in connection with this lodge on the 23rd ult., on the occasion of their being honoured with a visit from Bro. Henry Inglis, of Torsonce, Past Substitute Grand Master of Scotland, and present P.G. Master of the province of Peebles and Selkirkshire. The distinguished brother arrived at the lodge-room, No. 30, Hope-street, at nine o'clock, and was received with appropriate honours by the company of about seventy brethren assembled, and took his seat upon the dais at the chairman's right hand. Bro. John Monro, R.W.M. of the lodge, presided, supported on the dais by the following office-bearers of the P.G. Lodge of Glasgow: Bros. James Gillies, Treas.; A. Bain, B.B.; Jas. Balfour, Dir. of Ceremonies; J. Miller, Dir. of Music; David Reid, I.G.; and Geo. Sinclair, Treas. of the P.G. Benevolent Fund. In addition to the R.W.M. there were present of Lodge Commercial office-bearers, Bros. A. McKenzie and Julius Brode, Past Masters; D. Lamb, D.M.; W. Finlay, S.M.; J. M. Oliver, S.W.; Thomas Graham, J.W.; Geo. Scott, Treas.; John Smith, Sec.; Robert Reid, S.D.; and W. Keiller, J.D. Amongst the visitors were the following R.W. Masters of lodges: Bros. D. M. Nelson, St. John, 3½; James Booth, Thistle, 87; D. Murray, Union and Crown, 103; R. Jack, St. John, Shettleston, 128; J. Peters, Royal Arch, Pollok-shaws, 153; J. Singleton, Scotia, 178; W. M. G. Mason, Marie Stuart, 541; and W. J. Easton, St. Bryde, Uddingston, 579. Of other office-bearers among the visiting brethren were James Sellars, S.W., and P. Brownlie, J.W. 3½; J. Forsyth, J.W. 103; J. Black, S.W., and T. Hart, J.W. 153; J. Harley, S.W.; and C. McKenzie, J.W. 354; J. Anderson, I.P.M., 370; J. Fraser, S.W. 541; Alex. Gow, S.M. 581; J. Henry, J.W. 581; W. Taylor, Treas. 581; W. Ferguson, P.M. ("Freemason"), and others. Bro. Inglis having taken his seat, the chairman said that, before calling the lodge from labour to refreshment, he was going to avail himself of his official prerogative in proposing him for affiliation as an honorary member of the lodge. Bro. Inglis's appearance there was to them indeed a bright one. They might not all be aware that he had claims upon their Masonic privileges which even preceded his more immediate ones. He was the son of one who held high and honourable positions in the Grand Lodge of Scotland before many of those present were born. Bro. Inglis himself had been so long connected with the Craft, and so zealous and earnest in all he had to do with it, as to make for himself a place in the annals of history, in which his name would be handed down when those present were no longer members of a lodge. To his (the chairman's) thinking, he was the foremost Mason in Scotland at the present day, and when he (the chairman) said that in bestowing the highest honour in their power upon Bro. Inglis they thereby conferred honour upon themselves, he was simply speaking the truth. Bro. Inglis then stepped in front of the altar and received honorary affiliation to the lodge at the hands of the W.M., Bro. Monro. Having returned to the dais he briefly returned thanks for the compliment. He said that what their R.W. Master had said concerning him the former doubtless believed to be true, but he (Bro. Inglis) said it was much too flattering. Their Master had said that in conferring affiliation they were

doing honour to Lodge Commercial, (but he said—and he said it from all his heart—that the honour remained with the affiliated son of the lodge. It gave him great pleasure to be there that night and grasp their hands as brethren, and also thank them for the very great distinction bestowed upon him. The lodge thereafter adjourned from labour to refreshment. After the preliminary toasts that of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow" was proposed by Bro. D. Lamb. It was coupled with the name of Bro. Geo. Sinclair, Treasurer of the P.G. Benevolent Fund, who, in replying, stated that the fund under his care had much increased. At that time last year they had in hand £570, their total income since had been £217 5s.; and, after deducting the disbursements, their gross capital was now £680 5s. 11d. "The Province of Peebles and Selkirk," coupled with the name of its R.W. Master, was proposed by the Chairman. He said he had had opportunities of witnessing the condition of matters in that province, and it was second to none in the kingdom. He could assure them that the style in which the lodges there did their work was an example. He had also had opportunities of observing the esteem, he might almost say the veneration, in which the Master was held in the province, and he could assure them that, for once, the adage about a prophet having no honour in his own country was reversed. Distinguished as Bro. Inglis's career as a Mason had been, and eminent as had been his position in Grand Lodge, he (the chairman) trusted the day was not far distant when he would be in a more distinguished position still. If there was a brother who more than any other deserved to be raised to the throne it was Bro. Inglis; and he (the chairman) thought the Grand Lodge would not lose sight of his claims; on its regard. Bro. Inglis, in replying to the toast, gave a highly humorous description of some of the Masonic features of his province. They in the south, he remarked, were few, but they were a very difficult lot. The brethren there talked enough about him in his absence, but when he went amongst them they were as quiet as lambs. He was very fond of them, and he believed they were very fond of him. The most riotous lot he had was Hawick. The very last time he was there he said to them—"I'll tell you what you are. The Empress of Russia said that if you scraped a Russian you would discover a Tartar; and I find that if I scrape a Hawick man I come upon a moss-trooper." I find you are all moss-troopers together, disguised as weavers; and, if it is any comfort to you, I'm another. They were quite satisfied with this, and only asked me not to scratch them. In concluding, Bro. Inglis remarked that as to what the chairman had said of him personally, he thought he had been a little too high in his estimate. Still, there were very few older Masons than himself in Scotland, and he thought that in the various positions he had occupied in connection with the Craft he had endeavoured to do his duty. He served for seven years as Substitute Grand Master, and after that he thought it was time for him to retire. Should Grand Lodge choose to put him farther up—and they in the west formed no mean portion of Grand Lodge—his grateful thanks would be due to it. If they in the west chose to hang together they could do as they liked. If his brethren in Glasgow chose to think that he ought to occupy the throne they had only to go to Edinburgh and say so. The toast of "Lodge Commercial, No. 360," was given by Bro. D. M. Nelson, who, in commending it to the company, said that amongst all the lodges in Glasgow it stood pre-eminent, and that the W.M. was one of the best, if not best, working Masters they had at the present time. The Chairman, in responding to the toast, begged, in the name of the lodge, to thank all those visiting brethren who had come to meet them on that interesting occasion—including the worthy brother on his right hand, who was now one of themselves. On all such occasions as that they would be most warmly received. "Past Masters of the Lodge 360" was replied to by Bros. Julius Brode and A. McKenzie. Bro. Inglis proposed "The Lodges in the Province of Glasgow," coupled with "Lodge Plantation, No. 581," as being the junior. In the absence of the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Alex. Gow, S.M., acknowledged the compliment in a few words, pleading the youth of the lodge as an excuse for not having much to say, and called upon Bro. D. M. Nelson, as Master of the oldest lodge in the province (St. John, 3½), to supplement his remarks. In so doing the latter referred to the want hitherto of a proper reception hall for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, a want, however, which was now likely to be supplied, the P.G. Master, Bro. W. M. Neilson, having acquired suitable premises in the neighbourhood of the new Public Halls for adapting to the purpose in question. He also stated that he had just received a note from the Lord Provost, informing him that Lord Henry Lennox would lay the memorial stone of the new Post Office building with Masonic honours, some time in May next. This attention on the part of the Lord Provost, Bro. Nelson remarked, showed that even in his civic capacity he took an interest in Masonry within the province. "Visiting Brethren" was given by Bro. Graham, J.W., and neatly replied to by Bro. W. J. Easton, W.M. 579. After one or two more toasts, Bro. Inglis begged to be allowed a single word before the closing of the lodge. In the course of a long experience of Masonic meetings, he said he had never met a better than that of that night, and for his own reception on the occasion he had to thank them from the bottom of his heart. The lodge was then recalled to labour, and closed in due form. We should add that the presence of a glee party, and of several skilled instrumentalists, materially enhanced the pleasure of a memorably agreeable evening.

**HELENSBURGH.**—Lodge St. George (No. 503).—A large number of the brethren of this lodge met in Roseneath Inn, (Bro. White's), on Wednesday evening, the 22nd ult. The chair was ably occupied by Commissioner Bro. Finlay Campbell. The principal feature of the

evening's entertainment was in presenting Bro. James Marsland, I.P.M., with a handsome gold medallion, along with a purse of sovereigns, as also a beautiful gold ring for his good lady, as a mark of their appreciation of the worthy services rendered by Bro. Marsland to the lodge during the three years he occupied the chair of W.M. The brethren enjoyed a very pleasant and harmonious evening in toast, song, and sentiment.

**MARYHILL.**—Lodge Maryhill (No. 510).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall 167, Main-street, Maryhill, on Wednesday evening, 22nd ult., Bro. J. McKay, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. H. Niven, P.M.; A. Neevy, D.M.; M. Carey, S.M.; D. McLachlan, S.W.; J. Kay, J.W.; W. Neil, Treas.; P. F. Craigie, Sec.; Hart, S.D.; Kirk, J.D.; Gibson, I.G.; and Brogan, Tyler. There being no work before the meeting the lodge was called to refreshment, and put under the care of Bro. Kay, J.W., when the Chairman proposed in succession the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales and Members of Royal Family," "The Three Grand Lodges," and "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," which were enthusiastically responded to. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was replied to by Bro. Ferguson, P.M. ("Freemason"). "The Health of the W.M. and Past Masters" was duly proposed and acknowledged. Other toasts followed, and after spending a short time in song and sentiment the lodge was called to labour and closed.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Plantation (No. 581).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, 25th ult., in the new Masonic Hall, Craigiehall-street, Plantation, Glasgow. Bro. T. Stobo, W.M., in the chair, D. Peacock, S.W.; J. Henry, J.W. Present: Bros. W. Ferguson, D.M.; A. Gow, S.M.; W. Taylor, Treas.; R. Allan, Sec.; Imrie, S.D.; Halley, J.D.; Dowell, J.S.; Henderson, B.B.; and Cumming, Tyler. The meeting was well attended there being deputations present from Nos. 9, 28, 87, 103, 114, 117, 178, 215, 309, 354, 360, 362, 408, 413, 419, 471 and 556. On the lodge being opened and the minutes of last meetings read and approved of, applications were read from Messrs. J. Lindsay, P. Stobo, A. Gow, and R. Falconer for admission into the Order, and on being favourably balloted for were admitted and initiated into the E.A. Degree by Bro. Ferguson, D.M. Bros. W. Taylor, A. Gow, J. Henry, R. Allan, and D. Peacock were awarded a vote of thanks, and the same to be inserted in the minutes, for having presented the lodge with working tools and other requisite articles. The brethren severally replied in suitable terms. Other business of minor importance was then proceeded with, when the lodge was closed.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE WANDERERS' LODGE No. 1604.

A lodge for the special convenience of military brethren travelling in different parts of the world, was consecrated on Tuesday last, at Freemasons' Hall by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was assisted on the occasion by the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., as Chaplain; Bro. H. G. Buss, Prov. Grand Treasurer, Middlesex, as S.W.; Bro. C. P. Cobham, W.M. 957, as J.W.; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., as D.C.; Bro. Hopwood I.G.; and Bro. Cook, Organist. The object of the promoters and founders of the lodge is to grant the privileges of full membership to such brethren of the service as may be travelling with their regiments in different parts of Her Majesty's Dominions. The inconvenience of not belonging to such a lodge has long been felt by military brethren who are not members of those lodges which are attached to the different regiments. That this lodge will become a favourite with the service there can be very little doubt, as propositions were given in as early as the day of consecration for no less than six joining members and seven initiates. About seventy brethren attended the consecration, and these came from long distances expressly for the purpose. Some came from Portsmouth, some from Aldershot, some from Chatham, and some from Woolwich. Amongst them were the following:—Bros. George D. Roe, Sergt.-Major, R.E., 1424, P.P.G.S., South Wales; W. J. Parish, Gr.-Mr. Sergt., R.E., 1089; D. Evans, Gr.-Mr.-Corp.-Major, 1st Life Guards, 209; T. H. Meredith, 1257, P.M.; A. Wade, Armr. Sergt. 1st Life Guards, 1449, P.M.; W. H. Bird, Schoolmr., Grenr. Guards, 507; F. J. Wray, Regl. Clerk, Coldst. Guards, 1257; C. Fuller, Hospl. Steward, Coldst. Guards, 1257; A. Brookson, Sergt. Major, R.A., 1424; George Boulton, Commercial Traveller, 1424; E. G. Klefberg, Master Tailor, Coldst. Guards, 700; George Cox, Staff Sergeant, R.E., 184; John Guy, Gr.-Mr. Sergt. A. S. Corps, 141; George Morrison, Sergeant R.E., 184; J. W. Duncan, S. Bk. Sergt., Comm. Dept, 156; and R. J. Scott, R.E., War Office Clerk, 1424.

Bro. Geo. D. Roe was the W.M. designate; Bro. W. J. Parish, S.W. designate; and Bro. D. Evans, J.W. designate.

After the lodge had been formally opened in the three degrees, Grand Secretary addressed the brethren, stating with how much pleasure he consecrated that new military lodge, between which and regimental lodges—lodges moveable with regiments—he drew a distinction. After passing a very high eulogium on the way in which the military brethren as a rule performed all the duties and ceremonies of Freemasonry, he proceeded to say that he believed military lodges were worked even more correctly than the general run of lodges in the Craft, and in all respects they carried out the duties of Masonry in a markedly perfect manner.

When the time arrived for the delivery of the oration, Bro. Hervey called on Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Rector of St. Clement Danes, to address the brethren.

Bro. Simpson then said,—W.M., Wardens, and bre-



thren,—Our worthy and excellent Grand Secretary, who presides here to-day, has just stated that I will make a few observations to you before we proceed with the ceremony. I am glad that he used the word "observations," because what I shall now address to you will be in no sense what is commonly called in our technical language an oration. I purpose merely making a few plain observations, such as might be addressed to the sailors or the soldiers of our native country, and who, I believe, generally speaking, when they have to address themselves, address briefly and to the point. I will try, as far as I can, to follow their generally good example. Brethren, the assembly which is present here to-day, the many uniforms of various colours—"coats of many colours"—remind us at least of this, that communities of men must in this world be classed together and form so many different corps, with different interests, differing laws, different regulations, and different duties; but it is, perhaps, an occasion upon which more than any other we may see the moral of Freemasonry, whatever may be the external garb we wear, whatever the colour may be which the garb may bear, I trust that beneath every one of our garments is a uniform—I mean a uniform love of all that is good and noble and true, in which we, as brother Masons, can unite as one corps, and feel that the esprit de corps may never be lost. It has been handed down to us from ancient times; it is with us at present in full vigour, and by the blessing of God it shall continue till time shall be no more. I feel peculiar pleasure in being able to be present here to-day at the call of our excellent presiding Master, for not only am I pleased to be privileged to address you as a Past Grand Chaplain now growing old, but also because I feel a peculiar attachment to that body to which most of you belong. My first and earliest days were spent within three miles of Sunderland, where I saw many of the military stationed at that place, many, many noble fellows, privates, non-commissioned officers, and officers, I had the pleasure and privilege of calling friends, many who used to come out, on a summer day especially, to our parish church; and many of those brethren I remember with affection who now "sleep" on the hills of the Crimea. At Windsor, where I was curate for four years, I had an opportunity, too, of making acquaintance with many of our military brethren, and there I met with some as good, and true, and noble fellows as ever I met in the world. On these accounts, brethren, I feel a peculiar personal pleasure in addressing you to-day. And now, what are we met to-day to do? To Consecrate this lodge into a Freemasons' Lodge. And what is it? We are not operative Masons. We are not disposed to work as we saw in the public papers a few days ago in that noble band of engineers, who carry on operations which, in the language of a great statesman, seem to be likely to subdue the world. We are not those who attempt to conquer matter, but we do attempt to work by mind; and I venture, with all due deference to the great statesman, to join with the highest journal in the land in feeling that the work in mind is after all higher than the work in matter. The lodge that we are about to consecrate is an emblem of the present work we have to do, and is an emblem and a foreshadowing of that great building, of which, I trust, however wandering far and wide we may be, we may at last be found to be members. Whatever be the lines upon which we are now working, the lines we have to work upon, brethren, are the lines laid down by the Great Architect of the Universe for the purpose of building up a human edifice perfect in its parts and honourable to the Great Master Builder, however much that building may be in ruins, it is our great work now to restore it to somewhat of its original shape; and the man that works best at that high work, by truth, by honour, by temperance, by straightforwardness in all his dealings, and not least, by brotherly love to his fellowmen, and charity to all the world, that man doubtless will be among the master builders that will be paid their wages one day when they come to reckon with the Great Builder above. It is that work which we are called upon to do; and the man who does it, whether civilian or soldier, truthfully, honestly, cheerfully and as in sight of the All-seeing Eye, sure am I that he will not lose his reward, ay, even now. The respect which a man receives who thus is able to hold his head up, the respect in which he feels—which is a totally different feeling from self-conceit—the self-respect which that man feels, is of itself a great reward. And, Sir, I venture to say, without being invidious, or casting any slur upon civilians merely for the purpose of flattering or attempting to flatter our brethren of the army, I will repeat what I have ever held from my earliest days, that a high and noble soldier, noble in the highest sense of that exalted term, is one of the finest fellows on God's earth, for he is a man perhaps that has not to face "the cannon's mouth" with brute courage, but a man who has perhaps to go through more temptations than any man in the world; and therefore any man that comes out of that world of trial, a noble, a true, a good, and temperate man, depend upon it, Sir, is not only bound to receive but does receive our highest admiration. And when he joins our Masonic band there do I feel that he hears the two great key notes struck by our Grand Master at the Albert Hall, "Loyalty and Charity," here he finds an additional bond and additional inducement to act upon the high principles which I have ventured to throw out. Loyalty I need not speak of in the presence of soldiers. To them we look as the guardians of our liberties, of our homes, of our country; loyalty to the Sovereign, love to their country, and above all, obedience to their God, makes them to be in our sight true guardians of our highest liberties, and in that sense I have a very great, great veneration for the military order, and I am rejoiced to find so many within our noble society. Permit me, brethren, in conclusion, to mention a single point which I think it is very well for us all, not only soldiers

but civilians, to have in mind, and it is this:—Freemasonry in beneficial, as we know, for many things; but probably Freemasonry can teach us very little that we know not already. It is an idea among many that Freemasonry, or even the highest forms of religion can teach us a great deal, and that we may wait and wait till we arrive at a perfect knowledge before we practise, or call upon ourselves to practise that which we learn. I venture to think that in this day and with the education that we have all received there is not a man of us in this room who needs to learn his duty—not one. We are not as our poor brethren in this very land 1800 years ago, we are not as the poor children of Adam scattered in many a land, ignorant of our duty—not at all. And therefore, I presume not to teach any man in this room his duty. But I do this, and Freemasonry does it a thousand times better; it reminds you and me of that which every one of us who can read his heart and has a knowledge of himself knows we need, it reminds us of the duties that we right well know we ought to perform; and it is that reminding, I look upon as a grand object of Freemasonry, we are perhaps in the presence of men who else rarely put themselves in the way of hearing these high truths; we are enabled in our beautiful and grand ceremonies to bring before them some of the highest truths of religion; and sure I am—I know it from the mouths of dying Masons, that they have received in Masonic lodges some of the most blessed reminders of their life. Hence, I look upon it that a regular attendance at our Masonic lodges, the putting ourselves in the way of being forced to hear these grand truths, the fact that we cannot avoid hearing them when we are within reach of them, is a great practical boon. I say this fact is a great blessing, and if we attend in our Masonic lodges, and if we listen with attention to our beautiful ceremonies, and if we make a point of having in the chairs, as our officers men whose hearts, and whose minds are attuned to those beautiful ceremonies, and give them out in an impressive manner—I say it becomes a very great privilege to belong to a lodge of Freemasons, and all the more, not because the Master in the chair is a minister of religion, and doing a certain work which we may listen or may not listen to, as we like, and the acting up to which is more or less a restriction to us; but he is put there by ourselves, and by his mouth we interpret our duties. I trust that your lodge may long flourish under good Masters, with a succession of good Masters, as I have reason to believe the first will be on this occasion, that they will be supported by good and worthy officers, who will attend to their duties, and then as the wanderers come home they will go forth, and your voice will "go forth into all lands," and the Wanderers' Lodge will become a fold to which the sheep can ever return under good and true shepherds, and when they part to meet no more here they may meet in the Grand Lodge above, to which we are all hastening. Applause.)

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and at its conclusion Bro. Hervey installed Bro. G. D. Roe, 1424, P.P.G.S. West Division of South Wales, as W.M., and the following brethren were invested as the officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. H. Meredith, P.M. 1257, I.P.M.; W. J. Parish, 1089, S.W.; D. Evans, 209, J.W.; A. Wade, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Scott, Sec.; Goodson, S.D.; F. J. Wray, J.D.; George Boulton, I.G.; Geo. Cox and J. Fuller, Stewards; and Lackland, Tyler.

When the addresses had been delivered and the ceremonies of the day brought to a termination, Bro. J. Hervey was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge on the motion of Bro. Meredith, seconded by the S.W., and Bro. Hervey having acknowledged the compliment, the same honour was conferred on Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, on the motion of Bro. Meredith, seconded by the W.M. Thereafter six propositions for joining, and seven for initiation were given in, and the thanks of the lodge, to be recorded on the minutes, were voted to Bro. Hervey for consecrating the lodge, the motion being made by Bro. Meredith, and seconded by the W.M.

The excellent oration of Bro. Simpson drew another vote of thanks from the lodge, proposed by Bro. Meredith, and seconded by the S.W.

Bro. Meredith then proposed, and the J.W. seconded a vote of thanks to the other brethren who assisted in the consecration; and this having been unanimously adopted, the W.M. proposed, and the S.D. seconded a vote of thanks to Bro. Cooke, in reply, said that if his music had added anything to the solemnity of the beautiful ritual he was happy to have been the medium through which that addition had been made. A vote of thanks was also passed to those brethren who had visited the lodge on this first night of its meeting, Bro. Guy stating that some brethren had come all the way from Portsmouth to be present. The brother from Hiram Lodge who replied, said that it had given the brethren great pleasure to be present, and as to its being considered a long journey from Portsmouth to undertake for the purpose of seeing the consecration of this lodge that if the distance had been ten times as far they would have come. There were, however, some, who from military and other engagements had been prevented from attending. This concluded the business of the evening, and the brethren then closed the lodge and adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where after banquet the toasts usual on consecration nights were proposed and honoured.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson in returning thanks for "Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," said that from what we had seen of Lord Skelmersdale, although he had not long been acting in his high position would prove an admirable ruler in the Craft, and by his personal worth as well as by attention to his duties the admiration and respect of Freemasons. For the brethren on his right and left (Bros. Hervey and Cotterburne) he need say nothing, as they were well known, and their works were appreciated; but for them as well as

himself he might say that they returned thanks for the very kind way in which their health had been proposed and received, and for the hospitable way in which they had been treated. He would not for a moment attempt to trespass further on the attention of the brethren, seeing that he had already occupied a good deal of their time in lodge; but he might inform the brethren that he esteemed it a true pleasure and a great privilege to have had the happiness of being present at the consecration of this military lodge. He recognised among the brethren some old faces which had come back to his memory, and which he had been rejoiced to meet that day, even though they might be in new places. He trusted that bye-and-bye he might be received again as one of the Wanderers', but at the same time as one who would be at all times pleased to place his humble services at the disposal of the lodge. He wished all prosperity and happiness to the lodge, and he trusted that in future years it might prove the happy home for many an absent Mason to return to in his native land, and even if he found those whom he had loved in his own home gone he might be received with open arms by his brother Masons.

Bro. John Hervey in proposing "Success to the Wanderers' Lodge," said it was not a toast which he thought the brethren would say was not worthy of being mentioned on that occasion. He was satisfied the brethren would all feel that the lodge had entered on its career under very auspicious circumstances; auspicious, he might say, because it had a vast number of propositions both of candidates for initiation and candidates for joining the lodge. Under ordinary circumstances probably that might be a source of congratulation; but on that occasion he thought it was such a source because there was the outside world (the candidates for initiation being the outside world) coming forward to support them; and they would not have allowed their names to be put forward unless they had some degree of confidence in the members and sympathy with their objects; and the candidates for joining would not have wished to enter themselves as joining members unless they had felt they could enter a society which was congenial with their feelings, and which would be to them a happy and comfortable Masonic lodge. So much for the auspices of the lodge; and he thought he might congratulate the brethren still further, inasmuch as the W.M. had shewn that evening first of all on his advent to the chair that he was capable of fulfilling his duties, that he knew how to govern the lodge, and by the way in which he invested his officers that he knew the ritual. All these performances of the W.M. proved that he was capable during his year of office of conducting the business of the lodge with ability, and of setting a good example to the members. If the work of a lodge was well done the candidate was well impressed with the society which he entered, and the principles of that society. If the work were badly done, then he went away dissatisfied, and he so expressed himself—that he thought Masonry a thing of real importance, but found it was nothing of the sort; that he had found a Master in the chair who stumbled in delivering the ritual, and could not perform the ceremonies he professed to perform; therefore he would not go near the lodge again or have anything to do with it. This was no imaginary state of things, but was really the feeling of candidates when they found a Master who could not perform the ceremonies. With respect to the W.M. whom they had seen in the chair that evening, he had shown that he knew his duty, and that he would perform it with credit to himself, and would conduct the lodge into a safe heaven. When it came to his turn, as come it would, to resign the chair, he would leave it with the approbation of the brethren, and yield it to his successor with an example to follow in his footsteps. He concluded by proposing "Success to the Wanderers' Lodge and the Health of the W.M."

The W.M., in reply, said he had often had occasion to regret his want of the power of speech to express his thoughts, but he did not know that he ever felt that want more than he did at that moment. He should have considered that the installation of the W.M. under ordinary circumstances was as great a distinction as any human being could be expected to attain to; but when he found himself occupying the chair of K.S. as the first W.M. of the Wanderers' Lodge he asked himself what he had done to deserve such a distinction among his fellows. He hoped however, that he would be enabled, if the G.A.O.T.U. granted him health and strength, to discharge the duties of his high office with satisfaction to the lodge, with credit to himself, and with honour to the Craft. He hoped they would all be enabled to act up to one of their Masonic teachings by contributing their quota to the Masonic charities. He trusted that their working would be well and faithfully performed. It must be borne in mind that though they were a military lodge they were yet a metropolitan lodge, and though for a time they could not hope to compete with the Metropolitan Lodges in supporting the charities, they would do their best to do so. It was cheering to know that the noble Order had been undergoing a process of purification and reformation, and it was satisfactory to him to feel that as Master of a lodge he was connected by such close ties with institutions which provided a common platform on which politicians and others of every state of opinion might meet on the level and part on the square of friendship. Actions spoke louder than words, and he only hoped at the expiration of the present twelve months the brethren would give him as hearty a reception as they had that evening given him. From the well-known perseverance, and if he might be allowed to use the word, "pluck," of military men, he had no doubt they would give that attention to the duties of the lodge as would give it a gratifying measure of progress and prosperity.

The W.M. afterwards gave "The Health of the Consecrating Officers," to which Bro. John Hervey responded.

The S.W. proposed "The Visitors," to which Bro. Pownall replied, and the S.W. having responded for "The Officers,

Bro. Meredith proposed "The Charities."

Bro. Cottebrune responded, and Bros. H. G. Buss and C. B. Cobham acknowledged the vote of thanks which had been passed in lodge to the brethren who assisted at the consecration.

The Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated, after spending a delightful evening.

The following is a list of the brethren present:—Bros. John Hervey, Grand Secretary; Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., Provincial Grand Chaplain; H. G. Buss, Provincial Grand Treasurer, Middlesex; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Rev. R. J. Halpin, M.A., 167, Chahlain to the Forres, London; G. D. Roe, Prov. P.G. Steward, W.D.S. Wales, 1424; W. J. Parish, 1089; D. Evans, 209; T. H. Meredith, P.M. 1257; A. Wade, P.M. 1449; W. H. Bird, 507; F. J. Wray, 1257; C. Fuller, 1257; A. Brookson, 1424; G. Boulton, 1424; E. G. Klefberg, 700; G. Cox, 184; J. Guy, 141; G. Morrison, 184; J. W. Duncan, 156; R. J. Scott, 1424; J. Lackland, 1536; W. Symmons, W.M. 1424; W. Cottrell, J.W. 1424, F. G. Pownall, W.M. 1536; R. White, P.M. 1331; H. Massey, P.M. 619 ("Freemason"); C. Cook, 13, 700; Thomas White, 570; C. B. Cobham, W. Master 957; C. B. Payne, P.M. 27; R. J. Robinson, 1536; T. Newman, 322; J. Reith, 246; J. W. Young, 1536; A. Mc Kenzie, 1331; J. C. Phillips, 1424; W. M. Farran, P.M. 215; G. H. Heywood, 145; Capt. W. H. Coles, P.M. 20; J. H. Armstrong, 10; W. W. Turner, S.W. 1449; E. Duttan, 765; T. B. Mussell, 1258; F. A. Stammers, 1436; J. Lewis, P.M. 1424; A. J. Barron, 1525; F. C. Quint, 1414; E. T. Onn, 1414; C. H. Stocks, 1424; J. Pearcey, 1424; C. W. Gates, 1424; J. Organ, 1424; H. P. Davis, 1424; W. Jordan, 1536; J. W. Martin, 141; R. Croisdale, P.M. 766; G. Mew, 523; J. M. Tully, 202; H. Carlin, 1536; T. H. Hambling, 700, 1536; J. Warren, 700, 1536; T. Cooper, 1536; C. Morton, 700; B. Plaisted, 913; H. Jones, 804; E. Hopwood, P.M. 141; H. Howding, 143; H. Smith, P.M. 1460; H. Kimble, 1360; H. Langshaw, 1424; W. Fenn, 141; H. F. Masters, 145; E. Cole, 1257; T. Watts, 1424; H. Haycock, 1348; G. Smith, 1536; H. White, 1257.

## Reviews.

"BENGAL FREEMASONS' DIARY" for 1876, Calcutta. Black & Co.

We have received and been much struck with this well printed and useful publication, for which we are much obliged, and which we can most conscientiously commend. It is well got up, admirably arranged, full of most, useful Masonic and secular information, and we sincerely trust will receive the support and patronage which it so well deserves. We feel bound to say, that a more useful and well compiled diary we have seldom seen. It is a great credit to its publishers.

"A GUIDE TO HOUSE FURNISHING," by Oetzmann & Co.

We do not generally review "trade circulars," but this large work of over 300 pages seems to make itself an "exception" to our "rule." It is very well arranged and effectively illustrated, and certainly gives a great deal of important information for that great class of our people, for that immense section of society which is always "furnishing." Confiding Thomas and beaming Alice are meaning to "set up shop" together, and so they want to furnish "Dove Cottage." And here, in their doubts and dilemma, Oetzmann & Co. obligingly come to the rescue, give them the minutiae of furnishing detail, the price of every article, from a baby's "crib" down to a "perambulator," from a "warning pan" down to a "tea kettle." We have, we confess, passed over the pages with astonishment, interest, and pleasure, and if it should so chance that any "angelic being" would consent "pour tou potage," live on our own great merits, and nothing a year, (we say nothing of love in cottage, or all the happiness of the connubial state), we should not at all object to give Messrs. Oetzmann an order, and have no doubt that both our better half and ourselves would be much pleased and fully satisfied with what we got for our ready money. If any unfortunate brother of ours is so rash as to be thinking of matrimony and furnishing at the same time, we can cordially advise him to study Messrs. Oetzmann's "Guide," and we feel convinced that his own adored Emily Jane will, with the artless interest of women, gladly aid his selection, not only of articles of "bigotry and virtue," but of all that is needful and becoming for a model household, or a young married couple. Can we say anything more in favour of so seasonable and so useful a book?

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"The Monde Maconique," Paris, for March, has reached us, and is full of most interesting matter.

"REVISTA INTERNAZIONALE," is a new review, published at Florence, which has reached its second number, and seems very able written indeed, and contains several interesting articles.

"TEN YEARS' RETROSPECT," by R. H. Baynes; Henry King and Co., is an able and well written sermon, mainly ad hominem et ad Congregationem necessarily, it yet can be pursued by all with improvement and edification. We thank our rev. brother for sending it to us. W.F.A.

## FREEMASONRY IN FRANCE.

The Grand Orient of France inaugurated on the 25th January this year, in its own halls, a course of instruction in the English language. Five hundred persons assisted at the solemnity. The re-union was presided over by Bro.

Armand, who was assisted by Bros. Caubet and Seinguerlet. Bro. Armand clearly explained the object of the Grand Orient. To a course of instruction in the German language, of which the success had surpassed all hopes French Freemasonry now added a course of instruction in the English language. The Council of the Order hoped to be able yet to augment year by year the number of these useful efforts. The success so far obtained guaranteed their prosperity. Bro. Seinguerlet, in an improvised address, pointed out ably, if shortly, the importance of the study of living languages. The courses of instruction thus created by the Grand Orient are gratuitous and open to all the world. More than 500 persons have already asked and obtained admission to the course.

## NOUVELLES ETRANGERES.

(From the "Monde Maconique.")

ANGLETERRE.—On sait que les Maçons anglais sont des gens fort sérieux. Cependant il en est quelques-uns qui aiment la plaisanterie. En voici un, par exemple, qui a calculé que le Temple de Salomon a coûté exactement 943 millions de livres sterling! C'est le même qui possède une charte Maconique chinoise, qui remonte à une antiquité fabuleuse. Malheureusement, les emblèmes qui décoraient ce document sont ceux des grades de Royale Arche, qui sont loin d'être préhistoriques. Un autre a découvert que c'est en 257 que Saint Alban a formé la première Grand Lodge D'Angleterre, et qui le Roi Athelstane a accordé une charte au Francmaçon en 925:—

Il ne faudrait croire d'après cela que tous les Maçons anglais traitent l'histoire Maconique avec le même sans-gêne. Bien au contraire:—nulle part, il se trouve une phalange aussi considérable d'hommes qui se soient imposés la tâche ardue de débrouiller patiemment le chaos de notre passé. Il suffit de citer les noms des Frères Woodford, Hughan, Buchan, Murray Lyon, parmi tant d'autres pour montrer ce que la Maçonnerie doit aux Maçons anglais.

## (TRANSLATION) FOREIGN NEWS.

ENGLAND.—It is well known that English Masons are very serious persons. However, amongst them there are some who are rather fond of pleasantry. Here is one, for instance, who computed that the cost of Solomon's Temple exactly amounted to 943 millions of pounds sterling; and the same has in his possession a Chinese Masonic charter emanating from a fabulous antiquity. Unfortunately the emblems decorating this document are emblems of the degree of Royal Arch, which are far from being prehistoric. Another discovered that St. Alban formed "the first Grand Lodge of England, and that King Athelstane granted a charter to Freemasons in 926."

Wherefrom we should not conclude that all English Masons treat the history of Masonry with the same recklessness; on the contrary, nowhere can be found such a considerable phalanx of men who voluntarily have undertaken the difficult task of disentangling the chaos of our past. Suffice it to mention the names of Bros. Woodford, Hughan, Buchan, Murray Lyon from amongst many others to show what Freemasonry owes to English Masons.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL.—We are very glad to announce that Bro. S. B. Ellis, Scribe E. of the Chapter of Paradise, Sheffield, 139, is about to publish in the Masonic Magazine for May, extracts from the old minute books of the chapter, beginning in 1783. We shall recur to the subject in our next.

Bro. the Right Hon. G. Ward Hunt, M.P., has signified to Bro. Professor Kelley Miller, W.M. of the Royal Naval College Lodge, 1595, that he will have much pleasure in becoming an Honorary Member of the Lodge. Bro. Ward Hunt, as First Lord of the Admiralty, is Governor of the College.

The officers of the 4th Dragoon Guards gave a grand ball on Wednesday, at the Exhibition Palace, Dublin. The Lord-Lieutenant and Lady Georgina Hamilton were present, and the list of guests—about 500—included nearly all the officers of the garrison, and a great number of the nobility. The entertainment was on a splendid scale, and fittingly closed the festivities inaugurated by the Viceregal ball.

At a complimentary supper, strictly confined to brethren of the Craft, given at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Gloucester, on Tuesday last, which was presided over by Bro. Henry Jeffs, Past Master of Lodge No. 493, and Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden of Gloucestershire, Bro. Alderman Murrell, being in the vice chair, a handsome and elaborately worked gold jewel, of the value of eleven guineas, was presented to Bro. Councillor Roberts, Past Master of Lodge No. 1005 which bears the following inscription:—Presented by brethren of the Royal Lebanon Lodge to Past Master F. G. Roberts, in remembrance of past services as their Treasurer. Henry Jeffs, P.M., March 21st 1876."

The installation meeting of Adam's Lodge, 158, Sherness, took place yesterday (Friday). A full report will appear in our next.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Leopold Lodge of Instruction, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-street, on Monday next at seven o'clock by Bro. C. W. Kent.

Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Grand Master for West Yorkshire, will be the Chairman for the coming festival of the Girls' School.

We understand Bro. Edgar Anderson has the management of the "Surrey Masonic Hall Dramatic Company," and that he, with Bro. Clarke, invites brethren to join, it being confined to the Craft. Bro. Danvers will appear on the first evening, of which due notice will be given.

The death of Sir Cordy Burrows has evoked general expressions of sympathy, and the Mayor of Brighton has issued an advertisement relative to the public arrangements of the funeral. The local press is unanimous in declaring that Sir Cordy's death is an almost irreparable municipal loss.

His Grace the Lord Lieut. and the Duchess of Abercorn have arrived at the family mansion, Barons-court, Newtownstewart, county Tyrone, for a brief sojourn.

The foundation stone of the new building to be erected in Charterhouse-street, for the Fox and Knot Schools and Missions, was laid on Tuesday, by Bro. J. D. Allcroft, Treasurer of Christ's Hospital.

PRESENTATION.—On Saturday a few personal friends of Bro. John Corke (Corke, Abbott, and Co., Milton-street), took the opportunity afforded by his fiftieth birthday to present to him a massive silver epergne, as a mark of their high esteem. On Monday a number of the employés of the firm presented to him a handsome time-piece, the presentation being made by Mr. G. Redding, on behalf of the men. After each presentation, the persons concerned in it were entertained to dinner by Bro. Corke, at his residence, Herne Hill.

Bro. Sir John Bennett presided at a numerously attended Spelling Bee at the Tottenham Public Library and Reading Room, the profits being for the benefit of the institution.

The churchwardens of St. Dunstan's-in-the-West, (Bros. Dwarber and Wellsman) give notice that several sums of money are at the disposal of the vestry to apprentice the sons of poor Freemen.

It has been assumed that Lord Derby, who is to receive Her Majesty at Baden, will be absent from London until after Easter. We believe that this statement is erroneous; that the Foreign Secretary is to return to London in ten days; and that he will be succeeded in his duties abroad by Lord Carnarvon.

We understand that the memorial stone of the New Post Office Buildings in Glasgow will be laid with Masonic honours by Lord Henry Lennox early next month.

SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY.—The "Evening Standard" of Thursday states that Lord Ramsay was installed Provincial Grand Master for Forfarshire, in the Reid Hall, Forfar, on Wednesday.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. A. H. Tattershall in the chair. There were likewise present Bros. H. A. Dubois, Geo. Kenning, Thomas W. White, Dudley Rolls, W. Stephens, H. Browne, Griffiths Smith, W. Paas, John Boyd, S. Rawson, H. Venn, H. Massey ("Freemason"), Robt. B. Webster, Dr. Ramsay, John Symonds, Col. Peters, Richard Spencer, and R. Wentworth Little (Secretary.)

After reading and confirmation of the minutes, one little girl was passed for placing on the list for election.

The following notices of motion for next Quarterly Court were then read by Bro. Little.

Notice of motion by Dr. Ramsay:—That every three years the four senior members of the House Committee retire, but shall be eligible for re-election; and the four who have been least frequent in attendance shall retire annually and be ineligible for re-election for a period of 12 months.

Notice of motion by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart:—That in the event of the Special Committee appointed by the Quarterly Court of the 11th December, 1875, presenting their report recommending that a further sum shall be expended in enlarging the present school or building on the present site at Battersea, he will move as an amendment to the report That it is inexpedient that any further sum of money should be laid out in enlarging the present schools or otherwise, and that in view of its being necessary to remove the school an eligible site should be sought for and purchased so as to meet the wants of the Craft.

Notice of motion by Bro. Robt. Kenyon:—That a committee of five Governors, Lieut.-Col. Creation, Lieut.-Col. Burdett, Dudley Rolls, Dr. Ramsay, and Robt. Kenyon, be and are hereby appointed to inspect certain freehold lands at Sunninghill, Claremont, Banstead, and elsewhere with a view to the selected site being purchased and ultimately applied for the purpose of erecting fit and commodious schools, &c., thereon, so as to provide the necessary accommodation for a larger additional number of children.

Notice of motion by Bro. John Boyd:—That ten additional children be elected at the forthcoming election in April next, thus increasing the number in the school to 162.

Notice of motion by Bro. H. A. Dubois:—That the recommendation of the Special Committee appointed by the last Special Court of 11th December, 1875, be brought up and submitted for adoption.

Bro. S. Rawson moved, and Bro. John Symonds seconded, That the report of the Special Committee be printed and circulated among the subscribers, and his motion having been carried,

Bro. Symonds said that he should on the day of election move that the consideration of the report be adjourned to a day to be fixed, and at the close of the election at the Quarterly Court that it do adjourn, the day and hour to be appointed in order that the report might then be considered. He did not give a formal notice of motion to this effect, but merely mentioned it to the committee.

The committee then adjourned.

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YOUNG COMP.—We believe on the left.

## BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Bengal Freemasons' Diary" for 1876; "Shipping Legislation;" "The Advertiser's Manual;" "A guide to Furnishing," by Oetzmann & Co.; "Ricordo della Festa dell Ordine Della R. Log. Arcopago e Cap. anziani Virtuosi all Or. de Livorno," Firenze, 1876; "Le Monde Maçonique;" "Ten Years' Retrospect," by Bro. Rev. R. H. Baynes, P.P.G.C. Warwickshire, and P.M. 254; "Revista Internazionale," Firenze, 1876.

The following communications stand over:—P.G. Mark Lodge, Leicestershire; Chislehurst Lodge, 1531; Valparaiso Lodge of Harmony, 1411; St. Mark's Lodge, 857; Masonic Ball at Liverpool.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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## BIRTH.

HARDCASTLE.—Wife of Mr. Edward, M.P., of a daughter, at Elvaston-place, Queen's-gate, March 26.

## MARRIAGES.

ROBINS-BUTTERFIELD.—On the 25th ult., at St. George's, Hanover-square, Francis, son of C. T. Robins, of Buckhurst-hill, Essex, to Fanny Maria, daughter of the late F. Butterfield.

STOVEL-SAXBY.—On 21st ult., at Faversham Church, Ebenezer Stovel, of New York, to Harriet, only daughter of W. Saxby, Esq., of Faversham.

## DEATHS.

BURROWS.—On the 25th ult., at Brighton, Bro. Sir John Cordy Burrows, aged 62.

SCIVIER, Mrs. (for many years matron of the Cancer Hospital), aged 64, March 23.

HALL, Mr. Thomas J., late Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, at Leamington-road-villas, Paddington, aged 87, March 20.

VIGNE.—On the 26th inst., at Pembroke-place, Bayswater, Caroline, widow of A. Vigne, Esq.

REYNOLDS.—On the 27th inst., at his residence, 81, Caversham road, N.W., Thomas (Tom) Reynolds, second son of William Reynolds, of Dartmouth House, Dartmouth Park Hill, N., and Charterhouse-street, E.C., aged 34.

FORREST.—At Killigrew-street, Falmouth, on the 18th ult., Charles, fifth son of the late Mr. Thomas Forrest, aged 16 years.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1876.

## THE RETURN OF OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

Baron Reuter announces in the "*Times*" of Monday that the *Serapis*, that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, arrived at Suez on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock, and that he left Cairo at a quarter to 1 the same afternoon, accompanied by M. de Lesseps, Zaki Pasha, Casim Pasha, and Chereef Pasha. Our Royal Grand Master arrived at Cairo at 6.40 a.m. on the 26th, and was received by the Khedive, the Crown Prince, Mohamed Tewfik, the Prince Hussein Kamil Pasha. The Grand Duke Alexis of Russia was likewise present. A guard of honour was drawn up in line, and a military band played "God save the Queen" as the Royal train entered the station. The Khedive conducted the Prince to the Ghezireh Palace, which has been assigned to His Royal Highness and the members of his suite as a residence while in his capital. The "*Times*" special correspondent telegraphs from Cairo on the 26th ult. as follows:—From the departure from Aden, at 1.15 on Monday morning, the 20th, until the arrival at Suez on Saturday, at 8 a.m., the weather was favourable for the voyage of the *Serapis*, accompanied by the *Raleigh* and *Osborne*. The sea was quiet and smooth, the thermometer standing at 80. No incidents worth recording occurred during the voyage. The cement of the hull of the *Serapis* was covered by an accumulation of barnacles, which prevented a high rate of speed being attained. On anchoring in Suez Roads the Egyptian men-of-war saluted the squadron. Lord and Lady Lytton, Colonel and Mrs. Burne, Chereef Pasha, Mustafa Pasha, General Stanton, Mr. Gordon, M. de Lesseps, Captain Willoughby, Mrs. West, and others were received on board the *Serapis* by the Prince of Wales at breakfast. Lord Lytton had a long conversation with His Royal Highness, and accompanied the Prince to the station, where he took a cordial farewell. A special train conveyed the Prince to Cairo, where the Khedive and the Princes, the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia and suite, and many distinguished persons awaited his arrival. At 6 o'clock p.m. the Prince drove to the Ghezireh Palace with the Khedive and a grand Guard of Honour. The Khedive there took leave of the Prince, who entertained the Grand Duke Alexis at dinner, and went to the Opera in the evening. Cairo is very full. The Prince visited the Khedive, with some of the suite, privately, and had a long conversation with him. Sir Bartle Frere had interviews with the Khedive after the visit of the Prince, and also with General Stanton and Mr. Rivers Wilson. Lord Alfred Paget left for Italy this morning. The Prince dined with the Grand Duke Alexis at the Viceroy's Palace of El Noussa this evening. The Prince leaves for Malta on Saturday evening. The Grand Duke accompanies him in a Russian frigate.

## THE PLANS FOR THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

We have abstained from alluding to the various proposals put forward because we are inclined to think, on the whole, that such matters are best left to the proper authorities, and because we have often seen the evil of outside pressure in favour of some special scheme, which enlists in its favour what the Americans term the "lobby." We have previously said that we trust in all the proposed alterations the interest of the school and the welfare of the Craft will mainly, nay, solely, be considered, and that, we venture to deem, should be the great aim of the Subcommittee's recommendation, and of the General Committee and the Quarterly Court's approval. Any questions of personal consideration or of personal interest ought at once to be suppressed, alike for the sake of our orphans and in deference to our generous Craft, whose gifts are prompted solely by a wish to befriend the forlorn children of our brethren, and to advance the great and good cause of Masonic benevolence! Two proposals seem mainly to commend themselves to our notice, those of Bros.

Col. Creaton and Monckton, while Bro. Nunn seems to be desirous still of looking on, and building the school of the future. The great objection to moving from the present site seems to be that there is no evidence so far that it is likely to be wanted, as was said originally, for railway purposes for some time to come, and therefore on every ground we are bound it appears to us, to utilize our present commodious and healthy situation. If by an extension of the present school buildings anything like fifty additional pupils can be comfortably accommodated we would say, by all means let us adopt our Bro. Col. Creaton's, as we understand, modified proposal, as we are bound to guard against a tendency, common just now, unnecessarily to increase the annual demands on the school, to cheapen too much, so to say, the great privileges of our noble Orphan Institution. Some able brethren hold that we must be on our guard against a proneness to pauperize Freemasonry, by holding out too many inducements of material advantage and benefit to be obtained by Masons, and we confess that we feel there is some force in their arguments. But to a reasonable and practical proposal like that of our gallant Bro. Col. Creaton, whose worth and zeal we all equally admire and acknowledge, there can be no possible objection, and we hope that it may receive the unanimous support, as no doubt it will, both of the Quarterly Court and the Craft. To Bro. Monckton's proposal no objection could be made, if need be found for the admission of eighty instead of fifty new pupils, except that which necessarily arises from two establishments and two sets of teachers. It is obviously better to concentrate all our efforts on one school, on one system, under one efficient head, than run the chance of having opposing systems, and even rival elements, introduced into the organization of the Girls' School. If indeed it could be shown that the present site is unhealthy, or being closed in, or likely to be wanted in a short time, then we would respectfully say, build and prepare for the future elsewhere, and sell the existing site; but if not, prudence and economy alike suggest to us the advisability of not running into large building operations needlessly, but of making the best use we can of existing materials, for a judicious and sufficient enlargement of the school. If we educate well 200 orphans we shall be doing a good work. There are now 152 girls in the school, so that if we can accommodate fifty more we shall bring up the number to 200, leaving a small margin for purchased admissions, which probably average two or three yearly. May the decision of the General Committee and Quarterly Court tend to the happy progress of that most meritorious and well managed institution—the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. We shall recur in our next to the decision of the General Committee, which met on Thursday last.

## MASONIC MORALITY.

It is very odd how persevering are the charges against our peaceful and well conducted fraternity, which uniformly represent them it, in the ecclesiastical and classic style of the Vatican as composed of the "children of Satan," or as secret conspirators, enemies to religion, to society, to order, and to law. Whence comes this hopelessness of utterance?—this plethora of abuse?—this extremity of ignorance?—this pomposity of impertinence? It is indeed very difficult to say. If in some foreign countries it be true even that some individual lodges and Masons have signalized themselves by indiscreet words and unjustifiable avowals, we are not aware of any Grand Orient or Grand Lodge which has done so, and certainly in the whole of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry there can, in this respect at any rate, neither be room for suspicions nor cause for complaint. Indeed, we are sometimes to-day astounded at the recklessness with which the bitter writers of a Jesuit or Ultramontane school invent, yes, purely invent, libellous charges against our Order. It is true that in France and Belgium, as we venture to think, very unwise changes have been made a short time back in the "landmarks," so to say, of Freemasonry—so much so as to lend what force there be in Bishop Dupanloup's irate, if polished, criticisms. But even admitting this to be so, a fact we in common with all Anglo-Saxon Masons sincerely regret, it by no means justifies the wholesale



charges, the ridiculous allegations, of our excited and unreasoning accusers. Take Germany for instance. The great mass of the German fraternity is a most peaceful, orderly, loyal, cultivated body of men, as much opposed to anything like social anarchy or to intestine commotion, to the "International" or to Communism, as can well be imagined. That individual writers may hold strong views on the Roman question is undeniable, and, in our humble opinion, the Church of Rome has no one to thank but itself for that serious struggle as between authority and reason, dogmatism and speculation, an iron uniformity and religious toleration which is setting in everywhere just now, and even to some extent in our peaceful and tolerant land. But given all this in—and we might put it more strongly, as in a row, as we know, hard blows and unexpected bitterness are often almost unconsciously developed and become the order of the day—we can find no justification whatever in these oft-repeated and audacious incriminations of the peaceful, loyal, moral character of Freemasonry. As a rule Freemasons are good men, loyal subjects, peaceful citizens, friends to order and social progress, most inimical ever to anything like confusion, revolution, anarchy. They are most respectable members of society, the honest bread-winner for a wife and children at home; they are temperate and yet genial; steady, and yet sensible of the advantages of sociality; by no means inclined to "run riot," or favourable to intemperance, or excess of any kind! Freemasonry, whatever its defects in the eyes of the bigot, and intolerant, and unthinking may be, is ever a most moral society, inculcating from first to last, be it noted, the morality of the Bible, and pointing out ever to every member of the Order (not as a Church or a religion, for Freemasonry is neither of these) the grave and enduring moral responsibility of man! Let us then see now the close of these foolish charges which are repeated "usque ad nauseam" by the glib ignoramus, or the flippant sciolist, by the fanatic, by the illogical, and by the unjust, that Freemasonry in any way can be considered as a society in the smallest degree antagonistic to law and order, morality or religion! It surely is time that these Partisan arrows of Ultramontane skirmishers should cease; it is, we think and hope, only befitting a religious body that those violent members of it should be restrained, who seem to disregard alike veracity and common sense, in their senseless, mendacious, and even ribald accusations against our kindly and long-suffering Order. If the strife is to continue—if bishops are to forget the principles of religion, if anonymous scribblers are to manifest how little of truth or justice has fallen to their lot, if the foolish anathema is to be pronounced, and the meaningless allocution is to be published abroad,—it may be a consolation for us all to remember, that such assailants after all do us no real harm, inasmuch as, strong in our own position, consistent with our own teaching, we shall continue, regardless of opposition, or censure, or menace, to proclaim the pure and moral principles everywhere of our great and useful, of our ancient and honourable Order.

#### THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF ROUTINE.

We are not amongst those who seek to run a muck at everything like order and regulation, discipline, and routine. Red tape is necessary and very good to a certain extent, nay, to a considerable extent, and he would be a very foolish or very perverse person, a very unwise teacher, a very unsafe leader, who in the excess of his zeal for change and improvement as he thinks, ever forgot that, after all, more or less, this world, like society and institutions, is, and must be, governed in a great measure by routine. Indeed, it is not too much to say, that nothing can go on in this world without some routine. In Church and State, in the army and in the navy, in the professions of the bar and the magistracy, in the counting house and in the bank parlour, in the factory and in the printers' "chapel," routine is absolutely necessary, and cannot possibly or safely be dispensed with. Indeed, to routine may be ascribed much of the solidity of our insular character, which looks more to the practice

than the theory, and seeks in the careful discharge of allotted duties to develop that sense and appreciation of first principles without which profession itself is apt to become hazy, and practice to degenerate into a free and easy laxity. We are, then, friends to needful and legitimate routine, alike in the interests of order and regularity, of the quiet discharge of duty, of the strict fulfilment of obligation, of those axioms of personal responsibility in positions of trust and importance without which not even the business of life could be carried on for twenty-four hours. But when we have said this, we must admit fairly, of some cautions and qualifications, as regards the application generally or individually of this leading principle. In everything of earth we have to contend with two great difficulties, excess and defect. In the nature of things, even principles and professions, above all, purposes and practices, good per se, may become warped, or weakened, or deteriorated here, so much so, that what is objectively good may though strange be the seeming paradox, become subjectively bad. First principles may be strained or extended until they actually have in them a tendency to evil, and what is abstractedly good, useful, fitting proper, becomes in the concrete hurtful, unwise, and even detrimental to the best interests of society. Thus there is a tendency to make simple routine become hyper-routine, to give it the colouring of undeniable red tape, to cause it to assume the character of obstructiveness, obstinacy, bigotry, and intolerance. When we all have gone on in a certain course a long while we are apt to think that it cannot be mended, and so we talk loudly of how much better it is "quieta non movere;" "we cannot," we say, "see the need or benefit of change," we resist proposals of amendment, we resent endeavours for alteration. But in so doing we act foolishly, as the philosopher would point out. As nothing is absolutely perfect here, either in animate or inanimate creation, and as the law of entire nature is a law of progress, and, so to say, amendment, we are not warranted in resisting wise and judicious suggestions of change and amelioration simply because we like to echo the familiar adage "let well alone." All institutions and all bodies politic require amendment and renewal, so to say, from time to time, and neither the world nor society could, humanly speaking, long endure, if all change be sacrificed to a spirit of routine, if all amendments be obstinately resisted. And here it is that routine so often act, prejudicially, for what we ought all to seek after, the "to kalon," and the "to agathon." We must give credit to others for being as conscientious as we are ourselves, and we must believe that those who advocate alterations are just as wise and capable of coming to a sound conclusion on the subject as we are. Nothing is so unreasonable and so antagonistic to the real interests of the world, and of society, of social improvement, of humanitarian progress, as that dear old sleepy routine, which sees nothing good but what is commended by long usage, which will not move out of a beaten track, though the road be full of ruts, and clouds of dust whiten the weary traveller. And in Freemasonry the same law of existence applies, and the same condition of things to some extent exists. There are a great number of our good old brethren, who are advocates, so to say, of routine "pur et simple." "What has been, is, and ever shall be," seems to be their mot d'ordre, and their Masonic motto. Hence they are a little impatient of "novi homines," of "young Masons," of "fresh lights," of "Masonic reformers," forgetting that while they are standing still, good old souls, both the world and Masonry are moving on, and that as we all advance in life we see ever the constant appearance of a new generation, which does not care much for our "saws" and "instances," but very greatly prefers its own. Well, let us as Freemasons learn a lesson of wisdom and toleration. We cannot adhere to routine all our lives, we must relax a little from its strictness at times; we ought not to set ourselves against all change simply because it is new to us, and differs somewhat from the old way we have been accustomed happily to move in so long. Routine is a very good thing in its way, but many a lodge of ours is dwarfed and impeded in its Masonic life and youth by that adherence to routine under every circumstance, which be-

comes "red tape," and "red tape" of a Masonic kind, which always appears to us most childish and annoying. Our Grand Lodge happily sets us all a good example in this respect. Never at any time did our excellent Grand Secretary more reflect, in his zealous, and quiet, and most practical discharge of his high duties, the true spirit of Masonic activity and liberality; never at any time was hyper-routine more discountenanced, and a thoroughly sensible and painstaking course of action habitually pursued, so that all applicants are courteously treated, and all applications immediately attended to. May this truer understanding of the spirit of Masonic teaching increase in our private lodge system, so that year by year may witness, not a forgetfulness of routine, for that would be a great evil amongst us, but a wise adaptation of the teaching of common sense to the requirements of routine, and of seasonable concessions to those legitimate desires for amendment and improvement which no prudent statesman can ever safely resist, and no true Mason can ever consistently ignore. All proposals for change are not wise or legitimate, and can only be judged and decided upon alike in their opportuneness, their importance, and on their own merits.

#### Original Correspondence.

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

##### MASONIC PREFIXES.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Owing to the courtesy of our much respected Grand Secretary, I am enabled to lay before the Craft the authorized designations or Masonic prefixes of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, and which are the only legal distinctions or designations of such brethren.

So general has become the custom to style brethren "Very Worshipful" and "Right Worshipful," who are below the rank of Provincial Grand Masters or Grand Wardens of England respectively, that it is now a common thing in some lodges to hear the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, or even brethren not above the rank of a Provincial Grand Pursuivant, styled Very Worshipful, whereas not one of the officers of a Provincial Grand Lodge, from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master to the lowest in rank as such, is entitled to any such distinction, their designations being simply Worshipful.

In order not to use my own words, I quote from the circular issued by authority of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, which finally and conclusively disposes of the matter. "The prefix of Right Worshipful is accorded to and is to be used only by the Deputy Grand Master, the Present and Past Provincial Grand Masters and the Present and Past Grand Wardens of the United Grand Lodge of England."

"That the prefix of Very Worshipful is to be used only by the actual and Past Grand Chaplains, the actual and Past Grand Treasurers, the actual and Past Grand Registrars, the actual and Past Presidents of the Board of General Purposes, the actual and Past Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodge of England, and by no others."

"That the title or address of Worshipful is to be used by the rest of the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, and by the actual or Past Masters of lodges, and that all others are to be styled or designated as Brother only."

So that Provincial Grand Officers, not Present or Past Masters, are entitled to the prefix Worshipful, and none whatever to any beyond that designation, excepting the Provincial Grand Master.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Truro, 25th March, 1876.

##### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of The Freemason

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I be allowed to call the attention of the brethren to the case of Richard James Trott, No. 48 on the list, son of Bro. F. Trott, P.M. Lion and Lamb, No. 192, it is the only chance the boy has, failing this election he will be beyond the presented age. Many of the readers of the "Freemason," I am sure both knew and esteemed our late brother, and will, I feel convinced, give us in our great need a helping hand.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

GEO. NEWMAN,

P.M. 766 and 192, M.E.Z. 1050 and 192.  
51, London Wall, E.C.

##### MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I happen to know a case in point, "A Scotch Master Mason" will find he will have to pay registering fee to Grand Lodge of England before his signature to any petition will have weight (Book of Constitutions, page 117, sec. 9: "Fees, &c.") He need not, however, join any English Lodge except the one he refers to as about to be started.

Yours fraternally,

VEVEY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In venturing in reply to the question propounded by "A Secretary" to give my reading of the title "of proposing members" Book of Constitutions, page 83, clause 2, I beg at the outset to deprecate any impression that may be formed by yourself or readers that I am "laying down the law," or as, "our friend the enemy" would say, speaking *ex cathedra*. My opinion can only be rendered *quantum valeat*, and, if I appear to write dogmatically, I beg that the tone may be imputed to the exigency of composition, and not to the inclination of the writer.

I confess, however, that I am very glad the question has been asked, and shall be much gratified if you will allow me to give publicity to my views of this controverted point in your columns, and if I venture to inform your readers that I am an old P.M. of two lodges, a member of the Board of General Purposes, of many years successive election, and belong to a profession where a strict training in textual construction is considered an indispensable qualification, I make the announcement, not at all, I hope, vaingloriously, but to convince my brethren that I am entitled to form an opinion on the matter now mooted.

The Book of Constitutions seems to me to be very explicit on the point started by your correspondent, and by a due attention to punctuation, and not disdaining the use of italics to indicate emphasis, we may, I think, accurately construe the passage which, of course, propounds the law, (p. 83).

2. "No person shall be made a Mason without a regular proposition at one lodge, and a ballot at the next regular lodge;"

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In cases of emergency the following alteration is allowed:—Any two members of a lodge may transmit in writing to the Master the name, &c., of any candidate whom they may wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency; and the Master, if it be proper, shall notify the same to every member of his lodge; either in the summons for the next regular meeting, or in a summons for a lodge of emergency to meet at a period of not less than seven days from the issuing of the summons for the purpose of balloting for the candidate; and if the candidate be then approved, he may be initiated into the First Degree. The Master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause the proposition and emergency, to be recorded in the minute book of the lodge."

Now we start with this proposition. The rule is that a candidate shall be proposed at a lodge meeting, not, mark, as in the case of a joining member, necessarily at a regular lodge meeting—at any lodge meeting, even a lodge of emergency—for I cannot regard the words "next regular lodge," as governing the antecedent "one lodge"—and ballotted for at the next regular lodge meeting. That is the rule. The exception is, that if it is necessary or advisable, and I take the question of the necessity or the advisability to be governed by circumstances to be considered either in regard to the interests of the lodge or for the convenience or advantage of the candidate—of such necessity or advisability the Master being the absolute judge—the Master *properly invoked*, may (1) either call a lodge of emergency for the initiation of the proposed candidate, or (2) insert his name in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting. Thus, say a lodge holds its regular meeting on the first Monday of each of the winter months. After its regular meeting in January, Bros. A. and B. are implored by Mr. C. to procure his admission into the Craft in their lodge. Assume—no very great stretch of imagination—that the lodge adjourns from April to October. Bros. A. and B. know that their friend takes a continental, or an American tour, or a tour of some kind, every autumn, and would like to carry with him his credentials as a full-fledged M.M. In proper form this is represented by Bros. A. and B. to the W.M., who sees at once that this very natural desire of Mr. C. cannot be gratified if he is only to be proposed in February, and not ballotted for until March. If the law were inflexible, Mr. C. would either not join the Craft at all, or would have to seek some other lodge, the dates of meeting of which were more accommodating than those of his friends' lodge. So the W.M. is allowed to pronounce that the initiation is one of emergency, and he accordingly orders the candidate's name to be inserted in the ordinary summons for the next regular lodge meeting in February. Mark that in this instance the initiation is pronounced to be emergent, not the meeting so there is no need as "A Secretary" supposes, for constituting a regular meeting an emergency meeting *pro hac vice*.

On the other hand the notion entertained by some brethren, as we are informed by "A Secretary," that names of candidates can be received up to the time of printing the summons, without inserting the emergency or declaring it in the lodge, is, as he justly observes, not in accordance with that which we must all regard as an infallible guide, the Book of Constitutions.

I fear, however, that this is very much the case in practice. A learned judge once said of the numerous approved infringements of a noted legal principal, that "the exceptions had eaten out the rule." If I may, without vanity respond to the appeal made by "A Secretary" to "some well informed brother," I would fail by this attempt at legal construction, protest against a continuance of that laxity. I have, of course, only used the supposititious case of Mr. C. as an illustration. A number of circumstances may be imagined, connected with health, leaving the country, personal predilection, &c., which might justify a Master in deeming a prompt initiation desirable. In that case, to sum up, he has power, as I read the law, when the exercise of his prerogative has been properly invoked to take the necessary steps to effect his object, either at a lodge of emergency to be convened for the purpose, or at the next

regular lodge meeting if the date of its occurrence shall render it equally convenient.

I take it, however, that the Master must notify that the initiation of any candidate not previously proposed in open lodge is an emergency, in the circular, whether for an emergency or regular meeting to every member of the lodge, and the circular should always contain full information of the circumstances rendering it so. The last clause is rather ambiguous and difficult in practice to carry out. I think, however, the law would be complied with if we read "cause the proposition and emergency to be recorded in the minute book of the lodge," *direct the proposition*, &c., which of course would be done by a public and official order to the Secretary, and by ascertaining, when the minutes are put for confirmation at the next regular meeting of the lodge, that it has been obeyed. This is, and has ever been the practice in the two lodges of which I am a P.M., and I have no doubt that they will be readily recognised by many brethren, who will at once supply the remaining letters to the initials which I have signed to this communication.

In conclusion, it is a grave subject for consideration, but which I do not feel called upon to discuss here, how far in this, as in other matters, it might not be advisable to endeavour to bring the administration of the laws promulgated by the Book of Constitutions into more perfect harmony with our present habits and usages. The rule I have been examining suited admirably a state of society where a man's place of avocation and his individual residence were usually identical. It consisted well with a time when journeys away from home were short and infrequent, and continental travel so rare as to be practically phenomenal. In those days the meeting of the lodge was—if I may use a figure—a household occurrence—compared to the usage now—a domestic episode.

The idea of suspending the wholesome gathering of brothers and fellows at the accustomed periods during the summer months had never occurred to any, even the most innovatingly ambitious, member of the fraternity, but nous avons changé cela. Understand, I do not advocate any alteration of what I consider to be per se a very wholesome enactment. It sets up a standard in abstract theory. It propounds a principle invaluable. I am only pleading for an indulgent view for the necessarily frequent resort to the privilege of exception given by the Book of Constitutions, provided always, as we lawyers say, that the Worshipful Master's prerogative of suspension is only exercised after he has been duly empowered by the requisition and in the manner provided in the text, a practice which, I am afraid, is now-a-days "more honoured in the breach than the observance."

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

S.P.

#### CARDINAL MANNING AND THE STAGE.

The following letter appeared in the "Times" of Monday, the 27th:—

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me a little of your most valuable space in answer to an onslaught upon my profession by Cardinal Manning, at Exeter Hall, on the 21st of March? At a meeting of the "Roman Catholic Temperance Society" his Eminence denounced all establishments for theatrical representations, "from the costly theatre of the rich to the penny gaff of the poor," as "one vast scale of corruption," and counselled and strongly urged all his hearers never on any account to set their feet in one of them. Without attempting to question the good or evil influence of the stage, it is really surprising to read that such views should be entertained by a man like Cardinal Manning, who represents a religion which not only tolerates but supports and encourages dramatic art. Nowhere has the drama a healthier and greater influence than in Catholic countries—Austria, Bavaria, Suabia, Italy, France, and Spain. I have seen rows of stalls and galleries filled with ecclesiastics in the theatres of Vienna, Stuttgart, Munich, Prague, and Paris. Hundreds of seminarists are nightly seen in the galleries of the Court theatres of Vienna, Munich, and Stuttgart. I wonder what effect this anathema would have upon them.

Without presuming for a moment to set myself up as a defender of the stage (I leave that to abler and greater men), I beg you to insert a few quotations from my glorious countryman, Friedrich Schiller, of whom, as of the immortal Bard, we might with justice say—"He was not for an age, but for all time." In his lecture read before the Royal German Society in Mannheim, 1874, and entitled "Die Schaubühne als eine moralische Anstalt betrachtet," he says the following:—

"The jurisdiction of the stage begins where the domain of all worldly law ends. When justice is blinded by gold and dissipation, enroled by crime, when the guilt of the mighty—scorning their own weakness and fear of man—scales the arm of authority, the stage takes up sword and scales and drags the criminals before a horrible tribunal of justice."

"The whole realm of romance and history, past, present, and future, is at her disposal. Even in the absence of morality, faith, religion, and worldly laws, Medea will terrify us tottering down the palace steps after her infanticide."

"Wholesome shuddering will seize us, and in quiet repose we will praise our own good conscience when we see Lady Macbeth walking in her sleep, washing her little hands which 'All the perfumes of Arabia' will not sweeten."

"As sure as what we see works deeper upon us than the dead letter or the naked narration, so sure will the stage leave a more profound and lasting impression than morality and law."

"Fools disturb society almost as much as criminals, and it is the stage which holds the mirror up to that large class of dolts. What she effects above through the instrumentality of pity and horror, she succeeds in here (much quicker and safer) through wit and satire."

"The stage alone can laugh over our weaknesses because she spares our sensibilities, and ignores the guilty. Without blushing we see ourselves unmasked in the mirror, and are secretly thankful for the gentle admonition."

"The stage is, more than any other public institution, a school for practical wisdom, a guide through the common road of life, an unfailing key to the most secret archives of the human soul."

"The stage is a co-operative channel from which, for better and more thinking men, streams the light of wisdom and then expands in milder rays over the entire universe. Better reasoning, truer principles, purer sentiments flow through the people's veins. The fog of barbarism, the darkness of bigotry and intolerance disappear; the night retreats before triumphant light. I will only name one instance out of so many excellent examples. How universal within the last few years has religious toleration become! Long before Nathan the Jew and Saladin the Saracen preached the Divine truth that humility in God, and to be nearer Him, depends not upon our 'horrible imaginings'; long before Joseph II. conquered the terrible Hydra of pious hatred, the stage planted humanity and tenderness into our hearts. The fearful picture of heathen priest rage caused us to shun religious hatred; and in this terrible mirror Christianity washed off her stains."

I would most respectfully commend these somewhat "lame and impotent" translations to his Eminence Cardinal Manning.

Yours obediently,

DANIEL G. BANDMANN.

Garrick Club, March 25.

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

I follow up my "note" of last week with a few more remarks this.

It is a great encouragement to all Masonic students to think of the advance we have made since Mr. W. O. Halliwell (now Phillips) first published the Masonic Poem, say in round numbers a quarter of a century ago.

Then only the following MSS. were actually known to a few Masonic scholars, namely, the two Harleian, the two Sloane, the Lansdowne, and Dowland's. Bro. Matthew Cooke first called attention to the Additional MS., so that with the Masonic Poem we made up eight.

There were others which were also known to exist, such as the Antiquity, mentioned by Preston, Cole's MS., Mr. Dodd's MS., Rawlinson's MS., &c., but not many more.

Then came Bro. Hughan's publication of the York MSS., though their discovery had been earlier, namely, by Bros. E. W. Shaw and Woodford, and subsequently they were alluded to by Bro. Findel.

Bro. Hughan was the first to publish them. Indeed, the following MSS. owe their discovery entirely to Bro. W. J. Hughan:—York MS., No. 1; Grand Lodge MS.; York MS., No. 6; Alnwick MS.; Browne's MS., and I think, though I do not feel quite sure of the fact, the Aberdeen MS.

We also owe to him the references to Morgan's MS., Dermott's MS., Hargrove's MS., Wien's MS., Chester MS., and I think that we shall yet owe many more to his great industry and activity.

I am going to have, if possible, another search made among the muniments of the Masons' Company, by the kind aid of the authorities, to see if we can yet light upon the "book wrote on parchment," and I am not without hopes of being able to trace Ashmole's copy, perhaps the very parchment roll Dr. Plot alludes to in 1686.

I believe that by a general sifting of our lodge chests and old papers several other copies will yet turn up, as no doubt all the old lodges had a copy of the "Constitutions." This is a work we all can engage in, and I hope that all W.M.'s and Secretaries will look into the matter at once as to the papers remaining in the possession of their lodges.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

Can any brother put me in the way of obtaining a print of the Rev. James Dallaway, or of Hutchinson, Asne, Calliott, of Anderson or Payne?

☞ If any brother can I shall feel truly obliged.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

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#### AN OLD JEWEL.

A curious ancient silver jewel has been submitted to us for our inspection. It belongs to Bro. G. Broad, Blackheath Hill Railway Station.

It is oval in shape, without date. On one side are the three candlesticks, the two pillars, the square and compasses, the sun and moon, and various Masonic emblems.

On the reverse—the "Royal Arch Lodge of Jerusalem" is the motto of the base, above Steckport, — Lodge, the first word being illegible.

It has the Catenarian Arch—a soldier in armour, a cross, a cock, a gravestone, a headstone, with the cross, and the letters T.T.H.T., a triangle with the tetragrammaton. It appears to have been meant for wearing in lodge.—Ed. "FREEMASON."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Stomach, Liver and Bowels.—In all painful affections of the stomach and disordered actions of the liver and bowels, one single trial of these Pills will demonstrate that they possess regulating and renovating powers in a high degree. They speedily restore the appetite, lessen the unpleasant distention of the abdomen, and so prevent inflammation of the bowels and other serious abdominal ailments. Holloway's Pills afford the greatest comfort to the dyspeptic invalid without harassing or weakening the most sensitive constitution, or interfering materially with the ordinary studies, pleasures, or pursuits. The simplicity and efficacy of this treatment has evoked the gratitude of all classes in both hemispheres, and commanded a sale for these purifying Pills unprecedented in medical history.—A. F. A.



## CONSECRATION OF TWO ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

On Thursday, 23rd ult., there was a considerable assemblage of companions for the purpose of witnessing and taking part in the Constitution and Consecration of two Royal Arch Chapters, one being that of the Dundas, 1255, the other the Devon Chapter, 1135, of Newton Abbot. The Rev. John Huyshe, the Grand Superintendent of the Province, was able, we were glad to see, to be present and take his part most ably in the business of the day, which he at all times conducts with great solemnity. Amongst the other companions present were the following:—L. P. Metham, P.H.G.; J. Elliott, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; J. B. Gover, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; P. B. Clemens, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S.; John Du Pre, P.Z. 70, P.P.G.T.; John Pearse, Walter G. Rogers, P.G.S.E.; H. W. Thomas, A.S. 70; Samuel Jew, P.Z., P.P.G. Treas.; T. W. Lemon, Scribe N. 189; H. Miller, P.Z., P.P.G., 1st S.B.; W. Hamblly, P.S.; J. W. Keyworth, P.J.; W. Elphinstone Stone, 106 Z., P.P.G.R.; William Haynes, 100, P.Z.; Edwin J. Knight, Z. 202, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Hamblly, 230; J. E. Curteis, P.Z. 189, P.P.G.St.B.; Wm. Joll, P.G.T. 230; R. H. Rae, P.P.G.T. 189; Jas. Page Phillips, Z., P.G.S. 223; Joseph Matthews, P.Z., P.P.C.T.; Lieut.-Col. Fitzgerald, 189; Captain Shanks, P.Z. 1205, P.P.G.J.; S. C. Gant, L. Webber, A. Bodley, H. 112, P.G. St. B.; R. Blight, W. H. Triplett, C. Godtschalk, 159, P.P.G.S.B.; H. J. Ham, T. C. Lewarn, H. G. Beachey, 710, P.Z.; R. Bowden, P.Z.; C. J. Harland, Z.; W. T. Pilditch, Z. 156; J. H. Tonkin, J.; W. D. Thomas, H. 159; R. B. Twose, P.G.D.C., H. 105; W. H. Michell, P.Z. 156, P.P.G.D.C.; Isaac Latimer, J. 189; G. H. Amery, J. M. Hifley, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; E. T. Tarratt, E. Aitkin Davies, P.Z., P.P.G. Reg.; R. P. Culley, Z. 70; A. J. Bishop, 106; T. S. Bayly, P.P.G.R., J. Baxter, 954, W. R. Gillman, H.; John Rogers, P.Z.; John Lynn, P.Z.; G. Thorne, 70; P. L. Blanchard.

The chapter was duly formed by the following companions taking their places:—The M.E. the Rev. John Huyshe, P.G. Superintendent L. P. Metham, H.; Captain Keyworth, J.; W. G. Rogers, S.E.; Isaac Latimer, as S.N.; J. P. Phillips, P.S.; E. J. Knight, as 1st A.S.; J. Brown, as 2nd A.S.; Wm. Joll, Grand Treasurer; J. H. Hifley, Sword Bearer; C. A. Godtschalk, 1st Grand Std. Bearer; G. B. Colston, 2nd Grand Std. Bearer; R. B. Twose, Grand Dir. of Cer.; G. H. Emery, Grand Organist; Alfred Bodley, Grand Banner Bearer; John Rogers and Peter Blanchard acting as Janitors.

The chapter having been duly opened, the P.G. Scribe E. addressed the acting Z., and then read the two warrants from the Grand Chapter, authorising the constitution and consecration of the Chapters Dundas and Devon. The officers of Dundas were present, and three Past Z.'s—Comps. Bowden, Michelmores, and Elphinstone Stone—represented Devon Chapter. All the ceremonies having been duly gone through, Comp. Metham, at the request of the Prov. Grand Superintendent, delivered the following oration:—

Most Excellent Sir and Companions,—With each recurring occasion I feel an increasing diffidence and difficulty in performing the task devolving on me of delivering the oration usual at the consecration of every Royal Arch Chapter. This difficulty does not arise from lack of interest or material, far from it, for no subject in Freemasonry is so rich in matter or so elevated in tone. The Royal Arch Degree is and must be the ne plus ultra of Freemasonry, the very climax and capstone of the Order, for it deals with a theme which is above all other themes, and which no other can approach, much less surpass; for however beautiful, however graceful, however useful other degrees may be, as spurs to zeal and incentives to imagination, the Royal Arch Degree can know no peer. Masonry would be incomplete unless it led us by gradual steps to the contemplation of the Great Jehovah, the incomprehensible Alpha and Omega, who was and is to come, the actual present, future, and all sufficient God, who alone has His being of and from Himself, and gives to all others their being; who was, and is, and shall be the same from everlasting to everlasting, all creation dependent on His Almighty will. Therefore the more I reflect on the, to us, vital principles inculcated in the solemn ceremony in which we are about to engage, the more anxious I am to approach it with the reverence it claims, and to enforce on all the companions of the Order the absolute necessity of regarding this august degree with the same amount of veneration. It is very easy, and it is very pleasant, to look back and draw the parallel, as Freemasonry does, between our actual every-day life and a true Masonic career. From our dependence on others, even for the preservation of life itself, in the first portion of our existence, we have deduced the moral that it is our duty to learn and practise an abiding lesson of mutual dependence and equality. Passing onward in life we reached that period where opportunity was given us to practise these principles; the dignity, too, of labour and its usefulness were as clearly shown as its necessity. We were taught that to rightly employ the hours given to us, and to consider them as precious talents to be used not only for our own benefit and that of those who are dependent upon us, but also for the good of our fellow creatures and the glory of our Creator, is the most grateful sacrifice and return we can offer up for all the benefits conferred upon us when we ourselves most needed assistance. To the man who has cultivated his intellectual powers to the glory of God and the welfare of his fellow creatures, who, while glorying in his manhood and the meridian brightness of life, has modelled his life by the sacred dictates of morality and religion, the warm noon glides easily and swiftly into the calm afternoon and gathering shades of evening, until the night comes, when, without a shock or a fear, he lays down his mortal part in the grave as in a bed, his last

look not turned back with vain regret to the scenes of his earthly life, but forward and upward, with resignation to the Divine will, and with trusting confidence, to that bright morning star whose rising shall bring peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race. For Masonry, in this degree, points with no faltering finger to the future beyond the grave, when we shall come face to face with the great I Am, who is the Eternal Ruler of the Universe, the elemental life, the primordial source of all its principles, the very spring and fountain of all its virtues; He has, indeed, given us the earth with all its teeming plenty and beauty for our enjoyment and use during our brief existence here, but He has also told us, with no uncertain voice, that our life is but a pilgrimage and a period of probation for admission into a nobler and eternal state hereafter. And this is why, as I pass from the contemplation of the things of this world to those of the world to come, from the weak and finite actions and thoughts of time to the boundless prospects and harmonious laws of eternity; from dealing with my fellow men, who are fallible and corrupt as myself, to the study of the attributes of the Supreme Being, who is all perfect, my ease vanishes, and I pause with awe in the presence of that dread name around which centre all the mysteries of this Supreme Degree. I entreat you, therefore, brethren and companions, to ponder deeply its meaning and mystery, and never to approach it yourselves, nor suffer others to approach it, in a spirit of indifference or irreverence. Remember always that unless you adopt its solemn teaching the circle of your Masonic duties is incomplete, and all your previous professions and practice valueless, therefore.

"Let all your lamps be bright,  
Gird up your loins as in His sight,  
And trim the golden flame,  
For awful is His name."

The Royal Arch Degree stands, then, as a beacon, a pillar of light, to guide us through the wilderness of doubt and difficulty, by which we are surrounded in our earthly pilgrimage, only leaving us when, having passed through the dark portals which divide life from death, we enter the promised land, those happy regions where the true secrets of Masonry shall be disclosed to the faithful and obedient of the human race. To gain this great end we must during our earthly existence, with untiring zeal and unswerving faith, perform the task allotted to us while it is yet day. As trusty workmen and faithful companions, we must employ our working tools; with the pickaxe we must clear away the ruins of a fallen nature, with the trowel we must build up a fairer shrine for the reception of truth and virtue, with the sword by our side we must fight for the weak against the strong, for the good against the evil, and for the true against the false; and with the shovel we must bury the rubbish of the old Adam, so that our spirits may be purified to arise, when summoned by our tremendous but merciful judge, into a better and immortal life.

We should not read this degree rightly, however, if we did not recognise the bond of union it creates between our earthly duties and heavenly prospects. No rigid adherence to the rules of morality, no mere conscientious discharge of our obligations to ourselves, our families, or to the world at large, will ever raise us, unless they are sanctified by religion. But, on the other hand, the constant and strict performance of our duties here is recognised most clearly, and enforced in the most emphatic manner throughout the whole of this degree, and this finds utterance in the charge which is, or ought to be, given in every chapter; I know no words more fitting with which to close this address.

Brethren and Companions: You are about to quit this sacred retreat of peace and friendship, and to mix again with the world. Amidst all its cares and employments forget not the duties which have been so frequently inculcated and strongly recommended in this supreme convocation. Be ye, therefore, discreet, prudent, and temperate. Remember that around this altar ye have voluntarily and solemnly vowed to befriend and relieve with unhesitating cordiality every brother who shall need your assistance, sympathy, or advice; that you have promised to remind him in the most gentle manner of his failings, and to aid in his reformation; to defend and vindicate strenuously his character whenever wrongfully traduced, and to suggest the most candid, the most palliating, and the most favourable circumstances, even when he is justly liable to blame and reprehension. Thus shall the world see how Masons love one another. But, my brethren and companions, you are to extend the noble and generous sentiments yet further, let me impress upon your minds, and let it be instilled into your hearts that every human being has an undoubted claim to your kind offices, and while we more particularly recommend to your care the household of the faithful, we strictly enjoin you to do good to all, and to carry comfort and consolation to every one of your fellow creatures in the hour of their need. Thus by diligence and fidelity in the discharge of your public and private duties, by liberal benevolence and diffusive charity, by constancy and sincerity in your friendships, by being uniformly kind, just, amiable, and virtuous in your deportment, you may prove to the world the happy and beneficent effects which flow from our ancient and honourable institution. And let it not be said that you have laboured in vain or wasted your strength for nought, for your work is before the Lord and your recompense is with your God. Finally, brethren and companions, be all of one mind and live in peace with each other, and may the God of Love and Mercy delight to dwell among you and bless you for evermore. So mote it be. At the close of this address there was considerable applause.

The officers of the new chapters were then duly presented to the acting Z., and all the necessary forms for constituting the chapters having been concluded, the consecration commenced with an ode, beginning with

"Let there be light!" the Almighty spoke: which was followed by prayers, by pouring of corn, wine,

and oil on the chapter, and the companions then chanted psalm cxxii. The ceremonies were impressive, and the musical arrangements under Comp. Gant were admirable.

The following are the officers of Dundas:—G. Godtschalk, Z.; J. B. Gover, P.Z.; J. J. Avery, H.; H. W. Thomas, J.; T. B. Harvey, Scribe E.; W. Bell, Treas.; W. H. Triplett, P.S.; W. H. Ham, S.N.; T. Smith, Janitor.

## Obituary.

## BRO. SIR JOHN CORDY BURROWS.

We regret to have to announce the death of Bro. Sir John Cordy Burrows, Knight, which occurred shortly before ten o'clock on Saturday morning at his residence in the old Steyne, Brighton, after a short but painful illness. He was son of Mr. Richard Burrows, by Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. James Cordy, of London, and was born in Ipswich in 1813, and married in 1842, Jane, second daughter of Mr. Arthur Dendy, of Dorking, by whom he leaves an only son. Sir John received his medical education at Guy's and St. Thomas's Hospitals, became a member of the College of Surgeons in 1836, and was elected a fellow in 1852. The deceased gentleman had practised as a surgeon in Brighton for many years, and was so much esteemed and respected by the inhabitants that he was elected Mayor for the third time in 1871-2. Sir John took a great interest in the municipal affairs of Brighton, and was in 1871 presented by his fellow townsmen with a testimonial, consisting of a silver model of the Victoria Drinking Fountain, which he had been the means of erecting on the Steyne, accompanied by a silver tea and coffee service for Lady Burrows, and a carriage and pair of horses for use in his profession. He was knighted by Her Majesty in 1873. He was a fellow of the Geographical, the Zoological, and other learned societies, also consulting surgeon to the Brighton Hospital for Sick Children. Sir John was appointed Prov. Grand Mark Master for Sussex, June 23rd, 1874. He will be greatly missed by the poor of Brighton.

The Royal Oriental Order of Sikha (Apex) and the Sat B'hai has just completed arrangements for holding a Grand Asayanna or assembly in the metropolis on the occasion of the return of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales from India. We know, on authority, that H.R.H. was graciously pleased to accept a blank Sasana or Mandate of the Order before his departure for the East. Several minor Asayani were held in Hampshire, Lancashire, and other provinces last year.—[London Provincial Illustrated Paper.] [We do not profess to know what this Order can be.—Ed.]

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 7, 1876.

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, APRIL 1.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.  
" 1194, Villiers, Grotto Hot., Twickenham.  
" 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.  
Manchester, 179, London-st., Fitzroy-square.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross Road.  
Sinai Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

## MONDAY, APRIL 3.

Lodge 12, Fortitude & Old Cumberland, Ship & Turtle.  
" 69, Unity, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.  
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tav.  
" 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.  
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.  
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden To Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
West Kent, St. Saviour's College, Forest-hill.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Sydney, White Hart Ho., Church-rd., Upper Norwood.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 4.

Colonial Board, at 3.  
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.  
" 18, Old Dundee, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.  
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 217, Stability, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.  
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cp. of G. Hope Tav., E.  
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., Regent-st.  
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, N.  
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.  
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.  
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore.  
Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.

Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, 1, Camomile-st., Bishopsgate.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., N.  
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.  
Precep. 129, Holy Palestine, Regent M.H., Regent-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Confidence, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's.  
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 6.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.  
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tav.  
" 227, Ionic, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.  
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
" 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.  
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.  
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.  
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.  
" 1415, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., E.  
Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Ebony, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, 111, Cheapside.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Marquis of Ripon, Albion Tav., Dalston.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 7.

Lodge 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1489, Marquis of Ripon, M.S.A., Balls Pond-rd.  
Chap. 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal-hill, Greenwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Lyceum Tav., 354, Strand.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Metropolitan, Pentonville-road.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Duric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, Commercial Tav., King's-road, Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hot., Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, Finsbury Park Tav., Holloway.  
Ranelagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday April 8, 1876.

## MONDAY, APRIL 3.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Church-st., Preston.  
" 613, Unity, Palatine Buildings, Southport.  
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
" 1045, Stamford, T.H., Altrincham.  
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Athenæum, Lancaster.  
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Skelmersdale Red Cross Conclave, M.H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 4.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.  
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Crosby.  
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.  
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.  
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hot., Blackpool.  
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
Walton Mark Lodge, 161, St. Lawrence's School.  
Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, M.H., Prescott.  
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Wakefield.  
" 580, Harmony, Wheatheaf, Ormskirk.  
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hot., Chorley.  
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.

" 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st., Wigan.  
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.  
Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.C., 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.  
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Harmonic L. of I., Mona Hot., James-st., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 6.

Lodge 219, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.  
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's A., Whitle-le-Wds.  
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.  
" 1473, Bootle, Molyneux R., Bootle.  
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.  
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 7.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.  
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.  
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.  
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 8, 1876.  
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

## MONDAY, APRIL 3.

Lodge 124, Kilwinning, Union Tav., Ayr.  
" 129, St. Mirren's, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.  
" 138, Operative, Blue Bell Hot., Ayr.  
" 237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.  
" 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 4.

Lodge 34, St. John, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 68, Doric, 44, Church-st., Port Glasgow.  
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.  
" 173, St. John, M.H., Largs.  
" 233, Hamilton, Spaldings Hot., Hamilton.  
" 331, St. Peter's, Portland Arms, Galston.  
" 406, St. John, Dalziel, M.H., Motherwell.  
" 433, St. Thomas, Eglington Hall, Dalmellington.  
" 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.  
" 497, St. John's, Brewery Hall, Catrine.  
" 556, Clydesdale, M.H., Rose-st., S.S., Glasgow.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5.

Lodge 0, Mother Kilwinning, M.H., Kilwinning.  
" 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-st.  
" 21, Old St. John, M.H., Lanark.  
" 86, Navigation, Commercial Hall, Troon.  
" 117, St. Mary, M.H., Partick.  
" 126, St. Andrew, George Hot.  
" 128, St. John, M.H., Shettleston.  
" 166, St. John, 29, Graham-st., Airdrie.  
" 198, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Maybole.  
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.  
" 442, Neptune, M.H., Ardrossan.  
Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Troon.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 6.

Lodge 11, St. John's, King's Arms, Maybole.  
" 22, St. John Kilwinning, George Hot., Kilmarnock.  
" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 149, St. Andrew, M.H., Irvine.  
" 157, St. John, Main-st., Beith.  
" 165, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.  
" 202, St. Clement's, Trades' Tav., Kilmarnock.  
" 320, St. John, Royal Arch, M.H., Ardrossan.  
" 370, Renfrew, M.H., High-st., Paisley.  
" 405, St. Andrew, M.H., Garngad-rd.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 7.

Lodge 114, Royal Arch, M.T., Cambuslang.  
" 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.  
" 135, St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.  
" 175, St. John, M.H., Greenock.  
" 215, St. Andrew, Avondale Inn, Strathavon.  
" 217, Cumberland Kilwinning, T.H., Port Glasgow.  
" 242, Houston, Cross Keys Hot., Johnstone.  
" 248, Lockhart St. John, M.H., Carnworth.  
" 275, Shamrock & Thistle, 22, Struthers-st., Glsgw.  
" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow.  
" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 459, Kelburne, Cumbræ Hot., Millport.  
" 512, Thorntree, M.H., Thornliebank.  
" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hot., Larkhall.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 8.

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

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 8, 1876.

## MONDAY, APRIL 3.

Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hot., Penicuik.  
TUESDAY, APRIL 4.  
" 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-st.  
THURSDAY, APRIL 6.  
" 97, St. James's Operative, Writers' Court.  
FRIDAY, APRIL 7.  
" 291, Celtic, Ship Hot., E. Register-st.

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