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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH** (No. 228).—History, for some little time past, has been silent with regard to this old lodge. Its last regular place of meeting was the Old Gate of St. John of Jerusalem, Clerkenwell, and the brethren generally had so sneaking a regard for the ancient place that for a long time they put up with much overcrowding rather than move. But last year, when Bro. Griggs, the well-known architect, was W.M., the lodge was obliged to seek a temporary home in Great Queen-street, the Old Gate then being turned inside out by the gentlemen of the trowel, and the operatives of the chisel and gavel. The question then arose whether the lodge, having outgrown the Gate, should not seek a new home, and at the Guildhall Tavern, in the centre of our metropolis, the brethren now meet under the genial sway of the new W.M., Bro. James Hill, who, since our last notice of the lodge has been elected to this high office, and was installed with all honours and with a perfect working by his predecessor, Bro. R. Griggs. On the 13th inst., the second night of the new Master was held, all the officers being present, with the exception of one sick junior, Bro. Douglas. The officers all held and worked their own positions—Bro. Snare, S.W.; Halford, J.W.; P. M. Winsland, Treas.; P. M. Crump, Sec.; P. M. Davies, Asst. Sec.; Percy, S.D.; Todd, J.D.; Flaws, I.G.; Patmore and Hickman, Dirs. of Cer.; and P. M. James Terry, last though not least, at least in fame and experience, as the Wine Steward. The W.M., who was assisted by his I.P.M., gave two brethren the benefit of the Second Degree, and one that of the Third, and then the lodge and many visitors proceeded to a discussion of the Fourth. Among the Past Masters, besides those whose names we have mentioned, were Bros. Robards, Hillhouse, Colston, J. White (*Freemason*), and the visitors included Bros. Snowden, 213; Burr, S.D. 1612; Plumber, No. 2, Scotland; Milward, 176; Rosier, 188; Timothy, S.D. 87; Richards, S.D. 27; Loverdo, J.D. 1196; Bacca, 1196; Pogson, P.M. 336. The after dinner toasts were given with the usual fervour and loyalty, and in response to the toast of "The Visitors," some reference to the position of Freemasonry in Scotland was made, a Scotch brother being present, and he explained his warm hope that in Scotland Freemasonry would be brought into a closer resemblance to that in the south. Bro. Terry, in responding for "The Charities," thanked the United Strength brethren for the support given to the Stewards for the R.M.B.I., and spoke of the great benefits which the Institution had been able to confer by the benevolence of the Craft upon those who were past bearing the heat and burden of the day. Some excellent harmony was contributed by several brethren, and hearty thanks were given to Bro. Milward, who sang "Come into the Garden, Maud," in a manner which would have been irresistible by any lady in the flesh if the appeal in that voice had been made to one, and when the same brother sang, in the same charming manner, "The Thorn," there was not one who doubted his sincerity towards the lady to whom he was making these assertions of fidelity, truth, and attachment. The Scotch brother, with a comic pathos which would have astonished Dr. Johnson, and was quite contrary to all the received notions of the inability of Scotchmen to be humorous, gave "The Fall of the Half Hundred," with a perfect elocution, and added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

**NEW CONCORD LODGE** (No. 815).—On Thursday, the 15th inst., the installation of the W.M. of the above lodge took place at the Rosemary Branch Tavern, Islington. The W.M., Bro. Thomas J. Cusworth, who has passed with the utmost credit through every minor office, and who was unanimously voted to the chair of K.S., was installed in office by the veteran Bro. J. Emmens, P.G.P., assisted by over fifteen Past Masters and W.M.'s, the ceremony being performed in the usual impressive manner. The newly-appointed W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers, Bro. Harper being appointed S.W.; Bros. Stead, J.W.; George, S.D.; W. Gabb, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; Thomas, D.C.; Dunn, W.S.; Sinclair, Treas.; W. H. Main, Sec.; the Rev. W. Stevens,

Chap.; and Walesby, Org. A Past Master's jewel, voted by the lodge, was then presented to Bro. J. R. Gallant, the I.P.M., as a token of fraternal regard and esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the New Concord Lodge. Bro. Gallant thanked the brethren for the handsome P.M.'s jewel presented by the W.M., and stated that he was proud to receive such a mark of favour in the presence of such a distinguished assembly of the fraternity. The W.M. then initiated Mr. Thomas Glass in the most impressive manner, after which the lodge closed with the usual formula. The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, a magnificent provision being made for them by Bro. Gabb, the host, upwards of 70 brethren sitting down. Upon the cloth being withdrawn the usual toasts were given and received. In proposing "The Health and Prosperity of the W.M.," Bro. Gallant said that he could hardly realise his position as I.P.M.; however, he was proud to hold such a position under such an able worker as Bro. Cusworth. They had worked together throughout the various offices of the lodge with generous rivalry, and he was glad to see his brother and friend in the position of W.M., and trusted he would have a prosperous year of office, and health enough to perform the duties. Bro. Cusworth, who on rising to respond was received with rounds of applause, in an able and concise speech thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the kind manner in which his health was drunk, and assured them that he would do his very best to keep the prestige of the lodge. "The Health of the Initiate" was proposed and responded to in the usual way. "The Health of the Visitors" followed, and was responded to by several visiting brethren, also by the W.M. of the Belgrave Lodge, Bro. Joseph Hobbs, an old friend of the W.M., who, in a very able and warm-hearted speech, said that nothing had given him greater pleasure than that of being present on this occasion to see his old and esteemed friend as W.M. of so respectable a lodge as the New Concord. They had in Bro. Cusworth a Master who did not only perform the ceremonies appertaining to the M.'s chair in a perfect manner, but studied and exercised that virtue which should pervade every Freemason's heart—charity. He, following in the footsteps of Bro. Terry, has instituted and was the Secretary of the New Concord Lodge of Instruction Masonic Charity Association, which would be the means of sending some hundreds of pounds to the different Masonic Charities. He congratulated the brethren in having such a Master, and wished him every success and the lodge prosperity during his year of office. During the evening Bros. Hubbard, Taylor, Wicks, and others, enlivened the company with some fine singing. Bro. Walesby presided at the piano. We cannot conclude this notice without congratulating Bro. Cusworth upon having attained so high a position in the Craft; also the members in having so able and complaisant an officer to preside over them during the next twelve months. We feel confident that he will in his administration increase the reputation he has so long enjoyed as an active and zealous member of the Order, and that the interests of the lodge will be well maintained under his superintendence.

**ST. JOHN OF WAPPING LODGE** (No. 1306).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst. at the Gun Hotel, Wapping, when, in addition to other business, the election for W.M. took place, and we have great pleasure in stating that Bro. W. Poore was unanimously elected for the ensuing year. A sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds to be invested in one of the Charities on behalf of the retiring Master.

**THE GRANITE LODGE** (No. 1328).—On the 10th inst. a meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Freemason's Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the new Worshipful Master, Bro. Frederick West, for the transaction of business. Mr. R. Barnes Austin was duly initiated. The members unanimously resolved, on the motion of Bro. A. C. Shelley, that a copy of the *Freemason* newspaper should from that time forth every week be forwarded to the W.M., to be filed and produced at each lodge meeting for the reference of the brethren. It was pointed out that the *Freemason*, unlike other weekly newspapers, was not made up of "scissors and paste," but all, or nearly all, the lodge meetings had to be chronicled by an expensive staff of reporters, kept for the purpose, throughout the kingdom; that assuming Freemasonry was to have a representative organ, it should be supported; and if every lodge were to follow the example of the Granite, the proprietor would be encouraged to secure the best reports, to strengthen his paper, and otherwise be enabled, by means of the "circulation medium," to diffuse a knowledge of the principles of Freemasonry throughout the world, which would tend to sweep into its ranks large bands of followers. The W.M. assented to the proposition, and the motion became law. £21 was voted for the Boys' School, and £21 for the Girls' School, being the second donation to each of those charities of similar amounts during the last two years. After the transaction of other business, the members repaired to partake of a plain dinner in the adjoining tavern Bro. Frederick West being in the chair. After the cloth was drawn the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was loyally honoured. He next selected "The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England," and remarked that it would interest them to learn that he had been elected to fill the same distinguished post for the ensuing year. The Health of His Royal Highness was drunk with enthusiasm. He next gave "The M.W. Pro G.M., Bro. Lord Carnarvon, and the D.G.M., Bro. Lord Skelmersdale," and added that however ably their chief performed his task, yet without the assistance of such officers his duties would be rendered peculiarly difficult and trying. In those two subordinates he had very competent confrères and excellent assistants. He coupled with the toast "The Health of Bro. Cottebrune," which was responded to with Masonic appreciation. Bro. Cottebrune thanked them for the honour they had done him, and excused himself from saying more upon the score that continued attendance at their lodge meetings made it difficult

to find language fresh for each occasion. Bro. John Oliver, P.M., called upon them to drink "The Health of the W.M.," and recorded his deep regret at the continued absence from illness of Bro. Muggeridge, P.M. Bro. F. West, in responding, expressed his gratification at their appreciation of him considering the small amount of work he had done in the lodge, and hoped at the end of his term of office that his conduct would have justified their hearty good wishes towards him. He would do his best to maintain the dignity of the chair, a task, he was aware, of great moment to the members, but one requiring tact and judgment, and entailing immense responsibility upon the occupier. The pupil in Freemasonry, i.e., the initiate, he asked them to welcome. Bro. Austin would make an excellent Freemason, and he felt sure that he had joined the Craft from the best of motives. Only six years ago he himself occupied that unripe position. Their grand principle of Freemasonry was charity; it was not writing down a name for boys and girls, or giving money that would bring the donor's name into print—it was higher and nobler in its objects; it was giving charity in the name of brotherly love; it was friendship in its purest and most refined sense; and he was sure Bro. Austin had been impressed with all he had seen that evening. From the foundation stone which had been raised that evening he hoped there would rise up a superstructure worthy of the lodge and honourable to the initiate. Bro. Austin replied, and expressed pleasure at becoming one of the ancient fraternity. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," said it was a toast always popular in the Granite Lodge, and although they were hard outside they were soft within. They always welcomed visitors. Happy had they met, happy had they been, happy might they part, and happy meet again. Bro. Beck duly acknowledged the compliment. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s," and alluded in felicitous terms to Bros. Jno. Oliver, Sendey, and J. Lewis Thomas, each of whom briefly returned thanks, and Bro. Cottebrune tersely replied, in response to calls for him, that when he was a boy he was told never to speak until he was spoken to. They had appealed to him, but he had nothing to say. The W.M. next alluded to the officers of the lodge, and referred to the important part they bear in the working of the lodge. He paid a high mark of respect to Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, Secretary, for the active part he had taken in the lodge's welfare, and to the exertions of Bro. Hackford, the Magician of the Treasury. Bro. Thomas, in reply, said it was a source of delight to see the lodge flourish. His duties kept him closely fixed to his post. The Grand Officers had been pleased to say that their funds had not been spent lavishly but judiciously, and they gave more to the charities, perhaps, than any other lodge in London. It was due to the good Treasurer and the individual and collective efforts of the lodge. Bros. Mount, S.D., and Payne, J.D., also thanked them for drinking so heartily the health of the Junior Officers. The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE** (No. 1623).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield. Bro. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., W.M., opened the lodge at half-past 2. Minutes read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots unanimous in favour of Bros. W. Young, 534, and F. W. Evans, 1423, as joining members, and for six candidates for initiation. Bro. J. Smith, raised Bro. R. Leggett to the Third Degree. Bro. J. Howes, P.M. 765, S.D., initiated his son, Joshua James Howes, and Edward Ellice Crombie. Bro. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M. and W.M., resumed the chair, and presided for the remainder of the evening. He initiated Messrs. H. J. Lardner, G. H. Stevens, and F. A. West. He passed Bros. H. Lebish, W. Smyth, C. Davis, and W. Hurlestone to the Second Degree, all the work being very well done. Some gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed and adjourned till May. Banquet and dessert followed. There were present Bros. T. W. Adams, S.W.; G. S. Elliott, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; J. Johnson, J.D.; G. S. Wintle, P.M., I.G.; T. Butt, T. McCluer Butt, W. Snow, W. Malthouse, and others. Amongst a large number of visitors we noticed Bros. E. H. Thiellay, P.P.S.B. Middx.; J. W. Baldwin, P.A.G.P. Middx.; J. W. Lancaster, 1287; H. J. Green, W.M. 1275; H. Landfield, P.M. 1343; F. Frampton, P.M. 87; T. Neville, P.M. 765; D. Betts, P.M. 1351; J. Wyllie, P.M. 186, and some whose names we were unable to ascertain.

**LIVERPOOL.—Ancient Union Lodge** (No. 203).—There was an exceedingly large and influential gathering of brethren at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday evening, the 15th inst., when the annual celebration of the Festival of St. John took place in connection with the Ancient Union Lodge, No. 203. Bro. James Winsor, the retiring W.M., opened the lodge, and afterwards performed the ceremony of installation in a manner which elicited the heartiest admiration from all the brethren present. The lodge comprised, amongst others, the following officers, members, and visitors:—Bros. E. Johnston, I.P.M.; T. H. Serjeant, P.M.; B. W. Rowson, P.P.G.S. of W., P.M.; H. James, P.M.; Julius Franks, S.W. (W.M. elect); C. Birch, J.W.; J. R. Japha, I.G.; C. B. Bromley, P.M., Treas.; L. Russell, Sec.; T. Hatton, S.; E. Catrall, S.; J. P. Bryan, Org.; J. Thomas, A. Campbell, T. Walker, C. M. Walker, W. Taylor, T. Whitfield, R. Kinsey, G. Taylor, J. Taylor, E. Donnelly, M. Bradshaw, H. Ferguson, T. Berry, R. C. Burgess, J. Grierson, P. S. Davidson, J. Milton, J. Whiteside, J. Maccabe, W. Whittaker, A. Barton, H. Alexander, C. Desoer, M. Aronsberg, T. Hopkins, J. Latta, 241; J. Winsor, 241; G. Winsor, 241; S. Schonstadt, J.W. 1502; S. Jacobs, 241; M. Hart, W.M. 1502; M. T. Tieski, 1502; Professor Prag, Chaplain 1502; J. H. M. Quistan, 241; C. M. Davis, 249; A. Cotter, W.M. 1264; T. Holden, 1182; P. Faust, 1356; I. L. Levy, 1502; J. Parsons, P.M.; W. Williams, 241; and W. Smith, 249. After the transac-

tion of some formal business, Bro. Julius Franks was duly presented and effectively installed W.M. of the Ancient Union, and the following were his investitures and appointments to offices:—Bros. James Winsor, I.P.M.; Bradshaw Rowson, P.P.G.S. of W., P.M., D.C.; John Wharam, S.W.; Alex. Barton, J.W.; Chas. Bromley, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); John T. Alston, Sec.; Chas. Birch, S.D.; J. R. Japha, J.D.; Thos. Hatton, I.G.; Edward Catrall, S.S.; W. Gicks, J.S.; and R. Evans, A.S. About 100 brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet in the large dining hall, under the presidency of Bro. Julius Franks, the newly chaired W.M., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in a felicitous manner. In giving "The Worshipful Master," Bro. Jas. Winsor, I.P.M., expressed a hope that peace and prosperity might mark his year of office, and that the same courtesy and kindness might be extended by the brethren to their new Master as had been shown during his (Bro. Winsor's) year of office. The W.M. replied, and said he would endeavour to follow the excellent examples shown him by his predecessors in that post. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Installing Master," and Bro. Serjeant, P.M., was called upon to present Bro. James Winsor, I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and also with an elegant drawing-room clock for Mrs. Winsor, the former being the result of the brethren's subscriptions and the latter the outcome of money subscribed by both members of the Ancient Union and other lodges. Bro. Winsor suitably replied. Various songs were given during the evening, Bro. J. P. Bryan, Organist, presiding at the piano.

**LANCASTER.**—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The regular monthly assemblage of the members of this lodge was held on the 14th inst. in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. The W.M., Bro. Richard Taylor, occupied the chair of K.S., and there was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of former meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Dr. Moore, P.M., P.G.S.B. of E., gave a lecture on the Second Degree Tracing Board. At the close he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the motion of Bro. T. Atkinson, I.P.M. Bro. Richard S. Thompson was then raised to the Degree of Master Mason by the W.M. with all the formalities of the Craft. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, when the name of a gentleman was submitted as a candidate for initiation. The usual proclamations were made, which elicited hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was subsequently closed in peace, love, and harmony.

**FOLKESTONE.**—Temple Lodge (No. 558).—There was a goodly gathering of members and visiting brethren at the annual meeting of the above lodge, held at the Town Hall, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., who took part in the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. W. L. Earnshaw, P.M., P.G.J.D.; which ceremony was performed in the most solemn and impressive manner by Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., P.M. of the Invicta Lodge, Ashford, and which elicited the marked pleasure of the brethren. Previous to this, however, the retiring Master, Bro. S. S. Stallwood, ably initiated Bro. the Rev. A. J. Palmer into the mysteries of the Craft. In the course of the installation ceremony, the W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Stallwood, I.P.M.; R. H. Pledge, W.M. 1436, S.W.; F. H. Field, 1331 and 1436, J.W.; Kennett, Treas.; Stock, Sec.; Place, S.D.; S. Joseph, J.D.; F. Klatt, I.G.; and J. Baker, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Pavilion Hotel, where a recherche banquet was served in the very best style of that house, and to which about 26 of the brethren sat down. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A. (Installing Master) Prov. S.W., P.M., 88, 709, 1174, and 1593; G. W. Greenhill, P.M. 709; G. H. Ovenden, W.M. 125; Gosby, P.M. 1436; Ashdown, P.M. 125; W. Land, P.M. 387; and C. H. Tiffen. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Eastes, was unfortunately prevented by severe indisposition from attending on this occasion, but the toast of his health was responded to by Bro. Robinson, as also for "The Past and Present Provincial Officers," the rev. brother being Prov. S.W., the senior officer present. "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Earnshaw," was then proposed by Bro. Robinson, and ably responded to by him. "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson," was the next toast given, which was received with acclamation. This was responded to by the rev. brother, who, in a most eloquent and feeling address, enlarged upon the beauties of Masonry, especially in the higher degrees, and alluding to the W.M. himself being a Past Provincial Officer, and other Past Provincial Officers taking subordinate offices in the lodge, exhorted the younger members to emulation, assuring all, even the P.M.'s of the Craft present, that if they desired to obtain a perfect, clear, and full view of Masonry, and learn what it really meant, they must not be content to remain half way, but perseveringly endeavour to attain to the summit of the hill. "The Visitors" was the next toast given, which was responded to by Bro. Ovenden, W.M. 125. "The Past Masters of the Lodge," "The Masonic Charities," and the Tyler's toast followed, and the brethren retired about 10.30, after having spent a very pleasant evening, which had been greatly enlivened by a selection of songs, glees, &c., given by Bros. Plant, Moulding, and Higgins, three members of the Canterbury Cathedral Choir.

**DERBY.**—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The anniversary and installation meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when a goodly number of the members were in attendance. The following brethren were also present:—Bros. Thos. Cox, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Treasurer (the Installing

Master); Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Chaplain; J. Campion, P.P.S.G.W.; Thomas Horsley, P.P.S.G.W.; Robson, P.M. 884, P.P.J.G.D.; Stocker, 493; Wood, 1399; A. Grubb, 73; T. Horsley, jun., 253; J. Downs, 158; J. Ewing, 1391; A. Fletcher, P.M. 411; W. Gardner, 411; H. J. Norris, 411; Ward, 47; E. Agnew, 253; J. S. Whitham, P.M. 850; J. Simkiss, 787; Saml. Pipes, P.M. 1085; H. J. Foulds, W.M. 253; W. L. Bull, 253; J. Iliffe, 253, P.P.S.G.W.; Heathcote, 1085; Orme, 1085; and W. Heathcote, W.M. 1085. The lodge was opened at 3.30 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Bennett, P.G.S. of Works, and the ceremony of installing the Senior Warden, Bro. Brown, as W.M. for the ensuing year, was at once proceeded with. He gave the customary adherence to the obligations of a Master of a lodge, and all below the rank of a Master retired. On their return the Installing Master gave the usual addresses, and the appointment of the officers followed, viz.: Bros. T. Merry, S.W.; W. Cooper, J.W.; Burton, Treas.; Whittaker, Sec.; A. Fraser, S.D.; G. Cay, J.D.; W. Vincent, D.C.; Bower, I.G.; Bland and King, Stewards; and Day, Tyler. Bro. Cox then completed the work of installation, and it will not be out of place to say that it was admirably done, and it was a great treat to the brethren to hear Bro. Cox's very impressive rendering of this beautiful ceremony. The new W.M. had evidently a mind to get to work as soon as possible, as he at once proceeded to initiate two gentlemen who had been elected at the previous meeting, and afterwards received the hearty congratulations of the visiting brethren. The lodge was closed in due form, and an adjournment made to the banquet hall, where a superb repast was provided by the purveyors, Bros. Wright and Burton, to whom every praise is due for the manner in which they had carried out the arrangements for the banquet. The hall was beautifully decorated with flags, banners, &c., and this part of the business had evidently had the careful attention of Bros. Merry, Humber, Fraser, and Whittaker, who formed a decoration committee. The menu was a liberal one, the wines good; and ample justice was done to the good things by about fifty brethren, the long meeting having evidently sharpened their appetites. The chair was taken by the W.M., who was supported by Bros. Cox, Pipes, Heathcote, Foulds, Bennett, Burn, Wright, and Iliffe. After the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were given. The toast list was interspersed with Shakesperian quotations appropriate to the occasion. The toast of "The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge." "So are they all, all honourable men"—was responded to by Bro. Cox, who congratulated the W.M. on his very efficient working, and hoped that he would have a very prosperous year. The toast of "The Health of the W.M." was heartily received, and in responding Bro. Brown intimated his great desire to fill the proud position in which they had placed him to the satisfaction of all; he hoped that during his year the same kindness would be continued to him as he had invariably met with at the hands of the brethren since he joined the Craft, and when his turn came to vacate that chair he would leave it as unsullied as he had received it. The toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Bennett," was made the occasion of the presentation to him of a P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the members of the lodge. The W.M. in making the presentation paid a just tribute of praise to the services rendered by Bro. Bennett, and expressed a wish that he might long be spared to meet with the members of the Arboretum Lodge. Bro. Bennett thanked the members for their kindness in showing him in so marked a manner their satisfaction with the services he had been able to render to the lodge; he was conscious of many defects, but he had done his best, and he was proud to receive from them this special mark of their favour. He could not sit down without taking this opportunity of thanking the brethren for their presence and assistance during the past year, and particularly the Past Masters, who had at all times been ready to afford all the help in their power. To the I.P.M., Bro. Merry, he was deeply indebted, and he was glad to say that his officers had done their work to his entire satisfaction. The toast of "The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Wright, drew from him a very strong appeal to all Masons to do more for Masonic charities. He referred with pride to the noble efforts already made by the members of the Province of Derbyshire and other provinces, but he thought that more might and ought to be done. He considered it the duty of every Mason to give the charitable institutions of the Craft his hearty support, and he strongly advised all present to qualify themselves for voting at the elections for the Boys' and Girls' Schools. He referred to the approaching anniversary, and urged them to send their Stewards with a purse that would be a credit to them. The toast of "The Newly-initiated Brethren," Bros. Cooke and Tickelpenny, having been duly honoured and responded to, the Tyler's toast concluded a very successful meeting.

**LANCASTER.**—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster. Bro. T. Jackson, the W.M., presided, and there was a fair attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge having been opened with solemn prayer, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Rudolph Pandolfini, of the Lodge of Fortitude, 281, was admitted a joining member; Mr. William John Bradshaw was next balloted for, and it proving unanimous, he was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. The routine business having been transacted, the usual proclamations were made and responded to, and the lodge was closed in accordance with the ancient custom of the Craft.

**WEST DERBY.**—Pembroke Lodge (No. 1299).—The annual installation meeting of this thriving suburban lodge was held on Thursday afternoon, the 15th inst., at Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool,

where there was a goodly gathering of the fraternity. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Richard Bennett, W.M., who, after the confirmation of the minutes, gave place to Bro. W. Jones, P.M., as Installing Master. Bro. W. S. Vines, P.G. Steward, P.M., having been duly presented and obligated, was installed for the second time as W.M. of the lodge, a compliment which was both significant and well deserved. The ceremony was well performed by Bro. Jones, to whom was passed a special vote of thanks, which was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The following were the officers invested: Bros. Richard Bennett, I.P.M.; Peter Macmurdrow, Prov. G. Pursuivant, P.M., Treas.; William Jones, P.M., D.C.; John Capell, S.W.; J. H. Townley, J.W.; T. G. Fisher, Sec.; F. B. Bramham, S.D.; W. S. Bennett, J.D.; W. Hils, I.G.; W. Cotter, S.S.; Jos. Bramham, jun., J.S.; W. Aves, Org.; and J. Robinson, Tyler. The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet, amongst those present at the work and refreshment, besides those already named, being the following: Bros. W. Crane, P.M.; John Sellar, P.M.; J. Sutcliffe, P.M.; W. S. Howarth, J. Holm, W. G. Veale, W. T. Warhurst, N. Thompson, R. Langley, P.M.; T. B. Griffin, L. Bramwell, A. E. Kirkpatrick, D. C. Parry, W. M. Booth, H. Hargreaves, J. P. Capern, J. Taylor, W. Brown, R. W. Crosby, and J. Christian. The visitors were Bros. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. Busfield, 216; J. W. Turley, P.P.G.J.D.; T. Chesworth, W.M. 1576, P.M. 724; P. Armstrong, J.D. 724; J. Remberton, P.G.S. of W.; M. Corless, P.M. 1673; J. W. Baker, P.M. 241; T. Berry, W.M. 155; W. Woods, W.M. 1620; W. Pugh, S.W. 1620, P.M. 1182; C. Petty, 216; J. Lunt, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Evans, W.M. 1570; J. B. Roose, 1380; T. Mc. Cracken, 1620; R. H. Evans, W.M. 292; J. Taylor, 897, and G. Barton, 897. After dessert had been placed on the table the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Bennett, I.P.M., who congratulated the lodge upon electing so experienced and able a Mason as Bro. Vines to the honourable position of Master of the lodge. Bro. Vines, in the course of his reply, thanked the members for the compliment paid him by electing him the second time W.M. of the lodge. He assured the brethren that he would do his utmost to maintain the character of the lodge by efficient working and punctual attendance. Bro. Vines, in proposing the toast of the P.M.'s of the lodge, on behalf of the members presented Bro. R. Bennett with a handsome P.M.'s jewel as a mark of appreciation of his able services as Master of the lodge. Other toasts followed, including "Our Masonic Charities." In proposing this toast the W.M. alluded to the numerous claims upon these charities, and made an urgent appeal to the brethren for support for the same. "The Health of the Visitors" was responded to by Bro. John Lunt, P.P.G. D.C.; Bro. J. W. Baker, P.M. 241, and Bro. Petty, 216.

**MORECAMBE.**—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, on the 2nd inst. The W.M., Bro. Capt. Garnett, occupied the chair of K.S., and there was an average attendance of members. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Mr. John Scholefield, and proving unanimous, that gentleman was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M. The usual proclamations were then made, and the lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony.

**STAINES.**—Musgrave Lodge (No. 1597).—The first anniversary of this lodge was celebrated on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. J. M. Levick, the chair was occupied by Bro. F. Keily, P.M. 1293, P.G. Treas. Middx., S.W., and W.M. elect, supported by the following brethren:—Bros. G. P. Gillard as S.W.; E. Amphlett, J.W.; H. Phythian, P.P.G. Sec. Middx., Sec.; T. H. Edmunds, P.G.S., S.D.; R. Sindall, as J.D.; J. G. Dunn, I.G.; E. Fairlie, Alex. Paterson, H. F. Bing, Alf. S. Paterson, R. G. Jewell, and others. Visitors: Bros. H. C. Levander, P.G. Sec. Middx.; John Bingemann, W.M. 1599; H. Gonne, 1293; G. Phythian, S.W. 22; and others. After Bro. A. S. Paterson had been duly raised to the Sublime Degree in ancient form, Bro. Wilson, P.M. of the Etonian Lodge of St. John, No. 209, Windsor, ascended to the chair, and with the able assistance of Bro. John Bingemann, P.M. 55, and W.M. 1599, installed Bro. F. Keily as Worshipful Master, who immediately proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing twelve months as follows:—Bros. E. Amphlett, S.W.; T. H. Edmunds, J.W.; H. Phythian, Sec.; J. G. Dunn, S.D.; G. P. Gillard, J.D.; H. F. Bing, I.G.; E. Fairlie, D.C.; R. Sindall, Steward; and J. Gilbert, Tyler; all which appointments were thoroughly approved of by the brethren. Bro. Sindall expressed his intention of representing the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the sum of five guineas was at once voted from the Almoner's fund to be placed on that brother's list. Other routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet under the presidency of the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured, that of the W.M. met with the very warmest reception. Bro. H. C. Levander, P.G. Sec., in returning thanks for "The Health of the Prov. G. Officers," took the opportunity of congratulating the brethren on the very prosperous state of the lodge at the expiration of its first year, and also remarked that great credit was due to so young a lodge for sending up a Steward (for the second time) to represent it at the Girls' Festival. Bro. John Bingemann in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," expressed the great pleasure it had afforded him to be present that day, and hoped to have the privilege of visiting on many future occasions. Bro. Amphlett, S.W., replied for "The Officers." The Tylers' toast having

been given, the brethren separated, highly delighted with all they had seen and heard in the Musgrave Lodge."

#### INSTRUCTION.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—At the regular meeting held at the Havlock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., there were present Bros. Brasted, W.M.; Robinson, S.W.; Larkin, J.W.; Hewlett, S.D.; Bonner, J.D.; B. Meyer, J.G.; Fieldwick, Preceptor; and Bros. Shackleton, Smith, G. Ferrar, Stevenson, Spencer, Polak, Brown, and Smythe. The lodge was opened in due form with prayer. The minutes of last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Polak was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. The First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. Proposed by Bro. Shackleton, seconded by Bro. B. Meyer, that Bro. Smyth be elected a joining member of the Lodge of Instruction. Carried unanimously. Bro. Fieldwick proposed that Bro. Robinson be elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing else offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Wednesday, 21st inst., at 8 p.m.

#### Red Cross of Constantine.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—Cambridge University Conclave (No. 128).—The regular meeting of this conclave was held on the 10th inst., Ill. Sir Kt. C. E. Peek, Int. Gen. M.P.S.; Sir Kt. Leith, V. After confirmation of the minutes Bros. Maxwell and Phillips were installed Kts. of the Order. The conclave was then closed in due and ancient form.

#### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided; Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, was in the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. E. P. Albert, G.P., occupied the chair of Junior Vice-President. The other brethren present were Bros. John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, A. A. Pendlebury, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; S. Rawson, P. District G.M. China; W. Smith, C.E.; H. Browne, P.G.D.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; S. G. Foxall, A.G.P.; C. F. Hogard, H. Bartlett, W. H. Myers, W. T. Howe, H. Garrod, John Bingemann, John Constable, H. Massey (Freemason), C. Atkins, Samuel Poynter, Herbert Dicketts, W. Clifton Crick, H. Phythian, Dr. Great Rex, S. Gamman, Samuel H. Rawley, George Littlewood, Alfred A. Drew, E. J. Hart, J. J. Pakes, J. J. Gosset, H. J. Moxon, John Nixon, W. H. Perryman, C. J. B. Bumstead, W. Lauber, C. Killick, A. Lefaux, H. Higgins, Sam. Pardoe, John Carver, C. Rayden, A. A. Drew, S. R. Speight, John Mowlem Burt, Jas. W. Lambert, Henry Cox, Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Alfred Meadows, B. H. Swallow, and John Crittenden.

The grants of former lodge, which required confirmation, amounting in all to £220, were confirmed, and the brethren then proceeded with the consideration of the new cases, of which there were no less than 28 on the paper. Of these cases one was dismissed and two deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £610, consisting of one £100; one £75; three £40; three £30; five £20; three £15; seven £10; and two £5.

The lodge sat till past nine o'clock.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1658.

The consecration of this new lodge took place on the 9th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, at which place the meetings of the lodge will be regularly held. Among the brethren present, in addition to the consecrating officers, were: Bros. Rev. P. M. Holden, Dr. Pinder, H. A. Dubois, M. S. Larham, T. Edmonson, W. Case, J. Cavin, J. Hastier, W. M. Cackett, N. Brydges, F. Koch, and E. W. Devereux. The consecration and installation ceremonies were most effectively performed by Bro. John Hervey, P.G.D., V.W. Grand Secretary, with the able assistance of V.W. Bro. the Rev. Robert J. Simpson, P.G.C., and Bro. Henry Gustavus Buss, J.G. Warden of Midlx. Bro. Hervey, in the course of his address, again cautioned the brethren in the selection of candidates for initiation, there being, in the present day, many applicants for admission into Freemasonry for designs other than those approved of by the Order. During the ceremony a very appropriate and brilliant oration was delivered by Bro. Simpson. The Grand Secretary then installed Bro. S. J. Harvey as W.M., who immediately afterwards appointed and invested the first staff of officers of the lodge. The lodge was soon after closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, served in first-class style in the hall by Bro. Geider, the usual toasts being given and duly responded to.

**THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR DIARY AND POCKET BOOK for 1877** (London, George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street). We have no hesitation in strongly recommending this useful and carefully-prepared work to every Mason. It is in itself an Encyclopedia of Masonry, and fully bears out its title of "Comprehensive Masonic Book of Reference." To brethren in the habit of travelling the work is simply indispensable, and will enable them in every town which they may visit, to find out night and meeting place, not only of Craft and Arch Masonry, but of preceptories, conclaves, &c. The book is also well bound, and is a most convenient pocket book. The price is only 2s., and is most remarkably low, considering the usefulness of the publication, and the fund of information afforded.—*The Isle of Man Times*.

#### A LONG JOURNEY.

Our respected contemporary Bro. Hubert, of the *Chaine d'Union*, Paris, in the number for February just past, has an article in which he expresses a desire to open again for discussion the questions at issue between the Grand Orient of France and the American Grand Lodges, with a view to its settlement and the resumption of intercourse between the bodies. We cannot and do not for one moment doubt the sincerity of Bro. Hubert, whom we know to be a devoted Mason, earnestly desirous of an adjustment; but it is clear that he has not measured the width and depth of the gulf of separation between Masonry as practiced and understood by English-speaking Masons and the article called Masonry in France, to say nothing of the men who guide and direct the march of the Grand Orient. When he has done so carefully, he will find that either one or the other must travel a long way from its present foundations and principles of being before there can be any possible ground of sympathy or similarity.

In the first place, it must be admitted that Masonry did not originate in France, but, on the contrary, was taken there from England, the first lodge being established by Lord Derwentwater, at Paris, by English authority, under which in one way or another, it remained until 1756, when the hitherto English Grand Lodge of France declared itself independent, and set out on the journey which landed French Masonry in the arms of the Grand Orient about 1771. So far as the actual government is concerned, we are clearly of the opinion that each nation should have its own, whether Masonic or civil; for which reason we justify the declaration of independence of English government in France, and assert for the French brethren, as we do for ourselves, the right to have their own government. But, at the same time, it is equally clear that they could not change the form and essence of Masonry itself, and still claim to be Masons, for the two things are incompatible. When Lord Derwentwater was received into Masonry in England, he entered into bonds to support and maintain the landmarks and cardinal doctrines of the Craft, and he was obliged to, and doubtless did, require a similar covenant from those persons in France to whom he accorded the privilege of participating with him in its rights and benefits, or else the English Grand Lodge would have taken care to know why he set his pledges aside. It follows that in order to remain within the household of the Craft, the French Masons were in honour bound to observe and preserve the essentials as they received them, and as they have been, and still are preserved by those from whom they acquired them, and, indeed, by all other Masons on the face of the globe, except those owing allegiance to the Grand Orient of France. Now, it is known that there is a proposition pending before the Grand Orient, and under discussion by its subordinate lodges, to strike from the fundamental law the requirement that a candidate must acknowledge belief in the existence of one ever-living and true God. What the result of this may be cannot be known until the meeting of the Grand Orient, next September, and it will, when known, make but little difference, for it was made known in the debates of the last meeting that in the practice of the French lodges mere atheism or infidelity is no bar to initiation, hence whether the clause in the constitution relating to it be suffered to stand or be stricken out, the fact remains that the most vital of Masonic tenets has no value in French Masonry, and therefore there is, and can be, no possible union between those who practice it and those who not only believe in God themselves, but will not suffer their companionship to be tainted by the presence of persons who do not.

Again, a Masonic organization presupposes, for the lodge, a Master; for the Grand Lodge, a Grand Master. If any lodge, by amending its bye-laws, should declare the Master a surplus wheel in the machinery, abolish the office, and name a committee to rule and govern it, the organization would no longer be Masonic, and it would practically have ceased to exist, even before the Grand Lodge had called in its warrant. The same rule will apply with even greater force to a Grand Lodge, one of the principal duties of which is to preserve intact the general laws, forms, and doctrines of the Craft. A Grand Lodge or a Grand Orient, without a Grand Master, ceases to be a Masonic organization, or to be entitled to Masonic recognition. The Grand Orient of France, by its own well-considered act, abolished the Grand Mastership as a cumbrous and useless part of the machinery, and thus vaulted without the pale of Masonry to become anything you please, but certainly no longer to be a Masonic power.

Once more. The readiness of the Grand Orient to give official recognition to any and every applicant for that favour (*sic*), has become proverbial. It recognized a spurious organization in New Orleans, engineered by one it had itself expelled, while at the same time it was on terms of amity and friendship with the regular Grand Lodge, the territory of which was invaded by the organization in question. When earnestly and fraternally besought to withdraw this offensive act—offensive not only to the local Grand Lodge, but to every other Grand Lodge in the United States, it never condescended to notice their communications, while its several committees, pretending to treat the subject with a contemptuous indifference for the intelligence of the Americans, never deigned to approach the real question at issue, and to-day it stands precisely where it did when the Grand Orient insulted the North American Craft by its friendship for a clandestine body in their midst.

We violate no prescription of courtesy nor do we assume any unreasonable authority when we say that on the grounds mentioned, the Grand Lodges of North America will take no step backward, assent to no compromise, resume no relations until the Grand Orient gets back on the platform of the Institution. The journey is a long one,

but then the French brethren have only themselves to thank for it.—*New York Dispatch*.

#### WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

Like our great London Charities, the claims upon the noble institution in the West Lancashire Province, of which every brother is so greatly proud, continue to increase every year, and the meeting of the General Committee, held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-st., Liverpool, on Friday, the 16th inst., conclusively proved that greater efforts will be needed than ever to maintain its efficiency and power, if the education and advancement in life of the children of deceased brethren are to be carried out in the manner and spirit contemplated by the founders and supporters. With the increase of lodges and members, the demands upon the Charity have grown in even a greater ratio, and therefore the liberal support of the brethren in West Lancashire is now all the more needed. True, there is a splendid invested capital, but it is most desirable that all liabilities for the carrying out of the scheme of charity should be met by the yearly gatherings from Masonic brethren and contributory sources. There is no doubt that this will be the result, and that the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution will continue to grow in charitable strength with its increasing years of existence, and that the "little ones" who seek its help will not be driven away disappointed. At the meeting on Friday week there was a very large attendance of the committee, there being no fewer than about fifty members present. There were nearly 30 applications brought on for consideration, and it is most satisfactory to find that out of this unusually large number not a single refusal was given where the applications were regular and according to law. Unfortunately, in the cases of three children the requirements of the bye-laws were not met, and these had to be withdrawn for the present, much to the disappointment of the committee, who would have granted all if they possibly could have done so. These elections will involve an increased yearly expenditure of £180, which is a considerable sum to add to the already large amount already necessary for the children on the foundation of the noble institution. But there can be little fear that the brethren of the largest Masonic province in the kingdom will also show that their large-heartedness is quite in keeping with their proud position. Bro. Richard Brown, P.M. 241, the Honorary Secretary of the Institution, deserves the highest praise for his zeal and tact in connection with the Institution, and he receives valuable aid from the Hon. Treasurer, as well as every member of the influential committee.

#### MASONIC ADDRESS.

The *New York Dispatch* publishes the following address recently delivered by M.W. Bro. Elwood E. Thorne before Kingston Lodge, No. 10:

Right Worshipful Brother, and Brethren of the Kingston Lodge, No. 10.—The last visit I made you was on the occasion of laying the corner-stone, with Masonic ceremonies, of the new City Hall of Kingston, and with pleasant recollections of my visit then, I have again accepted your kind and fraternal invitation to be with you to-night, but not without some misgivings as to my ability to interest you. However, in one thing I feel secure; that is, the knowledge that our beloved fraternity will not suffer in feeble hands such as mine, any more than it would be exalted by the lips, or pen, of the ablest of earth's orators, for we can neither take from nor add to the glories of our time-honoured institution, built as it is on the "rock of ages," standing as it has done through the march of time, stopping by the wayside only to let the torrent of persecution pass by, living still, through the scepticisms, the same noble, blessed institution, founded long before the "Star of Bethlehem" arose, when Israel sent forth her thousands to witness the consecration of the first work of our art, and God, in His approval of the perfectness of the Craft, consumed the offering upon the altar, and thus the monument was dedicated to Him whose shadow and glory proclaimed His presence between the cherubim. We all know how good and holy a thing Freemasonry is, and have all felt its moral and religious influences, and although the emblems of our Order have often hung sorrowfully over their rejected teachings, yet in their sublime significance they are none the less powerful in their mute admonitions than when first we saw the light and took upon ourselves the vows which in the "Holy of Holies" of our individual temple, can be best answered, as to whether we have been true to the trust, and in all the requirements have we been Masons and brethren.

The nature, duties and rights of our Order have been so often set before you, and should be so indelibly impressed upon your minds and hearts as to need no suggestions or arguments from me in favour of their merits, nor can I offer any inducements for the observance of any of its high behests that cannot be found encircled by the broad arms of brotherly love, relief and charity. These, brethren, I lay at your feet; raise them to your hearts by willing hands, and give the recompense first to yourselves of a peaceful conscience, and the world will judge you according to your works, and scoffers, to whom our lips must ever be closed in defence of our beloved Order, will soon learn to whom is due the championship of the noblest and most ancient of institutions; for we all know that Masonry has grown grey with age. Its origin is lost in the unexplored abyss of antiquity. We can find no record in ancient history that can enlighten us as to the positive time and place of its organization; researches have been made by many, and neither time nor patience spared. Some have made it coeval with the world; others have ascribed its rise to the sainted heroes of the crusades; but amid this uncertainty, which must ever result from the absence of written history, let us rest satisfied with our



own convictions that it began with the Temple of Solomon, when the widow's son gave the binding word, and is the most ancient and benevolent institution in the world, and its votaries and followers are from every land and of every tongue; an institution growing in strength and firmness as years go by, until its mighty power is known all over the world, entwining itself with the best sympathies of our whole nature, and approved by the most enlightened faculties of the mind: that all the persecutions it has suffered has not been able to destroy; but, like the true religion, it has flourished even on the blood-stained soil of fanaticism and despotism. Its progress in enlightened nations has been marvellously great.

In our own loved country it has spread over the entire land, and attained a perfection unequalled in any other country of the globe, and in comparing the condition of Freemasonry at the close of the revolutionary war with its present prosperity, we are lost in admiration of its rapid strides. At that time only ten lodges were to be found in our State. Now, in less than a century, we number about 800 lodges and nearly 100,000 (Masons) brethren in good standing. And although we have had foes without and dissensions within, yet our march has been steadily onward, diffusing light and imparting joy. Wherever man in his enlightened state fixes his habitation, there you will find a band of brothers "meeting upon the level, acting by the plumb, and parting upon the square." We own to exceptions of worthiness in the material often used to constitute lodges, and know too that many who have become Masons in good faith have allowed worldly ambition and mercenary aspirations to blot out from memory the solemn obligations they assumed when they vowed to be true to the teachings of the sublime principles of our fraternity. This has been material in the hands of our enemies, who are not willing to give us the benefit of the same allowance made to all religious sects, of having among us the tares as well as the wheat; and while I do not claim for our Order the spiritual enthusiasm or incomparable character of that greatest of all institutions on earth—the Church Universal—or assert that it can in any way be substituted for that special manifestation of our Heavenly Father's presence, I do not hesitate to state that as a great moral system, and as an inculcator of His teachings, it is second only to that body. Its nature and traditions are in the highest degree religious.

The temple on which we are supposed to be engaged as ever diligent workmen is no edifice of sculptured stone or fretted wood, but "that temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." The tools with which we work are not the hardened steel of earthly make, but "the soft answer that turneth away wrath," the gentle reproof that melts but does not break, and the friendly word of cheer that kindles hope and encourages effort. The cement that unites the several parts of our structure is not the perishable mortar of material life, but the love and close communion that bind us together as members of that living temple in one compact mass of fraternal regard.

As we can enter the lodge only in the name of God, our doors are inexorably barred against the atheist and the scoffer. As we commence our Masonic ceremonies only after invoking the guidance and protection of Divine Love, we are sure that a trust so well founded will insure from all danger, and as we separate to resume the cares and joys and temptations of the outer world, we are solemnly enjoined so to act as to be an example of uprightness and moral worth, and thus secure our admission, after this life, into that Grand Lodge on high where none but the redeemed shall sit. Our "Great light," the guide to our faith and practice, is the same inspired volume that is a lamp to the feet of the believer.

On its open pages are recorded our vows and obligations. To its mandates and precepts we humbly and cheerfully kneel. Within its leaves we find the material for our liturgy and the early history of our Order, and among its heroes are the first and greatest of our Grand Masters. As an illustration of the veneration in which this sacred book is held by Masons, I can do no better than to quote the language of an eloquent and distinguished divine and brother, who says: "With no narrow spirit of propaganda, we place on our altar this sacred book in all its holy completeness. We open it at the book of Ruth. We gather about it at the hour of solemn obligation. There lies before you this solitary book upon whose pages the sun never sets, whose beams of grace illumine a sin-enslaved world, adapted to all experiences of human life, adding joy to the marriage festival, substituting peace for sorrow at the funeral. Childhood approaches it with reverence. Maturity leans upon it as a trusty and well-tried staff, and tottering age worships, while it clings to it, as the friend faithful to uphold in the rolling of death's dark river. The world's Bible, the Christian's Bible, the open Bible, the word of the living God, is the central thing of the Masonic Lodge, and the corner-stone of the Craftsman's faith.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren of Kingston Lodge, —I thank you for the honour conferred on me in requesting my presence here this evening, and I trust the object of our brotherhood may be ever present with us all—remembering that around the sacred altar of Freemasonry we have promised to befriend and relieve any brother who shall need our assistance. Let us endeavour to inscribe our names on that blessed roll of those who, loving men, are loved of God, even as in that little poem of Leigh Hunt's we learn how

"Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase)  
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,  
And saw within the moonlight in his room—  
Making it rich and like a lily in bloom—  
An angel writing in a book of gold.  
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,  
And to the presence in the room he said:  
'What writest thou?' The vision raised its head,  
And, with a look made of all sweet accord,

Answered: 'The names of those who love the Lord.'  
'And is mine one?' said Abou. 'Nay, not so,'  
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,  
But cheerfully still, and said, 'I pray thee, then,  
Write me as one that loves his fellow men.'  
The angel wrote and vanished. The next night  
It came again, with a great wakening light,  
And showed the names whom love of God had blessed—  
And, lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest."

### FREEMASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

A notable event in the history of Freemasonry in Newark was the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Newark (New Jersey) Lodge, No. 7. About one hundred and fifty of the members were present. The lodge was opened in ancient form by Bro. Wm. Kipp, W.M., who extended a hearty welcome to all in a few well-chosen remarks. Bro. Daniel Bruen, P.G.M. of New Jersey, and the oldest Mason in the State, then read a complete history of the lodge from its institution to the present time. He also stated that that evening was not only memorable to him as the anniversary of Newark Lodge, but it was the sixtieth anniversary of his being raised. A quartet, composed of Messrs. Frank Hodson, A. H. Ward, Wm. J. Hall, and A. G. Cann, rendered some very fine selections. Bro. the Rev. Lansing Burrows, pastor of the North Baptist Church, delivered an address on the principles of the Order. The address was well prepared, and was listened to with rapt attention. Bro. Vehslage, R.W.D.G.M., closed the exercises with a few humorous remarks. The audience were afterwards invited to a repast, to which ample justice was done. The exercises concluded happily, with all the participants highly pleased.

There was quite a gathering of the fraternity at New Britain on the 22nd February, who, under the leadership of Marshal Freeston, marched to their new quarters in the Odd Fellows' Hall, to the number of 250. We are glad to see that the families of the brethren were invited to partake of a banquet. We congratulate the Freemasons of New Britain on their success, and trust it may long continue. The following officers were installed by Grand Master Rone:—Edw. S. Conklin, W.M.; S. W. Clark, S.W.; W. W. Woodruff, J.W.; W. L. Morgan, Treas.; E. J. Goodwin, Sec.; S. H. Stearns, S.D.; A. J. Leonard, J.D.; Wm. Freestone, Marshal; J. L. Dole, S. Steward; F. C. Zimmerman, J. Steward; and George H. Booth, Tyler.

Bro. Thomas J. Mellish has taken his position at the helm of the veteran *Masonic Review*, now in its fiftieth year. No. 1 of the new volume is very creditable, and we wish every success to the enterprise. The subscription price is 2 dols. per annum, and the address, Cincinnati, Ohio.

THE EXCLUSION OF THE HEBREWS.—The *New York Square* copies our remarks on the above subject, and appends the following:—"We cannot too warmly endorse the views of our able contemporary. We regret that such an intolerant spirit should prevail among certain Masons in Germany. Here, and throughout the British Empire, no such a feeling exists—indeed, the greatest cordiality is extended to Hebrew brethren, who, as a rule, are good men and good Masons.

The Grand Lodge of Idaho has withdrawn its recognition of the Grand Orient of Hungary, on the ground that it appears to be a recent offshoot of the Grand Orient of France, from which Masonic intercourse has been withdrawn on account of its schismatical recognition and encouragement of certain clandestine organisations in the United States. It has also refused to recognise the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, or any subordinate lodges claiming or acknowledging jurisdiction under the same, or any member owing allegiance thereto. From this, it is evident that the Craft in Idaho adhere to strict Masonic principles, and merit the commendation of all regular Freemasons.—*Voice of Masonry*.

MASONIC PROGRESS.—M.W. Bro. J. W. Griffin, in his last annual address to the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of Idaho, said:—"It is a matter of just pride to every true lover of our Order, that although prehistoric in its origin, it has, without any departure from its primary principles, or deviating from its ancient landmarks, kept even pace with, and has ever been found in the vanguard of an enlightened and progressive civilization. And nowhere is this more apparent than in the history of the first century of our beloved republic—recognized, fostered and cherished by the fathers of the republic. Their descendants have followed in their pathway, and in no country does the Ancient and Honourable Order of Freemasonry hold higher rank or find more general and honourable recognition than in America. Let us endeavour, in the preservation of the purity and integrity of the Craft, to demonstrate our appreciation of the inheritance we have received."

The Masons' Widows and Orphans Home, of Kentucky, has had to undergo some severe trials, and many a doubt of its success has been entertained and expressed; but its friends have determined to be equal to all its emergencies, and to crown it with victory. At the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge it was ordered that a proposition to levy annually, for the next two years, a tax of one dollar on each member should be submitted to the subordinate lodges, at their annual meetings on last St. John's Day. From the *Masonic Journal* we learn that the proposition was carried by about four votes for to one

against it, and that many of the lodges voted for it unanimously. Commenting on this, the journal says: The action of the fraternity in levying a tax upon themselves of near one hundred thousand dollars will be gratifying to the friends of that great enterprise, the Home, established for the benefit of the widows and orphans of our deceased brethren, as it will insure the success and permanent prosperity of the institution, and place it beyond the contingency of even a temporary suspension or financial embarrassment. The promptness and unanimity with which the brethren have responded to the liberal proposition is highly creditable to them, and will reflect honour on the name Mason, and silence those who sometimes say that there is no practical good resulting from its labours or flowing from its organization. The "Home" is secure, brethren, and when the success of the proposition is announced by our Grand Master, Fairleigh, many widowed hearts will cease to ache.—*Voice of Masonry*.

### PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. S. GOVER.

In the *City Press* of the 17th inst. appears an account of the presentation of a handsome silver tea and coffee service of the weight of 205 oz. 19 dwts., manufactured on an entirely elaborate and beautiful design by Messrs. Wostenholme & Biggin, of Sheffield, to Bro. W. S. Gover, P.G.S., P.M. Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, and P.Z. St. James's Chapter, on the occasion of his retirement from the Chairmanship of the Corporation Committee, having charge and management of the great metropolitan markets.

Bro. Gover has filled other important chairs in the corporation, notably that of the City Commission of Sewers, and Bridge House Estate Committee; and he was recently elected by the City of London a second time as one of its representatives on the London School Board, when he stood second on the poll. Since his retirement from the Chairmanship of the Markets Committee Bro. Gover has been unanimously elected by the Common Council to the important office of Deputy Governor of the Honourable Irish Society.

Bro. Gover is an actuary of 30 years standing, and has been the founder of various important and successful public undertakings. He is the manager of the British Equitable Assurance Company, and recently assisted in the formation of the House Property Company, which, while founded on a strictly commercial basis, promises in a most effective and satisfactory manner, to solve the great problem of improving the dwellings of the working classes.

The inscription on the salver is as follows: "Presented together with Tea and Coffee Service, by the members of the Markets Committee of the Corporation of London, to William Sutton Gover, in testimony of their high estimation of his zealous, indefatigable, and successful labours as their Chairman during the year 1877."

### BRO. RICHARD WAGNER.

Among the lions of the approaching London season there is good reason to believe will be no less renowned a personage as Bro. Richard Wagner. The correspondent of a contemporary, writing from Munich, assures us that the master will reach England some time in April; adding, "The object of his excursion is the bringing out parts of his 'Ring des Nibelungen' trilogy on the English stage, and he wishes to superintend the performances himself." We fear the addendum is much too good to be true, and may be dismissed from our minds at once. But the *Neue Berliner Musikzeitung* agrees with the Munich correspondent as to the fact of the proposed visit, and also as to its ultimate object. It seems that England is to receive another recognition of what sister nations appear to look upon as the primary object of her existence—the making good of deficits. Even as, only a few years ago, every Finance Minister "from China to Peru" expected us to fill the abhorred vacuum in his exchequer, so now Bro. Wagner comes for money wherewith to pay the debts incurred by his Bayreuth Festival. There is this difference, however, that the master brings with him, not promises of the pie-crust order, but a genuine *quid pro quo*. According to the Berlin journal, he will "personally conduct" several concerts at which will be performed some of some of his newest compositions. This is good news, and, assuming its correctness, we shall not be rash in guaranteeing Bro. Wagner a hearty and sympathetic welcome, even from those who contend that he has pushed his theories too far. His recollections of England, owing to the treatment he received here twenty-two years ago, cannot be very pleasant. But since then we have grown wiser. We recognise his genius and, even if unable to agree with all his principals or all his schemes, we may at least be generous where we cannot approve.

### MASONRY A RELIGION.

We are taught that Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion. This is true in a limited sense only. It is true that what are commonly known as sectarian differences, have no place in the lodge; yet it is none the less true that Masonry is a religion. Many worthy, zealous Masons, in opposing anything like sectarian exclusiveness, rush to the other extreme, and, let us hope, without due reflection, say, "Let us banish religion, from the lodge room." What! banish religion from an Institution which, at its very portals, requires a belief and a trust in God? Banish religion from an Institution which teaches that no one should enter upon any great or important undertaking without first invoking the blessing of Deity? Banish religion from the sacred precincts where we are taught our duty to God, in never mentioning his name but with that reverential awe which

is due from the creature to his Creator; to implore his aid in all our laudable undertakings, and to esteem Him as the chief good? Banish religion from around that sacred altar, where we are taught that the Holy Bible is given us as a rule and guide for our conduct? Religion is defined to be, "Any system of faith and worship." The religion of Masonry is a trust in, and the worship of, Almighty God, the Creator of the Universe, who controls the destinies of all created beings. This much being accepted, we have nothing to do with particular creeds and dogmas. Let each individual Mason hold his own views as to what beliefs and actions are necessary to his eternal salvation. A living faith in God, a full sense of individual responsibility to Him, and a life of virtue and morality, is what Masonry requires of its votaries. All else is left to the individual consciences of the brethren. That is the religion of Masonry; and he who does not subscribe to it casts aside the teachings and ground-work of the Institution. We need more the one All-Father, and the direct personal responsibility of each one of His creatures. When that spirit is attained and controlled, let the individual seek his home in that Church or belief that is best adapted to his mind and commends itself to his judgment; with his action in that regard Masonry has nothing to do, so long as the teachings and practices of that faith or institution are not subversive of the principles of virtue and morality, and are not inconsistent with a due obedience to legally constituted authorities and a proper subordination to the laws of the country in which we live. Actuated by these sentiments, and united by the bonds of fraternal love, we can heartily exclaim with the poet:—

"Maker and High Priest,  
I ask thee not my joys to multiply,  
Only to make me worthier of those I have."  
G.M. of Utah, in the Voice of Masonry.

#### TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL.

We have been requested to publish the following, and hope that our brother will be materially benefitted by the exertions of his friends:—

It has long been the wish of the friends and admirers of this well-known author and public speaker, to present him with some substantial testimonial of esteem, for his life-long labour for the mental and moral elevation of the people. There has scarcely been a movement in the path of progress which he has not aided, publicly and privately, by his tongue and pen, from his youth up to the present time; often at a great pecuniary loss to himself; so that many, who may have differed widely from him in opinion, have not hesitated to express their admiration of the enthusiastic and unflinching manner in which he has always devoted his abilities in striving to promote whatever appeared to him to be for the good of humanity, whether popular or otherwise. The present testimonial will consist of a purse of gold, to help him through heavy losses and family affliction, over which he has no control, and to aid him to complete those literary labours in which he is known to have been so long engaged; while to preserve an enduring record of its presentation, the names of all the subscribers, whether of pounds or pence, will be printed in book form, and copies deposited in all the principal public libraries, as well as distributed among the subscribers. The testimonial will not be of a sectarian party, or even local character; and subscriptions for the same will be gladly received, and duly acknowledged, by

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#### Masonic and General Tidings.

We are requested to note the following particulars with reference to the Amateur Dramatic Entertainment at the Opera Comique (referred to in our last) now being organised by Mrs. Monckton, the proceeds of which are proposed to be presented to the Freemasons' Schools. H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master has fixed Saturday afternoon, the 5th of May, at half-past 2 o'clock for the performance, and has graciously, with the Princess of Wales, promised to be present. The comedieta of "Tears," in which Mrs. Monckton and Captain Gooch made so remarkable a success at the same theatre on the 17th February, will, by special desire, form part of the programme. On and after the 2nd of April, places will be booked at the theatre and the libraries, but, meanwhile, seats are being, and may be secured, by written application to "Acting Manager," 33, Golden-square, who, in the allotment, will strictly observe the priority of application.

**MIZPAH LODGE, No. 1671.**—The consecration of this lodge takes place at the Albion, Aldersgate-st., on Tuesday next at 4 o'clock. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be performed by V.W. Bro. John Hervey, P.G.D., Grand Secretary, assisted by V.W. the Rev. Robt. J. Simpson, P.G.C., and W. Bro. James Terry, G.D. (f C., Herts). The officers designat are Bros. Nelson Reed, W.M.; David R. Still, S.W.; and Walter W. Medcalf, J.W. A full report will appear in our next.

**ROUMANIA.**—The following are the officers elected by the "Loge des Sages d'Heliopolis, Orient of Bucharest, for 1876-7:—Bros. Dr. Sigismund Sceinir, Vénér.; Major Alexandre Tavernier, 1st. Surv.; Major Jean Dimitresco, 2nd Surv.; Stephan C. Michailesco, Orat.; M. Ascher, Secrét.; Ad. Deutch, Gr. Exp.; F. Kessler, M. des Cérém.; Capt. Naimann, Trés.; A. Berger, Hospit.; Dr. Diano, Orat. adj.; G. Rosenzweig Secrét. adj.; El Butoiano, Couvreur.; H. A. Levy, Archit.

**CUBA.**—The Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba has concluded a treaty with the Grand Orient of Spain (that is to say, with one of the Orientes which exists in Spain). By this treaty the Grand Lodge of Cuba alone has the power to establish Symbolic Lodges from the First to the Fourth Degree. On the other hand, the Grand Lodge of Cuba will not recognise the superior degrees in Cuba, except they are conferred by the Grand Orient of Spain.

In addressing a gathering at Botley, on Monday, Bro. W. B. Beach, president of the Central Chamber of Agriculture, spoke with great regret of the reappearance of the cattle plague, and said that if the Privy Council had adopted the resolutions presented by the Chamber last year to the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the plague would not have reappeared.

Above £3000 has been received at the Mansion House towards the fund being raised there for the relief of the widows and orphans of the crews who were lately lost in the North Sea.

The two eldest sons of the Prince of Wales will shortly be sent on board the "Britannia" training ship, as naval Cadets, for their education.

**BRO. CAPTAIN BOYTON.**—A despatch from Messina says that Captain Boyton crossed the Straits on the 10th inst., in a storm, which placed the boats in great danger. During the passage, which occupied five hours, Capt. Boyton was attacked by a shark, but succeeded in driving off his assailant before being bitten, although he received a sharp blow from its tail. The American Consul and several distinguished gentlemen were in the boats which accompanied him. Notwithstanding the heavy sea running at the time, Captain Boyton safely passed through the most dangerous whirlpools. A most enthusiastic reception from thousands of people awaited him on shore, where he was officially received by the authorities.

The seventh annual grand ball in aid of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage will take place at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Thursday, April 26th, under the patronage of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex.

The governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital have made arrangements for giving systematic instruction, both practical and theoretical, to young women desirous of being trained as nurses, and willing to enter the service of the hospital for that purpose for twelve months as probationers. Probationers, who prove efficient, will receive at the expiration of the twelve months, a certificate of competency as nurses.—City Press.

We are informed that the Alexandra Palace has been leased for 21 years to Messrs. Bertram and Roberts, and we understand it will be reopened the first week in May. The whole of the interior will undergo considerable change, and the new proprietors have determined that the entertainments shall be of a high-class character. Season tickets will be issued at half a guinea.

"Our Boys" have already raised their corps to 700 knights.—Yorick.

**A RUSSIAN SABLE CLOAK.**—A good deal of interest was displayed recently at Messrs. Debenham, Storr, and Son's auction mart, in King-street, Covent-garden, during the sale of the wardrobe and jewels of a well-known and distinguished foreign lady of title, especially when Lot 65 was reached. It was described as a matchless Russian sable cloak, composed of skins of the very finest quality, as regards colour and uniformity, the skins having been selected with great care and at an enormous cost for a Royal personage. The first offer was 100 guineas, and after a prolonged competition from many bidders the cloak was sold for 460 guineas.

The Hospital Saturday collection in Liverpool realised £2226.

Bro. D. Murray Lyon has been appointed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. 128 voted for Bro. Wylie, Prov. Grand Secretary of Ayrshire, and 210 for Bro. Lyon, being a majority of 82 votes for the latter.

The proprietors of the Bank of England have unanimously resolved to present to the nation their collection of gold and silver coins, which have been for some years past in the custody of the trustees of the British Museum. The value of this gift is estimated at seven thousand pounds.

The Queen held a Council at Windsor on Tuesday, previously to which General and Madame Ignatieff were presented to her Majesty.

A meeting in aid of the establishment of an Indian and Colonial Museum in London was held at the Mansion House on Tuesday, the Lord Mayor presiding. Mr. E. P. Bouverie, Mr. Twells, M.P., Professor Fawcett, M.P., and Sir George Campbell, M.P., were among the speakers.

The *Masonic Review* has passed into other hands, owing to Bro. Moore's inability to meet a claim of 280 dols. upon it. How sad that one who has done so much for Masonry should have been reduced to such straits. We deeply sympathize with our unfortunate brother.—Craftsman.

We regret to announce the death of the Rev. Basil Popoff, Chaplain of the Russian Chapel, Welbeck-street, and private Chaplain to her Royal and Imperial Highness the Duchess of Edinburgh, which took place on Monday morning after several month's illness. The Rev. Mr. Popoff had been long resident in this country.

**SACRED HARMONIC SOCIETY.**—Haydn's Oratoria, "The Seasons," will be performed this (Friday) evening at Exeter Hall. Madame Blanche Cole, Mr. Cummings, and Signor Foli are the vocalists. Bro. Sir Michael Costa will conduct.

The ceremony of consecrating a new Masonic Lodge at Newcastle-upon-Tyne took place on the 7th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, West Grainger-st. the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. D. M. Cockcroft, presiding. There was a very large attendance of brethren and Provincial Grand Officers, Bro. E. D. Davies acting as Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, and the Rev. W. B. East, Provincial Grand Chaplain. The new lodge was named the "Gosforth Lodge," No. 1664 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England, and will be held at Bulman Village. The following brethren were installed as the first officers:—Bros. J. S. Wilson, R.W.M.; David Hetherington, I.P.M.; George Cattel, S.W. Richard Eynon, J.W.; Wm. F. M. Callum, Sec.; Wm. White, I.G. After the ceremony was concluded the brethren dined together at the Queen's Head Hotel, Pilgrim-street, Bro. J. S. Wilson, President, George Cattel, S.W., Vice-president.

**ISLINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1471.**—The meetings of this lodge are held every Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock, at Bro. Davison's, 13, Silver-street, Falcon-square. Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65, 1227, and 1471, is the Preceptor.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who, much to the gratification of a large assembly, was accompanied by the Princess, presided on Wednesday at the re-opening of the Charing-cross Hospital, which has recently undergone considerable improvements and extensions.

We are requested to state that the armoury and regalia at the Tower of London will be closed from the 26th to the 30th March inclusive.

At a public meeting in the Mansion House, Dublin, on Monday, the Lord Mayor presiding, it was resolved to establish a free public library for Dublin; the body having the management and control of the library to be, in accordance with the usage in England, a joint committee composed of members of the Municipal Council and other citizens, and representing all denominations.

H.R.H. the G.M. was on Wednesday appointed a Captain in the Naval Reserve.

Buenos Ayres advices says the heat lately experienced there has been the greatest ever known. The thermometer marked 105 in the shade; at Entre Rios and Sante Fé the heat was so great as to stop all business.

The office of Black Rod, vacant by the death of Sir A. Clifford, has been accepted by General Sir W. Knollys, who was born in 1797. The salary has been fixed at £2,000 per annum, with a residence within the precincts of the Palace of Westminster. Sir William will be succeeded by Sir D. M. Probyn in his office of Controller of the Household.

Mr. John Wood has accepted the professorship of clinical surgery at King's College Hospital, vacant by the death of Sir W. Fergusson.

In Paris at present, instead of planting young plane trees as of old on newly formed boulevards, large are planted. The newly formed Boulevard Henry IV. is furnished throughout with well-grown plants, with stems nearly 1 foot in diameter and nearly 30 feet high.

The Prince of Wales, it is stated, is going to the Mediterranean, because his medical advisers consider that the state of his health renders it necessary that he should be out of England during the spring winds, which are rather severe on his constitution, which has not quite recovered the illness of 1871.—Echo.

**OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOAT RACE.**—For the information of our readers who obtain the *Freemason* in time, it may be interesting to learn that it is definitely settled that the race will be rowed from Putney to Mortlake, the start taking place at 8.30 Saturday morning.

## TO ADVERTISERS.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

J. DIONYSIUS LOVERDO.—Greatly thanked. As will be seen, translation already received.

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

"Deeds of Daring Library," "The Craftsman," "The Masonic Herald," "New York Dispatch," "Isle of Man Times," "Young Folks," "May's British and Irish Press Guide."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

## BIRTHS.

BALL.—On the 15th inst., at The Deanery, Petersborough, the wife of the Rev. C. R. Ball, of a son.  
GALE.—On the 18th inst., at 63, Lefus Road, Shepherd's-bush, the wife of J. R. Gale, of a daughter.  
MARTIN.—On the 14th inst., at Highweek, Newton Abbot, the wife of J. Martin, of a daughter.  
WALKER.—On the 18th inst., at Waterloo-Terrace, Wolverhampton, the wife of W.W. Walker, of a daughter.

## DEATHS.

VAUGHAN.—On the 1st inst., at Concham, Yorkshire, Bro. R. S. M. Vaughan, aged 27.  
COOPER.—On the 27th ult., at Cooper-Hill, Clarina, Limerick, Mary, wife of J. C. Cooper, aged 47.  
GUY.—On the 18th, at San Remo, Henry Guy, of Lincoln College, Oxford, aged 20.  
HAYNES.—On the 10th inst., at Puntales, Cadiz, Anne Jenkinson, wife of T. Haynes, Esq., aged 66.  
WHITE.—At Buckingham Palace-road, Pimlico, Major-Gen. John White, aged 60.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAR. 24, 1877.

## DEPARTURE OF OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales will leave Marlborough House on Saturday (this day) for a cruise in the Mediterranean in the Royal yacht Osborne. The Prince of Wales will visit the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh at Malta, and the Princess will visit the King and Queen of the Hellenes at Athens. Their Royal Highnesses are expected to be absent from England about six weeks.

## SOME BREAKERS AHEAD.

Do not let our readers be alarmed by the heading of this leader of ours, as the remarks we are about to make do not concern Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry. But abroad there appear to us to be some breakers ahead of the good ship "Freemasonry," which threaten disaster to it, unless by skilful steering the gallant craft can be kept off a lee shore. There are two seeming dangers just now, which appear to us to require very cautious treatment, and very judicious handling. The one is, the prevailing tendency abroad in some quarters to make Freemasonry a meeting place both for the beliefs and the disbeliefs of the world. Now there is a consensus of teaching which runs through universal Speculative Freemasonry, (as all speculative Freemasonry is Anglican in origin), which is, that Freemasonry recognizes the G.A.O.T.U. in all its proceedings, and all its formularies. The "libres penseurs" and the "esprits forts" in French Freemasonry are now seeking to remove this profession of faith in God as a pre-requisite for admission into the Masonic Order in France, in order that those who do not believe and those who do may meet on equal ground. Belgian Freemasonry is following suit, and if it carries out its present insane agitation to a logical result will assuredly fall, lamented by none, as, to say the truth, some of the utterances of unwise Belgian Masons have been most offensive to our English mind. And yet there is no reason why those sensible and stable Flemings should so belie the dictates of their national good feeling and indigenous common sense. We heard of a story the other day which we believe can be thoroughly depended upon. In a lodge in France or Belgium, but one of the two, which matters not, an aspirant was asked, did he believe in God? "Jamais," was the reply. "Jamais?" asked the Venerable. "Jamais de ma vie," was the response, and a murmur of approval ran through the lodge. Comment is needless. If this liberty of unbelief and negation is to characterise the French and Belgian lodges, the future of Freemasonry in those countries is pretty certain to be a melancholy one. It is not difficult to foretell what its end must be, humanly speaking. We protest once for all, in the name of our common and religious Order, against this pitiful agitation, and this unwholesome change, this Jesuitical and puerile pretence of toleration, this uprooting of the universal formula of Masonic recognition of the Most High. And another great danger staring us in the face is the theory that Freemasonry is an association whose one idea is the "solidarity of humanity," whatever that may mean. Hence comes the grave error, that Freemasonry has a right to mix itself up with questions which affect the political status, the general and special condition of nations and the world. We conceive this to be a fatal misunderstanding of the real character and scope of Freemasonry. Freemasonry is a benevolent brotherhood, favourable to peaceful progress and advancing civilization, professing toleration of opinion, and liberty of conscience, devoted to active labours of kindness and benevolence, but not "travelling beyond its own record," not "testifying," or holding forth out of its own lodges, in matters of personal con-

test or polemical excitement. It simply avows its own kindly, considerate, large-hearted, and unchanging teaching, and leaves it to the sympathies of its brethren, and the approval of mankind. But it nowhere professes to dogmatize, nor seeks to denounce. Sufficient for it that it proclaims religiously the teaching of its unvarying principles, and seeks to demonstrate their enduring worth, by the active fruits and labours of brotherly love. Carefully, then, should we all ever seek to act up to the warning and seasonable advice of our Royal Grand Master, to "keep clear of politics," and to "confine ourselves to our proper duties," as thus we shall best evidence and most safely maintain, before an admiring and appreciating world, the high character and noble aims of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry.

## ANONYMOUS MASONIC COMMUNICATIONS.

It would almost seem as if the writers and senders of anonymous letters and the like were just now on the increase, as if we had a number of "special agents" in society, who sought to do as much mischief as they could do, and traduce the fair fame, of some unsuspecting neighbour. The Bishop of Lincoln has recently objected to the admission of "alms bags" in churches, on account of, inter alia, cuttings from papers, and anonymous communications thrown in. And here we, as Freemasons, have to complain of some kind brother, in the purest spirit of Masonic philanthropy, sending us an anonymous communication, directed to the *The Freemason*, which consists of printed extracts from our own paper, and one or two friendly MS. comments. To whom we are indebted for such a truly Masonic attention we do not exactly know, and it is not worth while to trouble our minds about his personality, as that personality must be very low, and those Masonic principles must be very valueless which could induce any one to act as "Bro. Anonymous" has acted with respect to *The Freemason*. The comments he makes, and the animus he displays are alike beneath notice, indeed so childish, so ridiculous are they, that it is really charitable to suppose that the individual, be he who he may, who took the trouble to gum those extracts from *The Freemason* together, and add the running comments on them, was, as one of the police magistrates said some time ago of a special case, "either mad or drunk." And here we leave the matter. Did we know the writer and transmitter of this precious communication positively, we should decline to meet him in a lodge, or acknowledge him as a brother, as we feel sure that all our readers will agree with us in holding, that of all reptiles who crawl on this mother earth, the lowest and vilest of all is the anonymous libeller. No true Freemason will, even under any circumstances, be a cowardly slanderer or surreptitious traducer of his brother.

## THE PROPAGATION OF ERROR.

A new Masonic journal, *Il Moto*, published at Palermo, of which we have received No. 4, seems to treat the spurious so-called Grand Lodge "Les Philadelphes" as a veritable Masonic body, and to assume that Bro. Valleton is acting in the interest of English Freemasons. We must beg at once to undeceive our contemporary, whose appearance we welcome, and to protest against any assumption by which an illegal and clandestine body can be called a Grand Lodge in England, and distinctly to declare that Bro. Valleton's profession of acting in the interest of the English brethren is an insult to our entire Craft. *Il Moto* rests its statement on the authority of the *Monde Maçonnique*, which, as we have already shown, has taken a most reprehensible liberty alike in respect of the name of our English brethren and the dignity and legal position of the English Grand Lodge.

## "LE MONDE MACONNIQUE" AND "THE FREEMASON."

We shall call attention to some remarks in this periodical for March in our next.



## A GRAVE PERIL.

Poor man is never free from dangers of one kind or another here. Indeed, while many are the perils of his way, the greatest of all arises from the dangerous snares of woman! It always has been so in the history of the world, it even now is so, and we may feel perfectly satisfied that it always will be so. A forlorn and helpless biped cannot escape from the delusions and artifices of the designing or the dangerous female. Indeed, it is still true as when the poet sang of old, as man journeys along, that "Incident in Scyllam cupiens evitare Charibdin," or, as we say in our more homely vernacular, "he only gets out of the frying pan into the fire." Man is, therefore, greatly to be pitied amid all those manœuvres, and all those seductions, whose consequences are often of the most affecting kind. We have been led into these sentimental reflections by the following extract from the proceedings of the Probate Court, in which the dangerous fascinations of a widow fully justify Mr. Weller's lucid fears of old, which some of our readers will probably well remember.

Let us note the account:—"And did she not make you an offer of marriage?" The witness shook his head, but did not seem quite at ease. Mr. Sergeant Robinson.—There was no wrong in it. I repeat, did she not ask you to marry her? Witness.—Well, well! She didn't ask me to marry her, but very near. When I had resolved on leaving, I said in the morning, 'I must leave to-day.' 'Leave to-day,' she said. 'Yes,' I said, 'I must.' She said, 'Oh, no; I wish you would stop a little longer.' 'I can't,' I said, 'I can't; I have some business to attend to, but I'll come up again in a day or two.' 'Ah! she said, 'but I feel the night so bad.' You may judge from that that it was coming very close. But a friend had warned me on coming up from Tunbridge. 'Beware, Bark!' he said, 'Beware!' and I was very glad.' (Great merriment, in which the learned President heartily joined, was occasioned by the vividness with which the witness narrated this memorable and perilous incident in his history.") Certainly the matter was beginning to get very pressing indeed, when the lonely widow thus opens out her heart to an obdurate male friend, and as it is not every one who likes to come to such close quarters, *primâ facie*, we can quite enter into the modest hesitation of poor "Bark." But yet, who knows, the widow was probably like other widows, kind and considerate, pleasant and prosperous, and on the whole, taking the affair all round, as they say, we think that "Bark" had better have faced the danger like a man, and, like "Jack Smart," made himself agreeable and sentimental at the same time, and married the widow. If we were to understand that widows were in the habit generally of making such advances to timid and recalcitrant "man," we should deem it to be our duty to take the high moral line and make a "deliverance" on the subject. But widows are more or less privileged persons, whether like the sympathetic and lonely woman in the story before us, who felt the "night so bad," or like that charming creation of Anthony Trollope, Mrs. Max Göslar, who says to the man of her heart and affections, in all the fulness of her gushing nature, "At last, at last!" It will be seen, that as sensible Freemasons we have taken a lenient, a friendly, and we will add, a Masonic view of the subject. Widows, like the fair individual of whom "Bark" was so afraid, are, as far as we know anything about the matter, like our estimable Order, courteous and kindly, philanthropic and friendly, in the highest degree. We think that "Bark" made a mistake, and had better not have shown the "white feather" to a lone woman, for after all a widow is only a widow still, and nothing else. The story has its alarming side, alike for the peace and comfort of young bachelors and old bachelors, of desponding widowers, of timorous misogynists; and we recommend our many readers to peruse it carefully, and lay it to heart. Who knows how soon that we may have ourselves to face "Bark's" danger, and let us hope that in such an emergency of our life, we may prove equal to the occasion, and seek to comport ourselves with

the alacrity and dignity of men, of Britons, and of Freemasons.

## THE NEW GRAND SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND.

We congratulate Bro. D. Murray Lyon on his election, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland on their appointment of so fitting a brother for so important a post. We shall recur to the subject in our next.

## THE SPURIOUS FRENCH GRAND LODGE IN LONDON.

(Communiqué.)

We have received the *Monde Maçonnique* for March, and find there, in answer to our natural and somewhat indignant remarks in a recent *Freemason* respecting the public announcement of this illegal body, some statements so extraordinary, signed by Bro. Adrien Grimaux, that we think it well to translate them and call the attention of our readers to them, alike at home and abroad. At page 407 we find these words under the head "Angleterre:—" "It is known that for a great number of years there existed in London a lodge, 'Les Philadelphes,' formed by foreign Masons outside the Grand Lodge of England. That is it which they call an irregular and clandestine lodge—irregular very much against its own will, because the Grand Lodge (*sic*) of England, we presume) has never been willing to grant it a warrant of constitution. As regards the clandestineness of this lodge, it has consisted in never hiding itself, acting in open day, founding a special organ, &c. (Literary, we presume.) But nevertheless it is an irregular and clandestine lodge. Since that time it has been re-united with the Lodge 'La Concorde,' and has constituted itself a mother lodge or Grand Lodge." Such is the statement which appears in the *Monde Maçonnique* of March, and certainly a more extraordinary one never was put forth by any Masonic journal. Our Grand Lodge has already warned the Craft against the "Loge des Philadelphes," of which, or of some synonymous body, certificates have been sold up and down the country, and of which we have one in our possession. It is not true to say, as Bro. Grimaux does, that the Loge des Philadelphes ever applied for a warrant to our Grand Lodge; the Lodge "La Concorde" did, but was, "sous tous les rapports," very properly refused one by our authorities. But no application was ever made by the lodge "Les Philadelphes." So that two surreptitious lodges, without any warrants, can meet together, both equally illegal and clandestine, and declare themselves to be a Grand Lodge, in a country where a lawful Grand Lodge exists! If this is French Masonic custom or law on the subject, (which we do not believe), the sooner it is openly repudiated by all civilized Masonic brethren the better. Our readers will perceive with amazement and regret the astounding and jesuitical argument of the paragraph we have translated above. A lodge which has not a warrant from a lawful Grand Lodge, and for which in addition it has never applied, cannot be considered irregular, because it professes a wish for a warrant; and should not be considered clandestine, because it openly avows its breach of all Masonic local and general law. A lodge which has been refused a warrant, for good and sufficient reasons, has a right to join another lodge without a warrant at all, and constitute itself and call itself a Grand Lodge, in a country where a legal Grand Lodge exists, and a respectable Masonic journal is openly to defend the illegality and the impertinence of such an act. May we not fairly say, "Risum teneatis amici et fratres." Luckily in England we care nothing for such manœuvres; they are alike ridiculous and contemptible, and this illegal body may well be left to itself, and its fanfaronades to silent contempt. But certainly we are not prepared for such "outrecuidance," to use another French expression, in those who profess to belong to a lawful body of French Freemasons, and we feel that if such be the animus of the ruling faction in France (which we can ever hardly believe, and look upon it as the outcome of individual perversity alone) the friendly feeling as between English and French Freemasons will receive a shock from which they will not easily recover.

We may fairly ask ourselves what French Freemasons would say if English Freemasons in Paris imitated the course of action of these obscure foreigners who belong to the "Philadelphes?" But this, by the way. The present proceeding is so outrageous, and the argument in support of it so preposterous, that we have thought it well to leave them to the public opinion of our Order. We give the actual French, to which allusion has been made above. "On sait que depuis un grand nombre d'années, il existe à Londres une Loge, les Philadelphes, formée par des Maçons étrangers en dehors de la grande Loge d'Angleterre. C'était ce que l'on appelle une Loge irrégulière et clandestine: irrégulière bien malgré elle, puisque la Grande Loge n'a jamais voulu lui accorder de constitutions. Quant à la clandestinité de cette Loge, elle a consisté à ne jamais se cacher, à agir au grand jour, à fonder un organe spécial, etc. Mais, enfin, c'était une Loge irrégulière et clandestine. Depuis, elle s'est réunie à la Loge la Concorde, et s'est constituée en Loge mère ou Grande Loge." We have not entered into any questions as regards Bro. Valleton, &c. We are publicists, not personalists, and we only write "pro bono publico," and with a desire to uphold the honour of Freemasonry, and the rights and dignity of our own distinguished Grand Lodge.

## 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.]

## HUNGARIAN FREEMASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The following is the translation of the extract from the Hungarian Masonic paper *Hajnal*, as transcribed by "Carpathianus" in your issue of the 17th inst., "According to a report in the *Freemason*, the G.M. of New Zealand has granted the constitution for the formation of a new lodge in Cumara. This news in itself is not extraordinary, but becomes interesting from the fact that Kumara—an auriferous district, about 80 miles from Hokitika—though only very recently discovered, counts already 7000 inhabitants, more than 50 of whom are members of the Craft."

M. DIOSY, P.M., P.Z. 534.

[The *Hajnal* is left at 198, Fleet-street, for Bro. Diosy.]

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In justice to the Girls' School, to which I am indirectly under deep obligations, I hope to be allowed to make a few remarks upon the system of education adopted at that institution.

I have two sisters who were educated in the school, and I must say that during the term of their sojourn there the domestic portion of their education was in no way neglected, and at the time of leaving the school they were both well versed in the art of cookery, &c.

I have also the pleasure of knowing two young ladies in this neighbourhood, formerly inmates of the school, who are willing and anxious to corroborate the above statement.

I deeply regret to hear of any brother who would endeavour to cast unjust aspersions upon the usefulness of so noble an institution.

Yours fraternally,

I.P.M.

Manchester, 18th March, 1877.

## THE OLDEST MASON IN ENGLAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice in yours of last Saturday, March, 17, a paragraph stating Bro. Norris, Warden at the Royal Benevolent Institution, Croydon, to be the oldest Mason in England, age 87, and 65 years a Mason; but we have in Stockport a brother slightly Bro. Norris's senior, viz., Bro. Philip Chetham, who is Secretary to the Lodge of Peace, 322. He has now reached his ninetieth year and his sixty-sixth year as a Mason. He was present at their usual monthly meeting, held at the Warren Bulkeley Arms, on the 7th ult., at the initiation of his fourth grandson, Mr. James Chetham, who is nineteen years of age, and who was initiated by dispensation. At the social board this veteran brother sang some Masonic songs with much enthusiasm.

Yours fraternally,

ROBT. RICHARDSON,

S.W. 645.

## MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Believing that it is to the interest of the Order that all our lodges should keep within the four corners of our constitution, I think it right to draw attention to the report of the Ivy Lodge, No. 1441, as it appeared in your paper of the 17th inst., and as I have not the pleasure of knowing any of the brethren of that lodge, I trust my remarks will not be supposed to be made in a captious spirit.

Your report says, "An emergency meeting of this high-class lodge was held on Tuesday, &c., &c.," and goes on to say that ballots were severally taken for certain gentlemen, and amongst them one for a joining brother. Now, the Constitutions say in the clearest possible manner, that "No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge without a regular proposition in open lodge, nor until his name, occupation, and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge, &c., &c., have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting, at which meeting the brother's Grand Lodge certificate, &c., is to be produced, and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot."

It is therefore clearly irregular for any brother to be balloted for at any lodge of emergency, under heavy penalties.

I have observed that several brethren complain, and rightly too, of not having a copy of the Constitutions. In the bye-laws of the lodge of which I am the present W.M. it is provided that a copy of the Constitutions, as well as a copy of the bye-laws, shall be given to every brother on his initiation.

Were this plan more generally adopted, it would go far to prevent many useless questions being asked by brethren in your columns.

I am fairly puzzled to know the meaning of W.S., and what office it can be; and as the term is not confined to the report of the lodge above referred to, probably there will be no difficulty in giving me the designation and where to find it in the Book of Constitutions, for I have searched in vain.

Yours fraternally,  
ROBERT CASE,  
Past Prov. G. Sec. Dorset.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir, and Brother,

In your reply to my queries of last week you say that it is usual for the Stewards to be installed at the same time as the other officers, and that the appointment will appear on the minute book. But in the case I alluded to neither had been done. In such a case, is the brother, who had never been invested in open lodge, nor had his name inserted in the minute book as having been appointed a Steward, but merely received a note from the W.M. elect, asking him to be a Steward. Is he, under these circumstances, justified in acting as Steward.

Yours fraternally,  
[He must be invested, and the instalment entered in the minutes of the lodge.—ED.] J. D. F.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Just allow me to inform Bro. Magnus Ohren that the question of P.P.G. Steward did not originate from W.M.C.N., nor, yours fraternally,

R. W. O.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Would you, or some one of your numerous readers, kindly inform me, through the medium of your widely read columns, when, where, and by whom our M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, was made a Mason, and in what lodge he now holds Past Master's rank?

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

T. E.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is stated by Preston and other Masonic writers that the "Ancient Masons," after their secession from the Grand Lodge of England, acknowledged no superior until they elected the Duke of Athol as their Grand Master in 1772. I think there must be some mistake in this assertion, as I have seen a warrant constituting a lodge at Macclesfield in 1764, signed by the Earl of Kelly, G.M., and Laurence Dermott, Secretary, and which evidently emanates from that body.

Can any of your readers inform me on the subject?  
Yours fraternally,  
A. T.

[The following appeared in our contemporary of the 16th inst.]

"THE SCOTTISH FREEMASON."  
(To the Editor of the *Scottish Freemason*.)

Sir,—I have received and read with great pleasure the first number of the *Scottish Freemason*, and will do all I can to induce the brethren here to become subscribers.

It has made its appearance very opportunely.

If the affairs of Grand Lodge are to be kept in proper working order, there must be a searching investigation by Grand Committee. They must make up their minds to spend hours, if not days, superintending and investigating, and get things put into proper business form.

The unsatisfactory elections of Grand Committee should be vigorously opposed by the whole Craft. Indeed, it is the current belief throughout the lodges that there should be a clean sweep of both old committeemen and old officials, and then there would be more hope for a life of vigour and improvement.

I hope that your journal, in recording the proceedings of Grand Lodge, Provincial lodges, and the daughter lodges, will not spare the "surgeon's knife" whenever or wherever it is required; and that, with the hearty co-operation of the lodges, the Finance Committee may before the end of the year be able to report satisfactory progress.

I hope that Grand Lodge will get a Grand Secretary of thorough business habits, whose heart and soul are in his work, and, having nothing else to do, that he will make the business department of Grand Lodge a model of perfection.

A. THOMSON.

Galashiels, 12th March, 1877.

## Reviews.

THE ROYAL MASONIC CYCLOPEDIA, Part XXX.

We congratulate Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie on the conclusion of his work, which we see, by the last number received, he has successfully achieved. The old adage is still "finis coronat opus," and we always think that the author who looks back on his completed work can regard with some satisfaction the work of his hands. Bro. K. Mackenzie has shown great diligence and much industry in the continuous work of a cyclopaedia, and has laboured earnestly to give to the Masonic brotherhood a very readable book. In the present taste and temper of our student Masons there is plenty of room for a cyclopaedia like that of Bro. K. Mackenzie, which offers, to those especially who take the hermetic view, a fund of information on a most difficult subject. Just now many cyclopaedias ask for public approval, Mackey and Macoy, Oliver and Bailly, the "Handbuch," and Bro. K. Mackenzie, to say nothing of old Güdiche and accurate Lenning; but Bro. K. Mackenzie has presented to his friends and readers what may be termed a "hermetic cyclopaedia," which, as a "Masonic Student," we heartily accept as a very laudable contribution to severe studies and abstruse speculation.

MASONIC STUDENT.

A SELECTION OF SCARCE AND VALUABLE BOOKS ON FREEMASONRY.—On Sale by Bro. JOHN HOGG, Paternoster-row, E.C.

We have read this catalogue with much interest, and commend it to the notice of individual members and lodge librarians. Many of the works advertised are both scarce and valuable, and would be well worth the attention of all who are making up Masonic libraries, and it is right to point out that though some Masonic works are very dear now, they will probably yet be dearer still, and we, therefore, think it well to remind our readers, and all who are interested in Masonic literature, that they now have the opportunity of purchasing books which subsequently may not be so easily met with.

THE "SCOTTISH FREEMASON," No. 2.

We liked the first number very much; we like the second number still more, and we feel sure that it has a career of success before it. It gives a great amount of well-arranged and interesting matter, at a most moderate price, and is admirably printed and supervised. As a new literary Masonic bantling it comes before Freemasons, and above all in Scotland, with every claim for attention and approval. Many of our Scottish brethren and readers, "per mare et per terras," will like to hear of the Masonic doings in the "Land o' Cakes," and we think it but right to remind them that they now have the opportunity, at a very cheap rate, of keeping up their connection with the "auld country," and of knowing how the Masonic world "wags its way." We offer again to editor and publisher our hearty congratulations and good wishes.

## THE AUTOCRAT AT THE ROUND TABLE.

MERCURY—"But what is Freemasonry? I don't understand it."

PUFF—turning over a number of papers—selects one and reads—"Dr. Oliver, one of the greatest Masonic writers, has defined it as 'the handmaid of religion.' Our system beautifully exemplifies this definition. It is truly the handmaid of religion, inasmuch as, without violating any creed or dogma, it inculcates the love of our great Creator, teaches us in contemplating His works to estimate duly His mighty power, to admire the symmetry with which He has designed them all, and finally, to appreciate the beauty of His every work. Where can we find greater teaching than this?"

MERCURY—"Ah, where? But is this taught in your lodges?"

PUFF—"All this and more. One of its greatest principles is 'Charity.' Listen once more." Reads—"This is a word of vast importance and significance, it is not only giving to the poor and distressed of your abundance, it is much more than this; 'it is charity of mind—charity of feeling—charity of character—and charity of action—it is the incarnation of every moral and social virtue.' Masonry, moreover, inculcates another duty, viz., a good and well-spent life; an example to our fellow-mortals, ruled by the four cardinal virtues—Prudence, Temperance, Fortitude, and Justice. These teachings, if properly carried out, must necessarily extend the power of man's intellect (the great and glorious boon given by the Creator to mankind) and enable him to contemplate that great principle, that the wisest philosophers of ancient days could never fathom—"The knowledge of oneself." What, then, it may be asked, is Freemasonry—is it nothing? or is it not rather one of the grandest conceptions of the mortal mind? Briefly then, again, what is Masonry? "It is a system of morality founded on the belief in the Creator; a true love and adoration of His name; exemplified by using our faculties to His honour and glory, and the benefit of our fellow creatures; by ruling our lives and actions according to His laws; by a perfect exercise of charity in its most extended meaning; in fact, 'Faith in God, hope in His promises, and to be in charity with all men.'"

MERCURY—"Almost thou persuadest me to be a Mason; but what work is it you are quoting?"

PUFF—"A new publication called the *Scottish Freemason*, which should be in the hands of every brother."

MERCURY—"May I read it?"

PUFF—"Certainly." Hands it over. Mercury immediately falls to reading it, and Puff resumes his studies.—*Kelso Courier*, March 16th.

## BELFAST MASONIC CHARITY FUND AND MASONIC WIDOWS' FUND.

The annual meeting in connection with the above funds was held on the 12th inst., in Freemasons' Hall, Arthur-square, Belfast, at 8 o'clock. There was a very large attendance of the brethren present. Amongst those present were Bros. Dr. Robert Seeds, Q.C.; John G. McGee, Alexr. Tate, P.G.S.; John Robson, John Mooney, P.G.S.W.; Charles Lilley, Hugh Doey, Rev. T. J. Welland, Rev. W. C. McCullagh, John Hannan, Rev. Jonathan Seaver, Gerald Coulson, William Grant, W. J. Rainey, H. S. Hill, William Rankin, John Stott, James Creighton, John Ireland, Wm. Martin, James Scott, Thomas Nesbitt, James Allen, Joseph Gibson, James Adrain, John Adrian, Thos. Fisher, —Coates, W. H. McNeill, A. B. Mitchell, R. McHenry, Dr. Clements, William Brown, Lewis Ryans, William Jackson, J. Giffard, J. McDonnell, John McNeill, T. White, Alexr. Morrow, and others.

On the motion of Bro. Fisher, Bro. Robert Seeds was called to the chair.

The Chairman said the first part of the business of the evening was to hear the report that would be presented to them from the committee of the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund. After the report had been read they would have an opportunity of discussing it. He thought they would all agree with him that it was a most commendable report.

Bro. James Adrain read the annual report as follows:—"The income for the year 1876 amounted to the sum of £128 14s. 1d., which, with a balance to the credit of the fund from the previous year of £31 16s. 3½d., makes a total of £160 10s. 4½d.; the total number of applicants who have received relief during the year being 35, at a cost of £72 14s. 3d.; incidental expenses, printing report, stationery, &c., £7 14s., leaving a balance of £82 2s. 1½d. in Treasurer's hands at the close of the year. The income during 1876 has exceeded that of any former year in the history of the fund, notwithstanding the general depression prevailing in trade. This circumstance the committee would regard as an indication of the growing interest felt by the brethren in this work of charity. The general committee during the year appointed several sub-committees to visit the lodges in the interest of the fund. In all cases the deputies were warmly received by the brethren, and good hopes are entertained that those visits will bear fruit in additional subscriptions during the ensuing year. The committee have to renew their thanks to the Rev. Dr. MacIlwaine for his steady and generous support of this charity; and it is cause of thankfulness to him, as to them, that the receipts from the services in St. George's Church on St. John's Day, 24th June, have been the largest yet received from that source. The committee are glad to be in a position to state that the hope expressed in their last year's report, of having a memorial tablet erected in the Borough Cemetery, has been so far realised as that they have approved plans for same, and that the work is in course of execution by the contractors. The committee would remind the subscribers that the balance which now appears to the credit of the fund may be considered as reduced by the sum of £52 10s., which amount has been voted as their portion of the cost of memorial tablet, which they, in conjunction with the Widows' Fund, have now in course of erection."

Bro. Adrain, in the absence of the Treasurer, read the statement of accounts, from which it appeared that there was a balance in hand of £80 2s. 1½d.

Bro. Rainey moved the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, and in doing so, said he had very great pleasure in moving the adoption of the report, inasmuch as that report was of such a satisfactory character. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Scott seconded the motion.

The Chairman said he thought they would all agree with that resolution. It was only necessary that such an institution should be well known in order to be supported. They were a large-hearted people, and all that they wanted to know was where to give vent to that large-heartedness. (Applause.)

The motion was passed.

Bro. Nesbitt moved the next resolution,—"That this meeting, whilst recording its gratitude for the past success of the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund, earnestly desire to impress upon the brethren the duty and necessity of still further effort to develop its usefulness and promote the virtue of charity, which is the keystone of the Masonic Order, and which should be the aim of all Freemasons to foster and extend." He thought it was unnecessary for him to make any lengthened remarks in support of the resolution. The usefulness of the charity testified for itself. He knew the great service it had rendered in cases of distress. It had been the means of relieving misery and destitution. He was sure it needed only a little pressure to make the fund a still greater success. The object was beyond all doubt a good one, and deserving of the encouragement of every member of the Masonic body. The past success of the fund had been very gratifying, but he trusted that next year would show a still further and larger increase to the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund. (Applause.)

Bro. Clements, in seconding the motion, said that no deserving needy brother had ever applied in vain to them for help—(hear, hear)—and he also knew cases in which they had been willing to give a little additional luxuries to those brethren who were in some of the public institutions. He could only say it afforded him very great pleasure to second the motion. (Applause.)

The Chairman, in putting the motion, said, as far as he knew, charity was really the text of the Masonic Order. (Hear, hear.) They had been told that of all the virtues that man can possess charity was the greatest, and that text was one which they would hear occasionally on Sundays read from the book inspired by the Great Architect of the Universe. He would ask them to develop, by still



further effort, the usefulness of the fund, and promote the virtue of charity. The report which had been read showed the benefit of having these annual meetings. By last year's report there were nine lodges in Belfast which did not send in contributions. Now, was it not astonishing to think that there were nine lodges, not one of which sent one shilling to the fund? But that number had been reduced this year by one, and now there were eight which did not subscribe.

The motion was put and passed.

Bro. James Allen read the fourth annual report of the committee of the Belfast Masonic Widows' Fund, from which we extract the following:—"The total income of the year amounts to £307 15s. 3d. Of this £146 3s. 6d. has been received in annual subscriptions, and £132 16s. in donations; showing, as compared with last year, a decrease in subscriptions of £20 4s., and an increase in donations of £87 1s. The committee are glad to record that the Provincial Grand Lodge has this year made a grant of £10 to the charity; and that two brethren, having duly qualified themselves, are added to the roll of life members. They gratefully acknowledge, also, the sum of £20, as contributed on St. John's Day in St. George's Church, Belfast; and they desire to express their deep sense of the cordial and untiring efforts of the incumbent of that church—the Rev. Wm. MacIlwaine, D.D.—on this, as on former occasions, to ensure the success of the proceedings of the day. It is with great pleasure that your committee have to report that a purse (containing £15 18s. 6d.), being the first presentation of the kind, had been presented by two ladies (Mrs. Rankin and Mrs. Henderson), the widows of deceased brethren, who have thus nobly shown their sympathy with the objects of this institution. A donation has also been received from another lady in token of her approbation of the aid given to a widow in whom she was interested. During the year grants of various sums amounting to £105 [were made to twelve widows, and, as their families number in all thirty-five children, it will be seen how considerable was the relief thus afforded. In making such grants the committee endeavour to exercise the greatest care and discrimination. In reviewing what has been done, the committee desire to express their humble thanks to Almighty God for the success of the Widows' Fund. They believe that the institution may now be fairly considered as having justified its formation, and as having established itself in the good opinion of the Masons of the province. But the committee would once more earnestly appeal to the Masons of this province, and especially to those who had not yet contributed to this useful work, generously to aid in maintaining and enlarging the operations of this fund; and they are confident that they will not appeal in vain. In the dark hour of distress the star of Masonry ever shines with redoubled lustre; and a charity like this will not be suffered to fail, which enters the homes of departed brethren—once bright and happy, now shadowed by loss and pressed by care—to comfort the grieving heart of the widow, and to relieve the wants of the orphan.

Bro. Ireland (Treasurer) read the statement of accounts. It appeared that there was a balance in hand of £41 13s.

Bro. Mooney moved the adoption of the report and statement of accounts. He thought that the balance in hand should be a source of gratification. The number of subscribers had fallen off, but that was a matter easy to be explained. They had been passing through a very dull time in trade in Belfast, indeed, he might say over the world. They should not, however, let this discourage them in any way. He hoped the report would stimulate them to greater exertions, and that they would build up the fund so as to leave it as an enduring monument when they had shuffled off this mortal coil.

Bro. J. G. McGee had great pleasure in seconding the motion. It was very gratifying to him to hear that report read, and to learn that the fund was in such a satisfactory condition. It was a gratifying thing to know that, although the fund was so short a time in existence, it had done so much good. (Applause.)

The motion was passed, and the report adopted.

Bro. John Hanna moved—"That, whilst thankful to Almighty God for the good already attained, this meeting would urge on lodges and members who have not yet subscribed the importance of doing so, in order to meet the increasing obligations of this charity in the future." He said it was most gratifying to them all to hear the report that had been presented to them. He trusted that next year they would have a still more encouraging one. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Rev. T. J. Welland seconded the motion, which was passed.

On the motion of Bro. Clements, seconded by Bro. Brown, a vote of thanks was passed to the committee of both funds.

Bros. Adrain and Allen having returned thanks, Bro. Rev. T. J. Welland was called to the second chair.

Bro. Ireland moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Seeds for his kindness in presiding.

Bro. Alex. Tate seconded the motion, which was passed with great warmth.

Bro. Seeds having returned thanks, the proceedings terminated.

**ILLUMINATED MASONIC ALMANACK FOR 1877.**—Upwards of 14000 of these artistic almanacks have been supplied. As the number is now limited, early application by those who wish to possess a copy, is very necessary. Gratis on application, or will be sent post free to any part of the world on receipt of name and address, legibly written, accompanied by two penny stamps.

Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65, 1227 and 1471, will work the installation ceremony on Tuesday next in the Islington Lodge of Instruction. Brethren are invited to attend.

## GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A special meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Monday afternoon in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, for the purpose of electing a Secretary. The throne was occupied by Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, Bart., M.W. G.M. of Scotland, who was assisted in the discharge of his duties by Bro. Mann, S.W., and Bro. William Hay, acting J.W. Among those on the dais were Bros. Roger Montgomerie, M.P. prox. R.W.M. Kilwinning 0; Captain Harriott, Prov. G.M., Wigtown and Kirkcudbright; H. Inglis of Torsonce, D.G.M.; Dr. Loth, representative of the Grand Orient of France; Dr. Middleton, Prox. M. 363; Alex. Hay, Grand Jeweller; W. L. Mair, Prox. M. 89; A. N. Clark, Prox. M. 367; Rev. J. H. Tait, S.W. 57; F. A. Barrow, Prox. D.M., Glasgow; W. Officer Prox. M. 11; R. Wadler, R.W.M. 145. The hall was crowded, and there was a very large attendance of brethren from the Western provinces, among whom were Bros. J. Munro, R. W.M., Oliver, D.M., and Finlay, S.W. 360; Kyle, R.W.M., and J. Baird, P.M. 31; W. H. Bickerton, Prov. G.S. Glasgow; Fisher, R.W.M. 129; W. Nelson, R.W.M. Athole; T. Stobo, R.W.M. 581, &c. Several brethren endeavoured to obtain proxies, but they were not available, for voting upon that day, as they had not been sustained by a quarterly communication of Grand Lodge.

Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart opened the lodge in the E.A. Degree, and it was afterwards raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The report of the committee appointed at last communication was then read, from which it appeared that applications had been received from 15 candidates for the office of Grand Secretary, and this had been reduced to 3. They proposed that a salary of £400 per annum should be paid, and an allowance of £100 a year granted for a clerk.

Bro. Officer said that he had an amendment to propose to the recommendations of the committee. Personally he had no objection that the sum should be paid, provided they had money wherewith to give it. At present the income of the Grand Lodge had been insufficient by £200 or £300 a year to meet the expenditure. He had no doubt from what he knew of the Grand Lodge and its affairs that they might by-and-by have the balance on the proper side of the account. Until that change took place he had to propose that they should discharge their duties as members of the Grand Lodge in the same way and with the same degree of prudence as they would show in administering their own affairs. (Applause.) It would only be eating the head off the Grand Lodge if they did not pay such expenses from funds coming in. They had also to take into consideration, along with the recommendation of the committee, that the office of cashier was to be separated, and some one appointed to this post at a salary of £200. With this £200, £400 recommended for Secretary and another £100 for an assistant, they would raise the cost of management to the large sum of £700. They had hitherto been paying Bro. Laurie a salary of 300 guineas, and without giving anything for the Grand Secretary's clerk; they now wanted to more than double that sum. Seeing that they were not able from their income to pay 300 guineas without encroaching on the capital, he thought it would be very absurd to give £400 or £500 away. He proposed a salary of £300 be fixed, and £100 for a clerk.

Bro. Hay, acting J.W., seconded the motion.

Bro. Mackenzie moved that the recommendation of the Grand Committee should be adopted.

Bro. Kennedy, R.W.M. No. 391, supported the motion proposed by Bro. Officer. It was but reasonable that the salary of Secretary should be reduced if the lodges were not able to pay the sum mentioned. ("They are able.") It had been explained that the Grand Lodge was in difficulties, and it would be a serious matter and a growing cancer were they to increase their responsibilities when they were not able to overtake those they had at present. (Applause.) It was a scandal to Masonry in Scotland that circulars had been sent round the lodges stating that the Grand Lodge was £13,000 behind, while that of England was paying £4000 to the Lifeboat Institution, and proposing to build a temple on the Thames Embankment. (Applause.)

Bro. A. Thomson, Galashiels, seconded the motion that the recommendation of the committee should be adopted. He thought this was only a fair sum to pay for a Secretary, if they wished to obtain an intelligent business man. (Applause.) Bro. Officer told them that their income was not sufficient, but the fact was they could not tell anything about their income. (Applause.) Nobody could tell what had come in, and nobody could tell what had gone out. (Applause.) It had been stated again and again that all the confusion which had arisen was caused by the Grand Secretary having been underpaid, and were they to repeat that? ("No.") In regard to the statement made by Bro. Officer that the cashier was to get £200, he said that this sum had not been fixed by the Grand Lodge, and it was merely a matter for future consideration. His opinion was that the whole business ought to be conducted for £400.

Bro. Officer said he did not wish to reply, but simply to state that he did not grudge £400 provided they had the money. Before they put their hands in their pockets to give away anything they should know that they had got it. (Applause.)

A show of hands was then taken, when there voted for the recommendation of the committee 217, and for Bro. Officer's motion 131.

A number of brethren alleged that a mistake had been committed, and demanded that the roll should be called. Bro. Officer expressed himself satisfied, but as it was formally moved and seconded, the roll was called, with the following result:—For the recommendation of the committee, 187; for Bro. Officer's motion, 196—which was, therefore, declared carried.

The Chairman then stated that the next business before the meeting was the election of a Grand Secretary. The committee had reduced the list of applicants to three, namely, Bro. Heath, of London; Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Ayr; and Bro. Wylie, Kilwinning.

Bro. Mann, S.W., said that although he did not think he would be successful in carrying the gentleman he had to propose, it was right that his name should be brought forward, especially as they had advertised for candidates in England. He begged to propose that Bro. Heath, London, should be appointed Secretary, as that gentleman had received some very flattering testimonials from office-bearers and other gentlemen connected with the Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. Christie seconded the nomination.

A show of hands was then taken, but only six were held up in favour of Bro. Heath.

Bro. Barrow proposed Bro. D. Murray Lyon, of Ayr. At that late hour he did not mean to say much in regard to Bro. Lyon, but from the recommendation which had been placed in their hands they would easily see that this gentleman was well qualified to discharge the duties of Grand Secretary. He had met Bro. Lyon both in and out of Grand Lodge, and could state with confidence that no one was more fitted to discharge the duties of this office. They all knew he had bestowed a great amount of labour on Masonry, and his works on that subject were acknowledged standards, not only in Scotland, but all over the world. (Applause.) Moreover, he was a man of business, and had managed a large establishment in Ayr, and was, in fact, the fittest man they could appoint.

Bro. D. Robinson, B.B., seconded the motion. As a member of the Grand Lodge he had had a great deal to do with the province of Ayrshire, and there was no one they could more rely on than Bro. Lyon in all their difficulties. He did not mean to say a single word against any of the other candidates, but Bro. Lyon was better known amongst members of the Grand Lodge for the way he had already acted, the services he had already rendered, and the way he always conducted himself amongst the brethren. (Applause.) He paid no attention to the fact whether he was an ordained or unordained elder of the Church of Scotland. What they wanted was an active, energetic man, qualified to discharge the duties of Secretary. (Applause.)

Bro. Roger Montgomerie, M.P., said he had taken the responsibility upon himself, as proxy Master of Lodge Mother Kilwinning, to propose for election Bro. Wylie, who for many years had been Secretary to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire. (Applause.) At that late hour, and after the lively entertainment they had had of hearing the names read, he was not going to detain them long by enumerating the good qualities of Bro. Wylie. (Applause.) In submitting his name along with Bro. Lyon, for whom he had the greatest respect, he only asked them to give their vote to the person whom they considered best qualified to fill the post. (Applause.) If their choice fell on Bro. Wylie, he had not the slightest hesitation in saying they would make a choice which would be beneficial to Masonry in Scotland, and a great satisfaction to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire. (Applause.) During the last fifteen years Bro. Wylie had done good service to the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning. He was a man in the prime of life, trained up to business habits, and had thorough practical experience. (Applause.)

Bro. McCosh, R.W.M. 290, seconded the nomination of Bro. Wylie.

A show of hands was afterwards taken, when there voted for Bro. Murray Lyon 210, and for Bro. Wylie 128.

Bro. Lyon was afterwards called in, and Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart intimated the appointment.

Bro. Lyon acknowledged the compliment, and was then installed.

This concluded the business, and the Grand Lodge was subsequently closed in due and ancient form.

## TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. HENRY MUGGERIDGE.

At a preliminary meeting, held at the Masonic Rooms, Aldersgate-street, March 15th, present Bros. E. M. Hub-buck, Grand Stewards' Lodge, P.M. 140 and 1320; Henry Birdseye, P.M. Panmure Lodge, 715; F. D. R. Copstick, P.M. Gresham Lodge, and P.G.S. Bearer, Herts, M.E.Z. Lion and Lamb Chapter, 192; S. G. Myers, P.M. and Treas. Panmure Lodge, 715; E. F. Storr, W.M. Neptune Lodge, 22; F. Fellows, J.W. Lion and Lamb Lodge, 192; George Kenning, P.M. and Treasurer Lion and Lamb Lodge, 192, Treasurer Aldersgate Lodge, 1657, P.G.D. Middlesex—it was considered that the time had arrived when the brethren should recognise, in some substantial form, the many valuable services Bro. H. Muggeridge has rendered to the cause of Freemasonry, both as a Preceptor and as a great supporter of all the Masonic Charities. It was, therefore, resolved that a request should at once be made to the Craft generally in support of this object.

Bro. E. M. Hubbuck has kindly consented to act as Chairman and Treasurer, and Bro. Francis Fellows as Secretary.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Glad Tidings.—Some constitutions have a tendency to rheumatism, and are throughout the year borne down by its protracted tortures. Let all sufferers bathe the affected parts with warm brine, and afterwards rub in this soothing Ointment. They will find it the best means of lessening their agony, and, assisted by Holloway's Pills, the surest way of overcoming their disease. More need not be said than to request a few days' trial of this safe and soothing treatment, by which the disease will ultimately be completely swept away. Pains that would make a giant shudder are assuaged without difficulty by Holloway's easy and inexpensive remedies, which comfort by moderating the throbbing vessels and calming the excited nerves. —ADVT.

## WHAT MIGHT BE.

If we look over the written history of our fraternity, we shall find that very shortly after the revival of 1717 in London it was brought to this country, and, finding congenial soil, it took root and grew, slowly at first, as was but natural in a sparsely settled country, and more vigorously when the colonies had become a nation, so that Ben Franklin and his lodge, at the Hoop, in Water-street, Philadelphia, have grown into ten thousand lodges and more than half a million Masons. The end is not yet, for annually there is an increase in the number of the brethren and the family circles, called lodges, where they meet and transact business. During the period of little more than a century, in which the transformation from a handful to a vast army has taken place, we shall find that, apart from the mere routine, the reception of profanes, the making of laws and supervising their execution, the giving to the needy—of which we desire, in the spirit of the institution, to make no boast, rather wishing that, in so far as that particular branch of our labour is concerned, the right hand may not know what the left is doing—during this period we may say that we have devoted ourselves to growing. We have so cared for our stewardship that its roots have deeply penetrated the soil, and its leaves and branches spread themselves abroad until in every estate of humanity we find it represented, and within its grasp a power not equally possessed by any other human association, for the reason that within our assemblies there is nothing to arouse the divisions and animosities among men that naturally grow out of their varying opinions on matters pertinent to this or the other world—to this in the scramble for wealth, position, power; the heart-burnings of rank and caste and station—to the other in that old battle between Armageddon, and the rest, in which, as a general rule, you can only go to heaven if you see your way through my spectacles, or, vice versa, you are sure to bring up in outer darkness if you look through your own. This at least then we have accomplished, that we have gathered together a half million of intelligent men, not one of whom has given up or been expected to give up an iota of his religious faith, or of his political convictions, but yet who see for themselves that it is possible for men to entertain the most thoroughly opposite ideas, and yet recognise the fact that they are still men, and may live in accord, and work happily together for good, notwithstanding that they vote different tickets, or take different roads to reach the final rest. That in reaching this result we have been the disciples and the exemplars of toleration in the largest and most beneficial way cannot be successfully contradicted, and this especially, because while we have no special faith to advocate, neither have we any to oppose, and so leaving every-one unmolested in the pursuit of what may be happiness to him, we are, so to speak, the custodians of a pleasant retreat, where men may forget for a time the world and its strife in the enjoyment of friendship and social communion unmarred by jarring incentives.

But the question presents itself, are we not capable as an organisation of more extended usefulness? Are we, considering the material of which our association is composed, exercising our real weight in community and demonstrating, as we might do, the real value of associated effort? Every thinking man will at once say No—decidedly No. Take an illustration. Masonry has a literature, as witness its thousands of published volumes, from the balderdash of the parrot up to the effusions of the scholar and philosopher, and yet, except the mere manuals and guides to the ceremonial, we doubt whether any Masonic author ever got as much for his labour as he could have earned with a shovel, in the same length of time. No Masonic journal has ever had more than a temporary success; not one has ever been permanently established, and there is not, to the best of our belief, one brother who has devoted himself to the literature of Masonry, to the instruction of the brethren, and to the championship of the Institution, who has not poverty for his reward. And yet how different all this might be. If only one brother in ten would feel called by his pride in the Craft to remember the agency by which, more than all others, it has been enabled to resist the attacks of its enemies, and stand before the world as proudly as to-day it does, its power and security would be still further enhanced, and its servants have some brighter visions in the future than that of a pauper's grave.—*New York Dispatch.*

## Obituary.

## BRO. R. S. M. VAUGHAN.

On the 6th inst. a large number of Freemasons attended the funeral of the late Bro. R. S. M. Vaughan, at Concham, near Redcar, Yorkshire. The W.M.'s of the Marwood Lodge (Cleveland) and of the Restoration Lodge (Darlington) were present, and among other brethren were Bros. John Hodgson, J. C. Martin, J. Morrell, J. H. Bell, W. Bell, Rev. J. Buswell, Dr. Arrowsmith, and — Waller, P.M. Marwood Lodge. The service was choral, the Rev. J. B. Towne officiating. The deceased brother, who was only 27 years of age, was well known in Darlington and adjacent towns, having established a thriving patent business in connection with the well-known firm of Messrs. Vaughan & Son, London. During the past few months our deceased brother had suffered several domestic bereavements, his wife and second child having died within little more than two months before his death. His untimely decease has occasioned poignant sorrow to his brethren and numerous friends.

A full report of the proceedings at the consecration of the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, which takes place this (Saturday) afternoon, will be given in our next.

## MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The last Masonic Ball of the festive season, but certainly one of the most enjoyable and jolliest of the series, took place at the Great George-street Assembly Rooms, Liverpool, on Thursday evening, the 15th inst. The arrangements were admirable, and the absence of anything like stiffness gave the assembly quite a "happy family" tone. The ball was organised and carried out by prominent members of various lodges in the neighbourhood, and, thanks to their exertions, "Our Fifth Annual Ball" was decidedly a great success in every respect. The guests numbered upwards of 100, and amongst those present were Bro. A. Morrison, S.W. 1540, Mrs. Morrison, and the Misses Morrison; Bro. H. Gregory, Sec. 667, and Mrs. Gregory; Bro. W. Doyle, P.P.G.J.D.; Bro. W. Coates, 1356 and 1609, and Miss Jackson; Bro. J. E. Jackson, P.M. 667, and Miss Jackson; H. Eve, 667, and Mrs. Eve; Bro. E. Carter, 667, and Mrs. Carter; Bro. H. Firth, J.W. 667, and Mrs. Firth; Bro. B. Myers, P.M. 1182, and Mrs. Myers; Bro. A. Bucknall, 667, and Mrs. Bucknall; Bro. S. Bushell, 667, and Miss Bramley; Bro. Barton, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Richard Brown; Bro. R. Martin, jun., W.M. 1182, and Miss Thorn; Bro. W. T. May, P.M. 673, Mrs. May, and Miss B. May; Bro. E. O. C. Rothwell, P.M. 1356, Mrs. Rothwell, and Miss Rothwell; Bro. J. H. Martin, Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., and Mrs. Skeaf; Bros. Preston, 1182; J. Weston, 1182; R. Ing, P.M. 594, and Mrs. Ing, and others. Dancing commenced about 9 o'clock and was kept up with unflagging spirit till an early hour, to the strains of Mr. Martin's quadrille band. The fame which Bro. Henry Eve has secured as a caterer was fully sustained on this occasion, as both supper and lighter refreshments were of a kind. The ball arrangements were enthusiastically carried out by the following committee: Bros. A. Morrison, Chairman; H. Gregory, Vice Chairman; W. Doyle, J. E. Jackson, R. Douglass, H. Eve, W. Coates, E. Carter, B. Myers, H. Firth (an excellent Master of the Ceremonies), and A. Bucknall (an indefatigable Hon. Sec. and Treas.)

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 30, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 24.

Lodge 1632, Stuart, S.M.H. (Consecration.)

## 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, MARCH 26.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.  
" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, W.  
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.  
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.  
Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.

Mark Lodge 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hot.

## 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 Town.  
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.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 27.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.  
" 92, Moira, Mansion House Restaurant.  
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
" 186, Industry, Westminster Chambers.  
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tav., Walworth.  
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tav., Clerkenwell.  
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
" 1441, Ivy, Surrey M.H.  
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion, Aldersgate-st. (Consecration.)  
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
Rose Croix Chap. Palestine, 33, Golden-sq., W.

## 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, Wheatheaf 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.  
Islington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.  
" 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.  
" 212, Euphrates, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
" 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H.  
" 753, Prince Fredk. William, Knts of St. John Hot.  
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.  
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.  
" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 907, Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, "Whittington," Moor-lane, Fore-street.  
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 Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 29.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Pownall-rd., Haggerston.

## 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.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
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, MARCH 30.

[Being Good Friday, the meetings probably will not be held.]

Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
K.T. Encamp, 26, Faith & Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

## 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, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's 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, March 31, 1877.

## MONDAY, MARCH 26.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.  
" 613, Unity, Palatine B., Neville-st., Southport.  
" 723, Clifton, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.  
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 27.

Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.  
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.  
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.  
" 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 86, Loyalty, M.H., Prescott.  
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.  
" 484, Faith, Gerards' Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.  
" 580, Harmony, Wheatheaf, Ormskirk.  
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hot., Chorley.  
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.  
Chap. 1052, Callender, Pub. H., Rusholme.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 29.

Lodge 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.