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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**PYTHAGOREAN LODGE (No. 79).**—The installation meeting of this very old and highly prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. The business being more than usually heavy for an installation night, the lodge was opened early, and shortly after four o'clock the chair was taken by Bro. John Shaw, W.M., supported by his officers. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes' ballots were taken for Bro. C. A. Robinson, of the Nelson Lodge, No. 700, as a joining member, and for Messrs. Henry Jarrett and John Payne as candidates for initiation, all of which being favourable, the two last-named gentlemen were severally introduced and admitted into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Following these Bros. Bowman and Featherstone, after the usual preliminary examination, were in a very impressive manner raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The report of the Audit Committee next claimed attention, and on the motion of Bro. Dennis, P.M., seconded by Bro. Wilkins, S.D., it was ordered to be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes. Visitors now began to drop in to assist at the ceremony of installation, which was very ably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. John Shaw, who having placed the S.W. and W.M. elect, Bro. J. Hooper Wilkins in the chair of K.S., was in his turn immediately invested as I.P.M. The Board of Installed Masters, numbering no less than twenty-three, after the usual congratulations to Bro. Wilkins on his promotion, was declared closed, the brethren below the chair were admitted, and the ceremony proceeded with. The W.M. then appointed and installed his officers as follows:—Bros. Dussier, S.W.; Partridge, J.W.; Penny, P.M., Treas.; Doughney, P.M., Sec.; Fowler, S.D.; Bell, J.D.; Parsons, I.G.; West Smith, P.M., M. of Cer.; Kipps, Org.; Core-dery, W.S.; and Riley, Tyler. The latter being absent through ill-health, was invested by deputy. A sum of ten pounds was then voted from the funds of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to be placed on Bro. Dennis's list, and a further sum of ten guineas to the Boys' School to be placed on the list of Bro. Bancey, P.M., P.P.G. Purst. Middx. The brethren then sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Pycroft in his best style, and to which ample justice was done. The evening being now far advanced but little time was left for speech-making, though the most was made of what there was to spare. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The R.W. the Pro Grand Master," "The R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and the Rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," that of "The Worshipful Master" followed, to which he briefly replied. Next came the Initiates, which was responded to in a few chosen words. Time now made sad havoc among the guests, and as the iron horse would not wait for those who were returning to town, and who must of necessity catch the last train, the brethren were sadly disappointed at what appeared to be such an abrupt termination of the evening's enjoyment. Bro. Binckes, however, snatched a few moments to reply, in his usual felicitous style, for "The Visitors," and Bro. Terry followed his example on behalf of "The Charities." "The Health of the I.P.M." came next in order, and the W.M. invested him with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which he tendered him in the name of the lodge, at the same time hoping that he would live many years to wear it. After a suitable reply the other toasts followed in rapid succession, the W.M. remarking, as he gave that of "The Officers of the Lodge," that he hoped they would assist him to the best of their ability during his year of office, and that above all, they would be regular and punctual in their attendance, as a head without the other members of the body would be absolutely useless. With the Tyler's toast a most pleasant, if somewhat protracted, meeting came to a close. We must not omit to mention that Bros. Beckwith, Bowman, and others, under the leadership of Bro. Kipps, the Organist, interspersed the proceedings with some excellent songs, but these, like the speeches, were far less numerous than they would have been had there been more time at disposal. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Binckes, Sec. Boys' School; Terry, Sec. R.M.B. Inst.; Sabine, P.M. 73, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; Free, P.M. and Sec. 73; Blum, P.M. 1017; and others; and letters of apology were received from Bro. Col. Burdett, P.G.M. Middx., and Bro. John Hervey, Grand Sec.

**LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst. at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. The lodge was opened with due solemnity by the W.M., Bro. Lewis Lazarus, who acquitted himself most admirably in rendering the several degrees. A ballot was taken for Mr. W. N. Osborne, who was duly initiated into the Order. Bros. Wilanski and Buck were passed to the Second Degree. The Secretary read various communications to the lodge, which were properly disposed of. Bro. Spiegel addressed the lodge on the subject of the exclusion of Jews in some of the German lodges. He proposed, and P.M. L. Alexander seconded, that a committee be formed to communicate with the so-called Jewish lodges in London and the provinces for the purpose of endeavouring to get the objectionable law removed. Bro. S. Davis rose, pursuant to notice of motion, and proposed that the sum of £25 be given from the funds of the lodge for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Bro. L. M. Auerhaan, Treas. Bro. Davis said he was sure that the amount would be voted unanimously. P.M. Hickman opposed the motion and gave several reasons for doing so—in the end proposed an amendment that the question be adjourned for three years. P.M. Maurice Alexander seconded the amendment. P.M.'s Abraham and Lewis Alexander supported the amendment, which was carried by a majority of 27 to 5. Bro. Abraham said he considered the amount proposed enormous, and thought something might be done in the shape of a testimonial to the Treasurer, and would therefore propose a second amendment, viz., that the sum of £5 be given from the lodge for that purpose. Bro. Alexander Auerhaan, son of the Treasurer, by permission of the W.M., addressed the lodge. He said he had divested himself of all kindred feeling and spoke as an independent member. He made a very earnest appeal to the brethren to withdraw the words "three years," as to his mind it appeared a slur on the Treasurer. Bro. P.M. J. Abraham said he was quite willing to withdraw his amendment if the proposer withdrew the "three years." A short discussion ensued, in which one of the P.M.'s expressed a doubt as to whether it was regular to withdraw any portion of a resolution that had been passed by a large majority of the members. It was eventually put to the lodge and carried. The lodge was then closed in due form. The brethren retired to refreshment. All present appeared to be happy. There were several visitors present, amongst whom were Bros. M. Levy, Barlow, and Goldsmith.

**LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).**—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Present: Bros. Thomas Cohu, W.M.; Charles Arkell, S.W.; Edward Jones, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treas.; J. G. Marsh, P.M. Sec.; John Johnstone, P.M.; George Abbott, P.M.; George Newman, P.M.; Edward King, P.M.; Legge, S.D.; Fellows, J.D.; Rickwood, I.G.; Stevenson, Medwin, Cotter, Bright, Gillam, West, Fitzjohn, Child, Smith, Harwood, Kent, Fisher, Cotter, Figs, Poulton, Bartholomew, Pratt, Stubington, Benson, Statham, Dart, and others, with several visitors. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Darnell was raised; Bro. Dunn, of the Finsbury Park Lodge, was passed; and Mr. Wm. Henry Lee Davies was initiated into the Order. The members then proceeded to the election of a Master and Treasurer for the ensuing year, the result of the ballot for Master being:—

For the Junior Warden ..... 35 Votes.

Senior Warden ..... 19 "

The Junior Warden was then declared to be elected, the result of the election for Treasurer being:—

Bro. George Kenning, P.M. .... 44 Votes.

William Cotter ..... 2 "

R. J. Dart ..... 1 "

Information was received of the death of Bro. W. R. Baker, also of Bro. John Elliott; letters of condolence were ordered to be sent to the friends of the deceased brethren.

**FITZROY LODGE (No. 569).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Artillery Grounds, Finsbury, the head quarters of the regiment, on Friday, the 26th January, when a large number of members and visitors attended. Bro. F. Graves presided, supported by his officers. The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting and of a lodge of emergency were confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bro. Lieut. A. Durrant, P.M. of 1185, which was unanimous in his favour. The W.M. elect, Bro. Ensign W. I. Spicer, was introduced and duly installed by Bro. Capt. J. Eglesie, P.M. At the conclusion of the ceremony, and on admission of the brethren, the new W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom; he then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. G. Webster, S.W.; A. Everingham, J.W.; J. Sanderson, S.D.; F. J. Stohwasser, J.D.; Quarter-Master W. G. Brighten, I.G.; Capt. J. Eglesie, Hon. Sec.; and W. Joliffe, D.C. Bro. Capt. Helsham was also invested as Treasurer. The retiring Master was presented with a very handsome jewel, in recognition of his able and efficient services while in the chair. The sum of £10 was voted for the Benevolent Fund, to be placed on the list of Bro. H. J. Adams, P.M., he having consented to act as Steward at the forthcoming festival. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to their magnificent hall, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion, where an excellent banquet was provided. After grace the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Bro. Capt. Helsham in very eloquent terms proposed "The Health of the newly installed W.M.," who he said had the good esteem of all the brethren, and would, he had no doubt, reflect credit on his appointment. The W.M. in response, while thanking them for the honour conferred upon him, expressed his intention to do all he could to merit the confidence reposed in him. The healths of Bros. H. F. Matthews, G. Fulcher, and J. Pash, who had been initiated at a lodge of emergency, were also pro-

posed, and each of those brethren made suitable acknowledgments. Bros. Major Chas. Harding, P.M. 231, and Dr. Ramsay, P.M. 259, responded on behalf of "The Visitors," who numbered upwards of 30. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs by Bros. H. P. Matthews, F. H. Cozens, A. Hubbard, and T. W. Simons.

**NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the New Cross Hall, Lewisham High Road, on Saturday last, the 3rd inst. Two o'clock was the time fixed on the summonses for the commencement of work, but as neither the W.M. or the W.M. elect had arrived by the half-hour, Bro. F. Walter, P.G.J.W. Middlesex, &c., Treasurer, opened the lodge, having as his officers Bros. G. J. Hogg, P.P.G.P., P.M., acting as S.W.; Walter Simmons, J.W.; Louis Beck, S.D.; H. J. Green, P.M., J.D.; Ernest E. Smith, acting as I.G.; Church, Tyler. Lodge was opened in the First Degree, the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was declared to be favourable in the cases of seven candidates for initiation. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Alexander Macgillivray a candidate for raising, was entrusted and withdrew. After opening in the Third Degree this brother was re-admitted and raised. Lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and Messrs. Wilson, Thornton, Swain, and Knibbs simultaneously received their first insight into Freemasonry. Bro. F. Walters then proceeded to instal Bro. H. Keeble, P.M. of 1275, S.W. of 73, and Secretary of 1559, into the chair of K.S. The customary honours were observed. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. E. Thiellay, S.W.; Walter Simmons, J.W.; F. Walters, Treas.; T. Grummant, Sec.; Louis Beck, S.D.; H. Green, J.D.; Solomon Jewell, I.G.; W. Woodman, the I.P.M., W.S. After the customary rising of the W.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room where Bro. E. Page, of the New Cross Road, had been busy with his assistants during the afternoon. There was a large muster of visitors, and we noticed in lodge as well as at the banquet table, Bro. Govan Macdonald, W.M. 1158, Preceptor of the Star Lodge of Instruction, perhaps the most respected, and certainly one of the most efficient brethren in the locality; also Bros. Stead, P.M.; Hubbuck, P.M.; Allen, W.M. 144; Lovell, W.M. of the Perfect Ashlar, 1178; Levi, 188; Tong, 73; and the Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G.C. The members of the lodge present besides the officers were: Bros. Moss, Smurthwaite, Ernest Smith, David Malpas, Metham, Macgillivray, Cowley, as well as the initiates. The toast of "The Initiates" was replied to by Bro. Swain, that of "The Visitors" by Bro. Keeble, (a veteran Master Mason of some two score years), "The Officers" by each individually.

**GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).**—The members of this lodge met at the Freemasons' Hall on the 18th ult., for the last time under the gavel of Bro. Lancaster. There were present for raising, Bros. Hayes, Bonner, and Dunham, and for passing, Bros. Dawkins, Croucher, and Johns; the candidate for initiation being unfortunately absent. The W.M. having finished the above ceremonies, retired from the chair in favour of P.M. Forbes, who had kindly undertaken to install the W.M. elect, viz. Bro. Jupe, the J.W., who having duly qualified himself for the high position of W.M., the brethren retired, and on their reassembling the ceremony was proceeded with, and the W.M. was pleased to appoint the following brethren as his officers: Bros. E. Lancaster, I.P.M.; Christie, S.W.; West, J.W.; Webb, P.M., Treas. (7th time); Staton, P.M., Sec.; Robinson, S.D.; Arkell, J.D.; Jackson, I.G.; Timberlake, D.C.; Rowles, Tyler. The Secretary then read the report of the Audit Committee, which was very creditable, and the Treasurer proposed that the sum of £25 should be placed on the list of the I.P.M., who was representing the lodge as Steward of the Benevolent Institution. This brought the business to a close, and the W.M. closed in due form. Nothing calls for comment at the banquet, save a kind remark or so on behalf of Bro. Dawkins, who did all he could to make the visitors and brethren comfortable. Neither must we omit to mention, before closing this summary, that Bro. Lancaster had the usual commemorative jewel presented to him on his retirement as W.M.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—The Installation meeting of the Duke of Connaught Lodge was held on the 25th ult., Bro. Thos. C. Chapman, W.M., P.G.S. Herts, presiding, supported by Bros. Shackleton, S.W.; Symes, J.W.; B. Meyer, Treas.; W. H. Lee (W.M. 975), I.P.M. Sec.; N. Green, S.D.; Brant, J.D.; H. Meyer, I.G.; and a numerous assemblage of the brethren. Lodge was duly opened by the W.M., and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Lee, P.M., then proceeded to instal Bro. J. B. Shackleton as W.M. for the ensuing year, which ceremony was performed in Bro. Lee's accustomed painstaking and impressive manner. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. James Symes, S.W.; B. Meyer, J.W.; J. C. Chapman, I.P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; N. Green, S.D.; W. Brand, J.D.; H. Meyer, I.G.; Johnson, D.C.; Brasted and Digman, Stewards. The usual address was delivered by Bro. Lee, P.M. Bro. Shackleton passed Bros. Oscar Dietrich and Hill to the Second Degree, after which lodge was closed, and the brethren soon after sat down to a sumptuous banquet, when the usual toasts were given and responded to. Amongst the visitors we observed Bros. Somers, W.M. 1599; Read, P.M. 1287; Dunthorn, 141; Fieldwick, 1354; and Streeton, 1326. Bro. Young ably officiated as organist.

**CRIPPLEGATE LODGE (No. 1613).**—At the meeting of the Cripplegate Lodge, Bro. Coste, I.P.M. proposed, and Bro. C. J. Benson seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that a letter of condolence should be forwarded to Mrs. W. R. Baker, on the death of her band, Bro. W. R. Baker, of Cripplegate Ward. funeral was conducted from his residence, 16, Villas, Camden-square, the cortege being followed

long string of carriages, containing his friends and members of the Cripplegate Lodge. The interment took place in Kensal Green Cemetery, where his friends had assembled numbering nearly 300, to testify the great esteem and respect in which Bro. W. R. Baker was held in the Ward of Cripplegate, and by his friends elsewhere.

**BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).**—The 134th anniversary of this ancient lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, February 1st, at 3 p.m. Such is the period the minutes books of which are still preserved, but there are entries in these records which show that it had a previous existence, as they refer to proceedings of a still earlier date. With one exception, all the officers were present, namely, Bros. Brown, W.M.; Capt. Peel Floyd, acting as I.P.M.; Cooper, P.M., acting as Chaplain; Ashley, P.M. and Treas.; Wilton, P.M. and Dir. of Cers.; F. Wilkinson, S.W.; Falkner, J.W.; C. Wilkinson, Sec.; Braham, S.D.; Benham, J.D.; Gummer, I.G.; Hunt and Radway, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler; also the following P.M.'s:—Bros. Carey, Mitchell, Turner, B. Little, Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire; and about a dozen other members of the lodge. The visitors were Bros. Edwards, W.M. 53; Gore, W.M. 379; Dill, W.M. 906; R. Cook, P.M. 379; G. H. Cook, P.M. 379; E. T. Payn, P.M. 53; Col. Ford, P.M. 53; Hill, P.M. 906; Moutrie, P.M. 906; Salter, 53; Collins, 53; Marillier, 53; Howes, 906; Freeman, 906; and Dingle, 906. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Ames and Holmes were passed to the rank of F.C. The presence of the D.P.G.M. in the ante-room having been announced, several members went out as a deputation, by whom he was escorted into the room and led to the dais, being received with the usual honours. The W.M. briefly addressed the brethren in acknowledgment of the assistance of the officers, and of the courtesy and kindness he had uniformly received from all during his Mastership. Bro. Else then took the chair, and re-opened the lodge in the Second Degree. Bros. Ashley and Wilson presented Bro. F. Wilkinson as having been elected by the members to fill the first chair during the ensuing year. The charges were read by the Secretary and assented to, and the obligation of W.M. elect administered. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, the offices were declared vacant, and the brethren who had not passed the chair were dismissed. In their absence, a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, the ceremony of installation was duly performed. The Master Masons, Fellow Crafts, and Entered Apprentices were severally admitted, and in each case the customary salutes and proclamations were made. The whole was concluded with the addresses delivered by the D.P.G.M. to the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren. The following were appointed and invested as the new officers:—Bros. Brown, I.P.M.; Falkner, S.W.; C. Wilkinson, J.W.; Ashley, Treas.; Wilton, Dir. of Cers.; Carey, Assist. Dir. of Cers.; Braham, Sec.; Gummer, S.D.; Hunt, J.D.; Radway, I.G.; Robinson and Jacob Smith, Stewards; and Bigwood, Tyler. The W.M. briefly addressed the lodge on his elevation as a ruler in the Craft. Votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Brown for his efficient services as W.M. during the past year; to the D.P.G.M. for his assistance as Installing Master; and to the visitors for their attendance, to all of which suitable responses were made. Three gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation, and the lodge was closed at quarter to six. The brethren then adjourned to the Castle Hotel, to partake of the annual banquet, for which most complete arrangements had been made by the Stewards, in conjunction with the host, Bro. Rubie, P.M., and it was a matter of general congratulation that the whole proceedings of the day had been conducted with unusual efficiency, and to the perfect satisfaction of all concerned. The harmony of the evening was greatly promoted by the vocal performances of Bros. Cater, Falkner, and Wilcox, who were accompanied by Bro. Reeves on the piano.

**WARRINGTON.—Lodge of Lights (No. 148)**—The regular monthly meeting of this old lodge was held on Monday, January 29th., at the Masonic Rooms. The W.M., Bro. Thomas Tunstall, was supported by Brs. W. Sharp, P.M., Prov. G.J.W., as S.W.; John R. Young, J.W.; W. H. Robinson, I.P.M.; A. H. Young, S.D.; Jas. Paterson, J.D.; James Hannah, as I.G.; John Bowes, P.M., Prov. G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, Hon. Sec., John Armstrong, S.W. No. 1250, Treas.; J. S. Patten; P. J. Edelsten, P.M., and other members and visitors. The lodge was opened in form, when the minutes were read and declared to be correctly recorded. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Richard Walker Francomb, of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 269, Blackburn, as a joining member, which was unanimously in that brother's favour, and he being in waiting, was announced as "a member of this lodge." The W.M. said the next business was a source of extreme pleasure to him. In the name of the lodge it was his privilege to place upon the I.P.M.'s breast a massive gold P.M.'s jewel. The jewel was inscribed, "Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington. Presented to Bro. W. H. Robinson by the lodge, in acknowledgment of able services as W.M. A.L. 5876." He would not dilate on Bro. Robinson's merits in his presence, but he must be permitted, as the representative of the members, to say that it was many years since the lodge was presided over by so young a brother. He had, moreover, performed all the duties of his office in an able manner, and he assured him his services were very highly appreciated by every member of the lodge. He would not trespass further on their time, but he should be glad if the Secretary would supplement his remarks with a few words of wisdom. Bro. Bowes was glad of the opportunity, and addressing Bro. Robinson, said: The jewel which the W.M. has just placed on your breast, as a gift from the lodge, is one that you are entitled to wear, having filled the office of Master of this lodge during the past year. The jewel is a square, with

the 47th proposition of the 1st Book of Euclid pendant therefrom, and is intended by the Constitutions of our ancient Order to mark your rank as a Past Master. This proposition of Euclid's Elements is one of the most important discoveries of the learned Bro. Pythagoras, who flourished 555 years B.C., and, in the joy of his heart, he is said to have exclaimed, "Eureka, I have found it," and to have sacrificed a hetacomb. As the figure depends upon several lines, angles, and triangles, as shown in the diagram before you, so Freemasonry depends upon its several members, and the principles upon which the institution is established. Some of our brethren from their station in life, standing as they do on the basis of earthly bliss, are emblematical of the great angle which subtends the right angle; others, blessed with means to tread the flowery meads of prosperity and affluence, are descriptive of the squares which stand on the sides; those brethren who enjoy every social comfort, and never exceed the bounds of mediocrity, symbolise the triangle within the square; and those who have the satisfaction of administering to the wants of the indigent and industrious, may be compared to the triangle which surrounds and supports the figure; whilst the lines which form it may remind us of those brethren who are incapable of providing the necessities of life unless aided by cheerful and ready assistance. May the lessons taught by your beautiful jewel ever influence your actions for good, while treading the thorny path of this life, so that when you are summoned to the Grand Lodge above you may receive a much more glorious jewel, one which will never fade away. Bro. Robinson made a feeling response, and assured the brethren that when elected W.M. he determined to try to do his duty, and if he had succeeded to their satisfaction he was amply repaid. The beautiful and costly jewel they had given him he should ever treasure with pride. After some propositions the lodge was closed.

**ROMFORD.—Lodge of Hope and Unity (No. 214).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel, Romford, on Thursday, the 25th ult., when, in addition to the members of the lodge, the following visitors were present: Bros. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap. Eng., P.M. 10; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B., and P.D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Matthew E. Clark, Dep. P.G.M. Essex; F. Davison, P.M. 10, P.P.S.G.W. Middlesex; Heath, P.M. 198, P.P.S.G.W. Herts; B. B. Brayshaw, W.M. 1437; Major F. Ducane, Halifax, Nova Scotia, &c. Bro. Major Burgess (the W.M.) having opened the lodge in the First and Second Degrees, then resigned the chair to Bro. Geo. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Essex, who in a most able and impressive manner duly installed the W.M. elect, Bro. the Rev. T. Cochrane, P.M. 567, also 10 and 357, P.P.G. Chap. Oxon, into the chair of K.S. The newly installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Pros. W. J. Burgess, P.G. Supt. of Wks. Essex, I.P.M.; A. W. Wallis, S.W.; J. Earle, J.W.; Rev. W. J. Skilton, P.M., P.P.G. Chap. Essex, Chap.; Geo. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Essex, Treas.; A. Wright, P.M., P.P.S. G.D. Essex, Sec.; E. B. Florence, S.D.; E. Fairlie, J.D.; A. H. Hunt, I.G.; C. A. P. Bullock, D.C.; and C. T. Speight, Tyler. Two guineas were voted to the Tyler, in recognition of his services for twenty years. Notice of motion was given for the removal of the lodge to Brentwood. The brethren then adjourned to banquet at 6 p.m., under the presidency of the W.M. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured the Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close at 9 p.m.

**DARTFORD.—Lodge of Emulation (No. 299).**—The first meeting, in the new year, of the Lodge of Emulation was held at the Assembly Rooms of the Bull Hotel, on Tuesday, 30th ult. Bro. Clifford White was initiated in excellent manner by the W.M., and after passing Bros. Clark and Penning to another degree, there being no further business, the lodge was (after voting a sum of money to the Aged Freemasons' Institution), closed. The brethren present adjourned to, what is an annual custom of the lodge on the first gathering in every new year, an excellent supper. The usual loyal, patriotic and Masonic toasts were proposed and received enthusiastically; the names of the M.W.G.M., Grand Officers, and the P.G.M., Lord Holmesdale, being honoured with hearty Kentish fire. The pleasure of the evening was much enhanced by the vocal abilities of Bros. Burfield, Wray, Churchley, Tibby, and the Initiate, Bro. White. The W.M. being compelled to leave early to catch a train to town, Bro. Martin, P.M., occupied the chair, and a most harmonious and fraternal reunion, at the commencement of the new year, was brought to a close by Bro. Bray's health being proposed, and drunk with cordial hearty good wishes for prosperity during the ensuing year. The supper was supplied in the usual style of Bro. Bray, which is par excellence. Present: Bros. Davidson, W.M.; Wills, S.W.; Wingrove, J.W.; Martin, Treas.; Harvey, Sec.; Churchley, S.D.; Sears, J.D.; Holey, I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Thompson, Mackney, Russell, Miles, Andrews, Neech, Boardman, Mills, Wells, Longley, Spurrell, &c. Visitors: Bros. Warne, P.M. 20; Burfield, P.M. 20; Wright, P.M. 77; Tedder, 1107; French, W.M. 483; Wray, J.D. 1257, 1604; Fletcher, J.D. 615.

**BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).**—The members of this lodge held their usual monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, the 31st ult., when there were present, Bros. Col. Stuart, W.M.; Capt. Green, I.P.M.; W. Finlinton, P.M., S.W.; Captain Colburn, J.W.; R. H. Coombs, S.D.; Allan, J.D.; Hardy, I.G.; Alderman Sergeant, Treas. and the following P.M.'s and brethren: Captain Polhill-Turner, M.P., Captain Nash, Whyler, Cookson, Cuthbert, and Billson, Rev. Fawcett Ward, Harris, Stafford, Ayres, Thompson, Warren, and others, with a visitor, Bro. Bigg, of the Bedford Lodge, 282, Tavistock. Bro. Charles James Ayres, of Norwood, who was initiated into this lodge some years ago, on his approaching

departure from England, and who had subsequently had no opportunity of proceeding to a higher degree, was re-elected a member of his mother lodge, and passed to the Second Degree. The working was very good. The committee appointed at the last lodge to consider the advisability of petitioning the Grand Master to elevate Bedfordshire to the dignity of a province, reported against taking such a step, which report was unanimously adopted by the lodge. The W.M. who had previously refrained from expressing an opinion, then stated his entire concurrence with the resolution. On the motion of Bro. Cuthbert, seconded by Bro. Serjeant, the lodge decided to memorialize Grand Lodge on the recent action taken by the Grand Lodge of Germany, with respect to our Hebrew brethren. The lodge having been duly closed, about twenty-five brethren sat down to an excellent supper, and spent a very pleasant period of refreshment.

**RUNCORN.—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 758).**—The annual installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday, 24th January, at the Masonic Hall, Runcorn. The lodge was opened in due form at 3 p.m., by the W.M., Bro. E. Aston, assisted by the following officers: Bros. W. R. Wass, acting S.W.; C. Gerrard, acting J.W.; W. Lyon, Treas.; G. Moss, Sec.; J. Coxhill, acting S.D.; W. Mellor, I.G. After the circular calling the meeting had been read, the minutes of last regular lodge, held on Wednesday, 27th Dec., were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Robt. Wright, of Lodge 148, as a joining member, and was declared unanimously passed. The Treasurer's accounts were then read, approved, and passed, and from which it appeared there had been five initiations and seven joining members during the past twelve months. Grants were also made from the funds of the lodge to the Masonic charities. The lodge was then opened up to the Second Degree, and Bro. Thos. Marwood, P.P.G.J.W. of Cheshire, was requested to take the chair, when Bro. W. R. Wass, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. E. Aston, the retiring W.M., and Bro. Platt, P.P.G., for installation. A board of Installed Masters was then formed, and the W.M. elect, Bro. W. R. Wass, was duly installed by Bro. Marwood, in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The newly installed Master was then saluted in the three degrees, after which the new W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. C. Gerrard, S.W.; J. Coxhill, J.W.; R. Rigby, P.M., Treas.; J. K. Digges, P.M., Sec.; W. Mellor, S.D.; W. Lyon, J.D.; G. Moss, I.G.; W. Houghton, Tyler. The usual addresses to the Wardens and officers individually were delivered by the Installing Master. The following visitors greeted hearty good wishes to the lodge on behalf of their respective lodges:—Bros. T. Marwood, P.G.J.W.; Major C. H. Hitchen, P.P.G.S.B. 321; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W., and 537; W. S. Sutton, W.M., and P.M. 537; G. Hammond Danby, 594; G. Wolton, 230, and S.W. 1565; J. Lathwaite, 148; G. Pierce, Org. 992; A. Woolrich, Treas. 16c9, and Sec. 1336. The lodge was closed down at 5.45 p.m., after which the brethren adjourned to a splendid banquet, provided at the Wilson Hotel, under the presidency of the new W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with acclamation. "The Health of the M.W.G.M., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Skelmersdale; the P.G.M. Lord de Tabley; the Prov. Grand Lodge Officers, and Past Grand Officers," were drunk with full Masonic honours and with the greatest enthusiasm. "The Masonic Charities" were responded to by Bro. Platt, P.P.G.J.W., who dwelt, in a lengthy speech, on the flourishing condition of the lodge, and also the great benefit and good those charities were doing, and impressed upon the brethren who were not subscribers to assist them by becoming subscribers to such good institutions for training and educating both boys and girls for after life in respectability, and also exhorted them to be liberal in their donations. Bro. Marwood proposed "The Health of the new W.M." in eulogistic terms, which was received with the utmost applause, and at the same time presented the retiring W.M. with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel for past services. Bro. R. W. Waes, W.M., responded, and thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which his health had been proposed and received. He was only too happy to do all in his power to further the comfort and interest of the lodge on true Masonic principles. Bro. Easton replied in a very feeling manner, and regretted that circumstances over which he had no control had forced him to leave, not only this lodge, but the district, but mentioned that as long as he lived, he should always remember Ellesmere Lodge and its members. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. T. Marwood," the Installing Master, which was drunk with full Masonic honours, and which was responded to at some length by Bro. Marwood. "The Health of the Visiting Brethren and Officers" followed, and was all duly responded to.

### Royal Arch.

**BATH.—Royal Cumberland Chapter (No. 41).**—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, Jan. 16th. In the absence of the M.E.Z., owing to serious illness, the Board of Principals was opened by Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins, P.Z., who also, after the admission of the companions, opened the chapter, supported by Ex. Comps. Carey, H.; Hill, J.; G. Parfitt, P.Z.; Jelley, P.Z.; Moutrie, P.Z. and Treas.; Hearne, E.; Brown, N.; Young, P. Soj.; Hunt and Howes, as Asst. Sojs.; Bigwood, Jan., &c. The chair of Z. was then taken by Ex. Comp. G. Parfitt. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A vote of condolence with Ex. Comp. Thompson, Z., on account of his illness, was passed. On the proposition of Ex. Comp.

Dr. Hopkins, seconded by Ex. Comp. Jelley, an alteration was made in one of the bye-laws, by which in future the election of and ballot for the officers will take place a month before, instead of on the day of the installation. Several matters of only local interest having been discussed and settled, and no other business offering, the chapter was closed at 9 o'clock.

**KENDAL.**—Kendal Castle Chapter (No. 129).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, January 25th, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at the Masonic Hall, Stramondgate. The chapter was opened by the Principals, after which the companions were admitted and the minutes read and confirmed. E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., &c., was then invited to install the Principals elect, viz., Comps. J. Holme, Z.; Joseph Bintley, H.; and John Talbot, J. The ceremony having been completed, the officers for the ensuing year were invested, viz., Comps. McKay, E.; Bell, N.; and Godfrey, P.S. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Bowes for his able services for years past, and particularly for those of that day. The Treasurer, Comp. Titus Wilson, reported that the finances of the chapter were in a very satisfactory condition, whereupon Comp. McKay announced that he had undertaken the duty of Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Benevolent Institution, and asked for £5 to be added to his list, which was readily granted. After the transaction of some routine business, the chapter was closed with the usual solemnities.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Temple Chapter (No. 1094).—The companions of this well accredited chapter assembled at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday evening, the 23rd ult., to assist at the installation of chiefs and investiture of officers. There was a large gathering of members and visitors. Comp. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.Z., was the installing officer, assisted by Comp. J. B. Robinson, P.Z. Comps. Peter Macmurdrow was installed M.E.Z.; Richard Washington, H.; Richard C. Yelland, J.; J. Pemberton, P.Z., was invested Treasurer; D. A. Davies, S.E.; J. Hayes, S.N.; and J. W. Burgess, P.S. At the conclusion of the installation, Bros. H. W. Parry, W. Inwood, W. Hawsworth, N. Robertson, W. R. Rieve, and C. Wingate were solemnly exalted, and the officers astonished every one by the perfect manner in which they performed their new duties, eliciting high encomiums from the P.Z.'s and visitors. Every circumstance seems to point to a prosperous year. In addition to the usual toasts which followed the banquet, "The Newly-exalted Candidates" was thrown in, and cordially acknowledged. Several good songs and recitations were given, and the M.E.Z., in the course of the evening, in the name of the companions, presented to Comp. R. R. Martin, the Immediate P.Z., a handsome Past Principal's jewel as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the members of the chapter.

### Scotland.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The regular quarterly communication of this lodge—postponed from Thursday, Jan. 25, for, we presume, obvious reasons—was held on Thursday, 1st inst., in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Walter Montgomerie Neilson, presided, supported by his office-bearers as follows:—Bros. F. A. Barrow, Depute-Master; J. Baird, Substitute-Master; James Gillies, Treas.; W. H. Bickerton, Sec.; John Morgan, S.D.; Jas. Ritchie, Arch.; Robert Jack, Jeweller; Alex. Bain, B.B.; Thomas Halker, Dir. of Music; David Reid, Swd.Br.; Robert Robb, Marshall, and P. of Stewards; and James Booth, I.G. In the early portion of the meeting, previous to the installation of office-bearers, one or two of these brethren sustained their former offices. At the opening Bro. D. M'Innes, of Lodge St. Mungo, No. 27, was acting S.W.; Bro. James Thomson, W.M. Lodge St. Mark, No. 102, J.W.; Bro. John Morgan, P.M. Lodge Star, No. 219, acting Secretary; and Bro. David Reid, W.M. Lodge St. Andrew, acting I.G. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of last regular meeting of the lodge and of several meetings of P.G.L. Committee held since, were read by Bro. Morgan, and, after some short discussion, approved of and passed. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. G. Sinclair, Treas. of the P.G.L. Benevolent Fund, Bro. Morgan read the minutes of three meetings of the Fund Committee which had been held since last communication, from which it appeared that there had been granted, to approved applicants for benevolence, at the first of these meetings the sum of £26; at the second £7; and at the third £14—in all the sum of £47. The next item on the programme of the evening was the installation of office-bearers for the ensuing year, according to the list, as already reported, at the date of their recent election. This was accordingly proceeded with, the obligation being given them by Bro. Barrow, and the P.G. Master himself investing each with the jewel or emblem of his office. The billet of business to come before the Grand Lodge of Scotland at their next quarterly meeting, to be held on Monday next, was then taken up, and one or two of the motions then to be brought forward gave occasion for several comments from, among others, the R.W.P.G. Master himself, as also Bros. Barrow and D.M. Nelson, I.P.M., Lodge St. John No. 3½, and Senior Deacon of Grand Lodge. Thereafter the Committee of the P.G.L. Benevolent Fund, which consists of the office-bearers of the lodge, were formally re-appointed, and Bros. Thomson, R.W.M. (No. 102); Kinnaird, R.W.M. (No. 73); and Dr. M'Innes, W.M. 27, appointed as auditors for the year of the lodge accounts. Bro. Barrow then referred to the resignation last year, by Bro. Archd. M'Taggart of the office of Prov. Grand Secretary, and said he desired to bear his testimony to the ability and conscientiousness with which Bro. John Morgan, Past Master of Lodge 219, had fulfilled "ad interim" the duties of that posi-

tion, from the moment he accepted them until the present time. In all his (Bro. Barrow's) experience, extending over many years, none had more ably discharged the duties than Bro. Morgan. He had reason to know that the latter would not on retiring accept of that portion of the salary pertaining to the office which would fall to him for the period of time he had held it; and therefore what he had to propose was that the lodge accord him a hearty vote of thanks for his services during the time he had been acting P.G. Secretary, and further, that they vote a sum of £10 for the purpose of presenting him with some token of their respect for those services. The motion was carried unanimously, and with much demonstration of approval; and it was agreed to leave to the office-bearers of the lodge to arrange as to the form the token should take. Bro. Morgan in returning thanks, said that if what he had been able to do during the short time he had held office had been of service to the lodge, he considered his reward had been earned. Since, however, it had been proposed to give him some acknowledgment, he would consent to receive it, but he would request of them not to make it anything of such value as the sum mentioned. Before closing, the chairman addressed a few words to the brethren, in the course of which he referred to the scheme he had promulgated some time ago for the acquisition of better accommodation for the work of Masonry, and in particular of the Provincial Grand Lodge in Glasgow—with the details of which the readers of the *Freemason* are already acquainted. In the meantime the project had fallen through, but he had reserved to himself the right of re-acquiring the property at the West-End, which he had purchased, and now let for other purposes, at the end of three years, so that it might be available in the future if the brethren in Glasgow showed their desire to go into the matter. Three cheers having been given for the chairman on his re-appearance among them, on the motion of Bro. D. M. Nelson, the lodge was closed by Bro. John Baird in due and ancient form.

### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The quarterly convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, was holden at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday evening. The different offices were held as follows: Col. Burdett, Z.; S. Rawson, H.; E. Pattison, J.; John Hervey, S.E.; Col. Creaton, N.; Rev. R. S. Wigram, P.S.; Captain Platt; 1st A.S.; Benj. Head, and A.S.; J. C. Parkinson, S.B.; E. J. Barrow, Std. Bearer; J. M. Case, D.C. and C. B. Payne, Janitor. The other Comps. present were S. B. Hollon, P.D.C.; N. Bradford, P.G.; Robert Grey, P.P.S.; Charles A. Murton, P.A.S.; Edward S. Snell, P.G.S.B.; Peter Wagner, P.Z.; John Boyd, P.Z.; John Canham, H. 22; Saml. H. Rawley, Z. 174; C. Congreve, Z. 913; E. Denton, Z. 913; J. McDougal, J. 913; James L. Thomas, P.Z. 13; Hyde Clarke, Z. 913; F. R. Vine, J. 749; Charles F. Hogard, Z. 141; W. Viner Bedolfe, 1329; Joshua Nunn Thomas Kingston, H. 962; Alfred B. Bennett, P.Z. 294; Matthew Cooke, P.Z. 534; G. Lemann, Z. 176; A. H. Tattershall, Z. 143; Fred. G. Pownhall, J. 13; Peter Parsons, J. 1348; G. R. Shervill, H. 534; H. Bickerstaff, Z. 13; J. R. Molineux, Z. 2; F. G. Baker, P.Z. 753; H. Massey, P.Z. 619, (*Freemason*); R. G. K. Wilkinson, J. 7; Wm. Kirby, Z. 25 Jabez Hogg, Z. 1260; R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B.

After the formal opening of Grand Chapter, the minutes of last convocation were read and confirmed.

On the motion of Col. Creaton, seconded by Bro. Joshua Nunn, the following report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and received and entered on the minutes:—

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th October, 1876, to the 16th January, 1877, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance Grand Chapter	£475 11 1
" Unappropriated Account	177 12 11
" Subsequent Receipts	392 8 3
	£1045 12 3
By Purchase of £300 Consols at 94½ and	
Commission	£283 10 0
" Disbursements during the Quarter	175 8 4
" Balance	414 6 0
" in Unappropriated Account	172 7 11
	£1045 12 3

which balances are in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival & Co., bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

The committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Roger Alfred Grundy as Z., James Dick Calder as H., John Hall as J., and six others for a chapter, to be attached to the Devonshire Lodge, No. 625, Glossop, to be called "The Devonshire Chapter," and to meet at the Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop, in the County of Derbyshire.

2nd. From Comps. Jones Giffard Nash as Z., Vera W. Taylor as H., John Bagot Scriven as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Stortford Lodge, No. 409, Bishop Stortford, to be called "The Stortford Chapter," and to meet at the Chequers Hotel, Bishop Stortford, in the County of Hertfordshire.

3rd. From Comps. Arthur Robert Marten, as Z., Felix Sumner Knyvett as H., William Smithett as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Felicity, No. 58, London, to be called "The Chapter of Felicity," and to meet at the London Masonic Club, No. 101, Queen Victoria-street, in the City of London.

4th. From Comps. John Daniel Massey as Z., George

Wilson as H., George Robert Green as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Phoenix Lodge, No. 173, London, to be called "The Phoenix Chapter," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

5th. From Comps. John Loudon as Z., Ezekiel Nathan as H., Henry Smith Fish as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Port Chalmers Marine Lodge, No. 942, Port Chalmers, Otago, to be called "The Joyce Chapter," and to meet at Port Chalmers, Otago, New Zealand.

6th. From Comps. the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., as Z., James Smith Eastes as H., The Reverend Thomas Robinson as J., and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Invicta Lodge, No. 709, Ashford, to be called "The Invicta Chapter," and to meet at the Corn Exchange, Ashford, in the County of Kent.

The prayers of these petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that they be respectively granted,

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, President.

All these petitions were granted unanimously.

In seconding the motion that the 6th of the above petition be granted, Comp. F. Pattison said he was much pleased to see Lord Holmesdale taking this step. He looked upon it as the stepping stone to the establishment of other chapters in the province of Kent, where there were at present many lodges and chapters.

Comp. Matthew Cooke rose to present a memorial to Grand Chapter, and to ask its advice; but the M.E.Z. ruled that as this business was not on the paper of Grand Chapter, and the chapter of which Comp. Cooke was Z. had been suspended, he had no locus standi, and he was requested to retire.

Comp. Cooke having retired,

The M.E.Z. asked the companions whether they had anything to say upon the subject of Comp. Cooke's memorial, and receiving no reply, he said that the matter could not come before Grand Chapter until next meeting in May after it had been before the Committee of General Purposes.

Grand Chapter was thereupon closed in due form.

### TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. W. SMITH.

Many brethren of the lodges and chapters meeting at Anderton's Hotel having expressed a wish to acknowledge the services of Bro. W. Smith (head waiter), on completing his 23rd year of service, the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, feeling desirous of acknowledging their appreciation of the courteous, attentive, and praiseworthy manner in which Bro. Smith had discharged the duties of his position, are desirous of presenting him with a testimonial, and they now invite the co-operation of the officers and brethren of the lodges and chapters who are desirous of uniting in the work. In furtherance of this object, a meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel on Wednesday evening, Bro. James Willing, jun., W.M. 177, in the chair, when he was supported by the following brethren:—P. Palmer, S.W. 177; Barfield, P.M., Treas. 511; Buscall, J.W. 177; Wilson, P.Z. 177; Hinds, 72; G. Clarke, 177; Lovett, 179; Willis, 177; Stewart, 141; Hobbs, W.M. 749; H. Massey (*Freemason*), Jones, 177; Reed, Sec. 711; Lean, J.W. 193; J. Panter, P.M. 749; George Everett, P.M. 177; J. W. Hobbs, W.M. 749; and J. C. Dwarber.

After the Chairman had explained the object of the meeting the brethren present expressed their concurrence in the project, and they formed themselves into a committee for the purpose of furthering it. On the motion of Bro. Wilson, seconded by Bro. Barfield, the above brethren were formed into a committee, with power to add to their number. Bro. Palmer proposed, and Bro. Hines seconded, that Bro. Willing be chairman, and Bro. Barfield be Vice-Chairman. Bro. Wilson proposed, and Bro. Palmer seconded, that Bro. Reed and Bro. Williams be joint Secretaries. Bro. Wilson proposed, and Bro. Reed seconded, that Bro. Willing be Treasurer pro. tem. All these motions were carried unanimously; and it was then ordered that circulars be sent round to each lodge and chapter meeting at Anderton's, inviting their assistance in the object in view.

Letters were read from Bros. J. Painter, P.M. 749; J. W. Hobbs, W.M. 749; Geo. Everett, P.M. 177; and J. C. Dwarber, W.M. 1589, concurring in the scheme, and placing their names down for subscriptions to the list. The meeting was then adjourned to the 28th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, at seven p.m.

The "Wolsey Lodge," 1656, will be consecrated on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick, at half-past three o'clock. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be worked by the R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett, P.S.G.W. and P.G.M. Middlesex, assisted by Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, P.P.S.G.W. Middlesex, and Bro. the Rev. F. J. Champion de Crespigny, 708, P.P.G. Chap. Middlesex. The officers designate are Bros. W. Hammond, P.M. 201, 1326, and 1512, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Worshipful Master; B. Sharp, P.M. 84, S.W.; and J. Bond, P.M., J.W.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—Indigestion.—How much thought has been bestowed, and what ponderous volumes have been written upon this plague of every household, which is with certainty, and safety dispelled without fear of relapse, by a course of this purifying, soothing, and tonic medicine! It acts directly on the stomach, liver, and bowels—more indirectly, though not less effectively, on the brain, nerves, vessels, and glands, and commands such order throughout the entire system that harmony dwells between each organ and its functions. Dyspepsia can no longer be the bugbear of the public, since Holloway's Pills are fully competent to subdue the most chronic and distressing cases of impaired digestion, and to restore the miserable sufferer to health, strength and cheerfulness.—ADVT.



## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of Subscribers and Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. H. W. Hunt in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. Raynham, W. Stewart, John W. Dennison, Alfred Durrant, Wm. Mann, John Symonds, H. Browne, Wm. Roebuck, J. Terry, J. Newton, C. F. Matier, Alfred Lamb, W. F. C. Moutrie, Dr. Richard Morris, Fred. J. Cox, S. Rosenthal, H. Massey (*Freemason*), John Boyd, John Read, Hyde Pullen, F. Adlard, F. H. Ebsworth, Charles Horsley, J. W. M. Dosell, and F. Binckes, Secretary.

The different minutes occupied a long time in reading, and after they had been confirmed Bro. Binckes read the medical officer's report on the health of the school. At the former meeting of the Committee it was resolved that the medical officer should make this report monthly, and this was the first time such a report was made. After some discussion on general matters connected with the school the brethren passed a resolution increasing the amount for the Secretary to pay salaries, wages, &c., with, from £25 a quarter to £100, the former sum being totally inadequate, and he having to pay the difference out of his own pocket. The brethren afterwards passed another resolution that all the deeds and securities belonging to the Institution, be deposited with the bankers. Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co. £500 was ordered to be transferred from the general fund to the sustentation fund. The balance sheet for the last year was then read, from which it appeared that the total receipts of the Institution for that period were £15,359 6s., and the disbursements £14,513 8s. 8d.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart moved that the salary of Bro. Hall, the medical officer, be increased from £60 to £100 a year. Bro. Hall deserved some additional consideration after his service of 16 years. When the Institution had only 100 boys in it Bro. Hall's salary was fixed at £60, and now that there were nearly double that number he was paid no more. By giving him £100 a year the brethren would be doing not only that which was right to Bro. Hall, but that which was due to the Institution. As one of the House Committee he had known him for a long time, and could testify that a more painstaking and honest man never accepted office.

Bro. Rosenthal seconded the motion, which was favourably spoken to by Bro. H. Browne, and after a few words from Bro. Durrant, who objected that Bro. Hall did not live nearer than two miles to the Institution, and from Bro. Binckes, who bore witness to Bro. Hall's personal sacrifices on behalf of the school, the motion was carried unanimously. The brethren were informed that the salary included medicines, but not vaccinations, for which a small fee was charged.

An addition of £10 was made to the salary of the musical instructor. Bro. Binckes said that the fees paid by the boys for the musical instruction made it almost self-supporting.

An outfit was granted to one of the ex-pupils who had obtained a situation, and £20 was voted to a pupil who has shown great brilliancy in numerous branches of study, for the prosecution of his studies for the university.

Bro. Binckes said he had received a letter from the Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire informing him that the brethren of the province had voted £500 guineas to the school for the presentation of a Staffordshire lad during the life of the Duke of Connaught, and another 500 guineas to make the presentation perpetual.

Bro. John Symonds again mentioned his proposal for adopting the code of the Educational Department of the Privy Council as the test for the reading of proposed candidates, and left it to the House Committee to consider the best means of doing it.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart gave notice of motion that the Quarterly Courts of January and July should meet at four o'clock instead of twelve. There were no elections on those days, and the brethren found it very inconvenient to come at so early an hour as twelve, which was right in the busy part of their day. On election days they did not mind it, because they studied the convenience of the brethren who came up from all parts of the country.

The Committee passed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, after sitting nearly an hour and a-half.

## SHEFFIELD MASONIC BALL.

This ball took place on Friday, January 5th, 1877, at the Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, the whole of that suite of magnificent rooms being engaged. 257 persons were present, the dresses of the ladies and the varied regalia of the brethren making a brilliant scene. The ball was a select one, and in every way a success; it was, in fact, pronounced to be the best ever given in Sheffield, which is saying a good deal when we remember their previous highly successful balls. Every Order in Masonry was represented, one visiting brother (from the United States) appearing in the roles, &c., &c., of the 32°. The supper, the wines, and the band were all irreproachable. Dancing was commenced shortly after nine o'clock, and kept up until after three a.m. These balls are conducted by a committee consisting of twelve brethren selected from the several lodges, Bros. S. B. Ellis and Joseph Binney acting as Hon. Secs. for the second year.

We heartily congratulate the committee on its able management, and the Sheffield brethren generally on this their best and greatest success.

The pier at Eastbourne, which was destroyed during the recent storms, is to be rebuilt. At a special meeting of the shareholders, it was stated that the necessary sum, nearly £10,000, had been subscribed, and tenders will at once be asked for.

## FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

A movement is now on foot in the North Island of New Zealand for the formation of a Provincial Grand Lodge under the S.C. Very recently Bro. the Hon. F. Whittaker, one of the founders of Freemasonry in New Zealand, was affiliated into Lodge Sir Walter Scott, to enable him to assume the position of P.G.M. From Bro. Whittaker's abilities and social position we have no doubt of his being able to fill the office with credit to himself and profit to the lodges under his jurisdiction. Bro. M. Niccol, who filled the chair of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 418, S.C., for two successive years, and has now entered his second year as R.W.M. of Lodge Manukau, will be the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Some dozen years ago a Masonic lodge under the Irish Constitution existed in the town of Onehunga, Auckland, New Zealand. A considerable number of the members migrated to the gold fields, and the lodge practically ceased to exist. In the middle of 1875 a few brethren met and discussed the advisability of re-opening the old, or forming a new lodge. After due enquiry, and several preliminary meetings, it was agreed that a new lodge under the Scotch Constitution should be opened, and advantage was taken of Bro. Niccol's visit to Dunedin to apply to the P.G.I. there for a dispensation, pending the receipt of the charter from Edinburgh. The dispensation was received in time to open the lodge on the first Wednesday of January, 1876, Bro. Anderson, P.M. of Lodge St. Andrew, 418, S.C. acting as S.P.G.M.; Bro. Doull, P.M. 411, I.C., as Dir. of Cer.; Bro. S.M. Leers, 686, E.C., as Installing Master, &c. The customary banquet followed, Bro. Malcolm Niccol, the R.W.M., in the chair.

During the past twelve months Lodge Manukau (so named after the harbour on which Onehunga is situated) has steadily prospered, and although the balance at the banker's is small the lodge is out of debt, and has paid for the jewels, regalia, working tools, and furniture of the old lodge, and supplemented them where necessary, making the lodge fully equipped.

At the regular monthly communication in November the following officers were duly elected: Bros. M. Niccol, P.M., re-elected as R.W.M.; W. C. Walker, P.M. 418, S.C., as W.D.M.; H. Hardington, as S.M.; Dunwoodie, as S.W.; J. R. Hendry, J.W.; Eastwood, who retired from the S.W.'s chair on account of increasing age, as Treas.; J. W. Waller, unanimously re-elected Sec.; Codlin, as S.D.; Schofield, J.D.; Collins, as Bible Bearer; Clark, as I.G. for a second time; Neilson as Tyler.

Most of the office-bearers were installed on the regular lodge night, the first Wednesday in December, but the installation banquet was held in the Choral Hall on Thursday, the 14th. The banquet was well attended, no less than nine P.M.'s being the guests of the lodge. After the toasts of "The Queen and Craft," "The Prince of Wales," &c., had been proposed by the R.W.M., "The Three Grand Lodges, S.C., E.C., and I.C.," by Bro. Dunwoodie, S.W.; "Provincial Grand Lodges, N.Z.," by Bro. Hendry, J.W., came the toast of the evening, "The R.W.M. of Lodge Manukau." After Bro. Eastwood proposed the toast he presented Bro. Niccol with a handsome salver and biscuit box, partly purchased from the lodge funds and supplemented by contributions from the lodge members. In his speech the brother recounted many services rendered to Masonry in general, and Lodge Manukau in particular, by the R.W.M. The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm, and all the honours. Bro. Niccol replied at some length. A number of other toasts followed. Bro. Wade, P.M., in proposing the officers and members of Lodge Manukau, gave some advice to the members on business matters—the result of his long experience. He complimented the officers generally, and one or two specially, the Secretary for his business abilities and the J.W. for his readiness in being taught his duties in another lodge (Lodge Union, 154, Mark, E.C.) During the evening Bro. Reeves, P.M., presided at the harmonium and piano, and Bro. Saxton, Organist of 689, E.C., acted as conductor in the anthems, glees, &c. Solos were also sung by Bros. Schofield, Neilson, and others. Bro. O'Callaghan proposed "The Musicians of the Evening," and his encomiums on the excellence of the music was cordially endorsed by those present. "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen" brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren separated, thoroughly satisfied with the whole arrangements.

The Union Lodge of Mark Masters (No. 154, E.C.) held its regular monthly meeting in the Masonic lodge room, Prince's-street, Auckland, on the 12th Dec., 1876, Bro. Niccol, W.M., in the chair; Bros. Burns, as S.W.; Robinson, J.W.; Brock, M.O.; Reeves, S.O.; Hendry, acting J.O. There being no successful candidates in attendance the night was devoted to business. Bro. Burns was unanimously elected as W.M., and Bro. Wade, P.M., as Treasurer.

## SWEDEN.

Dernierment à Stockholm, a été inaugurée avec un grand éclat une nouvelle loge de Francs-Maçons. La solennité a eu lieu dans la grande salle des chevaliers, que peut contenir 1600 personnes, mais elle était à peine assez spacieuse, tant était grande l'affluence des membres de l'Ordre accourus à cette occasion, non seulement de la Suède, mais aussi de la Norvège, du Danemark, de l'Allemagne, de l'Angleterre, et de la France. A 7 heures est arrivé le Roi Oscar, accompagné du Prince Royal, qui peu de jours auparavant avait été reçu dans l'Ordre, et du Prince Jean de Glücksbourg, frère du Roi du Danemark. Devant le Roi et les princes étaient portés sur un coussin les insignes des Francs-Maçons, et, à leur entrée, on a exécuté sur un orgue une marche solennelle qui a duré jusqu'à ce qu'ils eussent pris place sur les sièges qui leur étaient

destinés. Après le discours d'ouverture, prononcé par le Roi, et un court aperçu, donné par M. Dahlfeldt, de l'histoire de l'Ordre en Suède, on a chanté le chant national. A 11 heures on a servi dans la salle Johan un souper de 870 couverts.—*Correspondance Scandinave.*

## MASONIC ANECDOTE OF THE LATE KING OF PRUSSIA.

The late King of Prussia was one of the most illustrious members of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons. He was taught at an early period of life to think the institution had a great tendency to promote charity, good fellowship, harmony, and brotherly love; and he resolved to become a Freemason as soon as a favourable occasion should offer. But he was obliged to wait a long time for it, for his father had conceived so unconquerable an aversion to Freemasons that he would not have hesitated to have put any one to death whom he should discover to have been instrumental in initiating the Prince Royal into the mysteries of the Craft. And such was the temper of the King, that he very probably would have been so enraged against his eldest son for entering into a society which he abhorred that he would have disinherited him. However, both the Prince and the Baron de Bielfeldt resolved to run all risks, and it was determined by the latter, who was one of His Royal Highness's gentlemen of the bed-chamber, and some other officers of his household, that at all events they would make him a Mason. They thought the Fair of Brunswick would afford a favourable opportunity for putting their scheme into execution, as there was always a great concourse of people in that town during the fair, and that a lodge might therefore be easily held there without giving people a reason to suspect the nature of the meeting. The Baron and his friends accordingly provided themselves with all the apparatus necessary for holding a lodge, and, having put them up in trunks, placed them in a waggon, which they attended in disguise. But an unlucky affair had like to have brought on a discovery from which all the parties concerned might have apprehended the most fatal consequences. The officers of the customs, placed at the gates of Brunswick, examined the waggon as it was passing the town, and finding a number of large candlesticks and other things used in the lodges of Freemasons, could not conceive for what purpose they were intended, and were going to seize them and the drivers, when one of the latter, with some presence of mind, said they were poor harmless jugglers, who were going to exhibit numerous curious tricks at the fair, and that the contents of the trunks in the waggon were the ornaments of their little stage, and the implements necessary for displaying their dexterity. This tale had the desired effect; the pretended jugglers were suffered to pass, and the Prince Royal arriving soon after incog., was admitted in one night, speciali gratia, to all the degrees of Masonry. The secret was very well kept by all the parties during the life of the Prince's father, for His Highness had the chance to lose a crown, and the other persons had lives to forfeit by the disclosure. They were, therefore, all deeply interested in observing a scrupulous silence on the subject. The Freemasons of the dominions of Prussia felt the benefit of having a brother in the person of a prince who, when he came to the crown, declared himself their protector, and ever after continued his favour to them during the whole course of his reign, while their brethren were persecuted by the King of Naples and the Elector Palatine, the former of whom imprisoned them, while the latter forbade them to hold lodges under the most severe penalties, and ordered all his officers, civil and military, who were Freemasons, under pain of being dismissed or cashiered, to deliver up to persons appointed to receive them the certificates of their admission into that society, and to give security that they would never attend any lodge in future.

## SWEDENBORGIAN RITE.

A meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge and Temple of the Swedenborgian Rite was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, January 13th, 1877. The warrant of constitution, signed by the Worshipful Bros. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, S. Grand Master; T. D. Harrington, S.S.G.W.; Geo. C. Longley, S.J.G.W., of the Supreme Grand Lodge and Temple for the Dominion of Canada, having been produced, the Supreme Grand Lodge and Temple for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland was declared and proclaimed, and its officers were appointed as follows until the next election:—M.W. Bro. John Yarker, Sup. G.M., P.M. Emmanuel, 1, and Egyptian, 2; R.W. Bros. F. G. Irwin, Sup. S.G.W., W.M. Emmanuel, 1; C. Scott, Sup. J.G.W., J. W. Egyptian, 2; V.W. Bros. S. P. Leather, Sup. Grand Treas., S.W. Egyptian, 2; T. L. Shaw, Sup. Grand Reg., S.D. Egyptian, 2; K. R. H. Mackenzie, Grand Sec., J.D. Egyptian, 2; Hubert Thos. Frank Irwin, G. Dir. of Cers., J.W. Emmanuel, 1; W. Wynne Westcott, G.S.D., S.W. Emmanuel, 1; Thos. Wainman Holmes, G.J.D., W.M. St. John's, 3; Geo. Turner, G. Purst., W.M. Egyptian, 2; Benjamin Cox, Assist. G. Purst., S.D. Emmanuel, 1.

Some misapprehension having got afloat, it was considered desirable to state that although this rite had leading members in various rites, yet it was quite independent and interfered with no other rite whatever, but was a neutral ground to which all M.M.'s, but especially P.M.'s, were eligible, and that such a Constitution was unchangeable in the very nature of its beautiful and learned ceremonies, which formed a key to the writings of Dr. Geo. Oliver. Communications and suggestions from several brethren unable to attend were received.

The members were directed to be divided, and warrants to be issued to the Emmanuel Lodge and Temple, No. 1, Bristol; Egyptian, No. 2, Manchester; St. John's, Baildon, 3 (with 5 members).

The jewel and insignia (those used by the rite on the Continent of America) were adopted as follows:—A carbuncle set and radiated in gold, in the form of a sun, with the sacred name upon the face in Hebrew letters in gold, above it the square and compasses, the ribbon, suspended from a golden scroll, bearing the name and rank of the wearer, being as follows:—For Supreme Grand and Grand Officers, purple, bordered with gold; Past Masters, blue, bordered with gold; W. Masters, bordered with silver; Fraternity, plain blue. To the sun is suspended, in America, a porch-way, formed of triangular stones, of red, blue, and green, approached by three steps of gold. Apron of white lambskin with triangular flap: Supreme and Grand Officers, bordered with purple with deep fringe of gold; Past Masters, bordered with blue with a narrow fringe of gold; Masters, bordered with blue, with a narrow fringe of silver; that of the Fraternity bordered with a narrow blue edging. In the centre, for all grades, the all-seeing eye, with a radiance, and over it the name and rank of the wearer and the body to which he belongs.

The following scale of fees were passed and ordered: To S.G. Lodge, warrants £3, certificates 7s. 6d. each, (of which 2s. 6d. might be paid to a Grand Secretary for preparation and registration); one shilling each member annual subscription. The minimum fee for admission by each lodge to be £1, inclusive of the amount payable to S.G.L. for certificate and registration.

A form intended for certificate having been prepared, the same was submitted and ordered to be lithographed; it was ordered also that the seals of the S. Gd. Lodge be cut, and the Constitutions printed as the funds of the S. Gd. Lodge would allow.

This closed the business of the rite.

### BRO. SIR GEORGE ELLIOT.

The announcement that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of English Freemasons, has been pleased to appoint Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart. M.P., to be Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, in place of the late lamented Bro. Theodore Mansel Malbot, will give the greatest satisfaction to the general body of Freemasons in South Wales. Bro. Sir George Elliot has a seat in the province, namely, Aberaman House, Aberdare, and his interests are closely bound up with its prosperity. The services of Bro. Sir George to the cause of Freemasonry have been neither few nor inconsiderable. Since his initiation, many years ago, in Durham he has taken an active part in Masonic matters. When the brethren of Stratford-upon-Avon had decided upon resigning the warrant of the Bard of Avon Lodge, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D. England, P.D. Prov. G.M. Middlesex, arranged that, instead of the warrant being given up, it should be transferred to the province of Middlesex, and this was done with the consent and approval of the P.G.M. of Warwickshire, Bro. Lord Leigh, and the P.G.M. of Middlesex, Bro. Colonel Burdett. Bro. Parkinson was the first Worshipful Master of the lodge after the transfer, and Bro. Sir George Elliot was the Senior Warden. Bro. Sir George was subsequently elected to and served the office of W.M. of the Bard of Avon Lodge. Soon afterwards Bros. Sir George Elliot, the Earl of Limerick, and J. C. Parkinson founded the Bard of Avon Royal Arch Chapter in the Province of Middlesex, themselves acting as the first three Principals. Bro. Sir George Elliot has taken an active interest in the Masonic Charities, and is vice-patron of the three benevolent institutions. In the chapel of the church of the Holy Trinity at Stratford-upon-Avon, immediately opposite to the effigy of Shakespeare, erected by the poet's daughter, Mrs. Hall, is a marble tablet recording that the stained glass window above it was presented to the church by the Bard of Avon Lodge of Freemasons of Warwickshire. A very interesting meeting was held at Stratford-upon-Avon some three years ago commemorate the putting up of the tablet, on which occasion Lord Leigh opened a special Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire at the Town Hall of Stratford to receive a deputation from London, consisting of Bro. Sir George Elliot as Worshipful Master of the Bard of Avon Lodge, Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar of the Order, and many other leading Masonic authorities, who had come from London specially for the occasion. The banquet was held at the Red Horse, Stratford-upon-Avon—celebrated by Washington Irving—at which Bro. Sir George Elliot presided, and a large and brilliant party attended. On the resignation by Bro. Parkinson of the office of Deputy P.G.M. of Middlesex, Sir George Elliot was appointed as his successor. In addition to his services to Craft Masonry, Sir G. Elliot has also filled positions in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and in the Religious and Military Order of the Temple, he being a Past Preceptor of the Bard of Avon Encampment, of which he was one of the founders, and P.M.W.S. of the Bard of Avon Rose Croix Chapter, of which he was likewise one of the founders. Bro. Sir George is likewise a member of the St. David's Lodge, Aberdare. In spite of his many engagements, he, Bro. Sir George has shown himself not simply an ornamental Mason, but he has taken a real and practical interest in the Order, and so far as he has been able, has availed himself of his opportunities to strengthen Masonry and to extend its influence. On his retirement from the chair of the Bard of Avon Lodge, Bro. Sir George was presented with a very beautiful gold medal, designed by Wyon, the eminent engraver, giving on one side a bust of Shakespeare, taken from the before-named effigy in the church of the Holy Trinity at Stratford-upon-Avon. Sir George Elliot has just returned from his annual tour in Egypt. He arrived on Saturday at the Hotel Bristol, Paris, and will be in town in the course of a day or two to attend his Parliamentary duties.—*Western Mail*.

### Reviews.

#### THE PRINCE OF WALES'S LODGE, No. 259.

We have been favoured with a copy of this very interesting memorial, of a most distinguished lodge. We have perused it carefully and with great pleasure, and feel strongly that a great debt of gratitude is owing to its able and anonymous editor, for a work, which though no doubt to him a real "labour of love," must have entailed on him a great sacrifice of time and trouble. The little work is a model in its way, in that it is neither too prolix nor too curt, but gives us a simple history of the lodge from its own minutes, and also a list of its members from the beginning, annotated with careful notes, by the accurate and painstaking editor. We say, that this little edition is a model for other lodges in its way—and so it is, for it is a good pattern—for other records, which some equally competent and conscientious Secretary might edit, alike for the information of his lodge, and the aid of Masonic Students, to whom such trustworthy details are alike most important and invaluable. Great thanks are due from all to the able editor of this little lodge history, for very pleasant pages, and a most interesting narrative, and we trust that we shall hail many more similar records of our English lodge history, all marked by the same simplicity of expression, the same lucidity of narration, and the same attention to details, which though often seemingly unimportant, are most essential for the purposes of reference and authenticity. It seems that the Prince of Wales's Lodge was constituted on August 20th, 1787, by warrant from the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland, and on the 20th January, 1792, H.R.H. George Prince of Wales, then M.W.G.M. of the Order, was pleased to appoint Genl. Hulse W. Deputy Master, and their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of York and Clarence, Wardens of the lodge. In 1823 the Duke of York was installed W.M. by his brother, the Duke of Sussex, G.M., in consequence of the accession of His Majesty George IV. to the throne, and continued W.M. until his lamented death in 1827, when H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence succeeded him, who was installed at a Special Grand Lodge at the Thatched House Tavern, February 22nd, 1827, by the Duke of Sussex, G.M. On the accession of King William IV., the Duke of Sussex took the chair on the 21st August, 1831, and continued so until his death in 1837. In 1874, H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, was regularly installed as W.M., January 16th, and on the 24th March the same year H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn was initiated by his Royal brother. Among the oldest members of the lodge was the well-known Chevalier Bartholomew Ruspoli, and on looking down the long roll of its members we see many most distinguished men, who were alike an ornament to Masonry and to society. Among them we may notice Field Marshal Sir Samuel Hulse, General Lord Lake, Bro. Thomas Dunkerley, General Sir John Doyle, General Paoli, the Earl of Wigtown, and the Earl of Mountmorris, Waller Rodwell Wright, the Duke of Roxburgh, the Prince of Moliterno, Sir Wm. Beechey, Rev. G. H. Glasse, Charles Mathews, sen. and jun., Baron de Roebuck, Wm. H. White (formerly G.S.), Sir Alexander Johnstone, the Rt. Hon. George Canning, S. F. G. Fowke, Sir John Scott Lillie, Dr. Granville, Lord Yarborough, Godfrey Higgins, Lord John Spencer Churchill, Lord Monson, Lord Saltoun, Dr. H. Beaumont Lerson, Thomas Henry Hall, Rev. Joseph Bowles, Lord Ellesmere, Sir Wm. Napier, Sir Charles Forbes, Thomas Fenn, George Plucknett, the Maharajah Duleep Singh, Robert Grey, John Anthony Rucker, Rev. Arthur Frazer, Sir George Elliot, J. C. Parkinson, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Dr. F. W. Ramsay, the Earl of Onslow, Sir A. Woods (Garter King of Arms), G. W. Elliott, M.P. We have of course missed very many names of worthy brethren and distinguished Masons, but the extracts we have given here are sufficient to point out the interesting nature of the work. At p. 31 there is a most striking ceremonial recorded, when, at a special Grand Lodge, February 27th, 1827, a deputation from the lodge presented to the G.M. on the throne, the jewel of the W.M., on the death of the Duke of York. We thank once more the able editor for his most interesting little "brochure," and we trust that his laudable efforts may serve as an example to other brethren to follow in the modest and most successful track which he has so happily marked out for lodge historians.

#### DICK RADCLYFFE AND CO., NURSERY GARDENERS, &c., 129, HIGH HOLBORN.

We have received and read the little "Illustrated List," put out by this firm with great pleasure and interest. It is an admirable catalogue, containing a large and extensive list of well-assorted seeds and plants. We would advise our readers, interested in gardens and their productions, to whom this book will be found invaluable, to obtain a copy direct from Bro. Radclyffe, at the small cost of sixpence. The horticultural decorations and illustrations are ably got up. Bro. Radclyffe has had the honour of receiving numerous prize medals for the excellence of his seeds, and has also been very favourably noticed for his magnificent floral and horticultural decorations at the metropolitan theatres (a very good specimen is at the present time to be seen at the Queen's Theatre). Bro. Radclyffe has also decorated with marked success, tables, etc., at several Masonic banquets, picnics, &c. We would further add, having a fair knowledge of gardening, that had we a garden to make or stock, we should say to Bro. Dick Radclyffe and Co., "Take the matter in hand for us," and we should have no fear of the result.

The Tanner's Journal states that kid, as a material for ladies' bonnets, is among the latest Paris novelties.

### Masonic and General Tidings.

**CONSECRATION OF THE ALDERSGATE LODGE.**—By a typographical error in our report of the above last week Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary, is stated to have "read," instead of "delivered," an address.

On Saturday, at a meeting of subscribers held at Norwich, it was resolved to build an entirely new hospital for Norwich instead of enlarging the old one. The Prince of Wales has promised an additional donation of £200, and £100 for the Princess, and out of the £35,000 required about £32,000 is already promised.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, with Miss Florence White and other members of the Lord Mayor's family, attended the Stratford Artillery Volunteer Ball on Thursday, which was also patronised by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hatley and Bro. Sheriff East.

**ALDERSGATE BALL.**—This ball took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, and was a highly successful gathering, being largely attended by the inhabitants of the Ward of Aldersgate, their families, and friends. Alderman Staples presided at the ball supper.

Early in the Spring will be published a new volume of poems in the *Romantic* by the *Ionian Poet*, Bro. J. Dionysius Loverdo. It will be divided into two parts, the first containing original compositions; the second translations from Shakespeare, Burns, Cowper, Dryden, Moore, &c.

The new regulation jewels for Past Kings and Companions under the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland are now ready at the Masonic Show Rooms, Little Britain.

We have much pleasure in recording the fact that Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. has been elected a bencher of the Middle Temple.

A meeting was held at the Mansion House on Wednesday, presided over by the Lord Mayor, at which a scheme was discussed with the object of maintaining and preserving the Crystal Palace for the use of the people. Amongst the speakers were Lord Dunsany, Lord Elcho, M.P., Mr. Scott Russell, Mr. Thomas Hughes, Mr. George Howell, and Bro. R. J. Simpson. It was resolved that, in view of the great public advantages of the Palace, it was desirable that it should be maintained, and a committee was appointed to communicate with the directors.

**DEATH OF A FAMOUS SHORTHORN.**—The Earl of Bective has had the misfortune to lose by tuberculosis the famous shorthorn Tenth Duchess of Geneva, which was purchased by his lordship at the New York Mills sale, U.S., in 1873, for over 6000 guineas. The Duchess has left of her breed one bull and three heifers, the youngest of which is stated to be especially worthy of her handsome dam.

**ACCIDENT TO THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.**—The Duke of Connaught, who is staying with the Earl of Listowel, at Connamore, sustained a slight injury while riding to the meet of the Dullhallow hounds near Mallow. He was accompanied by Lady Listowel, and at Ballyhooley Bridge her ladyship's horse became restive, and lashed out, striking the Prince on the leg. The injury was not serious, but it was considered prudent that he should not hunt, and he returned to Connamore.

**ERA LODGE (No. 1423).**—The installation meeting takes place this afternoon at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court. A full report will appear in our next.

**The Consecration of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614,** is fixed for Tuesday next, the 13th inst., at Ashley's Hotel, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden. The ceremonies will be performed by Bro. W. Watson, P.G. Steward. The officers designate are: Bros. John Courts, P.G.P., W.M.; E. Jacobs, S.W.; and A. J. Ireton, J.W.

Bro. Edward Moss, who died on Dec. 8th last, and whose will was proved on the 10th ult., bequeathed, amongst many other legacies, one to the Zetland Lodge of Freemasons of Montreal, of which deceased was for twenty-five years Treasurer.

The Town Council of Bath has unanimously passed a resolution approving of an invitation being sent to the Prince and Princess of Wales to visit the city in June, on the occasion of the Centennial Exhibition of the Bath and West of England Society and Southern Counties Association.

We are asked to state that the meetings of The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, will in future be held at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, every Thursday evening at half-past six.

**BOW AND BROMLEY INSTITUTE.**—On Monday evening last (as was announced in our columns last week), at Bro. Seaton's Fenchurch-street Tavern, the ballot was taken for one Life Governorship, value £1000, and one Life Subscription, value £500, a portion of the proceeds of a Concert given by Bro. Charles Blain, at the Bow and Bromley Institute on the 14th Dec. last, in aid of our Masonic Institutions, the result being as follows: Bro. W. W. Lash (Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73), one Life Governorship; Bro. C. H. Webb (Sincerity Lodge, No. 174), one Life Subscription. The following brethren were present:—Bros. P. M. Austin, Appleby, Blasby, Bennett, F. Brown, A. H. Brown, Baxter C. Blain, F. Fraser, J. Fraser, Gardner, Hill, P. M. Moore, and W. J. Rawley.

Bro. George Tedder's Annual Evening Concert will take place on Monday, February 12th, 1877, at the Public Hall, Erith. Bro. Tedder has secured the assistance of the following eminent artists: Madame Thaddeus Wells, Miss Bessie Stroud, Miss Roper, Miss Emily Dones; Bros. Wilford Morgan, Montem Smith, Chaplin Henry, and Bro. Farquharson.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

The following unavoidably stand over:—

Letter from R. C. Reports of Faith Lodge 141; Cleveland Lodge, 543; Welchpool Lodge, 998; Priory Lodge, 1000; St. James's Lodge, 1579; Domestic Chapter, 177; Mark Lodge Thistle, 8; Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction, Southwark Lodge of Instruction, Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Star Lodge of Instruction.

We shall call attention next week to Archbishop Vaughan's pamphlet, "Hidden Springs" (an attack on Masonry), and Bro. Dr. Wazir Beg's reply.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"La Chaine d'Union," "Keystone," "Cassell's Household Guide," "Notes on the Colony of Victoria."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

ADAM.—On the 4th inst., at Wickham-road, Lewisham High-road, the wife of W. A. Adam, of a daughter.  
BENNETT.—On the 4th inst., at Great Marlborough-street, W., the wife of J. G. Bennett, of a son.  
FOX.—On the 5th inst., at Blackheath, the wife of C. D. Fox, Esq., C.E., of a daughter.  
HALL.—On the 5th inst., at Weybridge Heath, the wife of W. H. Hall, Esq., of a daughter.  
WHITE.—On the 2nd inst., at Barnsbury-square, N., the wife of Bro. T. W. White, of a son.

## MARRIAGE.

BYRON—HOLLIS.—On the 8th ult., at the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, Ontario, George, son of the Rev. J. Byron, M.A., Rural Dean, Kilvingholme, Lincolnshire, to Sophia, daughter of Captain J. Hollis.

## DEATHS.

BAKER.—On the 30th ult., Bro. W. R. Baker, of Forest-street.  
ELLIOTT.—On the 29th ult., Bro. John Elliott, of Lodge 192.  
GOLDSBRO.—On the 29th ult., at 40, West-square, Southwark, S.E., very suddenly, Bro. Thomas W. J. Goldsbro', Esq., M.D., aged 56. Brethren are requested to accept this intimation.  
GOSDEN.—On the 2nd inst., Bro. Charles Gosden, at the Inns of Court Hotel.  
LANE.—On the 31st ult., Bro. William Lane, aged 30.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEB. 10, 1877.

## THE EXCLUSION OF HEBREWS FROM FREEMASONRY.

This question, which has created naturally some little commotion in Germany during the last twelve months, has come to the surface, amongst us in England by the customary conditions, so to say, of reflex action. A distinguished lodge at Birmingham has taken official cognizance of the subject, and we have duly recorded in our pages its formal resolution with respect to it. The present position of affairs appears to be shortly this:—One of the German Grand Lodges, the "Grand Countries Lodge," as we call it, the "Grosse Landes Loge von Deutschland," as they term it, we believe, has declined to pass a resolution admitting Hebrews to Freemasonry, in fact, making Christianity a test of admission. By its present regulation no Hebrew can be admitted, or, rather, no one who is not professedly a Christian. We say we believe that this is the actual condition of affairs, though we note that other Grand Lodges in Germany are credited with the same principles of action. Now we shall be glad to be set right if we are wrong, but we fancy, though "nous sommes mortels," that we have stated the position of affairs correctly. If more than one German Grand Lodge lays down the same requisite of admission, let us know the fact, and at any rate let us try and "shoe the right horse." Now we do not deny that all independent Grand Lodges have a right to lay down for themselves, their own principles of teaching and action, but then it is equally clear that other Grand Lodges have an equal liberty to refuse inter-Masonic communication, so to say, with those whose words and acts appear to be inconsistent with what they deem, rightly or wrongly, the fundamental landmarks of Freemasonry. Without then denying to any German Grand Lodge its full liberty of action and independence of position, we feel that we have a right to ask that our own Grand Lodge shall be consistent with its own teaching, and abide manfully, if peaceably by its own principles. We have declared distinctly, since 1813, that we accept all except the atheist and the libertine, and on this broad basis we work, and on this liberality of sentiment and practice, our friendly alliance with other Grand bodies must be based. But we do not see that we can fairly go further than this, and we somewhat doubt whether, beyond stating our principles clearly and forcibly, our Grand Lodge can take any action in the matter. At the same time we say this, we deplore sincerely that acrid intolerance which seeks to exclude Hebrews from Freemasonry. Independently of the great breach of our universal law of toleration, thus committed, which does despite to the entire teaching of our great Order, for our Hebrew brethren Freemasonry has peculiar attractions, and an abiding charm. The scriptural and Hebrew colouring of our Masonic tradition, must have always a special interest for the Hebrew mind, keenly alive to its own national souvenirs, and the greatness and glories of the Solomonic Temple. But even more than this, as we know ourselves, our Hebrew brethren constitute a most important, zealous, and cultivated body in our midst, always energetic for Freemasonry, and animated by most friendly sensibilities and benevolent aspirations. Indeed, it has often struck us, that they set us all a very good example, in their unsectarian charity, especially as regards our Girls' and Boys' Schools. In the nature of things and for other special causes, the overwhelming majority of our pupils are the orphans of Christian parents, and yet few are so liberal and so persevering in their support of our two great charities, as our Hebrew brethren, who in the truest spirit of Masonry and philanthropy, do not stop to ask what a man believes, but seek to hold out the kind and sustaining hand of fraternal goodwill, to the friendless, the orphan, the suffering, and the destitute. We all of us equally are aware, that among our own Masonic friends, we count many very excellent Hebrew brethren, and we cannot, we repeat, sufficiently

regret the fact, that on any ground whatever, any system of exclusion should be perpetuated, against those many kindly disposed and warm-hearted persons, excellent citizens, good men and true, simply because they are Hebrews. Those of us must be very inattentive readers of history, who have not yet realized, the important part played by the Hebrew race in the annals of the world, in the past, and the part they will probably yet play in the future, in the good providence of God. Those days of intolerance and ignorance are, happily for ever, over, which sought to put a badge of ignominy on all their "tribes." In the eyes of reflective faith and educated understanding, they are still, remember the natural "olive tree" of all history, sacred and profane, while all the rest of mankind are the "wild" grafts. Toleration and charity, kindness and fraternal goodwill have long since learned to peruse many painful pages of the world's history, nay, we must add, of Christian intolerance towards Hebrews, with feelings of sorrow and humiliation. And no one, let us trust, no Freemason, no enlightened man, can hear of the cruel treatment of the Hebrew race, in any part of the civilized world, without deep regret and indignation. In 1877 we deplore, we repeat, to have to record a continuation of the vindictive spirit of the dark ages, and we trust soon to learn that wiser counsels have prevailed, and that the exclusion of the Hebrews from Freemasonry under any governing lodge in Germany, or any other nation in the civilized world, will have become an utter impossibility for the future. We shall point out in another article next week one of the causes of this regrettable state of affairs, and which, in our humble opinion, requires immediate removal and rectification.

## THE ATTACK ON BRO. HERVEY BY THE MONDE MAÇONNIQUE.

By the *Monde Maçonnique* for January, it seems that Bro. Caubet is not the writer of the article complained of in a previous number of the *Freemason*, which contained expressions alike very uncourteous and un-Masonic, as we thought then, and think still, towards our valued Grand Secretary. No, it appears that the actual writer of them is a Bro. Adrien Grimaux, or Grimaud, the name is spelt both ways in the *Monde Maçonnique*, who is, we may observe, "en passant" no connection of the "Grimaud" of the "*Traité des Ans Après*." We ought to have looked to the list of contents, for there, undoubtedly, Bro. Grimaux's name covers the matter from page 342 to page 352, but we did not, and seeing Bro. Caubet's name at the conclusion of the article "*Revision*," &c., which begins page 352, we too hastily concluded that he had written both articles. We have therefore to express our regret to Bro. Caubet for having credited him erroneously with remarks, equally unwise in tone and temper, but surely, as he seems entirely to approve of them, the old maxim applies, "Volenti non fit injuria." Any further expression of regret is therefore superfluous. We propose to offer a few fraternal kindly comments in our next issue on the two remarkable productions which are signed by Bros. Caubet and Grimaux, and appear at pages 403 and 406 respectively, in the January number of the *Monde Maçonnique*. We can only deplore the fact, now too patent, that Bros. Caubet, Grimaux, and others are leading deliberately the Grand Orient of France into the "Caudine Forks" of hopeless isolation.

## A SPURIOUS SO-CALLED GRAND LODGE IN LONDON.

By the *Monde Maçonnique* of January it appears that there is a spurious and illicit body in London, terming itself "La Grande Loge des Philadelphes et de la Concorde Réunis," at the "Spreat Eagle" [query "Spread?"] "6, Charles-street, Middlesex Hospital, a Londres." We have previously, indeed, heard of a so-called lodge of the same name, which Bro. Caubet stated had not a French warrant, and which Bro. Buss informed us had not an English warrant, and which clearly had no right to term itself a Masonic lodge. But now, lo and behold, it has blossomed into a full blown "Grande Loge." As



we know of no Grand Lodge in England but that presided over by the Prince of Wales, and certainly do not understand why a French lodge can be meeting in London with no warrant at all, or venture to call itself a "Grande Loge," we think it right to direct the attention of the proper Masonic authorities to the subject. We regret that the editor of so respectable a journal as the *Monde Maçonnique* should have permitted such an impudent assumption of the name of a Grand Lodge to appear in his pages, for it is, in fact, a great "manqué d'égards" towards the English Grand Lodge, the more so as he knows as well as we do that such a lodge in England is spurious and illicit, and that any body of foreign Masons taking such a name, not only infringe the laws of the land, but commit a great act of impertinence towards the English Grand Lodge. A Bro. Valleton claims to be the "Orateur" of this remarkable body, see pp. 432, 433, *Monde Maçonnique* for January, and above all has, we regret to say it, the effrontery to issue his illegal statement, as he says, "dans l'intérêt des Maçons Anglais." We venture to add that there is no English Freemason who will not at once repudiate indignantly any connection whatever with this spurious body of so-called Freemasons, but who are not and cannot be anything but a clandestine and unwarranted and unwarrantable meeting of non-Masons, or anything else in fact, you like, against all Masonic law and authority.

### NOT TRUE!

As we thought at the time, the statement of the *Westminster Gazette* as to the admission of Prince Louis Napoleon into Freemasonry at Rome by Prince Humbert turns out to be a pure myth. We commend to our readers' notice a little correspondence on the subject, which we publish in another column, by which it will clearly appear that, through the kind intermediation of our Bro. J. C. Parkinson, we have authority from Rome to say that the whole story is a weak invention of the enemy. Supposing that the statement had been accurate in itself, and that Prince Louis Napoleon had been admitted into Freemasonry, it was a matter, after all, which only concerned himself and his family and friends. But to invent a direct falsehood, and then to ground on that falsehood an attack upon the Empress Eugenie and her son, is an example of bad "form," and of worse faith, almost without precedent. Without precedent, did we say? Alas! it is that peculiar feature of Ultramontanism which has always filled the thoughtful with alarm and humiliation, we mean its utter "unscrupulousness" alike in word and work, when some end is to be gained, some result achieved, as is idly supposed or profanely asserted, A.M.D.G. Especially as regards Freemasons is this hyper-illegality of sentiment and action most remarkable. From the first condemnation of Pope Clement in 1738, when the "houses were to be destroyed" where the lodges met, and Freemasons themselves were to be seized by the Inquisition, and handed over to the "secular arm" until this hour everything is apparently allowable for Roman Catholics to say of or impute to Freemasons. According to some Ultramontane scribes, there is no crime they have not committed, no evil that they would not do, and as a proof of what educated Roman Catholics believe, too, of our innocuous Order, we recommend our readers to peruse an interesting letter by Bro. Vervega, which appears amongst our correspondence this week, as illustrative of the subject we are treating upon. As it is, we have this consolation, that as a general rule any Ultramontane statement as to Freemasonry just now is not only a "canard," "lame," and "sauvage" for the most part, too, but it is very lucky if it is not something worse, an invention so utterly devoid of truth for instance, that we can only regard it as an emanation from the "father of lies." Dreadful position for a religious body to take. Not only to be unable to "realize the abstract importance of truth," but to lie, either purely for lying sake, or in support of that vile theory, that the end justifies the means, however bad or base those means may be per se. As Freemasons let us not imitate our unreasoning and uncharitable assailants, and let us never for-

get that one of the greatest attributes of good Freemasons under all circumstances and in all contingencies is Truth.

### NEWS FROM SWEDEN.

In another column our readers will perceive that, according to the *Correspondance Scandinave*, a Stockholm paper of some circulation, and very friendly to Freemasonry, by an extract of which we give, in the French, as we received it, that a new lodge has been recently inaugurated at Stockholm, by the King in person, and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren from Norway, Denmark, Germany, England, and France, as well as Sweden itself—a truly cosmopolitan gathering. The Crown Prince had been initiated a few days before, and was also present, as well as Prince John of Glucksburg, brother of the King of Denmark. Bro. Dahlfeldt gave an oration, and after a most successful gathering 870 brethren sat down to supper. Well, amid the violence of some unreasoning fanatics and the anathemata of others, it is pleasant for us to note that now, as of old, the great men of the world are not ashamed "our mysteries to put a good grace on," much less to hear themselves named "a Free and an Accepted Mason." So let us all take abuse and illogical accusation calmly, and join one and all in the good old chorus, "Prosper the Craft."

### 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.]

#### HOW CAN WE IMPROVE MASONRY IN SCOTLAND?

SEC. II.—THE DAUGHTER LODGES.  
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Masonry is not a benefit society; every aspirant seeks, or ought to seek, admission to our portals from a sincere desire to benefit his fellow creatures; "he should be prompted by no mercenary or unworthy motive."

The Craft has, it is true, institutions to assist the widows and aged, and to educate its orphans in many parts of the world; but this is not a benefit society; with them all who join do so for ulterior pecuniary gain. With us our charities are to relieve true and real distress brought on by no fault of our own; we may any one of us (whatever our fortune or position in life) be in a moment reduced to the utmost depths of distress—banks in which our money is placed may fail—funds may go down or utterly collapse—interests on investments may cease—large business firms may fail, and carry us down with them.

Again, even when we take the open-handed charities supported by our Order, we may, aye, and do find, that the real cases of distress, the unwilling applicants for relief, far exceed the funds at our disposal, and many are sent empty away.

"Masonry, then, is not a Benefit society;" it relieves real distress whenever and whenever it can do so; but even then falls far short in its duty. "A candidate should not seek to join Masonry for pecuniary or trade advantages."

Masonry is open, however, to every good and worthy man, whatever his state or position in life may be: peasant, prince, and noble are equally eligible; the unworthy noble is refused, the honest peasant is accepted; men of all languages, nations, religious beliefs, are eligible for our Order, provided only they believe in the One True God, T.G.A.O.T.U.

Masonry being such as this, it remains for us, its professors, to welcome all good and honest men, whosoever and wheresoever they may be, but to exclude the ignoble, the base, the sordid, the slanderer, the criminal, as far as lays in our power. "We cannot be too strict in estimating and examining the character of any and every aspirant for our favours." But for a lodge to be in a position to refuse the unworthy, it must be financially able to receive with open arms those alone that are worthy. It has been for many years the bane of Masonry in Scotland, that lodges, "to keep up their funds," accept one and all that come forward, the entrance fees being the sole funds for the maintenance of the lodge. Members even in many cases go so far as to solicit their friends to join, and yet the candidate, according to our rules, should be perfectly unbiased by solicitation.

I do not say that this state of matters is confined to Scotland alone—far be it from me to do so; but I do say that here this flagrant dereliction of duty is too rampant, and yet the vice is not ineradicable. In the province with which I am connected lodges do not depend on fees received from intrants for their funds, and there are several other provinces and lodges in Scotland with which I am acquainted similarly situated. What can be done in some should therefore be done in all.

The principles that I would inculcate, therefore, are these:—

A. That Grand Lodge should make it compulsory on all daughter lodges to exact annual subscriptions (however small) from all its members.

B. That Grand Lodge should increase the minimum fee exigible for intrants, and re-apportion the dues to Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund and Provincial Grand Lodges.

The amount of the annual subscription for its members is the province of each separate lodge; the cognate question, the minimum or maximum fee for intrants, depends on Grand Lodge. The same principles, however, must guide both the daughter lodges and the Grand Lodge in fixing their respective scales. A daughter lodge must consider its members and their position in life; it must calculate what its annual expenses for Masonic purposes are likely to be, and fix its annual charge to cover such expenditure, even if only 2s. 6d. per head per annum. The bye-law that no brother shall vote or speak in lodge if in arrear of his annual subscription should be strictly enforced.

No brother should be eligible for office (pace other qualifications) in Grand Lodge, or Provincial Grand Lodge, unless a subscribing member of his mother lodge or some other one holding under Grand Lodge of Scotland.

These are questions more particularly belonging to Grand Lodge, but, as they also affect the daughter lodges, had better be considered at once, before taking up questions relevant solely to Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge under the present system (see Constitutions, cap. xx., sec. iv.) enacts that no candidate shall be initiated for less than £1 1s. 6d., exclusive of Grand Lodge dues viz., 5s. 6d. for registration (of which 1s. goes to the Benevolent Fund), and 5s. for diploma; therefore every intrant has to pay not less than £1 11s. 6d., the sum of 10s. 6d. has to be paid by the lodge Treasurer to Grand Lodge on each intrant, irrespective of fees exigible by the daughter lodge, not less than £1 1s. 6d.

I would propose, then, 1st, that Grand Lodge should make annual subscriptions in daughter lodges compulsory; 2nd, that the minimum fee for initiation should be raised to £2 2s. 6d., inclusive of dues to Grand Lodge, Benevolent Fund and Prov. Grand Lodge, viz., £1 5s. 6d. minimum to daughter lodge, 7s. 6d. to Grand Lodge for registration (of which 2s. 6d. should be remitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge), 5s. 6d. for diploma, and 5s. 6d. to Fund of Benevolence.

£2 2s. is not an unnecessarily high minimum to exact from any aspirant for our benefits, it is also within the reach of any honest and industrious man, who does not seek personal or pecuniary advantage, in fact who wishes to enter Masonry in a proper spirit.

The question of annual subscriptions (however small) will tend to raise the financial as well as the Masonic position of daughter lodges, and relieve them from being compelled to receive, simply for their fees, one and all who may apply.

Grand Lodge, the Benevolent Fund, Provincial Grand Lodges, and every daughter lodge would then be strengthened, and the moral tone of Masonry improved.

I would add a few words more as to annual subscriptions to prevent mistakes: "Any brother who, from pressure of circumstances, is unable to continue his subscription, any brother leaving the district in which his lodge is held, and who then withdraws his annual money, is still a Mason, and exercises all Masonic rights; he simply loses membership of the lodge as regards voting and speaking, and loses for the time the qualifications (if he has any others) of membership of Grand Lodge, or Provincial Grand Lodge, but can always regain his status by being replaced on the list of subscribing members of his mother or any other lodge, or in case of going to another town or county by joining the lodge of his new home."

#### Sec. III.—ADMINISTRATIVE.

##### Composition of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodges.

a (See cap. i., sec. 1). The Grand Lodge of Scotland consists of Grand Office Bearers, Past Grand Masters, Prov. Grand Masters, Right Worshipful Masters, and their Wardens or Proxy Masters, and Wardens of every lodge holding under Scottish Constitutions.

b (See cap. xii., sec. 1). The Provincial Grand Lodge shall consist of the Provincial Grand Master and all office bearers (excepting Inner Guard and Tyler), and the Masters and Wardens and Immediate Past Masters of the several lodges in the province.

In Grand Lodge a regular annual test of membership both to Grand Lodge and also Benevolent Fund exists (see appendices A and K); many Provincial Grand Lodges also have a test of membership, but this, as in the case of daughter lodges, should be rendered compulsory; the addition (lately given) of Immediate Past Masters to Provincial Grand Lodges has been a great boon, inasmuch as it has increased the income and working powers thereof.

Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodges being the ruling powers of the Craft, none but those duly qualified should be members of each or either; as in Grand Lodge so in the Provincial, all Past Grand Officers should remain members so long as all fees to Provincial Grand Lodge and a daughter lodge are paid, wearing also a distinctive mark on their aprons to denote their past rank.

As to cap. xx., sec. 6. as to duration of time between granting degrees, the law should be strictly enforced, and the wording altered, so that no dispensation should be given save by the Provincial Grand Master, his depute or substitute, and that only at the written request of and duly signed by the Right Worshipful Master and the two Wardens of the petitioning lodge.

The proposed 2s. per head on intrants in revised scale of dues to Grand Lodge, which comes to the Provincial Grand Lodge, should be the nucleus of a Provincial Benevolent Fund.

Duplicate returns of all intrants, affiliations, office-bearers for the ensuing years, and also of subscribing members, should be made annually by all lodges to their respective Prov. G. Lodge. Extended powers should be given to Provincial Grand Lodges, to act as courts of first instance in all Masonic cases within their jurisdiction,

with appeal, if necessary, to Grand Lodge. In the case of Provincial Grand Lodges I would extend the membership under qualification as to fees, &c., as above, to all Past Masters and all Past Wardens that have been duly installed and served their offices for the appointed time.

At all Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge not less than six Grand Stewards, and of Provincial Grand Lodges not less than two Provincial Grand Stewards should be told off to be in waiting at the entrance of Grand Lodge to assist the Grand Tyler in admitting brethren from the provinces, and to prove that they are de facto R.W.M.'s, Wardens, Past Masters, Proxy Masters, and Wardens, who seek entrance, and are thereby entitled to vote and speak.

This could be arranged by a roster for duty being kept by the President of Grand Stewards.

#### SEC. IV.—PROXY MASTERS AND WARDENS, AND PAST MASTERS.

We must always hold in view the great landmark of our Order, "that the three who rule the lodge" are the Master and his two Wardens; this is the basis on which all Grand Lodges were formed. But in Scotland, when the Grand Lodge there was instituted as the ruling power of the Craft it was found that distances being long and locomotion difficult and expensive, few could attend, and that the country lodges were virtually unrepresented, it was therefore enacted that all lodges that could not and would not attend the regular meetings should send proxies to represent them, but as then arranged, no other qualification was required of these proxies than that they should be Master Masons duly registered on Grand Lodge books, so that Grand Lodge had almost got into the hands of those who had never been "rulers of the Craft" at all. Often have I known of cases where a candidate was raised on the Saturday evening, and on the Monday the same young brother was sitting in Grand Lodge voting and speaking on subjects of which he could know little or nothing; this, however, of late years has been greatly ameliorated, but even yet a considerable number of the members have not held offices in daughter lodges, and therefore are not "rulers of the Craft."

By turning back to my first article you will see the qualification I propose for proxies. This proxy system, I am sorry to say, had got so engrained in the Scottish mind, that a few years ago, when it was tried to add Past Masters as a component part of Grand Lodge, the motion failed, but now I see signs that it may not be so impossible a question as it has been. On looking over the Grand Lodge Roll, I see a great number of country lodges elect to send their own R.W.M. and Wardens, and do not grant proxies again, a large portion of the Craft see that it is high time to put our house in order, there are signs of our colonies setting up Grand Lodges for themselves, Masonry in the provinces is slowly but really improving, a more healthy grasp is being taken of the aims and intentions of Masonry; so that while keeping on duly qualified proxies for the benefit of the more distant lodges, I think it will not be impossible to strengthen our deliberative and Masonic, but also our financial power in Grand Lodge, and throughout the country.

#### SEC. V.—FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

I now come to my last question, though it is one of the "chief landmarks" of Freemasonry, Our Fund of Benevolence is supported by the following dues, viz., 1s. on each intrant, bringing at the most £200 per annum, and fees of Grand Officers and members of Grand Lodge, with interest on savings that are deposited, in all a very little over £700 per annum, as per Table II.

Allowing for the tithe that is each year invested, very little remains for relieving distress. So much is this the case that it is a rare thing to hear of more than £10 being given to an individual case.

TABLE II.  
OLD SCALE.

1. Grand Officers and Grand Stewards.....	£153 13 6
2. Lodges in Edinburgh, Proxies, R.W.M.'s, &c., &c. ....	254 13 0
3. Intrants, say 4000 at 1s. ....	200 0 0
4. Interest on deposits .....	108 0 0
	£716 6 6

PROPOSED SCALE.

1. Grand Officers and Grand Stewards.....	£153 13 6
2. Lodges in Edinburgh, Proxies, R.W.M.'s, &c., &c. ....	263 13 0
3. Intrants, say 4000 at 5s. ....	1000 0 0
4. Interests on deposits .....	108 0 0
5. 500 P.M.'s and P.G. Officers at 5s. each	125 0 0
	£1650 6 6

Note. Addition of £934.

In the latter case either donations of £30 could be given (a real boon, for to any one in deep distress £5 or £10 can be of little avail), or a sum could be given annually to the "Proposed Scottish Masonic Benevolent Institution."

In conclusion, I would simply say, 1st, the prosperity of the daughter lodges must influence the prosperity of Grand Lodge in preventing arrears,—the arrears of Grand Lodge are its great stumbling block; the excess of expenditure over receipts is mainly due to this deadlock of arrears. Until the excess of expenditure can be stopped and matters arranged on a firm financial basis, no hope can be held out of arranging for consolidating the "debt and floating balance,"—the best executive procurable could not make a real headway against the stream of evil.

2nd. While changes in the system must be made, we should endeavour to reconstruct our administrative as well as financial department, seeing the two branches are so intimately connected together.

Not only will this be for the good of Grand Lodge

itself, but for the Craft in general throughout Scotland. In fine, it depends on the brethren and the daughter lodges of Scotland themselves, by prompt returns, and payments of all dues, to make the Craft succeed in the future.

Table III.—PROPOSED SYSTEM.

New Table of Receipts for use of Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Sec. I. Annual payments.	
Certificates of 458 Lodges	
at 5s. ....	
Annual Subscription of 458 R.W.M.'s and their Proxies at 5s. ....	£458 0 0
Annual Subscription of 916 Wardens and their Proxies at 5s. ....	
Liquidation Fund, 458 Lodges at 1s. each per ann.....	458 0 0
* 500 Past Masters and Past Grand Officers at 5s. ....	125 0 0
Annual rents of shops and other properties, about.....	480 0 0
	£1521 0 0
Sec. II.—Variable incomes.	
† Intrants, say 4000, at 5s....	£1000 0 0
Diplomas, say 4000, at 5s....	£1000 0 0
Charters and Prov.G. Master's Commissions at £10 10s. ....	105 0 0
Rents of Lodges and other Masonic bodies, say .....	80 0 0
Rents for Grand Hall, say....	150 0 0
Miscellaneous Receipts .....	50 0 0
	£2385 0 0
	£3906 0 0

\*Compare with Table 1 in *Freemason*, Jan. 27th, 1877. †Thus, whether proxies are retained or not, there should be no diminution of income, but rather a substantial increase of £225, without so much chance of arrears.

Vide Constitutions, cap. xx., sec. xxxv., all lodges holding of Grand Lodge of Scotland, whether represented or not by their Master or Wardens, shall be compelled to pay the fees exigible for representation in Grand Lodge on the 24th June annually, if not paid by their representatives previously.

GEORGE R. HARRIOTT,  
Prov. G. M. Wigton and Kirkcudbright.

#### THE ABDUCTION OF WILLIAM MORGAN. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondent, Bro. W. Fieldson, in the *Freemason* for Dec. 23rd ult., said that "rumour has it that William Morgan was murdered by Freemasons," and, while questioning the statement himself, he quoted a circumstantial account, asserting it to be taken from "Cassell's History of the United States," by E. Ollier, and asked for authentic information upon the subject. You were pleased to refer the question to me for reply, which I give, as well as I am able, below:—

A brief sketch of the whole affair will probably best satisfy your correspondent and readers generally.

William Morgan was born in Virginia in 1776. He was a stonemason by trade, but afterwards became a brewer, and for a time, about 1812, he was one of LaFitte's piratical band, in Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico. He afterwards lived in Virginia and New York.

There is no evidence whatever that he was ever made a Mason. At Rochester, N.Y., he craftily persuaded his employer that he was a Freemason, and through his influence, without any certificate or permit, succeeded in being admitted as a member of a lodge in that city. He afterwards, emboldened by his success in Rochester, at the town of Le Roy again deceived the fraternity, and pretending that he had received the Masonic degrees up to and including that of "Most Excellent Master Mason," was admitted in the chapter there, and received regularly the Royal Arch Degree. That was the only degree he ever lawfully received. He was thus a perjured man throughout his brief Masonic career. In intellectual character he was naturally bright, but illiterate, and learned only in the dark ways of the world. Added to this, he brutalised himself with drink. Outside of his house, in taverns, he was a bar-room oracle; in his house he was an intoxicated tyrant, and treated his wife shamefully, seizing her by the hair of her head and dashing her against the walls and furniture. He soon came, as a result, to want, and was the recipient of both common and Masonic charity. Such was the man who conceived the scheme of bettering his fortunes by publishing a pretended exposé of Masonry. An idea of the sum he expected to gain may be learned from the fact that his confederates who were with him in the scheme bound themselves to him in a bond with the penalty of 500,000 dols., to pay him one-fourth part of all sums that should be received from the sales of the book. He owed numerous debts, which were pressed for payment, and led to his imprisonment several times in gaol. On the last occasion, Sept. 12, 1826, he was released, upon two persons paying his debt, and accompanied by them he entered a carriage, after some high words and persuasion, and was driven first to Rochester and then to old Fort Niagara, near Lewiston, on the Niagara river, that being the boundary line between the United States and Canada. There he was kept under lock and key for two or three days. From that time until a comparatively recent period there was no authentic information as to his whereabouts. The enemies of Freemasonry asserted that he was drowned by its brethren in the Niagara river, while dispassionate persons believed that he had been taken to Canada and liberated. There was certainly no evidence of death. His body was never found, nor any one that saw him killed. Had he possessed any estate no court of probate would have granted letters testamentary upon the evidence of his disappearance.

Now as to the sequel. One account, purporting to have come from Morgan's son, is that, instead of having been mysteriously murdered, he lived nearly thirty years after his disappearance from New York, and finally died in corpulence and contentment at Van Dieman's Land, where he was editor of a newspaper called the *Advertiser*, which still survives him, and in which he used to refer in a pleasant way to the stories told of his murder in the United States. According to the statement of young Morgan, his father was released upon condition that he should leave the country for ever. He accepted the offer, and was accompanied by Masons as far as Quebec, where he entered the British navy and sailed for England. He afterwards was discharged from that service, and sailed for Van Dieman's Land, where he settled. His son was a resident of San Francisco at the time when he communicated this information relating to his father, whom he visited during his lifetime once every two years.

Another account, given August 17, 1851, by A. P. Rogers, of Anoka, Minnesota, is, that the elder Rogers, his father, who died in 1857, knew William Morgan well prior to 1826, and met him many years after in the backwoods of Maine. He said that Morgan escaped from those who had charge of him at Fort Niagara, and fearing for his life, if caught, he fled to the boundless forests of Northern Maine, where he built a cabin and lived a wild hunter and hermit's life. When he was accidentally discovered by Mr. Rogers, and recognised, he decamped, seeking a new and more secluded home, and was never heard of afterwards.

The astute reader may take his choice of these stories, or, rejecting both, frame one for himself. Probably the Morgan mystery will never be cleared up. Certainly interest in it has ceased in the United States, among anti-Masons as well as the brethren. It was a "good enough Morgan" before the elections; it gave a class of political tricksters a pretence for elevating themselves into power for a time; but their rule was of short duration, and will never be repeated. There is no home American historian that has had the assurance to gravely charge upon Freemasons the murder of Morgan—that thankless and proofless assertion seems to have been reserved for one who writes three thousand miles away from the scene of the history; and distance in this instance does not appear to have lent either impartiality or enchantment to his view.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, courteously and fraternally yours,

CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA,  
P.M. of Concordia Lodge, No. 67,  
Philadelphia, U.S.

January 17, 1877.

#### MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is a pity that "A. T." did not say candidly at first that he knew nothing whatever about the subject matter of my inquiry. But surely there are learned and thoughtful brethren among us who care enough for the Craft to search into the origin of what seems to be a grand blunder, and endeavour to get it rectified. In hopes of this catching the eye of some such reader, I will restate my query.

For reasons specified in my last letter the W.M.'s apron symbol is not a level, but a *tau*. Now is it from ignorance or design that the swan has been changed into a goose? Were the framers of our Constitutions members of the "little Latin and less Greek" fraternity; and did they not know a *tau* from a level? Or had they some deep meaning which they wished to convey by turning the *tau* upside down, and making it stand upon its head, like an acrobat? Or, lastly, was it simply a bungle of the compositor, who printed "perpendiculars upon horizontals," instead of "horizontals upon perpendiculars?"

I pause for a reply to this, and to my other unanswered query respecting the ritual of Board of I.M.'s.

W. M. C. N.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly inform me and other Past Provincial Grand Stewards the reason we are not allowed to wear the apron and collar of our office. The Prov. Grand Secretary does not forget to apply for the fees of honour from us as from the other officers, and as many W.M.'s have been appointed Stewards, and no chance appearing of their gaining the purple, we think it but fair that we should be allowed to retain the colour of our office, the duties of Steward being more important than several of the minor ones, who retain the purple.

Your kind opinion upon this subject will oblige many who are often called upon to rise when "The Health of Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present," is given.

Yours fraternally,

PAST PROV. GRAND STEWARD AND P.M.

#### BRO. BURGESS AND THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The General Board of the Mark Degree have persistently avoided noticing my complaints to them of unfair treatment, on the allegation that they are couched in improper language. If, therefore, you will extend to me the courtesy of addressing the board through the public medium of the *Freemason*, there is a guarantee to them that my language is not improper, and there is also a guarantee to me of some chance of fair play.

I desire then to remind the Board of some principles of Masonic jurisprudence laid down by a standard writer on such matters, Bro. the Rev. G. Oliver, D.D., now called to the Grand Lodge above.

Bro. Oliver has written, "It must be observed, 'in limine,' that a brother who may be presumed guilty of



any serious offence cannot be punished until the necessary formalities have been used to afford him a full and fair opportunity of defending himself before his peers, and in the presence of his accuser; that would be a stretch of power which no Masonic law can justify. Every step taken to criminate a brother must be done openly, and without disguise. The charge must be preferred in writing, signed by the accuser, and forwarded to the Secretary of the lodge, whose duty it is, in concurrence with the Master, to furnish the accused brother with a copy of the charges against him, accompanied by a notice of the day which has been appointed for investigating the case, which may either be at a regular lodge or one of emergency; but it ought to be fixed for some distant day, that the accused brother may have sufficient time to collect his evidence, and prepare for his defence. The special business should be distinctly stated in the summons, and no examination of witnesses can possibly be allowed, except in the presence of him who brought the charge and him who is the object of it."

(I have not received from the Secretary of Mark Grand Lodge, or of any other Mark Lodge, any copy of any charge brought against me, nor any notice of a day appointed for its investigation.)

Again, "According to the terms of that sound maxim of our own jurists, 'nemo bis puniatur pro eadem delicto,' nor can he be responsible to any one tribunal for a crime committed in another." (It has yet to be proved that I have committed any "crime," yet the Mark authorities have expelled me for neglecting to obey the summons of another body, claiming to be not a Masonic body, and which then had no authority over me.)

Again, "We enter on the subject of expulsion with undisguised reluctance, entertaining, as we do, considerable doubts whether it is either prudent or politic to resort to it under any circumstances; for in the very few instances where it has been inflicted, there appear to have been sound reasons for supposing that it was the result of a cry raised to the prejudice of some individual brother, who had actually rendered good service to the Order, as in the case of the celebrated Preston, who ought to have been advanced to the highest honours, instead of being made the victim of party feeling which placed him under the ban of Grand Lodge, and ended in his expulsion. Our scruples are established by this instance, for after the lapse of a few years, a new dynasty having succeeded to power, all the former proceedings against Preston were rescinded, and he was voluntarily and triumphantly restored to all his Masonic honours and privileges." . . . "The credit and stability of the Craft are vindicated in the fact that the power of expulsion and restoration is vested in the Grand Lodge alone. . . . Happily, the Grand Lodge itself is incapable of inflicting this severe penalty until after the offending brother shall have not only been furnished with an ample opportunity to show cause why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced, but shall have utterly failed to substantiate his innocence to the satisfaction of the brethren."

The Mark Master Masons claim to be a Masonic body; their Constitutions are modelled on those of the Craft, yet the Mark Master Masons ignore the law which Dr. Oliver says "is consistent with reason and justice, and in strict accordance with the principles of British jurisprudence."

Faithfully yours,

CHAS. J. BURGESS.

#### PRINCE HUMBERT AND PRINCE LOUIS NAPOLEON.

Dear Bro. Woodford,—

I enclose a letter in Italian, together with the translation, which will answer your question of a few days ago, and which I shall be glad if you will give full prominence to in the *Freemason*.

I am, dear Bro. Woodford, yours truly and fraternally,

J. C. PARKINSON.

23, Great George-street, Westminster,  
London, S.W., 1st Feb., 1877.

Roma, 29 Gen., 1877.

Gentile Signore J. Parkinson,—

Tutto in che qui è ditto relativamente all' iniziazioni del Principe Imperiale nella Massoneria Italiana è assolutamente falso.

Vi prego di mettere in avvertenza la fratellanza Inglese. Fraternamente, V.F.,

GIUSEPPE MAZZONI.

TRANSLATION.

Rome, Jan. 29th, 1877.

Dear Brother Parkinson,—

All that is said in the *Westminster Gazette* as to the initiation of the Prince Imperial by Prince Humbert in Italian Masonry is absolutely false.

I beg you kindly to convey this to the English brethren.

Fraternally yours,

GIUSEPPE MAZZONI.

#### THE ROMAN CATHOLICS AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a Roman Catholic and a Mason, permit me to give the following account of a conversation which I had lately with a deacon of my Church:—

Leaving Venice for Verona, I happened to find myself in a smoking carriage, and this rev. gentleman, amongst others, being one. He kept at intervals perusing his breviary, or some kind of prayer-book, whilst I glanced over my newspaper. The remainder of our party were what I am sorry to call a lot of young men, imbibed with what now-a-days is called "materialism," and kept constantly abusing religion of all shades and its ministers. I felt sorry for their want of education, as well as for their principles, and the poor deacon felt by no means very

comfortable, considering the language which was being used. I thought well, at any rate of proving to him that he need fear nothing from me. The rev. gentleman seemed very much relieved, and pleased at finding a friend. After conversing with him on casual subjects, he asked me if I were a Catholic? I gave him this answer: "I have, sir, been brought up as such; my ancestors and my family are such, but I regret to inform you that the Church denies me all privileges or sacraments, if I were to ask them." To this he at once replied, "Oh! you are a Freemason?"

I answered him simply thus: "And let us imagine I were one, is that the reason why the Church ought to brand me as a renegade?" The rev. gentleman was taken aback for an instant, but resumed, "Sir, I see the difference. I have duly watched your conduct, and the manner in which you have relieved my anxiety inspired by our fellow travellers, surprised me indeed; and if you are what we call a Mason, then I do not know who is right." Having received this reply, I cautiously led him to reveal to me what the officials of the Church told him on Masonry, and I am glad on one hand to state that I found him perfectly in the dark, and secondly I regretted to find he had been instructed falsely, and most erroneously made to believe that we are no less than a society of murderers, infidels, and such like, in which case I do not feel at all surprised (I said) that you have strict orders to put us down. "But," added I, "May I ask you if you ever, sir, came in contact with a true Mason?" "No, sir, never." "Then you speak from mere hearsay?" "Yes, sir, that's all."

"Now, permit me to give you some details of what Masonry only aims at, and then please answer me."

I told him our objects in life, and that charity was our foundation.

After having answered him a few more questions, I am glad to say that the rev. gentleman thanked me for the valuable information I had imparted to him, and he added: "I am deeply sorry, sir, I had never known the true meaning of a Mason, I regret to have been misinformed, and must say it is very unfair for our superiors to instruct us as they do." He further in answer to my questions, added that there is no obstacle why the Church ought to refuse its sacraments to a Mason if asked. But, added I, now sir, pray, you have agreed with me, do you do so right from your heart. Certainly, sir! Well then, I said, pray the next time you receive such Orders to insult from the altar, and accuse Masonry of crimes of which it knows nothing and does not countenance, please act fair and square. He promised me that he should never commit such a mistake again, and begged me to remember that he acted always according to superior orders. He parted from me at Padua, and hoped to have the pleasure of a visit from me some day.

Now, sir, what is to be drawn from this interview. Simply this, that the antagonism of our Church (I mean mine) is for selfish purposes. I know for one that from the day I joined Masonry I never felt my conscience troubled in the least, so far as all excommunications and Papal bulls are concerned. And I believe firmly, that many of our timid brethren, if they only would gather energy and courage, they would not shrink; and, let me add, that just as well as we have Church of England and other ministers good working Masons, we could certainly, by a little patience and forbearance, have Catholics. Once we shall attain this purpose, I am sure that much of bitterness will be relieved, and much good will follow.

I regret very much to state that during the many years that I have travelled Europe, and other remote parts of the globe, I have visited some fine working lodges, and on the hand I have seen much to the contrary, and which, no doubt, must be detrimental to Masonry at large.

In requesting you respectfully to publish this letter, pray excuse my style of writing; being an Italian I am certainly at a disadvantage in the use of the English language.

Yours fraternally,

RICARDO DE VERVEGA,

G.O. of France.

R.L. Parfaite Sincérité.

Or. of Marseille.

London, 29th January, 1877.

#### MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE, No. 2.

LODGE MEETINGS IN DIFFERENT ROOMS AT THE SAME TIME.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Doubtless the heading of the present division will surprise many, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that many Worshipful Masters are not careful to understand the Constitutions and customs of Freemasonry, and, consequently, often do very queer things.

It certainly seems strange how any brother can imagine a sufficient justification for more than one assembly of his lodge being held at the same time, in different parts of the building in which the meetings are holden, and yet I have known the matter so little understood, that such a course has been defended, and what is still more to be deplored, actually followed on several occasions. There cannot be a doubt (in the language of one of our well-known and most intelligent Grand Officers) that "the practice of holding a meeting with the W.M. in the chair in the regular lodge, and then deputing a Past Master to open a lodge and confer degrees in another room is utterly illegal. It is, in fact, holding two lodges under one warrant, which cannot be done."

It is to be hoped that the publication of this friendly warning will deter Worshipful Masters from committing such a flagrant violation of the Constitutions, and induce them to diligently study the laws which they have promised to enforce and obey. The reason for the illegal meetings is of course apparent. The object is to save time, so that when there are several degrees to give, and, perhaps, a banquet is looming in the distance, the brethren are anxious to despatch the work as quickly as possible,

hence the W.M., in the exuberance of his zeal to gratify the members, deposes a Past Master to hold a lodge in another room, and there and then, whilst the regular meeting is being held, to confer a degree or degrees upon the brethren deemed eligible. There would thus be virtually two lodges working at the same time with the one warrant, as already noted, and the illegality is therefore manifest.

The grave error, however, has been perpetrated, so I understand, in several quarters, several times of late, and the end will be that if such a course is persisted in, the offenders will have to pay the penalties attached to their transgressions.

During the course of my Masonic life I have heard of such extraordinary fancies and doings of Masters of lodges, that my experience warrants a belief in the saying that "Truth is stranger than fiction," and confirms me in the opinion that the Masters elect, prior to their installation, should be required to state that they had perused the latest edition of the Book of Constitutions, and were prepared to be tested as to their knowledge of its ordinary details.

When I know that the Master and several Past Masters and members of a lodge were party to a gentleman being proposed, seconded, elected, and initiated all in the same evening, it is evident that a Masonic journal is indeed a necessity, to enlighten the minds of many of the brethren, and impress upon them the desirability of becoming thoroughly acquainted with the laws they are called upon to obey, and may be to enforce. Constitutions and journals alike are useless, however, unless they are read, and to secure a study of our regulations is the difficulty, when honours are so frequently valued beyond actual Masonic service and usefulness. It is no honour to a brother if he is a Past Master unless he has regularly fulfilled the duties of the chair, and the sooner negligent and inefficient Masters are estimated at their real worth the better for Freemasonry.

Yours faithfully and fraternally, W. J. HUGHAN.

#### 'ART IN HOSPITALS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

All who have any acquaintance with the interiors of our London hospitals must have been struck by the excessive dreariness of most of the wards. It is time that this should be remedied. A little energy on the part of a few philanthropists and artists, aided by subscriptions from the general public, would suffice to accomplish this improvement. I advocate the brightening of the wards and the cheering of their inmates, by the addition of suitable pictures, plate, bronzes, carvings, bric-à-brac, old armour, china, sculpture, ornamental clocks, fancy glass, tasteful glazed tiles, and other art decorations of all sorts.

To promote this object I will give a hundred guineas. A responsible committee being formed, I believe that Messrs. Roberts, Lubbock, and Co. will act as bankers to this fund. Soon I hope that some public place will be granted as a provisional storehouse of and exhibition for art contributions, previous to their distribution to the hospitals of London. Intending donors, contributors, and subscribers are invited to communicate with

J. LAWRENCE-HAMILTON.

34, Gloucester-terrace, Hyde Park, W.

[Bro. Lawrence-Hamilton had made at first a condition for his gift, but has since generously withdrawn it.—Ed.]

#### LEEDS MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The first annual meeting of the Patrons, Life Governors, and Subscribers to the above Institution, the object of which is the formation of a Charity Fund amongst the Leeds lodges, for the education, partial maintenance, and advancement in life of the orphans of deceased brethren, and of the children of brethren who have become incapacitated by sickness or accident from properly providing for their families, was held at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on Monday, the 22nd ult., at 7 o'clock p.m., when the following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Bro. Thos. Schofield, P.M. 306; Vice Presidents, Bros. Henry Inchbold, P.M. 289; Townsend, 1211; Treasurer, Bro. C. L. Mason, P.M. 304; Secretary, C. Lowrey, P.M. 304. Committee of Management:—Bros. Robert Craig, P.M. 304; J.D. Kay, P.M. 289; R. W. Moore, P.M. 1221; J. Chadwick, P.M. 1311; Wm. Fleming, P.M. 1211; Thos. Crossley, P.M. 1311; G. F. Crowe, P.M. 1211; Samuel Stead, P.M. 1042; C. G. Cooper, P.M. 1042; Alfred Britton, P.M. 1042; J. L. Oates, P.M. 304; James Dixon, P.M. 289; J. J. Broughton, 1211; T. Stockdale, 1311; Jno. Bell, 306. Auditors:—Bros. Wm. Warren, 1211; F. Dunsford, 306. The following brethren were appointed Trustees:—Bros. Jno. C. Malcolm, P.M. 306; H. Inchbold, P.M. 289; T. Schofield, P.M. 306; James Bedford, P.M. 304; Jno. Franks, 1211.

This Institution is intended to supplement the work at present carried on by the noble institutions already established in or near London, by extending relief to those children who, by reason of their age or other circumstances, cannot by any possibility gain admittance into the larger institutions.

It also purposes assisting in a similar manner the children of brethren who cannot, from the reduced circumstances of their parents, obtain a proper education to fit them to take respectable positions in society.

Although the Institution is only just established, subscriptions exceeding £300 have been paid and promised, and the promoters are of opinion that they shall be able, for some years at least, to carry on the work of the Institution by means of the annual subscriptions alone, thereby enabling them to capitalise the moneys paid by Patrons and Life Governors, or, at all events, without seriously drawing on that fund.

# ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

RESULT OF BRO. CURTIS'S DRAWING.

No.	PURCHASER'S NAME AND ADDRESS.
7,097	T. Bowden, Trafford House, Elm Grove-road, Cobham, Bristol.
23,532	H. Buckley Hollenwood, N. Manchester.
6,327	T. Hutton, Paget-terrace, Woolwich, S.E.
7,329	Capt. Watson, 4th R.L.M., Bowden, Cheshire.
12,021	— Siera, Kingsbridge, Canterbury.
10,081	T. Walton, Lorne-terrace, Stockton-on-Tees.
20,926	Joseph J. Parker, Caledonian-road, Batley.
8,404	Henry M. Harvey, Hexworthy, Lanncoston.
15,206	Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50, Hinckley.
10,526	J. G. Balingham, Saffron Walden.
19,365	J. Brooks, Albert-street, Rugby.
17,925	Charles Bunting, Utoxeter.
10,399	Richmond Layzell, Brightlingsea, Essex.
3,563	— Curry, 21, Great Sutton-street, London, E.C. (£3 only).
2,614	Thomas Lamb, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey.

## Obituary.

BRO. W. LANE, P.M. 28.

Our readers will hear with deep sorrow of the somewhat sudden death of Bro. Wm. Lane, which took place at his residence, on Wednesday, the 31st ult. His death, after but a short illness (nine days), was through disease of the lungs. Bro. Lane was initiated into Freemasonry in 1871, in the Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28, in which lodge he served the office of W.M. in 1875. In 1873 Bro. Lane was appointed collector to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which office he held up to the time of his death, discharging his duties in a most agreeable and efficient manner. We deeply sympathise with his widow in her irreparable bereavement. Bro. Lane had but just reached his thirtieth year.

BRO. W. R. BAKER.

We have to announce the death of Bro. W. R. Baker, of Fore-street, which was both sudden and unexpected. Taken ill on Saturday, the 27th ult., he desired to be taken to the house of his sister, Mrs. Perry, where he lingered until Tuesday, when death put an end to his sufferings. The cause of death was the rupture of a long-standing abscess (the result of some remote injury) into the cavity of the abdomen. The funeral took place on Saturday last at Kensal Green Cemetery. Bro. Baker was initiated in the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, in 1866; he was also one of the founders of the Cripplegate Lodge, lately consecrated.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February 16, 1877.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

Lodge	108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
"	173, Phoenix F.M.H.
"	1328, Granite, F.M.H.
"	1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
"	1423, Era, King's Arms Hot., Hampton-court.
"	1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
"	1446, Mount Edgecombe, Swan Tav., Battersea.
"	1612, West Middlesex, the Institute, Ealing.

### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Anniversary Festival R.M.B.I. at F.M.I.	
Lodge	5, St. George's, Corner Stone, F.M.H.
"	29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate.
"	59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
"	90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate.
"	136, Good Report, Cannon-st. Hot.
"	193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
"	222, St. Andrews, Inns of Court Hot.
"	957, Leigh, F.M.H.
"	1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
"	1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.
Chap.	22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
"	720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.

### 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.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

Lodge	49, Old Union, Cannon-st. Hot.
"	96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
"	166, Union, Westminster Palace Hot.
"	180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
"	198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
"	211, St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
"	228, United Strength, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.
"	235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st., W.
"	548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
"	834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.
"	917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
"	933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
"	1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-st.
"	1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
"	1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Maiden-lane, W. (consecration).
Chap.	185, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
S.C.	33°, 33, Golden-sq.

## 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, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

Com. R.M.B.I. at 3.	
Lodge	3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
"	9, Albion, Regent M.H., Regent-st.
"	11, Enoch, F.M.H.
"	13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
"	15, Kent, F.M.H.
"	87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
"	147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
"	238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
"	749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
"	781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E.
"	1017, Montefiore, F.M.H.
"	1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
"	1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tav., N.W.
"	1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tav., High-st., E.
"	1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
Mark	22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., Southwark.
Rose Croix	Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq.
S.C.	33°, M.H., 33, Golden-sq.

### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, M.H., Basinghall-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.  
Mount Edgecombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maimore 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, London Wall.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.	
Lodge	23, F.M.H.
"	49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
"	55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
"	63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
"	161, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
"	179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
"	181, Universal, F.M.H.
"	733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
"	813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
"	1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
"	1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
"	1339, Stockwell, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.
"	1473, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.
"	1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
"	1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.
Chap.	79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Mark Lodge	Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq.
"	7, Carnarvon, Regent M.H., W.
Encamp. E.	Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

### 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, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

House Com., Boys' School, at 4.	
Lodge	6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-st.
"	143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate.
"	201, Jordan, F.M.H.
"	1118, University, F.M.H.
"	1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Chap.	92, Moira.
Rose Croix Chap.	Invicta, 33, Golden-sq.

### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
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, Gratton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Princes Hall, Buckhurst-hill.

Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav. Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 17, 1877.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Lodge	314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.
"	721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
"	1021, Hartington, Customs Buildings, B-in-Furness.
"	1359, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
"	1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
Derby L. of I., M.H.	Liverpool.
Walton Red Cross Con.	66, St. Lawrence's School, Lpool.
Everton Mark Lodge	165, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
Derby L. of I., M.H.	Liverpool.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

Lodge	241, Merchants', M.H., Liverpool.
"	1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.
Chap.	537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.	

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

Lodge	281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
"	1052, Callender, P.H., Rusholme.
"	1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
"	1356, De Grey and Ripon, 80, N. Hill-st.
"	1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap.	673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
"	1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.
Neptune L. of I., M.H.	Liverpool.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

Lodge	253, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
"	343, Concord, Militia Mess R., Preston.
"	425, Cestrian, M.H., Chester.
"	605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
"	1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., West Derby.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16.	
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H.	Liverpool.
Hamer L. of I., Liverpool.	

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 17, 1877.  
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Lodge	102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
"	204, St. Paul, George Inn, Ayr.
"	205, Garthland, Eagle Inn, Lochwinnoch.
"	219, Star, 12, Trongate, Glasgow.
"	307, Union and Crown, M.H., Barrhead.
"	362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.
"	384, Athole, Washington Hot., Kirkintilloch.
"	503, St. George, Oddfellows' Hall, Helensburgh.
"	541, Marie Stuart, M.H., Crosshill.
Chap.	76, Abbey, 8, High-st., Paisley.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

Lodge	230, St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hot., Old Camnock.
"	413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
"	419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st., S.S., Glasgow.
"	426, Prince of Wales, M.H., High-st., Renfrew.
"	441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-st., Glasgow.
"	543, St. John, M.H., Dalmuir.
"	579, St. Bryde, M.H., Uddingston.
Chap.	17, Greenock, M.H., Cathcart-st. Greenock.
"	69, St. Andrew, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

Lodge	178, Scotia, 12, Trongate, Glasgow.
"	333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
"	512, Maryhill, M.H., Main-st., Maryhill.
Chap.	113, Partick, M.H., Douglas-st., Partick.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

Lodge	27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
"	370, Renfrew Kilw., 8, High-st., Paisley.
"	465, St. Andrew, 69, Garngad-rd., Glasgow.
"	547, Stewart, M.H., Kilsyth.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

Lodge	31, St. Mary Coltness, Com. Hot., Wishaw.
"	321, St. Andrew, R.A., Pub. Hall, Alexandria.
"	360, Commercial, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
"	408, Clyde, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
"	471, St. John, Stane Inn, Shotts.
"	496, St. Munn, Ardnadam, Kilmuir.
"	551, Clydesdale, Royal Hot., Larkall.
"	553, St. Vincent, 221, Dumbarton-rd.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

Lodge	512, Thorntree, School House, Thornliebank.
"	524, St. Andrew, M.H., East Kilbride.
"	544, St. Andrew, M.H., Coatbridge.
"	571, Dramatic, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow (3).

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 17, 1877.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Lodge	145, St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writers-court.
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### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

Lodge	1, Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hot.
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### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

Lodge	2, Canongate Kilwinning, M.H., St. John-st.
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Chap.	1, Edinburgh, F.M.H., 98, George-st.
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### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

Lodge	48, St. Andrew, F.M.H., 98, George-st.
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Chap.	226, Portobello, Royal Hot., Bath-st.
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### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

Chap.	83, St. Andrew, F.M.H., 98, George-st.
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