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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).—The last regular meeting of this old established lodge was held at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday, the 8th ult., instead of the usual day of meeting, viz., the first Monday in the month, that being this year bank holiday. The lodge was opened at five o'clock in the afternoon by Bro. Alexander, P.M., acting for the W.M., who did not arrive until later in the evening, and Bros. Lazarus, S.W.; Miller, J.W.; Auerhaan, Treas.; Albert, P.M.G.P., &c., Sec.; Spiegel, S.D.; Hymans, I.G.; Van Noorden, Org.; Isaacs and Baker, Stewards; Hickman, I.P.M.; and Roberts, Levy, Abrahams, Past Masters. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the acting W.M. passed Bros. Rohmann, Stransky, Collier, and Bromfield, and the W.M., Bro. A. G. Dodson, upon his arrival raised Bros. Richbold and Staky (Tranquility). The ceremonies were well performed Bro. A. Auerhaan, late of this lodge, having been proposed to re-join, and several minor matters having been discussed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren and the visitors, amounting together to the number of 104, sat down to an excellent banquet, which was well served under the management of that well-known caterer, Bro. Jennings, and superintended by Bro. Keeping. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. H. Pullen, P.G.S.B., and Foxhall, A.G.P. of England; Buss, P.G.T. of Middlesex; Ross, P.M. 185; Austin, P.M. 933; Senecal, P.M. 860; Stead, W.M. 1297; Woodman, W.M. 1551; T. C. Walls, S.D. 1381, &c.; Jarvis, 14; Ball, 15; Melish, 55; Fletcher and Baker, 180; Staley, 185; A. Auerhaan, 1, late 188; Solomons, 194; Lewis, 907; Williams, 933. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the customary loyal and Craft toast, prefaced by a few well-chosen remarks. "The National Anthem" was then rendered by Bros. Van Noorden and Benjamin, Mr. Printon, and and Mesdames Alma York and Dore. In proposing "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the P.O.'s Past and Present," the W.M. took occasion to congratulate the lodge upon being honoured that evening by the presence of Bros. H. Pullen, P.G.S., and Foxhall, A.G.P., and coupled the last-named brother with the toast. Bro. Foxhall in reply stated that, although he held the lowest office in Grand Lodge, he felt it to be a very great honour in being selected to be one of that distinguished body, and he was also exceedingly gratified on the present occasion at having his name mentioned in connection with the toast, and in conclusion he congratulated the Joppa Lodge upon the exceptionally good working of its various officers, from the highest to the lowest grade. The W.M. then gave "The Joppa Benevolent Fund," which he remarked was in a very sound and flourishing condition, which state of things he was happy to say was the result of there having been no applications for some time past for a participation in its benefits. This fund had the advantage of being well-managed by the President, Vice-President and committee, and he, therefore, called upon them to drink the health of those worthy brethren in connection with the toast. Bro. Alexander, P.M., the President, returned thanks. Bro. Hickman, the I.P.M., who had but recently recovered from a severe accident, and the effects of which were still apparent, then rose and met with a very warm greeting. He stated that he felt exceedingly pleased at being able to meet them once again, and well enough to wield the gavel to call order for the toast of their W.M. He had seen some of Bro. Dodson's working that day in lodge, and from what he had heard from others who had had an opportunity of witnessing the manner in which the onerous duties of the chair had been discharged by the W.M. since his installation he was sure the lodge would join with him in drinking the W.M.'s health most heartily. This toast having been duly honoured, the W.M. made a very modest and brief reply, and immediately gave "The Visitors," and read the names of the numerous brethren present that evening, and observed, as the lateness of the hour would not permit all of them to reply, he should call upon that very old and esteemed P.G.O., Bro. Hyde Pullen, to respond. This toast having been received with excellent fire Bro. Pullen made a very neat reply, in which he briefly touched upon the working of the lodge, the unity which appeared to prevail among its members, and above all the prosperous state of its benevolent fund, which he hoped would be long without an application for relief, and in conclusion he thanked them for the kind reception they had accorded to him and his co-visitors. The toasts of

"The Past Masters, Treasurer and Secretary, Wardens and Junior Officers" followed in quick succession, and were suitably acknowledged by the individual brethren honoured. The musical arrangements of Bro. V. Noorden and his staff of artistes were excellent, and were supplemented by the instrumental and vocal contributions of Bros. Jarvis, Walls, and others. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings, which were eminently successful, to a conclusion, and the brethren separated until the first Monday in October next.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The closing meeting of this old and excellent lodge for the year 1876 took place on Wednesday, the 14th ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and Bro. Carnelly, who has sat in the chair for the last 13 months owing to alterations in the bye-laws, will now retire from office in favour of Bro. F. G. Pownall, who, with more than ordinary luck, retires this month from the chair of the United Military Lodge, No. 1536, of which he was the first Master, and is now by unanimous consent W.M. elect of the lodge under notice. There was a large muster of Bro. Carnelly's friends and supporters present, and the lodge was well filled, no less than four W.M.'s elect being present at one time, viz., Bros. Vincent, of the Pattison, No. 913; Weston, of the United Military, No. 1536; Butt, of the Nelson, No. 700; and Pownall, of the Union Waterloo. The work of the lodge having been finished in the masterly manner for which Bro. Carnelly is so often praised, as we have before shown, Bro. Pownall was elected to the chair for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Henderson, P.M., Treas., and Sec. of several lodges in the district, and who has held the office of Treasurer of the lodge for the last 22 years, was once again entrusted with its finances, and Bro. B. Norman, Tyler to the Capper and Nelson Lodges, and Janitor for the Pattison Chapter, was again elected O.G., Bros. Davies Denton, and Reilly and Hosgood, were then elected on the Audit Committee, and after the petition of a poor and distressed brother had been received previous to presentation to the Grand Lodge of Benevolence, the lodge was closed, and the brethren spent a most enjoyable evening in harmony, during which the W.M. elect paid a high tribute to the zeal and energy of Bro. Syer, the Secretary, who, he declared, had worked unremittingly for the success and prosperity of the lodge. Bro. Syer eloquently replied, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

HALIFAX.—St. John's Lodge (No. 448).—The brethren of this lodge held their regular meeting at the Masonic Hall to welcome home Bro. Frederick Whitaker on his return from his recent voyage round the world. There was a very large attendance of brethren, who heartily greeted Bro. Whitaker, whom they presented with a very unique P.M.'s jewel in gold, and which bore the following inscription:—"Presented by brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 448, Halifax, to Bro. Frederick Whitaker, P.P.J.G.D. of W.Y., P.M. 307, in recognition of his services as W.M. for the year 1875, this 13th day of June, 1876, being the first lodge meeting after his return, 27th May, from his tour round the world." On the scroll was the Latin motto, "Palmam qui meruit ferat." After the business of the lodge was concluded all the brethren adjourned to the spacious dining-hall, and there partook of a very sumptuous repast, which was presided over by the W.M., Bro. T. Wheelhouse, Bro. C. T. Rhodes occupying the vice-chair, and Bro. Thomas Whitaker, P.M. 307, in the S. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed and honoured, Bro. Wheelhouse, in very eulogistic terms, proposed "The Health of Bro. Frederick Whitaker," and spoke of the gratification it afforded them to see him once more amongst them. Bro. Whitaker, who was loudly cheered, related, in his happiest style, his experience of Freemasons and Freemasonry as practised in the various countries through which he had travelled, and how he on one occasion received the hearty grip of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The evening was spent in an exceedingly pleasant manner, the brethren departing about 12 p.m.

CROYDON.—Frederick Lodge of Unity (No. 452).—On the 20th ult. the installation meeting of this lodge was held at Bro. Budden's, the Greyhound Hotel. Bro. W. S. Masterman, W.M., presided, and was supported by his officers, Bros. J. W. Sugg, S.W. and W.M. elect; George Wright, J.W.; James Robins, P.M., Treasurer; Magnus Ohren, P.M., Sec.; A. T. Jeffery, S.D.; C. H. Edmonds, J.D.; Charles Pawley, I.G.; E. H. Sugg and C. A. Manning, Stewards; H. E. Frances, P.M., D.C.; and the following brethren:—Bros. W. Locock Webb, P.M.; Dr. Henry J. Strong, P.M.; R. H. Evans, P.M.; Arthur J. Dickinson, F.C.S., P.M.; W. Sugg, C.E., P.M.; E. T. Zohrab, F. G. G. Obert, F. A. Manning, C. M. Ohren, G. E. Ohren, J. W. Gray, C.E.; F. Cassell, and George Robins. There were also the following visitors:—Bros. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D. of England; Thos. P. Dickinson, W.M. of the Surrey of Concord, 463; Dr. Clayton Palmer, of the Burdett Lodge, 1293; Henry Potter, Constitutional, 55; A. H. Wymouth, Great Northern, 1287; J. S. Leaf, Star, 1275; O. H. Colven, Felicity, 58; E. Spooner, Earl Spencer, 1420; H. Massey ("Freemason"). Bro. George Robins, who was initiated at the last meeting of the lodge, was passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.M. and Sec., who also initiated Mr. John Methven, gas engineer, of the London Gas Company. Bro. Frances, P.M., installed Bro. J. W. Sugg as W.M. of the lodge, who afterwards invested as his officers:—Bros. W. S. Masterman, I.P.M.; George Wright, S.W.; Arthur T. Jeffery, J.W.; D. J. Drakeford, Chaplain; James Robins, P.M., Treas.; Magnus Ohren, P.M., Sec.; C. H. Edwards, S.D.; Charles Pawley, J.D.; H. E. Frances, P.M., D.C.; E. H. Sugg, I.G.; F. A. Manning and E. T. Zohrab, Stew-

ards; and C. T. Speight, Tyler. The W.M. afterwards initiated Mr. Geo. F. Cousins, stockbroker, and Mr. J. W. Rogers, solicitor, performing the work in masterly style. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. Masterman. The Special Committee's report was read and approved, as was also the agreement with Bro. Budden for holding the lodge at the Greyhound, Croydon. The Treasurer's report was also read and adopted, shewing £40 3s. 11d. in hand, and current subscriptions, £100 16s. Bro. J. A. Frinneby was proposed by P.M. Jas. Robins for rejoining, and Mr. David Sugg, son of P.M. Wm. Sugg, was proposed for initiation. The brethren afterwards retired to an excellent banquet, and honoured the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. The work concluded the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Budden, and the usual Masonic toasts followed. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M.," the W.M. gave that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, &c.," and said that as the brethren had found Masonry progress within the last few years, it was pleasing to find that those whose circumstances had placed them in the leading forces of the Craft had well performed their duties. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., responded, and said he felt very much obliged to Bro. Ohren for giving him the opportunity of being present, as he had seen the new W.M. well up to his duties, and doing his work in a fluent and efficient style. The lodge must be proud that it was blessed with such good Masters, but more especially with a Master who was able on his first night to perform his work so fluently. He had listened to him with very great pleasure. He did not know that it was the privilege of Grand Officers to criticise what was going on, but he had taken the liberty to express what he felt. The lodge had furnished an example which others should not be slow to follow, and young Masons who aspired to achieve a position should take pattern by Bro. Sugg. He (Bro. Hogg) hoped to see him in the highest position the Craft had in its power to bestow. The W.M. next gave "The Provincial Grand Master of Surrey and the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past." The Prov. G. Master, by the commission he held, and by the sheer force of his character, had endeared himself to all the Masons of the Province. The Prov. G. Officers had his "hall-mark" on them, and were an honour to the Province as well as to the lodges to which they belonged. So many brethren of this lodge wore the provincial purple that he had felt his own apron tinged with the prevailing colour. Bro. W. Locock Webb responded. He had always taken a great interest in Masonry in the Province of Surrey for many years, and though he had been absent sometime he did not think it had done him any harm, because such absence had caused him to see with the greater clearness when he came back to these meetings the great progress that had been made in his absence. There were but seven lodges in the province some sixteen years ago. There were sixteen now. Very few members could be got together at a lodge in former times, but now nearly thirty regularly assemble, and on this great progress he congratulated the brethren sincerely. Bro. H. E. Frances proposed "The W.M.," and referred to the humorous speech in which he responded to the toast of "The W.M. Elect" on the last occasion. In spite of what he then said he was no doubt fully aware of his ability to take the responsible duties upon him which he had that evening had placed in his hands by the Installing Master. He would not have taken the office if he had not been capable of discharging its duties. He had faithfully performed his duties in all the offices he had undertaken, and the brethren had now a Master of whom they might well be proud. Bro. Webb had been a great honour to the lodge, but Bro. Sugg was quite capable of following in his footsteps. The W.M., in reply, said he thanked the brethren very much for the honour they had done him, and for the very cordial way in which they had drunk the toast. He also thanked Bro. Francis for the kind way in which he had introduced the toast to the attention of the brethren. When he (the W.M.) became a member of this lodge seven years ago he came in with but one predetermined idea—to do his duty; and from that day to this he had endeavoured to discover in what that duty consisted, and the result of his observation was that in Masonry to do one's duty was simply to do his best, and more than that was not expected of any brother. When he looked round and saw the judicious Treasurership of Bro. Robins, and the careful Secretaryship of Bro. Ohren, he felt that he must follow in their footsteps as well as in those of the other P.M.'s of the lodge. This was the course he should endeavour to pursue, and with that feeling it was that he entered on the duties of his office. (Hear.) The W.M., in giving the toast of "The P.M.'s," said it was human nature for men to kick the ladder over when they arrived at the summit of their ambition, or to forget the ladder by which they had climbed. He, however, could not forget the steps by which he had been raised, or the good offices of Bro. Francis, who had installed him. The brethren all knew how much they were indebted to him for the assistance he at all times rendered them in the ordinary work of the lodge, and also in installing the W.M. that day. Therefore in proof of their appreciation they should drink his health. Bro. Frances replied, and the W.M. then proposed "The P.M.'s," and said that Dr. Doran had written a work on "Monarchs retired from business," but whether public men became like Cincinnatus following the plough, or Mr. Gladstone felling timber, their work was a paradise compared with that of the P.M.'s of the lodge. They might truly say of themselves that "something attempted, something done, they had earned a night's repose." It had been said that the Duke of Wellington was never tired of looking at the field of Waterloo, but the P.M.'s of the lodge might never be tired of looking back on what they had done, and of witnessing its results. Bro. Masterman, I.P.M., responded. He had in his year

tried to keep alive the old spirit of hospitality in the lodge, and had done everything with the desire of helping the lodge with his might. Bro. Webb had had the privilege of belonging to the lodge many years, and brethren like him had worked hard and well in support of the lodge. When the W.M. should come to occupy a place among the P.M.'s, he did not think he would be at all disappointed in finding it a comfortable and honourable position. He thought he would find it an elysium. "The Initiates" was the next toast, which the W.M., in giving, impressed on those brethren with the words of Napoleon, that every private soldier in the French army carried a general's baton in his knapsack. With this saying he begged to assure the initiates that it was in their power to become W.M.'s. All the initiates replied, and the W.M. next gave "The Visitors," and Bro. Dickinson, W.M. East Surrey Lodge of Concord, replied. "The Press" was humorously proposed by the W.M., who selected Bro. H. Massey, "Freemason," to respond. "The Treasurer and Secretary" was replied to by Bro. James Robins, and "The Officers" by the S.W., after which the brethren returned to town. Bros. Magnus Ohren, George Robins, and the J.W. sang several excellent songs during the evening, which was most agreeably spent.

LEICESTER.—John of Gaunt Lodge (No. 523).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 22nd ult., and was perhaps one of the most pleasant and enjoyable meetings in the history of this well-known and popular lodge. In addition to a large muster of officers and brethren, there were present Bros. Kelly, F.R.H.S., P.P. G.M.; S. S. Partridge, P.M., P.G.S.; Robert Brewin, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Geo. Toller, jun., P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Thos. Sheppard, P.M.; Thos. Worthington, W.M. 50; Geo. Clifton, P.M., P.P.G.P.; A. K. Baines, W.M. 1495; Fred Grant, W.M. 1330; J. M. McAllister, W.M. 279, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; Rev. W. Langley, P.M. 50, P.P.S.G.W.; R. B. Smith, W.M. 1007, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Robt. Waite, P.M. 279, P.P.J.G.W.; R. A. Barber, P.M. 1391, P.P.G.P.; A. Palmer, P.M. 299, P.P.G.P.; F. J. Baines, P.M., P.D.S.C.; C. C. Woodcock, P.G. Reg.; C. Stretton, J.W. 279; C. A. Righter, of New York; C. S. Preston, S.W. 50, P.P.G. Sword Bearer; and Dr. Hunt, P.P.G.A.D.C.; E. Mason, W.M. 1391, P.G. Stwd.; and others. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Thorp, the retiring W.M. The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's report for the past year having been read and adopted, the best thanks of the lodge were given to Bro. W. B. Smith, P.M., P.G. Treas., for his valuable services as Treasurer. Bro. W. T. Rowlett, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.M., P.G.S., to Bro. Thorp, for installation, and having given his assent to the ancient charges and regulations, was obligated, and a board of Installed Masters having been opened, was installed in due form into the chair of K.S., and saluted with the customary honours. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by Bro. Thorp, I.P.M., in a most impressive manner, which was remarked by every brother present as being simply perfection. At the close of the ceremony the W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers, which he did as follows:—Bros. T. A. Wykes, S.W.; R. Taylor, J.W.; W. B. Smith, P.M., Treas.; W. C. Strout, Sec.; G. Odell, S.D.; J. Young, J.D.; C. Johnson, P.M., Org.; C. C. Woodcock, I.G.; T. M. Quinn, T. R. Pickering, Stewards; C. Bembridge, and T. Dunn, Tylers. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Thorp, the Installing Master, for the admirable way in which he had performed the ceremony. The R.W. Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M., then, in the name of the lodge presented him with a Past Master's jewel suitably inscribed, and complimented him in high terms on the very efficient way in which he had discharged his duties during his past year, and also bore testimony to the very perfect manner in which he had installed his successor. Bro. Thorp in acknowledging this tribute of respect thanked the brethren for their kind feeling, and assured them that he should not relax his interest in the welfare of the lodge. Hearty good wishes having been given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren, about seventy in number, re-assembled at the banquet table, and took of a most sumptuous repast, which reflected the highest credit on the Stewards, Bros. Sargeant and Smith. After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and were interspersed with the instrumental selections (especially arranged for the occasion by Bro. H. Nicholson), performed by Bros. H. Nicholson (flute); G. L. Vaughan (flute); W. T. Rowlett, W.M. (oboe); T. A. Wykes, S.W. (bassoon); and H. B. Ellis, 1391 (pianoforte), which called forth the enthusiastic applause of the brethren. Bro. Thorp, I.P.M., proposed the toast of the evening, "The W.M. of John of Gaunt Lodge, Bro. W. T. Rowlett, and Success to the Lodge," and in doing so congratulated the lodge in having elected so worthy a brother to preside over them. The toast was received with immense enthusiasm, and the W.M. responded in feeling and eloquent terms. Bro. Brewin, 112, and 444, an old P.M. of the Lodge, and P.P.S.G.W. of the Province, in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," paid a high compliment to the officers of the lodge for their first class working, and compared it with the time when he was W.M. in 1860. Bro. C. A. Righter, of New York, in a speech of rare ability also returned thanks on behalf of the visitors. The Tyler's toast and parting song finished one of the most successful meetings of the lodge.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The election of W.M. of the above lodge for the ensuing year took place at the last monthly meeting, held on the 1st ult., at Bro. Tucker's, the Lord Raglan, Plumstead, Bro. A. Penfold, W.M., in the chair, supported by the whole of his officers. After working the three degrees in the interest of several candidates who were entitled to the

and the voting to a distressed brother, who had some years ago been a member, of a good round sum for his present needs. Bro. W. T. Vincent, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. A. Jessup being as loyally voted into his old position as Treasurer. Bro. R. Lister was voted Tyler by acclamation, and then, as some recognition of the valuable services rendered by Bro. Penfold to the lodge during his year of office, it was proposed, and carried unanimously, that a jewel of the value of £10 10s. should be presented to him by the lodge as a mark of esteem and gratitude for those services. After suitable replies from the blushing recipient of such, though well deserved yet high honours, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being of course fully honoured. We had almost forgotten to mention that the W.M. elect has presented the lodge with a superb harmonium, which, under the skilful manipulation of Bro. C. Cooke, Org. 700 and of 13, contributed much to the impressiveness of the ceremonies. The installation and banquet take place early next month.

TEDDINGTON.—Felix Lodge (No. 1494).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, on Saturday, the 17th ult. Present, Bros. F. S. Knyvett, Grand Steward, W.M.; Edward B. Graham, I.P.M.; F. B. Archer, S.W., W.M. elect; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B., acting as J.W.; W. G. Moore, P.M., S.D.; T. S. Archer, J.D.; E. A. Woolley, I.G.; Geo. Hancock, P.M., Past Prov. G. Deacon Somerset, D.C.; and the following visitors: Bro. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Bro. H. G. Buss, Provincial Grand Treasurer, Middx.; Bro. W. R. Pullen, East Medina, No. 175; J. Whitmore, M.D., P.M. Royal Athelstan, No. 19; A. R. Marten, Past Grand Steward, P.M. 58; J. Keates, Eden Lodge, Limerick; F. Knyvett, 160; H. Thorn, P.M. 165; W. W. Aldridge, P.M. 165; T. Yeo, 167; J. Brockett Sorrell, P.M. 176; J. Brockett Sorrell, jun., J.W. 176; E. H. Smithett, 180; E. G. Fox, P.M. 235; T. D. Boulton, P.G. Stwd. 259; T. Wilkinson, Sec. 271; H. T. Wrenfordsley, 442; W. Croucher, 534; T. E. Woollard, 1293; P. Dickinson, S.W., 1298; W. F. Taunton, 1385; T. W. Ockenden, D.C. 1512. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Several communications from brethren expressive of regret at not being present were read. Bro. Sharon Grote Turner (Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2) was elected a joining member. Bros. Getty, Hunter, Twin-barrow, and Youngusband were raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., after which Bro. Francis Bradley Archer was presented by Bro. Graham, P.M., Prov. Grand Steward Middx., to the W.M. for installation, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Knyvett, W.M., in a very able and impressive manner. On Bro. Archer being installed into the chair, and saluted according to ancient custom, he invested Bros. Knyvett as I.P.M.; Graham, P.M., Secretary; Berridge, Grand Steward, S.W.; W. G. Moore, P.M., J.W.; T. S. Archer, S.D.; E. A. Woolley, J.D.; J. Melville Curtis, I.G.; George Hancock, P.M., D.C. There being no further business before the lodge the brethren adjourned to banquet, presided over by Bro. Archer, W.M.. On the removal of the cloth grace was beautifully sung by Bros. Scaly, Hunter, and Taunton, and the usual loyal toasts were given and responded to. Bro. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B., in returning thanks for the Grand Officers, congratulated the W.M. upon his present position, and it was with sincere pleasure he had witnessed the prosperity of the lodge under the Masterships of Bros. Graham and Knyvett, and he had little doubt that it would continue unabated under the rule of the present W.M., who had shown considerable ability and tact even the short time he had occupied the chair. Bro. H. G. Buss, in responding for the Prov. Grand Officers, expressed his regret that the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, was not able to attend on this occasion. He was exceedingly gratified on his last visit to find the lodge in its present state of efficiency, and felt assured that it would still continue to prosper. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. Knyvett, I.P.M., who spoke of the valuable services which Bro. Archer had rendered, and the pleasure it had afforded him to instal into the chair of the Felix Lodge a brother who would continue to maintain the dignity and high position which the lodge held in the province of Middlesex. The toast was very enthusiastically received, and Bro. Archer in responding said that he would do his utmost to keep the lodge in its present state of efficiency, and thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which his health had been drank. Bro. A. R. Martin, Past Grand Steward, P.M. 58, responded for "The Visitors." The toast of "The Past Masters, Bros. Graham and Knyvett," was duly acknowledged by the latter, and that of "The Officers" by Bro. W. G. Moore, P.M., J.W. The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close. It is due to the musical brethren of the lodge to say their efforts to please were highly appreciated, and contributed very much to the success of the evening.

CHISLEHURST.—Chislehurst Lodge (No. 1531).—This young lodge, now just twelve months old, celebrated its first installation meeting since its foundation, on Saturday, the 24th ult., at the Bull Inn, Chislehurst, Bro. John Coutts, its first W.M., performing the ceremony of installing his successor. The choice of the brethren having fallen upon Bro. G. F. Guest, the S.W. of the past year, he was presented by Bro. Griffin, the Secretary, and having given his assent to the ancient charges laid down in the Book of Constitutions, the W.M. administered the customary obligation; and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed he was presented to them in the usual course, and formally installed into the chair of K.S. On the re-admission of the brethren he was proclaimed and saluted, and Bro. Coutts delivered the various addresses in a very impressive manner. This ceremony being concluded Bro. Guest appointed his officers for the year as follows:—Bros. W. Kipps, S.W. Gloster, J.W.,

Coutts, Treas.; Griffin, Sec.; Mason, S.D.; Hardman, J.D.; Hutchings, I.G.; Fox, D.C.; Hunt, W.S.; and Grant, Tyler. Among the other brethren present were Bros. Edwd. Kipps, Thomas Skinner, L. Samuel, G. B. West, W. Goldsmith, J. Ford, W. J. Butler, H. C. F. Dana, R. J. Luck, J. W. Williams, and W. Hollis, members; while the visitors included Bros. Sadler, 25; A. J. Ireton, 1348; Chas. Andrews, 77 and 299, P.M.; John Davison, 299, W.M.; G. B. Gates, 829, W.M.; B. J. Manley, Alfred Avery, P.P. G.R. Kent; and W. Seaman, 1314; and E. C. Massey ("Freemason"). After the conclusion of the before mentioned ceremonies, there being no other business before the lodge, it was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to partake of an excellent banquet in the pretty public school-room near the inn, which had been secured for the occasion, a boon which on so warm an afternoon the brethren were not slow to appreciate. Beautiful Chislehurst was looking its best, and wearing its freshest greenery after the recent heavy rains; and the view of meadows, studded with magnificent elms, seen from the school windows in the afternoon sunlight, was very refreshing to the eyes of the town-worn men who had met there, and contributed another element of enjoyment to the dainty fare provided by mine host of the Bull Inn. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., who in referring to the Grand Officers, Past and Present, said that it only needed a visit to Grand Lodge to prove the wisdom of the Prince of Wales in his choice of Grand Officers, for the way in which they performed their duties showed not only that they were efficient, but that they took a personal interest in the task they had undertaken. Bro. Coutts, in replying for the Grand Officers, joined in the eulogies that had been bestowed on the Earls of Carnarvon and Skelmersdale; and in thanking the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast hoped that the brethren would not think him vain for saying that it was not every brother who was a Grand Officer, but he assured them that, notwithstanding his possession of that dignity, he felt more at home amongst them than he did on the dais of the Grand Lodge of England. The Chairman next proposed "The Health of Lord Holmesdale, Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M. of Kent," coupling the toast with the names of Bro. Avery, P.P. Grand Registrar; Bro. Russell, and Bro. Andrews, who replied in suitable terms. Bro. Coutts: Brethren, the W.M. has entrusted me with his gavel. You know, I am sure, the use I shall put it to. I summon you to drink "The Health of your W.M., Bro. Guest." Bro. Guest has been elected to be the Master of the Chislehurst Lodge during the ensuing year on account of his well-known ability to perform the work attaching to that office, and he has been to-day installed into the Master's chair; and I ask you to join me in wishing him a happy and prosperous year, and in drinking very good health to the W.M., Bro. Guest. The W.M., in thanking the brethren, said that he felt diffident as to the performance of his duties, following as he did the steps of so able a worker as Bro. Coutts. He trusted that his officers would perform their duties to the utmost of their ability, which was their best way of making his duties easy to perform. The W.M. then proceeded to propose "The Health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Coutts," than whom they could not have had an abler worker for the first ruler of the Chislehurst Lodge. While doing so he had the pleasure of presenting and investing Bro. Coutts with a Past Master's jewel, and trusted that he would live many years to wear it. He must not look at its intrinsic value. That was no index of the appreciation which the brethren had desired to mark; he must believe in their regard for him, and look upon the jewel merely as a sign to mark that regard. Bro. Coutts, in returning thanks, said that he felt very proud of their reception of the toast, and of the jewel with which they had been pleased to present him. Whenever he looked at that jewel in future it would remind him not only of his year of office as Master of the lodge, but of all the work they had had together in establishing it and bringing it up to its present prosperous condition. They had paid for all their furniture; they were free from debt; they had sent three Stewards to the Masonic Charities, and before they were nine months old had contributed something like £90 to the funds of those charities. He again thanked them for this memorial of their good will, and assured them that to the day of his death he should think of it with love, and wear it with pride. Several other toasts, including "The Visitors," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers of the Lodge," were given and responded to, till at length the benevolent wishes expressed in the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion, and the brethren returned to town after a pleasant evening that had not been spoiled by being protracted to a late hour.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The first year of this flourishing lodge was appropriately closed on Friday, the 9th ult., by the election of W.M. for the next year of its existence. There was a large attendance of both brethren and visitors, and Bro. Plaisted's fine hall was well filled by a gathering of the elite of the lodges of the district. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. Pownall, the W.M., Bro. R. Croisdale, P.M. 706, and of the lodge, presided, supported by Bros. Capt. C. Phillips, P.M. 706, as P.M.; W. West, S.W.; G. Spinks, J.W.; W. Murphy, Treas.; H. G. Picken, S.D.; J. McCaffery, D.C.; R. G. Lapham, I.G.; J. Lackland, Tyler. After the work before the lodge had been eloquently done by the W.M., Bro. W. Weston was unanimously elected to the proud position of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the Treasurer and Tyler were duly re-instated in office, Bros. Weston and Lackland returning thanks in brief but well-chosen sentences. A ten guinea jewel was then voted to Bro. Pownall, to mark the lodge's appreciation of his valuable services, and Bro. Cooper was

unanimously adjudged a Secretary's jewel and the thanks of the lodge for his arduous labours during the past year as Secretary of the lodge. The new harmonium purchased by subscription of the members was opened, and various selections played in a masterly manner by Bro. C. Cooke, Org. 700, and of 13. After the lodge had been closed in due form, the brethren re-assembled for refreshment, and under the experienced hand of Bro. Croisdale the toasts were both eloquent and to the point, aiding the success of a most enjoyable evening in more than ordinary style. The installation and banquet will be at Bro. Plaisted's comfortable and commodious hall, Anglesea-hill, Plumstead, early next month.

Royal Arch.

ROSE OF DENMARK CHAPTER (No. 975).—The quarterly communication of this chapter was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Saturday, the 3rd ult. The officers present were Comps. James Terry, acting M.E.Z. (in the absence of M.E. Companion Poole, who had been suddenly called away to Wales to visit his son, who was seriously ill); John Newton, H.; Henry Martin, J.; J. P. Richards, S.N.; W. Dodd, S.E.; J. Green, P.S.; J. Walker, A.S.; H. G. Buss, P.G. Treas.; T. Price, P.Z.; also a fair muster of the companions, and the following visitors: Comps. D. W. Rain, P.S. 1293; Roberts, 771; C. G. Hill, S.N. 177. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Bingemann, P.M. 55 and W.M. 1599; and Bro. Charles H. Goode, of No. 27, were balloted for and approved. Bro. Bingemann being in attendance, was duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in Comp. Terry's usual excellent style, after which the chapter was closed in ancient form, and the companions adjourned for refreshment. On the removal of the cloth the M.E.Z. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts from the Chair. In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," Comp. Terry, in the name of the chapter, gave them a hearty welcome, and they, in response, spoke in high terms of the excellent working they had seen, also of the true fraternal affection and unanimity of feeling that existed among the companions of the chapter. The Janitor's Toast brought to a close a very pleasant and happy evening.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Chapter (No. 540).—The quarterly meeting of this young but flourishing chapter was held on Tuesday, June 13th, when there were present Comps. Col. Stuart, M.E.Z.; Alderman Bull, H.; Cookson, J.; and the rest of the officers, with several companions. The chapter was visited by an old friend to Bedfordshire Masonry, Comp. Barfield, P.Z. Mount Sinai Chapter. The business of the evening was to exalt Sir John Montague Burgoyne, Bart., of Sutton Park, but he was unfortunately prevented from attending, to ballot for and exalt Bros. H. Harris, R. Barry Stafford, and R. H. Coombs. The ballots having been taken were found to be unanimous, and the above-named brethren were exalted in due course. After the proposal of another member to be exalted in September, hearty good wishes were tendered from Mount Sinai Chapter, and the chapter was closed, the companions afterwards spending a pleasant interval of refreshment.

LIVERPOOL.—Walton Chapter (No. 1086).—The annual gathering of the companions attached to this chapter took place on Thursday, the 22nd June, at Kirkdale, Liverpool. Comp. W. Jones was installed Z.; Comp. W. Septon, H.; J. Goodacre, J.; the Rev. J. Hyde, S.E.; Comp. W. Walker, S.N.; and Comp. Hammer, P.S. The installation ceremony was most satisfactorily performed by Comp. John Lunt, P.Z., P.G.D.C. W.L., assisted by Comp. W. Archer, P.Z. Bro. Dr. Young was exalted to the R.A. Degree in capital style. At the banquet which followed there was a large and highly influential attendance.

TYWARDREATH.—Unity Chapter (No. 1151).—At the annual meeting of this chapter, held on Tuesday, the sum of £10 was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. A Board of Installed Principals, consisting of Ex-Comps. the Rev. Dr. Trefry, the Rev. Geo. Ross, W. Guy, and T. C. Stephens, then proceeded to instal Comps. Dr. A. A. Davis, as Z., and W. Tonkin, as H. Comp. W. Polkinghorne being unavoidably absent, his installation as J. was postponed until the next meeting. The First Principal then invested as officers Ex-Comps. Stephens, as P.Z.; Capt. Colville, Scribe E.; J. Wellington, Scribe N.; N. H. Lamb, Treas.; T. Walton, P.S.; H. Elliott, Janitor.

Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—This lodge met for its seventh anniversary at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Saturday, the 7th ult., and was honoured by a special visit from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex and Surrey, the V.W. Bro. Frederick Davison, who was accompanied by the W. Bro. Sigismund Rosenthal, P.G.D.C., and the W. Bro. James Smith, P.M. 129 and P.G.S. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Robert Berridge, who was supported by Bro. T. W. White, S.W., and W.M. elect; the V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O.; the V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; and W. Bro. William Worrell, Past Masters of the lodge, and a strong muster of officers and brethren. Minutes having been confirmed, Bro. John Gilbert Edgecumbe, of the Hengist Lodge, No. 195, was approved of for advancement with other candidates at a subsequent meeting, the business of the evening being too important to curtail by performing that ceremony in the full and perfect manner customary in this lodge. Bro. Meggy then read a dispensation forwarded through him to the lodge from the M.W.G.M.M., the Earl

of Limerick, authorising and directing the W.M. and Past Masters to instal, as a W.M. of the Order, Bro. C. A. Heinmann a member of the lodge, and P.M. (Craft), who is about to proceed to Japan, where it is contemplated he will establish a Mark Masters' lodge, of which he will be the W.M. designate. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Meggy officiated as Installing Master, and Bro. T. W. White, the W.M. elect, and Bro. C. A. Heinmann, by selection of the M.W.G.M.M., were duly presented, and most ably installed as Worshipful Masters. They were saluted according to ancient custom, and expressions of good wishes towards both, the one in his capacity of Chief Officer of the Macdonald Lodge, and the other in regard to his contemplated journey and promotion of the interests of the Order, were freely and heartily enunciated. Bro. White then proceeded to the appointment of his officers in the following order, viz.:—Bros. Alfred Williams, S.W.; North Ritherdon, J.W.; Edward Moody, M.O.; Edgar Drewett, S.O.; W. P. Collins, J.O.; Thomas Meggy, P.M., Treas.; F. H. Cozens, P.M.; Charles Hamerton, P.M., Sec.; N. J. F. Bassett, S.D.; G. Yaxley, J.D.; G. W. Verry, I.G.; W. C. Hale, Org.; J. K. Pitt, W.S.; H. F. Partridge, C.S.; J. Close, D.C.; and W. Grant, Tyler. Bro. J. K. Pitt was unanimously nominated for Provincial Grand Office. At the close of the business before the lodge the Deputy Provincial Grand Master called for the production of the minute book, and expressing his great satisfaction with former proceedings, and the progress of the lodge, was pleased to record therein the gratification with which he had witnessed the performing of the installation ceremony by Bro. Meggy, and the carrying out of the commands of the M.W.G.M.M. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet, in the provision for which, at a reasonable cost, and with quality and quantity of fare and most attentive service, the new proprietors of Masons' Hall fairly earned the complimentary comments expressed by members and guests. So much satisfaction was given to the lodge, both in respect of working accommodation and at subsequent refreshment, that a suggested removal to other quarters, which at a previous meeting had been mooted, was now entirely abandoned, and the lodge will continue its meetings at the same place for, we hope, many years yet to come. After honouring the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and spending a most enjoyable evening, the brethren separated.

Red Cross of Constantine.

THE ORIGINAL OR PREMIER CONCLAVE met 29th May at Masonic Hall, Regent-street, for the installation of officers and other routine business. The conclave was opened by the retiring M.P.S., Sir Knt. T. Burdett Yeoman, after which the voluminous minutes of the former gathering and others in connection with the business of the conclave were read and approved; at the conclusion a ballot was taken for Bro. Wm. Henry Fannel, C.C., Lodge 18. It was unanimous. The following brethren, who had already been approved, were duly invested (Bros. Drucet, Thornton, and Fowler) by the Very Eminent and Illustrious Sir Knt. Angelo Lewis, who also on this occasion, in the absence of Sir Knt. R. Wentworth Little from serious illness, for whom much sympathy was expressed, enthroned the M.P.S., Sir Knt. Dubois, amid marks of general approval. He also installed the following officers, viz., the Rev. Dr. Brette, as Eusebius; Rev. J. Vaughan, Senior General; Rev. P. M. Holden, Junior General; R. W. Little, as Recorder and G.T.; Sir Knt. Moore, Prefect; and Gilbert, Sentinel. The conclave was then closed, and the Sir Knights retired to the refectory, where a sumptuous banquet was prepared and enjoyed. The routine toasts were then proposed and responded to with brevity, and pleasingly appreciated. Present at banquet: The V.E. and Illustrious G. V. Roy, Colonel Burdett; Dubois, M.P.S.; T. Burdett Yeoman, I.P.S.; Moss, P.S.; Hubbard, P.S.; Angelo Lewis, P.S.; T. Cubit, P.S.; Levander, P.S.; Sir Knight Moore, H.; and Holden, Colonel Peters, Parker, Organist. Visitor: Hyde Pullen. A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Sir Knt. Angelo Lewis for his services, and large expressions of sorrow were spoken at the absence of the highly esteemed and beloved Sir Knt. Little. The Sir Knights separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

LIVERPOOL.—Skelmersdale Conclave (No. 77).—The annual meeting of the above conclave was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday evening, the 5th ult., when there was a pretty fair representation of the members of the Knights of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine. The conclave was opened by the M.P.S., Em. Sir Knt. W. Cottrell, at seven o'clock, and the muster roll showed that there were present Sir Knts. Henry Jackson, V.E.; John McCarthy, S.G.; Josh. Skeaf, J.G.; Thomas Ashmore, Treas.; W. H. Corbin, Recorder; H. Burrows, Herald; James C. McGuire, Steward; J. K. Smith, P. Sov. Dep. In. General; C. T. Callon, P. Sov.; Henry Nelson, P. Sov.; Richard Reader, T. W. Bibby, J. W. C. Cave-Brown-Cave, T. Webster, W. S. Matthews, and others. Amongst the visitors were Sir Knight Rev. Rees Jenkins, P. Sov. After the records had been confirmed in proper form, Bro. A. C. Wylie, J.D. of the Neptune Lodge, 1264, was duly exalted. Ill. Sir Knt. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, D. Int. Gen. West Lancashire, then took his place on the throne, and Sir Knt. Henry Jackson was presented by Em. Sir Knts. Ashmore and Cottrell, Past Sovs. The Knights under the rank of enthroned Sovereigns then withdrew, and Em. Sir Knt. Jackson was solemnly enthroned in the Chair of Constantine. Sir Knt. J. McCarthy was installed as the V.E. Ill. Sir Knt. the Rev. J. R. Jenkins, A. G. Marshal, assisted the enthroning Sovereign, and offered the prayers most impressively. The Sir Knights, on being readmitted, saluted the M.P.S., and the following were invested officers

of the conclave:—Sir Knts. J. Skeaf, Senior General; R. H. Evans, Junior General; W. H. Cooper, H.P.; T. Ashmore, P.S., Treasurer; Garrett, Recorder; J. W. Cave-Brown-Cave, Prefect; H. Burrows, St.B.; Reader, Orator; T. W. Bibby, Herald; T. Webster, Sen. Aide; A. C. Wylie, Jun. Aide; H. Nelson, P.S., D.C.; and P. Ball, Sentinel. The conclave was then closed, and the Knights retired for refection. In the course of the evening the usual toasts were given. Em. Sir Knt. T. Ashmore, the senior Past Sov., proposed "The M.P.S.," and the latter gave "The Health of Enthroning Sov., Ill. Sir Knt. Dr. Smith." In replying for "The Visitors," Em. Sir Knt. the Rev. J. R. Jenkins expressed his great admiration for Christian Masonry, and desired the Skelmersdale Conclave the greatest success.

Scotland.

DALMUIR.—Lodge St. John's (No. 543).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, at Dalmuir, on Tuesday, the 13th ult., Bro. S. Leckie, W.M., in the chair; A. McNaughton, Junior, D.M.; J. Barrie, S.M.; J. F. Wilson, S.W.; J. Muirhead, J.W.; M. Watson, Treas.; J. Alexander, Sec. J. Morrison, S.D.; J. Stairs, J.D.; J. Morton, Chap.; A. Smith, I.G.; J. Adair, Tyler; and amongst those present were Bros. R. Manson, D. McDonald, J. Thomson, Barton, Malcolm, Serj.-Major Chamberlain (E.C.), and others. The lodge being constituted, minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Messrs. W. Young, A. Dobie, and W. Brown, who were previously proposed and seconded, were favourably balloted for and afterwards initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bros. A. Ritchie and Hillhouse were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at the hands of Bro. Leckie, W.M., who performed the ceremony in a most efficient and faultless manner.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Plantation (No. 581).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Craigiehall-street, Plantation, on Monday evening, the 19th June. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Dr. Peacock, S.W., occupied the chair; Geo. Fisher, J.W. 129, acting S.W.; and J. Henry, J.W.; W. Taylor, Treas.; R. Allan, Sec.; A. Imrie, S.D.; J. Halley, J.D.; J. Campbell, S.S.; J. Dowell, J.S.; J. Nash, acting I.G.; and Cumming, Tyler; and a large attendance of members and visitors. Amongst the latter were Bros. J. Monro, W.M. 360; Jas. Gillies, P.M. 103, P.G.T.; and others. Messrs. H. Grindlay and J. Cameron were initiated by Bro. R. Allan, Sec.; and Bros. P. Stobe, Thos. Walker, and John Hart were raised by Bro. W. Ferguson, D.M., Bro. Fisher, J.W. 129 giving the obligation. A vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. R. M. Lintock for presenting the lodge with a set of handsome water ewers, &c. The lodge was then closed.

GOVAN.—Lodge Govandale (No. 437).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in the hall, Portland Buildings, Govan, on Tuesday, 30th ult., Br. J. Miller, W.M., in the chair; R. Muir, S.W.; A. James, J.W.; A. Blair, Treas.; J. Sutherland, Sec.; and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Tweedie, 518, E.C.; R. Allan, Sec. 581; W. Brown, 3; W. McCall, 27; W. J. Craig, 86; D. Swan, 175; R. Russell, 205; C. McIver, 413; McFarlane, 413; W. Ferguson, P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); and others. Mr. W. P. Knox was initiated, and Bro. W. Findlay was raised. Both ceremonies were performed by Bro. W. Ferguson, S.M. There was no other business.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Dramatic (No. 571).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, June 21st, at three o'clock p.m., Bro. William J. E. Dobson, W.M., presiding, assisted by Bros. Dugald Butler, W.M. 27; John Morrison, D.M.; Foulds, P.M. 179; Mitchell, J.D., acting S.W.; Wm. Sivewright, J.W.; G. Weir, acting Secretary; Barbour, Treasurer; and a number of visiting brethren. The W.M. then proceeded to open the lodge in the E.A. Degree, and afterwards requested the acting Secretary to read the minutes of previous meeting, and they being unanimously approved, were declared duly confirmed by the W.M. Bros. Henri Ludwig and John Cameron being in waiting for the Third Degree, the lodge was thereupon advanced to the Sublime Degree. The W.M. asked Bro. Foulds, P.M. 179, if he would work this degree, to which Bro. Foulds cordially assented. Bros. Ludwig and Cameron were accordingly admitted, and received the M.M. mysteries in a very able manner. There remained some general business, such as passing of by-laws, &c., &c., which entailed the loss of some time, but the business being at length settled, the lodge was reduced to the E.A. Degree, and no further business being to hand, the lodge was duly closed in ancient form.

It is intended to entertain General Lord Napier of Magdala at dinner on the 10th inst. at Willis's Rooms, to celebrate his return from India. His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge will preside.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Suffield presented the prizes to the pupils of the Paston Grammar School on Wednesday.

Bro. Capt. Matthew Webb informs us that at the latter end of August next he will attempt to swim from the North of Scotland to Ireland, under the same conditions as he crossed the Channel.

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The 78th anniversary festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday evening at the Alexandra Palace, when nearly 700 ladies and brethren sat down to an elegant dinner, which was presided over by the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire. The festival was a great success, and the whole of the proceedings passed off most satisfactorily. Among the brethren who sat at the cross table with his Lordship were Bros. the Rev. W. K. Ryland Bedford, V.P. of the Board of Stewards; the Hon. R. W. Giddy, District G.M. South Africa; Colonel Burdett, Prov. G.M. of Middlesex; the Hon. W. Warren Vernon, Junior Grand Warden of England; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain; Dr. Jabez Hogg, Past Grand Deacon; Thomas Cubitt, Past Grand Pursuivant; R. J. Spiers, Past Deputy Prov. G.M. Oxford; Rev. Dr. Morris, Head Master; Captain Cope, Past G.S.B.; John Hervey, Grand Secretary; Geo. Plucknett, Treasurer; J. T. Collins, P.G.S.B.; W. Hall, the Medical Officer of the Institution; H. Browne, P.G.D.; R. W. Stewart, P.G.D.; James Terry, F. Adlard, Hyde Pullen, Benj. Head, P.G.D.; W. Roebuck, Capt. Wordsworth, J. G. Chancellor, Charles Coote, S. Rosenthal, H. G. Buss, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, N. Green, George Newman, John Sutcliffe, A. H. Diaper, R. Barnes, Samuel May, E. Coste, I.P.M. 1613, P.M. 9, &c.; Bros. W. H. Perryman, Lodge 3; Joseph Clever, Lodge 12; Robert Douglas, Lodge 23; W. N. Lash, Lodge 73; Edward Hopwood, Lodge 141; N. Gluckstein, Chapter 141; Robert Secker, Lodge 435; J. G. Stevens, Lodge 933; Alfred Durrant, Lodge 1185; W. A. Tinney, Lodge 1319; W. J. Murlis, Lodge 1489; Charles Hogard, Prov. of Essex; D. M. Dewar, Prov. of Middlesex; W. Hammond, Prov. of Middlesex; H. Phythian, Prov. of Middlesex; W. Sharp, Prov. of Surrey; J. M. Kidd, Prov. of Sussex; Frederick Soars, William Manton, and Capt. Salt, Province of Warwickshire; H. Massey ("Freemason").

Dinner was served at a few minutes after five o'clock. The arrangements were well made, and although there were so many brethren and ladies present there was no confusion or any difficulty in finding places. Neither was there any overcrowding, the large dining hall affording ample accommodation for every one. When the repast had been disposed of, "Benedictus" was sung, and the toasts were then proposed.

The Chairman in proposing "The Queen," said—Ladies and brethren, I am sure that it does not need any words from me to call from you a hearty response to the first toast which I am about to propose to you; it is the "Health of our beloved Queen," and when I remind you that she has reigned over us for thirty-nine years, and that this day happens to be the anniversary of her coronation day I know that you will the more heartily respond to the toast. It is not however only as Queen of England that I ask you to drink her health in a bumper, but as patroness of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. I am delighted to see so many ladies gathered here to-day, and I am sure of this that they will heartily join with me in drinking the health of the best Sovereign that ever reigned over this kingdom. I give you "The Queen" with the greatest pleasure, "The Health of our Queen, Victoria, and long may she live over a happy and contented people."

The Chairman, in proposing "The Grand Master," said—Ladies and brethren, the next toast I have to propose is that of the "Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England." I am quite sure that all my brethren will agree with me in hoping that our illustrious brother may long continue to be our Grand Master. We must all rejoice at his return home to this country in safety after his most successful visit to our great Indian Empire, where he appears to have gained by his courtesy and his kindness the respect and attachment of all with whom he has come in contact, and I feel quite satisfied that our illustrious brother will by his visit have done a great deal to secure the happy relations that now exist between our Indian princes and chiefs and the

natives of India. I give you with great pleasure "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of Freemasons of England."

The Chairman, in proposing the next toast, said—I believe that it is universally allowed that Freemasonry has made some most prodigious strides within the last few years, and during the last five and twenty years especially. It seems extraordinary to me to see so large an assembly as this, composed, too, not only of brethren, but of that sex whom we are happy to call "sisters." I think you will allow that the success of Freemasonry must be mainly due to the excellent chiefs who govern our Craft. It is not only in the numbers, but in our great Masonic charities that we are so prosperous. Never in the history of Freemasonry has Freemasonry stood higher than it does at this moment. I think, therefore, that our best thanks are due to our chiefs, and that we cannot do less than honour the toast I am about to propose to you. I give you "The Earl of Carnarvon, the Pro Grand Master of England, Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master, the Prov Grand Masters, and the Present and Past Grand Officers." I have the pleasure of having on my right one of the Prov. Grand Masters, a brother who is esteemed and respected wherever he is known, and I may say that he is known throughout this country. I allude to the Rt. Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, my excellent brother Col. Burdett. We only hope that the great province he presides over may long continue to have such a Prov. Grand Master. I need not, in addressing an assembly that knows quite as much as, if not more than, I do of the merits of Col. Burdett, speak of him, or say any more in his praise. I will, therefore, give you the toast.

Col. Burdett, in reply, said—I assure you it is with extreme pleasure that I attempt to return thanks for the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, a toast which has been so favourably put before you by your worthy chairman. We have all known for a considerable time that our officers have been most efficient in every possible way. We have had men of the highest grade in that position. We have had men of the greatest influence ruling over us; but I must say they have ruled over us with credit to the Order and themselves. We never had a more efficient Pro Grand Master or a more efficient Deputy G.M. than we have at the present time, and I believe also that we never had more efficient Grand Officers generally. We all feel great pride in having such men as Lord Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale as Pro Grand Master and Dep. Grand Master, on whose excellences I might dilate were you not so thoroughly acquainted with them; but I have a great deal more pleasure now than in returning you my thanks on their behalf. I have to propose to you a toast. In proposing it to you I feel perfectly confident that both by ladies and brethren it will be accepted with the greatest fervour. We have been presided over to-day by a nobleman who has most ably and efficiently filled the position which he has been called upon to occupy; and though it is not the first appearance he has made before you (for I believe he has presided at the festivals of these institutions four or five times before), he is ever ready to come forward and assist us when we require his assistance, and whenever he thinks he can do any good to or benefit our institutions in general. We are perfectly aware that the Province of Warwickshire holds its head up in the most wonderful manner, and we shall hear by-and-bye what the results of its subscriptions will be towards this institution. But as long as I have been in the Order, and it is over forty years—I may say I have never seen an institution so supported as this has been, and I have never seen such a meeting as that of to-day, participated in as it is by ladies as well as brethren. I will, however, not trespass longer on your time, for I know it is very valuable; but I will propose to you at once, "The Health of our noble Chairman, Lord Leigh."

The Chairman, in responding, said—Ladies and brethren, I can assure you that I feel most deeply sensible of the very kind manner in which you have drunk my health; and I thank my kind Bro. Col. Burdett for the very kind, indeed

far too flattering way, in which he has proposed the toast to you. I can assure you, brethren, however, that I feel it to be a great honour, and indeed a great pleasure, to preside this day at the 78th anniversary of one of your noble Masonic Institutions. And now, ladies and brethren—may I not say Sisters and Brethren, for I am quite satisfied of this, that the ladies who have honoured us this day with their presence at this anniversary would not have done so had they not felt a sisterly interest in our great Masonic Charities?—I have to propose to you what may be termed the toast of the evening. It is not my intention to detain you with a long speech, but I cannot propose such an important toast as that of "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys" without saying one or two words. As I have already observed, this is the 78th anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. 78 years ago, when this institution was founded, there were 6 boys; it commenced with 6 boys, who were clothed, educated, and placed out in different schools. Since then there has been upwards of 1300 boys clothed, educated, and maintained at the expense of the Craft. To-day we have 186 boys, not placed out as they were a few years ago in different schools, but all collected together in one noble building within a short distance of this table—in one noble building which is the freehold property of the Freemasons of England. The land has been purchased, and a house built by the Freemasons of England; the debt on it has been paid off, and it is now our own property. Well, within the last year—I should observe that I have no doubt that most of those that I address here to-night, indeed I know a very large number of them, know the building, and can bear witness to its being an admirable building for the purpose—within the last year a detached house has been bought for an hospital, where sick boys can be received, and being removed from the bustle and confusion of a large establishment they would derive benefit quicker from medical treatment there than they would if confined in a sick room in a large school. The boys receive a most admirable education, and the managers of that institution will be able to tell you that most of those, indeed, almost every one of those boys who have left the institution since its formation have been known to be going on well and had made their way in the world in a satisfactory manner. With regard to the results of their education, I can assure you those that have seen the list of examinations—the satisfactory list of their examinations—will bear witness to what they have done. The results this past year have been most astounding. I am delighted to see that out of the number of prizes and honours that they have gained three boys from the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys have gained first-class honours in the Local Examinations of Cambridge; and what I am sure will delight and please my Warwickshire brethren is, that one of those lads standing at the head of the list is a Warwickshire lad, bearing the well-known Warwickshire name of Beaumont. Great credit—very great credit, I may say—is due to the excellent Head Master and his assistants. I have had the pleasure of making Dr. Morris's acquaintance, and I can bear witness from what I have seen of that gentleman that he is undoubtedly the right man in the right place. Some of my Masonic brethren—not many of them, but some of them—have recently spoken to me of the expense of the maintenance of the boys. Wishing particularly to ascertain the real facts of the case, I, in company with a good brother of mine who I wish was here present this evening, but who unfortunately has been detained at home by unforeseen circumstances—I allude to Bro. Machen, the D. Prov. G.M. for Warwickshire—went on a visit to the institution some short time ago, where I met our kind friend, Bro. Binckes, to whom this institution, let me say, owes a great deal for his admirable exertions, and we went fully into the accounts of the expense of the maintenance of the boys for the last 10 years; and I feel satisfied myself that the charges made against this institution of being extravagant cannot be sustained. I will not weary you with the accounts and statistics for the last ten years, but I will merely take the last two years, 1875

and 1874. In 1875 the maintenance of each boy was something like £40 and two or three odd shillings; but in 1874, the year previous, it was £43, some odd shillings; and on a calculation it can be shewn that there has been an actual reduction in 1875, although provisions and everything else are dearer than they were—there has been an actual reduction of £3 and some 3s. or 4s. in 1875 over 1874. Now, I cannot think that with the admirable and first-class education that we give our boys, and considering the respectable but not extravagant manner in which they are clothed and fed, that £40 per boy for giving them the best education you possibly can give them is a very extravagant sum. Brethren, I believe this institution to be well deserving of your support. I believe we have one of the best schools in England, a school which the Freemasons of England may be justly proud. Your institution has received great support, and I hope it will continue to receive that support. I hope that when we presently hear the list of the contributions read out by our excellent Secretary, Bro. Binckes, you will find that a noble subscription has been raised for this School this day. I am delighted to find such a long list of Stewards. I believe they are upwards of 200. I am quite sure that we all must feel deeply indebted to those Stewards for their great exertions; and we have to thank Sir Henry Edwards—who, I wish was here to-day—for having acted as President of the Stewards; and I must say that I regard with very great pleasure and satisfaction the number of Stewards that have appeared for the province over which I have had the honour of presiding now for very nearly twenty-five years. In a very few months I shall have gained my silver wedding day; and I thank the 80 Stewards very heartily for their very great kindness in coming up to-day to attend this festival. I only hope and trust, as I say, that this institution may go on and flourish; but it should be remembered that it has no actual funded property. If it has it is not a very large one. It is not like some of the other Masonic Institutions—it has to depend very much on its subscriptions from Grand Lodge and on private subscriptions from Freemasons. It has no funded property; and if we only educate 186 boys it will take more than £7000 a year to maintain the institution. But we hope to do a great deal more than educate 186 boys: we hope to receive before long 200 boys. There are many candidates that will be very glad to be received who cannot be received on account of want of funds. A brother of mine was suggesting just before the banquet what an admirable thing it would be to have some scholarships. I wish we could have some scholarships and send our boys to Oxford and Cambridge; and I am quite certain of this, that if we did they would do credit to our Masonic Institution. I will not detain you with many more observations. I do not wish to weary you; but before proposing this important toast I hope you will excuse my alluding—but very shortly—to an article that appeared in a Masonic publication towards the end of last February. In this Masonic paper the writer, in a manner analysing the subscriptions that had been received at the last festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when my noble Bro. and friend Lord Skelmersdale so ably presided, alluded to the noble support his lordship received from his own Province, West Lancashire, on that occasion. Had the remarks of the writer ended there I should have had not a word to say on the subject. On the contrary, I readily endorse every word the writer said, as indeed West Lancashire came forward most nobly to support the Right Worshipful Brother the Provincial Grand Master who so ably presides over West Lancashire. But the writer went on to make a comparison between the subscriptions received from West Lancashire and those received from the other provinces and London; and I must really say he rather unfairly spoke of the want of the liberality of the province over which I have so long presided, and which included, as he said, the wealthy and important town of Birmingham. Now, I am quite satisfied of this, that the writer of that article could not have been aware that at the very moment he was writing the article we had eighty Stewards in

Warwickshire doing all they possibly could to raise subscriptions for the Masonic Boys' School; and it was really almost impossible, and not to be expected, that the province could in the same year support two of our Masonic Institutions. Moreover, the writer of that article could not have been aware that some fourteen or fifteen years ago the Freemasons of Warwickshire came nobly forward to support this very institution, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when I had the pleasure of being President, and that for two successive years Warwickshire sent up Stewards with large subscriptions to support the three excellent Masonic Institutions successively, when I had the honour, though unworthily, of presiding over them. I will not detain you with many more observations, but simply say, and I must be excused for saying, I do think that no writer can fairly, or ought fairly, to draw comparisons between subscriptions raised in one province over another. It should be borne in mind that we usually in our Masonic charities select some Grand Officer, whether Grand Officer from London or one from the province, to preside over these charities; and as a matter of course the Masons of that particular province over which their own Grand Master presides, feel a pleasure, as they ought to do, to come forward and support him. I hope and trust that presently we may hear that Warwickshire has subscribed a tolerable sum this evening to this charity, but would it be fair to compare Warwickshire with some other province in this kingdom when their own Provincial Grand Master presides at this table. Warwickshire brethren feel, and feel deeply, I know, a pleasure, as they have always done, in assisting their Grand Master, and I am quite satisfied of this, that they will do so this evening. I hope you will excuse these observations, which are rather personal to myself and to my province; but I could not refrain from making them, inasmuch as I have received invariable kindness from the brethren of Warwickshire who I know are as liberally disposed as any Freemasons in the kingdom. On their account I could not refrain from making these few observations. I now give you with the greatest possible pleasure "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and may it continue long to flourish." I couple with the toast the name of the Treasurer, Bro. George Plucknett.

Bro. Plucknett, in responding and thanking the brethren for their liberal support of the institution hitherto, said he did not expect that the subscriptions of that evening would be at all behind any of the subscriptions of former years. He felt that the institution owed a great debt of gratitude to the Stewards, to his lordship for presiding, and to Bro. Binckes for the perseverance, the energy, and the time which he had given to the affairs of the institution. He was quite sure that to-morrow morning Bro. Binckes would begin to provide for the festival of next year, and not lose a single day.

Bro. Binckes then rose to announce the list of subscriptions, but first observed that he had 280 Stewards. He felt it due to the province of Warwickshire to say that the province had his entire sympathy in reference to the remarks which had fallen from his lordship, inasmuch as he remembered that the very first time after he (Bro. Binckes) had the honour of becoming Secretary the festival was presided over by Lord Leigh, when he was largely supported by the Province of Warwickshire, whose subscription, amounted to very nearly £800. Eighteen years had rolled by since that time, and he now had the extreme gratification of finding again in the chair the same noble lord in hale and good health. (Cheers.)

LONDON LODGES.

Grand Stewards' Lodge, Bros. William Briscoe, P.G. Std., P.M. ...		£	s.	d.
1	Ralph Gooding, M.D., B.A., F.L.S., J.W. ...	15	15	0
2	E. Parker Deacon, J.D. ...	63	0	0
3	William Henry Perryman, S.W. ...	61	14	0
4	H. R. Mackintosh, J.W. ...	47	17	6
5	Alfred H. Diaper, P.G. Steward, W.M. ...	26	5	0
6	Sir George R. Prescott, East. ...	42	0	0
7	F. Adlard ...	21	0	0
8	J. L. Geiger, S.W. ...	65	2	6
9	E. Kimber, W.M. ...	14	14	0
10	H. Le Strange, W.M. ...	28	7	0
11	E. C. Taylor, W.M. ...	32	11	0
		115	10	0

12	J. Clever, P.M. ...	51	9	0
13	W. P. Applebee, P.M. ...	23	2	0
18	J. M. Burt, S.W. ...	38	17	0
21	J. Waldrum, I.G. ...	44	2	0
22	A. Partridge, W.M. ...	43	1	0
23	R. Douglas, S.D. ...	28	5	0
28	J. G. Neilson, S.W. ...	54	12	0
29	J. E. Middleton, P.G. Steward, S.W. ...	17	17	0
34	W. B. Date, I.G. ...	66	3	0
46	G. F. Humphery, P.G. Std. ...	46	13	0
55	J. T. Robertson, W.M. ...	76	13	0
58	F. W. Smith ...	63	0	0
59	J. Dence, S.D. ...	120	10	0
60	G. Anderson, J.D. ...	66	1	0
73	W. N. Lash ...	170	2	0
91	T. R. Marshall, J.D. ...	44	2	0
92	R. F. Gault, W.M., P.M. 153, 570 ...	66	13	0
141	E. Hopwood, P.M. ...	31	10	0
142	J. W. Lambert ...	28	7	0
157	L. J. Drew, P.M. ...	105	0	0
162	H. Ramsden, J.W. ...	28	7	0
169	G. Bolton, V.P., P.M. ...	103	19	0
173	W. Wiles, W.M. ...	66	3	0
179	J. U. Burt, W.M. ...	38	1	0
180	A. Cameron, P.M. ...	48	6	0
181	E. W. Stanton, P.M. ...	33	12	0
183	R. H. Groombridge, P.M. ...	21	0	0
186	C. W. Noehmer, P.M. ...	92	8	0
188	J. E. Walters ...	32	11	0
192	G. Newman, P.M. ...	72	9	0
198	J. M. Lockwood, I.G. ...	21	0	0
235	E. Fox, P.M. ...	10	10	0
259	G. P. Goldney ...	94	10	0
435	R. Secker, S.W. ...	66	13	6
657	G. P. Gillard ...	86	2	0
742	H. Cox, P.M. ...	50	8	0
813	G. Sinclair, Treas. ...	207	4	0
822	J. Nicholas, S.W. ...	31	10	0
871	H. J. Tuson, W.M. ...	11	11	0
902	R. N. Field, P.M. ...	103	19	0
933	J. G. Stevens, S.W., P.M. 554 ...	207	18	0
969	C. W. Thompson, S.D. ...	200	0	0
1178	J. Stock, J.D. ...	10	10	0
1185	A. Durrant, W.M. ...	116	0	6
1201	J. Mander, P.M. ...	36	15	0
1216	S. H. Wagstaffe, P.M. ...	65	11	0
1259	E. Jex, P.M. ...	120	10	0
1275	J. J. Limebeer, W.M. ...	21	0	0
1288	R. V. Davies, W.M. ...	24	3	0
1298	G. H. Jaffa, I.G. ...	37	0	0
1309	R. P. Tebb ...	5	5	0
1319	W. A. Tinney, S.W. ...	11	11	0
1328	J. Oliver, P.M. ...	116	0	6
1381	G. Everett, W.M. ...	57	14	0
1383	Major S. H. Clerke, P. Prov. G.W. Devon, S.W. ...	239	8	0
1445	W. T. Howe, P. Prov. G. Purst. Middlesex, P.M. ...	47	5	0
1489	W. J. Murlis, W.M. ...	42	2	0
1538	H. J. Green, W.M. ...	18	18	0
1540	C. W. Hudson, J.D. ...	127	1	0
1572	R. P. Hooton, W.M. ...	18	18	0
1607	F. Brown, S.W., G. S. Blythe, J. M. P. Montagu, D.P.G.M. ...	53	11	0
	LONDON CHAPTERS.			
141	N. Gluckstein ...	28	7	0
	MARK DEGREE.			
1	Rev. Dr. E. Brette, W.M., G. Chap. BERKS AND BUCKS.	10	10	0
771	J. Johnson ...	36	15	0
945	W. Ballard, W.M. ...	77	15	0
1101	Rev. C. R. Honey, Chaplain ...	37	5	0
	CHESHIRE.			
425	J. McHattie, W.M. ...	113	0	0
	A. G. Smith, J.D. ...	11	0	6
	J. Hanson ...	42	0	0
	CORNWALL.			
131	W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., P.Pr.G., Sec. &c., V. Pres. of Inst. ...	432	12	0
	CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.			
129	J. C. Kauthmell, P.M. ...	147	0	0
	DERBYSHIRE.			
353	G. A. Taverner, W.M., Hugh E. Diamond, Pro.G.W., P.M. ...	65	2	0
731	W. Knight, D.C. ...	42	2	0
802	J. H. Biggs, Sec. ...	17	6	6
850	J. Hill, Jun. ...	5	5	0
	DEVONSHIRE.			
189	J. E. Curteis, P.M. ...	173	5	0
	DURHAM.			
661	R. Candlish, P.M. ...	275	2	0
	ESSEX.			
276	E. H. Carter, W.M. ...	84	0	0
453	C. F. Hogard P.M. 205. ...	60	18	0
	GLOUCESTERSHIRE.			
82	Col. G. H. Bascvi, P.D.D.G.M. Punjab ...	166	9	0
493	A. V. Hatton ...	78	15	0
1067	R. J. Kerr, P.Pr.G. Std., P.M. 26 ...	26	5	0
493	(Chap.) E. T. Inskip, M.E.Z., P.Pr.G.W. ...	5	5	0
	HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.			
130	J. B. Thomas, Prov. G.S.D., P.M. ...	119	14	0
319	J. D. Legg ...	15	15	0
723	R. Eve, V.P., P. Prov. G.W., P.M. ...	40	9	0
	HERTFORDSHIRE.			
1385	J. Cutbush, W.M. ...	82	17	0
	KENT.			
199	J. D. Terson, P.M. ...	68	7	
784	A. F. S. Bird, P.M. ...	27	6	
913	C. Coupland, Prov. G. Purst., P.M. 706 ...	123	9	
1089	J. Hancock, P.M. and Treas. ...	73	10	0
1096	T. Ayling, W.M. ...	10	10	0
	A. H. Des-Barres, S.W. ...	10	10	0
1206	R. J. Emmerson, P.P.G.W. ...	129	3	0

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1208 A. Wilson, P. Prov. G.S.B., P.M. ...	100	16	0
1309 E. Coste, P.M. 9 ...	116	11	0
LANCASHIRE—EAST DIVISION.			
37 G. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. G.D., P.M. 64, 221, V.P. ...	46	4	0
62 J. W. McClure, P. Prov. J.G.W. ...	10	10	0
221 T. Entwistle, P. Prov. G.W., P.M. ...	10	10	0
C. Stanley, S.W. ...	5	5	0
J. Richardson, J.W. ...	5	5	0
Chorlton, ...	10	10	0
LANCASHIRE—WEST LANCASHIRE.			
203 B. W. Rowson, P. Prov. G. Sup. W., P.M. ...	68	5	0
1375 G. D. Pogbin, P.M. ...	36	15	0
LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.			
C. W. Stretton, P. Prov. G.W. ...	12	10	0
LINCOLNSHIRE.			
1294 J. Sutcliffe, V.P., P. Prov. G.W. 600, 792, P.M. 464, 1294 ...	250	0	0
MIDDLESEX.			
382 Woodward, E.C., P.M. ...	11	11	0
1293 Phythian, Henry, Prov. G. Sec ...	23	12	6
1326 Hammond, William, P.P.J.G.D., P.M. ...	45	3	0
1415 Dewar, Donald M., W.M. ...	13	13	0
1423 Baldwin, J.W., P.M. ...	27	6	0
NORFOLK.			
Morgan, A. F., D.Pro.G.M. ...	1	1	0
Marshall, Joseph, P.M., P.Pr.G. ...	44	2	0
NORTHUMBERLAND.			
685 Cockcroft, L.M., D.Pr.G.M. ...	303	9	0
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.			
1434 Hack, John, P.M. ...	63	0	0
OXFORDSHIRE.			
357 H. Deane, Hon. W. W. Vernon, G.J.W. ...	30	8	6
340 Fk. W. Ansell, J. W. ...	32	2	6
599 John Potts, P.Pro.G.S. of W., W.M. ...	31	0	0
SOMERSETSHIRE.			
446 Capt. A. Perkins, Pr. G.J.W.W.M., ...	40	19	0
973 C. H. Lopes (Q.C., M.P.), W.M. ...	31	10	0
STAFFORDSHIRE.			
539 T. M. Humphries, W.M. ...	117	12	0
624 C. F. Graham, W.M. ...	172	4	0
SUFFOLK.			
1224 Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.Chap., V.P. ...	33	1	0
SURREY.			
370 J. Boor, P.Pro.G.S.B., P.M., V.P. ...	31	10	0
416 Rev. A. Hall, W.M., P.Pr.G.Chap. ...	18	8	0
452 C. Wright, J.W. ...	10	10	0
463 W. Sharp, S.W., P.Pro.G.S.B. ...	116	11	0
889 T. Long, P.M. ...	33	6	6
SUSSEX.			
271 G. Ford, W.M. ...	68	14	6
732 J. M. Kidd, W.M. ...	137	11	0
WARWICKSHIRE.			
43 Lord Leigh, J. Phillips, W.M., J. J. Moore, P.M., S. Sinauer, J.W., A. Blanckensee, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. ...	57	15	0
74 J. Moffat, W.M. ...	21	0	0
J. C. Gell, P.M. ...	21	0	0
C. Lee, P.Pr.G.W., P.M. ...	22	1	0
J. Muggleton, P.M. ...	23	1	0
E. Parisot ...	14	14	0
J. Vaughan, P.Prov.G.D.Cers., P.M. ...	23	1	0
254 C. Edwards, W.M. ...	63	0	0
H. Matterson, P.M., P.Pr.G.D. ...	63	0	0
284 Col. J. Machen, D.Pro.G.M. ...	10	10	0
G. Moore, P.M. ...	5	5	0
G. Wilson, M.D., S.D. ...	5	5	0
F. H. Haynes ...	5	5	0
B. Campbell ...	5	5	0
301 C. B. James, W.M. ...	90	17	0
395 W. Green, W.M. ...	11	11	0
395 H. Stanley, P.M. ...	75	12	0
432 R. C. Sinclair, P.M., H. Slingsby, P.M. ...	22	1	0
468 Dr. B. Fletcher, P.D. Pr. G.M., J. T. Collins, (P.G. Sta.) Pro G. Treas., P.M., J. Archer, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Rev. W. Randall, W.M. P.G.Ch., W. Spurrier, P.M., T. H. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.D., G. P. Wragge, V.P., P.M., P.P.G.P. ...	52	10	0
473 J. R. Chirm, Prov. G. Supt. Wks., P.M., W. Short, P.M. ...	57	15	0
J. Poole ...	115	10	0
502 H. Bennett, P.M., J. Haswell, P.M. ...	47	5	0
567 G. Smith, W.M., J. Boddington, G. Eyres, G. Hiorns ...	42	0	0
Rev. W. K. R. Bedford ...	32	11	0
587 C. T. Rowe, P.M., G.G.O. ...	36	15	0
725 S. E. Elworthy ...	5	5	0
B. W. Hicks, P.M. and Treas. ...	10	10	0
W. Mantou, P.M. ...	10	10	0
F. Soars ...	94	10	0
739 H. Rowley, W.M., J. G. Biermas, P.M., C. A. McCalla, J.W. ...	40	5	6
887 W. Ross Jordan, W.M. ...	36	15	0
Capt. Salt, J.P., P.M., P. Prov. G.W. ...	38	17	0
925 W. Price, W.M. ...	21	0	0
J. W. Matthews, S.W. ...	5	5	0
J. C. Gray, J.D. ...	11	10	0
T. Reeve ...	5	5	0
A. Morrell ...	5	5	0
938 Howkins Thomas, P.P.G.A.D.Cers, P.M., Whitfield, Hubert; Zair, John, Jr., P.Pr.G.D.Cers. ...	134	8	0
1016 Barber, Stephen, W.M.; Gilbert, J. S.W., Dee, J., Rocliffe, Secretary. ...	52	10	0
1031 Jackson, W., W.M. ...	26	2	0
1163 Myers, J., W.M. ...	15	15	0
Pursall, John, P.P.G.W., P.M. ...	10	10	0
Wood, Stephen, P.M., P.G.D. ...	47	5	0
1180 Webster, E.A., W.M. ...	48	6	0
1333 Mears, Dr. Robert; Tippetts, F. G., P. Pro.G.Reg., P.M. ...	15	15	0

1246 Baker, Geo., W.M., P.P.G.Purst; Guilter, H.G., P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Smith Henry, P.M.; Vaughton, T., P.M.; Oulter, C. H., I.G. ...	67	7	0
1431 Sanderson, H., P.M., P.Pr.G.D.C. ...	46	4	0
1474 Lyon, Solomon, W.M.; Davis, M., P.M. ...	52	10	0
1551 Wood, Stephen ...	12	12	0
WILTSHIRE.			
586 R. Stokes, P.M. and Treas., P.P.G.S.W. ...	65	2	0
YORKSHIRE—WEST.			
Sir H. Edwards ...	10	10	0
B. Shaw, P.G.D., P.D. Prov. G.M. and V.P. ...	10	10	0
208 C. Woolons ...	10	10	0
F. Hanson ...	10	10	0
302 H. Smith, Prov. G.S., V.P. ...	10	10	0
380 J. Wordsworth, P. Prov. G.W., W.M., V.P. ...	52	10	0
G. Perkin, Treas. ...	10	10	0
600 C. Crabtree, W.M. ...	10	10	0
1230 W. White, W.M. ...	10	10	0
J. Clark, S.D. ...	10	10	0
F. M. Tindall ...	10	10	0
J. Thompson ...	10	10	0
W. Cooke, Prov. G.M., Sec. ...	42	0	0
NORTH WALES AND SALOP.			
384 H. Platt ...	10	10	0
1124 W. P. Spaul, Pro.G. Sec., P.M. ...	60	18	0
SOUTH WALES—EASTERN DIVISION.			
364 R. J. Thomas, P.Pr.G.W., P.M. ...	210	0	0
FOREIGN STATIONS—EAST INDIES.			
G. Davies, Dist.G.Sec. Punjab ...	10	10	0
GREECE.			
C. F. Matier, P.G.W. ...	92	8	0

The Rev. W. K. R. Bedford proposed "The Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, and Committees," to which Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., responded.

The Chairman, in proposing "Success to the Sister Institutions, Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," said he felt that the Masonic body would continue to give that generous support to all the three great institutions as long as the world existed that it had given hitherto.

Bro. James Terry said—My Lord and brethren, permit me in this assembly most heartily and most sincerely to thank you, not alone for the generous accord with which you have mentioned the names of the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution, but also as a representative of one of the institutions to thank the noble lord in the chair, and the brethren of the Province of Warwickshire, for the very kind, noble, and generous response they have given to the appeal of your lordship to-night, more especially when we consider that this time last year no less a sum than £12,700 was brought in for this institution. We cannot but congratulate the Chairman, Bro. Binckes, the Secretary, and the Committee for being enabled for a second time to announce a similar amount. Ladies and brethren, we have to thank you most heartily for the very generous support that you have given to the Girls' School and to the Benevolent Institution during the past year, and to remind you that the sum announced at our three institutions has arrived at the great result of £32,000, and, my lord, if this may be taken as an augury of our success in the future, in 1877 the amount will then be the largest ever known. Ably supported by the brethren of the provinces, we earnestly hope and trust that during the year 1877 a sum far exceeding £32,000 may be brought in for the benefit of the three institutions. On behalf of the Secretary of the Girls' School, whose absence from indisposition we all most sincerely regret, and on my own behalf in connection with the institution which I have the honour of representing, I have to assure your lordship that if the Province of Warwickshire will but bestow their favour in 1877 on behalf of the poor old men and the poor old women to the same amount as they have done to-day for the boys, our most hearty and sincere thanks will be bestowed on you, my lord, brethren, and ladies. I trust all of us may be spared to the coming year to witness even a greater result than that achieved to-night.

The Rev. W. K. R. Bedford responded for "The Stewards," which was proposed by Col. Burdett.

The Rev. Bro. Randall, P.G.C. Warwick, proposed "The Ladies," and shortly afterwards the party adjourned to the drawing room.

A selection of vocal and instrumental music was performed under the direction of Bro. Chaplin Henry.

Bro. Goodchild was toastmaster at the banquet table.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon in the library, Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Thomas W. White took the chair. There were also present: Bros. Col. Creaton, H. Browne, Henry Smith, Griffiths Smith, Major Finney, Col. Peters, F. Adlard, Benj. Head, H. A. Dubois, John Boyd, R. B. Webster, H. J. Tuson, H. Massey ("Freemason"), Thomas Massa, Peter de Lande Long, Joshua Nunn, Richard Spencer, and Bro. Hedges.

The Chairman said that the House Committee had decided to let the children in the school have their treat at the Crystal Palace on Monday next.

Seven children were put on the list for the October election, for which vacancies were declared. The list will contain 44 candidates. The tender of Messrs. Smale of South Lambeth, for building the new wing to the Girls' School, for the sum of £7017 was accepted.

Bro. Hedges read a letter from Bro. Henry Muggeridge resigning as from October next his position of Collector to this institution which he had held for twenty years. The letter stated that the cause of this was the failing health of the writer, which prevented his discharging his duties with satisfaction to themselves.

Col. Creaton said that some of the brethren would be much surprised at this letter being sent. The brethren must have seen with regret for some time that Bro. Muggeridge's health was not so good as it had been. He himself had met him in different parts of the town during the last few months, and it was with great difficulty he moved about. He was sure all the brethren would regret Bro. Muggeridge's resignation, and the cause of it. But as it was necessary that a motion should be made now that this letter of resignation had been received, he (Col. Creaton) begged to move "That the resignation of Bro. Muggeridge be accepted, and that it be accepted as from the 1st of October next." At the proper time he should give notice of motion for the Quarterly Court in October that Bro. Muggeridge's great services to the Institution be recognised by the grant of a substantial annuity.

Bro. Joshua Nunn seconded the motion for the acceptance of Bro. Muggeridge's resignation.

Bro. Col. Creaton said he should move that the Acting Secretary in writing to Bro. Muggeridge stating that his resignation had been accepted should say that it was with very great regret that the brethren received it. From the high respect they all had for Bro. Muggeridge everything that was necessary to be done must be done in the kindest and most delicate way possible.

Major Finney seconded the motion which was adopted.

Notice of motion was given on behalf of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart for the Quarterly Court of Saturday next for the admission of ten girls not successful at last election to the school, the infirmity to be used for the purpose.

Bro. H. Browne (for Bro. Tattershall) moved an increase of £5 in the salaries of each of the Assistant Governesses, and the granting a salary of £21 to a fourth.

Bro. Browne said the subject had been carefully debated by the House Committee, who considered that the way in which the ladies discharged their duties fully entitled them to this recognition.

Bro. Col. Creaton seconded the motion, which was carried.

Bro. H. Browne (for the Rev. J. Browne) moved that Miss Sheppard, the Assistant Matron be granted a salary of £30 a year. It was but a small remuneration for her services which had been very valuable especially during the illness of Miss Jarwood.

The motion, which was seconded by Bro. Griffiths Smith, was carried.

Authority to the Chairman to sign cheques was afterwards given, and the Committee adjourned.

Masonic and General Tidings.

HOLY PALESTINE PRECEPTORY.—A meeting of this preceptory will be held on the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, at 5.30 p.m. precisely.

CORONATION DAY.—Wednesday being the 38th anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen's coronation, it was observed at Windsor with the usual honours. At early morn and throughout the day merry peals were ringing from the Chapel Royal, St. George's, Windsor Castle, and St. John's Church. At noon a Royal salute was fired in the Long Walk. At all the naval ports and in the military districts the day was observed as a holiday.

Bro. James Glaisher presided at the annual meeting of the General Committee of the Palestine Exploration Fund on Tuesday last.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, on Wednesday next. Bro. Thos. Barnes will preside.

A supplement will again be given next week.

The consecration of the Sackville Lodge, No. 1619, will take place at the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead, on the 11th inst. Bro. Furner, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, will perform the ceremonies.

Bro. Alderman S. C. Hadley was on Saturday last elected Sheriff of London and Middlesex.

There will be no meeting of the Royal Order of Scotland at 33, Golden-square, on Tuesday next.

The Dublin Corporation have resolved to co-operate with the Royal Dublin Society to invite the British Association to Dublin in 1878.

Bro. R. F. Gould's letter in support of Bro. Havers's motion reached the editor so late, that it unfortunately stands over until next week.

A full report of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall will appear in our next.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS. DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

Since the establishment of the present institution, never has there been collected at the Wood Green School so numerous and fashionable an assembly as honoured the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys with their presence on Monday last, the fineness of the day, doubtless, largely contributing to that result. The distribution of the prizes gained by the boys during the year always possesses a considerable degree of interest, but it appears every year rather to increase than otherwise, in consequence of the sharp competition stimulated by witnessing the awarding of prizes to others, while they have been less fortunate themselves. This produces a determination, and a fresh starting point, and every year shows that it is attended with the best results. It is the usual custom for the appointed chairman for the festival to preside on these occasions, but this year it was under the presidency of the members of the Supreme Council of England, of whom there were present Bros. J. M. P. Montagu (in the chair), Grand Chancellor; Major Clerke, Grand Senior General; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. for China; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. for Bengal; Hyde Pullen, Sec. 33; S. Rosenthal, and Giddy, Inspector General 33° for South Africa. Amongst the other brethren present were the Hon. H. A. Vernon, J. Grand Warden; Joshua Nunn, P.G.D.; Adlard, P.M. 11; Mander, P.M. 1201; Swallow, P.M. 382; Harty, S.W. 1201; E. M. Haig, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge; J. Stevens, 783; Austin, 935; J. G. Chancellor, P.M. 463, 657, P.P.G.D. Surrey; H. Thompson, 1426, and P.M. 177 and 1158 ("Freemason"); and others.

The company assembled in the large examination hall at three o'clock, and so numerous was the attendance that many were unable to obtain admission. On Bro. Montagu taking the chair, before the delivery of the prizes commenced,

Bro. Binckes, the Secretary, said he wished to offer a few observations. On that day they were met to deliver the prizes, and did not pretend by any public examination to show the abilities of their pupils, as they had been ascertained by a course of the strictest examination, first in the school, and afterwards at that of the Cambridge Middle Class, and which had been most satisfactory. At the Cambridge examination for all England the number of boys who passed averaged 55.3 per cent., while those of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys averaged 77.7-9 per cent., and 14 out of 18 boys sent up passed. Taking the new boys they showed an equally satisfactory result, for of the eleven who went up, nine passed. In all London twenty-one passed out of forty-four, equal to 47.8-11 per cent., while of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys nine out of eleven passed, or an average of 81.9-11 per cent. The subject of "theoretical mechanics" was taken up after Christmas. In May Bryant and Shaw presented themselves on this subject at South Kensington, and gained second-class certificates from the Science and Art Department. He also referred to a report which appeared in the "Times" of that day in reference to the distribution of the prizes gained at the last Cambridge Local Examinations, which took place in the theatre of the London University on Thursday last, and when the Dean of Manchester presided. It stated that the examination was held during the last week in December, and on that occasion the candidates numbered 121, viz., 104 juniors, and 17 seniors. Of the seniors one only took honours, H. W. C. Smith. Of the juniors three obtained a first class, W. Beaumont, R. Bryant, and H. G. Shaw, all of them educated under Dr. Morris, at the Royal Masonic Institution. (Loud cheering.) He then alluded to the fact that they had met that day under the presidency of the members of the Supreme Council of the 33rd degree, who had been most liberal supporters of all their Masonic Institutions, and he thought they should be glad to avail themselves of every eligible opportunity for the purpose of placing them in a prominent position, as a small acknowledgment for their continued and generous support. The 33rd degree was only nine in number, and at the head of this august body was the Prince of Wales, but the acting head of it was the Earl of Carnarvon, and attached to it is Colonel Vernon, a Provincial Grand Master, Lord Waverley, Provincial Grand Master for Suffolk, and Bro. Hyde Pullen, whose name was a household word in Freemasonry. All the members of the Supreme Council of the 33rd degree were Life Governors, and many had served Stewardships. No less a sum than £600 had been received from Golden-square on behalf of their institutions, and he believed that Major Clerke on Wednesday next, at the festival, would hand in his list for more than £200. Bro. Montagu was Vice-President of one of their institutions, and Bro. Rosenthal was Vice-Patron of the Boys' and Vice-President of the Girls' Schools. Such being the case, he thought they would be guilty of great neglect if they did not avail themselves of the earliest opportunity of acknowledging their eminent services.

The Chairman said after the exhaustive speech of Bro. Binckes little was left for him to say beyond thanking the Stewards and the House Committee for the honour they had done the Supreme Council in asking them to preside on that occasion. They had done their best for the support of these Charities, and that little recognition of their services would stimulate them to do more than they had done at present, and by helping those who were unable to help themselves they trusted the brethren would find that Bro. Binckes was justified in the eulogium he had passed upon them.

The distribution of prizes then commenced, the Chairman offering a few words of encouragement to each boy as he came up to receive them, but in some instances the plurality was so great that the boy returned literally loaded with honours. The following is a list of the prizes:—

FIRST CLASS.—1st Prizes:—Classics, W. Beaumont; Mathematics, R. Bryant; Modern Languages—French,

W. Beaumont; German, R. Bryant; English, W. Beaumont; Scripture, W. Beaumont. 2nd Prizes:—Classics, F. E. Ladd; Mathematics, M. Bowler; English, M. Bowler.

SECOND CLASS.—Classics, W. Booser; Mathematics, A. Bryant; Modern Language:—French, C. Warr; German, C. Sage; English, W. Booser.

THIRD CLASS.—Classics, T. R. Clemence; Mathematics, W. Davenport, and T. L. Molineaux; English, F. C. Gates; French, J. B. Barrett.

FOURTH CLASS.—Arithmetic, E. L. Price; French, Harold Williams; Latin, A. Pearson; English, Lee Goodier.

FIFTH CLASS.—Arithmetic, C. Jackson; English, T. H. Murrant; Latin, A. H. Stevenson; French, T. H. Murrant.

SIXTH CLASS.—General Proficiency:—1, Barclay; 2, J. T. Swallow.

SPECIAL PRIZES, PRESENTED BY PRIVATE DONORS.

By Bro. Brocklehurst: General Industry and Improvement, F. Hodge.

By Bro. Lyons: French, F. J. W. Hughes.

By H. C. Sylvester: Freehand Drawing, C. Lane; Painting, W. Haskins; Shading, W. B. Booser; Geometry, G. Croydon; Perspective, R. Bryant; Model, E. G. L. Sweet.

By the Members of "The Old Scholars' Reunion": Science, R. Bryant.

By Bro. Capt. Wordsworth, value 42s., awarded June 26th, 1876: Elocution, W. R. Jones.

By Bro. the Rev. R. Morris, LL.D.: First Class, German, F. E. Ladd; First Class, French, R. Bryant; Second Class, Divinity, A. Bryant; Third Class, French, F. J. W. Hughes; Third Class, Divinity, G. Barnard; Fourth Class, French, M. Robinson; Fifth Class, French, J. F. B. Mules; Efficiency as Monitor, E. G. L. Sweet; Industry, Daniel G. Doswell; First Choir, J. B. White; Second Choir, H. Wood; Third Choir, E. L. Ralling.

THE PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Writing, W. B. Booser, C. Healey; Dictation, Robert Bryant, W. Ramsey Parker; History, W. Beaumont, Malcolm Hawes; Geography, E. G. L. Sweet, W. Beaumont; General Attention to Studies, Robert Bryant, E. T. Sage; Mental Arithmetic, Robert Bryant, E. L. Price; Proficiency in Drill, E. G. L. Sweet, W. H. Packwood; Efficiency as Monitor, C. Lane; General Proficiency, R. Bryant, W. Beaumont.

The distribution of the principal prizes was followed by the performance of "Ici on Parle Français," and with the following characters:—Major Regulus Rattan, W. Beaumont, Victor Dubois, W. R. Jones; Mr. Spriggins, R. Bryant; Mrs. Spriggins, W. R. Parker; Angelina (their daughter), E. E. Oates; Julia (Wife of Major Rattan), E. T. Sage; Anna Maria (a Maid of "All Work"), W. S. Sparkes.

This little piece was most admirably acted throughout, and excited roars of laughter. This was followed by scenes from "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," the characters being represented as follows:—Monsieur Jourdain, C. D. Green; Le Maître de Musique, E. T. Sage; Le Maître à Danser, H. Bowler; Le Maître d'Armes, E. E. Oates; Le Maître de Philosophie, W. R. Jones; Un Laquais, W. S. Sparkes.

The "make up" of some of the characters was most admirable, and the performance elicited loud applause. The entertainments were interspersed with songs, duets, and solos on the pianoforte, and the whole proceedings gave the highest satisfaction, and at the close of them the Chairman said all he had witnessed had been most admirably got through, and said a subject had been talked about for the last six years, which was whether something could be done for the boys after they left the school. They left it with a good education, which was putting into their hands a weapon of power to fight the battle of life, but he thought that something should be done for them between the age of 16, when they left, and 20 or 21, when they would be able to use the weapons with which they had been provided. He also suggested that they should endeavour to obtain a scholarship of £60 or £80, tenable for four years, to enable those who were capable of distinguishing themselves by the good education they would get at one of their universities. If they got one scholarship—if they got in the point of the wedge—when the usefulness of it was seen others would speedily follow, and therefore he hoped that a struggle for one of £60 or £80 should be made, and then he had no fear but others would follow.

The company then retired to the dining-hall for refreshment, after which the Health of Bro. Binckes, Dr. Morris, and others was proposed and responded to, and the proceedings were brought to a close.

The brethren will learn with much regret that Bro. Henry Muggeridge, the respected collector of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, has, through the infirmities of age, felt compelled to resign the post he has now held for twenty years with satisfaction to the whole body of the Craft. His letter announcing this determination was read at the meeting of the General Committee on Thursday last, and caused a universal feeling of regret. The brethren at large, we feel sure, will share this feeling, as there is no brother more respected in the Craft or more widely known than our Bro. Muggeridge.

The valuable collection of porcelain, &c., formed by the late Bro. W. Romaine Callender, M.P., Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master Lancashire on Tuesday and Wednesday, was sold by auction at the rooms of Messrs. Christie, Manson, and Woods, King-street, St. James's. The proceeds of Tuesday's sale amounted to £1450, and among the more important items were a dessert service by Chamberlain, which realised 46 gns.; a fine openwork scroll vase sold for £75; a superbly coloured figure of Winter knocked down at £70; and a pair of vases painted with birds and insects, which fetched 100 guineas. At Wednesday's sale a magnificent Angouleme vase fetched 155 guineas.

Obituary.

BRO. HENRY MOXON.

It is with feelings of the deepest sorrow we announce the death of Bro. Henry Moxon, which sad event took place at his residence, Ellesmere Villa, Eccles, on Tuesday, June 20th, 1876, of bronchitis, from which he has suffered for some time. He was initiated in Lodge of Faith, No. 581, Openshaw, on June 21st, 1871, served the office of J.D., 1872; S.W., 1873; and W.M., 1874. He was exalted in the Chapter of Rectitude, 1874; S.E., 1875; and J., 1876. Of a uniformly affable, courteous, and genial nature, Bro. Moxon was esteemed and beloved by all with whom he came in contact. His labours were not confined to the Lodge of Faith only, he was always willing to render assistance wherever needed. Bro. Moxon held the office of superintendent of the telegraph department of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company. He was the inventor of several electrical patents. The deceased was very highly respected. His remains were interred at Harpurhey Cemetery, Manchester, on Friday June 23rd. It pleased the G.A. of the U. to take him from amongst us at the early age of 38 years.

BRO. THEODORE MANSEL TALBOT.

Intelligence of the death of Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot, only son of Bro. C. R. M. Talbot, M.P., of Margam Park, was received at Swansea on Monday, and caused a widespread feeling of regret. Bro. Talbot died in London, at the residence of his father, 3, Cavendish-square. The deceased brother was born on the 7th June, 1839, and was therefore 37 years of age on the 7th of last month. He was educated at Christ Church, Oxford, where he took his M.A. degree, and was subsequently made a magistrate for this county. He was exceedingly popular, and held several public offices. He was Lieut.-Colonel of the 1st Glamorgan Administrative Battalion of Rifle Volunteers, Provincial Grand Master of South Wales (Eastern Division), and Master of the Glamorganshire fox-hounds. He had been for several years a member of the Cowbridge Farmers' Club, and took a great interest in anything connected with the improvement of agriculture. While president of the club he gave a great stimulus to the proceedings by his regular attendance at the quarterly meetings of the society, and, in company with Mr. John Garsed, of Moorlands, brought forward for discussion several subjects of great interest to the farmers of the neighbourhood. He was also a very active and valued member of the committee of the Glamorgan Agricultural Society, and gave annually several money prizes for competition in the district. Of late years he took a very lively interest in church matters, and superintended the restoration of the fine old Abbey Church at Margam. He belonged to the Ritualistic or High Church party, and was churchwarden of the parish of Margam. In political opinions he was a Liberal, and was exceedingly tolerant in all matters both political and religious. His amiable disposition endeared him to all who enjoyed the pleasure of intercourse with him, and the news of his death caused the most profound sorrow amongst old and young, rich and poor. It is believed that the funeral will take place at Margam. Deep sympathy is felt for Bro. C. R. M. Talbot throughout the county.—Swansea and Glamorgan Herald.

BRO. MEHEMED RASHID PASHA.

H. E. Mehemed Rashid Pasha, Minister of Foreign Affairs, lately murdered at Constantinople, was a distinguished man and a Mason. At a time when to be a Mason was to incur hostility from the late Sultan, Rashid Pasha, then Governor General of the Vicerealty of Smyrna sought initiation at the hands of Bro. Hyde Clarke, at that time the acting District Grand Master of Turkey. He was by the latter initiated, passed, and raised in the Homer Lodge of that city, in the French language, and received the certificate of Grand Lodge. The attachment of Rashid Pasha to Masonry remained constant, and when Governor General of Syria he gave encouragement to the Masons of that vicerealty. It may be mentioned that H.H., the late Fuad Pasha, was a Mason of the Grand Lodge of England, initiated in London, and on the occasion of the visit of the late Sultan in 1867 was offered the Grand Mastership of Turkey by Bro. the Earl of Zetland through Bro. Hyde Clarke, as was that of Egypt to the Prince Halim Pasha, another English Mason and the present District Grand Master. Fuad Pasha hesitated, and was afraid, though there was a lingering hope among the Masons about the Sultan, that the latter might apply for initiation, and this hope was communicated to Lord Zetland.

Bro. John Sutcliffe, Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire, having been elected by the brethren of the Royal Order of Scotland for Lancashire and Cheshire their Provincial Grand Master, celebrated the event by endowing the chair with the Vice-Presidency of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, contributing 100 guineas to that institution on Wednesday last in the name of the Provincial Grand Master. His installation will take place at Manchester on Tuesday next.

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Answers to Correspondents.

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

We have, owing to the pressure on our increased columns of the Boys' School Festival, and the Correspondence to ask the forbearance of many most esteemed contributors.

The following reports and communications stand over: Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire; Lodge True Friendship, 160; Florence Nightingale, 706; Consecration of the Cydwaen Lodge, 1594; Masonic Ceremony at Woolwich; North Wales Charitable Association; Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association; St. John's Day in Belfast.

BOOKS, PAPERS, AND MUSIC RECEIVED.

"New York Square," "Philadelphia Keystone," "Bulletin du G. Orient," "Act and Part on the Square," written by Bro. F. Lancelot. "Musical Budget," No. 6.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

Twelve Errata appear in the specimen of the "Masonic Cyclopaedia" in Masonic Magazine for July. See corrected specimen in August number of the Magazine.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

ABRAM.—On the 22nd ult., at St. Leonards-on-Sea, the wife of J. Abram, Mus. Doc., of a daughter.

BARTON.—On the 22nd ult., at Shirley, near Southampton, the wife of A. P. Barton, Esq., of a son.

GARRARD.—On the 20th ult., at Harrowgate-road, South Hackney, the wife of E. W. Garrard, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

BRAITHWAITE-CHICHESTER.—On the 22nd ult., at Wotton, Surrey, Reginald, son of I. Braithwaite, of Gloucestershire, Hyde Park, to Adelaide Catherine Anne, daughter of the Rev. G. V. Chichester, M.A.

COWIE-WATSON.—On the 22nd ult., at All Souls', Langham-place, Charles Morgan Cowie, Esq., M.A., to Rose, daughter of the late R. L. Watson, Esq.

DEATHS.

ADDISON.—On the 24th ult., at Albion-street, Hyde Park, Henry Robert Addison, aged 71.

BAILY.—On the 24th ult., at Standon, near Ockley Surrey, William Baily, Esq., in his 70th year.

MOXON, H.—On the 20th ult., Bro. Henry Moxon, aged 38.

TALBOT.—On the 19th ult., Bro. T. M. Talbot, R.W. Prov. Grand Master for South Wales, aged 37.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1876.

MASONRY TOO EXPENSIVE.

In a newspaper account of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire (not the Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire, as some of the provincial papers like to call it) our very distinguished Bro. the Duke of St. Alban's, the P.G.M. of that zealous province, is represented as saying that he was somewhat afraid the annual appeals for our charities might end in making Freemasonry "too expensive." As we do not find that remark in the official account published in our columns last week, we fancy that His Grace's words have been misquoted or misunderstood. It is quite clear to all who have studied the subject of our charities, that so far from our annual appeals lessening, they must increase with the rapid augmentation of the numbers and the wants of the Order. Whether anything can be done to remedy a growing evil in this respect is another and a very different matter, but that our charities will require large and liberal support from the Craft for years to come, is as certain as that they themselves are a noble monument in themselves to the sacrifices and warmheartedness of Freemasons. Indeed, were Freemasonry ever to be reduced to the position of a great benefit order, or of an association, mainly distinguished by the social gathering and outward adornment, it would soon lose the support of its most earnest and intelligent members, sink in public opinion, and finally fade away from this bustling and busy scene of human life. Its use would be at an end, its value would have passed away; and amidst its idle gatherings for pleasure or for show, and on its temples still kept to tell of other days, of better work, and higher aims, the word "Ichabod" would be distinctly legible. For Freemasonry is something higher and better to us all than a mere aggregation of good fellows, a mere social club, a mere beneficial society. It comes to us all, we think, with higher claims, and asserts before us all graver responsibilities. It has a mission, and that mission is to inculcate among men a pure morality, conjoined with principles of universal toleration, liberty of conscience, and freedom of belief, and above all the practice of Masonic and general benevolence. Our Masonic charities have naturally the first claim upon us, inasmuch as they well represent the active principles of Masonic beneficence. But such charities cannot be maintained for nothing, neither would it be well for us that they should. It is an old saying, and true as old, that "nothing is worth much for which we will not make some sacrifices;" and if our Freemasonry is a real thing to us, if we believe in it, if we value it at its proper worth, it will not appeal to us in vain for the warm support and the liberal contribution. That Freemasonry may become too expensive on account of its annual donations to its own great charities we do not believe, but we think we understand what the Duke of St. Alban's means, if he used the expression, namely, that the various Masonic payments may make Freemasonry too expensive unless carefully watched over. But Freemasons have this portion of the question in their own hands. That we may reduce our lodge expenses and banquet expenses is possible and probable, but we do not see how we can, or why we should lessen our contributions to Masonic charity. And even as regards this "moot point" of lodge expenses, much may be said on both sides of the question, and we are not prepared offhand to admit that much could be gained by a reduction of the social expenses of the metropolitan and some other lodges. For the London brethren may fairly say this: "You condemn our system as too expensive, but we surely are the best judges of what suits the meridian of London, and under this very depreciated system we have made, year by year, goodly efforts for our great charities." For many years, at any rate, the main burden of supporting our charities fell upon the London brethren, as we must all fairly concede, and though a noble provincial

movement, inaugurated by West Yorkshire, in support of the Metropolitan Institution set in about 1860—16 years ago, even to this hour the returns show how well the London lodges are doing their duty by the charities. We, therefore, doubt much the contention that Masonry is becoming either too expensive per se, and we greatly deprecate any such idea as regards our Metropolitan charities, and the necessary claims they have and make upon us all. Lodge expenses must be settled by the various lodges themselves, and so far from it being advisable, in any sense, to lower the cost of Freemasonry, our impression and belief are strongly that, if anything its fees of admission, &c., ought to be increased. We are giving too much, too cheaply! The Boys' School especially, for years to come, must demand large subsidies from our brethren, both in town and the provinces. It has no funded capital, and though Mr. Gladstone is not favourable to "endowments," we fancy that both the Committee and Bro. Binckes would be very glad if they could announce the replacement of the old endowment of the Boys' School, spent as we hold quite properly, in building the Boys' School of the future. When these lines meet the eyes of our readers the Boys' School Anniversary Festival for 1876 will be over, and we trust that the Committee and Bro. Binckes will be supported and cheered by an agreeable return for this most important and well conducted charity of our Order. It is no little credit to our English brotherhood that they are raising at three per cent. very nearly the interest of a million of money, generally, towards the liberal maintenance and wants of their great metropolitan and educational Benevolent Institutions.

MASONIC AMENITIES.

It is a very pleasant thing to be praised and patted on the back, and commended and encouraged to proceed in the way wherein we ought to go. It is often very welcome for the toiling and the struggling to receive the friendly word of encouragement, and the kindly assurance of sympathy. Many of us can recall tones and voices now past and hushed, which sounded very pleasantly in our ears as we began to climb the rough hill of life, and we all of us "can do," as the saying is, with as much as you like of sincere interest. But such is not always our lot. Hard words, and cold words, and scant sympathy, and unfriendly criticism are too often our lot in life, and though we have to submit to them, and outlive them, they are often at the time somewhat difficult of endurance and appreciation by us all. But this is the way of the world, and we shall not find its counterpart in Freemasonry. Shall we not? Let us see. We fear very much that Freemasonry still has within its system, like all other systems of earth, a lurking taint of unreality and insincerity. Yes, it is humiliating at times to note how the little-nesses of earth crop up, even in Freemasonry. The jealousy of success, the intolerance of superiority, the rivalry of trade, the competition of business, the animus of the self-seeking, and the pert vulgarity of the narrowminded, too often exhibit themselves amongst us in those "Masonic amenities," as we term them, which are such a stumbling-block in the way of Freemasonry, such a reflection on Freemasonry itself. And though the forms such Masonic amenities assume are various and variable, they yet are easily discernible by the watchful eye of the intelligent Freemason. We see them to-day amongst us in numberless instances of lodge life, and Masonic progress. If people wonder that it should be so, if Freemasons complain of the existence of such an anomaly in our Masonic profession, the answer is plain, "Nous sommes tous mortels" still, and Freemasons are not, and never will be, exempt here from the passions and frailties of humanity. But yet, an objector might say, "Surely Freemasonry always sets forth the duties of self restraint and forbearance, the importance of self discipline, and the great need and the greater benefit of a considerate and conciliatory spirit." "So it does, my dear sir," the respondent would reply, "but Freemasonry, like everything else, has many un-Masonic members, those whose theory may be right but whose

practice is different, whose Masonic profession and Masonic actions do not square." Now, as there are one or two prevailing forms which these Masonic amenities often assume, let us note them and seek to profit by the illustration. First of all, there are those who never will see any good in anything you do, propose, plan, or suggest. In lodge and out of lodge, there are those who, like Pickpoint Pashly, of forensic memory and reputation, always find points and pegs to hang something upon. In his case he was distinguished by much personal acumen and legal skill; in their case they are the magpies and the marplots of our lodges. They will always object, they will always find fault, they will never be convinced, they will never be satisfied. How many weary hours have we seen consumed in lodge meeting by the hopeless pertinacity of some brother, obstinate or impracticable, in a glorious minority of one, but yet resolute and unconvinced, even to the last? Such brethren are full of "pros and cons," and "quips" and "quiddities," and very tiresome they are, often very little deferential, to the W.M. or brethren—great nuisances, greater bores. Then there are those who always "smell a rat" in everything—the would-be sagacious and discerning. In vain you plead the common humdrum, matter-of-fact, business way of proceeding of the lodge; hopelessly you assure them that there is nothing in their supposition, they know better than you do yourself, and feel quite sure that there's more than meets the eye in some simple matter, plain as A B C. These knowing and mysterious brethren often give most needless trouble, as they will unravel a mystery where there is none, they will get to the bottom of things, where probably the thing has, so to say, no bottom at all. Very angry they are when opposed, angrier still when laughed at, as they richly deserve. There is a large class in our Order, always abounding in personalities. Personal they are, and personal they always will be, and, of course, in their hands everything becomes personal, and the lodge itself assumes the appearance of a clique or a cabal, and everything is permeated in it and outside of it by the hateful animus of unmeaning likes and dislikes, the too often dangerous and degrading influences of vulgar personality. And lastly, we have the Masonic writer who affects to criticize the articles of a confrere. As a general rule, no thoroughly true Masonic writer ever condescends to allude in an unfriendly spirit, to the writing of a brother Mason, unless in the distinct interests of truth or right, to correct an error, to put right a misstatement. If allusions are made, (it is far better, in our opinion, not to allude to contemporary writers at all), they should be made in a spirit of true criticism and Masonic forbearance. Nothing like offensive recriminations, personal animosity, vulgar coarseness, or uncourteous expressions, should ever be permitted in Masonic journalism. Some young writer, indeed, may be excused, through ignorance or ineptitude, but the old hack should be ashamed of himself, whoever he be, who prostitutes his pages in order to gratify personal vanity, or manifest very "bad form." When such writers offend against every canon of propriety, every axiom of Masonic teaching, the innermost dictates of good feeling and decency, and express themselves in language which may be English or High Dutch, or anything you like, what can you do? You simply pass them by with a sigh of pity, with a smile of contempt, as feeling assured, that they will never take up their Freedom in the great Guild of writers, honest and true, and you leave them to that sound public opinion, which always, sooner or later, decides critically and truly between the ignorant and the intelligent, the impostor and the true, the man without brains and the man with brains, the man whose words are the merest platitudes, and the man whose words are worth reading. Potts and Stark still exist in the literary world, but let us hope and trust that Masonic journalism may be long and safely preserved from their "amenities," from all that can sully and defame the free course of Masonic literature, and the forbearing and courteous character of Masonic writers. We on our part utterly condemn and despise all Masonic personalities.

MASONIC IMPOSITION.

We are not going to indulge to-day in a long tirade against that simulation of distress and suffering which very often imposes on our kind-hearted brethren. We are not intending to dilate now on that standing nuisance in some parts of the country very abounding, the travelling impostor, though much might well and seasonably be said on both topics. The real live Masonic impostor when we come across him, we think the best thing to do with him is to hand him over to the nearest policeman, and relegate him to a limited diet and temporary seclusion from society. Our remarks to-day, take as it were a wider range, and perhaps may have a more direct interest for us. We live in an age of much pretention and noisy utterance. Shallowness and self-sufficiency mark a good deal of our professions, both of sympathies and of open teaching, and we are inundated just now, as it seems to us, with a bevy of noisy talkers but not of thinkers. Ours is a great epoch of secondhand information, and most sure it is, that we like our "thoughts like clothes all ready-made." Hence we have to listen to idle themes and crude suggestions, to the reveries of the unpractical, the theories of the hazy, the hopeless chimeras of an overwrought fancy, or the unhealthy lucubration of some unreasoning sciolist. Nothing is more painful, nay humiliating than to have to wade through the turgid nonsense of some aspiring rhapsodist, or the indigested indigestible bathos of the so-called profound thinker. In nine cases out of ten such writers are impostors, amiable impostors perhaps, who have no claim to originality of any kind, and who have no pretence to careful study of the subjects they so glibly write about. Whether they have evoked their own self-conscience, as some are fond of saying just now, or no, matters nothing at all, they are blind leaders of the blind, and as they have studied nothing truly, they have nothing to communicate really. They are and will always remain "literary duffers," full of froth and noise, and oftentimes vulgar personality and pretentious pomposity, but as teachers valueless, as leaders helpless, as guides hopeless. And those of us who are conversant with the literature of the hour, must at times feel deeply moved at the spectacle before our eyes, of this hurrying and confused crowd of teachers and writers without any definite aim or distinctness of utterance. That there is a brighter side to the picture we do not deny, but we have but too faithfully, we fear, endeavoured to describe the "epidemic" which is affecting and deteriorating our current literary efforts. Of course we are well aware that much may be fairly advanced in favour and support of a free course for literature, liberty of discussion, expansion of thought, development of the conscious intellect, &c., &c., but still to our mind the "outcome" so far is not pleasant or promising, but, on the contrary, suggests very many serious considerations. And this state of things exists in Freemasonry. It has been our wont often to talk of the charlatans of the past, like Cagliostro and Fiach, and many more; but we must not shut our eyes to the fact that just now we have before us very many evidences that much that has been put forward in respect of Freemasonry is based on no accurate knowledge of the subject, has been formed with no proper "measuring rod" of the dimensions of the Masonic building, that in short our "Naometria" is neither very accurate nor very scientific. Many of us form systems, and then invent theories; many of us propound certain notions of our own, and then give them the name of the wisdom of the past. And hence practically our public teaching becomes an imposition, and we impostors Masonically. That is to say, we ventilate opinions whose bearings we have not ourselves realized; We assert conclusions of our own, which we submit as "dogmata," and without regard to abstract truth per se; we make the subjective sentiment of the moment, a bone of contention or a test of orthodoxy. We shall recur to this subject in another issue, as it is a very important one in itself, and has a good deal to do, more than we perhaps think, with the future progress and prosperity of Freemasonry.

BOYS' SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL FOR 1876.

The Boys' School Anniversary Festival took place at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday, June 28th, under the Presidency of our distinguished Bro. Lord Leigh, when upwards of £12,000 was announced by the Secretary, with twenty-one lists to come. We shall recur to the subject in our next. We beg emphatically to congratulate the House Committee and Bro. Binckes.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION. To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Simpson, in his letter published in your impression of Saturday last, rebukes me seriously for "the use" which he says "I made of the Grand Master's name, as a lever to propel my motion to success." Bro. Simpson is right in the fact, though not in the somewhat coarse explanation he gives to it. I thought I had referred sufficiently to this subject in my last letter, but holding, as I do, that when a man commits an error the only proper way is frankly to admit it, I do admit that I made a grave mistake, and I am exceedingly sorry for it. Believing, as I did, that my motion would be carried, I thought that it would add an additional zest to the satisfaction with which it would be carried to know that the Grand Master approved of it. I judged by myself and by the opinions of the many distinguished brethren upon whose judgment I place great reliance, and whom I had consulted upon it. I alone, however, am responsible for it. I alone bear the blame. I learned for the first time that a Grand Master must not express an opinion. I have served under four different Grand Masters, and although I may have once heard an expression of opinion by one of them received in silence, I never before heard the opinion of the Grand Master received with cries of "No, no." When I heard those cries, then for the first time I saw the formidable nature of the opposition to my resolutions. I unwittingly exposed our Royal Chief to this discourtesy, and I am deeply sorry for it.

I now proceed to Bro. Simpson's letter generally. He complains that I published a private letter of his without his consent. I utterly deny this. I claim that I had a perfect right to make any use I thought proper of his letter. It was in no way a private letter; it was written to me on public business, and on matters which were to be publicly discussed in the course of a few days. I am not surprised that he does not like, as he evidently does not, that the opinions he expressed to me should be known to vary so immensely from those which he expressed in Grand Lodge; but that is his concern, not mine. I claim, then, my perfect right to use his letter, and I am about to exercise that right again.

Before doing so I must premise that I do not understand Bro. Simpson, perhaps he does not understand himself. "Methinks he does protest too much"—of that, however, others will judge. On Wednesday last, by the last post, I received from Bro. Simpson a letter, in which he asks me to serve on a committee to be nominated in September next, and then goes on to say, "I confess I feel very sore at one or two of your expressions in reference to me before Grand Lodge meeting and in your recent letter, but I feel bound, both as a clergyman and a brother Mason, to sink any personal feeling I may have, in order that charity and brotherly love may abound amongst us."

At or about the very time that he wrote these words (for I believe that you do not receive communications for publication after Wednesday) he must have written the letter which appears in the "Freemason" of Saturday last. Why did he write that letter to me? and why did he so write, if he had already written, or contemplated writing, his letter to you? How singularly charity and brotherly love abound in it; how singularly practice follows profession!

Bro. Simpson labours hard to prove that the opinions he expressed in his letter to me and those declared by him in Grand Lodge are reconcilable. The artifice is too transparent, the effort is a failure. He writes, "I say now, as I said then, I think the plan of giving to St. Paul's and St. Alban's an admirable one per se—that is, by itself and in itself, and from my standpoint (as a clergyman of the Church of England), I like the idea very much." but the plan by itself was one thing and as paid for out of Grand Lodge funds another. Now, this latter part is exactly what he did not say. Was there one word in his objections to me as to Grand Lodge funds? No, but there was a reason given, and a very different one, why my plan, being admirable per se, was not perfect, and that reason Bro. Simpson gave, "because it wants that personal and living element which he thought such an occasion should possess." His present argument is an after-thought, and will not hold water. He says in the one case he had to follow his pleasure and in the other to do his duty. Some people might have thought that pleasure as a clergyman and duty as a Mason might have been together in such a case. How did our reverend brother's pleasure and duty feel in reference to his own proposition for a public service of Masons at St. Paul's, and a grant of £1000 from Grand Lodge funds to a charity in India?

In reference to the passage in my last letter, where I said "I heard Bro. Simpson's statement in Grand Lodge with amazement, when I knew that he had expressed

very reverse opinion to me," Bro. Simpson now writes, "I read this with more than amazement—with sorrow. This statement is purely imaginary, as I never so expressed myself." This is hardly courteous, but I presume is an instance of abounding charity. He never so expressed himself. Why, let any man of ordinary intelligence read Bro. Simpson's letter to me (as quoted in your impression of June 17) and say if it does not contain the very reverse of the opinions he expressed in Grand Lodge; all the special pleading in the world cannot alter the fact.

Bro. Simpson next charitably, and in a spirit of brotherly love, takes me to task for the lecture which he says I gave to Grand Lodge on "narrow-mindedness" and "selfishness." The former word I never used. It does not belong to me, and if it is in want of an owner I make Bro. Simpson a present of it. The word "selfishness" I did use, but I did not use it either in the way or with the intention which he seeks to attribute to me. The words I used were to this effect, "If you give this money to one of our own charities, will you not be thought by the world to be acting in a selfish manner?" If I gave offence by saying this, I am sorry for it, but I thought it, I still think it, and I am generally in the habit of saying what I think.

Bro. Simpson says, and here I am glad to be able to agree with him, that "he has yet to learn" that the works of restoration of churches in the provinces were paid for purely, or at all, out of Provincial Grand Lodge funds. He will learn if he enquires of any of the Provincial Grand Secretaries of the provinces. I have named that grants were made from each of the Provincial Grand Lodge funds. He may enquire further if he pleases, and with a similar result, as to the building and restoration of churches at Leamington and Nuneaton, and even in my own county, Herts. He says I must see that these are not precedents for Grand Lodge. I beg to say I do not see it. They are to my mind good and generous examples, which I think Grand Lodge might have followed with honour and advantage.

In the concluding paragraph of his postscript Bro. Simpson refers to my having forgotten the two urgent communications made by him to me to withdraw my resolution, and which communications were made on the day of Grand Lodge meeting. I received a letter from him on that day asking me to give him five minutes' conversation previous to G. Lodge. I did so, and at that meeting Bro. Simpson asked me if I would withdraw all the latter part of my resolution, offering in such case to withdraw his own. I naturally declined to do so, stating that to comply would be to deprive my resolution of its whole spirit. He urged no objection to it, but from something in his manner just before we separated I put this question to him, "Do you mean to oppose my motion on the ground that it is a grant for a denominational purpose?" He hesitated, and then replied that he should not pledge himself. That I used any overbearing threats to him I utterly deny. There were two well known Grand Officers present, and if I used any sort of threat they must have heard it.

I give Bro. Simpson every credit he deserves for the ability, the secrecy, and the subtlety with which he conducted the attack on my resolution. I had made no preparation for it, and I fully believed, until led to doubt by his hesitation in answering my last question, that he meant to run his motion fairly against mine, and I had no doubt as to the result in such case.

He says that he quite grants that the fortnight which elapsed since he wrote his letter had strongly increased his objections to my resolution. This is an unfortunate admission, because objections which had never been raised could not be increased. The only objection he had raised was that my resolution wanted the living and personal element, whatever that may be, and that he liked his own best.

Why, let me ask, did Bro. Simpson not come to me and say, "My opinions have undergone a very considerable change, I find that there are very strong objections to my resolution on what are called denominational grounds; there are equally strong objections to yours. I invite you to withdraw yours, and I will withdraw mine; if you do not I shall feel it to be my duty to drop my own motion, and to oppose yours on denominational grounds." However extraordinary this might have appeared as coming from a clergyman, it would at least have been a manly and straightforward course, and how different might have been the result.

I am sorry that I have been prolix, but I thought it right to say so much. I have now done with Bro. Simpson as far as personal matters are concerned. Any interchange of personalities between him and myself will do no good, will not alter the condition of affairs, or make us to retrieve the steps which I think we have wrongly taken. I am ready to give my help in any way that may be thought desirable, but at present I confess that I do not see my way out of the difficulty.

I proposed my resolution because it had a national as well as a Masonic object; if any one will propose a better I will willingly support it, at the same time I quite agree with your witty correspondent of last week, that to give a large sum of money to one of our own charities will not be the best way of exhibiting our generosity.

Your fraternally,
June 26th, 1876.

JOHN HAYERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A "Provincial Grand Officer," whose modesty compels him to be nameless, considers a statement I made in Grand Lodge "an absurdity." I dare say if we knew his name it would add still greater weight to his opinion, and give me a heavier blow.

My statement was to the effect that the passing of a motion in Grand Lodge to grant two donations out of Grand Lodge funds to assist in restoring and adorning two

churches of the Church of England would have been a blow to Freemasonry.

Now, Sir, I am dull enough to be of the same opinion still, and have the consolation of feeling that the brethren of Grand Lodge in the proportion of twenty to one are equally obtuse. Perhaps it may be that the fine air of the provinces gives a man clearer moral and intellectual conceptions than can be expected from our London fogs.

But, Sir, jesting apart, I do hope that when the mist raised by this controversy has passed away, we shall see plainly that we have escaped a great danger, however, veiled in archæology and illustrated by fiction.

No amount of eloquence or historical research could in the eyes of plain Englishmen alter these facts, (1) that it was proposed to grant a sum of £2000 to two churches belonging to a particular religious body, and (2) that such a proposition was never made in Grand Lodge before. Had we passed this vote where were we to stop? Why on some similar occasion should not St. Clement Danes' Church, built by Sir Christopher Wren, and one of these national monuments come in for a grant, but in this case with still stronger claims, inasmuch as there are no wealthy authorities within, and no chance of much support from without.

I quite agree with our "P.G. Officer" in his broad definition of "Charity," but do not agree with him in the opinion that because we raise a memorial on this occasion in some measure connected with one of our institutions, our "charities will be our ruin."

If he means that it would be desirable as you yourself, Sir, seem to imply, to purge our charities of the evils attendant on our present unfair and hap-hazard, system of election, I should be inclined to fall in with his gloomy forebodings, but to aid the orphan, the widow, and the aged, after most thorough investigation and according to their just claims, or to raise a memorial having some direct or indirect reference to those charities will never "ruin us." Nay, it would build us up and would lead us to erect a superstructure more perfect in its parts, and more worthy of the Great Master Builder than any "temple made with hands," which is but "a shadow of the true."

As to the queries of your correspondent, "W.T." (who also writes from some shady and anonymous spot), I would say:—

1.—I have already indicated pretty plainly why I moved a rejection of the latter part of Bro. Havers's motion. My own motion as to a thanksgiving service (not of Grand Lodge only, but of Freemasons) stood on very different grounds, as I stated in a former letter, which perhaps I cannot better illustrate than by asking "W.T." this question: Of the many men of various creeds who assembled to pay their last tribute to Sir Thomas Henry at the Roman Catholic Chapel of Kensington, how many does he think would have voted a grant from some charitable fund, of which they were trustees, for the purpose of enlarging the chapel, perhaps known to have been built by a man of well known benevolence, and who was also connected with an institution of which some of those gentlemen were members? To assemble for a moral and religious purpose in any building is one thing, to vote money for its restoration or decoration is another, and that out of funds raised for a wholly different object, and which were never before even applied for on behalf of such an object.

That we have gone out of what Bro. Havers calls "the beaten track" of Masonry in our grants the records of Grand Lodge amply, and I will add happily, testify. The fire at Chicago, the Indian Famine, the Famine in Persia, the Palestine Exploration, all bear witness that Grand Lodge is not "narrow" in its principles nor "selfish" in its beneficence, but any man with half a head can clearly see the broad line that separates these objects from that for which Bro. Havers claimed our Masonic support.

As to my Indian idea, all I can say is, that I believed, and still believe, that a general object of a charitable kind, or even of a purely Masonic kind, could have been found in India which would have appropriately linked this occasion with our M.W. Grand Master's visit, and would certainly have been more cognate to Masonry and charity and our Grand Master than St. Alban's Abbey, even though justly entitled to the Masonic antecedents which Bro. Havers claimed for it.

I have touched on these points raised by "W.T." I trust they may point to my "motives," and that if any doubt remains "W.T." as a good Mason may adopt the definition of "charity" advocated so well by our "Prov. G. Officer," and pronounce them "good motives."

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,
June 26th, 1876. R. J. SIMPSON.

[We beg to disclaim distinctly any such opinion as Bro. Simpson credits us with in respect of the elections of our charities. We do not consider our present system unfair or "haphazard," and we cannot understand to what opinion of ours Bro. Simpson alludes, or why he should quote us at all. With all deference to him such a question has not been so far raised.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was present at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, and was pained to see many things occur which can hardly be mentioned without a blush of shame rising to the faces of all who assisted by their presence. For the first time I heard hisses in Grand Lodge, yet no caution or reminder came from the chair that it was an offence specially guarded against in the Book of Constitutions. I heard a paid officer of one of the charities protest against a vote of money in which his institution was not to share. I heard, or fancied I heard, a clergyman of the Church of England object to a proposed vote as denominational, while a notice stood in his name proposing that we should all attend a cathedral service, and I heard and saw on all sides displays of temper which were most unseemly. I think it was clear to many present that the worthy and amiable Provincial Grand Master who occupied the chair

was not strong enough to control the assembly. He was not sure of his position, and in putting one of the amendments proposed he made an awkward mistake. The rule of seniority when our M.W. Grand Master, his Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, are all absent is a mistaken one, and one that has before now been productive of considerable mischief. I need not now point out how it might be amended, simply that it ought to be, and that too without delay. As for the outcome of the whole matter, I hope the committee will never be appointed. I hope our M.W. Grand Master will himself recommend how the thank-offering should be applied, and if he were to say that he thought it might be given to an hospital for incurables, the money would be applied to aid a charity lamentably inadequate to the needs of the community, and sadly neglected by most persons in favour of general and special hospitals of all kinds. I believe such a proposal would be accepted by an overwhelming majority. It could not hurt the sensibilities of a single member of Grand Lodge, and, while adopting and confirming the proceedings of the last Quarterly Communication, it would remove the stigma of selfishness so painful to the true Freemason.

Yours fraternally,

A PAST GRAND OFFICER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with deep interest the correspondence between Bros. Havers and Simpson, and the letters of other brethren who have written on the subject of the discussion at the last Quarterly Communication.

I voted against Bro. Havers's motion, and should do so again; I should have voted against the motion of which Bro. Simpson had given notice, and which he afterwards withdrew. If Bro. Havers's motion had been lost, and the original motion of Bro. Simpson's had been proposed, I should have been bound to move, as an amendment, a resolution which had been already written out and approved by many of the brethren.

Whilst I admit that great respect is due to Bro. Havers, I cannot, without a sense of humiliation, read or hear the suggestion that we should bow before his authority in a matter on which any properly constituted mind can at least form an independent opinion. His eloquence, which no one can admire more than I do, was dogmatic in its tone, and on some points questionable in taste, for whilst he had most improperly consulted H.R.H. the Grand Master on his motion, he made the impropriety of his act the more pointed by quoting the Grand Master's opinion upon a matter delicately relating to himself. The imputation that the brethren had come there with a foregone conclusion was in equally questionable taste, as it implied that no one but himself had a right to form any opinion beforehand. His "foregone conclusion" was a mistake; but it was scarcely fair or courteous to insinuate that the brethren in Grand Lodge were not open to argument and reason.

Bro. Havers questions whether the remark was apropos—that the contributions from which the vote was to be taken were derived from persons of various opinions, and that we could not expect Jews and others to regard his motion favourably. I can positively state that the brother who alluded to the Jews was immediately afterwards congratulated and thanked by Jews who were present in Grand Lodge; he has since received other expressions of approval.

I am, as many members of the Order in the north of England are, a Unitarian; and the use of Masonic money to restore and perpetuate architectural emblems derived (as I believe) from the ancient Thallus-worship would be offensive and disgusting to me and many others. I could not suffer such a thing to be done without a respectful and earnest protest. If sectarianism or denominationalism has been introduced the fault lies with the original motion.

Bro. Havers plausibly argues that the vote is asked for these buildings (St. Paul's and St. Alban's) because they are Masonic monuments, and not because they are churches belonging to a denomination. My reply is that we should bestow our votive offering upon a Masonic purpose free from the objection which applies to these two churches. If, however, Bro. Havers argues in favour of the churches not because they are places of Christian worship, but because they are Masonic monuments, how can he consistently argue against those who wish the memorial to be essentially within Masonic boundaries? If the insinuation of narrow-mindedness applies to those who think that the money should be devoted to purposes connected with the Masonic charities, does it not equally apply to those who argue that it should be devoted to enlarge or restore a Masonic architectural monument?

I am bound to say on behalf of many liberal Jewish brethren who are intimate personal friends that their modest habit of tolerance, which challenges no man's religious views, would probably have allowed the occasion to pass with only a silent negative vote or abstention from any part in the discussion, but this courteous respect for the opinions of others is not to be mistaken for approval or even indifference; and I am assured, and firmly believe that Jewish Masons generally approve of the protest made by one of the speakers on their behalf.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

50, Lincoln's-inn-fields, W.C. J. BAXTER LANGLEY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I write to ask a question, and to suggest practical action.

We who were present at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge know well what Bro. Havers's motion was. We know that Bro. Simpson's amendment "to refer the whole matter to a committee" was carried, and that, therefore, Bro. Havers's motion was not put.

When the committee is appointed and approved of by

Grand Lodge, will any brother who has Parliamentary experience tell me why the committee is debarred from recommending either £1000 to "the vague something in India," or (as Bro. Simpson seems to imagine) £1000 to St. Paul's, or £1000 to St. Alban's, or £1000 to each of all of these objects?

In any case I appeal to those who, like myself, agree in every word that Bro. Havers said, and to those who, not agreeing in all he said, would still support the resolution he proposed, and I ask them to come forward and out of their own pockets give a thank-offering for the return of our beloved Grand Master from his perilous journey. I propose to give £20 provided that 100 brethren will give or collect the same before the Grand Lodge to be held in September next, the sum collected to be divided into two equal parts for St. Paul's and St. Alban's.

Let those who agree with Bro. Simpson do the same if they please.

And let those who object to spend anything on objects extraneous to the Order make any appeal they please for purely Masonic purposes. But let us do something at once.

Yours fraternally,

I.P.M.

OF PROPOSING (JOINING) MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have just received the "Freemason" for the 1st April, and wish to draw attention to one point in the letter therein of "S.P." in reply to "A Secretary." From the evident ability of the writer, and his position in the Craft, no doubt his construction of the law will generally be taken ex cathedra, and therefore the more necessary, I think, that attention should be drawn to any point in his letter to which exception may fairly be taken. Long before this will reach you some other brother may probably have already performed the same duty, and so spared you the trouble of publishing this letter. If not, I would say that the only point in which I differ from Bro. "S.P.'s" propounding of the law is with respect to his proposing of joining members. "S.P." says casually that a joining member can only be proposed at a regular meeting, in contradistinction to a candidate for initiation who may be proposed at a lodge of emergency, or as otherwise provided "in writing." I venture to italicise Bro. "S.P.'s" words:—"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 meeting—at any lodge meeting, even a lodge of emergency." Now, referring to the Constitutions, I do not see that this distinction as marked in italics exists. The wording of the law is, "No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge without a regular proposition in open lodge," and "No person shall be made a Mason without a regular proposition at one lodge." Where is the distinction? What is done at a lodge of emergency is as much done in open lodge as if at a regular meeting, and it appears to me that the word "open" in the passage relating to the proposing of joining members is not in opposition to the first clause in the corresponding passage relating to the proposing of initiates, but rather to the proviso for cases of emergency made in the second clause of the same passage, that in fact, propositions of members, whether for joining or initiation, can be regularly made at any lodge, whether regular or emergent, and that, further, under certain conditions provided and so carefully explained in "S.P.'s" letter, candidates for initiation can be proposed "in writing"—an exception that does not apply to joining members.

Yours fraternally,

W. S. L.

Cradock, South Africa, 10th May, 1876.

CORRECT MASONRY—WHAT IS IT?

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your columns of the 17th ult. appears a letter bearing on the meeting, held on June 2nd, of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, at Peterborough, which afforded the said meeting an opportunity for laying the foundation-stone of the new aisle which is to be added to the Church of St. Mary, of that city. After the usual form and applications necessary on such an occasion the stone was fixed, and pronounced, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, well and truly laid. Whether the Holy Trinity used in the sense referred to is in accordance with the Constitutions of England I am unable to say, never having seen a copy myself. However, in Scotland the Constitution is plain and clear on the subject, which is as follows:—"The stone is placed on the bed according to the rules of Masonry, the closing ceremony is finished by the Grand Master or other presiding brother giving the stone three k—s saying, 'May the Almighty Architect of the Universe look down with benignity upon our present undertaking, and crown the edifice, of which we have now laid the foundation, with every success.'"

Freemasonry is truth, and all truth must be identical, but the origin of each is different, their histories are unlike. The principles of Freemasonry preceded the advent of Christianity; its symbols and its marvellous tales were derived from the "Solomonic Temple." Why, I ask, this christianization of our ancient Order? If I understand Freemasonry aright it is a high standard of morality, and if we as Masons attain to the above platform we do well; if the aspirations of a brother go higher his mind is actuated by Divine truth and not human wisdom—it is mere human wisdom Freemasonry presumes to inculcate. I think it would be well for those of our brethren who occupy high places in the Craft to study well the ceremonies they are about to be engaged in before an outer world, who know nothing of our internal workings. This would be a means, in my opinion, to obviate much unpleasantness and discussion as in the present instance (the innovation of the Trinity). This, from a Masonic standpoint, is an error

which materially affects the cosmopolitan character of our institution. The universality of Freemasonry is its boast; then as a brotherhood let us hold fast to a universal method, so that citizens of every nation may conscientiously partake of its illuminations, and converse in its language. At its altars men of all religions could kneel, to its creed disciples of every faith may subscribe. "Correct Masonry—what is it?" In short, it is just this—"Doing all the good in your power to others, expecting nothing to flow back to yourself." Such is the spirit of Freemasonry. As a Mason I have no right to advance a religious sentiment, well knowing it would wound the feelings of a brother or brothers. Our Order is world-spread, we therefore cannot allow in our public ceremonies what we do not teach in subordinate lodges. All Masonic deeds are unsectarian, with the exception of belief. In this we must be all of one mind, viz., believing in the glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, and practice the sacred duties of morality. These are the only qualifications St. John's Masonry demands.

Yours fraternally,

P. ROBERTSON.

Lennoxton, June 19th, 1876.

MASONIC LAW.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was told 40 years ago, by the then W.M. of our lodge, that Masonry possesses many great and invaluable privileges, but in order to secure those privileges to worthy men, and, we trust, to worthy men alone, vows of fidelity were required. I made those vows, that I might be entitled to those privileges, and I always thought that those who did not make them would not be entitled. Judge my surprise when I see that lodges are constantly in the habit of voting large sums of money out of their funds for the benefit of the profane world, who are not Masons. This, I believe, is contrary to our Book of Constitutions. If I am wrong I shall be glad if you or some other brother will refer me to the paragraph and page of that book that gives lodges that power. I have been a P.M. for 35 years, and I have looked it over and over again and can find no such power.

Yours very fraternally,

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

HONORARY MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

No one seems inclined to reply to the question as to the status of honorary members, and so I will do so, the subject being certainly well worthy and susceptible of an authoritative answer.

The Board of General Purposes, and the Colonial Board, reported to the Grand Lodge on the 7th December, 1864, as follows, which report was carried:—

"The Board having consulted the Grand Registrar in the matter, beg to state that they coincide with him in the opinion that the Book of Constitutions does not in any wise recognise honorary members of private lodges. When that book speaks of members it means only those brethren who are regularly contributing members to the funds of the lodge to which they may belong. Such brethren only ought to be returned to Grand Lodge as members of private lodges. The status of an honorary member must be strictly confined to the lodge which so elects him, and can in no way give him any position in the Craft outside the door of his lodge. He cannot, therefore, hold any office in the lodge, or vote upon any subject which might even remotely affect the Craft at large; in short, that his status and privileges as an honorary member entitle him to attend the meetings of the lodge, and partake of its refreshments, without the necessity of being introduced by a subscribing member. Honorary members have no other rights or privileges whatever."

It will be seen that honorary members have simply the privilege of nominal membership of lodges, such as the receipt of the circulars and other business communications, and, as noted in the foregoing, in addition to the rights they already possess by subscribing to lodges, and in the event of such brethren ceasing to subscribe annually to a lodge they are debarred from visiting even the lodges of which they have been elected honorary members, excepting in accordance with Clause 3 "Of Visitors" (Book of Constitutions, p. 89, edit. 1875).

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Reviews.

CUI BONO MASONRY? By the late FRANCIS MASON, M.A., D.D. Edited by E. G. MAN, Barrister-at-Law.—Cassell, Petter, and Galpin.

We have read this work with much interest. Bro. Mason was a missionary of the Baptist Society, in Burmah, among the Karens. He was a man of great energy and linguistic acquirements, and has left behind him a goodly amount of work in the shape of portions of the Bible and New Testament manuals, and many other useful works, in the Karen and other dialects. He laboured in his honourable vocation in Burmah for forty-four years, and died at Rangoon in 1873, having just previous to his death been appointed professor of Pali, at the Government High School of Burmah. The list of his various valuable educational and religious translations fills over two pages, and we cannot but express our warm feelings of admiration at so useful and hardworking and elevated a career. We regret deeply to hear, as too often happens to be the case that his widow is not in affluent circumstances, and this fact has induced Bro. E. G. Man, D.G. Registrar of British Burmah, to edit this posthumous work of his. Bro. Mason, who was originally made a Freemason, it appears, in Missouri, U.S., and received his degrees from Judge Bates, then W.M. of his mother lodge, the name of which is not given, was made G. Deacon of the G

Lodge in Missouri about 1813. In fact, at the time of his death Bro. Mason had been fifty years a Freemason. That he saw its intense reality, and means of good, that amid his civilizing and religious labours, he could put on paper his high estimate of the undoubted value of Freemasonry, is the best answer, in our opinion, to many a violent anathema, and many a vulgar malediction. We rejoice greatly in having the lifelong testimony of such a good worker, and true-hearted and enlightened man, in favour of our most calumniated fraternity. The book, as it is, is the development of lectures delivered in Lodge Greenlaw, 1875, Toungoo Burmah, January, 1871, and no doubt, had the writer lived, would have received those touches, and that final arrangement of the argument which the hand and mind of the author alone could give to it. As it is, it is a very emphatic commendation of Freemasonry per se, and deserves the attention of all Masonic book collectors, and all Masonic students. We earnestly commend it to the notice of all our reading brethren, and to all lodge libraries, and we hope that it will be ordered for our own Grand Lodge Library.

LINKS IN THE CHAIN OF EVIDENCE, CONNECTING ISRAEL AND ENGLAND. By Bro. J. LEYLAND FEILDEN.—London: W. H. Guest.

This is too abstruse a book for our limited pages, inasmuch as it would demand too much space. Those who wish to see a review of it must be so good as to obtain the "Masonic Magazine" for August. W.F.A.

CONSECRATION OF THE CRIPPLE-GATE LODGE (No. 1613).

A new Lodge for the Ward of Cripplegate was consecrated on Saturday last at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, by Bro. Terry. At the opening of the lodge its formation was Bro. James Terry, W.M.; H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treasurer Middlesex, S.W.; H. Howard Hodges, P. Prov. G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, J.W.; Robert Abbott, Secretary; John Constable, I.G.; and Bro. W. J. Crutch, D.C. Bro. Fred. H. Cozens was Organist, and was assisted in his duties by Bros. T. J. W. Simons, G. T. Carter, and Chaplin Henry. The other brethren of the lodge present were: W. R. Baker, E. R. Bright, Fred. King, John Curle, S. Cohen, W. Medwin. The visitors were A. Treadwell, W.M. 177; Ephraim Davey, 1566; W. T. Scott, S.W. 9; W. G. Durrant, S.D. 1056; J. Bingemann, P.M. 55; W.M. 1599; E. Legg, W.M. 861; J. L. Cogan, S.W. 1365; A. Robbins, P.M. 1056; W. J. Bishop, 180; T. A. Hussey, 180; H. J. Felton, 1056; A. Caink, 1056; J. Harris, 657; L. Boulton, 1056; F. Herold, 1056; D. Posener, J.W. 183; S.W. 1227; C. Gannon, P.M. 195; W. S. Nichols, I.G. 209; H. Massey, P.M. 619 ("Freemason"); U. Knell, J.D. 862, 1471; G. F. Wilson, 569; N. D. Partridge, W.S. 1449; G. Abbott, P.M. 192; J. P. Allen, 933; A. A. Pendlebury, P.M. 1056; G. W. W. Wilson, 1009; T. T. Moon, 1424; C. S. Pearce, 65; G. B. Payne, P.M. 27; Levy, P.M. 188; N. Reed, I.G. 765; J.D. 1572, S.D. 1601; C. Archer, 1426; J. Morton, P.M. 1056; G. Wilson, P.M. 178; F. Jackson, 1475; E. Matthews, W.S. 65; J. B. Lemaitre, P.M. 12; C. Spongler, 12; and E. Harfeld, P.M. 185.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation were most ably performed, the whole of the proceedings passing off without the slightest hitch or hesitation of any sort, and the vocal portions being rendered with professional accuracy. Bro. J. R. Foulger, Citizen and Spectacle-maker, P.M. 177, was installed W.M., who invested Bros. E. Coste, P.M. 9, I.P.M.; G. M. Felton, Citizen and Loriner, S.W. 1056, S.W.; Bro. C. J. Benson, Citizen and Spectacle-maker, 192, J.W.; Bro. J. C. Clarke, Treasurer; Bro. Robert Abbott, Secretary; F. M. M'Carthy, S.D.; Bro. Groner, J.D.; Bro. Seares, I.G.; Bro. Stephenson, D.C.; Bro. Clark, W.S.; and Bro. W. Steedman, Tyler.

Three propositions for initiation and two for joining were made, and the J.W. afterwards proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Terry and the other consecrating officers for performing the ceremony. This was seconded by Bro. Coste, and carried unanimously, the W.M. remarking that he had never heard the ceremony so ably rendered as he had that day.

Brother Terry acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and the other brethren who had assisted. It had afforded him infinite pleasure to see Bro. Foulger again installed as the W.M. of a lodge, as he was sure the choice of the brethren had fallen on a most worthy brother. That he and the brethren who formed the lodge might have every prosperity in the

lodge was the earnest desire of him (Bro. Terry) and the other brethren who had assisted, and they hoped they might have the pleasure of frequently coming to the lodge and witnessing its prosperity.

The S.W. and Bro. Coste moved and seconded honorary membership to the consecrating brethren, which was unanimously adopted; and Bros. Buss, Hodges, Constable, and Crutch replied, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet provided in the large hall by Bro. Jennings.

This having been partaken of, grace was sung by the professional brethren, and the usual toasts were proposed.

The W.M. in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said it was a pleasure to all Masons to drink the health of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, not only from their feelings of loyalty and because she was patroness of the Order, but because members of her family did "aprons put on, to make themselves one, with a Free and Accepted Mason." In giving "The M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said that all Masons were delighted at the Prince of Wales's return from his long and tedious journey; but they were also greatly pleased to find that he had been so well received, and that wherever a body of Freemasons was to be found in the course of his travels they gave him a hearty welcome. To those who were Masons on distant shores the Freemasons of England returned their most sincere thanks for the reception they accorded the M.W.G.M. The Prince of Wales was always ready, willing, and anxious to support Freemasons in everything they brought forward in a just and righteous cause. He was also looked upon as the right hand of Freemasons and as a G.M. who did credit to the order. No matter whether in India or in England we found he was well and heartily received, and Masons considered that such a reception he heartily deserved. The toast of "the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," the W.M. said, was one equally interesting to Freemasons. He was a brother who they found working hard in the Imperial Parliament for the welfare of his fellowmen in distant climes, and also among our legislators for the welfare of England in defending and directing our laws. He was always to be found at hand in giving a helping hand to Freemasonry whenever required; in fact he was a most industrious worker in the Craft, whose welfare he had at heart. "The Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers," which was the next toast, all of whom were most anxious and willing to do all they could for the brethren, introduced the subject of Grand Secretary's absence from this consecration, and the W.M. said that Bro. Hervey had sent him a letter to say it was with extreme regret he was compelled to be elsewhere. The President of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. Monckton, had also expressed his regret that he was not able to be with the brethren that evening, but he wished every success to the Cripplegate Lodge. Bro. E. Coste, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." The W.M. had placed him that evening in the position of the P.M. for the ensuing year, and he had to thank the brethren for recognising him in that position. It was with great pleasure he proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and it was with all sincerity he proposed it, for he had known Bro. Foulger for many years, and he was quite sure there was not a brother who did not hold him in the highest esteem. Every brother in the lodge was proud to think that he had been designated as the W.M. of the Cripplegate Lodge. They could not find a better brother to preside over them, and they all hoped he would have a most successful year. He trusted that all the other officers of the lodge would do their utmost to make it so.

The W.M. said in reply: I rise on this occasion with the greatest diffidence. I know scarcely what to say. I have to thank you for the very kind manner in which you have received the toast and drunk my health. I think you have received it and drunk it heartily, cordially, and with all that brotherly feeling which should always exist among Freemasons. It is true that I have been in Cripplegate Ward for

many years, and I feel proud of being selected as the first W.M. of this lodge. I feel proud that the brethren have had sufficient confidence in me to place me in the superior position to preside over them for the forthcoming year. I certainly was alarmed at the first onset when the movement was started in the ward, and the brethren of the ward rallied round each other and decided that application should be made for a warrant to be granted for this lodge, and that I should be their Master. I feel that the distinguished honour conferred on me is really an honour that I did not deserve, because I think there might have been found a more distinguished brother. Be that as it may, it was decided that I should be the man, and I will endeavour to do all in my power to prevent you regretting your choice. I hope the Cripplegate Lodge will be what we intend it to be, a lodge of true and faithful brethren, true to each other and faithful to the Craft; to do all that is honourable in Masonry—that Masonry shall be proud of having such men in the field; that we shall do what is necessary, and all we can, in our charities, which really are the groundwork of Masonry. Although charity may begin at home, I hope we will begin in such a manner that it will be felt at Grand Lodge that Cripplegate was the proper locality to start a meeting place for Freemasons, where honour should be done to the Craft. I hope it will be; I feel it will be. Of course we are a young lodge at present. We cannot talk of the services of this lodge, but I feel that charity is the first step that we can take to make Masonry truthfully known to the outer world; at any rate, although the outer world are not acquainted with our mysteries and our secrets, they are acquainted with this fact, that we have most noble institutions, schools for the education of our brethren's children, and an asylum for the old men and old women. This the outer world does know, and I often hear them say they think there is something in Freemasonry more than they really know of it, or such large sums would not appear in the newspapers as they see subscribed to the Benevolent Institution and the Schools. This is the something the outside world are really inquisitive about. They must come among us to learn it, and I hope they will find that there is really something in the Cripplegate Lodge. We do not mean in the common acceptance of the term that we are all cripples in this ward, although I believe in 1010 Edmund the Martyr, the first King of the East Angles, as he was called, who died in the country, was borne through this parish, and, as was the custom then, the cripples assembled at Cripplegate, believing that there was some peculiar charm in it to heal their infirmities, and it is said that as the body passed the cripples all danced and sang. I do not know if that is true or not, as I was not there to see; it may be only a matter of history; but from history I have other information with regard to Cripplegate. In Cripplegate lie the ashes of some of the celebrated dead of this country. Milton, our great poet, Foxe, the great writer of the "Book of Martyrs," are both buried in Cripplegate Church. We have records to shew that Whittington resided in Cripplegate, and that in 1244 Cripple Gate was rebuilt by the brewers of London, and in those days the cripples used to assemble round that gate to gather the alms. But we find that masonry is not altogether unknown in Cripplegate; for we hear of a lodge called the Bedford Lodge in 1739 being held at the Mitre in Union-street, Cripplegate. We have still a Union-street, Cripplegate, but not a "Mitre" there. We have the Five Bells, and that is probably the same house. I merely mention that by the way; but it is a fact that we have Masonry in Cripplegate from 1739. In 1776 it conformed to the rules of Grand Lodge of England under Lord Blaney, Grand Master, and the number of the lodge was No. 364. The initiation fee was then a guinea; the visitor's fee 1s. 6d. (Laughter.) The quarterly subscription 2s. 6d.; and the supper charge was 6d. (great laughter), not the same price as the Albion certainly. (Laughter.) In 1791, according to Masonic history, which I have been reading carefully, I find that this particular lodge was honoured by the preference given to it by His Royal Highness the Prince

of Wales, then the Grand Master of England, who commanded that the gentlemen of his household should be initiated in that lodge, and they were so initiated. So that I wish it to be understood that Masonry is not altogether new in the ward of Cripplegate. We are very pleased to find that Masonry was sustained here many years before we ever thought of Masonry, or before we were born, and when Masonry belonged to very few. I feel proud of the ward of Cripplegate, which has something to do with my history. The very first ground I planted my boot on in London—for I was country-born—was in the ward of Cripplegate. The first residence that I had in London was in the ward of Cripplegate; all my success in life has been in the ward of Cripplegate; I married in the ward of Cripplegate; my children were born in the ward of Cripplegate, they were baptised at Cripplegate Church, everything connected with me has been in the ward of Cripplegate; I am a freeman of the ward of Cripplegate; I took up my livery in the ward of Cripplegate, and as we say in all our ward dinners, "May the ward flourish root and branch!" It is not for the root to grow and the branches to wither, but for both to flourish, and I believe we shall flourish and that the good ship will, with good pilots on board and careful steersmen, sail with safety through all the dangers that may beset us. So much for Cripplegate. But having said so much for the ward let me speak of the Cripplegate Lodge. Let it be known to the world and known to ourselves that we have started in earnest to do what is right in the history of Freemasonry. Let us all believe in brotherly love, relief, and truth. Let us do as much as within us lies; let us do all that is not detrimental to ourselves and connections to promote the interests of Freemasonry at large. That is what we really intend to do, what is right, what may be considered necessary for the interest of the Craft and the welfare of Freemasonry. Of course we are yet but young Freemasons; we cannot talk about our traditions; we can only hope we shall be able to put ourselves in a position second to none in the Craft so far as the Cripplegate Lodge is concerned. With that, I beg to thank you for the kind manner in which you have placed me at the top of the tree in this lodge, and I hope we shall go on through the ensuing year most prosperously, and that future years may be as successful as we will endeavour to make the present. (Cheers.)

The W.M. afterwards proposed the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," which he said, from the known ability of these brethren, relieved him of the necessity of making many remarks. The lodge owed a deep debt of gratitude to the consecrating officers for their services in launching the lodge into working order. Bro. Terry, in thanking the brethren for the toast on the part of himself and his brother officers, said they all highly appreciated the compliment which had been paid them. Referring to some of the historical circumstances mentioned by the W.M. he said it was a fortunate thing that the W.M. was not present at Cripplegate in 1010 when the ashes of Edmund, King and Martyr, went through the gate, as he might have put rather a rough hand upon some of the cripples and taken them before the Lord Mayor. Men must be made for the time; and it was also a circumstance for congratulation that the poor cripples did not live in 1876, although he had, as far as he could, provided against casualties, and to give a tone to the Cripplegate Lodge, had come prepared, thinking that the cripples could not have a better support than a crutch, he had brought his friend Bro. Crutch that evening to help them. (Laughter.) He had also brought with him a Constable, who, he thought, would be a fit assistant for the W.M. (Renewed laughter.) And they must also remember that these indefatigable brethren had yet a further officer to assist them in keeping order, for the prison "Buss" was by his side. (Renewed laughter.) They were all so interlocked one way and the other that they could not move without being of mutual assistance; and he was pleased to think that he had been able to bring such able help that evening. For himself he hoped he was not too "Terry"—ble to be looked at. (Laughter.)

He and the other consecrating officers were very

proud at being elected honorary members of the Cripplegate Lodge, a lodge which was connected with so renowned a locality as had been referred to by the W.M. From the narrative of the connection of the Ward of Cripplegate with the illustrious dead which they had heard it was clear that the W.M. had reason to be proud of his connection with it. He had said that he was married in it, and that his children were born and brought up in it. The lodge might congratulate the ward that though it was the ward of Cripplegate it had not turned out cripples. There certainly was not one in that room. He had expected to see some other eminent Freemasons there that evening, and he thought that they would deeply regret their absence when they came to learn the splendid reception which had been accorded to those who had taken part in the establishment of the lodge. Brother Terry concluded by again thanking the W.M. and brethren of the lodge for the toast, and wishing the greatest prosperity to the lodge.

The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors" of the names of whom there were three or four columns on the signature book. The lodge was very proud to have them in their midst, and he hoped they would go away with a good report of what they had witnessed.

Bro. Abbott, P.M. 192, who was one of the respondents, said he felt great interest in the welfare of the Cripplegate Lodge, because many of its members were members of his own lodge. The brethren of that lodge were first afraid that they would lose many of their own members by the establishment of the Cripplegate Lodge. That fear, however, has passed away, and the lodge recommended the prayer of the petition for a warrant. Some of the brethren of 192 were chosen as officers of the Cripplegate, and three of them he might claim as his own children.

Bro. Scott, S.W. 91, also replied, and expressed his pleasure at the performance he had witnessed. Referring to the working of the W.M., he could not help expecting that the Cripplegate Lodge would have great success. In the W.M. and his officers it had brethren who would conduct it safely through any troubles and difficulties that might arise. Many brethren of his own lodge (No. 91) were members of this lodge, and this enabled him to speak with much confidence, for he knew what they were. His own lodge was of course always uppermost in his mind, and with respect to it he could not help saying—

"Where'er I go, whatever realms I see,
My heart, untrammelled, still returns to thee."

Bro. Wilson also replied, speaking in the same high high terms of the W.M., officers, and brethren.

The W.M. next gave "The Recommending Lodge," for which Bro. A. Treadwell, W.M. 177, returned thanks. Bro. Foulger was initiated in that lodge and passed through all its offices; had been a member of that lodge twenty-one years, and was highly respected there.

The W.M. next proposed "The Masonic Charities," and said that he felt the Cripplegate Lodge would prosper, and as it prospered it would remember the Masonic Charities. He begged to thank Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, and the lodge would show its appreciation of its services that evening by assisting his institution. He would suggest that the Benevolent Institution should be first remembered by the Cripplegate Lodge.

Bro. James Terry replied: 285 brethren had enrolled themselves as Stewards for the Boys' Festival, when a still larger subscription than that of last year was expected. He hoped that would be the forerunner of still larger success in 1877 for the other two institutions. Whether in London or in the provinces the most generous support had been accorded to all three institutions. Some brethren had, perhaps, a fancy for one institution above another; but, taken altogether, the various Committees might congratulate themselves that the support was most liberally extended. £9380 was subscribed at the last Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and it certainly could not be said that the Craft failed in its duty on that occasion. £8200, notwithstanding the illness of the Secretary to the Girls' School, was subscribed in May to that institution, and at least £14,000 was ex-

pected for the Boys on the 28th inst. This would make some £32,000; but let not the brethren run away with the idea that because this was a large sum the institution could not spend it all; neither let them think that because there was no election for the old men last time they could do without an election in future; nor because they took on twenty-one widows out of thirty-one they had so much money they did not know what to do with it. For this institution there was but one election in the year, and the Committee were desirous to put on all they could, so that the poor people might not have to wait another year. The Committee had agreed to pay each annuitant an increase of £4 a year, which, although it might appear a small sum, was a very large increase for a poor old man or woman. There were three poor old women who were not successful at last election, but each of them being 80 years of age and upwards, the Committee, as they had the power, took them on the fund without election. The Girls' School Committee were going to lay out a large sum of money on a new wing to the school, and no one who had been down there could help coming away with the determination to do all he could for that institution. With regard to the Boys' School, they had heard from its energetic Secretary, their Hercules, a man of most gigantic stature, of tremendous mind, and of irresistible force when he was determined to carry a point, that he was determined to beat the other two Secretaries. He (Bro. Terry) hoped he would not be disappointed, but that the Craft would support him. All three had but one object in view, to go on and prosper to the utmost extent. The W.M.'s suggestion that the lodge should first support the Benevolent Institution was a very kind one, and he should feel that his attendance to consecrate the lodge had not been without effect. He saw many brethren round the table who had nobly supported him in the past, and he saw no reason to doubt that they would do so again. He hoped that each brother as he was initiated would think that upon his own shoulders, on his own efforts, would depend the success of each institution, and if they could only get the young members coming in to take the same interest as the old ones, there was a bright future opening before them. There would go forth to the world, not with a view of bringing them into the Order, an account of the large subscriptions to the institutions; and there would be brought into the Order good, true, and faithful men, who would not be speculative Masons, but Masons in heart and fact, who would contribute largely to the support of the Masonic Institutions. (Cheers.)

Bro. Corke, Treasurer, proposed that a list should be at once commenced, and offered to give ten or fifteen guineas towards it. The lodge would thus show practically the gratitude it felt to Bro. Terry and those brethren who had assisted him in the consecration of the lodge. It would be the pride of his heart if before Bro. Terry left that evening he (Bro. Corke) could place in his hands a cheque for £50 to make the Cripplegate Lodge Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Abbot, the Secretary, his partner, would also put £15. The brethren had met in social intercourse to do good and to be charitable, and he hoped they would support them. If they would promise to do so, he (Bro. Corke) would at once give Bro. Terry a cheque for £50. (Great cheering.)

The S.W., the J.W., the I.P.M. each added £5 5s. to the list, and in a few minutes Bro. Coste informed Bro. Terry that the list amounted to £60.

Bro. Terry then rose to thank the brethren. He said that of the sixty-one lodges he had consecrated the Cripplegate was the first that had paid him such a compliment. He hoped the other sixty would bestir themselves to emulate the Cripplegate. He trusted that much good would result from it. Long might the Grand Master be spared to grant warrants for such lodges as this.

The W.M. said that as the lodge intended to become Vice-President of all the institutions, a cheque for £50 would be given to Bro. Terry, and the other £10 would go towards the list for one of the other institutions.

"The Officers" was the next toast, to which

there was a hearty response by the Treasurer (who thanked the visitors very much for assisting) The Secretary, the Wardens and Deacons.

Bro. H. Massey replied for the "Freemason" to the toast of "The Masonic Press," and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. There was some excellent singing during the evening by Bros. Fred. H. Cozens, T. W. Simons, G. T. Carter and Chaplin Henry.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 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, JULY 1.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1194, Villiers, Grotto Hot., Twickenham.
Precep. 127, Bard of Avon, Hampton-court.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-square.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.

MONDAY, JULY 3.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

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.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Sydney, White Hart Ho., Church-rd., Upper Norwood.

TUESDAY, JULY 4.

Colonial Board, at 3.
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Stanmore.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
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, Wheatsheaf 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, JULY 5.

Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Room, Leytonstone.
Precep. 129, Holy Palestine, Café Royal, Regent-street.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, M.H., Bushall-st.
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.
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.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, Lion Lon Wall.
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.

THURSDAY, JULY 6.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Wimbledon Club Lecture Hall.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Ebony, 12, Pensonby-st., Milbank.
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., Albany-rd., Dalston.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.

FRIDAY, JULY 7.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
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.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Metropolitan, Pentonville-rd.
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.

Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hot., Buckhurst-hill.
Burdett Courts, 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 July 8, 1876.

MONDAY, JULY 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.

TUESDAY, JULY 4.

- Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 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.
Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, M.H., Prescot.
" 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.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Harmonic L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge, 65, W., Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JULY 6.

- Lodge 249, 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.
Precep. Alpess M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JULY 7.

- Lodge 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, July 8, 1876.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, JULY 3.

- Lodge 124, Kilwinning, Union Tav., Ayr.
" 129, St. Mirren, 5, Moss-st., Paisley.
" 138, Operative, Blue Bell Hot., Ayr.
" 237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.
" 332, Union, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 581, Plantation, Craigiehall-st., Glasgow.
Chap. 53, Dumbarton, Elephant Hot., Dumbarton.
" 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.

TUESDAY, JULY 4.

- Lodge 33, St. John, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 7, Hamilton, Kilwinning M.H.
" 68, Doric, 44, Church-st., Port Glasgow.
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
" 173, St. John, M.H., Largs.
" 177, St. James's, M.H., Coatbridge.
" 233, Hamilton, Spaldings Hot., Hamilton.
" 406, St. John, Dalziel, M.H., Motherwell.
" 433, St. Thomas, Eglinton Hot., Dalmellington.
" 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.
" 442, Neptune Kilwinning, Prince's-lane, Ardrossan.
" 497, St. John's, Brewery Lesser Hall, Catrine.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5.

- Lodge 0, Mother Kilwinning, M.H., Kilwinning.
" 4, Kilwinning, 162, Kent-rd., Glasgow.
" 21, Old St. John, M.H., Lanark.
" 86, Navigation, Arms Hot., Troon.
" 117, St. Mary, Douglas-st., Partick.
" 126, St. Andrew, George Hot., Kilmarnock.
" 128, St. John, M.H., Shettleston.
" 166, St. John, M.H., Airdrie.
" 198, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Maybole.
" 202, St. Clement's, Com. Hot., Kilmarnock.
" 331, St. Peter's, Portland Arms, Galston.
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
" 571, Dramatic, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate, Glasgw.

THURSDAY, JULY 6.

- Lodge 11, St. John's, King's Arms, Maybole.
" 22, St. John Kilwinning, George Hot., Kilmarnock.
" 149, St. Andrew, Masons' Arms., Irvine.
" 157, St. John, M.H., Beith.
" 165, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.
" 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart H., Dalry.
" 320, St. John, M.H., Salcoats and Ardrossan.
" 370, Renfrew, M.H., High-st., Paisley.
" 465, St. Andrew, M.H., Garngad-rd.
" 547, Stewart, M.H., Kilsyth.
Chap. 114, Baron of Renfrew, M.H., Renfrew.

- FRIDAY, JULY 7.
Lodge 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
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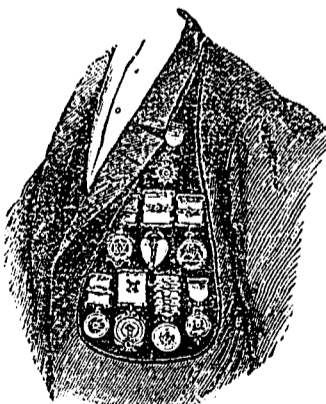
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