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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**LODGE OF AMITY (No. 17).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, Bro. Charles Perry Whiteley, W.M., in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. H. Batty, who acted as S.W. in the absence of Bro. Partidge; J. W. Clever, J.W.; C. Harcourt, Treas.; Joseph Clever, Sec.; J. H. Batty, S.D.; W. H. Bateman, J.D.; E. Phillips, I.G. Among the members present were Bros. Dawson, E. D. Maddick, J. D. Birch, Leslie, Strath, Austin, and Mardon; and among the visitors Bros. J. W. Smith, W.M. No. 14, Tuscan Lodge; W. P. Willson, Hertford, 403; S. L. Joyce, late No. 715; S. D. Birch, 1365; H. Massey (*Freemason*). After the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, the ballot was taken for Mr. Grantham Robert Dodd, solicitor, and Mr. Frederick Charles Dutton Fenn, civil engineer, and having been declared in their favour, Messrs. Dodd and Fenn were admitted and initiated in due form into the mysteries of the First Degree, after which Bro. Frederick Groombridge Dawson was passed to the Second Degree, both ceremonies being performed in a very able manner by the W.M. The ordinary business of the evening being now concluded, the Secretary, Bro. Clever, assumed the chair, and the W.M., Bro. Whiteley, presented to him Bro. Joseph Henry Batty, the W.M. elect, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and he having been obligated, was afterwards presented to a Board of Installing Masters, and duly installed into the chair of K.S. The brethren were afterwards re-admitted, and paid the usual honours to the newly-installed W.M. The ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. Clever, whose delivery of the orations appropriate to the occasion were delivered in a most thoughtful, feeling, and impressive manner. The officers appointed for the ensuing year are Bros. Clever, jun., S.W.; Bateman, J.W.; Harcourt, Treas.; Clever, sen., Sec.; Phillips, S.D.; Mardon, J.D.; Leslie, I.G.; Smith, Tyler. On the last-named being summoned and re-invested, he returned thanks for the honour conferred on him for the twentieth time, and took advantage of the occasion to thank the members of the lodge for the great assistance they had rendered him in securing his election as an annuitant upon the funds of the Institution for Aged Freemasons. Bro. Green, P.M., said: I have very great pleasure, W.M. and brethren, in proposing that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Whiteley for his services as W.M. during the past year. I had the pleasure of installing Bro. Whiteley, and it is a pleasure to me, as I am sure it must be to all of you, in reviewing the work of the year to note the success with which Bro. Whiteley has performed the duties of his office, and the prosperous condition in which he has left the lodge; and I therefore move that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Whiteley, with the greatest confidence as to the manner in which the motion will be received. The motion having been seconded by Bro. Clever, Secretary, was put and carried nem. con. The W.M. said: Bro. Whiteley, I have great pleasure in thinking that one of the first acts of mine, as Master of this lodge, is to present you with this jewel, and I only hope that at the end of my year of office the brethren may deem me worthy of such commendation as they have given you, and that I may deserve it as much as you do. Bro. Whiteley having returned thanks, the report of the Audit Committee was presented, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. An application for relief from Bro. Outridge, formerly of Australia, and of St. John's Lodge, Alexandria, was read by the Treas., and a sum of £2 was voted to his immediate relief, and it was agreed that before any further assistance was rendered inquiries should be made by Bros. Harcourt and Cooper. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in a style worthy of the Ship Hotel. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and duly honoured, Bro. P.M. Whiteley rose and said: Brethren, there is yet a little duty devolves upon me as a sequel to my year of office; it is that of proposing the health of our W.M., Bro. Batty. Bro. Batty has been installed into the chair this evening, and, so far, he has given every promise of a successful year of office. His subordinates, I think, may all congratulate themselves on the prospects of the year before them. He has worked hard, and has made himself a most efficient

Master, and I have no doubt he will do the great things we all expect of him. The W.M.: Brother Wardens and brethren, all I can say in reference to the hearty way in which my health was put in the toast just now, is that I hope it may come to pass. As I told you before, I intend to make the lodge, in my year of office, a thorough working lodge, but you must remember that it does not depend upon the Master alone. If the Master is not supported it is utterly impossible you can carry on the work of a lodge in the way that it should be carried on. We have every prospect that, during my year of office, there will be a great deal more work than heretofore, and it will be to our disgrace if we do not show that we can do the work. I have been in a great many country lodges, and have seen the work anything rather than what it should be, but I must say that in the Great Hertford Lodge, where I was some time ago, I saw such a wonderful example of good working that they quite took the conceit out of me as a London Mason. I trust, that, though not very large in numbers, the Amity will become a great working lodge, but it depends upon the officers; and I therefore trust that the officers will come and work with me in will and deed, more especially as they knew it to be my fixed intention to do my duty. The "Health of The Initiates" was then proposed by the Master and responded to, and acknowledged by Bros. Dodd and Fenn. The other toasts "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Officers," "Prosperity to the Amity Lodge," were also duly proposed and honoured by the brethren present; the "Tyler's" toast, as usual, closing the proceedings. During the evening, the pauses between the speeches were enlivened by some excellent songs and instrumental music by members of the lodge, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. Leslie, the songs being all pre-arranged in a printed programme. The musical arrangements were most successfully carried out, and Bro. Leslie certainly deserved the thanks accorded to him in an extra toast which was proposed by the W.M.

**CRYSTAL PALACE LODGE (No. 742).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday week, at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, Bro. Thomas Elsey, W.M., presiding. The other brethren present were Bros. Chas. D. Hume, S.W.; Robert Roberts, J.W.; T. Foxall, Treas.; W. Land, Sec.; H. Speedy, S.D.; Past Masters W. M. Baxter, S. P. Acton, H. Cox, G. Palmer, W. Watson, and H. T. Thompson; and Bros. G. Weeks, B. Blunsum, Ed. Ayles, J. W. Lassam, Seymour Smith, Fredk. Eyre, Fred. Speedy, H. Hagelman, H. J. Rolfe, Dick E. Radcliffe, and G. Cole; and visitors, Bros. G. Cole, Dixon, P.M. 209, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; J. D. Carter, P.M., 209, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; J. Wilson, P.M. 209, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; John Maclean, 1319 (Gaiety Theatre); John S. Tolley, P.M. 771; E. T. Henman, 1423; H. Casselton, 95; E. W. Mackney, P.M. 134; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*). The W.M. passed Bro. Ayres to the Second Degree, after which Bro. Foxall, Treas., assisted by Bro. C. D. Hume, W.M. 209, installed Bro. R. Roberts as W.M. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. C. D. Hume, S.W.; H. Speedy, J.W.; Thomas Foxall, Treas.; H. Land, Sec.; Blundell, S.D.; Hadwick, J.D.; Eyre, I.G.; Seymour Smith, Org.; W. J. Lassam, W.S.; and T. Woodstock, Tyler. The newly installed W.M. initiated Messrs. Rolfe and George Cole. The report of the lodge was received, from which the following satisfactory state of affairs was gathered. Cash received during the year, £125 2s. 6d.; lodge expenses, £110 10s. 6d.; donations made during the year, £60 15s. 0d.; balance in hands of the Treasurer, £28 14s. 3d. Benevolent Fund account: Boys' School, £15 15s. 0d.; Benevolent Institution, £40; donation to a brother, £5. Five guineas was voted to be placed on Bro. Baxter's list as Steward for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. W. Watson thanked the brethren for their votes, and announced his election at the last annual meeting of the Benevolent Institution. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, provided by the proprietor of the Star and Garter; after partaking of which they honoured the usual toasts. As time was running very short, the brethren wishing to get back to town by an early train, there were no formal speeches. The opening toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was introduced by the W.M., with an apology for being given shortly on account of the flight of time, but with the assurance that, though briefly given, the heartiness of its reception would be none the less. "The Health of the M.W.G.M." was even shorter, and that of "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the Grand Officers" was the first that led to any remark, and this remark was that it must be a source of great gratification to all Masons to see three princes of the Blood Royal in the three principal chairs of Grand Lodge. "The Initiates" was then given, and the W.M. having informed them of the pleasure lodges always felt in introducing good and worthy men into the Order, told them that though the brethren liked to see one at every meeting, three or four would please them better. Bro. Cole responded, hoping he should never see any cause to regret his introduction into this time-honoured Craft. In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said it was not often he was fortunate enough to see all those to whom he sent invitations present (which was generally the case with other brethren of the lodge as well), still he had much pleasure in having his invitation availed of by those who did accept it. Bro. George Dixon, P.M. 209, in the course of his reply said he had been associated with the W.M. and S.W. in another lodge, and both of these brethren were in this peculiar position, that the W.M. of this lodge was S.W. of the other lodge, while the S.W. of this lodge was the W.M. of the other lodge. It was with great pleasure the visitors saw the W.M. installed in the chair of the Crystal Palace Lodge. He was much beloved in the Etonian Lodge, and never

went there without being met with the smiles of all the brethren. The brethren of that lodge would only be too pleased when they could see him installed as their Master. Bro. John Maclean, 1319 (Gaiety Theatre), also replied, and said he was somewhat unfortunately placed, for while he frequently had invitations to lodges it was seldom he could avail himself of them. It was his misfortune, not his fault. But when on a few occasions he was able to accept an invitation he had thoroughly enjoyed himself, as he had that evening, for he had always found himself well entertained and most heartily welcomed. Bro. Charles Elsey, the P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." The brethren were most delighted at having placed in the chair so good a W.M. Ever since he had been in office in the lodge he had done his duty, and now that he was W.M. the dignity of the lodge would be quite safe in his hands. The W.M. responded. He felt that he hardly deserved the compliments which had been bestowed on him by the W.M., but he sincerely trusted that by his conduct of the business of the lodge he would give entire satisfaction to the brethren. He then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," and to save time included the names of the Treasurer and Secretary. Without the assistance of the P.M.'s the duties of W.M. would be very onerous and difficult. He had been in the Crystal Palace Lodge long enough to know that every W.M. was indebted greatly to the P.M.'s, who brought their experience to bear on the conduct of the business of the lodge. Those brethren who had been in the lodge some time would be able to add their testimony to his of the importance of the P.M.'s assistance in the working of the lodge. Bro. G. Palmer, on behalf of himself and the other P.M.'s, thanked the W.M., but thought that while there were so many good singers present it would be a pity, as time was short, that speeches should take the place of the admirable harmony which the brethren were so ready to give. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," thanking them for the aid they were always ready to give, and congratulating them on their having obtained the distinctions which had been conferred on them. The S.W. (Bro. C. D. Hume) replied, and "The Tyler's Toast" brought the evening, which had been enlivened with some excellent singing by Bros. Seymour Smith, E. W. Mackney, John Maclean, and other brethren, to a close. The meeting was a most agreeable one, and the business was conducted with an order, calmness, and regularity which rendered the enjoyment of the brethren complete.

**THE ECLECTIC LODGE (No. 1201).**—The "Feast of reason and the flow of soul" is a quotation which may in part introduce a report of the proceedings at the last meeting of this lodge, held on the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, and serve to indicate the high character of its work. The quotation can give no exaggerated idea of the intellectual feast in the lodge, for the very perfect manner in which each performed his task, or of the pleasantness of the after lodge meeting. We can heartily congratulate the W.M., our Bro. E. J. Harty, that the heavy and responsible duty of preparing the grand Masonic picture has not in the slightest interfered with his perfect knowledge of the ceremonies, and his knowledge, memory, and strength were alike put to the test on this occasion, for our brother had to work the three ceremonies, and one of these was performed in part four times over. "Like master like men" is an old proverb, and its general truth (for we know some instances, in Masonic lodges, too, which show that it is not universally applicable), was evidenced in the officers of the Eclectic proving themselves to be "eclectics" truly in working. They might, some of them, be termed "perfect to a fault," seeing that in one respect the candidates were prompted to an answer which ought to be the unprompted response of every fit candidate for our mysteries. There is no necessity to indicate the point we touch upon—those who know the ceremonies and the laws of the Order will see our meaning at once, and those who do not have yet to learn both. One broad hint we may give to all who have to discharge the office of Deacon, and that is to read the first of the "Antient Charges of a Freemason" given in the Book of Constitutions, and they will at once see the point on which there should be no prompting—a point of great and of growing importance. Bro. Taylor was in the S.W. chair, Bro. Saul in that of the J.W., Bro. Watts gracefully occupied the pleasant position, when the W.M. knows his work, of I.P.M., Bro. P.M. Higgs as Organist, Bro. W. H. Barber was at his laborious and responsible post as Secretary, Bro. Lee as S.D., Bro. Dobbing as J.D., and Bro. Moss as I.G. There was a great array of visitors, most of whose names we shall mention presently. The lodge being raised to the Second Degree, the W.M. proved two brethren in their then positions as Apprentices, and finding that they were not wanting gave them the benefit of a step. Four gentlemen, one the son of a Mason, Mr. Everett, son of the Senior Warden to the Worshipful Company of Coopers, Mr. Manchester, the Rev. James Browne Dixon, LL.D., and Mr. P. Caralambor Bayers, a Greek gentleman in business in London, were severally initiated. The first named, being the son of a Mason, received the benefit of his father's position by being initiated first, and the task of the W.M. and officers was rendered an arduous one from the candidate being very hard of hearing. There was in the minds of some a fear that the ceremony could not be proceeded with in this case for this reason, but the great capabilities of the W.M. surmounted all difficulties, and the young man was rescued from the path of the profane. They were of course excluded while their brother of a higher degree was still further taught, by undergoing the mysteries necessary before one can attain to the three rosettes—a ceremony which was most touchingly rendered, and with a religious force which added greatly to the effect. The organ accompaniment of Bro. Higgs, most appropriate throughout, was especially exquisite at certain points, as the solemn chords of gloom and doubt gave way to the sweet cadences expressive of

hope and joy; and here we would urge upon our brethren the increasing importance of music being introduced into lodges, developing and materially assisting as it undoubtedly does the solemn teaching of the ritual. The time did not seem at all long, but when the lodge was closed the brethren found they had been "at work" for nearly four and a half hours—without a break—no calling off, and the Worshipful Master at work all the time. The brethren then betook themselves to the Holborn Restaurant, and restoration, many of them were reminded, was earnestly needed. With the brethren were Bros. Everett (the father of the initiate of that name), T. Winter, of 234; James Stevens, of The Great City Lodge; Longley, S.W., of the Golden Rule; J. While (Freemason), P.M. of United Strength; J. Mather, P.M. 65; Major Tyler, 215; M. J. Jessop, J.W., 1261; Burt, W.M. 551; G. N. Watts, I.P.M. of the St. Paul's Lodge, A. Woodcock, S. Harty, P.M. (the brother of the W.M.); J. Levy, S.D., 1261; Capt. O. T. Hearne, Maybury Lodge; Dr. Payne, honorary organist, Golden Rule; Wade, 1475. The W.M. after an ample banquet gave with his usual grace and heartiness, and with the eloquence inherent in the children of the "Green Isle," the toasts of "Her Majesty and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "and the Chiefs of the Order," and all these were warmly responded to. The W.M. then gave "The Initiates," and pointed out to them that it was found throughout the Order that it contained the very essence of religion, which might be summed up in the commands respecting, "your duty to your neighbour," and "to do to others as you would be done by." He touched upon other points, and then concluded by calling upon the brethren to give the initiates a welcome to the Craft and to the lodge. Bro. Dr. Dixon in response, said that until he had entered the lodge and was initiated, he had no idea of the class of service in which Freemasons were engaged. He had had, of course, his own ideas of what Freemasonry was. He had gathered, perhaps from his own thoughts, that it had reference to the universe, which God, the Great Architect, had created, and the work of the Almighty evidenced design, organisation, and wisdom. The work of man upon the earth was as only an imitation of the work of God, and it occurred to him that men as Freemasons sought to perfect the work of their fellow men. He saw in the work of past times, followed out in the symbolised work of the Craft, the foundation for all that was good in man, that it stood apart from the turmoil of nations, that it was founded upon a rock by being based upon that which was true—the canon law of God; but now that he had gained an insight into the Order he found that, beyond all the virtues he ascribed to it in his mind before he was permitted to enter, it possessed a degree of brotherly feeling of which he had no conception; and he was most thankful to the Providence of God that he had been led to enter into a brotherhood wherein was practised the highest religion in God's universe without the slightest sectarianism. The other initiates also responded, and then P.M. Watts proposed "The W.M.," whose virtues as a Mason, whose biography as an officer, and whose energies as W.M. were dilated upon at length, and the greatest praise was given to him for having raised the lodge from a "starvation" one to an assemblage where the brethren could dispense hospitality in return for that they received in other lodges where they might visit. The W.M. in response stated that as a fact the change in the regime would result in a financial triumph for the lodge funds at the end of the year, thus showing that carrying out the principles of the Craft to their fullest extent led to complete success. The Officers were then toasted, and the visitors came in for their share of honour and glory in this respect. Among those who had intended to be present was Bro. Oliver of Brixton, who unfortunately fell a victim to the "Bridge Accident" at Bath. He was to have been a visitor of the Secretary, and his unfortunate accident led to many expressions of sympathy. It was not until close upon midnight that the Ecclectics and their friends found their way into Holborn.

**MOUNT EDGCUMBE LODGE (No. 1465).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Swan Hotel, Battersea, when the following officers, brethren, and visitors were present:—Bros. A. M. Thomas, W.M.; A. C. Burrell, P.M.; W. Ough, P.M., Treas.; Charles Poupard, P.M.; J. J. Limebeer, Sec.; Joseph Wright, S.W.; A. Thomas, jun., J.W.; T. Cull, J.D.; G. T. Fox, P.M. 73 and P.Z. 13, the Tyler.; J. Hutchings, W. J. Simpkins, T. Gardiner, J. Weavell, H. Willmott, J. Coates, and T. Collings. The following were visitors:—Bros. P. Leaper, Star, 1275; Bro. J. Featherstone, Wolsey, 1656; and Bro. A. A. Denham, Wandsworth, 1044. Some formal business of the lodge having been transacted, Bro. A. A. Denham was raised in a very impressive and perfect manner by Bro. A. M. Thomas, the W.M. Bro. Joseph Wright, S.W., was unanimously chosen as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The retiring W.M. passed a high eulogium on Bro. Wright, who is P.M. of the 1585, and is also an earnest worker both for the Royal Arch and Craft Masonry. Bro. W. Ough was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. T. Fox, Tyler. Bros. Collings, Weavell, and Griffiths were chosen as Auditors. A jewel of the value of five guineas was unanimously accorded the retiring W.M., Bro. Thomas. The lodge was then closed in due form. The brethren were afterwards refreshed by a capital cold collation, provided by Bro. Knight in good style. A very pleasant evening was spent.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Haggerstone, on Thursday, the 31st ult. Present: Bros. Shackleton, W.M.; Chapman, P.M., Treasurer; Lee, P.M., Secretary; Green, S.D.; Brand, J.D.; Brasted, Steward; Young, Organist; Russ, Assistant Grand Secretary. Visitors, Bros. Lovelock, 212; Shackleton, 1445. The lodge was opened in due

form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bros. Cracknell, Brame, and Watkins were raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. Davis and George to the Degree of Fellow Craft, after which Mr. G. J. Reynolds was regularly initiated into Freemasonry. The lodge was closed and the brethren sat down to an excellent repast, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The future meetings of this lodge will be held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion Road, Dalston, the M.W. Pro Grand Master having given his sanction to the removal.

**BEACONSFIELD LODGE (No. 1662).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Saturday, June 9th. Present:—Bro. W. T. Christian, W.M.; Bro. W. Groome, S.W.; Bro. W. B. Brand, J.W.; Bro. J. Pinder, P.M.; Bro. F. Hallows, Sec.; Bro. C. T. Saunders, S.D.; Bro. Franklin, J.D.; Bro. T. Oldroyd, I.G.; Bro. Upward, Organist; Bro. J. H. Cambridge, W.S.; Bro. Goddard, (acting) Tyler, and the following gentlemen, viz., Bros. W. G. Hallows, H. Field, Hunt, Clark, Dendy, and Delvalle. The lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer. The candidate for raising being late in arriving the W.M. worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, after which the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. William Moffatt, the candidate for raising, answered the usual questions. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and the candidate was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The lodge being resumed in the First Degree, the ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Charles Rubery and Mr. Charles Stockwell, which proved unanimous in their favour, and they being in attendance were duly initiated into the Order, according to ancient rite. The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and adjourned until Saturday, Oct. 6th. After the business was over the brethren sat down to a cold collation, and the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to by the officers and visitors. Visitors present:—Bros. F. Rothschild, S.W., 1238; E. P. Baldwin, 382; S. North, 382; W. Snellgrove, 907; E. A. Trebeck, 1445; W. Claridge, 1598; and E. Brown, 1598.

**COCKERMOUTH.**—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. W. Taylor, W.M.; J. Evening, S.W.; W. Shilton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as J.W.; R. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; W. T. Lamonby, P.M., Secretary; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., Organist; T. Bird, S.D.; C. Gibson, I.G.; W. Potts, Tyler; and others. The lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Lamonby took the chair, when the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. Rule was then passed to the degree of F.C., after which Bro. Robinson delivered the lecture, and explained the tracing board appertaining thereto. The lodge being reduced to the First Degree, the usual vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Robinson, and Bro. Lamonby gave notice of two motions for next lodge night—firstly, that, in accordance with the Book of Constitutions, the regular place of assembly be removed from Market-place to the new lodge premises, in Station-street; and secondly, that, in the event of their being no business after July, the lodge stand adjourned till September, in order to facilitate the removal of the lodge furniture to the new premises in time for consecration. Bro. Lamonby also announced that he had had an opportunity during the previous week, when in London, of visiting the Girls' School, and was highly gratified at everything he saw. He also reported very favourably as to the progress being made by a little daughter of a deceased brother of Skiddaw. Nothing further remaining to be done, the lodge was closed in form.

**OTLEY.**—Royal Wharfedale Lodge (No. 1108).—This flourishing lodge held its festival of St. John the Evangelist on Monday, 4th June, at the Masonic Rooms, Boroughgate, Otley. As it was the eleventh anniversary of the consecration of the lodge, and the W.M. for the ensuing year was to be installed, there was a large attendance of members and visitors, including Bros. J. R. Croft, W.M.; W. T. Croft, S.W. and W.M. elect; W. P. Pinder, J.W.; Newstead, P.M., Treas., Whiteley, Sec.; Tosh, S.D.; Dawson, J.D.; Laycock, I.G.; and Pratt, P.M.; Atkinson, Barber, Carter, Lee, A. Marshall, W. T. Marshall, Payne, Walker, and Wm. Pratt, P.M. 1034; Installing Master Flaxington, W.M. 1034; Monckman, P.M. 1018; Hardwick, J.W. and Ball, P.J.W., 1034. The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and passed, the W.M. opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and Bro. Barber having intimated his wish to take a further degree, he was examined and entrusted, after which he retired, was re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. by Bro. C. J. Newstead, P.M., in his usual exact and solemn manner. The next business was to instal Bro. W. T. Croft, S.W. (son of the retiring W.M.), into the chair of K.S. This ceremony was performed by Bro. W.M. Pratt, P.M., C.S., 1034, in a most able, impressive, and emphatic manner. The brethren below the chair were then re-admitted, and saluted the new W.M. according to ancient form, who returned thanks for the high honour conferred upon him, and hoped that the Great Architect would give him health and strength to discharge the important duties appertaining to his office in a satisfactory manner, and that at the end of his term of office he would be able to deliver the lodge warrant as pure and unsullied as he now received it. He trusted that the brethren would not stand upon their strict rights, and if there should be any difference of opinion he hoped that the brethren would exercise that Masonic forbearance which was due from one brother to another. He then invested his officers as follows, and delivered appropriate addresses to each of them: Bros. W. P. Pinder, S.W.; G. Lee, J.W.; C. J. Newstead, P.M., Treas.; A. Walker, Sec.; D. J. Whiteley, S.D.; T. S. Atkinson, J.D.; W. Laycock, I.G.; T. Howling, Tyler; J. Carter, M.C.; J. Dawson and J. Barber, Stewards; and W. A. Nicholson, Organist. Bro. Newstead, P.M.,

was re-elected Charity Member and on the motion of Bro. Atkinson, seconded by Bro. Newstead, P.M., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Wm. Platt, P.M. C.S., 1034, for his kindness in officiating as Installing Master. In replying, Bro. Pratt said he was greatly pleased when asked to perform the ceremony, as it was the first he had conducted; and his pleasure was enhanced by the fact, that it was he who initiated Bro. W. T. Croft into Masonry. He sincerely wished him every success during his year of office, and thanked the brethren for their vote. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was of an excellent character. The cloth having been removed and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and honoured, Bro. Newstead, P.M., rose to propose the health of the retiring W.M., whose zeal and earnestness he praised, and instanced as a result, the fact that the lodge had nearly doubled in number during his year of office. He referred to the visit paid to the lodge rooms last year by Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., and his consent to application being made for permission to prefix the word "Royal" to the name of the lodge in commemoration of the honour, which permission has been obtained. Further, he urged younger brethren to imitate the hard work and enthusiasm of the retiring W.M., and success in the Craft would be sure to follow. Bro. J. R. Croft, I.P.M., then returned thanks, for the toast was drunk with full Masonic and musical honours, and asked to be excused saying much, as his feelings of gratitude to the brethren of the lodge, (and especially to Bro. Newstead, P.M., from whom he had received such valuable support), were so great that he would express his thanks to them practically by his deeds in the future, as he felt spurred by the kind way they had thanked him for his past services. Bro. R. M. Pratt, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and after congratulating him on being elected to the highest office in Craft Masonry wished him health and strength during his year of office, which he hoped would be as successful as his father's had been. The toast was duly honoured, and the W.M. replied, stating how earnest his wish and desire was that the lodge should prosper and become renowned through West Yorkshire for correct and accurate working, and that no effort on his part should be spared to bring about that desirable end. Many other toasts were given and responded to, the principal being "The late Officers," "The present Officers," "The Past Masters," responded to by Bro. Newstead and J. R. Croft; "The Installing Master" proposed by the W.M., in felicitous terms, and feelingly responded to by Bro. Wm. Pratt, P.M., who is every inch a Mason. Other toasts were given, the last being the Tyler's toast, after which the brethren separated.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this numerous and influential lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-st., Liverpool, on Monday, the 4th inst., and the popularity and attractiveness of the appointment and ceremony were clearly shown by a large and distinguished assembly of "Mystics." The proceedings were announced to commence at half-past two o'clock, and shortly after that hour Bro. Alexander Cotter, W.M., took his place in the chair and proceeded to open the lodge in solemn form. We observed that there were also present during the afternoon's business Bros. P. B. Gee, P.M. (Treasurer elect), Hugh Williams, P.M.; J. S. Dixon, P.M., D.C.; J. Korn, J.W.; J. Healing, P.M., Treasurer (W.M. elect); T. Walton, Secretary; W. C. Webb, S.D.; A. C. Wylie, J.D.; T. H. Arden, I.G.; W. Fish, S.; C. Fothergill, S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; Bros. J. Beattie, J. Morris, R. Edwards, J. C. Fish, S. Daniels, W. H. Dawson, W. Owen, G. Crute, J. H. Linaker, P. Williams, A. Magnus, B. Parkes, J. Hughes, S. Oxton, T. Grant, E. J. Woodburn, R. Black, C. Rigotti, J. C. Ballfour, R. S. Ogle, F. Draper, J. Grindell, W. Champitt, J. Hill, J. Hughes, A. Fletcher, J. Ashworth, O. Boyce, E. Jones, W. Barr, W. D. Mylom, and J. Monkhouse. The list of visitors contained the names of Bros. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; M. Corless, P.M. 673; T. Shepherd, P.M. 1276; W. G. Veale, 249; J. Tickle, 249; W. Wilson, W.M. 823; T. Shaw, P.M. 823; J. E. Jackson, P.M. 667; W. Doyle, P.P.G.J.D. J. R. Gotham, 823; J. Wood, Treasurer 1094 (Freemason); F. Knight, W.M. 1325; J. Jones, P.M. 594; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; H. Ashmore, P.M. 1325; R. P. France, W.M. 594; T. Dilcock, P.M. 594; T. Saber, 1502; J. Carruthers, 667; J. Walker, 203; M. Hart, W.M. 1502; A. Hart, S.W. 724; J. Hayes, P.M. 249; J. Sherwin, 667; E. J. Fraser, 1502; H. Appleton, 1356; R. Collings, 249; J. Neil, 1359; 1356; T. L. Jones, 1303; S. P. Gore, T. Holden, 1182; J. Le Comber, S.W. 594; and J. Archdeacon, 667. After the minutes had been read and Masonically confirmed, Bro. Alexander Cotter concluded his year's admirable services in the eastern chair by installing Bro. Joseph Healing, P.M., into the office of W.M., a ceremony which was performed in so masterly a manner as to secure the hearty approbation of all the brethren. It may be interesting to state that Bro. Healing was the first W.M. of the Neptune Lodge at its consecration in 1869, and this renewed honour of being voted to the chair for the second time indisputably proves that the brethren have not been slow to recognise the active and valuable services he has given towards the furtherance of the lodge. The re-chaired W.M. invested the following as his officers:—Bros. A. Cotter, I.P.M.; J. Korn, S.W.; W. C. Webb, J. W.; P. B. Gee, P.M., Treasurer; J. Linaker, Secretary; J. S. Dixon, P.M., D.C.; A. C. Wylie, S.D.; T. H. Arden, J.D.; Thomas Walton, I.G.; C. Fothergill, S.S.; James Hughes, J.S.; C. Rigotti, A.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Immediately on the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. said he could not allow that opportunity to pass without expressing to Bro. Cotter the sense of the obligation he cherished after seeing the most impressive and efficient manner in which he had done the work of installation. He further moved that a special vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Cotter for the excellent

manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. This was seconded by Bro. P.M. Dixon, and carried unanimously. The compliment was briefly acknowledged by Bro. A. Cotter. The W.M. then commenced his year's labours by giving the First Degree in a most effective and telling style. At the conclusion "hearty good wishes" were given to Bro. Healing by the representatives of about a dozen lodges, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Here the W.M. presided, and proposed the standard loyal and Masonic toasts, the Prov. Grand Officers being acknowledged by Bro. Hugh Williams, P.M. Bro. Cotter, I.P.M., then rose, and said he was sure the next toast—"The Worshipful Master"—would be received with enthusiasm. Bro. Healing was the first Master who reigned over the Neptune Lodge, and since that time he had never been out of harness. In every office he has occupied he has fulfilled his duties faithfully, zealously, and honestly, and to the entire satisfaction of the members. The lodge had prospered under his influence, and he (Bro. Cotter) hoped it might go on prospering for many years to come, enabling them all to stand together as one man in the onward progress. If they followed the example of the Master the good ship "Neptune" would go prosperously on her voyage. Let the S.W. pay attention in the West, the J.W. in the South, and let the junior officers look well to their positions, so that when the Master telegraphed on the bridge they might have harmony, brotherly cordiality, and attention to duty throughout the ship. The brethren had taken the right step in again appointing Bro. Healing to the chair, and he (Bro. Cotter) hoped they would give him hearty support. The W.M., after the toast had been honoured musically and Masonically, said he was sure the brethren were sincere in the words—*in so receiving the words which they had heard, and giving them the enthusiastic endorsement which they had done.* The ship "Neptune," he was proud to say, still gallantly sailed on, on that 4th of June, 1877, as she had done since the 1st of June, 1869. She had neither gone ashore, lost a sail, nor broken a rope, and the officers throughout had been faithful to their duties. He (Bro. Healing) had endeavoured to do his duty during the voyage, and in again taking command of the vessel he looked to every P.M. and officer for the hearty co-operation which he had always received. Without their assistance it would be impossible to carry the ship safely over another year's voyage. He, however, placed himself entirely in their hands, knowing full well that they would give him the assistance which he so much needed and desired. After giving "The Installing Master," the W.M. followed with the toast of "The Immediate Past Master," and in giving these toasts the W.M. referred to the very conscientious and efficient way in which Bro. Cotter had discharged the duties of the day and year in the capacities of Installing Master and W.M. He said Bro. Cotter had filled every office in the lodge, from that of Junior Steward to the W.M., and in every one of these offices he had secured the esteem and admiration of the brethren by his courtesy and diligence. He (the W.M.), in these circumstances, had much pleasure in presenting Bro. Cotter with a valuable Past Master's jewel, in the name of the brethren, as a token of the love, esteem, and respect they felt for him. Bro. Williams also bore testimony to the many excellent qualities displayed by Bro. Cotter during his official connection with the lodge. Bro. Cotter suitably and feelingly acknowledged the compliments and presentation. Other toasts followed, and a capital musical programme [was given by Bros. Skeaf, Queen, Hobart, Veale, &c.

#### INSTALLATION.

**JORDAN LODGE (No. 201).**—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, Portland-place, W. Bro. J. O. Wood in the chair; Bros. Long, S.W.; Errington, J.W.; Hiscox, Treasurer; Ockenden, Secretary; Marvin, S.D.; Fox, I.G.; Hole, Fromholz, and several other brethren. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees and the ceremony of raising very efficiently rehearsed by the W.M. The lodge being resumed in the First Degree, the first three sections were worked by Bro. Long, assisted by the brethren. Notice was given that on Tuesday next it will be proposed that the annual supper take place on Tuesday week, June 26th. Brethren who can not attend next Tuesday are particularly requested to communicate with Bro. Hiscox, at the above address, in the meantime, as to whether the 26th will be a convenient date for them to be present.

**LONDON MASONIC CLUB.**—This lodge of instruction met at 101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., on Monday, the 11th inst., at six o'clock. Present: Bros. J. E. Shand, Sec., W.M.; Sharrett, S.W.; Dobbing, J.W.; Joseph Langton, S.D.; Churchill, J.D.; Hawksley, I.G.; T. Cull, Acting Preceptor; C. Ward, Eastgate, Lewis Langton, jun., A.E. 1763; C. J. Hogg, Treas., and other members of lodge and club. The lodge opened, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, when Bro. Langton went through the ceremony of initiation by the W.M., and after the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Sections of the Lectures was worked by Bro. Cull, Bro. S. W. Sharratt was unanimously elected W.M. at next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge closed in perfect harmony, and will meet again on Monday, the 25th inst., at 6 p.m.

**HOSPITAL SUNDAY.**—In anticipation of the recurrence in London and its suburbs of this annual appeal to the sympathy of the public, the Lord Mayor, as president and treasurer of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund, appeals for subscriptions to every inhabitant of our vast metropolis, to give on Sunday next at their church or chapel some contribution to the general fund, or otherwise to send their offerings direct to him at the Mansion House.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

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After the banquet the usual toasts followed the singing of grace, and after giving "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M." was proposed. He said that not three years ago, on the retirement of the Marquis of Ripon, His Royal Highness accepted the office of Grand Master. Long might he remain at the head of the Craft; long might he rule the Grand Lodge of England and all the Provincial Grand Lodges; long might he be spared to be the Grand Master; and long might his mother live to rule over the country as its sovereign.

The Prov. G.M. next said, in proposing "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G. Master," that as a Mason his lordship was always anxious and willing to attend to his duties in Grand Lodge. He (the Prov. G.M.) was a witness of this the other day, when Lord Carnarvon went from his office to attend Grand Lodge, and the moment business there was over he was off again to his office. That showed that he was a man who was always ready to attend to his duties, whether Masonic or governmental. Lord Carnarvon was well known as a Mason; the brethren knew him perfectly well as a man, a gentleman, upright and downstraight, who would do his duty in whatever position of life he was placed.

Bro. Dr. Trollope, P.S.G.W., who was entrusted with the toast of "The Deputy G.M. and Grand Officers," said he was sorry on this occasion that Prov. G. Lodge was not honoured with the presence of more Grand Officers; but he was sure that those who had honoured the Grand Lodge were heartily welcome, and he also trusted that they had been pleased with the reception they had met with. It was no easy task, although many brethren might think it was, to fill the post of a Grand Officer, because the higher they advanced, and the greater the honours that were heaped upon them, the greater were the duties and services expected of them. If this applied to the province, much more did it apply to the Grand Officers. When the Grand Master appointed them in Grand Lodge they were impressed with the honour and dignity of the office they sustained; and the brethren of the Province of Sussex were deeply indebted to those who had come to see them that day. As regarded Lord Skelmersdale he was extremely popular in his province of Lancashire, and he was also one of the most popular Masons in the Craft, as he fulfilled his duties with energy and zeal. Long might he be spared to hold the eminent position he now filled in Grand Lodge. All the brethren could bear testimony to the efficiency with which the Grand Officers discharged their duties, and those who had witnessed it that evening could not but think it fortunate that Bro. Hervey had come among them and taken upon himself the performance of the ceremony of installation. Unfortunately, on account of trains, Bro. Hervey and Bro. Fenn had been obliged to leave, but there was still one Grand Officer left, Bro. Wilhelm Kuhe. It was not necessary to mention in what honour and esteem Bro. Kuhe was held, because having for three years held the post of Grand Organist, the brethren were acquainted with his merits. Bro. Kuhe was also much honoured in Sussex, and no one could more than himself (Dr. Trollope) express the proud feelings he had at seeing in what esteem Bro. Kuhe was held in Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. Wilhelm Kuhe replied. When he came there that evening and sat next to such distinguished Grand Officers as Bros. Hervey and Fenn, he did not think it would devolve upon him to reply to this toast, and he had been in hopes that it would have been in abler hands than his. However, those two brethren had been unfortunately obliged to leave by an early train for London, and they deputed him to reply to this toast, and at the same time to express their extreme regret that they had been obliged to leave so early. They had enjoyed themselves very much; they had enjoyed the reception they had met with, and the way in which the work had been done; and it was a matter of great regret to them that they could not remain to return thanks for themselves.

Bro. W. Hallett proposed "The Health of the Prov. G.M."

The Prov. G.M., in reply, said he had to thank all the brethren who had attended that day and given him so kind a reception. Some two or three months ago, when he first heard that the Grand Master proposed to appoint him, he felt considerable hesitation in accepting the appointment, because he knew there were many Masons far higher in the Craft as regarded knowledge. But Bro. Scott, and two or three other brethren, persuaded him and told him that he ought to take the office, and he at last gave in, but with some doubts of his power of conducting the duties of the office properly. It was no slight duty that a brother took upon him when he undertook the task of ruling a province. It was a serious thing, and a matter that ought to be dealt with in a spirit of determination to do one's duty if possible. That he should endeavour to do. There were two lines in a song they had just heard which were very appropriate to this occasion, for while they enjoyed pleasure they ought to study harmony to the greatest extent, and when they met upon the level, then, if there was harmony, they could part on the square. He hoped and trusted that during his rule of the Province of Sussex that would be the case in all lodges, and whenever he did meet them that love and harmony would be displayed on all occasions. Not only then, but whenever he did not meet them, whether he had or not the "tongue of sweet air more tuneable than lark to shepherd's ear," he thought that when the mind was spoken fully and truthfully, generally the right thing would follow in the end. With regard to this province, they all knew it was of very great length, and of comparatively small width, and it was for the purposes of Freemasonry a very inconvenient province, as the railways did not suit well. Take it from

Rye to Hastings, and from Hastings to Brighton, there was always an inconvenience for the Prov. Grand Lodge, have the Prov. Grand Lodge where they might, it was always inconvenient for the brethren to get from Brighton back again. To the other end of the county and Horsham there were the same inconveniences to put up with, and some of the brethren in the immediate neighbourhood of Horsham could not get home that night by any possibility. There were some also from Chichester, and it would be very inconvenient to them if they could not get home the same night. He therefore appointed Saturday, thinking it might be more convenient as the brethren could spend the Sunday in Brighton. One brother came from Nut-hurst, whom he had known for twenty-seven years, and that brother, on account of the inconvenience of access, was not able to remain even to the end of the banquet, for if he had he would not have got home in time to perform Divine Service to-morrow in his church. He (the Prov. G.M.) however balanced the inconveniences, and finding there were fewer if he appointed Saturday, chose that day for his installation. As he had said that day, he intended to visit every lodge in the province, and so long as he was blessed with health and strength he should continue to do so. But when old age came on and health failed, he hoped they would not find fault with him if he was not able to visit them. He knew perfectly well there were people outside lodges who took hold of every little idle report, and magnified those reports to an extent which was prejudicial to Masonry, not so much because they disliked Masonry, but because they did not know anything about it. Such reports ought never to be listened to. The members of the Craft should exercise truth and charity towards each other, and also to those who were outside, and if they did we should be a happier people in England than we were. Let them always maintain true fraternity; let them encourage to the utmost extent they could charity and love and truth, morality and loyalty; and who on earth could then say there was anything to be alleged against Masonry?

The Prov. G.M. then proposed "The Health of the Deputy Pro. G. Master." This was a toast which should be accepted with the greatest pleasure, as it was the health of a Mason who had done much for the Province of Sussex. He had attended, whenever he had been requested, if it had been in his power, to assist lodges; and all the brethren appreciated his services in the cause of Freemasonry. He (the Prov. G.M.) had himself experienced Bro. Scott's great assistance, and so had the brethren of the Ockenden Lodge. He knew perfectly well that Bro. Scott would do anything he could to assist any lodge in the province. They had been told that day that the Ockenden Lodge was the most prosperous in the province. He could not quite agree in that assertion, for he did not think that with eighteen or nineteen brethren they could be so styled. Nevertheless, it was a lodge firmly determined to carry out their duties, and its members were determined to be, if not the most prosperous, one of the most prosperous of Sussex lodges. Beyond that he did not think it was right that he should exalt the Ockenden Lodge. In consequence of a resolution passed by that lodge by the late S.D., now unfortunately departed, since March, 1874, they had been able to subscribe to the charities so as to constitute themselves governors of each of them. At the next meeting of the Ockenden Lodge he hoped they would again assist the charities. He did not speak of it as a brag or boast, but merely to show that they wished to set an example to the other lodges. The S.G.W. had whispered to him that in his lodge they had passed a resolution, so that every member by paying a shilling a week would in the course of four or five years become a life governor of one or other of the institutions. That was carrying the principle out rather further than had been done in the Ockenden Lodge, where it depended on what brethren might give and what they were able to give; but in the S.G.W.'s lodge the resolution was that they would give a shilling a week towards the charities. This was certainly a good precedent for the other lodges to take. The strength of the province in voting was thus concentrated, as they accumulated their votes for one particular candidate. This was a principle he had adopted himself. In matters of correspondence he advised the brethren to address the Prov. G. Secretary, who would communicate with him, and so matters would be put in perfect order. After again thanking Bro. Scott for his assistance the Prov. M. concluded by proposing "The Health of the Dep. Prov. G.M."

Bro. Scott, D.G.M., replied as follows: Right Worshipful Prov. G.M., Grand Officers, and Brethren,—Allow me first of all to thank you, Rt. W. Sir, not only for the kind manner in which you proposed my health, but also for the honour you have conferred on me in placing me in the distinguished position in Freemasonry which I now occupy in Sussex. I am deeply sensible of that honour, and I can assure you that it will always be my delight as well as my duty to assist you to the utmost of my power, whilst I shall ever deem it a privilege to serve under a brother who is so thoroughly imbued with Masonic principles as yourself. To you, brethren, who have so kindly greeted me on this occasion I also owe my grateful thanks. It has been very gratifying to me during the past few weeks to receive, from all parts of Sussex, congratulations from the brethren of the province, and not only congratulations but assurances that my appointment has given general satisfaction. For, believe me, brethren, high office would have little charm for me unless I held with it your good will and esteem. During the twenty-four years that I have been a hard-working Mason many honours and distinctions have been conferred upon me, but I have never courted or coveted them—on the contrary, I have repeatedly stood aside that others might pass before me. I will give you only one instance. Twelve years ago Col. Dalbiac, the then Prov. Grand Master for Sussex, offered me the same position in which I have been installed to day. He asked me to be his Deputy. I was urged to accept



office by brethren no less distinguished than Bro. Furner and Bro. Gavin Pocock. I have in my possession a letter from a very eminent Mason, who was for many years the Prime Minister of the Craft in England—it is dated June 19th, 1865—and he writes—"It is very desirable that Col. Dalbiac should have a good Deputy, but that I should imagine would not be very difficult to find. I could tell him of a good one at once, one John H. Scott." I do not tell you this, brethren, in any boasting spirit, but that you may know that I have not greedily snapped at all the good things which have come in my way. I declined that offer. I resisted the temptation, for it was a temptation, and I maintained that Bro. Furner was the proper man to fill the post, and after much persuasion and with the distinct understanding that he should have nothing to do he accepted it. Twelve years ago, brethren, I was comparatively a young man, and I felt that there were older men in the province, older in years and in Masonic experience, who might naturally feel aggrieved and take umbrage if one so much younger than themselves was put over them. But since then, twelve years, not of idleness or retirement but of active and continual service, have passed over my head, and now that I am verging on fifty years of age I have no hesitation in accepting the honourable position I shrank from twelve years ago, now that it is offered me a second time, unsought, unsolicited, and unexpected by me. Nevertheless, I feel that I shall have a difficult task to perform in following my predecessor. Bro. Furner embodies in himself all the qualifications which go to make up an excellent Mason, and when I remember the dignity of his demeanour when he presided over us, the wisdom of his counsel whenever we sought his advice, and the sweetness and amiability of his disposition, I fear that it will be at a great distance, if at all, that I shall be able to tread in his footsteps. At the same time I intend to do my best, and I trust that in my new and exalted position I may do nothing to forfeit, but always retain, the kindly feelings and the good wishes which the brethren of the province have hitherto evinced and expressed towards me.

The other toasts were then given, and the brethren separated after spending a delightful evening.

Under the direction of Bro. Frank Elmore a charming selection of music was performed by Bro. Henry Taylor, W. Rowe, and Charles Tinney.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire was held on Friday, June 1st, in the handsome hall of the Apollo University Lodge, when Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., Prov. G.M., presided. There was a very large attendance of Past and Present Provincial Officers, Masters and Past Masters of lodges, and the brethren generally, including the Deputy Prov. G.M. (Bro. Reginald Bird), Bros. the Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G. Ch. Eng.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D. Eng.; R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B. Eng.; Rev. H. Adair Pickard, P. Prov. S.G.W.; S. P. Spiers, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. L. K. Hilton, P. Prov. G. Chap.; E. G. Bruton, P. Prov. G.J.W.; C. Park, P. Prov. G.D.; H. Riach, P. Prov. G. Sec.; J. Potts, P. Prov. S.W.; G. A. Hardacre, P. Prov. G.D.; Col. Sargent, C.B.; Col. the Hon. Sackville West, H. R. Cooper Smith, and many others.

H.R.H. arrived shortly after twelve o'clock, accompanied by Bros. Collins, C.B., Comptroller of his Household, and Douglas Campbell.

A procession of the Provincial Officers was then formed to the Hall, and the lodge was constituted as follows:—H.R.H. Prince Leopold, P.G.M.; R. Bird, D.P.G.M.; J. Bue, M.A., P.S.G.W.; H. O. Wakeman, B.A., P.J.G.W.; Rev. R. M. W. Tople, M.A., P.G. Chap.; Ald. T. Randall, P.G.T.; W. Pepperburn, P.G.R.; J. E. C. Bodley, P.G.S.; J. Reade, P.J.G.D.; F. W. Ansell, P.G.S.W.; J. Jenkin, P.G.S.B.; W. Parratt, B. Mus., P.G.O.; F. Dolley, P.G.P.; J. Chapman, P.A.G.P.; W. J. Douglas Campbell, W. N. Glencross, F. Hedges, H. H. Parry, T. F. Plowman, and H. Harris, P.G. Stewards; W. Stephens and G. Norwood, P.G. Tylers.

The Prince having opened the lodge in due form, the minutes were read and confirmed, and a letter was received from the Prince of Wales thanking the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Officers and brethren of the Province of Oxfordshire, for their address of congratulation on his Royal Highness's safe return to England from his visit to India.

The report of the Charity Committee was then received, and on the motion of the Dep. P.G.M., seconded by P.M. S. D. Spiers, adopted, as was also the Treasurer's report.

The re-election of Bro. Ald. Randall as Treasurer was proposed in eulogistic terms by the Dep. Prov. G.M., seconded by the Past Dep. Prov. G.M., and carried amidst much applause. Bro. Randall having suitably responded, the Dep. P.G.M. submitted his report on the lodges in the Province, which was of a satisfactory character, and showed that Masonry was on the increase. The W.M. then announced that he appointed Bro. Reginald Bird, M.A., fellow of Magdalen Coll., as his Deputy, and the hearty applause which followed unmistakably testified to Bro. Bird's popularity.

His Royal Highness then appointed and invested the remainder of his officers as follows, shaking hands with each as he came up to the throne:—Col. the Hon. W. E. Sackville West, M.A., Keble Coll., W.M. of the Apollo University Lodge, Senior Warden; W. Thompson, P.M. of Alfred Lodge, Junior Warden; Rev. H. Deane, B.D., St. John's Coll., of Apollo Lodge, and Rev. Dr. Whitmarsh, St. John's Coll., of Apollo Lodge, Chaplains; Ald. Randall, of Alfred Lodge, Treasurer; Col. Sargent, C.B., of Churchill Lodge, Registrar; Fentham Hedges, B.A., Exeter Coll., of Apollo Lodge, Secretary; J. W. Long, of Marlborough Lodge, Senior Deacon; T. F. Plowman,

of Churchill Lodge, Junior Deacon; W. N. Glencross, Exeter Coll., of Apollo Lodge, Superintendent of Works; W. J. Douglas Campbell, of Apollo Lodge, F. R. Hall, of Alfred Lodge, and J. Greenshields, of Bowyer Lodge, Directors of Ceremonies; H. Harris, of Bertie Lodge, Sword Bearer; E. Cholmley Jones, B.A., Magdalen Coll., of Churchill Lodge, Organist; E. Prescott, of Marlborough Lodge, Pursuivant; H. Robbins, of Alfred Lodge, Assistant Pursuivant; R. H. Collins, M.A., Lincoln Coll., of Apollo Lodge, W. H. White, T. H. Jansson, Christ Church, of Churchill Lodge, T. W. Holland, of Cherwell Lodge, J. Cavan, Christ Church, of Apollo Lodge, and W. R. Bowden, of Alfred Lodge, Stewards; W. Stephens and G. Norwood, Tylers.

Charity jewels were then presented to Bros. Bird, Deane, Bue, and Ansell, and bars to Bros. H. R. Cooper Smith, Juggins and Potts.

On the motion of the Prov. G.M., seconded by the Treasurer, the sum of ten guineas was voted to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the same amount to local charities, and the lodge was then closed in due form and order.

At the conclusion of the proceedings in lodge, a procession was formed to the Assembly Room of the Clarendon Hotel, where a luncheon, of a very elegant and recherché character, was served. The Prince presided and introduced the various Masonic toasts in well chosen and felicitous terms, many of his remarks being exceedingly happy. The toast list, which was necessarily a short one, included "The Queen and the Craft," proposed by the R.W. P.G.M., "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge," proposed by the W.G.M., and responded to by Bro. the Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G.C.; "H.R.H. Prince Leopold, R. W. Prov. G. Master," proposed by Bro. F. P. Morrell, P.J.G.D. of Eng., and responded to by Prince Leopold; "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Officers," proposed by the R.W.P.G.M., and responded to by Bro. Bird and Bro. Col. the Hon. Sackville West, P.G.S.W.; and the Tyler's toast.

The Prince in responding to the toast of his health thanked the lodges of the Province for the generous support that they had given to the Charity of the Girls' School, at the anniversary festival of which he was to have presided. He expressed his great regret that he was prevented by illness from being present, as he should have been very proud of the extent of the subscriptions. In proposing "The Provincial Officers" His Royal Highness alluded in complimentary terms to the services rendered to the province by Bro. Bird, the Deputy Prov. G.M., and also congratulated the lodge upon its acquisition, as Grand Registrar, of so distinguished a soldier as Col. Sargent, C.B., the Col. Commandant of the Military Depot of which Oxford is the centre. He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Bird and the Senior Warden, Bro. Col. the Hon. Sackville West. Bro. Bird in responding alluded to the flourishing state of the Craft in the province, as evidenced by the reports which had been read that day in lodge.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Corn Exchange, Horn-castle, under the banner of the "Olive Union" Lodge, No. 1304. There was a large attendance of the brethren, every lodge in the Province, now numbering 20, being represented.

In the unavoidable absence of His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, R.W.P.G.M., the throne was occupied by W. Bro. W. H. Smyth, of Elkington Hall, D.P.G.M., who was supported by W. Bro. Rev. Geo. Colman, P.D.P. G.M., and the following officers of Prov. Grand Lodge: W. Bro. Wm. Pigott, P.G.S.W.; F. Watson, P.G.J.W.; Rev. G. W. Lowe, P.G. Chap.; H. Watson, P.G. Reg.; F. D. Marsden, P.G. Sec.; Jack Sutcliffe, P.G.S.D.; Jas. Robinson, P.G.J.D.; E. Chamberlain, P.G.S. of W.; Geo. Nelson, P.G.D. of C.; Robt. Nicholson, P.G.A.D. of C.; W. S. Bladen, P.G.S.B.; W. Mason, P.G.O.; J. Queenborough, P.G.P.; F. Goodhurd, 712, H. Sharp, 1304, E. R. Dibben, 588, A. Field, 1282, P.G. Stewards; Benj. Box, 422, P. G. Tyler.

Letters of apology were received from Bros. C. M. Nesbitt, P.G. Treasurer, 712; E. E. Jevons, 1286, P.G.S.; W. Smith, 272, P.G.S.; also Bros. W. G. Moore, P.P.G. Reg.; W. E. Howlett, 422, P.P.G.D. of C.; and J. Hurup, 702, P.P.G.J.D.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in form punctually at 1 p.m., the roll call of the lodges producing no less than 200 representatives; but on making allowance for several of the brethren being members of more than one lodge, it was found that the actual number of brethren present was 172.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Brigg, on Thursday, June 6th, 1876, having been read and confirmed,

The financial statement was read by Bro. Watson, P.G. Reg. (in the absence of Bro. Nesbitt, P.G. Treas.), showing a balance in hand of £26 6s. 9d.

The Provincial Grand Registrar's returns showed a total of 845 members in 1876, as against 784 in 1875, being an increase of 61 subscribing members.

The report of the Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence was read by Bro. Marsden, P.G. Sec., and Sec. of the Committee, showing a balance in hand of £76 7s. 1d., out of which grants to the amount of £35 had been awarded to various petitioners at a meeting of the board held that day at the Masonic Hall, Horn-castle. We have much satisfaction in recording the fact that this fund has now £550 securely invested, and that for several years past it has been the means of alleviating a large amount of misery and distress.

Bro. W. H. Radley, 838, P.P.G.J.W. and Sec. of the

Provincial Grand Charity Committee, read an interesting report of the children and aged Freemasons of Lincolnshire now provided for in one or other of the three great central Masonic institutions, which we regret that want of space will prohibit us publishing; also a report of the Provincial Grand Charity Committee, held at Horn-castle that morning, at which it was determined to give the unanimous support of the province at the next election of candidates for admission to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to Kate Louisa Parker, daughter of the late Bro. H. J. Parker, 588, W.M. of the St. Botolph's Lodge in 1866.

Bro. James Fowler, P.P.G.S.W., stated that he had received £737 17s. 7d. towards a memorial of the late Bro. Rev. George Oliver, D.D. who for many years held the appointment of D. Prov. G. Master of this province, whose name is well known throughout the world as a zealous advocate of Freemasonry, and the author of several Masonic works. The sum of one thousand guineas is required for this memorial, which, it is contemplated, will secure a perpetual presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Fowler for his exertions hitherto, as also to Bro. Radley, and Bro. Fowler kindly undertook to receive further subscriptions until the object of the memorial was accomplished.

Bro. C. M. Nesbitt, 712, was unanimously re-elected as Provincial Grand Treasurer, and Bros. Fowler and Griffin were re-elected as Auditors.

The following officers of Prov. Grand Lodge were appointed for the ensuing year by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master:—

R. J. Ward, 297	Prov. G.S.W.
H. Sharp, 1304	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. William Lynes, M.D., 588	Prov. G.Chap.
H. Watson, 297	Prov. G. Reg.
F. D. Marsden, 712	Prov. G. Sec.
Thos. Fryer, 1282	Prov. G.S.D.
H. Shepherd, 838	Prov. G.J.D.
G. J. Bell, 1482	Prov. G.S. of W.
R. Nicholson, 1304	Prov. G.D.C.
W. F. Vise, 469	Prov. G.A.D.C.
J. H. Gay, 426	Prov. G.S.B.
William Marshall, 792	Prov. G.St.B.
T. H. Nicholson, 1386	Prov. P.G.O.
G. G. Birkett, 712	Prov. G.P.
R. Goodman, 422	Prov. G.S.
Jas. Robinson, 469	Prov. G.S.
W. B. Oliver, 712	Prov. G.S.
H. Clark, 792	Prov. G.S.
H. Nicholson, 1304	Prov. G.S.
Robert Garfit, 1600	Prov. G.S.
Benjamin Box, 422	Prov. G. Tyler.

Hearty good wishes having been expressed, Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet provided at the Bull Hotel, under the care of Bro. Caswell Box, the proprietor. The chair was occupied by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, supported on his right and left by Bro. the Rev. G. Colman, 426, P.D.P.G.M., and Bro. the Rev. Wm. Lynes, M.D., 588, P.G. Chap., and many other distinguished brethren. The cloth having been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the brethren separating at an early hour.

Too much praise cannot be given to the W.M. and officers of the Olive Union for their attention to the comfort of their visitors. The very tasteful arrangement of the Corn Exchange, where the lodge was held, was greatly admired; not the least noticeable item of adornment being a very elegant and valuable banner lately presented to the Prov. Grand Lodge by Bro. John Hadfield, 792, P.P.J.G.D., which appeared for the first time this day in a Provincial Grand Lodge. It was designed by Bro. James Fowler of Louth.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on Wednesday, May 2nd, under the banner of Chapter Philanthropic, No. 304. Present:—M.E. Comps. Bentley Shaw, J.P., D.L. P.Z. 273, Prov. G. Superintendent; M. M. de Bartolome, M.D., P.Z. 139, Prov. G.H.; T. W. Tew, J.P., P.Z. 495, P. Prov. G.H.; Manoah Rhodes, J.P., P.Z. 302, Prov. G. J.; W. W. Widdop, P.Z. 275, P. Prov. G.J.; Henry Day, J.P., P.Z. 208, P. Prov. G.J.; Thomas Hill, P.Z. 302, P. Prov. G.J.; Henry Smith, P.Z. 302, 387, 495, Prov. G.S.E.; Benjamin Broughton, Z. 302, as Prov. G.S.N.; John Booth, P.Z. 258, P. Prov. G.S.N.; Thomas Ruddock, P.Z. 275, as Prov. G.P. Sej.; and Acting Principals, Past First Principals, and companions of Chapters 139, 154, 208, 242, 258, 265, 275, 289, 590, 296, 302, 304, 306, 308, 337, 387, 441, 495, 521, 690, 827, 837, 1224.

The Prov. G. Chapter was opened in due form by Ex. Comp. Bentley Shaw, Prov. G. Superintendent, and the officers of Prov. G. Chapter, at 4.15 p.m.

The Prov. G. Superintendent was then saluted according to ancient custom, and in acknowledging the same expressed the great satisfaction it gave him to see so splendid a meeting, and warmly thanked the companions of the Philanthropic Chapter for their invitation to meet once more at Leeds.

In referring to the progress of Royal Arch Masonry in the province, he had come to the conclusion that it had not progressed as he had anticipated and desired, there being at present upwards of 3000 Craft, and only 838 Royal Arch Masons; he found that in 1869 there were 23 chapters and 563 Royal Arch Masons; in 1870, 576; 1871, 616; 1872, 644; 1873, 671; 1874, 733; 1875, 797; 1876, 838, and 26 chapters; he hoped that those who listened to him would use all proper and legitimate means to encourage

eligible brethren, desirous of doing so, to join their ranks. With the exception of Chapter Integrity, No. 380, Morley, he rejoiced to find that all the returns had been made, and thanked the Prov. G. Registrar for his exertions, and the interest he had taken in the resuscitation of several chapters. His best thanks were also due to Comps. Hopkinson, 265; F. W. W. Booth, 387; and D. Allison Shaw, 827; for their successful endeavours to promote the prosperous action of their respective chapters.

He must allude in passing to the very suitable notice placed upon the agenda paper by the Prov. G. Registrar, relating to the bye-laws of private chapters. It had long been his anxious desire that each chapter should be provided with properly certified bye-laws for their guidance, and he held in his hand a printed draft of bye-laws, which he had hastily perused, but believed that they would be found, with the necessary variations, to embrace all that was required for large as well as small chapters. In conclusion, he desired earnest consideration to the several matters to be brought before the chapter.

The minutes of Prov. Grand Chapter, holden at the new Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford, on Wednesday, the 15th November, 1876, were confirmed.

Moved by Comp. W. W. Widdop (pursuant to notice), seconded by Comp. W. Blackburn, and resolved:—"That the sum of ten pounds be paid out of the funds of the Prov. G. Chapter to the R.M.B. Male Annuity Fund."

Moved by Comp. C. L. Mason, Prov. G. Registrar (pursuant to notice), seconded by Comp. M. M. de Bartolomé, and resolved:—"That the draft proposed bye-laws, a copy of which was submitted in print, should be furnished to the three Acting Principals of each Chapter, for their consideration, with a view to their being adopted by each Chapter in this Province, with variations of names, fees, &c., and such modifications as may be deemed necessary by the respective Chapters, and that each Chapter be requested to send such amended draft for approval before the end of the present year."

The Prov. G. Superintendent here took the opportunity of impressing upon the Acting Principals of Chapters now present, the great desirability of their giving immediate attention and earnest consideration to the subject of this resolution, involving so materially as it does, the good government of the several Chapters in this Province, and he expressed a strong wish that each draft bye-laws may be sent in as early as possible, but certainly not later than the 31st December next, so that they may be duly examined, approved, and certified before the annual meeting of Prov. G. Chapter in May, 1878.

The balance sheet having been read by Comp. John Wordsworth, on behalf of the Treasurer.

Moved by Comp. M. M. Bartolomé; seconded by Comp. Manoh Rhodes; and resolved:—"That the balance sheet now read be adopted and entered on the minutes, the balance in the W. R. Union Bank being £282 6s. 1d."

The companions having resigned their collars, the Prov. G. Superintendent appointed and invested the following companions as officers for the ensuing twelve months, viz:—

W. Blackburn, P.Z. 337	Prov. G.H.
J. Booth, P.Z. 258	Prov. G.J.
H. Smith, P.Z. 402, 387, 495	Prov. G.S.E.
M. E. Naylor, P.Z. 154	Prov. G.S.N.
J. Hopkinson, P.Z. 265	Prov. G.P.S.
J. Fawcett, P.Z. 258	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
C. J. Walshaw, P.Z. 448	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
J. Fisher, P.Z. 61 (Elected)	Prov. G. Treas.
C. L. Mason, P.Z. 404	Prov. G. Sec.
J. Rhodes, P.Z. 208	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
W. F. Wilkinson, P.Z. 441	Prov. G. Std. Br.
F. W. W. Booth, P.Z. 387	Prov. G.D.C.
J. Marshall, P.Z. 521	Prov. G.O.
R. E. Collinson, P.Z. 837; W. F. Smithson, P.Z. 289; A. M. Matthews, P.Z. 302; C. M. Hartley, P.Z. 242	Prov. G. Stwds.

Moved by Comp. W. Widdop, seconded by Comp. T. W. Tew, and resolved:—"That Comp. John Fisher be re-elected Treasurer, and that the best thanks of Prov. G. Chapter be accorded to him for his past highly-valued services."

Moved by the Prov. G. Superintendent, seconded by Comp. W. Blackburn, and resolved:—"That the best thanks of Prov. G. Chapter be presented to the Acting Principals, Officers, and Companions of the Chapter Philanthropic, No. 304, for their hearty reception and liberal entertainment of the Prov. G. Chapter."

The Prov. G. Superintendent enquired if any Chapter desired to invite Prov. G. Chapter for the next meeting on Wednesday, the 7th of November, when Comp. W. W. Widdop, on behalf of Perseverance, No. 275, invited the companions to meet under their banner at Huddersfield upon that occasion.

The Prov. G. Chapter was then closed in due form at 5.30 p.m.

The companions repaired to the banquet hall, where upwards of eighty partook of a substantial repast, the Superintendent presiding. Several loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and responded to, and a most harmonious meeting was brought to a close about 8 p.m.

The *Birmingham Post* reports the death, at Saltburn-by-Sea, of Bro. John Jones, the founder of the Iron and Steel Institute, of which he was the secretary until his death. Bro. Jones was one of the most ardent advocates of arbitration in connection with the manufactured iron trade, and has done much to promote the success of arbitration in the settlement of trade questions. He was the principal mover in the establishment of the British Iron Trade Association, and also founded and edited the *Iron and Coal Trade Review*. He was about 44 years of age.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of this Institution met on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Creton in the chair. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, Hyde Pullen, Captain N. G. Phillips, Dr. Jabez Hogg, John G. Stevens, John Newton, L. Stean, W. Hale, R. Wentworth Little, James Brett, George Bolton, Raynham W. Stewart, H. Browne, T. Cubitt, W. Hilton, Chas. F. Hogard, Benj. Head, Charles Lacey, E. Gottheil, H. Massey (Freemason), and J. Terry (Secretary.)

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, Bro. Terry announced the death of four annuitants, after having received respectively £253, £165, £31, and £198. Bro. Terry next read the list of members on the Board of Management who were elected at Grand Lodge of Wednesday week, and which appeared in our last issue.

The Chairman, in reference to the repairs lately conducted at the asylum at Croydon, said that the Committee had been down there to inspect them, and he was able to say that all the work had been extremely well done. Any one who would be good enough to go and see, he felt sure would say the same. The comfort of the inmates had been carefully attended to, and it would be much greater now than ever it was before.

Bros. Col. Creton, Benj. Head, R. W. Stewart, J. A. Farnfield, and S. Rawson were then elected the Audit and Financial Committee for the year. Half her late husband's annuity was granted to one widow, and a cheque was ordered to be sent to the Provincial Grand Treasurer for South Wales, Western Division, for £10 10s. 0d., being the amount he had erroneously overpaid as the Provincial Grand Lodge's subscription at the last festival.

A letter having been received from a brother, asking whether he was not entitled to six votes for a gift of £10, without his being a Steward, the brethren decided that that was not the meaning of Law 19 of the Institution, but that the gift only carried four votes.

The brethren then placed one unsuccessful candidate from Denham at last election on the list of annuitants, one annuitant having died.

The case of a widow was recommended to the Board of Benevolence, under peculiar circumstances. Previous to the last election a letter had been received from a widow of the same name, and from the same province, withdrawing her name from the list of candidates; and the candidate's name had "withdrawn" printed against it in consequence. Votes were, therefore, not polled for the candidate, who was much disappointed afterwards to find that she had not been elected. On enquiry being made, it was found that the candidate on the list had never been withdrawn, or authorised any one to withdraw for her. She will, therefore have to come forward for election next year, and, in the meantime, the brethren resolved to recommend her to the Lodge of Benevolence for relief.

Bro. Terry asked for and obtained permission to have the use of the hall at the Asylum at Croydon for the summer entertainment to the inmates, the Institution defraying the expenses of the same. Bro. Terry afterwards informed the Committee that from the 1st of Jan. last to the present time he had received and paid into the bankers of the Institution subscriptions to the amount of £11,997 12s. 6d., or only £2 7s. 6d. short of £12,000. The Committee then adjourned.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The following circular relative to the 79th Anniversary Festival, on Wednesday, 27th June, 1877, has been issued:—

Office, 6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
June, 1877.

Numerous enquiries having been received on the subject of the "Festival Stewardship" and its privileges and qualifications—the attention of brethren serving the office of Steward for the ensuing Anniversary is respectfully directed to the following:—

1. The fee of £2 2s., payable by each Steward, includes his own dinner ticket, and badge, but does not include ladies' tickets.
2. Ladies' tickets may be obtained in any number on payment of 15s. each.
3. Ladies and gentlemen will dine together at the same tables.
4. Gentlemen, not being Masons, will be admitted to the banquet.
5. Morning dress will be worn; ladies, with or without bonnets, as may be preferred.
6. By command of the M.W. Pro Grand Master, "Masonic clothing or jewels must not be worn."
7. A donation of £5 5s. by a Steward does not carry with it a vote in virtue of the Stewardship, and secures to the donor a Life Subscribership with one vote only, and does not assist in qualifying him to wear the Charity Jewel.
8. A donation of £10 10s. by a Steward, secures a Life Governorship with two votes for life, and an additional vote in virtue of the Stewardship, i.e., three votes for life, and assists in qualifying him for the Charity Jewel.
9. The Stewardship being a personal service, no Steward derives any personal advantage from money voted by a lodge, &c., in its corporate capacity, unless such money be voted specifically in his name as an individual.

FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

A list of the successful numbers in Bro. Constable's ballot for Life Governorships of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be found in the advertisement which appears on page 248.

The following announcement reached us too late for insertion in our last:—Bro. Charles Bennett, official shorthand writer to Grand Lodge, desires to inform those members of the Craft to whom he is personally known that he is not the person of the same name and occupation, who has lately been the subject of certain legal proceedings.

**PHOTOGRAPHY.**—This is an art delighted in by all who are lovers of the artistic, and has in the present age reached a degree of excellence, that, contrasted with the crude efforts of a few years back, leaves little to be desired. But there are photographers and photographers—some who lay claim to the title without the faintest shadow of a right, whilst others have devoted years, under careful tuition and practice, to the study of this very delightful process. These remarks are suggested by noting at Bro. Goodwin's "City Studio," 102, London Wall (who has devoted many years to the study), some very superior Cartes de Visites, Cabinets, both large and small, most telling in expressive likeness, and finished in a high style of art and at most moderate prices. Brethren, Masonic Halls, or Mansions are photographed to order by appointment, in the first class and perfect style referred to. The studio is well worthy a visit.

**UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION** (No. 507).—The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 29th June, 1877. The lodge will be opened by Bro. Mark S. Larham, who has kindly consented to preside on this occasion at half-past six precisely. Brethren are invited to attend.

A new book is announced by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Abbott, head master of the City of London School, entitled, "Bacon and Essex: a sketch of Bacon's Earlier Life" (Seeley, Jackson, and Co.).

**FREEMASONS IN THE LAW COURTS.**—A letter on this subject from Bro. Samuel Poynter, P.M., &c., will appear in our next.

**MR. C. L. KENNY.**—A benefit will be given at the Gaiety Theatre on the morning of Wednesday next, on behalf of this gentleman, and the result ought to be particularly satisfactory, seeing that the beneficiary is a writer who has done much excellent work in his time, and that he will receive the support of such artists as Miss Ellen Terry, Mrs. Alfred Mellon, Messrs. Irving, Sims Reeves, Santley, John Clayton, &c. Mr. Kenny has for a long time been prostrated by a very painful and dangerous illness.

On Wednesday evening the sixty-second festival of the Caledonian Asylum took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, the Duke of Buccleuch in the chair. Subscriptions amounting to upwards of £1000 were announced.

On Wednesday afternoon, the musical fête given by the Apollo University Lodge of Freemasons was held in the beautiful gardens at Worcester College, Oxford, and was largely attended.

A marriage, which will take place in August next, has been arranged between the Lady Mayoress (Miss White) and Mr. Cecil Price.

It has been suggested by numerous season ticket-holders in, and passengers by, the South Eastern Railway (North Kent and Mid Kent Lines), that some substantial recognition should be made to Bro. George Abbott of his efficient services, uniform courtesy, and marked attention, whilst discharging his responsible duties as station master of the Cannon-street Terminus since its opening, nearly eleven years ago. Bro. Abbott's connection with the company exceeds a period of thirty-two years, and the highly satisfactory manner in which his multifarious and difficult duties have been discharged, justly prove him to be a most valuable as well as trustworthy public servant, and it is proposed that a suitable monetary testimonial should be presented to him by his friends. In order the more effectually to carry out this proposition, numerous influential gentlemen have formed themselves into a committee.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

We have received Bro. David Allan's polished and truly Masonic effusion.

C. B., P. M.—Declined with thanks.

The following reports stand over:—Joppa Lodge, 188; Pattison Lodge, 913; Llewellyn Lodge, 1472; Lodge of Israel, 1502; United Military Lodge, 1536; Abercorn, 1549; Dramatic Lodge, 1609; Mount Lebanon Chapter, 73; Mariners' Chapter, 249; Era Chapter, 1423.

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

"Bulletin du Grand Orient," "New York Dispatch," "Keystone," "Bauhütte," and "Risorgimento."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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## BIRTHS.

ALTMAN.—On the 6th inst., at Eagle House, Highgate, the wife of Bro. A. J. Altman, of a daughter.

CROSS.—On the 11th inst., the wife of C. J. Cross, of Brentford, of a son.

FRASER.—On the 9th inst., at Melville-street, Edinburgh, the wife of W. S. Fraser, of twins (son and daughter).

## DEATHS.

ELLIS.—On the 3rd inst., at 43, Gladstone-road, Liverpool, aged 35, Sarah, wife of Bro. John Ellis, S.W. Alliance Lodge, 667, S. E. Mariners' Chap., 249.

HAMILTON.—On the 9th inst., at Chesham-place, the Right Hon. Robert A. C. Nisbet Hamilton.

PATERSON.—On the 18th inst., at Montgomerie, Tarbolton, Ayrshire, Anne Fowlds, wife of W. Paterson.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 1877.

THE LAST QUARTERLY  
COMMUNICATION.

The proceedings of the last Quarterly Communication will have been perused with the interest they deserve by all our readers and correspondents. Indeed, a more creditable Quarterly Communication, creditable, that is, to the Order and to all who shared in the debates has never taken place. Bro. Lord Donoughmore's speech will be hailed with genuine satisfaction, not only on account of its straightforward, simple, and manly tone, but also for the promise it holds out of one who is likely to do the State and the Craft much good service. We have never read any address which has given us more genuine pleasure and satisfaction, and we fancy that many of our brethren will share in our sentiments. The remarks of our distinguished Bro. J. M. Clabon will meet with, as they always merit, respectful attention from us all. We agree with his view, though it may not be popular, of limiting the Board of Benevolence. Once upon a time we thought otherwise, we freely admit, and feel that the objections to such a change were insuperable. But we have lived to see the "error of our ways," and we fully concur with Bro. Clabon, in thinking, as we have ourselves ventured to point out previously, that a permanent Board will give unity and system to charitable administration, which are now, in our humble opinion, sadly wanting. But the change requires to be carefully considered, as it will, when completed, be the greatest alteration ever introduced into our Constitution for over one hundred years. We are very glad that Bro. Clabon has drawn attention to the subject of "Exhibitions," about which there can be but one opinion in the abstract, though there may be many in respect of the "modus in quo" by which they are to be set up and worked. As regards Grand Lodge giving exhibitions to the schools, our difficulty is this. The funds to be employed are the funds of the whole Craft, contributed by all our lodges and brethren. Can you then limit fairly the use of such exhibitions, out of such funds, even to the Masonic Schools? We hesitate very much in thinking that we properly can. But why not form an "Educational Board or Scholarship Board," or whatever you like to call it, and grant exhibitions to all sons and daughters of Masons who pass a requisite examination? We do not for one moment contend, that Grand Lodge in its munificence cannot grant a sum for exhibitions for the schools, because it clearly could do so. But if all sons and daughters of Masons, educated at the schools or not, could compete for the exhibitions, more justice, we think, would be done to all alike. We need not go into the machinery of such a useful appropriation of our surplus funds, because there is no practical difficulty in the way of the necessary examinations. But we shall be glad to have the opinion of those in our pages who have considered the subject carefully, only asking them to avoid all needless points and any personal topics, and simply to write "ad rem," and as those who sincerely desire to advance the good cause of educational progress.

FREEMASONS BEFORE THE LAW  
COURTS.

We print in another column an extract from the law courts' report, which must raise very serious thoughts in all our minds as regards the evil tendency, just now, of Freemasons to rush into the law courts. The observations of Mr. Justice Field will not fail to commend themselves to the notice of all our readers, and we trust will have a proper effect upon all law-court loving Masons amongst us. It is clearly a burlesque on our Masonic profession, a proof of the hopeless unreality of much that we descant upon, when, as Freemasons, we unnecessarily apply to the law courts on matters in which Masonic

questions are involved. We do not say that Freemasons are never justified in appealing to the courts of law, because there are undoubtedly occasions when it is both competent and necessary, perhaps, for them to do so, and the Queen's courts are open to all her subjects. But we object to and we do find fault with, an apparent readiness to come before the public with Masonic disputes, and on very trivial grounds, and we trust that Mr. Justice Field's seasonable words may have a good effect upon us all alike. As far as we can make out the subject matter of dispute, it seems to be essentially Masonic, and we feel sure that if it be brought before the Grand Master, it can at once be disposed of and properly adjudicated. We trust that we have heard the last of these needless Masonic appeals to a court of law, on questions, above all, which might be settled within the Craft, and not come before the public at all. We may probably recur to the subject in our next.

ARE EXCHANGES WRONG IN  
CHARITY VOTING.

By a discussion which has recently been going on in the *Freemason*, it will be seen that our esteemed Bro. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., dogmatically declares that all exchanges are wrong, and cannot be defended on principle, and that they lead to all sorts of evil, &c., &c. We, on the contrary, as dogmatically declare, in our opinion, that exchanges are right, can be defended on principle, and lead to no particular sort of evil whatever. When doctors differ who shall agree? As, however, there is a "rationale" for everything here, we think it well to point out why, as far as we are able to discern the point in dispute, there is nothing wrong in exchanges on any grounds you like to take up, legal, moral, reasonable, or even sentimental. If Bro. Simpson's argument is good for anything it must go to this extent, that the voter must use his voting paper, because, although Bro. Simpson concedes, (as how could he do otherwise), that a voter cannot be compelled to vote, he says, that if he does vote he must vote for a proper case, &c. Here then we see that the two following points in the argument are already conceded, first, that no one can be compelled to vote at all, and, secondly, that "the most distressing case" theory is given up as no longer tenable. Where then are we now? Simply in this position: that if a subscriber votes he must vote for one of the cases on the list, (a self-evident proposition, as he could not vote for a case on another charity list), and that a voter cannot give his votes to another voter. Can he not? Why not? What is there to prevent him, legally or morally? The whole object of the voting power and privilege being to secure the election of accepted candidates, it follows, as a natural consequence, that all arrangements which tend to the election of a candidate, unless forbidden by the laws of the Institution, are not only lawful and equitable, but morally proper and right. The whole theory and practice of exchanges proceed on this assumption, that the case is a proper case, and can thus only be rendered successful. There are many cases put on our lists which come from provinces where the voters are few, and where they are not strong enough to carry a candidate. To contend that there is anything wrong in a province endeavouring, by a friendly arrangement with another province, to support its candidate this time, so as to carry in its own candidate next time, is, begging our good Past Chaplain's pardon, a sublimation of sentiment, as unreal as it is impractical. For see what the result must be. One of our smaller provinces has a case on the list. It has, so to say, 600 votes after much exertion, while it requires 1000. Is it not lawful as an illustration, for East Lancashire to say to West Yorkshire—if you will aid us to elect our candidate this election, we will aid you next election, because if it is not able to do so its poor candidate is inevitably left out in the cold. This is no imaginary case, but one that happens every day, and what the province may lawfully do the individual brother may do. Our kindly publisher has lately succeeded in carrying two excellent cases, one for the widows, the other for the male annuitants. Was it not lawful for him to secure the election of two



thoroughly good cases, by saying to another brother, if you will help me this election I will help you next? Surely it was, on every ground, both of legal custom, moral right and fair play, and it is really pushing Masonic ethics beyond all proportion and out of all common sense, when it is gravely laid down that it is Masonically wrong to exchange votes. The difficulty in this world is always to keep the golden mean as between hyper-sentimentality and hyper-laxity, alike of teaching and duty, and we feel sure that it is Masonic puritanism and Masonic precisianism in the highest degree, to declare on any grounds whatever, or on no grounds at all, that exchange of votes is wrong or unmasonic. There is nothing to forbid an exchange, nothing against it in our laws and regulations, and having demonstrated on every ground of justice and morality, the fallacy of the argument against exchanges generally, we can only repeat, that in practice they are alike needful and expedient, proper and equitable, rightful and defensible in the highest degree.

### A RECENT INCIDENT IN PARIS.

Some of our friends and many of our opponents seem inclined to make a "little capital" out of the arrest of the "President du Conseil Municipal" of Paris, a few days ago, and so we allude to the subject to-day. It appears that M. Bonnet Duverdier is a Freemason, and was arrested on his return from a lodge meeting, when up goes the cry, of course, "Oh, those wicked Freemasons!" Now we beg to say that with the political views of M. Bonnet Duverdier we, as Anglo-Saxon Freemasons, have nothing whatever to do, neither do we in the smallest measure sympathize with the alleged proclivities of our excitable and unwise brother. All Freemasons deplore the excesses of the Commune, alike in the violence of the revolutionary and barbaric tendencies then manifested, and protest against the brutal massacres of La Roquette and the Rue Haxo, and the absurd proceedings of a clique of French Freemasons, (not the Grand Orient, by the way), which brought, contempt and disgrace upon Masonry in general and French Freemasonry in particular. If it be true, as one of the correspondents of our English papers states, that M. Bonnet Duverdier, Freemason though he be, terminating an inflammatory address to the radicals of St. Denis, exclaimed, referring to the recent act of Marshal MacMahon, "Let us first fight them at the ballot box, and if we are beaten there let us employ those legal means which we have the right to use against traitors;" if it be also correct that after he had uttered these words, according to the testimony of a number of those who heard them, he made use of a gesture, to give greater emphasis to his meaning, that suggested to his hearers the massacres of La Roquette and the Rue Haxo, then we can only say that he is, in our opinion, properly consigned to prison, to appear before the criminal courts of his own country. But we do not in England assume a man to be guilty until he is proved to be so, and we will therefore hope that such allegations are exaggerated or mistaken. For if there is one thing which we learn as Freemasons, it is a due obedience to the laws of any country, whatever its form of government may be, which for a time becomes the place of our residence or affords us its protection. And that, therefore, never can be the true teaching of Freemasonry, in our opinion, which leads either to violence of language as against lawful authority or any participation in plots and conspiracies against the ruling power, to social disorder or riotous proceedings of any kind. As an Order, as we before observed, we have nothing in common with the heated reveries or the turbulent proceedings of Revolution, Socialism, or Communism in which some mistaken persons like to indulge. We distrust violent speeches, we disavow illegal acts, we resist social disorder, we repress anarchical violence, and as patriotic citizens, as well as Freemasons, we would make any sacrifice to uphold tranquillity and order, to maintain good government, and lawfully constituted authority. We are taught in all our lodges always to remember the unqualified allegiance due to the Sovereign of our native land, and warmly to demonstrate our devotion and affection

to all the members of her Royal House. In former days of dark and cruel menace, the Freemasons in Great Britain rallied as one man round the throne of their august Sovereign, and should circumstances require it (which we trust will never again be the case) WE WILL DO THE SAME IN OUR TIME AND GENERATION. We are emphatically a most loyal Fraternity, and will ever remain so. Over our portals and on our banners are inscribed in letters of gold "LOYALTY AND CHARITY;" inasmuch as we are charitable to the brotherhood and charitable to all men, and loyal—yes, always most loyal—to our Queen, our Country, and our God. We had written the above when we see in the *Times* that on Tuesday, June 8th, before the Police Correctionelle, M. Bonnet Duverdier was charged with MM. Chambard, Alexandre, and Boyer; for having "insulted and threatened the Marshal," and sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment and 2000 francs fine. We are told that the accused persons did not appear. The witnesses confirmed in a more or less precise manner the terms of the accusation, according to which M. Bonnet Duverdier had insulted and threatened the Marshal. There was no defence. M. Symonet, the Deputy of the Procureur-General, supported the prosecution. While we deeply regret that any such incident should have taken place at all, we once more repeat that as Freemasons we openly disavow the slightest sympathy with or the remotest participation in principles which we repudiate, and proceedings which we detest.

### A NEW MENU.

Some of us who are particular about our dinners, (and why should we not be?) may be glad to hear of a "New Menu." For as there is a sameness in everything here, so we find, that there is but little variety in our "bills of fare," for the most part, which are drawn up so carefully to entice the hungry or to gratify the fastidious. And, therefore, the following paragraph from the *World*, which has also been noticed by the *Times*, seems to us, to be worthy alike of preservation and consideration. As our contemporary truly observes—"There is such a sameness in the menus this season, that the following dishes, which were served at a dinner given by his Excellency Kuo at the Chinese Legation on the 29th of May, may be interesting and instructive."—"Yan tsai, yü ch'e tang, kuo shao yü, Chiang yao chu, kuo shao ya, chiaotsz, bombe à la Ignatieff." The first 'plat' is strongly recommended; it is the celebrated swallow-nest soup. Naturalists still differ as to whether its principal components are of animal or vegetable production. Anyhow, prejudices apart, it is excellent, and they say nutritious." Now, though this is only a "Chinese menu," and is perhaps somewhat obscure even to the "brightest" Mason amongst us, to the most "skilled" of our dining brethren, yet do not let us for that reason despise it, or pass it by either with a shrug of the shoulders or an expression of contempt. For there is a great deal of important information and of undeniable interest bound up in the composition and reality of a good menu. Some of us may remember that in that veracious and always pleasant legend, the "Last Chronicle of Barset," Mr. Crawley's friendly cousin, a genial London solicitor, objects to French dishes, and a "diner à la Russe" altogether, because, as he says, people don't like the "kickshaws" and can't enjoy the "show and flowers." He prefers to give, and he says, he find that his friends do, a good joint and a bottle of old port. In a novel once read, but almost perhaps forgotten, Mrs. Stokes, of the De Clifford Arms, declares the following menu to contain "a dinner fitting for a marcus"—"Turbot and lobster sauce, gravy soup; removed with haunch of venison, chickens in white sauce, Scotch collops, maintenong cutlets, remove with jelly, blanc mange, Charlotte of happle, and custards." But some of us may prefer the French menu, and to those who do we refer them to page 34, vol. iii. *Masonic Magazine*, where they will see a bill of fare, which will be equally appropriate to a larger gathering, as it was to Henckaby Budginton's limited and select little dinner party. In this they will be able to discover the "grundwerk," as the Germans say, of a dinner that may be eaten and enjoyed any-

where. Those of us who have perused the "Art of Dining," or pored over Walker's "Original," will realize what an indispensable ingredient in the "battle of life" a good dinner is, how it affects our digestion and our temper, our bodily health, and mental quietude, and not only will they feel how much of absolute importance for us all, poor hungry bipeds, is involved in a good dinner and a befitting "menu," but they will gratefully acknowledge our seasonable kindness, in calling attention to a matter so bound up just now with their prevailing interests, and their personal enjoyments.

### FREEMASONS IN THE LAW COURTS. QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION, JUNE 9. (Before Mr. Justice Field.)

VOIGHT V. TREVOR AND ANOTHER.

Mr. Wilberforce appeared for the plaintiff. It was, he said, a demurrer to two paragraphs in the defendant's statement of defence. The action was for libel, and the statement of claim alleged that the plaintiff was formerly a member of a lodge of Freemasons, of which the defendants were also members. The statement set out a letter, written and published by the defendants, about the unsuccessful election to the lodge of certain persons who were proposed for members.

Mr. Justice Field.—Are you a Mason?

Mr. Wilberforce.—No.

Mr. Justice Field.—Are you, Mr. Cave?

Mr. Cave.—Yes.

Mr. Justice Field.—It is contrary to the rules of Masonry to come into a Court of Law on such a matter. It will be much better to ask the Grand Master to interfere, and decide the question.

Mr. Cave.—We are perfectly ready to do so.

Mr. Wilberforce said that plaintiff had made application to the Grand Master, and he had said that it was a case for a Court of Law.

Mr. Justice Field.—There must be some error about it. Looking at the matter in dispute, I think it is eminently a matter for the Grand Master.

Mr. Cave.—I quite agree.

Mr. Justice Field.—Let it stand over, to go before the Grand Master. From what I see of it, it is a case that he will entertain.

### 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.]

### ARE EXCHANGES WRONG?

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I threatened you with another letter on this subject, in this *Freemason*, and you will see that "more meo" I am as good as my word. Are, then, exchanges wrong? It is said they are—morally—for numberless reasons unexpressed and not a few, I venture to think, altogether imaginary. What is an exchange of votes? It is simply this, that A says to B, and C says to D—"We have here, say 100 votes, in this charity. We have looked over the list. There are no doubt thirty distressing cases, but there is not a case which so commends itself to our individual judgment, as being a distressing case in itself, as to demand our support, so that we do not mean to vote at all. But, as we have a case next election, which we know to be a thoroughly bona fide case, and we also are aware that you, Bro. P.Q., consider Case 21 on the list, a very distressing one, we will lend you our votes (which otherwise we should not use), if you will help our case, which stands sadly in need of all the aid we can obtain, if it is to be successful."

This is the simple "modus procedendi," the "raison d'être" of the exchange, and though, no doubt, it is open to abuse, as is everything (what is not I should like to know here?) it has nothing wrong in it morally, in any respect whatever, nor can it possibly, properly, or fairly be arraigned as objectionable. If, indeed, the rules of the Institution said "every subscriber must use his votes," that would be a different thing altogether, but as that is an impossible regulation, and for the "must" we only read "may," so we are not bound, to make use of a "reductio ad absurdum," in order to show that the whole argument, based on such a theory, is utterly unsound, illogical, and untenable.

If the voter cannot be compelled to vote, of course he equally cannot be compelled to select any one particular case; (which is a self evident proposition, as it appears to us); but our good Bro. Simpson says, if he does not vote he is bound to exercise his own vote for some one of the candidates, and not vote through another friend. But is he? If he cannot be forced to vote at all, there is equally nothing to compel him to vote personally, and he has a perfect right legally and morally, unless the laws of the institution positively forbid it, to transfer, pro hac vice, his voting paper to another. Suppose a good brother is living far away. The Secretary sends him his voting paper, where shall we say to?—well, Erzeroum, where the Turks and Russians are blazing away at each other. But Bro. Philo returns the voting paper to a brother in London, and says: I cannot, for many reasons, enter into the merits of the cases, and I beg you to vote for the case you consider the most deserving. I have signed my voting paper; can he not do so? Is there anything wrong in what he seeks to accomplish? We cannot think there is, the more so, as it is the very principle Bro. Simpson is contending for indirectly, namely, that a local and central committee is to have the power, through superiority of knowledge, to recommend the most distressing cases. We

have only to extend this principle a little further, and then we can see at once, I think, how utterly puerile is the allegation that an exchange of votes, in the abstract or concrete, is morally wrong.

I quite admit that if money is given for votes, or Masonic votes are exchanged for non-Masonic votes, something may be said as regards such a proceeding, but these are exceptions to the general rule of "exchanges," and are so "few and so far between" as not to be really worthy of notice here. For, usually, all exchanges are most fair, open, and "above board," and conducted on the principle I have enunciated above, for the object of the institution and the benefit of some particular case. But then it is averred that much evil has come of exchanges, and that many deserving candidates have been disappointed thereby. Now, my long experience tells me, just the reverse, that many most deserving cases never would get in at all if it were not for the possibility of exchanges, and that where cases fail, they are either weak per se, or the supporters are lukewarm, or the province or district with which they are connected does not do its duty. In my long Steward chairmanship, I can truly affirm that I have never known a really good case fail, though I have seen many bad cases get in; and the change advocated by our reformers will lead to more bad cases getting in, because we shall have lost "public opinion," a great "levelling power" as to exact merit, and the best antidote to jobbery and the "caucus." So I end as I commenced. Let us "leave well alone." Our charity voting is on the whole as fair as fair can be, and wants no tinkering; but let us all seek, be we who we may, to educate our Order up to that high-minded pitch of conscientiousness, somewhat difficult I admit, so that we may set our faces against weak cases and bad cases, and improper cases, that is to say, when for one or more satisfactory reasons the case never should appear on our lists at all.

I am, yours fraternally,

AN OLD CHAIRMAN OF A CHARITY COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very sorry that the two articles in the *Freemason* of last week, together with the letter of "An Old Chairman," are based on an assumption (which I have twice openly and clearly repudiated), that I am advocating a "committee in London" which is to supersede the votes of the subscribers. I have done no such thing. I do not mean to do such a thing.

I advocate the removal of certain well-known abuses, which by time and custom have grown over the voting system, and which hundreds of Masons (and these "clear" and "careful," "thoughtful" and "intellectual") thoroughly condemn, and would fain remove.

I pass by the many hard adjectives which you apply to the proposer, as well as the propositions on these points. I leave our brethren to judge between us, and I may at once say that your courtesy in opening the discussion has already brought a host of converts to the views I have ventured to set forth.

One favour I ask—nay, one claim I must make—and that is, that I must not be credited, or discredited, with views which I have never held or put forth. I never advocated "a central committee," much less one "with unlimited power." I distinctly said in my last letter to you (June 2nd) "I proposed no committee in London."

And yet, after this, you have an article on the ground that I do!

This does not seem to me very fair, and looks a little like throwing dust to clear the air and make men see.

Our charities are the back-bone of Masonry, but if by any indirection or abuse the wrong persons get into the right place, then it were better that the charities should not exist, as the brethren are subscribing to support those for whom the charities were not intended. While some are enabled to shirk the responsibilities which God and nature have imposed upon them, and the sacred name of charity is made a proverb and a by-word.

I am glad to find, dear Sir and Brother, that you consider many "unfit" and "objectionable" candidates are thrust in upon our charities. If so, I trust that you will strongly advocate a strict preliminary investigation of claims, and then a fair and pure system of election, "leading us not into temptation," and upholding the straightforwardness of Englishmen, and the justice of Masons.

I am, yours fraternally, R. J. SIMPSON.

[We note Bro. Simpson's remarks, and will allude to them in our next.—Ed.]

#### CURTAILED REPORTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Why have you not given the details of the appeal case decided in the last Quarterly Communication, because the full statement of the ignorance of the brethren would have been very useful and beneficial. It is one thing to state the fact, simply as a fact, it is quite another, and much more important, to give us the "ipsissima verba" of the speaker.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

IGNOTUS.

[We agree with the writer, and will see what we can do to remedy the deficiency, if not this time, at any rate, another; though probably our Reporter exercised a wise discretion.—Ed.]

#### AN IMPOSTOR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A few days ago, a man, about thirty-two years of age, and representing himself to be a distressed Mason named "William Harrison," an engineer, late of New-

castle-on-Tyne, called upon me for assistance, stating that he was anxious to get to Cardiff, his native place, whither his wife and children had already been dispatched.

He stated that he had been initiated at Cardiff in Lodge No. 36, and that he was still a member of that lodge, and he gave other particulars.

I felt it my duty to write to the W.M. of No. 36, and have, by return, his polite and business-like reply to the effect that he had "caused the books of the lodge to be looked through for several years, but could not find any reference to the party named," &c.

I learn that this person has imposed upon other brethren, and I therefore ask you to publish this note as a safeguard to others.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

J. BAXTER LANGLEY,

P.M. 1423; S.W. 871, &c.

#### THE ORDERS OF ARCHITECTURE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The question arose among some young Masons as to the order of architecture the columns of the W.M. S.W., and J.W. should severally represent. All were agreed that they were the Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian, but could not agree as to how they were to be appropriated.

The question has since been submitted to older Masons and to several Preceptors, but the conflict of opinion has placed the point in a greater state of doubt and uncertainty than ever.

Will you, Sir, either personally, or by the insertion of this letter, cause an authoritative opinion to appear in the *Freemason*.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

J. C.

#### THE ENEMIES OF THE ORDER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In a recent newspaper I noticed a singular appeal, by a "Staunch Roman Catholic," to the priest of his parish, to exert his influence to suppress the "abominable Freemasons," on the grounds that they do not recognise the temporal, ecclesiastical, and spiritual power of the Pope, and are opposed to the doctrines of Christ's Church.

These are, indeed, grave charges to answer, and belong to that class of antagonism to Freemasonry which, ever and anon, arises in different parts of the world among those who are opposed to, and do not understand, its teachings. A very short time ago I had occasion to refer to a charge, somewhat similar, and still more sweeping in its character, made in Paris, and I have the honour to submit it to you now under the caption of

#### "SECRET SOCIETIES."

"It occurs about every decade that a senseless tirade of invective is levelled at Freemasonry, and the attack on this occasion does not (as is usual) arise within our own borders, but comes from la belle France, the birthplace of Lafayette, one of the best Freemasons that ever lived, and the staunchest friend of the American republic during her trials. Usually the hue and cry is from some itinerant divine (?) who has been refused admission into the Order, or seeks to gain an ephemeral popularity by denouncing an Institution, than which none more benign was ever erected. These are the men who plainly see the mote in their brother's eye, forgetful of the beam that is in their own."

"The last shot from an elder gun would be the occasion of much mirth if it were not freighted with evil attempts to falsify and injure the institution of Freemasonry, and it is cause for surprise that a dozen intelligent Frenchmen could be found in all France, in this nineteenth century, to appeal to the Corps Legislatif to suppress a Masonic lodge on the grounds that it was impious and guilty of sacrilege in its work. Their allegations was in substance (for we need not go into the absurdity of their detail) that the effigy of Christ was burned and the body desecrated and trodden under foot amid a series of diablerie and cabalistic incantations, &c., and so on ad infinitum. What the result of these monstrous falsehoods were is easily surmised, for there is no holier place on God's footstool, the earth, than the altar of a Masonic lodge."

"It would be well for this batch of Frenchmen if their clever countryman, Monsieur Renan, who wrote one of the best lives of Christ extant, should handle them severely and teach them, if possible, a little common sense. So far as any attempt to desecrate the person or the character of Christ, we are sure that no true Freemason could be guilty of the impious act, and every word and syllable of the so-called 'Lord's Prayer'—the Pater Noster—is revered by every Freemason, of whatever origin, whether he be Jew or Gentile. What Masonry requires of every man is faith in God; and whether he joins with the inspired psalmist in worshipping his Creator in the grand language of the 95th Psalm, or adopts the modern hymn 'Jesus of Nazareth passes by,' there are none in the Order to question his right to worship and praise God according to his own conscience, its tenets being Faith, Hope, and Charity. Freemasonry was born when the everlasting hills came looming up in chaotic silence from depths profound; it was christened by the holy prophets; it accompanied the children of Israel as they wandered through the wilderness, and its foundation is upon the 'Rock of Ages.'"

"The value of Freemasonry is in its universality; its strength in its humanising influences upon all mankind. It is not necessary for the true brother to 'hang the instructive symbol o'er his door,' nor do flaunting jewels, badges, and regalia make him a corner stone, but that inherent sense of the dignity of true manhood which makes 'all the world akin,' and renders it impossible that he can do wrong to any man."

"We have no doubt that many secret societies exist which are inimical to good governments and injurious to

the peace and welfare of the people, but they are comparatively powerless before the onward march of the civilisation of our times, and although some remnants of the 'Thugs' and the 'Stranglers' may still exist in Asia, and pursue their nefarious avocations, even those are rapidly becoming extinct; so we may also say of the terrible 'Holy (?) Vhone' and the 'Klu Klux Klan.' Where are they, except in the imagination of the credulous?"

"As we have not contemplated a defence of Freemasonry, but simply treated it from the standpoint taken by the handful of frightened and sapient (?) Frenchmen, we can assure them that the beneficent and allwise plan of creation for the spiritual, mental, and physical development of man is the absolute test of Freemasonry—its whole principles being guided by, and resting upon, the almighty power of Truth!"

Thus it will be seen that the views of the gentleman from Ireland and those of the twelve Parisians are, in a great measure, identical, and we recommend the study of Freemasonry to them, before they are again guilty of the absurdity of condemning or impugning it.

Whether, as is asserted, Pope Pius IX. is a Freemason we are not prepared to prove; but it is a well settled point that a very good Roman Catholic can be a very good Freemason—otherwise the universality of the Order would be at once brought into question and dispute—hence that is the "argumentum ad hominem."

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

ALFRED WELDMEN.

#### MASONS' MARKS, RUNIC SIGNS, AND LETTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Owing to being absent from home I did not get my *Freemason* of May 26th until it was too late to reply to Bro. John Yarker's letter, and my books being inaccessible (for the same reason), I was unable to give Bro. Yarker the information he requires, but if he wishes to see the marks found on the composition bricks used in building "Shushan the Palace," he will find six columns of such builders' marks in Mr. W. K. Loftus's "Researches in Chaldea and Susiana."

This I stated in one of my former letters.

As regards Runic signs and letters, they seem to resemble the roots of form (the signs of the Hindoo faith), which are derived from the triangle and circle. Modifications or combinations of these were (as I stated in my letter of June 2nd) also used by the old Freemasons to designate themselves in signing their work for the inspection of the overseer or master. The Runes and Binderuners of Scandinavia are known to have been of Eastern origin, and they resemble the Coelbreun y Beirdd of the Celtic Druids. They also resemble the Cuneatic alphabet, and are found on the monuments of all religions.

Mr. Deutche states (as I said in my letter of May 19th) that these marks are found in the foundations of the Temple of Jerusalem. These old Masons' marks are also found in Egyptian and Phoenician ruins, on Druidical rocks, and on Persian altars without temples, also on Persian palaces, Etruscan vases, Turkish buildings, Mohammedan mosques, and on Hebrew tombs, as well as on Christian castles and cathedrals. One of these marks (the number five of Buddha, the Solomon's seal of Gnostic art) appears as a Masonic sign at the side of the sign of the candlestick on the tomb of one Mellelosa, a Jewess of Turlonia, in Catalonia, about A.D. 500.

Wilson, in his "Pre-historic Annals" (p. 535), gives 11 letters of the Runic alphabet, and these are found to be identical with the marks of mediæval Masons. Others may be obsolete Runes, such as northern antiquaries recognise in the Bomaerker or house marks used by the Swedish and Norwegian peasantry to sign or indicate their personal property. Many of the marks are the same as the caste marks or Yantras of India. It is believed that they date from some ancient civilisation whence the Freemasons also proceeded. By their "marks" or signs the works of the several Masons were known, and his "sign" was quoted when the Mason came for payment of his due, or had to suffer fines for damaged blocks.

O'Brien, in his work on the "Round Towers of Ireland," says that "Saer," the Celtic word for a Mason, had three significations—viz., (1) free, (2) Mason, and (3) Son of God. The Hebrew word "aliben" expresses less than this, but the English title "Freemason," gives two of the meanings which O'Brien attaches to the word "Saer."

In France, upwards of 2000 Masons' marks, ranging from the thirteenth to the sixteenth centuries, have been collected. Both England and France are rich in Gothic art, which dates even further back, but no trace remains of the contracts or labours connected with the erections of buildings containing these treasures.

In the year 1780, Father Guglielmo della Valle found in Sienna the original contract of an agreement dated October 3rd, 1266, and made in the church of St. John at Pisa, by the Master Mason or Operarius of the Duomo of Sienna. By this document (which is in Latin) he agrees to take with him to Sienna, as his disciples or scholars, Nicolo, Arnolfo di Cambio di Colle, and Jacopo di Lapo. The Master Mason doubtless carried out his agreement, as these names afterwards became great and famous.

Bro. Yarker says that some years ago he pointed out that a large proportion of the old English marks were well formed letters of the Runic alphabet, but occasionally Masonic symbols and even Roman letters. I am much surprised to learn that as "this truth did not square with the assertions of the recently concocted and modern Mark degrees," he was voted heterodox.

As a Past Registrar in Mark Masonry, I cannot help saying that I am afraid Bro. Yarker in his statement has omitted some of the facts or some important details, as in what he states in his letter I fail to see anything very heterodox, and, as a matter of information, shall be glad



to learn what there is in his statement that "does not square" with Mark Masonry.  
I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
W. E. N., No. 766.

#### MISUSE OF MASONIC EMBLEMS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As inexperienced brethren may possibly be misled by the display of the emblems of Masonry by those who have no right to use them, I am glad to see a brother call attention to the evil.

To add my mite for the information of the Craft, I may mention that in many shops for the sale of imitation jewellery, scarf pins, having the square and compasses in imitation silver, may be bought for one penny each.

Beside the pamphlet mentioned by "C. F." other medical adventurers use the same means of calling attention to their publications; and even the proprietors of travelling shooting galleries, and the photographic caravans seen at every fair, impudently use Masonic insignia.

Yours fraternally,

ROUGH ASHLAR.

#### Reviews.

A BRIEF MEMOIR OF THE REV. R. MOREHEAD, embossed in Moon's Type for the Blind. 104, Queen's-road, Brighton.

We have seen this most interesting work, which does very great credit to Dr. Moon, alike for the simplicity of his system of reading so clearly manifested, and the admirable execution of the work itself. We have looked over many specimens of Dr. Moon's invaluable labours, but there is not one of them which appears to us more clearly to demand notice, (though it be only a passing one) or more truly claim our admiration and approval. Some of our readers may not know how many and great have been Dr. Moon's unwearied labours for the mental, and, we will add, spiritual illumination of all who are suffering the great privation of sight. It is impossible to read his list of works, now happily within the reach of all blind people, once, alas, really and literally consigned to "outer darkness," so to say, as far as any intellectual improvement was concerned, without feeling strongly what thanks are due to that good worker in the great army of humanitarian toilers, and how much he deserves, not only the gratitude of all who, like himself, are unable to enjoy the great gift of sight, but in truth of all who value honest efforts for the improvement and welfare of mankind. Indeed it may be a fair question whether the valuable services of Dr. Moon should not be rewarded by a national pension, and though the fund at the disposal of the Prime Minister is very limited, few claimants, in our humble opinion, possess a better case or a fairer claim. For how can we measure what comfort and happiness the embossed type has brought to the mind of many a blind person? The more so, as the blind are, as we all know, keenly sensitive of and deeply influenced by intellectual and religious influences, as if in God's providence, though one great faculty, in his inscrutable wisdom, was denied them, others were invigorated and even developed beyond their fellows. We feel that we cannot say too much, honestly, in favour of the zealous and philanthropic labours of Dr. Moon, and did our space permit, we should be glad to say a good deal more. The book he has so admirably reproduced is a very interesting one in itself, being the life of a very able and worthy clergyman, Dr. Morehead, who, to use the old Scotch phrase, did his duty "God-ward and man-ward," faithfully and truly in his time and generation. A companion and friend of many of those distinguished men who at one time shed much intellectual greatness and brightness on Edinburgh society, he ended his peaceful and useful career in a quiet English parsonage, among the hills of Cleveland. A man of many gifts and much power, his life and correspondence have been edited by his son, Dr. Morehead, well known by his long medical services in India. Sir Charles Lowther, the munificent supporter of Dr. Moon, (himself a fellow sufferer), and who married a daughter of Dr. Morehead, has thought well thus to preserve for all alike the memory of a good man.

He, as well as ourselves, will agree with Old Shirley, when he says

Your heads must come

To the cold tomb.

Only the actions of the just

Smell sweet and blossom in their dust.

We will only add that should any of those for whom we write, know any one in want of any of Dr. Moon's valuable works, we shall be happy to hear from them, as we can, we believe, obtain them for them.

THE ROSICRUCIAN. G. Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.

The number for April is before us, and maintains its reputation and ability. For those who delight in the theories and researches of mysticism and of hermetic "apocrypha," the *Rosicrucian* has many attractions, and we have no doubt but that it is largely patronised by the members of the High Grades. It is admirably printed and carefully edited.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—When rheumatism becomes chronic, and as it were fixed in a limb or part, it is truly a terrible enemy to encounter. The joints often become stiffened and excessively painful when obliged to be moved, or on exposure to changes of temperature, dampness, &c. Holloway's Ointment exercises a wonderful effect in alleviating this torture, for by its use the blood vessels of the part have their tone restored, and the irritated and painful nerves soothed and calmed. It must be persistently and perseveringly used, for the disorder is a most obstinate one, and will not yield unless resolutely attacked. These remedies will also be found to be most useful in cramps and muscular spasms, ADVT.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 22nd, 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, JUNE 16.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.  
" 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.  
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.

#### 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, JUNE 18.

Lodge 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.  
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.  
Chap. 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.  
Encampment, 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-square.

#### 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-rd.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-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, JUNE 19.

Board of Gen. Purposes.  
Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.  
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.  
" 933, Doris, Alderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Rose Croix, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-s-q.

#### 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, Wheatshaf 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, JUNE 20.

Lodge of Benevolence.  
" 190, Oak, F.M.H.  
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.  
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks.  
Rose Croix, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

#### 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.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgecumbe, 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, JUNE 21.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton.  
" 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hot., Blackheath.  
" 1339, Stockwell, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.  
Encampment Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Libury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 22.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.

#### 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-rd.  
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.  
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.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulborn-rd., N. Kensington.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter Ho., Kew Bridge.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 23, 1877.

#### MONDAY, JUNE 18.

Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### TUESDAY JUNE 19.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.  
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.  
" 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Hot., Seacombe.  
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1570, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
Merchants' L. of I., M.H. Liverpool.  
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st.

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, M.H., Prescott.  
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.  
" 580, Harmony, Wheatshaf, Ormskirk.  
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.  
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Liverpool.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
De Grey and Ripon, L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 21.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 343, Concord, Militia Mess R., Preston.  
" 425, Cestrian, M.H., Chester.  
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.  
" 1032, Townley Parker, Whittle-le-Springs.  
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.  
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., West Derby.  
" 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.  
Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 22.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.

Roan, Gilt Edges, elastic band or tuck, price, post free 2s. 2d. The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar Diary and Pocket Book for 1877. It contains lists of Lodges, Chapters, Encampments, Conclaves and Grand Councils, with the names of Officers in England, Scotland, Ireland, and all parts of the World. Single copies ordered by letter may be paid for by stamps; orders for more than one to be accompanied by Post Office Order payable at the Chief Office, London. Address Publisher, 198, Fleet Street, London. (Advt.)

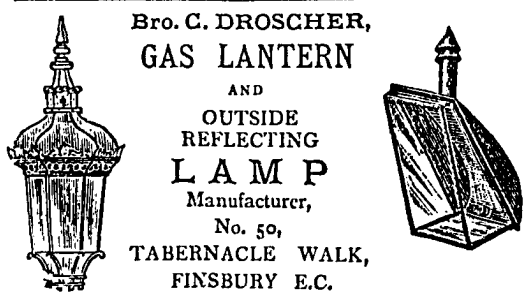
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# ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—Result of Bro. Constable's Ballot, 13th June, 1877:—

- 9409 Bro. A. C. Newson, Queen's Hotel, St. Martin's-le-Grand.  
 1095 " F. H. Pool, Station Villa, Hayle, Cornwall.  
 3916 " H. G. Rudderforth, 49, Lime-street.  
 2432 " Jno. Huelin, 2, Saville-street, Jersey.  
 10682 Miss A. Bellamy, Freemasons' Tavern.  
 10884 Humber Lodge, 57, Hull.  
 7329 Bro. S. Rowley, 17, Wilderness-row.  
 9993 " S. B. Ellis, Brocco Bank, Sheffield.  
 4540 " Jno. Penrose, 16, King Edward-street, E.C.  
 9194 " Ed. Coste, 28, Moorgate-street.  
 6807 " Jno. G. Stevens, 7, Upton-pl., Romford-rd., E.  
 4289 " W. H. Lee, Freemasons' Hall.  
 6441 " W. Jacques, Trinity House, E.C.  
 5122 " S. C. Heath, H.M.S. Britannic, Dartmouth.  
 9191 " Ed. Coste, 28, Moorgate-street.  
 3078 " Jabez Garrett, Bread-street.  
 5849 Mrs. A. Parkinson, 19, Laurence-lane.  
 2909 Bro. J. W. Smith, 14, Seymour-street, N.W.  
 11575 " E. C. Mather, 71, Fleet-street.  
 1199 " Jno. Redal, Wadsley, near Sheffield.  
 8863 " Jas. Darker, 39, London-street, Norwich.  
 5251 " Wm. Drake, High-street, Clapham.  
 2749 " J. A. Christie, Flushing, Cornwall.  
 7996 " Robinson, Fareham.  
 7218 William Preston Lodge of Instruction, Feather's Tavern, Upper George-street, W.  
 3330 Bro. F. H. Cozens, 21, Treherne-road, Vassall-rd., Brixton.  
 4130 " Perry, 28, Falcon-square.  
 8240 Duke of Connaught Mark Lodge, Dalston.  
 5868 Islington Lodge of Instruction, 1471, Monkwell-st.  
 7567 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Hercules Tavern.  
 5036 Bro. J. D. Barnett, 703, Commercial-road, E.  
 7547 Mrs. East, Ashton Grange, Ashton-on-Mersey, Cheshire.  
 769 Bro. Jno. James, St. Columb, Cornwall.  
 5861 Islington Lodge of Instruction, 1471, Monkwell-st.  
 2592 Bro. Jno. Chaffin, Yeovil.  
 2336 " P. J. Legros, Blanche Pierre, St. Laurestic-st., Jersey.  
 965 " Rev. C. J. Martyn, Long Melford Rectory, Suffolk.  
 3770 " A. Martin, 25, Bankside, Southwark.  
 4487 " Jas. Byron, Altrincham, Cheshire.  
 3991 " Jabez Garrett, Bread-street, E.C.  
 1100 " W. Middleton, St. George's-road, Truro.  
 7192 " W. J. Parish, Grove Cottage, West-st., Pimlico.  
 8525 " R. Cryer, 10, Greenwood-st., Manchester.  
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