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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, presided. Lord Tenterden occupied the Senior Warden's chair, and Sir Harcourt Johnstone, M.P., the chair of Junior Grand Warden. The other Grand and Past Grand Officers present were Bros. the Rev. H. A. Pickard, G.C.; Rev. W. Alford Hill, G.C.; E. J. McIntyre, G.C.; G. R.; John Hervey, G.S.; E. E. Wendt, G. Sec.; for German correspondence, Erasmus Wilson, S.G.D.; Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, S.G.D.; J. M. P. Montagu, S.G.D.; Raphael Costa, J.G.D.; Sir Albert W. Woods, (garter), G.D.C.; James Lewis Thomas, Asst. G.D.C.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Organist; H. G. Buss, Assist. Grand Secretary; W. T. Howe, G.P.; W. Wilson, Assist. G.P.; Capt. Platt, P.G.W.; John M. Clabon, P.G.D.; James Glaisher, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; Fras. Robinson, P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Edwd. S. Snell, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Captain N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D.; Colonel Creaton, P.G.D.; Charles W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; Charles A. Murton, P.G.D.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; John M. W. Wike, Robert Grey, P.G.D.; Thos. Fenn, P.G.D.; John Wright, P.G.P.; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; Fred R. Morrell, P.G.D.; S. G. Foxall, P.G.P.; Rev. John Edmund Cox, D.D., P.G.C.; J. Ebenezer Saunders, P.G.D.; Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; William T. Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; and C. B. Payne, G.T.; C. F. Hogard, Charles Atkins, T. C. Walls, B. H. Sparrow, A. A. Pendlebury, C. Stuart Barker, F. Adlard, Jas. Terry, E. Farwig, James Willing, Frank Richardson, George Kenning, and H. Massey. (Freemason.)

After the minutes of last Quarterly Communication had been read by Grand Secretary and confirmed,

Bro. Frank Richardson rose to nominate a Grand Master for the ensuing year. In doing so he said, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and brethren, I have the honour to rise for the purpose of nominating a Grand Master to preside over us for the ensuing year. The manner in which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has performed his duties as Heir Apparent to the throne of this great realm, as well as the manner in which he has performed his duties as Sovereign of this great Order, has so endeared him to all his subjects that I am quite satisfied that no words from me are required to ask you, brethren, to endorse his nomination as Grand Master. (Applause.) I, therefore, beg to nominate His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Cheers.)

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, I must, of course, go through the usual form of asking whether there is any other candidate for that high office, but I presume it is only a form. (After a pause). Brethren, I have now to announce to all who are here present that it has been the pleasure of His Royal Highness, the Grand Master, to appoint Bro. Gibson as Grand Superintendent of Works. (Cheers.) And, brethren, I do not like to allow this appointment to go by without a single word. It is the feeling, doubtless, of all here present, that no better choice could have been made than that which His Royal Highness has made. On the other hand, those who remember for how long a time Bro. Cockerell served this office, how intimately his memory will be associated with the building in which it is our pleasure so often to meet, those who remember, also, how respected, and deservedly respected, he was by the Craft, and by all with whom he was brought into relation, will deeply lament that the necessity of a fresh appointment should have taken place. (Hear, hear.) Having said those few words in memory of one who, I

believe, has deserved well of the Craft, and of his brother Masons, I have simply to announce that which I have already stated, that Bro. Gibson will now fill that office.

Bro. John Gibson, P.M. 259, Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects, was then conducted by Sir Albert Woods (Garter), G.D.C., to the Earl of Carnarvon, who invested him with the insignia of his rank, as Grand Superintendent of Works, and, addressing him, said, I hope, Bro. Gibson, that you will long perform the duties of your high office. Sir Albert Woods then conducted Bro. Gibson to the dais, and called upon the brethren to give him the customary salute. This having been done,

The Earl of Carnarvon said: Brethren, it is now my duty to announce to you the appointment of a President of the Board of Benevolence, and I am quite satisfied that it will meet with universal approval when I state that the President is Bro. Clabon. (Applause.) The next business that stands on my list in the election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence. Inasmuch as there are only two names which have been brought forward for election I have to declare that these two brethren are duly elected. Their names are Bro. Joshua Nunn and Bro. James Brett. (Applause.) I have next to call your attention to the election of twelve Past Masters who are declared on the Lodge of Benevolence for the ensuing year, and inasmuch as there were but twelve, in the same manner as on the previous occasion, who had been nominated for election, those twelve are of course duly elected members, and I will call on the Grand Secretary to read their names.

Grand Secretary then read out the following names: Bros. Charles Atkins, P.M., 27; Henry Bartlett, P.M., 147; Henry Garrod, P.M., 749; Charles F. Hogard, P.M., 205; William Mann, P.M., 186; Griffiths Smith, P.M., 21; W. H. Perryman, P.M., 3; Henry Massey, P.M., 619; William J. Murliis, P.M., 1642; William Maidwell, P.M., 657; W. S. Christian, P.M., 1662; and J. M. Klenck, P.M., 1666.

Grand Secretary then read the report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, which was ordered to be received.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., then rose and said: M.W. Pro G.M., I come forward on behalf of ourselves and our privileges, and also on behalf of those brethren who sit below the dais, and I want to know why the Book of Constitutions has been left out. We have had the privilege for many years to propose our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and we have had the privilege to propose our Grand Treasurer. Now, I dare say my Bro. McIntyre will tell me we have had a report. You have got the report, and mind you, before you get that report you must abide by the Book of Constitutions, and I say that we are bound to do our duty and to nominate our Grand Treasurer.

The Earl of Carnarvon (interrupting) said: I am very sorry to interpose, and I am the last person, as I am sure Grand Lodge will know, ever to curtail any legitimate discussion on any subject, especially on any grievance (hear, hear); and if our worthy brother had thought fit to raise this question to which he apparently directed his remarks at a different time, on a definite point, I should have been glad to hear him; but, really, it has nothing whatever to do with the question now before the Grand Lodge. The question which Grand Lodge has to deal with is the Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter. I have listened for some minutes in the hope that what our brother said would lead to something which had reference and relation to the Board of Benevolence, but finding that is not the case, I am afraid I must call our brother to order, and at once proceed to business.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart: I am bound, my lord; but I must say this, my lord—(cries of "Order, order," amidst which Bro. Stewart resumed his seat).

Bro. J. M. Clabon: M.W.G.M., I have now to move the confirmation of several votes of the Lodge of Benevolence. I desire first to say a very few words which Grand Lodge has generally indulged me with in this particular, because there is no opportunity of doing it otherwise. You all know that we have a considerable accumulation of funds which are applicable to the Lodge of Benevolence. Some ten years ago it was £20,000, with an income of £600 a year. I was then told it was too soon to ask for the application of the funds, and that we ought to wait till £800 a year was produced by those accumulations, because that is the sum which we give to the Charities. The accumulations again went on, and I again asked that the large surplus should be applied in some useful way. I was again told it was too early. The amount has now got to £45,000, and we are investing, some years, £1500 and sometimes £2000. Well, now, why should we not do some good with this money? (Hear, hear.) You seem to go with me when I mention it on an occasion like this, and yet I am not able to carry it when I bring forward a specific motion on the subject. I hope, however, the time will yet come. We invested last year £3000. There is one item which has occurred at our meetings of the Lodge of Benevolence which the Grand Secretary has not read to you. He has read to you what grants we have made, but he has not told you what grants we have refused. At the last Lodge of Benevolence there was a petition from a lady, who, having been in a very good position, as the wife of a solicitor, in good practice, was suddenly, by the death of her husband, reduced to want, having only a sum of less than £40 a year; and yet the Lodge of Benevolence said it was a case they could not relieve. I cannot move any grant in her favour tonight, because nothing was voted to her at the Lodge of Benevolence. I hope, however, next time we shall be able to do something for this poor indigent widow from the Lodge of Benevolence, for she most richly deserves help from some one. In the meantime, she may petition the lodge again. I hope her case will come on again, and that we may do something for her. Bro. Clabon then moved, and Bro. Joshua Nunn seconded, the confirmation of the following grants:—

- A brother of the Morning Star Lodge, No. 1396, Newton Abbot ... .. £100 0 0
- A brother of the Rutland Lodge, No. 1130, Melton Mowbray ... .. 50 0 0
- The widow of a brother of the Witham Lodge, No. 297, Lincoln ... .. 50 0 0
- The widow of a brother of the Brunswick Lodge, No. 159, Plymouth ... .. 50 0 0
- The orphan daughter of a brother of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton ... 100 0 0
- A brother of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, London... .. 100 0 0

The grants having been confirmed, The S.W. of the Athelstan Lodge said he had to thank Grand Lodge on behalf of this last brother assisted, for the grant that had been made and confirmed.

The Earl of Carnarvon then rose and said: Brethren, I believe that this is now the proper time for me to make a short announcement to Grand Lodge, on a matter which does not appear on the agenda paper, and it is briefly this. We have had presented to Grand Lodge a book which has been placed in my hands this evening, which seems to me to be a work of great Masonic, and of general interest. It is a book (of which, I understand, there are only two or three copies extant) presented by Bro. Edward Tyrrell Heath, who is D. District G.M. of Bombay, and which is a record of the English lodges as they existed in the year 1727. The brethren will observe that this record numbers only fifty-four lodges—a very different catalogue indeed from that which will be seen and read at the present day. We have great cause, no doubt, for satisfaction at the increase of the Craft; but we may also well, on such an occasion as this, remember that it is not merely numerical increase which lends strength and importance to our great Order (hear hear); but it is the remembrance, the recognition, and the steady adherence to that which made the Craft in former times, as it makes it now, an obedience to the great principles and the landmarks of the Order. Brethren, when I look at the record of these lodges I observe that many of them have disappeared from the roll. Some, on the other hand, are in existence, and it was pointed out to me only this evening before I came into this room, that actually the same marks and illustrations so to speak which distinguish some of those lodges at the present day, were the distinguishing marks and illustrations in the year 1729. Altogether this little book is, I think in a Masonic point of view, one of extreme interest and curiosity, and with that view I propose first of all that it be accepted by Grand Lodge and be placed in the archives of the Order; and if Grand Lodge, which I doubt not, agrees to that motion, I shall request the Grand Secretary to let this book lie in his office for the space of one month, that any brother who takes an interest in these questions may have the opportunity of calling and examining it for himself. (Hear, hear). Brethren, it is now my duty to move, which I doubt not will readily be agreed to by Grand Lodge: "That this book be accepted with our best thanks and placed in the archives of the Order."

Bro. W.W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Wight: M.W.G.M., I beg to second the motion.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Bro. Grand Secretary will be good enough to have this book laid in his office, and any brother who takes an interest in this question will have access to it to examine it. Brethren, I have, of course, to add, and it will be better that it shall be added formally, "That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the donor of this curious little book."

Bro. Beach seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was then taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:

Report of the Board of General Purposes.  
 To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England. The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of November instant, shewing a balance in the hands of the Trustees of the late Grand Treasurer of £3542 18s. 9d.; in the London and Westminster Bank, £985 1s. 10d.; in the Bank of England, £1822 10s. 3d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £96 15s.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

Bro. Clabon then rose to move, pursuant to notice, "That the Constitutions under the head 'The Fund of Benevolence,' be altered as follows:—No. 8, alter 'three pounds' to 'five pounds,' and add at the end, the words 'or to any country in which they have been established or have friends.'" Bro. Clabon said: Most Worshipful Pro. Grand Master, the motions I am about to make are in small matters, but though small they are not otherwise unimportant, I am happy to say that the Senior and junior Vice Presidents of the Lodge of Benevolence concur with me in making it. You will remember, brethren, that under the 8th Constitution we are enabled to relieve foreign brethren, but there is this gratification (I read from the end of Constitution No. 8) "it being understood that in the case of foreign brethren, such relief, if exceeding three pounds, except in case of sickness, is intended to assist them to return to their native land." Now, the first alteration I wish to propose is that we may assist them, although they may not be returning to their native land, but to some lands in which they have friends or have formerly carried on business. We have had cases of this kind before us. A Spaniard who has established a business in France, and there having failed in it, finds himself in England without means, when he comes to us for assistance. Well, we can only give him £3 to assist him to go back to Spain, which country, perhaps, he has left from the time of his childhood, and it is no use his going back there where he has no friends. In such a case

we wish to give the brother the money to take him back to the country where he has friends, or where he has established a business. Then we wish to increase the amount, as we think the sum of £3 is rather small, and we desire to make it £5. Therefore I propose to alter "£3" to "£5," and then to add at the end of Constitution 8 the words, "or to any country in which they have been established or have friends."

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, you have heard the very clear explanation which Bro. Clabon has given of this motion. Is it your pleasure to agree to it? The question is "That £3 be altered to £5, and that the words 'or to any country in which they have been established or have friends,' be added to the rule." The noble Earl formally put the proposition to Grand Lodge, when it was unanimously adopted.

Bro. Clabon: The next motion, M.W. Pro Grand Master, is that the end of No. 10 we add the words after "certify in writing" the words "on a form, to be from time to time settled by the President and Vice-Presidents of the Lodge of Benevolence and the Grand Secretary." You will all remember, brethren, that under the constitutions we cannot give any relief until a brother has visited the applicant, and, in town cases, also attends the Lodge of Benevolence to make additional personal statements in answer to any questions which the brethren may desire to put to him. I may add, that the provision for such a visit was added to the old constitutions, some ten or twelve years ago, by a committee, of which I was chairman, because we considered the visit necessary, whereas, without it we did not know that the case was a proper one for the relief which was asked. We considered that a visit by a brother to the home of the applicant would supply us with better information as to the circumstances of the applicant. If a brother gave only the certificate of visit only, we thought that sometimes the information was very meagre indeed. Sometimes the brother would say—"I certify that I have visited the applicant," and nothing more, and we thought that in town cases we ought to have the personal attendance of the brother who had visited. In country cases we consider we ought to have a fuller certificate of visit than we now have, before we can make proper grants. Therefore, we want to have a form for such certificate, and we shall then have two or three questions which the visiting Bro. may fill up, by which means we shall be better able to determine what the amount of relief shall be. I propose a motion on the terms I have mentioned.

Bro. Joshua Nunn: I beg to second that motion. I am quite sure the brethren will feel the necessity for it, for we feel it is impossible for us to do justice to many cases that come before us. (Hear, hear.)

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, I have to put this second motion, and, in doing so, I simply wish to say it appears to me to be a motion that is very desirable as a matter of business for Grand Lodge to accept. The motion is—"After the words 'certify in writing' in No. 10, add 'on a form to be from time to time settled by the President and Vice-Presidents of the Lodge of Benevolence, and the Grand Secretary.'"

The motion was carried unanimously.

Bro. Clabon next moved an alteration in No. 16, and said: M.W. Pro G.M., I have one more motion to make, and perhaps it is a question of less importance than the others, but still it is not without its importance. Grand Lodge will remember that at the end of No. 16 of the Constitutions, there are these words, and these were also added ten or twelve years ago: "The Lodge of Benevolence may grant relief to the extent of two pounds to any distressed Mason who has presented his petition in due time, although the conditions and forms above contained have not been complied with." We sometimes find cases of this kind. A brother makes his application, and the visiting brother is not present at the Lodge of Benevolence. The case is then adjourned till the next meeting of the lodge. The second time, perhaps, the visiting brother does not come, and we cannot relieve the applicant. The President is bound to enforce the rules, and we cannot make the grant. Sometimes a brother is in great distress, and we give him £2, and, at the same time, we think it is a small sum. We should like to have the power to grant more. We shall not always exercise it; but where we see fit we want to have the power to exercise it. You must remember, brethren, the man must be a Mason, and he must present his petition in due form.

Bro. J. M. Klenck: Most W. Pro Grand Master, I beg to move to add as a rider that it be a sum not exceeding £5. £2 may not be sufficient in some cases, and there are others when £5 would be quite adequate. There are other cases in which £2 would be quite sufficient, and £5 too much. I would, therefore, propose the addition of the words I have stated.

Bro. Clabon: The words are already in, "The Lodge of Benevolence may grant relief to the extent of," and then will follow "£5."

Bro. Brackstone Baker: M.W. Pro G.M., I rise, not to make any observations on the proposed alterations; but I think this is the proper time to express the views of the brethren as to the difficulties or dilemmas in which we are placed since 1873. Since that time we have had no other edition of the Book of Constitutions published. During that period the advancement of the science, and our additional income, have been the cause of our making great alterations in the Book of Constitutions, and we now really do not know what our legislation is; and, therefore, I make these observations, not with reference to the alterations proposed by these motions, but in order that you may recommend to Grand Secretary that there should speedily be a new edition of the Book of Constitutions published, incorporating all the alterations that have been made. I am sure all the brethren will agree with me that that is very desirable.

Bro. Hervey, G.S.: M.W. Pro G.M., In answer to the observations of Bro. Brackstone Baker, I beg to say that

the constitutions have been issued regularly to any brother who desires to see them, and on any addition being made in those constitutions, which are in Grand Secretary's office, there is a slip pasted in the book, containing the alterations which have taken place in the laws during the period he has alluded to. I may say that up to the present moment, I do not think there has any ground of complaint been made as to want of information regarding the alteration of the laws or the constitutions of our Order; and I am quite satisfied that when the time comes, and the Board of General Purposes find it necessary to issue a new edition, they will anticipate the wants of the brethren of the Order, and a new edition will be published.

Bro. Brackstone Baker: I am quite satisfied.

Bro. Britten: M.W. Pro Grand Master, may I be allowed to say, not exactly in support of Bro. Clabon's motion, for that needs no support—as has been seen in the several motions he has made, when he has shown us the best practical way of doing that which he wishes us to do, by utilising the large funds at the disposal of the Board of Benevolence—that the grants made by that Board are very often indeed not so large as they would wish to make them. For my own part, I am sure that they are not large enough to give effective assistance to the applicants. I am also very sure that it frequently happens that a man who has been a Mason many years, and performed all his Masonic duties well, has occasion at last to apply to the Board of Benevolence, and, if they are very liberal indeed, they recommend him to the Grand Lodge for a grant of £50. In many of those instances if you were to make a large grant—if the Board of Benevolence felt themselves at liberty to make a really effectual grant, that man might be set up again in business, reinstated in his former position, and made a useful member of society,—while the small grants we are enabled to give now afford only a little temporary relief, but do not at all raise him from the ranks of destitution. I feel very confident indeed that Grand Lodge would like to see that direction taken for making use of large sums in our hands.

Bro. Clabon: M.W. Pro G.M., I would like to say that I have for many years constantly presided over the Lodge of Benevolence, and as a rule all grants made by the lodge quite come up to the necessities of the particular cases.

Bro. James Mason, P.G.S.B.: M.W. Pro G.M., this is a matter which will have to be considered ultimately by Grand Lodge. I have constantly attended the Lodge of Benevolence for many years, and I cannot but coincide with the observations of the Bro. on the other side of the room. I, as one of the members of the Lodge of Benevolence, do feel that there is a very large sum now standing to our credit. Bro. Clabon has said that we cannot deal with the whole of that, but I think that if there are objects to which that fund should be devoted, the objects are the indigent brethren of our Order. To divert that fund from its object would be, in my opinion, a breach of trust. I think that the indigent brethren who come to that lodge to have their wants supplied, ought to be dealt with on a liberal hand—that they ought not to be stinted when they come and ask for aid. I believe that every member of the lodge of Benevolence wishes to do what is right and proper. I give credit to every one for that, but for one, I think they are not sufficiently liberal, and the great amount of funds at their disposal ought to be dealt with liberally in another mode. I could not let pass the observations that have been addressed here without, as a member attending so frequently the Board of Benevolence giving my mite of information to assist you towards forming an opinion eventually on this important subject.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, we have had a very excellent conversation on many points which well deserve the attention of Grand Lodge, as regards one of its most important functions through the Board of Benevolence, but the question you have to decide at this moment is, whether the words "£2," in Clause 16, shall be altered to "£5." (Laughter.) I think, myself, if I may give my opinion to Grand Lodge that Bro. Clabon has shown very good reason why that increase should be sanctioned. The amendment on his proposal was moved, but not seconded, and I do not think that the worthy brother who moved it, if he had the Book of Constitutions before him, would wish to persist in the amendment. He proposed that the words should be "not exceeding £5," but I think if he will look at the wording of the rule, as it stands in the Book of Constitutions, he will see that his object is already attained, because it now runs in this form, "The Lodge of Benevolence may grant relief to the extent of £2," and it will be if this Grand Lodge please to sanction the proposal of Bro. Clabon, "The Lodge of Benevolence may grant relief to the extent of £5." Of course it will be perfectly obvious that "To the extent of £5" is really the same thing as "not exceeding £5." Inasmuch as it is undesirable from what has been already said in Grand Lodge, to alter the Book of Constitutions more than is absolutely necessary, I presume it would be the wish of the worthy brother to withdraw that amendment, therefore, I shall simply put the proposal in the original form, that "£2" be altered to "£5."

The motion was carried unanimously, and Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

Dean Stanley, before returning to England from his American tour, will probably pay a visit to the Marquis of Lorne at Ottawa, at the special request of H.R.H. the Princess Louise.—*Whitehall Review*.

Kenning's Masonic Cyclopædia is a very interesting volume, full of quaint lore and suggestive information. Non-masonic readers will find much to pique their curiosity, while as a book of reference it must always be invaluable.—*Whitehall Review*.

## GRAND MARK LODGE.

The half-yearly Communication of Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held on Tuesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern. The Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, Past Grand Master, presided, in the absence of Lord Skelmersdale, M.W.G.M.M.M., and there were also present the following Mark Masters:—R.W. Bros. Samuel Rawson, Prov. G.M. of China, as Dep. G.M.; R.W. H. Giddy, Prov. G.M. of South Africa; Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.M. of Warwickshire and Staffordshire; Lt.-Gen. Jno. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.W., as G.S.W.; Thos. Fred. Halsey, G.J.W.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.J.W.; Sir Hr. St. Jno. Halford, P.G.J.W.; V.W. Bros. T. J. Sabine, G.M.O.; Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O.; R. J. Mure, G.S.O.; J. R. Goepel, P.G.S.O.; R. H. Thrupp, G.J.O.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, G. Chap.; W. M. Heath, T. F. Ravenshaw, C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaps.; Frederick Davison, G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, G. Reg.; Fredk. Binckes, P.G.J.W., G. Sec.; D. M. Dewar, P.G.S.O., G. Asst. Sec.; W. Bros. W. O. Walker, P.G.S.D.; Capt. Geo. Wattson, G.J.D.; Robt. Berridge, G.D. of C.; Wm. Wigginton, P.G. Sup. of Wks.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.D. of C.; S. Rosenthal; Wm. Hudson, P.G. Asst. D. of Cir.; Richard Eve, P. Prov. G.S.W., as G. Sword Br.; T. J. Pulley, P. Prov. G. St. Br., as G. St. Br.; T. S. Mortlock, P.G. St. Br.; W. A. Barrett, P.G. Org., as G. Org.; James Salmon, C.I.G.; Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., Geo. Higgins, C. H. Pearson, Thomas Wm. Murley, Grand Stewards; Joseph Tomlinson, Charles Pulman, Henry Massey, (*Freemason*), P.G. Stewards; with the following Provincial Grand Officers: W. Bro. Thomas Schofield, P. Prov. G.S.W. West Yorkshire; F. H. Woodford, M.D., P. Prov. G.S.W. Somerset; R. L. Loveland, Prov. G.J.W. Hampshire and Isle of Wight; J. T. Ritchie, P. Prov. G.J.W. Middlesex and Surrey, Prov. G.J.W. Kent; John Mason, Prov. G.M.O. Middlesex and Surrey; W. Courland, Prov. G.S.O. Kent; S. Mattison, Prov. G.S.O. North Wales and Cheshire; J. Smyth, Prov. G.J.O. Kent; Rev. C. A. Tolbe, Prov. G. Chaplain Kent; W. T. Clarke, Prov. G. Sec. Sussex; Wm. Watkins, Prov. G. Sec. Monmouthshire; W. H. Weston, Prov. G.J.D. Kent; H. Shaw, Prov. G.D. of C. Kent; G. J. Smith, P. Prov. G.D. of C. Sussex; Eugene Sweeny, Prov. G. Asst. D. of C. Kent; J. Newman, Prov. G. Standard Bearer Sussex; Jno. Barker, Pro G. Superintendent of Works, West Yorkshire; and W. Bros. Jno. Chandler, P.M. Wiltshire Keystone, 178; Lieut.-Colonel S. H. Cleke, P.M., W.M. Elect, Studholme, 197; Wm. Pickford, W.M. Keystore, 109; J. L. Thomas, W.M. Thistle, 8; Bros. W. Klingenstein, W.M. Elect, Southwark, 22; R. G. Clutton, S.W. Menatschin, 224; H. R. Cooper-Smith, J.W. Menatschin, 224; John Golding, J.W. Southdown, 164; C. W. Randolph, S.O. Studholme, 197; Geo. Westall, S.O. Leopold, 236; Louis Hirsch, J.D. Macdonald, 104; Wm. Stainer, Chaplain Menatschin, 224; H. Baldwin, D. of C. Panmure, 139, Secretary Brixton, 234; Chas. Goolden, Secretary Menatschin, 224; C. J. Pearse, Steward Bon Accord, T.I.; J. M. P. Montagu, St. Mary's, 121; John Collins, Bon Accord, T.I.; Wm. Vincent, Panmure, 139.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of last half-yearly Communication, and of the moveable Grand Lodge, held at Keswick, on the 14th of June last, the Report of the General Board, as published in the *Freemason* last week, was taken as read (all the brethren having received copies), and ordered to be received.

The next business was to take the recommendations of the General Board, and the first of these was "That in clause sixty-three of the Book of Constitutions, the following words shall in future be omitted: 'That unless by special dispensation of the Grand Master have been previously installed as Master of some Craft lodge of Freemasons, and also'—"

The clause in the Book of Constitution, to which this alteration refers, is as follows:—"Every lodge shall annually elect its Master and Treasurer by ballot. The Master must, unless by special dispensation of the Grand Master, have been previously installed as Master of some Craft Lodge of Freemasons, and also have regularly served as Warden of a Warranted Lodge of Mark Masters for one year; and at the next meeting after his election, when the minutes are confirmed, he shall be duly installed in the chair, according to ancient usage, after which he shall appoint his Wardens and other officers, except the Treasurer. The Tyler is to be chosen by the members of the lodge."

Bro. H. C. Levander, G.R., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, Past Grand Master, introduced the motion, and explained that the words "unless by special dispensation of the Grand Master" were now unnecessary, as the ritual for the installation of a Worshipful Master had been so altered that none of the secrets of the Master's chair of a Craft Lodge were revealed, and consequently that there was no clashing with the Craft ceremonies.

Bro. Colonel Wigginton seconded the motion.

The Rev. H. J. Hatch opposed the motion, and moved as an amendment, that the words proposed to be omitted remain.

The Rev. W. K. Bedford seconded the amendment.

Colonel Wigginton, speaking on the amendment, supported the motion.

Bro. Goepel opposed the alteration, and stated that one of his principal reasons for attending this Grand Lodge meeting was to resist the words being struck out of the Book of Constitutions.

Bro. Binckes, G.S., said it was but fair that he should state that he had received letters from Bros. Pourrett, Whitbread, W.M. of the Royal York (Time Immemorial) Lodge; C. F. Matier, and Walter Reynolds, who were unable to be present, emphatically condemning the proposed alteration.

At this stage of the proceedings the Earl of Limerick drew attention to the fact that the recommendation did not appear on the Report of the General Board, and the matter, therefore, fell to the ground.

The following recommendations were then proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously:—

"That Grand Lodge authorise a grant of £25 in aid of the brethren of the Mark Degree at Curacoa, who lost all their property and have been reduced to a state of great destitution by the hurricane of September, 1877."

Grants from Benevolent Fund:—"That £15 be granted to Bro. R. H.; that £10 be granted to widow of Bro. H."

The bye-laws of the proposed Educational Branch of the Mark Benevolent Fund were then submitted, (these were set out in full in the *Freemason* last week,) and with a few minor alterations were adopted.

Bro. James Stevens then moved, and Sir John Halford seconded, the following recommendation of the General Board:—"That the Grand Master be authorised to take charge of certain other orders and degrees connected with Freemasonry, under such conditions as the General Board may from time to time recommend."

At the suggestion of the Earl of Limerick, Bro. Binckes explained the reason of this recommendation. Applications had been, from time to time, made to the General Board that certain side degrees, as they were generally called, more or less connected with Mark Masonry, having no governing body of their own, should be allowed to come under Grand Mark Lodge. There was one called the Degree of St. Lawrence, which was acquiring a greater importance than had hitherto been attached to it. It was thought wise, prudent, and advisable to avoid a multiplication of Masonic supreme jurisdictions, and if the degree was worth preserving, it should be preserved by Grand Mark Lodge. The General Board considered it unadvisable to go into minor details, but in their collective wisdom they could advise the Grand Master, when applications such as these came before them, what to do, without having discussions in Grand Lodge on every application, which could not be thoroughly carried out without mentioning particulars of the degree that many of the members might not belong to. The General Board might be relied on not to recommend the Grand Lodge to take up any degree which had not some substantial foundation to justify its adoption. He hoped that his lordship and Grand Lodge would be of opinion that the General Board in asking for this power had done both wisely and well.

Bro. Thomas Halsey, G.S.W., suggested an addition to the motion, of the words, after "from time to time, recommend" "and the Grand Mark Master may approve."

Bro. Binckes said there was nothing compulsory suggested; the motion was "that the Grand Master be authorised to take charge," not "that the Grand Master shall take charge."

Bro. Levander did not think there would be any objection to Bro. Halsey's addition to the motion.

Bro. C. J. Smith looked upon the recommendation with great sorrow and fear. The Grand Mark Lodge was not so free from dangers as he could desire, and it would be adding to those dangers if it adopted any of these so-called degrees. Grand Mark Lodge should rather endeavour to harmonise with Craft Grand Lodge, and not hamper its harmony with degrees which were less authorised than the Mark Degree.

The Earl of Limerick, before putting the motion, said he should not be properly discharging his duties in the chair if he did not point out to Grand Lodge that they were going to take a very serious step indeed. It might, or might not, be a step for good. He remembered the discussions which took place, some time ago, as regarded the reception of one degree; but the power now proposed to be given was a much greater power than that given on a former occasion. It was in fact an unlimited power to the General Board and the Grand Master. (Hear, hear.) Before putting the motion to Grand Lodge he thought it his duty to point out that this was a very extensive power—practically unlimited—and though it would be in most worthy hands, it might possibly give rise to discussions and cavils in Grand Lodge, as to the manner in which the General Board and the Grand Master had exercised their discretion, which might, perhaps, be inconvenient and injurious to the Mark Degree.

Bro. Binckes said the strong argument on the point was the prevention of the multiplication of Grand Lodges of different degrees.

The Earl of Limerick said he would almost express the hope that this matter might be referred back to the General Board for reconsideration. He felt great responsibility in occupying the chair when a motion had to be put, which he thought might, perhaps, have an effect, hereafter, much more extended than they at present dreamed of. The General Board might more nearly specify the nature of the degrees to be taken in, and not leave the power quite so open as it was now.

Bro. H. C. Levander said, that in the absence of Bro. Portal, he was perfectly ready to accept his lordship's suggestion, and have the matter referred back to the General Board for reconsideration. (Cries of "Withdraw.")

The Earl of Limerick asked Bro. Levander whether he would withdraw the motion or have it referred back.

Bro. Levander replied that he wished it referred back. (Cries of "No, no, withdraw.")

Bro. James Stevens, as the mover of the resolution, begged to withdraw it.

The motion was then withdrawn, amidst general marks of approval.

The report of the General Board, with the exception of recommendation A (erroneously inserted on the agenda paper), and the last recommendation (withdrawn) were then adopted.

Bro. J. M. P. Montagu then said, Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, and brethren, I have a great deal of pleasure in nominating Lord Skelmersdale for the

office of Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master for the ensuing year. (Cheers.)

The Earl of Limerick (after a pause): Has any other brother any nomination to make of Grand Master? (after a further pause). Brethren, the nomination of Lord Skelmersdale for the office of Grand Master is the only nomination.

The Earl of Limerick then distributed the Charity Jewels and Charity Bars to the following brethren:—

Charity Jewels to Bros. the Rev. D. Ace, D.D., Province of Lincolnshire; Robert Arnison, 53; Henry Bagot, 36; John Barker, 58; Richard Boggett, Province of Lincolnshire; Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.M. Staffordshire and Warwickshire; W. G. Brighton, 144; Charles H. Coates, 148; Thomas Cubitt, 1; Richard Eve, 54; John Fawcett, 53; James Gardiner, 151; J. R. Goepel, 65; Major Charles Harding, 7; J. Cattley Mason, 22; Wm. Nicholl, 34; Captain A. Thrale Perkins, 109; C. H. Perrot, 53; Captain J. Ritchie, 226; A. Scargill, 53; J. Lewis Thomas, 8; E. G. Tattershall, 13; F. M. Tindall, 53; Fras. Trickett, 53; and George Ward Verry, 104.

Letters of apology for absence were received from, M.W. Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, G.M.M.; the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, P.G.M.M.; R.W. Bros. Col. F. Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey; Rev. Canon Tristram P.G.M. Northumberland and Durham; L. A. Homfray, P.G.M. Monmouthshire; Lord Henniker, G.S.W.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; G. P. Brockbank, P.G.W.; V. Bros. Rev. Dr. Brette, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G. Chap.; John Chadwick, P.G.O.; W. J. Huggan, P.G.O.; W. Bros. Lt. Col. Chas. Lyne, D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire; Benj. Smith, G.S.D.; Alfred Williams, G.S.D.; Ed. J. Inskip, P.G.J.D.; Thos. Trollope, M.D., P.G.D. of C.; Emra Holmes, P.G.J. of W.; Martin Kemp, G.A.D. of C.; Walter Reynolds, P.G.A.D. of C.; Capt. Chas. Hunter, G. Swd. B.; Walter Spencer, P.G. Swd. B.; J. B. Shackleton, G. Std. B.; Dr. Belcher, G.O.; S. G. Homfray, Prov. G.S.W.; G. A. Brown, Prov. G.J.W.; Capt. A. T. Perkins, G.S.; S. H. Knaggs, G.S.; G. F. Tuckey, P.G.S.; Wm. Nott, P.G.S.; A. Greatorex, P.G.S.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).—The regular meeting of this distinguished lodge took place on Wednesday week, when Mr. Ames, well-known by his yacht voyages in the Northern Seas, was initiated into Masonry by Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., and D.M. of No. 2. There was a goodly muster of Past Masters, officers and brethren of the "Old Antiquity," and after a most agreeable social re-union, and a very good dinner, and a most pleasant and enjoyable meeting, the brethren separated at an early hour, (note this worthy brethren all), happy to meet, sorry to part, and trusting to meet again as happily and comfortably in January next.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 640).—Wednesday, November 27th, found us once more on our way to Bedford, to keep, what has long been, by the kindness of the brethren of the Stuart Lodge, a red-letter day to us. If tedious there could have been whilst the journey is so quickly and comfortably done—thanks to the enterprising secretary of the Midland Company—it would have been completely dispelled by the good company of the brethren bent on the same errand as ourselves. Arriving at the head-quarters, the Swan, we found the lodge opened early, in order that a great pressure of business might be disposed of. The accounts were duly audited. Bros. Alexander, and Hetherington elected as joining members, and Bro. Augustus Leverton Jessop raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, every officer present doing his work in a most admirable manner. Mr. Wm. Dugald Stuart, Lieutenant in the Beds Lt. Infantry Militia, was then balloted for and unanimously elected. After being "called off," and "recalled" to labour, the lodge once more got to the work of installing Bro. Colburne as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. We cannot praise too highly the quiet and reverent manner in which the retiring Master, Bro. Dr. Rhys Williams, placed his successor in the chair of King Solomon, nor the effective rendering of the after charges and proclamation by our respected Bro. Dr. Prior. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:—Captain John Colburne, W.M.; R. H. Coombs, S.W.; A. Thody, J.W.; Rev. C. Briereton Honorary Canon of Ely, Rector of St. Mary's and Rural Dean, Chaplain; Dr. W. Rhys Williams, one of H.M. Commissioners in Lunacy, P.P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; John Serjeant, P.M., (Borough Treasurer), again re-elected Treas.; Dr. Prior, P.M., (Coroner for the Borough of Bedford), P.M., re-invested Secretary; Alderman J. R. Bull, J.P., P.M., Steward; Jabez Carter, S.D.; R. B. Stafford, J.D.; Captain Verey, I.G.; J. P. Piper, M.A., Organist; George Reynolds, Tyler (elected for the twenty-sixth time). The Past Masters present were Colonel W. Stuart, of Tempsford Hall, Deputy Chairman of Quarter Sessions, P.G.S.W. England, &c., &c.; Captain F. C. Polhill-Turner, M.P., of Horbury Hall, D.L.; Captain Edmond R. Green, J.P.; Cookson, J. Fisher, E. Billson, J. M. Cutburt, Mark Whyley, Coroner for Bedfordshire, and Clerk of the Peace for the Borough of Bedford; Captain G. P. Nash. The members included the Rev. R. Fawcett Ward, P.M. Louth; R. Boughton-Smith, P.M. Melton Mowbray, and Past Br. Grand D.C., R. Laid and Leicester-shire; A. H. Allen, Augustus L. Jessop, T. V. de Lenné, A. B. Gignall, J. Warren, S. Foster, F. Thompson, J. B. Lambie, R. Roe, J. E. Page, R. P. Jarvis, H. Young. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, accompanied by the visitors: Bros. Rev. Dr. Bent, 99, P.G. Chap. England; H. J. Dumas, 46, P.G.D. of England; Conrad C. Dumas, P.G.D.C. of England. T. Dyers,

46, P.G. Steward; G. H. Haydon, 46, P.G. Stwd.; Rev. W. Tebbs, 285, P.G. Chap. Somerset; Rev. R. B. Poole, 140, P.G. Chap. Bristol; A. Barfield, P.M. 511; C. Inwards, W.M.; E. A. Cumberland, S.W.; W. C. Haselgrove, J.W.; A. Watkins, J.D.; G. H. Chambers, S.D.; and M. A. Rankin, of the St. John the Baptist (Luton) Lodge. Bros. E. Swain, S.W., and Rev. C. C. Ewbank, of the St. Andrews (Biggleswade) Lodge; T. E. Moss, of the Australian Social Lodge; T. Philipps, of the Union, 444; A. Block, Ionic, 227; J. Stevens, Eastern, 751; H. Dawson, St. George, Bermuda; and Bro. George Thompson, P.M. Royal St. Edmunds, 1008, Bury St. Edmunds. Of the banquet and all its appliances it is needless to say more than that it was well worthy of the reputation of the Stuart Lodge in this respect, and that to the last moment of one of the pleasantest evenings we ever spent in our lives, the kindly attention of the brethren to the wants and enjoyment of the visitors was unlimited. The usual loyal toasts having been well given by the W.M., and duly drunk, "The Health of the W.M." was happily given by the I.P.M., and feelingly responded to. Next followed "The Grand Lodge Toast," responded to by Bro. Stuart, followed by Bro. Bent, who, in replying, gave a most interesting account of the "making" of our Royal Grand Master in Sweden, and his own fraternal reception in the same country. "The Visitors" were next toasted by Bro. Dr. Prior, in his usual happy manner. Bro. H. Dumas, in a speech brimful of fun and drollery, extolled in terms, by no means overdrawn, the conscientious working and unbounded hospitality of Stuart Lodge. Bro. C. Dumas added a few words of approval. Bro. Haydon felicitously remarked that he had felt ill in the morning, but had applied what his wife had declared to be a remedy, if his case were not altogether desperate, viz., a visit to the anniversary, and Bro. Tebbs drew attention to the fact that the concluding words of the charge, "that our solemn deeds should be rejoiced in by our children and grandchildren," had been accurately fulfilled in the election that night of Mr. W. D. Stuart, the son of Col. Stuart, who was himself the son and nephew of the founders of the lodge. He concluded by wishing that the Stuart Lodge might never want one of the name of Stuart to maintain its character and carry out its traditions. "The Healths of the I.P.M. and the Officers of the Lodge" were next given and followed by the Tyler's toast. We must not forget to mention that "The Masonic Charities" were happily toasted by Bro. Capt. Polhill Turner. After the lodge was untied the evening was given up to harmony, many brethren delighting the company by the skilful use of their excellent voices. Amongst these we remember Bros. Serjeant, Cookson, Stafford, Green, Swaine, Colburne, Allen, the last we listened to being Bro. Carter, who rendered the new and pathetic ballad, "Lord Lovel," in such a manner that we actually saw tears running down the cheeks of several brethren. This ought not to be too often repeated, as at least one brother complained afterwards of severe pain in the side. The effect, we ought to say, was greatly enhanced by the sympathetic "pom-pom" and "ha! ha!" accompaniments of Bro. Stafford. At the earliest opportunity that a stranger could secure, Bro. H. Dumas moved a most earnest and hearty vote of thanks on behalf of the visitors, and the W.M. seconded it on behalf of the brethren, to Bro. J. R. Bull, for his self-denying and unflagging efforts as Steward. For years Bro. Bull has entirely deprived himself the pleasures of the banquet, and devoted himself to attending to the comfort of his brethren and their guests, and we cannot refrain from remarking that it is to this brother that we attribute in no little degree the success of those entertainments that the Stuart Lodge is ever so ready to provide, and their friends are still more ready to avail themselves of. "Floreat Semper!"

Mark Masonry.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithfull Lodge (No. 229).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 29th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. The following members were present:—Bros. W. F. Lamonby, W.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. (Freemason); R. Robinson, S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W.; Captain Sewell, M.O.; T. C. Robinson, J.O.; J. Black, Sec., Treas., and Reg. M.; H. Peacock, S.D.; R. Bailey, J.D.; W. Shiltow, I.G.; and Jos. Henson, Tyler. The visitors were:—Bros. G. Dalrymple, W.M. Henry Lodge, No. 216, Frizington, P.G.S.D.; E. Tyson, Secretary Fletcher Lodge, No. 213, Whitehaven; and Jas. Quay, Whitwell Lodge, No. 151, Maryport, who kindly acted as S.O. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and confirmed, two candidates for advancement were balloted for and accepted. In accordance with notice of motion given by the W.M., it was unanimously agreed that a concert and ball be held in February, in conjunction with Skiddaw Craft Lodge, No. 1002, and Dykes Conclave Red Cross Knights, No. 36. The bye-laws for the government of the lodge were then agreed to, and a copy thereof ordered to be forwarded to the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge authorities for confirmation. Neither of the two candidates for advancement being present, at the request of the visiting brethren the ceremony of advancement was rehearsed, Bro. Tyson kindly enacting the role of candidate. At the close, the officers of Faithfull Lodge were warmly complimented on the perfect manner in which the work had been performed. After hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

Red Cross of Constantine.

ORIGINAL OR PREMIER CONCLAVE OF ENGLAND.—The Quarterly meeting took place on Monday the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Tavern,



Great Queen-street. Among the Sir Kts. present were Rev. P.M. Holden, M.P.S.; T. Kingston, V.E.; Col. J. Peters, H.P.; T. Cubitt, Treas.; H. C. Levander, Rec.; J. Nunn, P.G.V.; George Kenning, P.S.; H. A. Dubois, P.S.; J. G. Marsh, P.S.; E. H. Threlly, O.; H. H. Shirley, S.B.; E. Letchworth, W. S. Moses, J. M. Stedwell, and others. The minutes of the September meeting having been read and confirmed, the recorder stated that, in accordance with a resolution then passed, he had written a letter of condolence to the widow of the late Sir Kt. Robert Wentworth Little, P.G.V., &c. He also announced that a committee, comprising members of various Orders of Freemasonry, had been formed for the purpose of perpetuating in a suitable manner the memory of our late lamented brother. It was then proposed by Sir Kt. George Kenning, P.S.; seconded by Sir Kt. Holden, M.P.S.; and carried unanimously: That the sum of five guineas be given by the Conclave to the Wentworth Little Testimonial Fund. Several letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read; after which the conclave was closed, and the Sir Kts. adjourned to banquet and spent a very agreeable evening under the genial presidency of their M.P.S. We are happy to hear that the Premier Conclave is in a flourishing state, and trust it may long continue to enjoy the position it has hitherto held at the head of the Red Cross Order.

#### ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was held on the 29th ult., in the Temple. Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., P.G.A.D.C., presided as W.M.; Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., acted as S.W.; and Bro. John A. Rucker, P.G.D., as J.W. Bro. John Hervey, G. Sec., Treasurer of the lodge, and Bro. W. Smallpeice, P.M. 1395, Secretary of the lodge, also attended. Bro. A. C. Spaul, J.W. 1768, acted as S.D.; Bro. G. C. Pulsford, S.D. 1593, as J.D.; Bro. W. A. Dawson, W.M. 1768, as I.G.; and Bro. Sadler, Tyler.

Amongst other brethren present were the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, S.G.W.; Bros. J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clarke, S.G.D.; W. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; James Glaisher, P.G.D.; H. C. Levander, Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex; Col. H. S. Somerville Burney; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; W. T. Howe, G.P.; Henniker-Major, of the United Lodge, No. 1629; W. G. Kentish, William Russell, C. Harrison, G. E. Wainwright, G. Stacey, Robert Fowler, P.M. and Sec. 194; Josiah Boule, C. G. Lockyer Sanditands, St. C. Blumming, Henri Bauer, Carl Erhardt, Gilbert L. Bauer, W. J. Compton, John P. Probert, A. Waur, Henley B. Robinson, R. J. S. Beeton, Ric. Luck, J. P. Sowerby, J. P. Toddrott, John D. Carter, J. R. Jones, W. Henry Thomas, George Mickle, H. H. Strule, Rev. John Robbins, D.D., Hugh Macintosh, T. H. Edmonds, William Ogle, S. J. Weston, P.M. 194; Albert Evedly, A. Maroni, H. Carter, P. Herbage, Howard W. G. Vaughan George Brown, E. Culver, C. Stewart, T. J. Ballon, W. W. Lendon, Robert P. Notley, J. P. Edkins, John W. Jones, E. D. Godwin, 76; A. E. Barrett, 107; F. W. Mitchell, W. A. S. Humphries, James Wm. Lambert, Augustus H. Spronge, W. H. Muller, J. P. Manchester, W. G. Sams, 180; George Powell, Edwin Marsh, David Harrison, George W. Coates, C. Layton Davies, W. G. Weber, A. V. Haines, John C. Green, T. A. Greene, George Boulton, Dick Badclyffe, Thomas Greene, J. P. Walker, Jno. Fay, G. W. Cooper, G. W. Armstrong, Frederick Thomas Hastelow, J. A. Farnfield, Ernest H. Blake, T. H. Simmonds, W. Hollingworth, W. Ackland, James Keene, W.M. 1635; W. Stainton Moses, 1415; William F. Vanderwell, 63; Charles Hunt, 194; E. Fenner, 1150; Henry Conolly, 173; James S. Edmeston, 1612; W. Deamer, M.D., P.M. 609; T. Henry Preece, 211; E. K. Kendall, 10; F. Schofield, M.D.; Edmund Routledge, 1635; H. W. Honyman, 59; J. Hart, 59; H. W. Hornmann, J. Russell, 8; E. S. Sidolph, P.M. 1580; George H. Savage, W.M. 46; Isaac Paddle, 715; James Paddle, P.M. 715; Charles J. Preece, 531; A. Green, W.M. 211; R. W. Nager, 1416; Walter Maxsted, 180; G. W. Dixon, 209, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; Usher Bach, 211; Richard Sennett, 15; George B. Hemming, 256; W. J. Collens, 766; W. H. Lee, P.M. 975; Edwin B. Holloway, 108; Robert Bach, 265; James Edmeston, 1635; Francis E. C. Byng, 1635; Chas. Armfield, 1201; George Armfield, 1201; Jules Sprengel, 1635; David Hodges, 33; John Oldis, 1288; Charles Adams, 1288; Geo. French, 591; H. Brett, 1436; J. L. Claypole, Chas. Clapromonge, 162; John C. Biggs, J.D. 77; William H. Hedges, 77; Fred. B. Biddle, S.W. 193; G. Falconer, 875; H. Haycock, 1345; R. W. Brown 179; Wm. Wallis, 1593; Joseph John Craeke, 193; R. Goodchild, 554; Arthur Hewiker, 1629; O. S. Boardman, 299; W. H. Chase, Metropolitan Lodge, N.Y.; W. E. Moorman, 1624; E. King, 1624; F. G. Gibson, 3; George Summers, 1491; F. G. Loughborough, 140; George W. Emmett, 1635; James Chapman, 194; H. J. Vials, W.M. Stuart, 540; John C. Walker, 14; W. Chapman, 59; Walter Burney, B. Bogg, R. Walker, 1044; W. Saint, 193; G. H. Long, W.M. 45; John Healey, P.M. 59; H. J. Bertram, 1426; C. B. Payne, G.T. and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

The Stewards of the festival were Bros. W. C. Bacon, P.M. 222; W. Beattie, W.M. 142; G. Brooke, P.M. 63; R. R. Davis, P.M. 256; W. A. Dawson, W.M. 1768; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; Montague Gossett, P.M. 66; R. Grey, P.G.D.; J. Hervey, Grand Sec., Treas.; E. Hornblower, S.D. 1624; W. S. Lee, J.W. 1201; E. Legg, W.M. 1107; P. De L. Long, P.G.D.; E. March, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; J. Muzio, P.M. 1150; T. W. Ockenden, J.W. 1512; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; G. C. Pulsford, S.D. 1593; Dick Radclyffe, J.W. 742; A. D. Renshaw, S.D. 194; A. A. Richards, P.G.S., P.M. 8 and 865, P. Prov. G.J.W. Middlesex; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; W. A. Smallpeice, P.M. 1395, Secretary. A. C. Spaul, J.W. 1768; F. R. Spaul, S.W. 1768; E. G.

Tattershall, 165; Erasmus Wilson, S.G.D.; S. B. Wilson, P.M. 59.

The members of the Committee were Bros. T. Fenn, P.G.D.; John Hervey, Grand Secretary, Treasurer; C. A. Mutton, P.G.D.; A. D. Renshaw, S.D. 194; and W. Smallpeice, P.M. 1365, Secretary.

After the lodge had been opened in the Three Degrees the First Lecture was worked as follows:—

1st Section ... ..	Bro. A. C. Spaul, J.W. 1768.
2nd " ... ..	G. C. Pulsford, S.D. 1593.
3rd " ... ..	A. D. Renshaw, S.D. 194.
4th " ... ..	E. Hornblower, S.D. 1604.
5th " ... ..	E. G. Tattershall, 165.
6th " ... ..	F. R. Spaul, S.W. 1768.
7th " ... ..	W. A. Dawson, W.M. 1768.

The whole of this work was done in a style which fully supported the reputation of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

Before the lodge was closed, Bro. Fenn announced that that was the time for proposing new members. The fee for membership was half-a-crown, which constituted a brother a member for life without further subscription. The money so subscribed was, with the exception of a few working expenses, entirely devoted to Masonic charity, and in the course of the last two years £170 had been paid to the three Masonic Charitable Institutions.

After Bro. Fenn had risen for the third time Lord Henniker took the chair, and closed down in the Three Degrees, executing his work in capital style. The brethren then adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, where a substantial supper was provided by Bro. Alfred Best. Lord Henniker presided.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" having been duly proposed and honoured after supper, the Chairman, in proposing that of "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," said he had not a very hard task to perform, for he remembered the last time he was in that room the reception the Grand Master had from the numerous brethren who were assembled on that occasion was very enthusiastic, which was a proof that in any assemblage of Freemasons no words were needed to recommend the least. He had had the privilege of knowing the Grand Master personally for many years, and thought there was no one more fitted for the position of Grand Master, on account of his kindly nature, his sympathy, his character, and his kind heartedness. He was glad to have to remember the Prince of Wales in the position to which his Royal Highness had been pleased to place him this year. Although, unluckily, the Grand Master's many other engagements, and numerous calls upon his time, prevented his coming among the brethren as often as he desired, and as often as the brethren desired to see him among them; yet they might be sure of this, that whenever the Prince of Wales did join them he would always meet with the most cordial and hearty reception. The brethren present, and all Masons in England, wished that H.R.H. might live many years, and hold the distinguished position he now occupied, as Grand Master of English Freemasons.

The Chairman next gave "The Pro and Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," both of whom he characterised as having the interests of Freemasonry at heart, and as discharging the duties of their respective positions in the Order with zeal, tact, and judgment. Speaking with reference to Lord Skelmersdale, he said that his lordship constantly gave up other engagements to visit lodges in the provinces, and remarked that he had noticed in his (the Chairman's) own province of Suffolk, and in the neighbouring province of Norfolk, the great flip it gave to Masonry in the provinces when rulers in the Craft went among the brethren there. This was the case when Lord Skelmersdale visited the province, and wherever he went he was liked.

Colonel Shadwell Clarke, G.S.D., responded, and said he felt great diffidence in doing so, because, he felt that the toast comprised so many illustrious names in Masonry that it was almost presumptuous for him to respond for them. Sincerely he would have liked that the Earl of Carnarvon or Lord Skelmersdale had been there to respond, but in their absence the other Grand Officers must and did feel highly gratified at the kind way in which their names were always received, and for the brotherly acknowledgment of those services, which, from time to time, it was their duty to render to the Craft. The Grand Officers, in common with other brethren, felt great pride and gratification at being present at the meetings of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, a lodge which cast such lustre on English Freemasonry, and which was such a guide to the footsteps of Freemasons.

Bro. John Hervey, G. Sec., Treasurer of the lodge, proposed "The Health of the Chairman." He was sure the brethren were so pleased with Lord Henniker's presidency that evening that they would be very glad indeed to see him again. Lord Henniker had come up from the far east solely to attend this lodge, and had taken a long journey for the purpose. Having engagements in Suffolk he would have to leave at nine o'clock next morning to keep them. When a brother puts himself to so much inconvenience to gratify others, they owed him a great debt of gratitude, which they would naturally be anxious to pay. They all knew that Lord Henniker was an honoured Mason, and he was at the present moment the first Master of the lodge in Suffolk, to the chair of which he had just been elected, for the second year. He was Senior Grand Warden of England, and the brethren had seen that evening that he could not only preside at the banquet table, but could work in a lodge and do his duty there. He could say a great deal more of Lord Henniker, if his lordship were not present; but being present he would not put him to the blush, but would simply say that the brethren were anxious to thank him for so kindly coming to preside over this meeting. The brethren would feel that Lord Henniker had conferred not only pleasure and gratification on the lodge, but had laid on it a debt of gratitude which they

would not feel it easy to liquidate. He therefore called on the brethren to drink his lordship's health.

The Chairman, in reply, said he was afraid he hardly deserved all the praise Bro. Hervey had given him; at the same time he could assure the brethren that it was he who had had great pleasure in being present that evening—a pleasure which he should not easily forget. This was his first visit to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and it was true that he had come up from Suffolk to attend it, and would have to go back again early in the morning to attend one or two important meetings before he got home late in the evening. However, he had been amply repaid for any trouble he had had by the kind reception the brethren had given him, and by the great treat he had had in the working of the lodge. That had given him so much pleasure that he hardly knew how to express it. Like most people who had many public and private engagements, as well as Masonry to attend to, he got a little rusty; but he could assure the brethren he felt the greatest pleasure in seeing the brethren working a lodge so well as they had worked the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. He hoped he might have the pleasure at some future time, if the brethren would allow him, of visiting this lodge again. As the brethren had already heard a good deal of his voice, he should content himself with thanking them most heartily. He was certain they would believe him when he said he was not a show Mason, but was anxious really to be of use to the Craft. He should be happy at all times to be of use to the Craft in general, and to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement in particular, where he had spent such a happy evening.

The Chairman next proposed "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement." He need not tell the brethren that he did it most heartily. It was not an empty phrase, for he did it with great pleasure and satisfaction. The Emulation Lodge of Improvement supplied one of the great wants in this country, and he was glad to see rising Masons every year look more and more to it as an authority in Craft Masonry, and from what he had seen that night he thought it would. He wished it were possible in a great many of the provinces to have something of the same kind; but of course it was impossible to have it everywhere, or anything approaching to it so good. Still, depend upon it, every year as people visited the Emulation Lodge of Improvement it would become more influential, and more of an authority in every province in the country. Emulation was a word which Masons ought to have always before them, whether in the working of lodges, or in trying to support the charities, or in promoting kindly feeling among the Craft, Emulation ought to be a word ever present to them; but one thing he was quite certain of, that it would be almost impossible to carry out the true sense of the word as regarded the brother with whom he wished to couple this toast—he meant Bro. Hervey. As long as they had Bro. Hervey holding office, as he had in this lodge for more than thirty-one years as Treasurer, there need be no fear of the lodge going back or taking a second place. He ventured to say, in Bro. Hervey's presence that though many of the Grand Officers, past and present, and he (the Chairman) himself were very anxious to fulfil their duties as well as they could, however much they might try they would not find it very easy at a distance very respectfully to follow Bro. Hervey in the way in which he carried out his duties as Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of England. It gave him (the Chairman) personal pleasure to couple the name of Bro. Hervey with this toast, for he had known him now some time, and in every communication he had with him of all kinds and sorts, and on various topics connected with Masonry, he had always found him so courteous, good humoured, good tempered, forbearing, and long suffering in every way, that it gave him great pleasure to bear this testimony to his qualities. He was very much pleased to count Bro. Hervey amongst his personal friends, and he was glad now to propose his health, along with "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement," of which Bro. Hervey was one of the most valuable members.

Bro. Hervey, in reply, said that when a man found himself in difficulties the best course he could adopt was to face them at once and get out of them in the best way he might. Lord Henniker had just placed him in a difficulty by the kind manner in which he had proposed this toast, and the flattering terms in which he had recommended it to the brethren. He could assure the brethren that no one had the success of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement more at heart than he had. In former times certainly he did, and he might as well avow it, work very hard for the success of this lodge. For the last three or four years his health had not been so good as it used to be, and it had not been in his power to devote the same attention to the lodge as he did in former years. But his lordship would see, and the brethren round the table would know, that the lodge had not fallen off from any want of attention on his part, because it had been well looked after by some of his friends both right and left of him—by one whom he might specially name that night, whose working, he thought, was next to perfect, Bro. Fenn—so that his (Bro. Hervey's) absence was now of little moment, and he might now take that rest and repose which his old age and long service might entitle him to. While the lodge was looked after as it was now by members who took the work and attended to the well-being of the lodge one night after another the Lodge of Emulation could not do otherwise than prosper. He would not say more about the working of the lodge, because his lordship would speak about it presently, but he would add, that he thanked his lordship heartily for the compliment he had paid him, and the brethren for the flattering reception he had had. It was not always that a man maintained his popularity after thirty-one years of service; whether it had been deserved or not was another question; but still he felt he was almost too much appreciated.

(To be continued.)

THE FETE OF THE TROCADERO.

(Continued.)  
From the *Monde Maçonnique*, Nov., p. 321.

After a poem, "For the Poor," by Victor Hugo, declaimed by Mlle. Rousseil, the orchestra played the national airs of England, Portugal, Belgium, and the United States, during which the ladies made a collection, which must have been very successful. According to the programme, the "Legend of Hiram," a Masonic Symphony, for the first time executed, followed. This was composed by M. Ch. de Livry, the words by Bro. C. A. This symphony, which is very beautiful, and which retraces, in a masterly way, the ancient legend, was divided into three parts, 1, Ordo Oab Chao, a recitation followed by an invocation; 2, a Funeral March; 3, Symbolic Initiation. Mlle. Irma Marie, of the "Opera Comique," sang the first and third parts, to which her sweet and harmonious voice lent a very great charm. The March appeared to us the least successful of the three portions; but on the whole, this was, in our opinion, the most striking portion of the solemnity, and it does the greatest honour to its talented composer, who deserves the felicitations of all Masons.

The last melodious strains had scarcely died away when the Very Ill. Bro. Emanuel Arago rose, and announced, with a vigorous voice which the entire hall could hear, that he was about to fulfil his duty as "Orator of the Grand Conseil."

"Ladies, gentlemen," he said, "always courageous, and always young in the service of a good cause, our Illustrious Grand Master has just now explained before you all with so much talent and heart, the principles of Masonry healthily practised, that it is impossible for anyone to add anything to the subject of his charming discourse. It is, nevertheless, necessary that I should speak; the regulations require it, and it is requisite that I should demonstrate to you how in Masonry the title of Orator implies duties which can be carried out without eloquence. It is necessary—no, I am in error,—it ought to have been necessary for me to recognise at once, and characterize in a few terse sentiments the Masonic bearing of a reunion, whose brilliancy dazzles me; but I have not sufficient calmness to do so, and were I to encounter or merit blame, I exceed my duty if even unwillingly. Let him rise and address you in my place, who wishes to discuss to-day the questions of teaching. I only wish myself to consider our sympathetic auditory, happy to meet here with rivals and friends often encountered already in the marvellous galleries of the exhibition, on that field of battle, where France peacefully has re-conquered her rank and her prestige, the affection of the world, and universal esteem. Therefore, ladies and gentlemen, when I see these links re-bound by these struggles of nations, I dare to affirm that our relations of true fraternity with these Grand Lodges which follow our rites have well served the Genius of Peace. It is, that peoples following us, whatever may be their moral or political views, have a common patrimony, the human conscience, immortal and sacred. It is that this good, whatever it be, the peoples know, and wish, and will obtain, and I affirm to you will always preserve. I told you, ladies and gentlemen, that people had a common patrimony, and I now have explained it. Two more words on this subject, for my affirmation does not mean that we are to lend our ears to Utopias, which dream of the abolition of position, the fusion of races, the organization of an enormous Babel, and indescribable chaos. Listen—We have had the happiness of seeing to-day the Supreme Council and lodges of twenty-two different countries. We salute with joy the two Grand Commanders of England and Switzerland, or delegates of the Conseil of Brussels, the Masons of Ireland and Scotland, Italy and Spain, Norway and Sweden, and Portugal; the Masons of two worlds, the Masons from everywhere, brethren arrived expressly from America, Peru, Brazil, Monte Video, from the very inland of Uruguay. Is it by chance that we do not well know that except the moral law—indestructible foundation of our principles, which nothing shall destroy—that excepting the moral law, I say, we do not profess the same opinions, that there are among us different opinions and that each can keep them which are either accepted or professed by his own country? This, ladies and gentlemen, does not astound us, neither does it divide us. The Grand Master said it, it was said before him, and futurity will prove it, that the best Mason will always be the best patriot. Patriot! this word, which you all receive with acclamation, which you proclaim, and which will reach from London to New York, from Brussels to Madrid, from Rome to Copenhagen, will also be the last word said by a French voice under the splendid fraternal arch of the Trocadero. Yes, patriots—Cremieux said it to you, and I repeat it after him—patriots we are and will remain above all. This word I pronounce in the name of the Supreme Council, with which I am surrounded, and who applaud me, in the name of the lodges, of which I will not forget any, in the names of the lodges of Lyons, Bordeaux, Marseilles, Perpignan, Brest, Havre, Aurillac, Cherbourg, Saintes, and of Niord, which wished to join our fête and are amongst us. It is in the name of all of them that I pronounce the word of patriot, I address it to the strangers, I address it to them from my heart, that they may feel themselves at home in independence, just as we are amongst ourselves. And as a fraternal sign it is my last word. I give them the hand of France."

This discourse was very warmly applauded. We looked in vain for the twenty-two Supreme Councils of which Bro. Arago had been talking, it was impossible for us to find them. We must believe that the Ill. brother had eyes as piercing as his voice was clear, unless he had heard tell that the Congress of Lausanne had recognised twenty-two councils, and that this number of twenty-two had slipped surreptitiously on his tongue. In fact, only the two Supreme Councils which were clearly

found to be present, as he himself involuntarily said in these terms: we salute, said he, "the two Great Commanders of England and Switzerland." He equally saluted Freemasons—English Masons, from America, from Spain, from Italy, from Germany, Sweden, Brazil, Hungary, who came to assist at this fête. We are wishful to believe that the Masons of these divers countries were present, but where were they placed? The very illustrious Bro. Montague, G. Chancellor of the Supreme Council, "thanked afterwards the French Masons, for the reception they had given the strangers." He gives us his profession of faith. "Every Mason, said he, "loved his neighbour, we are not bad men, but men like other men. We are come here to declare to the whole world what the basis of Masonry is; First, love to God and your neighbour. The other basis of Masonry is the family." This is to be compared with the great oration of Bro. Cremieux.

The meeting was rapidly drawn to a close after this, by a comic poem, repeated by Bro. Coquelin, the elder, of the French theatre, and one from "Joseph" of Méhul, sung by a Laureat of the "Conservatoire" M. Montlievrat, the trio from the prison scene of "Faust" by Gounod, sung by Mlle Duval, and M. Montlievrat, and Seguin, ended by the Marseillaise. On the whole it was a very beautiful fête and which strangers assert had perfectly succeeded. If the "Freemason" of London had sent its correspondent, he would have regretted certainly having shown so much earnestness in dissuading the English Masons from being present at this fête. He would have been convinced that the Masons of the "Rite Ecossais" are rationally religious people, who yield in nothing to the brethren across the Channel, and do not merit to be decorated with the epithets of Atheism, which are so gratuitously given to the Grand Orient.

P.S. The Fete of the Trocadero, was concluded by a grand fraternal banquet, at the Continental Hotel, presided over by Bro. Jules Simon.

[We give this report of an eye-witness, but to say the truth, we are not convinced, but that our advice to our English brethren, was both seasonable and judicious.—Ed. F.M.]

THE HENDERSON TESTIMONIAL FUND

The proceeds of a testimonial fund that was inaugurated in the Capper Lodge, No. 1076, for presentation to our late Bro. John Henderson, some few months before his death last spring, has just been presented to his widow. Subjoined is a balance sheet, which we feel sure will be read with satisfaction, not only by those who contributed, but by all who knew the sterling qualities of "Honest John," Bro. J. White (W.M. of the Capper Lodge), the Committee and all concerned, deserve to be congratulated on the result of their labour.

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Subscriptions from the Capper Lodge, 1076	£32 12 6
Union Waterloo Lodge, 13	9 14 6
"    Chapter, 13	4 18 6
St. John and St. Paul Lodge, 613	2 2 0
Nelson Lodge, 700	7 5 6
Florence Nightingale Lodge, 706	3 7 6
Sydney Lodge, 829	10 10 0
Pattison Lodge, 913	9 2 0
"    Chapter	9 8 6
King Harold Lodge, 1327	2 2 0
Henley Lodge, 1472	2 2 0
Liberty of Havering Lodge, 1437	4 8 0
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By Expenses for Printing, Postage, &c.	£ 2 11 6
Amount handed to Mrs. Henderson	95 1 6
	£97 13 0

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ARMAGH.

On Wednesday, the 27th ult., pursuant to due notice, the quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh, which embraces representatives from about thirty lodges, comprised within the counties of Armagh, Louth, and Monaghan, was held under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, the Most Worshipful Maxwell C. Close, D.L.; P.M., Drumbanagher Castle, Representatives in Ireland of the United Grand Lodge of England, at the Masonic Hall of this town. He was supported by V.W. Bros. Francis Scott, M.D., as Senior Warden; Andrew K. Young, J.P., as Junior Warden; and Worshipful Bros. Sydney Jackson, John Galbraith, William Shimeld, Young, J. Hesse, Past Grand Officers, and a fair attendance of the brethren of the province.

V.W. Bro. George Hill Smith, Grand Secretary, read the minutes of last meeting at Clones, Co. Monaghan, which were confirmed, after which the installation of the following Grand Officers for 1879, was proceeded with by the Grand Master:

V.W. Andrew K. Young, J.P.	Prov. G.S.W.
" Robert Heron	Prov. G.J.W.
" Richard Harvey	Prov. G. Treas.
" Gen. Hill Smith	Prov. G. Sec.
W. Bros. Rev. Augustus R. Young, and Rev. E. M. Holden	Prov. G. Chaps.
W. Bro. Arthur Wynne	Prov. G. Org.
" John Galbraith	Prov. G.S.D.
" M. M. Rutherford	Prov. G.J.D.
" C. M. Tranter	Prov. G.I.G.

V.W. Bros. R. Harvey and W. Leonard were re-elected representatives at the Board of General Purposes, Grand

Lodge of Ireland; and Bros. J. Hesse and R. Turner on the Board of Instruction.

After routine business some very interesting matters to the Craft were introduced and decisions arrived at, after which the Grand Lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, and the brethren subsequently dined together at the hotel of Bro. Williams, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

AFRICAN EXPLORATION.—In consequence of Colonel Gordon's successful experiment with elephants in the equatorial provinces of Egypt, and his advice to travellers to use them in exploring expeditions from the East Coast, to which we referred on August 31, we hear that an attempt has been made to induce the Zanzibar authorities to undertake the taming of an African elephant for the above-named purpose. We regret, however, to learn that an unfavourable answer has been received, it being understood that the Seyyid has set his heart on having a light line of railway to the Victoria Nyanza, though it does not appear quite clear where the necessary funds are to come from for such an expensive undertaking.—*Academy*.

A committee appointed by the Danish Minister of the Interior last spring to report upon the question of a construction of a port of refuge in the Kattegat has made a report approving the opinion that the construction of a large and good port is a necessity. The Kattegat is yearly passed through by 50,000 vessels, and an idea of the dangerous nature of the passage may be gathered from the fact that, from 1838 to 1876, 760 vessels, were wrecked between the Skagen reef and the southern boundary of Sanders. The committee advocates a scheme for enlarging the port of Frederiksbafen, the cost of which is estimated at about 3,600,000 crowns.

The International Art Exhibition at Munich, to be held next year, is being rapidly organised, and a committee has been formed to despatch invitations to artists in the divers European countries. The Exhibition will include paintings of all kinds, sculpture, architectural designs, and all objects in the province of the graphic arts, while gold medals will be given by the Bavarian Government, the awards being decided by a jury chosen from the best Munich artists.

THE LADIES' WORK SOCIETY.—This society (31, Sloane-street) has gained a silver medal at the Paris Exhibition for its panel and frieze embroidery in the Prince of Wales's room in the pavilion. The Society is presided over by Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) who has for the last four years taken a personal interest in its well-doing, sending her own designs and constantly giving her time at its rooms, and although the Princess has left for Canada, she still continues her presidency.

Near Balow, in Lusatia, have been found 24 bronze arm rings, three collars, and other ornaments, believed to be part of the treasure of the last of the Wendish kings, which tradition had always represented as buried in that neighbourhood, as, also, his remains enclosed in a silver coffin.

Mr. Seymour Hayden, who may be called the father of etching in its English development, has lent to the Fine Art Society a typical selection from his own fine collection of etchings, now shown at the Society's galleries, 148, New Bond-street. But he has done more. He has accompanied this selection with a catalogue, which contains, besides, a comment on the etchings exhibited, pointing their significance and the lesson for which they have been selected. Mr. Hayden's comments on these 121 etchings, selected from his rich portfolios, are at once a running criticism on the work of the particular etchers, and a series of side lights on his views of art and etching generally, and in both senses seem to be of the highest value. We need not in this article specify the masters who have been laid under contribution. All who are really interested in etching will no doubt visit the exhibition and procure the catalogue. For those who are not disposed to do this a mere list of names would have little or no meaning.

Pope Leo XIII., in addition to reforming the Vatican household, is benefitting the public at large by gradually removing the restrictions to study in the Art Galleries of his palace, which were imposed at the end of 1870. From the beginning of December the Stanze and Loggia of Raphael, in the Sixtine Chapel, will be open to visitors and students from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m., excepting fête days and Saturdays.

The death is announced of Mr. Robert Wallis, the well-known landscape engraver. He was born in London on the 7th November, 1794, but spent the earlier years of his life in the country, returning to London about the year 1818, when he soon took a high position in the Art world, and was recognised as a worthy associate of Goodall, Miller, Cousins, Willmore, and others. Many of the best specimens of his talent will be found in Turner's "Southern Coast," "England and Wales," "Rogers' Poems," and in the expensively illustrated "Keepsakes," and other gift books of the period. Among his larger works reference may be made to "Lake Nemi," after Turner, an artist's proof of which realised ninety guineas under the hammer, at Christie's, about three years ago, and "The Approach to Venice," also after Turner. This was his first work of any importance, and it is perhaps the most successful rendering of a picture by the great Master that has appeared since his death. It was exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1859. Shortly after this Mr. Wallis relinquished all professional engagements in consequence of advancing age, and retired to Brighton, where he died on the 23rd inst., aged eighty-five.

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Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

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Evans, W., Sydney ... ..	0	12	0
Francis, H., Canada ... ..	0	12	0
Henry, W. J., Gibraltar ... ..	1	19	9
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Jones, S., Chicago ... ..	0	12	0
Knight, B., Queensland ... ..	0	12	0
Norris, J. C., Brisbane ... ..	1	4	0
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Robins, W. H. Port Elizabeth ... ..	0	12	0
Scott, H., Sydney ... ..	0	12	0
Thomas, R. D., New Zealand ... ..	0	12	0
Thompson, H., New Zealand ... ..	0	12	0
Titus, C. H., Boston ... ..	0	9	2
Toby, C., Tasmania ... ..	1	0	0
Wodehouse Lodge, The Cape ... ..	0	12	0

Answers to Correspondents.

E.C.B.—Bro. Wm. Carpenter died on the 21st of April, 1874, aged 78 years.

Bro. W. J. Hughan, in our next.

J.W., 1563.—Received with thanks.

J.P., Jersey.—We think it better not to publish the letter.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"Boletin Oficial Masoneria Simb. de Colon;" "Magazine of Art;" "British Journal of Photography;" "Citizen;" "Touchstone;" "Hull Packet;" "Masonic Record of Western India;" "Risorgimento;" "Broad Arrow;" "London Express;" "Rock;" "Corner Stone;" "Liberal Freemason;" "Voice of Masonry;" "Royal Cornwall Gazette;" "European Mail;" "Dean and Sons Novel Changing Panoramic Toy Books;" "Queen of Hearts;" "Johnny Gilpin;" "Alas! Cock Robin;" "Canadian Craftsman;" "Colonies and India."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

DRIVER.—On the 1st inst., at Westgate-terrace, South Kensington, the wife of Sheldon Dudley Driver, of a son.

HALES.—On the 1st inst., at Park-hill-rise, Croydon, the wife of William Hales, of a daughter.

HORNCASTLE.—On the 27th ult., the wife of W. G. Horncastle, of a son.

DEATHS.

GARDNER.—On the 28th ult., at 73, Clarendon-road, Notting-hill, William Gardner, son-in-law of Mr. John Elkington.

GRAHAM.—On the 30th ult., at 35, Thurloe-square, Frances Laura, widow of the late Mr. R. C. Cunninghame Graham.

MURGATROYD.—On the 25th ult., Thomas Murgatroyd, of Shipley, aged 39.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1878

THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

We think it well to give a short "Resumé" of what took place on Wednesday last. The Pro Grand Master presided, as will be seen. The Grand Master was re-nominated by Bro. Frank Richardson. Bro. Gibson was appointed Grand Supt. of Works, and the Pro G.M. spoke in feeling terms of the death of Bro. Cockerell, Past G.S. of Wks. Bro. Clabon was nominated as President of the Board of Benevolence, and Bros. Joshua Nunn and James Brett as Vice-Presidents. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., complained of curtailment of privileges, in that those below the dais had hitherto the privilege to propose the M.W. Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, but was ruled out of order by the President. Bro. Clabon, in moving the confirmation of several votes of the Lodge of Benevolence, repeated his desire that the surplus funds should be applied in some useful way. The Pro Grand Master announced a gift of great Masonic interest to Grand Lodge, being a book of which there were only two or three copies extant, presented by Bro. Edward Tyrrell, D.D. G.M. of Bombay, being "A Record of English Lodges in 1729," numbering fifty-four. The Pro Grand Master remarked that that was very different to the number at present existing, but it would be well to remember that it was not merely numerical increase that gave strength and importance to our great Order, but a strict adherence and obedience to the great principles and landmarks. The book, he considered, was one of great interest and curiosity; he moved that it be accepted with best thanks, and placed in the archives of the Order. The Grand Secretary was instructed to lay the book in his office for inspection by any brethren interested. For the rest of the business on the agenda paper we refer our readers to the detailed report elsewhere.

MASONIC BENEFIT SOCIETIES.

Masonic benefit societies have never prospered in England, though flourishing, we believe, in the United States. Some hundred years ago an attempt was made to form one in London, but it lingered for a short period and then expired like a little "farthing rushlight," "all of the olden time." Some of the North country lodges had at one time these benefit clubs attached to them, but they were unsound in theory and hurtful and unmasonic in practice, and have gradually disappeared, and are only remembered as "things of the past." We confess we doubt much the advisability of mixing up the principles and efforts of a benefit society with Freemasonry. Lord Zetland warned us emphatically, years ago, that Freemasonry was not a benefit society, and we are always fearful lest with its many obvious material advantages, just now, Freemasonry should assume in any, even the slightest, measure the aspect of a benefit society. At the same time we say this, we do not deny that there is nothing illegal or Masonically wrong, even, in a society which is altogether separate and distinct from the ordinary lodge life of Masonry, even when that organization becomes a pure benefit society. Unfortunately the tendency of all such associations is to get "mixed up" with Masonic and even lodge work, and in such a case, as loyal Freemasons we must emphatically condemn, and studiously avoid, any tendency to a fusion as between Masonic principles of action and those of a benefit society. Some brethren in the North of Ireland have formed a Masonic Benevolent Association, as they put it, for the "mutual benefit of its members, and the relief of the widow and family of each member at his decease." All Master Masons are eligible as members of the society, which is to be governed by a Board of Directors, and the following is the entrance fee, according to age:

From 21 to 40 ... ..	£1	0	0
" 40 to 45 ... ..	1	5	0
" 45 to 50 ... ..	1	10	0
" 50 to 60 ... ..	2	0	0

Above sixty special laws are to be made. On the proved death of a member, each member of the Association is to pay in 5s. 3d., which sum in its totality is to be handed over to the widow, or children, or legal representative of the deceased. When the funds of the Association amount to five times the sum required to be paid on the death of a member, no "levy" is to be made on the members, and the payment is to be made out of the funds of the society. There are one or two provisions in the bye-laws which appear to us contrary to sound policy, and very questionable, Masonically. Every five members subscribing from any one lodge have a right to elect a director for themselves, out of the members of the Association, so that a very numerous lodge might have several directors, and thus by degrees the Association would become necessarily "mixed up" with the lodge. But as at this moment a grant can be made to a widow in England, and we presume in Ireland, except as a question of amount, we do not see what is gained. We cannot then conscientiously approve of any such proposal, as we feel sure that it is introducing a bad principle into Freemasonry. We are, in no sense, a benefit Order. We give, on high principles of charity and duty, to those who have a fair claim on our benevolence, and if we do not give enough that is a matter which can easily be remedied. We object to many acts just now which savour to us of anything but Masonry, and certainly are not charity. We dislike all this "drawing" for Life Governorships, as a very questionable proceeding, Masonically, just as we object to Masonic lotteries and Masonic benefit societies. Let us keep close to the "good old paths" of our respectable and valuable Order, and let us eschew all that restlessness which is bringing very inferior men to the fore, as manipulators of questionable schemes which pander to the vanity of some, and the sensationalism of others amongst us, and which all, if persevered in, must tend to lower Freemasonry in the eyes of steady-going Freemasons, and the estimation of the thinking portion of our community.

LITERARY GARBAGE.

We have had our attention called to a professed attack on, and exposure of, Freemasonry, which has appeared in a Liverpool paper, the *Daily Post*. It has been reprinted in the *Stockport Visitor*, and has even been reproduced in the *Bradford Observer*, (a very respectable paper), and to which fact our attention has been called by a kind correspondent in West Yorkshire. As a fact in itself, it is of no importance whatever, and utterly meaningless and valueless. Freemasonry to-day, like Freemasonry 100 years ago, is not to be affected, much less injured, by pretended expositions of its doings and dogmata. A hundred years ago, a French Abbé, unscrupulous, bitter, and very weak, (as most Ultramontane writers are), thought he had "ecrasé," as he said, overwhelmed, crushed, "stamped out" Freemasonry. Poor foolish man. But he was wrong, very wrong, utterly wrong, in any such idea, just as all modern assailants, whatever form they like to assume, whatever disguise they put on, are equally in error, if they think that for such idle accusations Freemasons care, or that such puerile incriminations Freemasons will ever care seriously to notice. Indeed, we should not allude to the subject at all (for such pretended revelations are absolutely worthless and beneath our notice), but for two facts, first, that silence might be misunderstood; and, secondly, as a protest against the reproduction by respectable newspapers of such utter garbage. Almost all these attacks come from one school, the Jesuit, or rabid Ultramontane School, and are based upon worthless American works, surreptitiously reproduced in England. We need hardly say to our readers, or to any honest man, that they constitute a wicked and base parody on the real ritual and true proceedings of our ancient and benevolent Order! Whether the idea of Masonry commends itself to all minds equally, is of course necessarily a matter of fair debate—whether its position is a sound one, or not, such as it is, is a subject for temperate discussion, or legitimate criti-



cism,—but, pretended expositions from worthless sources, party invectives based on unreliable data, are equally to be rejected and condemned alike by Masons and non-Masons. It is a curious fact as regards these assumed revelations of Freemasonry, that the “concocter” and the “revealer” come into court, on their own confession, with very dirty hands, and as tainted witnesses. Such a position is utterly fatal to any claim to veracity, much less to credence; and so the common sense of mankind has led them to treat all such parodies on Masonic words and acts, as worse than worthless, as a mendacious attempt at imposture, as a heartless endeavour to trade upon the credulity and curiosity of others. We greatly wonder at respectable newspapers like the *Bradford Observer*, admitting such absolute “rubbish” into their columns. It is very hard upon their readers. We, as Freemasons, simply laugh at all such nonsensical exhibitions of party spite, or impotent malice, or base sensationalism, and we leave them to that fate which inevitably awaits all such like productions, namely, the laughter of the well informed, the scorn of the truthful, and the pity of every loyal Freemason. Let us hope that our contemporaries of the non-Masonic press will hesitate in future before they fill their pages with this unsavoury “padding,” which is a libel on truth and honour, and honesty, and an insult to matter of fact and common sense.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even 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.]

NEW LODGES.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
Amongst the list of new lodges, for which warrants are to be granted at the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on Wednesday next, I observe the name of one, respecting which, I shall esteem it a kindness if you will allow me to publish a few facts for the information of the Craft.

During the last fifteen (or more) years, a number of persons have been proposed as candidates for initiation in the town in which this new lodge is to be held, and for various reasons, which I need not specify, have been either blackballed, or the names withdrawn in consequence of objections lodged with the proper authorities. A considerable number of those so rejected have, from time to time, found a welcome home in a lodge, held in a small town some eighteen or twenty miles distant; no enquiries being made of the lodges “why they were not admitted to a lodge in the town in which they resided, or one nearer their place of residence.”

This was carried to such an extent, that the Provincial Grand Lodge some years ago unanimously adopted the following resolutions:—

1st “That this Provincial Grand Lodge recommends all the lodges in the province to unite in enforcing more stringent rules as to the admission of candidates in the Masonic Order.

2nd “That every Master and his Wardens be requested to make themselves acquainted, by private enquiry, with the moral qualities and social positions of every candidate, and whether he has ever been proposed in any other lodge.

3rd “That every brother of each lodge be requested not to propose for initiation a candidate residing at a distance from the place in which the lodge is held, until the most searching enquiries have been made and satisfactory reasons given why he was not proposed in a lodge in the town in which he resides, or one nearer to his place of residence.”

These rejected brethren now find it inconvenient to attend lodge duties so far away from home, and, with the assistance of a few others, have petitioned for a warrant for a new lodge to be held in the midst of those who considered them not “fit and proper persons to become Masons.”

Before forwarding their petitions, they wrote to ask the senior lodge in the town to endorse it, which request, after considerable discussion, was refused. Another lodge in the town was more pliable, and they got their petition “recommended by the officers of a regular lodge.”

Some of the brethren of the lodge which declined to give its recommendation, and a number of brethren of other lodges, at once petitioned the Provincial Grand Master to withhold his consent to the application for the following reasons.

1. That the six lodges already existing in the town and immediate neighbourhood afford abundant opportunities for the reception, whether of candidates for Freemasonry, or of brethren already belonging to the Craft. These lodges are 1, \_\_\_\_\_, 2, \_\_\_\_\_, 3, \_\_\_\_\_, 4, \_\_\_\_\_, 5, \_\_\_\_\_, 6, \_\_\_\_\_; We would respectfully express to you our conviction, that should they be found insufficient to meet all the legitimate requirements of Freemasonry in this town, the \_\_\_\_\_ Masons will not be found neglecting their obvious duty of applying to you, R.W. Sir, for additional facilities for the purpose.

2. We desire to state that some of those (residing in \_\_\_\_\_) now seeking to promote a new lodge in our

midst, were initiated at \_\_\_\_\_, notwithstanding the resolution unanimously adopted by the Provincial Grand Lodge some years ago.

(3rd Resolution already quoted)

So far as we are aware no such enquiries have been made by the \_\_\_\_\_ brethren in respect to the initiation there of candidates from \_\_\_\_\_.

3. We, with all respect, urge that any encouragement given by those in authority to the system of thus habitually accepting candidates from a distance, must render void, and of no effect, the power of exclusion which has hitherto done so much to preserve for Freemasonry its distinctive and high character in the country.

The Prov. G. Master, however, decided to recommend the granting of the warrant, whereupon one of the oldest Masons in the town, holding very high social and Masonic rank, forwarded a copy of the petition against the warrant being granted to the Grand Secretary, asking the Board of General Purposes to receive a deputation on the subject. I believe no reply to this request has been received, but the warrant is to be granted.

The nominated officers include several of those rejected, as before mentioned.

I purposely refrain from any comment, but simply ask your courteous publication of these facts for the information of the Craft.

I am Dear Sir and Bro. yours fraternally,  
ONE OF THE PETITIONERS  
AGAINST THE WARRANT.

QUERIES.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
Kindly allow me space in your columns for this, and let me have the aid of your valuable opinions.

Is it not the duty of a “Provincial Grand Lodge” to visit and inspect the working of its daughter lodges, at least once a year?

Can a Provincial Grand Lodge claim dues from a daughter lodge, that has not been visited for the past three years?

Can a daughter lodge in view of the ill-treatment received from a Provincial Grand Lodge, Masonically throw off her allegiance to such Prov. Grand Lodge?

Has a Provincial Grand Steward, who has been regularly installed and served his year of office, the right to attach “Past Prov. Grand Steward” to his name, and is he entitled to wear a jewel, and if so, what?

Your answers will oblige, yours fraternally,  
L.

THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
As this discussion has been drawn out more than at first intended, may I claim to sum up as it now stands?

On first reading the article criticised I accepted naturally our brother's claim to the cloth and literary rank the title he assumed implied, and simply measured him “suo modulo et pede” by his own yard rule. We all know that cloths, and cloaks too, differ in quality, but, surely, I am not responsible for that. The criticism was, that in support of the Mark claims, he had written a historical narration which he would not have presented to any learned society, or have inserted in the columns of the *Times* and *Standard*, on account of its absurdity and historical untruth. In fact, that he was attempting to convert the *Freemason* into a receptacle for idle tales.

He has in no way replied to these charges, and I repeat them still.

I am perfectly aware the words are strong, they are not, however, in any way personal to our brother, it is the system which tolerates falsehood I want to get at.

I must beg “Ecce Signum” to accept my former replies as answers to his recent letter, his only object is to attract attention, and I decline to be drawn away from my object.

Of an entirely different character, however, are the letters of a “Masonic Student,” and of Bro. Binckes. The contributions of the former I have long known and esteemed, whilst the communication of the latter would do honour to any learned society. I assure them that to every word they say I shall be pleased to pay respect. Will, however, my brothers kindly see that this question is not to be settled by deciding on a few years, more or less, as to the existence of this or that association? It is whether falsehood in statement ought to be tolerated in a system which claims to be founded on that truth which has the Holy Law for its symbol.

It is not, indeed, to Freemasonry proper that this term applies, but to that portion of it which is found attached as a sort of parasite to the end of the Third Degree, and every intelligent Mason must see that our system naturally divides itself into two distinct parts, the original and the apocryphal.

Every system, indeed, in all ages, has had its apocrypha, and such is human nature that the apocryphal has too often prevailed and played the traitor to that to which it owed allegiance. It was in this sense I used the word, and it was as an offshoot of this apocrypha that I criticised the historical narration.

It is further on this apocryphal portion that is found the teaching in our lodges of instruction, and as such is calculated to sap the love of simple truth in the minds of our younger brethren. There they are trained in a systematic confusion of terms. Now, confusion of terms means logical falsity, and logical falsity means—well, what does it mean? It means just that confusion of right and wrong, to which our journals allude, when they tell us the causes of destroyed manufacturing reputation and markets lost. History, indeed, teaches us that men have in all ages been better than their teaching. I am proud to say it is so now, but that does not prove our teaching right.

I trust I may be considered not as decrying, but warning; nothing is irretrievable; it is the pilot's hand that shapes the vessel's course, and when so many noble institutions have generously set themselves to the task of self-examination, common prudence warns us that the lead should be heaved and our bearings shown, or, in other words, that our definitions and teachings should receive from friendly hands that scrutiny which the changed condition of the age and style of thought demands.

I deeply regret if, in the course of stating the terms, I have given pain to any brother. As a ruler in the Craft I have performed a duty in calling attention to this subject, and, by permission, retire, at least for the present, having written under the excitement and labour of travelling, distant from all works of reference.

W. V. BEDOLFE, M.D.,  
P.M. 1329.

Rome, Nov. 26, 1878.

CAUTION.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
Will you kindly permit us, through the medium of your paper, to caution lodges and Charity Committees against an itinerant, who calls himself Bro. Charles Johnstone, of the Morning Star Lodge, No. 552, Lucknow, as he is unworthy of assistance.

We shall be glad to give further information if required.

Yours fraternally,  
T. D. HOOPER, J. H. SILLITOE.  
Almoners for the province of East Lancashire.  
Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, December 3rd, 1878.

Reviews.

THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND POCKET BOOK FOR 1878-79.

This useful Masonic “vade mecum,” issued under the authority of the Calendar Committee of Grand Lodge, comes before us at this season as a welcome “souvenir” of English Craft Masonry, and a useful reminder of lodge meetings.

It has been carefully superintended by some able and distinguished brethren, and is an indispensable adjunct to the “paraphernalia” of every Craftsman. We are astonished to be told, on what we deem good authority, that its sale is not so large as all English Craftsmen would wish it to be, not only for its own intrinsic utility, but also for the cause of benevolence. If such be the fact, (which we do not profess to understand), there must be some hitch or defect in the arrangements for its agency and sale. For it is so useful a little work, and so needful in itself, that it must for itself, by itself, command a ready market, if only proper measures are taken, or common sense arrangements prevail in regard of its “vend” and diffusion.

If such should really be the case; if either through monopoly or red tape, any want of interest, or any carelessness exists in its “out-put,” if by unfortunate management and unbusiness-like arrangement, its sale, large as it might be, is actually impeded, let us hope that the good sense of those who form the Calendar Committee will yet find the means of improving so valuable a property. At any rate, we beg to note its appearance with pleasure, and to give it a most hearty welcome in the pages of the *Freemason*.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR POCKET BOOK, AND DIARY, FOR 1878-79.

This neat and well got-up little book, most creditable to our worthy publisher, has just appeared, to the great satisfaction of many patrons and readers.

Some “anser” in former days objected to a review in the *Freemason* of the “Cosmo,” because, forsooth, both issue from the same publisher, but as these reviews are written in a spirit of independence, and for the information of the Craft, we deem any such objection to be altogether futile, and any such criticism to be utterly childish, neither deserving of attention or regard. We therefore propose shortly to call attention to this “useful and unpretending work,” as the seasonable preface truly puts it, as we think we shall be doing many of our readers a “good turn” in alluding to so valuable a companion for the pocket, Masonic case, or writing table.

The Cosmopolitan Calendar gives to all Masons a “bird's-eye view” of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, in its great extension over the “whole surface of the habitable world,” and a very wonderful and even astounding picture it sets before us. But not only this. It also places before “our mind's eye” the Chivalric Orders, the “Hautes Grades” of foreign Countries, the Grand Councils of this, the important bodies of the United States, in fact, all that, though it is not Craft Masonry, boasts many Craft Masons in the ranks of its Knightly and Mystic Grades.

Who can doubt the need or value of such a work? and when before was any such information procurable by Masons.

We owe this, be it remembered gratefully, alone to George Kenning. It is not too much to say, that the “result” of the “Cosmo” represents many months' hard work in compilation, collation, and arrangement, information which cannot be obtained without much trouble, and great expense! and we therefore hail its appearance to day. A little bird has whispered in our ear, that one or two very foolish persons, complain of the large sale yearly of the “Cosmo.” But why, we beg to ask, in the name of all that's—common sense, we mean? Is it not well worth its price? Is it not full of information not obtainable elsewhere? does it not bristle with figures, and facts, which every “Fellar Craft,” much more “Master Mason,” and even

Entered Apprentice ought to know? We feel bound, therefore, to commend in the strongest terms—its honesty, utility, and general accuracy, which are very conspicuous and remarkable, amid such a host of statistics! It will be seen that the dates of the foundation of the Ancient Lodges have been given for the first time in any Masonic publication, thanks to Bro. W. J. Hughan. Will that "facile princeps" of all matters relating to lodge life, be angry with us if we suggest, that another year each lodge shall be marked A. or M. as the case may be,—so as to render the identification for the student complete? We give one little illustration (though many might be given of the usefulness of the Cosmo,) which has struck us much. We find the names of all the Craft lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Hungary, the Netherlands, Egypt, Canada, Quebec, New Brunswick, Liberia, Brazil, and we find some omissions which we believe to be unavoidable. And now we are going to make a suggestion, (we hope it won't startle our worthy publisher), that another year the "Cosmo" shall contain a list of all the American lodges just as it does those of Canada, and Quebec. Such an addition if it increased the "Cosmo" a little in size would make it most complete, an absolutely needful work of reference and information. As it is, we can most conscientiously say, that the "Cosmo" is a credit to its publisher and the Craft, we desiderate for it, as we feel sure it will receive, ready support, and cheery approval.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE LANDPORT LODGE, No. 1776.

In the presence of a large number of the members of the ancient Craft, the interesting ceremony of the constitution of the Landport Lodge, No. 1776, of Free and Accepted Masons, and the installation of the W.M., (Bro. Richard J. Murrell), was performed on Wednesday, Nov. 27th, at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, which had been kindly lent for the occasion by the Portsmouth Lodge. The brethren assembled in the spacious lodge at 2.30, and shortly afterwards the R.W. Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. Hickman), and other Grand Officers, Past and Present, took their seats on the dais, Bro. H. M. Emanuel, P.P.G.S. Warden, being appointed to the Senior Warden's chair, and Bro. Dr. Wilks, of Ryde, Prov. G.J. Warden, taking the other chair.

The lodge having been duly opened, the P.G.M. said they were met together on a most interesting occasion, and he availed himself with great pleasure of the opportunity of attending, because it was not the first or the second time that he had had the honour of being in Portsmouth for a similar purpose. Before he had the privilege of presiding over that province he was called upon by the late Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis to assist him in constituting a lodge in this locality, and he had also then been entrusted with the power of conducting the ceremony. Since he had been P.G.M. he had also had the gratification of constituting a new lodge in the town of Portsmouth, and he was glad to be able to say that both lodges were thriving and flourishing. He had, therefore, unusual pleasure in attending to constitute another lodge, which he had little doubt would flourish in a similar manner. He knew full well that Portsmouth was a large and important focus for Freemasonry. The energy and ability of Freemasons in that town were so great that they naturally felt that there was further scope needed for the exercise of those qualities, and as their numbers increased from time to time it necessarily followed that new lodges would be required. It was always gratifying to a Provincial Grand Master to constitute a new lodge, especially one which he was convinced would be properly and efficiently supported. In the present day, as in the past, it should be the aim of brethren to do all that lay in their power to support a lodge after it had been constituted. That was best done by holding fast to the principles of their Order, and not by adopting principles dissociated from the past, or by thinking that through their own exertions they could introduce some new system of Freemasonry. That had recently been done in another country, to the great sorrow of those who had been Freemasons for a long time, and who loved and revered the traditions of the past. He strongly deprecated tampering with the fixed principles of the Craft, and the introduction of innovations. This would be a rash proceeding, and one which could not commend itself to them. Those Freemasons who were assisting in the foundation of a new lodge had a serious duty to perform, and they should deliberately consider what were the leading principles of Freemasonry, take them to heart, and put them into practice with the greatest sincerity and energy. He commended to them, in the first place, reverence for the Great Architect of the Universe, and, in the next place, unity and brotherly love, based upon that principle of charity which existed to such a great extent in their institution. Charity, they were told, consisted not merely in relieving distress or in assisting the widow, the orphan, or the aged in their time of need, but also in that spirit of brotherly love pervading all their relations in life, and assisting them to become better members of society. Such, he trusted, would be the principles that would govern all their public and private relations in life.

The Prov. G. Secretary (Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre) then read the petition and warrant for the new lodge; and an oration upon the nature and design of Freemasonry was delivered by the Prov. G. Chaplain, the Rev. S. Scott. The ceremony was afterwards proceeded with, Bro. Pillow presiding at the harmonium, and the consecration hymn being "Great Source of Light and Life."

The imposing ceremony completed, the P.G.M. installed Bro. R. J. Murrell as W.M. The W.M. then appointed Bros. John Clark, S.W.; C. G. Adams, J.W.; E. S. Main,

P.M., Secretary; Bro. J. Lillywhite, P.M. Treasurer; and Bro. G. A. Green, P.M., Director of Ceremonies. In the course of the proceedings the P.G.M. said that they were reminded of the uncertainty of life by the fact that one of the founders of the lodge, Bro. E. G. Holbrook, had departed from amongst them. The P.G.M. added that he was a most respected brother, not only amongst the Masons of Portsmouth, but also in the Provincial Grand Lodge, where he had held office; and it was a source of deep regret to them that he had gone from amongst them. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the P.G.M. for his kindness in attending, and for the ability with which he had conducted the ceremony.

In honour of the event the W.M. of the new lodge (Bro. R. J. Murrell) entertained the Prov. G.M., the provincial officers, and a number of the brethren at a banquet, which was served in the hall under the lodge. The catering was entrusted to Bro. George Bond, P.M., by whom an excellent bill of fare was provided, the wines being also of the first quality. The "founder of the feast," Bro. R. J. Murrell, occupied the chair, and the vice-chairs were filled by Bros. Clark and Adams.

The Chairman, in submitting the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said that in assemblies of good and true-born Englishmen the toast was one which required very few words to commend it. When he spoke of their beloved Sovereign, the mother of their Grand Master, it was a name they all revered, for during her reign of many years this country had been prosperous and happy.

The Chairman next proposed "The Most Worshipful Grand Master (H.R.H. the Prince of Wales)." Knowing the interest which His Royal Highness manifested in their ancient Order, the toast required few words by way of introduction. While they hoped that the day might be far distant when the Prince of Wales would be called upon to rule over this country, they knew that when that time came he would do his duty to their satisfaction. (Applause.)

The Chairman afterwards gave "The R.W. the P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Constituting and Installing Officer, and the Officers of P.G. Lodge, Past and Present." He regretted that the P.G.M. had been obliged to leave in order to catch a train, and expressed his obligations to him for his kindness, and also to the officers, in coming there to constitute the lodge. The toast was received with great enthusiasm.

The D.P.G.M., in response, said that it afforded the P.G.M. considerable pleasure to constitute the new lodge under very auspicious circumstances. Indeed he (the D.P.G.M.) did not remember any lodge which had been constituted with such favourable prospects, and the gratification felt by the P.G.M. was therefore shared by every brother present. (Hear, hear.) The P.G.M. had been confined to his house through indisposition, and that had been the first time he had left it on any business purpose for some time past. It must have given an exceptional degree of pleasure to the P.G.M. to have added to the number of his lodges in the province one that came into working under such circumstances as did lodge 1776. The province was steadily increasing, not only in the number of its lodges, but in the number and importance of the brethren; and he trusted that satisfactory state of things would long continue. He hoped and believed that the new lodge would work in harmony and in the true spirit of Masonry with the lodges in the neighbourhood, as well as with those of the province generally. It was a great happiness to him to be able to come among the brethren in that district, for he had had experience in past times of their uniform kindness towards those in positions of authority, which might at times be accompanied with a certain amount of anxiety to fulfil their duties in a way not only beneficial to the Craft, but acceptable to the brethren in their particular province. He felt satisfied that the W.M. would have a happy year of office, heartily wished every success to the lodge, and, in conclusion, expressed his belief that the W.M., at the end of his term of office, would receive the congratulations of the brethren, as he most heartily deserved them. (Applause.)

Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, G.S., replying for the Provincial Officers, expressed obligations to the W.M. for the magnificent entertainment he had provided. For years past Portsmouth had been pre-eminent in its devotion to Masonic principles, which he hoped were not confined within the four walls of the lodge, but were, to the best of their ability, extended outside. In a short time that would not be the junior lodge, for one was about to be constituted in Southampton, and it would be very gratifying to the Southampton brethren who were present to have the Portsmouth brethren with them on the 12th of December, to assist them in carrying out those fraternal feelings with which they were associated together to promote. The W.M. was well known in Portsmouth for his ability in another lodge, and the higher rank he had assumed would afford gratification to the brethren over whom he presided. Bro. Murrell would prove a useful addition to the long and honourable list of Masters and Past Masters, and he was proud to be the mouthpiece of the Provincial Officers in wishing him a prosperous year of office, and in hoping that the new lodge might succeed, even beyond their expectations, in disseminating the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. (Applause.)

The Mayor of Portsmouth (Bro. W. D. King), who was received with great cordiality, said that he was very pleased to be present that evening, and regarded that first meeting of the new lodge as a happy augury of a number of pleasant reunions. He proposed the toast, "The Worshipful Master, Bro. R. J. Murrell, and Success to the Lodge," (applause), expressing his conviction that the W.M. would occupy his position in a dignified yet humble spirit—dignified, in that he would maintain order in the lodge, and humble, in that he would be always ready to receive advice from his seniors. The toast did not need many words to commend it to their hearty approval, especially to those

who knew Bro. Murrell as intimately as he did. He was a sterling friend and possessed great energy, and he had no doubt that those brethren who had been the means of inaugurating the Landport Lodge had selected him as the most fitting brother in the town to fill the important position, because they knew that if he took a thing into his head he would carry it out. He was sure that Bro. Murrell would retire into the Past Master's chair with all the honour and credit that would most certainly be his due.

The Chairman made a feeling response, trusting that the lodge would work harmoniously, prove a centre of Masonry and extend its beneficent influence far and wide.

The other toasts were "The W.M.'s and Representatives of neighbouring lodges;" "The Visitors;" "The Officers of the Lodge;" and "The Tyler's Toast."

During the evening some capital harmony was contributed by several of the brethren.

The Provincial Grand Master was attended by the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. W. Hickman, 130, D.P.G.M.; Dr. A. Platt Wilks, P.M. 698, G.J.W.; Rev. W. Scott, 394 P.G. Chaplain; G. Dymott, P.M. 394, P.G. Reg.; M. E. Frost, P.M. 487 and 1069, P.G. Treas.; J. E. Le Feuvre, 130, P.G. Secretary; J. Harrison, P.M. 804, P.G. Sup. of Works; G. Bond, P.M. 487, P.G. Sword Bearer; G. Pack, W.M. 175, and John Whale, P.M. 309, P.G. Stewards; J. Exell, Tyler.

Amongst the brethren present were Bros. R. J. Murrell, E. S. Main, P.M.; A. Riddell, P.M.; J. Lillywhite, P.M.; G. A. Green, P.M.; J. Clark, and C. G. Adams, founders and members of the new lodge; H. M. Emanuel, P.M. and Treasurer 1069 P.P.G.S.W.; H. Cawte, P.M. 309, P.P.G.W.; G. Rake, P.M. 428, P.P.G.W.; G. S. Lancaster, P.M. 487, P.P.G.W.; F. Hare, P.M. 394, P.P.G. Registrar; E. Groves, P.M. 1069, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Cudlip, P.M. 487, P.P.G.D.C.; Captain E. Haldane, 30°, W.M. 1069, P.P.G.D.C., Monmouth; W. Payne, W.M. 342; H. Threadingham, W.M. 487; T. P. Hall, W.M. 804; C. B. Whitcomb, W.M. 1705; the following P.M.'s:—W. D. King, 257; J. T. Craven, 342; H. J. Guy, 342; J. Maltby, 487; E. Bunting, 487; S. C. Heath, 797; T. Francis, 804; J. Clay, 804; J. F. Starkey, 855; J. Wilson, 903, P.P.G.S.B.; E. M. Wells, 1069; J. E. Ivimey, 1069; T. Batchelor, 1069; and H. Townsend, 1428; Bros. J. Astridge, Secretary, 487; J. Willmott, S.W. 342; R. W. Mitchell, S.W. 903; G. Grant, S.W. 1705; J. W. Stroud, J.W. 1705; J. R. Haymen, Secretary 257; T. King, S.D. 257; A. R. Halbrook, S.D. 309; Palsgrave, S.D. 487; J. Gieve, S.D. 1069; G. E. Kent, jun., J.D. 257; Albert Wendover, J.D. 1069; Dr. C. Knott, I.G. 642; J. W. D. Pillow, P.P.G. Organist; H. J. Andrews, G. L. Green, G. Mason, J. Read, G. T. Cunningham, G. Peters, T. Good, L. L. Hackman, G. Banning, W. Gunnell, J. H. Birdle, Bacigaiapo, and others.

On Thursday evening the first regular meeting of the new lodge was held, under the presidency of Bro. Murrell, when the usual routine business was discussed, and numerous propositions for initiation and joining were made.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE LEOPOLD MARK LODGE No. 235.

This new lodge was consecrated in the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Monday, the 25th ult., by the V.W. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.W., Grand Secretary. The rare and interesting proceedings caused a large number of brethren from the neighbouring provinces to assemble.

A lodge was formed punctually at one o'clock p.m., with W. Bros. T. J. Pulley, W.M. 54; P.P.G.Std.B. Hants and Isle of Wight, as W.M.; Chas. Stephens, 39, as S.W.; H. Hacker, P.G.J.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, as J.W.; W. Sowdon, P.P.G.J.D. as M.O.; G. Westall, 54, as S.O.; C. C. Gould, P.G.Swd.B. Hants and Isle of Wight, as J.O.; T. Benham, P.G.S.D. Hants and Isle of Wight, as S.D.; E. Nichols, 54, as J.D.; J. M. Dormor, 54, as I.G.; W. Burns, 54 Tyler. Amongst the other brethren present were V.W. Bros. F. Davison, G. Treasurer, D.P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey, Robert Berridge, G.D.C.; Don. M. Dewar, G. Asst. Sec.; F. H. Cozens, P.G. Org.; Richard Eve, P.M. 54, P.P.G.W.; George Douglass, J.W. 54, P.G.D.C. Hants and Isle of Wight, Sam. Cole, P.S.W. 54, P.G. Sup. of Works. Hants and Isle of Wight, John W. Lamb, W.M.; Henry Fowler, W.M. elect; Jno. Dew, Sec. Albert Lodge, Portsmouth; Jno. Bance, George Lear, J.O. Wyndham Lodge, 37; H. Cockburn, 13, Portsmouth; Joseph Pomeroy, J. Mount, M. Phillips, J. R. Nichols, W. E. Thompson, W. G. Bayliss, W. Sellwood, Sidney T. Smith, R. White, P.S.W. Aldershot Lodge 54; S. G. Kirekhofer, 144 and 225; and others.

The lodge being opened in due form, the W.M. pro tem. handed the gavel to Bro. F. Binckes, who at once proceeded with the first portion of the installation ceremony, and duly installed the W.M. designate, Bro. Edward Margaret, in the chair of A., Bro. T. J. Pulley being invested as I.P.M.

A ballot was then taken, and being declared favourable, the following brethren were advanced by the newly-installed W.M. to the honourable Degree of M.M.M., viz.—Bros. Egginton, Herbert, Welch, Flanagan, Honey, Stransom, Hunt, Toms, Coldicutt, Stevens, Barnicoat, Briley, Moffatt, White, Hinckley, Brett, Glasspool, Homann, Ayres, Hemmings, and Watts. The W.M. proved fully equal to his new duties, and the manner in which the ceremony of advancing so large a number of candidates was performed elicited expressions of commendation from all present.

The W.M. then retired from the chair, and the Consecrating Officer, Bro. F. Binckes, conducted the beautiful and impressive ceremony of consecration. This he did in the most felicitous manner, and in the oration he gave a very interesting description of the position and progress of the Mark Degree. The petition and warrant were read by Bro. Don M. Dewar, G.A. Secretary.

The musical portion of the ceremonies was under the



able direction of Bro. F. H. Cozens, who was assisted by Bros. Hickie, Pulley, and Westall.

After the lodge had been dedicated, Bro. Binckes concluded the installation ceremony, charming the brethren with his eloquent and impressive rendering of the various addresses.

The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. H. Herbert, S.W.; Chas. Stephens, J.W.; A. Welch, M.O.; G. Westall S.O.; J. Egginton, J.O.; Rev. C. R. Honey, Chaplain; C. Stephens, Treas. pro tem.; T. J. Pulley, Sec.; J. T. Stransom, Reg. of M.; J. M. Dormor, S.D.; W. G. Flanagan, J.D.; S. Bradley, I.G.; W. Hickie, Organist; W. Hemmings, Tyler.

The W.M. then rose, and said that he had the distinguished honour of proposing the first motion in the new lodge, and it was that Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold be elected an honorary member. H.R.H. was gratified that the lodge was named after him, and was pleased to consent to the request that he would become an honorary member of it. This proposition was seconded by the I.P.M., and it is almost needless to add was carried by acclamation. Other business was then transacted, and after "Hearty Good Wishes" for the success of the new lodge being expressed, the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer.

A splendid banquet was provided at the Ship Hotel by Bro. Bailey, in his usual excellent style, the tables being beautifully and artistically decorated. About fifty brethren sat down to the festive board, under the genial presidency of the W.M. The usual Mark Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, the proceedings being enlivened by the instrumental and vocal performances of Bro. F. H. Lozens and other brethren. The post-prandial proceedings were thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and amongst its incidentals were the address of Bro. Eve, in proposing "The Health of the Consecrating Officer (Bro. Binckes)," and "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund," and the eloquent reply of Bro. Binckes in acknowledgment.

The W.M. expressed his intention to represent the new lodge as Steward at the next festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the announcement gave general satisfaction. Altogether the whole of the proceedings in connection with the consecration of the Leopold Lodge were carefully planned and carried out. Not a single hitch occurred during the day, and great credit is due to the Committee who had charge of the arrangements, viz., Bros. Margrett, Pulley, Stephens, and Westall.

THE OLD AND BLIND WIFE (OR WIDOW) OF A MASON.

Queen Anne's Mansion, 5th Dec., 1878.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your kindness enables me gladly and gratefully to acknowledge the undermentioned sums, received up to this morning, to which may be added, a "blind pension" of £10. I shall still hope that the combined influence of Freemasonry, and the approaching Christmas, may cause me to have to trouble you, yet once again, with acknowledgements.

I am, faithfully and fraternally yours,  
JOHN B. MONCKTON,  
Prest. Bd. G.P., 32<sup>d</sup>.

Friends in Council Lodge 1383	£5	5	0
Bro. Lord Inverurie, 32 <sup>d</sup> Pro G.M. Kincardine,			
Pro G. Sup. Forfar and Angus	5	0	0
" J. L. Thomas, A G.D.C.	1	1	0
" Horace B. Marshall	5	0	0
" An Old P.M.	1	1	0
" Alderman Hadley, P.A.G.D.C.	1	0	0
" W. T. Howe, G. Purs.	1	1	0
" Frank Green	1	1	0
" Pim	0	8	0
" Ponder	0	10	6
" William Courtney, C.C.	0	10	6
" Walter Monckton	0	10	6
" James Long	0	2	6
Mr. Chambers	0	10	6
" Bush	0	10	6
" Cowan*	0	10	9
" Millwood	0	2	6

\* But no unwelcome intruder on Masonry.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

OPERA COMIQUE.—I suppose there are few play-goers in London who have not seen Gilbert's Nautical Comic Opera, "H.M.S. Pinafore," and enjoyed the subtle and quaint humour contained in the writing of this piece. The music, which is composed by Mr. Sullivan, cannot, however, be said by his best friends to be equal to any of his former works, nor by any means worthy of the piece in question, and when to this it must be added that the artists engaged are for the most unequal to the parts allotted to them, and that in one instance, at least, namely, that of the leading lady, as a singer, is unequal to the role she undertakes to fill. It becomes obvious that were it not for the exceedingly clever writing of W. S. Gilbert, this piece would have been a disastrous failure.

[A notice of the new Drama "No. 20, or the Bastille of Calvados," at the Princess's, is in type, and will appear in our next.]

Owing to the pressure on our space, several important communications unavoidably stand over till next week.

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book for 1879 is now ready, price, post free, 2s. 2d. Office, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOMERSET.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Somerset was held at the Carnarvon Hall, Weston-Super-Mare, on Monday, Nov. 18th. In the absence of the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Master, Bro. Captain F. G. Irwin, Past Grand M. Overseer, presided. There were present the following Mark Master Masons: Major-General G. B. Munbee, D.P.G.M., Master pro tem.; Lieut. Col. H. Guyon, Prov. G. Sen. Warden; J. Bond, Prov. G. Jun. Warden, pro tem.; Dr. F. H. Woodford, P.G.M.O.; Lieut. Col. J. R. Ford, P.G.S.O.; John Fry, P.G.J.O.; Rev. M. Shackleton, P.G. Chap.; E. T. Payne, P.G. Treasurer; B. Cox, P.G. Sec.; Geo. Yates, P.G. Asst. Sec.; A. G. Williams, P.G.J.G.; Saml. Mills, P.G. Steward; W. Cousins, P.G. Tyler; also Bros. R. C. Else, P.P.G.S. Warden, and P.G. Steward; Lieut.-Genl. E. H. Doherty, P.P.G.S. Warden; Fredk. Vizard, P.P.G.S. Warden; W. Munro, P.P.G.S. Warden; A. W. Scott, P.P.S.G. Warden; W. B. Frampton, P.P.G.J.O.; W. H. Batten, P.P.G.J.O.; Dr. W. W. Westcott, P.P.G. Reg. of Marks, J. B. Halford, P.P.G. Reg. of Marks; W. Smith, P.P.G. Dir. of Cer.; W. J. Nosworthy, S. Lewis, J. Chaffin, J. Dutton, Rev. J. C. Lyons, C. R. Bate, F. Wilkinson, C. W. Penly, C. W. Rodway, R. Skinner, besides visiting brethren of other provinces.

The D.P.G. Master, having opened the lodge in due form the Prov. G. Chap., Bro. Rev. M. Shackleton, offered prayer, after which the D.P.G. Master apologised for the absence of the Prov. Grand Master. His Lordship, he said, had intended to be present but was unavoidably, and to his own regret, kept away by his public duties. It was hoped that Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.M. Master, of the Grand Mark Lodge would have been present to take the place of the Prov. G. Master, but he, too, was unable to attend.

The minutes of the P.G. Lodge held at Bath, Oct. 15th, 1877, were read and confirmed.

The Prov. G. Treasurer, (Bro. E. Turner Payne) read his report showing a balance in favour of P.G. Lodge of £32 12s. 3d.; there had, he explained, been a falling off in the receipts, owing to the neglect of various lodges to make their returns and the omission on the part of some brethren to pay their fees of honour.

The D.P.G. Master said it was very unsatisfactory to find that brethren appointed to Provincial Grand Lodge rank had not paid their fees of honour. The probability was that it was a mistake which would be rectified as soon as it was pointed out. But it was a more serious matter that four out of the nine lodges in the province had failed to make their returns. He hoped this omission would soon be supplied and that it would not occur again.

Upon the motion of the Deputy P.G.M., seconded by Bro. A. W. Scott, the accounts of the Treasurer were passed, and the lodges in default with their returns were ordered to be written to.

The next business being the election of Treasurer, the V.W. Bro. R. C. Else, said it would be impossible to do better than to re-elect Bro. Payne, he was so well known and highly esteemed, not only in the Mark but in every other Masonic degree, his duties were always faithfully performed, and in such a cordial and fraternal manner, as to endear him to every Masonic heart. He trusted that if re-elected every Mark Lodge would save the P.G. Treasurer and Secretary trouble by sending in their returns with greater regularity.

The V.W. Bro. Major-General Gore Bland Munbee, second the resolution, which was carried by acclamation, the D.P.G. Master remarking that it would not be possible to find a more energetic Grand Treasurer than Bro. Payne if only he would oblige the lodge by accepting the office, and he was sure the brethren would all be very grateful to him. Bro. Payne thanked the D.P.G.M. and brethren for the kind things which had been said of him, and said whatever the duties of Prov. G. Treasurer were he should have great pleasure in performing them.

The D.P.G. Master declared all the offices vacant and appointed the following officers for the ensuing year:—Lieut.-Col. J. R. Ford, 177 ... Prov. G.S.W. J. Bond, (W.M. of 102) ... Prov. G.J.W. W. H. Bate, (W.M. elect of 191) ... Prov. G.M.O. Dr. G. Long of 128. ... Prov. G.S.O. F. Wilkinson, (T.I. Lodge Bath.) ... Prov. G.J.O. Rev. T. J. Gatehouse, 128. ... Prov. G. Chap. Rev. J. C. Lyons, 191. ... Prov. G.A. Chap. E. T. Payne, (re-elected.) ... Prov. G. Treas. W. W. Westcott, 162. ... Prov. G.R. of Mks. B. Cox, (re-appointed.) ... Prov. G. Sec. Geo. Yates, (re-appointed.) ... Prov. G. Asst. Sec. W. Smith, ... Prov. G.S. Deacon. R. C. Bate, 191. ... Prov. G.J. Deacon. E. S. Blundell, 102. ... Prov. G.I. of W. W. E. Perret, 102. ... Prov. G. D. of C. S. Mills, 102. ... Prov. G.S.B. W. Munro, 119. ... Prov. G.S.B. S. Lewis, ... Prov. G.I.G. (pro tem.)

W. J. Nosworthy. ... Prov. G. Organist Walter Cousins, (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Tyler.

In recognition of their services rendered to the Mark Degree the collars of Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden was bestowed upon Bros. Dr. F. H. Woodford and John Chaffin, and that of Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden upon Bro. W. Nosworthy and A. G. Williams.

Upon the motion of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, and seconded by W. Bro. A. W. Scott, a sum of ten guineas was voted to the Girls' School to be added to the list of the V. W. Bro. General E. H. Doherty, one of the stewards of the next festival.

The D.P.G. Master undertook to write to the W. Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, chairman of the Great Western Railway

Company, asking him to cause a general order to be issued throughout the G.W.R. system that brethren when attending P.G. Lodge may be supplied with return tickets at single fares on production of their P.G. Lodge summonses.

The Prov. G. Chap. (Bro. Rev. J. C. Lyons) having offered prayer the D.P.G. Master closed the lodge in due form.

A great number of the brethren subsequently dined together at the Royal York Hotel, Bro. S. Mills catering for them with his well-known liberality and taste.

The V.W. the D.P.G.M. presided, supported on the right by a very old and worthy Mason (V.W. Bro. General Munbee), and on the left by V.W. Bro. R. C. Else (D.P. G.M. of the Craft for the province of Somerset).

After the banquet the toasts, incidental to such a meeting, were proposed, that of the P.G.M. being given from the chair, the D.P.G.M. speaking very highly of the eminent services his chief had rendered to all degrees of Freemasonry.

"The Health of the D.P.G.M." was given in the heartiest possible manner by Bro. General Munbee, who acknowledged the obligations which Freemasonry owed to Captain Irwin, remarking that he had done more for it than any other member of the Order. He also expressed his sense of the value of the services rendered by him as D.P.G.M. of the Mark Degree.

The D.P.G.M. briefly acknowledged the compliment, and reciprocated the kind feeling and brotherly sentiments of Bro. Munbee, in whom, he said, he had ever found a loyal, faithful, and true co-worker.

The healths of the principal officers were honoured, as also were "The Visitors," on whose behalf Bro. J. J. Eardley Willmott returned thanks.

We have received a copy of the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar" for 1879, published by Bro. George Kenning, of 198, Fleet-street, London. The contents of this annual are too well-known to require any lengthened notice. We may remark that, with due allowance for unavoidable errors, the information is satisfactory, and of a most extensive character, embracing as it does particulars of all the Masonic bodies at home and abroad. It contains the latest changes, such, for example, as the list of Office Bearers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and of the Supreme Council, of Golden-square, as re-constituted, with a quantity of new matter, especially in connection with Foreign Grand Lodges, or Orients. But the principal feature by which the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, for 1879" is distinguished from its predecessors is the insertion of the dates of constitution of the still existing Lodges of "ancient" origin in the Roll of Lodges holding under our Grand Lodge. This is certainly a matter on which Bro. Kenning may plume himself.—Touchstone Nov. 30th.—Price, post free 2s. 2d.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.—At the regular meeting of this lodge, held on Monday evening, Bro. A. Buckle, J.W., was unanimously elected to the office of Master of the lodge, and Bro. J. Todd, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The installation will take place on the 16th inst., and the annual banquet on St. John's Day.

A New Royal Arch Chapter is in course of formation in connection with Lodge of Perseverance, 371, Maryport, Province of Cumberland and Westmorland. The proposed title, "Nicholson," is very apropos, and out of compliment to Companion Joseph Nicholson, P.M. 371, &c., one of the oldest Craftsmen in the North, who is the M.E.Z. designate.

At the last meeting of the Dobie Lodge, held at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey, Bro. W. H. Saunders, P.M. 1503, P.G.S.D. of Middlesex, P.M. W.S. of the St. George, Rose Croix, and Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities, was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing.

THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC BALL.—The annual ball of the Masonic fraternity in Liverpool, will take place at the Town Hall, on the 14th January next, and the fashionable fraternal assembly will again be in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. The Secretary of the ball committee this year is Bro. Thomas Salter, J.W. 241; a most zealous and expert brother. The following resolution was passed on the 20th September last, at the General Committee, and confirmed at the Annual Court of Governors of the Charity, on the 2nd ult., viz.:—"That the W.Ms. of lodges, the first Principals of chapters, the Eminent Preceptors of Knights Templar Preceptorics, the Right Worshipful Masters of lodges of Mark Masons, Sovereigns of the Rose Croix and the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, &c., meeting within this province, with the members of this committee, constitute the Ball Committee, with power to add to their number."

The Duke of Connaught will, says Truth, be appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland as soon after his marriage as an opportunity occurs.

The December meeting of the St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766, which is progressing in a very satisfactory manner, was held on Wednesday evening last, at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, Bro. L. Steau in the chair of K.S. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Provi-ion—As autumn treads on winter, slender, delicate, and pale-faced youths become listless, languid, and debilitated, unless an alterative, combined with some tonic, be administered to quicken their enfeebled organs. This precise requirement is supplied in the celebrated pills, which can and will accomplish all that is wanted, provided the printed instructions surrounding them meet with scrupulous attention. Holloway's Pills are especially adapted to supply the medical wants of youth, because his medicine acts gently, though surely, as a purifier, regulator, alterative, tonic, and mild aperient. A very few doses of these pills will convince any discouraged invalid that his cure lies in his own hands, and a little perseverance only is demanded for its completion.—[ADVT.]

**Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.**

Can Bro. Hughan give me a reference to the earliest Mark warrant that he knows of, and let me have its very words?

MARK.

I think it well for the information of Masonic students, like myself, to mention the following printed works and MSS. existing in the British Museum, to which I will make from time to time additions.

PRINTED BOOKS.

"The Constitutions of the Freemasons, their History, &c.," 4to., Lond., 1723.

"The Secret History of the Freemasons," 8vo., Lond., M.D.

"The Secret History of the Freemasons," 8vo., Lond., 1725.

"The Freemasons' Accusation and Defence; in six genuine letters," 8vo., Lond., 1726.

"A Speech delivered at a Grand Lodge held at York, 27th December, 1726," 4to., York.

"The Perjured Freemason Detected," 8vo., Lond., 1730.

MANUSCRIPTS.

Add. MS. 20,645. Papers relating to the Freemasons in Naples, 1751. Ital. Fr.

20,645, f. 190. Ordinance against Freemasons by Chas. III., 1751.

MASONIC STUDENT.

**Masonic and General Tidings.**

**HILDA CHAPTER, ROSE CROIX.**—At the regular meeting held at York on Wednesday, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett was elected M.W.S., and Bro. T. Cooper (the present M.W.S.) Treasurer for the coming year.

**DEAR WINE**—A cask of Johannisberg, containing 1600 bottles of the wine, has just been sold at Cologne for 56,000 florins, which makes the price of each bottle about £3 4s.

The Dedication of the New Masonic Hall at Somers, which was to have taken place this week, has been indefinitely postponed owing to the inability of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Pro G.M. to attend.

A Meeting of the Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temp'le will be held on Friday next, at Cannon-street Hotel, London.

We are requested to state that Bro. Emra Holmes' new book "Amabel Vaughan," will be out during the present month. In addition to the story from which it takes its title, and which is based on recollections of Christ's Hospital in the author's time, twenty years ago, three other tales and several poems will appear. The Masonic papers include "Random Notes on Freemasonry," and articles on the "Knights Templar," "Canterbury and Gloucester Cathedral," "The Royal Order of Scotland," &c. Intending subscribers are asked to furnish their full Masonic titles without delay, in order that the list may be completed.

Bro. John Gibson, Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects, P.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge No. 259, has been appointed Grand Superintendent of Works, an office rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Cockerell.

The ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed on Wednesday next, in the La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, meeting at 2, Maddox-street, Regent-street, S.W. The lodge will be opened at 7.45 p.m. Bro. W. H. Dean, P.G.S.B., Dorset, will be the Installing Master.

The Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cumberland and Westmorland (the Earl of Bective, M.P., M.E. Prov. G. Supt.), will be held on Tuesday next, the 10th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, Whitehaven, under the auspices of Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, No. 119.

The Prince of Wales has signified his intention to visit his newly acquired estate, Nascrov, near Brecon, during the present month, and most extensive preparations are being made to welcome him. Sir George Elliot, R.W.G.M. for the Eastern Division of Wales, summoned a meeting of the Grand Lodge on Monday last at Neath, to assist in preparing a fitting Masonic reception for His Royal Highness. It is proposed to induce His Royal Highness, if possible, to pay a visit to other towns in South Wales on his way.

The Bishop of Truro made a speech last week on the occasion of the opening of the new Working Mens' Institute at Fowey, in Cornwall, and said that every Englishman should see Fowey, on account of the beauty of the neighbourhood, and its historical associations. The Christmas number of the "Masonic Magazine" will contain an account of the little mediæval town, from the pen of Bro. Emra Holmes, under the title of "An Unknown Watering Place."

**ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.**—The educational department of this institution is now the scene of a daily lecture on the science of "Memories," by Professor Stokes. Memory has been for years past a pet subject of Bro. Stokes, and not only as a lecturer is he so well known amongst thinking people, but also as a writer of standard works, bearing on his system of teaching. The Professor is most ably assisted by some young pupils, who fairly surprise their audiences by the rapid and accurate replies they make to the most difficult problems.

**ROYAL NORMAL COLLEGE AND ACADEMY OF MUSIC FOR THE BLIND.**

An evening entertainment for the pupils of this institution was kindly given in their commodious Hall, on Friday, last by Bro. Magnus Ohren and family, assisted by the Misses Mahood. Invitations were also extended to many residents in the neighbourhood and friends, the hall being fairly filled. The programme was of a popular character and included vocal and instrumental solos and duets, readings, &c. Miss Mahood has a clear and sympathetic voice and sang very charmingly the songs and duets elected. Mrs. Hunter was equally successful; and the Messrs. Ohren also gave some songs that were well received. The choruses by the blind inmates and the audience, was also a pleasing feature in the entertainment.

Bro. Magnus Ohren gave some humorous readings in such a manner as to cause shouts of laughter from one and all, old and young. Altogether the affair gave great satisfaction, and we think it will not be long before Bro. Ohren's kind services will be again in request at the college.

Mr. Campbell, the Secretary and Manager of the institution, in thanking the ladies and gentlemen who had given them the treat that evening, took occasion to refer to the progress of the college; what it had already done, and what it wished to do in the future. They wanted a very considerable sum of money, he said, to complete certain designs connected with the building, and they intended having a large bazaar. They had also got up some very handsome collecting cards, and the Princess Mary, who had always taken the warmest interest in the college, had kindly promised to come down to receive the cards from those ladies who would undertake to collect subscriptions. They had been promised some large sums, and he anticipated, with the patronage and presence of the Princess, the bazaar would realize a considerable amount.

We can only hope that such praiseworthy efforts on behalf of so good an object will meet with the success the promoters desire.

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.**

For the Week ending Friday, December 13, 1878.

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

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7.**

- Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.
- " 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star & Garter, Kew Bidge.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
- Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
- Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
- Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
- Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9.**

- Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
- " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
- " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 222, St. Andrews, Inns of Court Hot.
- " 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
- Chap. 1118, University, F.M.H.
- Rose Croix, 53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
- St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
- Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
- Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
- Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
- 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.
- West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
- Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10.**

- Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
- " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st., W.
- " 854, Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor Hot., Hmsth. G.
- " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, the London, Fleet-st.
- " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
- Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
- Mark 226, Excelsior, M.H., Angelsea Hill, Plumstead.
- Rose Croix, 71, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
- Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.

- Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
- 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, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
- Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
- Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
- Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11.**

- London Masonic Charity Association, at 11.
- Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
- Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
- " 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
- " 17, Enoch, F.M.H.
- " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- " 15, Kent, F.M.H.
- " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
- " 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
- " 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
- " 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.
- " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
- Rose Croix, 1, Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq., W.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
- Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
- Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd.
- La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
- 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, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
- Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
- Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
- Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
- Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12.**

- Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
- " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Docks.
- " 1216, Macdonald, Hd-qtrs., 1st Surrey Rifles, S.E.
- " 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.
- Chap. 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.
- Mark Lodge 86, Samson & Lion, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- K.T. Encamp. 117, New Temple, the Inner Temple.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich
- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
- Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
- Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
- Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
- The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
- Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
- Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
- Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
- Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
- Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
- Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13.**

- Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
- " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
- Great Priory of Knights Templar, Cannon-st. Hot.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

- London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
- Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
- Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
- Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
- Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
- Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
- Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
- Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
- St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
- United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
- Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
- Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
- St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
- Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
- Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
- Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
- William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.
- Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

- MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.**
- For the Week ending Saturday, December 14, 1878.
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 9.**
- Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Millia Rooms, Preston.
  - " 613, Unity, Palatine Buildings, Southport.
  - " 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
  - " 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.