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MASONIC DISCIPLINE.—XVI.

BY CRUX.

Every zealous member of the Craft will be ready to endorse the assertion “no one part of Masonry is repugnant to another,” or, in other words, “Masonry never contradicts itself.” As we propose to searchingly examine the whole of the ordinary lodge ritual, and compare it with the “constitutions,” we shall not at the present incipient stage of our investigation, venture to assume the truth of our opening observation. It is to be hoped that we shall perform our task impartially, but it is difficult, when the feelings and sympathies are engaged upon the one side, to listen, upon the other, solely to the voice of equity and justice. Nevertheless, we have undertaken the task, and it must be gone through. Reform in “Masonic Discipline” is imperitively needed. It has been advocated earnestly and fearlessly in our columns, it may be truly said, *nemine contradicente*, and it is only to be wondered, that while there are none to dissent, there are also so few, so very few who have ventured to assent. Is it possible that the brethren are absolutely reckless of the practice of Masonry? What is the use of speculating about “Celestial Mysteries,” or indulging in dreams of the memories of by-gone days if we do not “act in the living present?” If the correct derivation of the much questioned word “Freemason” were vouchsafed to us by an express revelation, would it practically advantage the Craft? Would it improve the working of our lodges, would it raise the educational standard of our officers, would it better the fraternity in the eyes of outsiders, would it render us more working, and less playing

Masons? Not a jot. In our preceding articles, the subject of the lamentable decadence of “Masonic Discipline” has been generally placed before our readers, and facts brought to their notice that admit, unfortunately, of no excuse, palliation, or contradiction. In our succeeding articles we shall enter more minutely into the same question. The modifications, the alterations that are self suggestive to any reflecting brother, will be offered in that spirit which always rules and pervades our Institution, and the aid of those who are able by their experience, ability, and Masonic knowledge to assist us in the task is earnestly desired. It has been before stated that we do not advocate extreme secrecy in Masonic matters, and with the exception of the actual “signs, tokens, words, and perfect points of entrance,” there is little or nothing of the whole Masonic ritual which might not be made public, and a great portion of it with advantage to ourselves and outsiders as well.

It will probably startle many of our readers to inform them that the numerous discrepancies, in the ritual, to which we have generally alluded, commence *ab initio*. But having once concluded that there ought to be absolute uniformity, in at least that portion of the ritual which includes what may be termed the dialogue of the lodge working, all choice in the manner of interrogating and replying is stringently inadmissible. Moreover, it is not so much the mere wording of the question and answer that is of consequence, as the reason why one phrase should be preferred to another. If Masons reflected more upon what they said and did, and endeavoured to discover the meaning of their Masonic words and actions, there would necessarily ensue a much greater uniformity of actual phraseology than what at present prevails, for speech is but the expression of our thoughts. Unfortunately, however, they do not think, they do not reflect; their thoughts are not in common, and as a natural consequence their language is not so either. To return to our statement that the first discrepancy in the ritual is to be found in the very first interrogatory of the W.M. in opening a lodge. By discrepancy, is understood that the question, answer, or any part of the ritual is differently rendered in any two lodges. Although scarcely necessary, it may be remarked that we vouch our personal observation for any statements that may be made in reference to our present subject. The point to which we now draw atten-

is the manner in which the W.M. after requesting the assistance of the brethren in his work, addresses the third officer in the lodge. It is the practice of some Masters to address him as brother A.B. calling him by his surname and of others to address him as brother J.W. Which is correct? This may at first sight appear rather an insignificant point, but it will be seen that upon it really turns the exact moment at which a lodge may be considered formed.

It might be assumed that no officer has a right to be considered in his chair and to be addressed by the title of his office, until the lodge is "properly tiled" and the brethren "to order." Upon these grounds, therefore, the correct address is Bro. A.B. in the first question of the W.M. to the J.W., in the command of the J.W. to the I.G., in the reply of the I.G. to the J.W., and in repetition of that reply by the J.W. to the W.M. In addressing his first question to the S.W. the W.M. employs the same style, but after the brethren are "to order" he prefaces the next interrogatory to the J.W. by giving him the title of his office, and the same is maintained towards all the officers during the future proceedings of the lodge. On the other hand, it may be argued that directly the W.M. has used the gavel, the brethren who occupy the chairs are *ipso jure*, if not *ipso facto*, officers, and that, therefore, they may be appropriately addressed by their titles. But it must be borne in mind that the lodge is not "formed" until the brethren are "to order," and it is manifestly somewhat incongruous to address officers by their title before that is accomplished. It is not intended here to lay down the law, or to presumptuously decide the point, but after mature consideration we give the preference ourselves to addressing the officers by their surnames, with the fraternal prefix, until the moment when the lodge may be said to be "formed" by the brethren appearing "to order."

Some of the brethren will probably retort upon us, by directing our attention to the prevailing practice of addressing the officers by their titles during the banquet, after the lodge has been closed, and requesting to know how we reconcile the difference. To this we reply that we do not attempt to reconcile it, but, at the same time, there is a very good reason why the officers may be so addressed at the banquet, although not before the formation of the lodge. This reason is to be found in the fact, that the time for the banquet or

"refreshment" was formerly during the holding of the lodge, and, consequently, the officers were absolutely then in office. It is true that we no longer, at least in London lodges, adjourn "from labour to refreshment and from refreshment to labour;" but it is not difficult to account for the retaining of the one custom, although the other may have fallen into disuse. While upon the subject of the banquet, it may be mentioned, that it would be more to the credit of Masonic prudence, if brethren would abstain from pledging each other Masonically until the cloth is off the table and none but Masons present. It is no doubt an error on the right side, but still an error in judgment, due to that cordial fraternal feeling with which every brother sits down at the social board. At a large banquet, where some sixty or seventy members of the fraternity are assembled, it is utterly impossible to secure the services of the necessary number of Masonic attendants, and it may be relied upon that if the convives find time to interchange Masonic inuendos, those who attend upon them will find time to observe them.

THE PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

INTERESTING DISCOVERY AT THE N.E. ANGLE,
HARAM AREA.

Report from Lieut. WARREN.

11th June, 1869.

We have, during the last few days, succeeded in driving a gallery up to the great block of masonry forming the north-east angle, and have found the wall to be built of great bevelled stones to a depth of at least 60ft. below the surface, and we have not yet come on the rock.

In my last letter I expressed some diffidence about our being able to get across, on account of the treacherous nature of the soil, although we were then only 50ft. off. By employing a different shape of gallery frame, and keeping a non-commissioned officer continually at the head of the gallery fixing them, we have been able to surmount these difficulties, and are now likely to make a great addition to our knowledge of the ancient topography. Already we have made a happy commencement.

We struck the Haram Wall about 18ft. south of the north-east angle, and at a depth of about 32ft. below the surface. We then turned north, and ran along the Haram Wall for 26ft. without finding any angle similar to that above. At this point a slit about 18in. wide and 4in. high was

observed in the Haram Wall, formed by cutting out parts of the upper and lower beds of two courses. A stone, dropped down this slit, rolled rattling away for several feet.

It was some time before I could believe that we had really passed to the north of the north-east angle; but there now can be no doubt of it, and that the ancient wall below the surface runs several feet to the north of the north-east angle without break of any kind.

If the portions above ground are *in situ*, it would appear that this angle is a portion of an ancient tower reaching above the old city wall, probably somewhat similar to the view De Vogüé gives of it (Plate xvi., "Le Temple de Jerusalem").

We have this morning examined the slit mentioned above. At first it was impossible to squeeze through, but after a few hours it became easier, though it is now only 7ft. in height.

The passage in from this slit is difficult to describe: the roof falls by steps, but the floor is a very smooth incline, falling 12ft. in 11½ft., like the slit and shoot for letters at a post-office. The shoot ends abruptly, passing through the roof of a passage. This passage runs east and west; it is 3ft. 9in. high, and about 2ft. wide; it runs nearly horizontally, and at its eastern end opens out through the Haram Wall. At the western end it goes (by measurement) to the east end of the Birket Israil, but is closed up by a perforated stone. This passage is 46ft. (?) in length. On the south side of it, a little to the west of the shaft, is a staircase cut in the masonry, and running apparently to the surface, but it is jammed up with stones. The roof of the passage is about 48ft. below the surface. The stones forming it are of great size, but do not show large in comparison with those of the sides, which are from 14ft. to 16ft. in length, and vary from 3ft. 10in. to 4ft. 6in. in height. To the west of the staircase the bottom of the passage slopes down rapidly, so that in one place it is 12ft. in height. The roof also is stepped down 4ft., at about 11ft. from the western end.

Altogether this passage bears a great resemblance to that which we found under the Single Gate, in October, 1867.

At the eastern end, where the passage opens out through the Haram Wall, a rough masonry shaft has been built round, so that we can see a few feet up the wall, and about 7ft. down it below the

sole of the gallery. It is evident that here there has been some tinkering at a comparatively modern date.

In the course forming the sole of the passage there is a water duct leading through the Haram Wall, about 5in. square, very nicely cut; but in the next course, lower, a great irregular hole has been knocked out of the wall, so as to allow the water to pass through at a slightly lower level, and so run into an aqueduct 9in. wide and 2ft. high, which commences at this point, and runs nearly due east from the Haram Wall. All this botching and tinkering looks as if it had been done recently, and the workmen have left their mark on the wall in the shape of a Christian cross, of the type used by the early Christians, or during the Byzantine period.

At the further end of the passage, to west, the same large massive stones are seen until the eye rests upon a large perforated stone closing it up. This stone is the first approach we have yet found to any architectural remains about these old walls, and though it merely shows us the kind of labour bestowed upon a concealed overflow aqueduct, still it has a bold and pleasing effect, and until something else is found, will hold its own as some indication of the style of building at an early period. It consists simply of a stone closing up the end of the passage, with a recess alcove cut in it 4in. deep. Within this recess are three cylindrical holes, 5¼in. in diameter, the lines joining their centres forming the sides of an equilateral triangle. Below this appears once to have been a basin to collect the water; but whatever has been there, it has been violently removed. It appears to me probable that the troops defending this portion of the wall came down the staircase into this passage to obtain water.

At first sight this passage appears to be cut in the rock, as stalactites have formed all over it, and hang gracefully from every joint, giving the place a very picturesque appearance. But it seems probable that we are here at least 20ft. above the rock.

There can be little doubt that this is an ancient overflow from the Birket Israil, which could not at that time have risen above this height, about 2,350ft. above the Mediterranean, or 25ft. above the present bottom of the pool, and 60ft. below the present top of the pool.

It is also apparent that the Birket Israil has

been half full and overflowing during the Christain period, and that for some purpose or other the water was carried away by an aqueduct to the Kedron Valley. At the present day, when there is such a dearth of running water in Jerusalem, it is rather mystifying to find that within our era the Birket Israil has probably been constantly full up to a certain point, and flowing over.

It will be a great mistake now if we have to stop this work for want of funds. We have got over to this N.E. angle with considerable trouble and at great risk, and it is highly probable that difficulties would be put in the way of a second excavation at this point.

If the excavations are to continue, I am convinced it is essential that we should strain every nerve to get sufficient funds to complete this work.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTE-BOOK OF THE ROYAL VETERANS ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

(Continued from page 287.)

On the 15th of April, 1808, Bro. Thos. Lacey, a Royal Arch Mason, was dubbed a Knight Templar of Saint John of Jerusalem and a Knight of Malta, and the sum of one pound and fivepence halfpenny was paid for repairing the Ark, October 16, 1808. Sir Knights John Fergusson and John Ellis were exalted to the Red Cross degree, and paid half a guinea each for the same.

March 11, 1811.—Bro. Peter Horall, of Boston, Massachusetts, in America, a Royal Arch Mason, was regularly dubbed a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta and Knight of the Red Cross.

“August 31, 1816.—Sir Knight Fogelstrom craved admittance. He being requested to wait for the decision of the Sir Knights present on account of his being excluded from the lower Orders before his receiving an answer, he departed, but it was agreed to by the Sir Knights he should not be admitted again.

“December 23, 1817.—Sir Knt. — having been censured by a committee for having initiated persons into the lower Orders in a clandestine manner, it was unanimously resolved that he be debarred from all the privileges of this honourable Order.”

These few extracts throw a little light on the working and discipline of the Order as it existed 50 years ago, and further that at that period the Knight Templar, the Knight of Malta, and the Knight of the Red Cross were given as separate degrees under the warrant of the Grand Conclave of England. I have had the good fortune to converse with a Sir Knight who was dubbed on the 31st of August, 1816; he has a lively recollection of the Masonic workings of the period. His description of the Red Cross degree enables me to connect it in substance with the Red Cross of Constantine as now given in London.

This induces me to ask, through the medium of your valuable publication:—

1. Did the Grand Conclave ever cede their authority over the Red Cross degree?
2. If so, when and to what governing body?
3. If they did not, by what authority is the Red Cross of Constantine at present wrought?

ANCIENT LODGES.

A New and Correct List of all the English Regular Lodges in Europe, Asia, Africa, and America, according to their seniority and constitution. By order of the Grand Master. Brought down to April 19th, 1765.

(Continued from page 29.)

- 272 No. 2, St. John's Lodge, New York, second and fourth Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1757.
- 273 George, Birmingham, first and third Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1762.
- 274 A Private Room, at Apledore, Devon, March 18, 1762.
- 275 Eight Lodge at Calcutta, in the East Indies, Feb. 7, 1761.
- 276 Hole in the Wall at Colne, Lancashire.
- 277 The Merchant's Lodge, at Quebec, March 2, 1762.
- 278 Bell at Portsmouth-common, May 8, 1762.
- 279 On board his Majesty's Ship Prince at Plymouth, May 22, 1762.
- 280 The Fox at Salop, May 21, 1762.
- 281 Fleece at Barnstaple, Devon, May 28, 1762.
- 282 Three King's at Deal, June 8, 1762.
- 283 Duke's Head, Lynn Regis, Norfolk, June 9, 1762.
- 284 La Loge des Trere Reunis, at Amsterdam, June 16, 1762.
- 285 Lodge of Inhabitants of Gibraltar, July 12, 1762.
- 286
- 287 Half Moon, at Otley, in Yorkshire, first Monday, Aug. 16, 1762.
- 288 Virtutis and Artes Amici, at Amsterdam, Sept. 16, 1762.
- 289 At Workington, in Cumberland, first Monday, Sept. 22, 1762.
- 290 Green Dragon, at Hereford, first Thursday, Oct. 12, 1762.
- 291 The Apple Tree, Portsmouth, Hampshire, Nov. 12, 1762.
- 292 The Union, Peck-lane, Nottingham, Jan. 31, 1762.
- 293 The Sun, at Cambridge, March 1, 1763.
- 294 Crown, Rochester, second and fourth Friday, March 17, 1763.
- 295 The Bull, at Hexham, Northumberland, first and third Wednesday, March 8, 1763.
- 296 Stag at Chippenham, Perfect Union Lodge, May 1763.
- 297 Lodge at Richmond, Yorkshire, May 4, 1763.
- 298 Bear at Havant, in Hampshire, first and third Wednesday, 1763.
- 299 St. Mark's Lodge, South Carolina, Feb. 8, 1763.
- 300 The Lodge of Regularity, at St. John's Hall, Black River, Musquito shore, first and third Tuesday, March 8, 1763.
- 301 White Lion at Dover, Aug. 2, 1763.
- 302 Lodge in a Private Room, at Stubbington, Hants, Aug. 10, 1763.
- 303 Seven Stars, in Exeter, first and third Wednesday, Aug. 10, 1763.

304 Marquis of Granby's Head, Durham, first Tuesday, Sept. 8, 1763.

305 Lodge at the Hall at Burnley, Lancashire, every Saturday nearest the full moon, Oct. 9, 1763.

306 Union Lodge, at a Private Room, Bell-lane, Spitalfields, Nov. 7, 1763.

307 Royal Mecklenburgh Lodge, at the Hermoine and Active Frigate, Compton-street, St. Ann's, fourth Friday, Nov. 28, 1763.

308 Saracen's Head, Chelmsford, Essex, second and fourth Monday, Jan. 18, 1764.

309 Lodge of Amity at the Haulover up the river Belise, in the Bay of Honduras, first and third Tuesday, Sept. 1763.

310 Falcon, East-street, Gravesend, second and fourth Thursday, March 4, 1764.

311 Royal Edwin Lodge, at Lynn Regis, in Dorsetshire, first and third Monday, April 6, 1764.

312 The Door to Virtue, at Hildesham, in Germany, Dec. 22, 1762.

313 Horn, Westminster, first Wednesday, April 4, 1764.

314 King's Head at Ross, Herefordshire, May 3, 1764.

315 The St. George, at Taunton, Somersetshire, first Wednesday, July 13, 1764.

316 Swan, at Kendall, Westmoreland, first Wednesday, July 31, 1764.

317 Three Crowns at Harwich, second and fourth Thursday, Aug. 9, 1764.

318 Nag's Head, at Lymington, Hants, first and third Friday, Aug. 16, 1764.

319 Ship, at Faversham, in Kent, every other Wednesday, Aug. 30, 1764.

320 Salutation, at Topsham, Devon, second and fourth Wednesday, Aug. 30, 1764.

321 A Private Room, Snowsfields, Bermondsey, Oct. 23, 1764.

322 Club Inn, Isle of Ely, first Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1764.

323 Fountain, at Helsey, Hants, first and third Monday, Nov. 7, 1764.

324 Pons's Coffee House, Castle-street, Leicester fields, second and fourth Monday.

325 Half Moon, Cheapsida, Caledonian Lodge, first Monday, Nov. 15, 1764.

326 Swan at Bridgewater, Somerset, first and third Monday, Dec. 4, 1764.

327 Rose and Crown, Mill-street, Dockhead, Southwark, first and third Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1764.

328 George, Milton in Kent, first and third Tuesday.

329 Crown at Swaffham, Norfolk, first Monday Dec. 17, 1764.

330 King of Sweden, Wapping Dock, first and third Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1765.

331 Old Bell Savage, Ludgate-hill, second and fourth Monday, Jan. 29, 1765.

332 Boar's Head, West Smithfield, Jan. 29, 1765.

333 King's Head and Green Gate, City-road, first and third Thursday, Jan. 29, 1765.

334 Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, Holbourn, Jan. 22, 1765.

335 George, Wardour-street, Soho, Operative Masons, every other Thursday, March 13, 1765.

336 George, Shug-lane, March 22, 1765.

337 Bell, Brecon, South Wales, first and third Monday.

338 Lion and Whelp, Pool, Dorset, first and third Wednesday, April 1, 1765.

339 White Hart, Strand, Corinthian Lodge, April 16, 1755.

340 Rose and Crown, Sheffield, Yorkshire, second Tuesday, April 19, 1765.

[We have now exhausted the list of Ancient Masonic Lodges published under the above heading in a book printed in London in the year 1765, "for J. Cooke, at the Shakespear's Head, in Pater-noster Row," this book bears the title "SHIBBOLETH; or Every Man a Free-Mason. By a PASS'D MASTER." The list is full of interest to those who desire to know something more about the history and progress of Freemasonry, than is to be found by a perusal of the list of lodges contained in the English Grand Lodge Calendar, and we shall be glad to receive for publication, any information respecting such of the old lodges as are named in the foregoing list as are defunct, or have any interesting and well authenticated history attached thereto, and respecting the houses or places of meeting mentioned in the list,—as no doubt there are many very interesting documents connected with them still extant.]

MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

INELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES FOR FREEMASONRY.

I was much pleased to see in your issue of June 26th, p. 505, our esseemed Bro. D. M. Lyon stating that he knew of no Scottish Masonic Statute which debarred bastards from being Freemasons. It is not the man's pedigree we have to look at; it is own character. It is both uncharitable and cowardly to throw the sin of a man's parents thus in his face. An honest "bastard" will make a better Freemason than any specimen of humanity whose chief passport to Freemasonry is the circumstance that his mother was married, or that his *skin* is white, or that he has that *sine qua non* money to pay his fees.

Another supposed impediment to admission to Freemasonry is the loss of a limb. A man happens to lose (in battle, say, or by accident) one or both his legs, or one of his arms; a *spurious* anxiety "to uphold the purity of lodge membership," therefore, would tell him—you cannot be admitted; you may be sound in mind and hold the best of characters; you may have served your country nobly, and lost your limbs in defending its honour and safety; but, as we perceive you are not sound (?) or perfect in body, therefore you cannot be admitted amongst us!*

I am proud to say I have had the pleasure of practically setting aside such a silly notion; as only a few weeks ago, *e.g.*, I duly initiated a candidate who had his *right* arm cut off, and although both his legs had also been lost, and he under the necessity of hobbling up to the altar upon his stumps, yet I consider that one hand, with a good and true heart, was quite sufficient to carry him through every ordeal.

An Adonis must not necessarily make a good Mason, for he may turn out an Absalom; but the man who, although he wants a limb, yet possesses a clear head and a good heart, will be sure to be an honour to the Craft.—W. P. BUCHAN.

* Another "point" is that a man, although *apparently* "sound and perfect in body" to outward appearance, may not be so in reality; consequently, if the "sound and perfect in body" idea were to be carried out in its integrity, all candidates, before admission, should pass the doctor." One man minus an arm may yet be far more "sound in body" than another who has met with no such patent misfortune.

AN EXTRACT.

In "Notes and Queries," for June 26, I find the following (see pp. 603-4):—

"FREEMASONRY.
" (4th S. iii. 504.)

"I do not know the book to which J. B. C. refers; but I have before me a book of some five hundred and fifty pages, small print 8vo, the title-page of which is as follows:—

"Lights on Masonry: A Collection of all the most important Documents on the Subject of Speculative Free Masonry; embracing the Reports of the Western Committees in relation to the Abduction of William Morgan, Proceedings of Conventions, Orations, Essays, &c., &c.; with all the Degrees conferred in a Master's Lodge, as written by Captain William Morgan. All the Degrees conferred in the Royal Arch Chapter and Grand Encampment of Knights Templars, with the appendant Orders, as published by the Convention of Seceding Masons, held at Le Roy, July 4th and 5th, 1828. Also, a Revelation of all the Degrees conferred in the Lodge of Perfection, and Fifteen Degrees of a still higher Order, with Seven French Degrees: making Forty-eight Degrees of Freemasonry. With Notes and Critical Remarks. By Elder David Bernard, of Warsaw, Genessee Co., N.Y., once an intimate Secretary in the Lodge of Perfection, and Secretary of the Convention of Seceding Masons, held at Le Roy, July 4th and 5th, 1828:—

"For there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed, and hid that shall not be known.

"And what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye on the house tops. J—S C—T."

"Utica: William Williams, Printer, Genessee Street, 1829."

"It is not unlikely that the book referred to by your correspondent is a sort of reprint of the above, or of a portion of it. The book before me is well got up: it contains a portrait of William Morgan, a respectable-looking, clerically-dressed gentleman, sitting at a table, with spectacles raised and resting on his forehead, his left hand to his head (the representation of one in a meditative mood), and writing materials on a table before him. I have heard that this book is very rare; in fact, that the copy before me is the only one in this country.

"Limerick. "MAURICE LENIHAN. M.R.I.A."

"I fancy that the curious book, *Ritual and Illustrations of Freemasonry*, is somewhat difficult to meet with, as I do not remember ever meeting with a copy besides my own. This, nevertheless, professes to be the "fourth thousand," and styles itself the people's edition. Its date is 1848, and it is "sold in London by Partridge and Oakey, 34, Paternoster-row." The printer, in case of difficulty in procuring the work from a bookseller, invites application, with thirty-six postage stamps, to J. Thorne, Shebbear, Devon. With these indications, notwithstanding the lapse of time, I hope that J.B.C. may succeed in procuring a copy.

"Birmingham. "WILLIAM BATES."

"The work inquired after is well known; it was originally published in America. The late Rev. Robert Taylor, A.B., and "Devil's chaplain," made great use of it in his anti-Masonic lectures, which

contain much curious matter, and are free from the vulgar infidelity and blasphemy that he so frequently indulged in. The *Ritual, &c.*, so far as Masonry is concerned, is made up from the old "Jachin and Boaz," and from an old book of which I possess a copy, and which bears the following title:—

"Les plus secrets Mystères des Hauts Grades de la Maçonnerie dévoilés, ou le vrai Rose-Croix. Traduit de l'Anglois; suivi du Noachité, traduit de l'Allemand. Nouvelle édition augmentée. A Jerusalem, M.DCC.LXXIV."

"I presume that the *imprimatur* is —, and that the two *traduits* are the same.

—H.C. "STEPHEN JACKSON."

ROSE CROIX TRACING-BOARD (page 4 ante).

Bro. "Dnalxo" will, perhaps, excuse the following remarks anent his interesting sketch with the three columns—Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian—on it. As for the Doric—if intended for Grecian, which I believe it is, and which I conceive would be best, why has it a square base, and why is its diameter so much out of proportion to its height? either the diameter should have been greater or the height less.* A Doric column, of course, has no base; it stood directly on the stylobate. The stylobate is either a platform with steps or a continuous pedestal supporting a row of columns.

The Ionic column is Roman, might it not have been better as Grecian? it is also, perhaps, rather small. However, on the whole, I like these sketches; that of the jewel is very neat.—PICTUS.

ANCIENT MYSTERIES OF ASIA MINOR.

The paper which appeared in your pages by Bro. Hyde Clarke, on "The Idæi Dactyli and Mysteries of Cybele," has been republished in the Quarterly Journal of the Ethnological Society, Part I.; and also in a separate form. Our brother has been appointed Foreign Secretary of that Society and Secretary of the Section of Comparative Philology.—C.W.

THE POPE AND THE FREEMASONS.

Cardinal Antonelli and the Black Papalini who govern our Bro. the Pope are going to make another smash of the Freemasons. The œcumenical council of bishops to be assembled at Rome next December will pronounce its anathemas against various heresies and abominations seriatim. Among the criminals will be found in one category, "Secret Societies" (i.e., Freemasons)—and what else think your readers? "Bible Societies!" Freemasons will feel almost honoured at being linked with Bible Societies as the opponents of the enemies of truth and light.—W.W.

YEAR OF LIGHT (pp. 10 and 31).

I may have something to say upon this after my other matter, which has been forwarded, appears.—W. P. BUCHAN.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

A "New Member" will find, on referring to the reports of Grand Lodge meetings, that H.R.H. either has had, or is to have, the rank of a P.G.M. conferred on him.—J.A.H.

* According to the amount of attention bestowed upon these details, so does the value of a sketch, plan, or drawing rise.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed by Correspondents

MASONIC CELESTIAL MYSTERIES ALIAS BRO. MELVILLE'S PRETENDED DIS- COVERIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I have read that curious letter by Bro. "Excelsior," at page 32; but the style he adopts in it does not go for much with me; further, some of his statements are decided *mis*-statements, while others do little credit to his bump of penetration. Bro. "Excelsior" and some others seem to consider that, because a man makes statements, therefore these statements must be worthy of examination—*ergo*, if Bro. E. should step into a lunatic asylum, and hear some one continually asserting, "I am Julius Cæsar—I am Julius Cæsar," therefore a committee of inquiry must be convened to examine into this assertion!

Bro. "Excelsior" is wroth with me for not posting up to London instanter to examine Bro. Melville's claims, and to see him personally; but Bro. E. overlooks several necessary points, besides being out considerably in his geography—the distance between Glasgow and London not being "a few miles," but a "few hundred miles," which makes a slight difference; then, who was to "pay the piper?" Could I have afforded it, I should have been most happy; but this probably wild goose chase was beyond reach of my cable tow at present; and, although I had gone, it is just possible that Bro. Melville might not really desire to see me, or to afford me such demonstration as I should consider it necessary to ask; besides, why should I be expected to throw aside my own *terrestrial* Masonic inquiries*—in which many brethren are interested—and to gratuitously spend my time and money in establishing Bro. Melville's *celestial* ideas? If Bro. Melville considers his pretended discoveries to be really beneficial to science and history, let him substantiate his own views himself. A painter who has a valuable picture to dispose of, does not hang it up in a coal-cellar and show it off by the light of a farthing candle; he places it in the best position possible, where the light falling upon it may show it off to most advantage; so let Bro. Melville do with his picture; let him hang it up in the "best light," where, if it be really worth, it will speak for itself; but, if it be a mere daub, of course "the best light" would end it, and the mysterious coal-cellar and farthing candle would be more in keeping. An honest man, or an honest Freemason, who had really made any important discoveries in connexion with the usages or doctrines of the ancient Assyrians would adopt the suggestion of

* In which I am engaged from pure *con amore*. Bro. E. takes the liberty to remark that "a slight inconvenience was more to me than any extra light in Freemasonry." That is untrue, as the past pages of the *Freemasons' Magazine* (not to speak of anything else) can easily demonstrate; the fact is, that, without mentioning the time I have devoted to Masonic inquiry lately, the money which I have—both readily and gratuitously—laid out in connexion with Masonry upon postage-stamps alone during the last twelve months, is more than many Masons have spent upon Masonic literature during their whole lives.

"Pictus," as given at page 330 of the Magazine for April 24th, and "publish" whatever he had to say in a calm, sensible, and honest manner, so that he might be easily understood; the adoption of such a course would of itself merit consideration; but when one tries to make a tool of Freemasonry, or of simple Freemasons, whereby to further his own selfish ends, then he must take what he gets, especially if he deserve it.

What, I would ask, can our Freemasonry, which was not—so far as I am aware—in existence before the 18th century A.D., have to do with any pretended "*Masonic Celestial Mysteries*," said to have existed about 3,000 years ago? The whole thing, *as it has been given out*, seems to have a nasty look of imposture and money getting about it. I have lately discovered so many Masonic assertions to be either false or mistaken statements, that I have learned to be very "cautious" before I pass anything which I consider has a suspicious look about it, and, in doing so, I believe I am only acting upon the square.

The remarks of "W.M.," page 31, and of "Res non Verba," page 445 *ante*, as well as those of several others, are quite *apropos*, not forgetting "Anon's" remarks, page 33. Then, to study the manner in which Bro. Melville, page 32, steers clear of that dangerous reef, "the Masonic Archaeological Institute," is most amusing. I suppose that my being a member of that "Society" precludes me from enjoying the favour of Bro. Melville's confidence, especially as he says, "it would be impossible for me to expound the mysteries before the members!" Therefore, to avoid shipwreck, Bro. M., like a cautious mariner, gives a wide berth to any solid-looking rock ahead. Again, looking out for anchoring ground, Bro. M. considers he may ride the storm upon Dr. Oliver's bottom; but he had better take care, or he may find his anchor dragging or his cable cut before he is aware of it, there being some dangerous quicksands and hidden rocks in that locality.

I must forbear to take up further space *at present*, and remain,

Yours fraternally,

W. P. BUCHAN.

"ANON."—SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

Dear Sir and Brother,—A writer in the last number of the Magazine asks whether Bro. Melville ever published or *explained* the "Lost Mysteries" in Australia, and with what results as to satisfying men of sound intelligence there?

The writer's query, it so happens, is answered by Bro. Melville in the same Magazine, and I may add thereto that I had the honour of introducing him to my esteemed friend, the Hon. Archibold Mechie, Melbourne, the foremost barrister, orator, and writer in the Australian Colonies. A meeting afterwards took place at Bro. Mechie's private chambers in 1862, shortly before I returned to England, between that gentleman, Bro. Melville, and myself, at which he (Bro. Mechie) evinced the very utmost interest in Bro. Melville's revelations for more than five hours, at the close whereof Bro. Mechie advised Bro. Melville to publish his MSS. by subscription, and volunteered to head the subscription list; and anyone acquainted with him or the colony must be aware

that the fact of Bro. Mechie so doing would ensure a host of subscribers among the educated classes, not only in Victoria, but in the circumjacent colonies. Bro. Mechie's advice was most kindly meant and flattering to Bro. Melville, who, however, declined it on the plea that the MSS. were Masonic, and should belong to the Order.

I avail myself of this note to ask Bro. Melville to be good enough to *explain* what "Solomon's Temple" really is? and where? Yours fraternally,

W. N. CRAWFORD.

BRO. MELVILLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Inasmuch as Bro. Melville has now expressed his willingness to submit his claims to "the eminent brethren who organized the Masonic Archæological Institute," as a member of the Institute I would respectfully urge the Council to consider the matter and report thereon.

As all the members of the Institute are Masons, I see no force in Bro. Melville's presumed objections on the part of the Council. Let a special meeting be called, and Bro. M.'s pretensions thoroughly sifted. It is time to end recriminatory correspondence, and the sooner we arrive at *the truth* the better.

Yours fraternally,

July 11th, 1869.

J.A.H.

THE INAUGURATION FESTIVAL AND THE STEWARDS' JEWEL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I am a provincial Mason, and have for many years past taken an active part in promoting the good of the Order, and particularly in advancing the noble institutions that reflect so much credit upon English Freemasons. I have also been an attentive reader of the *Magazine*, from the perusal of which I, as a Freemason, have enjoyed the greatest pleasure.

It is very seldom, however, I am able to visit the great metropolis—the centre of Freemasonry—but I did so to attend the Inauguration Festival.

My lodge did me the honour to appoint me—as the oldest Past Master—to represent them on that occasion, and they united in voting me a handsome sum to cover my expenses in travelling and remaining in London.

I do believe that our members, in common with a very large number of other country brethren, believed that the Zetland Testimonial had merged into the Inauguration Festival, and that, in sending up a representative, they were doing a proper honour to the G.M., and they believed (as I did) that the two affairs had been arranged by the wiseheads of the Zetland Commemoration Fund to come off together.

One thing is certain (however doubtful it may be whether the festival was in honour of the completion of the new buildings only or not) that those who acted as Stewards were to have some very handsome and appropriate jewel presented to them to commemorate the event. It is equally certain that up to this time not only has no such jewel been presented to me, nor has any other Steward, as far as I can ascertain, yet received his.

The brethren down here, Sir, are now disposed to think the Inauguration Festival Committee has de-

parted this life like the Zetland Commemoration Committee. Ought we not to have had some financial statement (even if the presentation of the jewels was only a joke) from the Committee long ere this?

Yours fraternally,

A. P.M., P.Z., &c.

INAUGURATION OF THE FREEMASONS' HALL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

Dear Sir and Brother,—In the *Freemasons' Magazine* of the 12th ult., "Lupus" inquired when it was intended to issue the jewel which has been promised to commemorate the event, but I regret to find no information has been supplied. As one who had the honour of serving as a Steward at the Festival, I am, like "Lupus," extremely anxious to learn when the jewel may be expected. My Masonic friends where I reside await its production with as much interest as I myself do. If any of the readers of the *Freemasons' Magazine* can enlighten me on the point, I hope they will kindly do so.

Yours fraternally,

13th July, 1869.

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MASONIC JEWELS AND INSIGNIA?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

Dear Sir and Brother,—How long will Grand Lodge permit the members of our ancient and Honourable Order to remain in the hands of every enterprising jeweller, tailor, and outfitter, who chooses to set up in business and put the square and compasses over his door? Has the time not yet arrived when Grand Lodge should take into their own hands the issuing of every jewel, and refuse permission to any brother to wear other than those that are recognised in Grand Lodge as authorized jewels?

Yours fraternally,

I.C.E.

MARK MASONRY, AND THE GRAND MARK LODGE OFFICIALS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Writing to the office of the Grand Mark Lodge is of not the slightest avail. No man need expect an answer, to the point, from there—*that's a fact*. If the business of the office is too heavy for the very obliging Grand Secretary and his subs, cannot further assistance be afforded and obtained? I do not know whether the bookkeeping is as much behind as the correspondence appears to be; but, if it is, why has the subject not been brought forward as a complaint before the Grand Mark Lodge?

Yours fraternally,

July 10, 1869.

W.W.

ZETLAND COMMEMORATION FUND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Will some member of the Committee deign to inform the Craft generally, through the medium of your *Magazine*, whether it is intended to take any further action in this matter. To us, in the provinces, it does seem a matter for the London brethren to take up and have some proper understanding arrived at, by which we may all know what—if anything—is really to be done in honour of our much respected Grand Master—and *when*?

Yours fraternally,

Liverpool, July 12, 1869.

Z.

THE MASONIC MIRROR.

* * All communications to be addressed to 19 Salisbury-street, Strand, London, W.C.

MASONIC MEMS

UNIVERSAL MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1869.—A few remaining copies of the second edition are for sale at a reduction of 25 per cent.

WE believe there will be a Special Grand Lodge called for on or about the 28th inst., for the transaction of important business.

WE are requested to remind those brethren who take great interest in the Fund of Benevolence, particularly in the administration of the fund, that the further consideration of Bro. Clabon's motion, and the recommendations of the committee to alter the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England, stands adjourned; and, it is understood, that at the next meeting of Grand Lodge, which may be called specially at any time the Grand Master can appoint, the subject will be warmly discussed, and considerable opposition offered to several, if not many, of the recommendations.

WE have received numerous letters calling in question the accuracy of our report of the Grand Master's statement respecting conferring on H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the rank of PAST GRAND MASTER, and protesting that if the Most W. the G.M. did make such an announcement, it must have been a *lapsus lingua*. That such a course cannot be seriously intended, but that probably the office of PRO-GRAND MASTER would be filled—for that step there would be precedents, and that such a course of proceeding would no doubt be very popular, and raise our M.W.G.M. still higher in the estimation of the Order, if such be at all possible. We have referred to our reporter's "copy," and have also consulted several brethren who were present at the last quarterly communication, and we find that the report, as published in the MAGAZINE, is strictly correct.

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF ZETLAND, M.W.G.M. OF ENGLAND.—Another addition to the works of art of this country has recently been made by a brother who is well known among the Order, in the shape of a beautiful bust of the Grand Master of England, in full Masonic costume. The work has been executed by Bro. Morton Edwards, of St. Luke's Lodge and Industry Chapter, and is to be seen at his quiet studio, 18, Hollywood-road, the Boltons, West Brompton. Brethren who may desire to see it, and will pay a visit to Bro. Edwards' studio, will find one of the best likenesses of his lordship they have ever been favoured with, and we hope before long to hear that it has been re-produced, and is in the possession, if of not every Freemason, at least of every lodge and chapter. It reflects the highest credit on the taste and skill of Bro. Edwards, who has not forgotten any of the *minutiae* which make a likeness perfect. But besides the bust of the Grand Master, Bro. Edwards is the sculptor of several other similar busts, among which may be mentioned some speaking likenesses of Lyndhurst, Cobden Bright, the Lord Chief Baron, and a host of famous statesmen and lawyers who have honoured him with sittings. The Prince of Wales is among the great men who have tried the dexterity of this rising artist, and the faithfulness with which the chisel has perpetuated H.R.H.'s face is of itself sufficient to make the fame of the modeller. The names of Behnes and Gibson, under whom Bro. Edwards studied, derive an additional lustre from the eminence of their pupil.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ST. ALBANS, the R.W. Prov. G. Master of Lincolnshire, purposes holding his annual Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Masons in this province, in the Assembly Rooms, at Boston, on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at half-past twelve for one o'clock punctually, when and where the Prov. G. Officers and Past Officers, with the W.M.'s and P.M.'s, and the Acting Wardens of the lodges in the province, are hereby convoked to attend, and at which all Master Masons are invited to be present.

THROUGH the sudden death of Bro. Thoms, P.M. 186, his widow and six children are thrown into a state of great distress, one child being nearly blind. The members of St. Luke's, and several other lodges of instruction, being desirous of marking their respect for his services as Secretary and Instructor for many years, a committee has been formed for the purpose of collecting funds to set the widow up in business. Any brethren willing to assist are requested to forward their names to Bro. William Birch, 4, Montpelier-square, treasurer to the fund; or to Bro. George King, jun., 30, Cheyne-walk, Chelsea, Hon. Sec. The committee hope by a united effort to raise £100.

THE BELGRAVE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 749).—The members of this lodge of instruction have resolved to hold their meetings in future, every Friday evening all the year round, at Bro. Godfrey's, the Duke of Wellington, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross. Bro. J. H. Pulsford, P.M. 1,158, is Preceptor.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—The V.W. Bro. Rev. John Edmund Cox, P.G. Chap., has most kindly undertaken to preach a sermon in aid of the funds of this Institution, on Sunday, the 25th inst., in the Church of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, of which our reverend brother is the rector. The service will be choral, commencing at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. We trust that a large congregation will attend, and by liberal donations further the object in view—that of assisting in the extrication of the Institution from its pressing difficulties. The church, recently restored at a large outlay—one of the handsomest in the metropolis—is in itself well worthy of a visit, so that the eye of every visitor will be gratified in witnessing a superb monument of Faith, in the exercise of which virtue it is hoped there will be found a stimulus to that Charity, the indulgence of which is so precious to every Freemason's heart.

BRETHREN are reminded that the Lodge Music published in several issues of the MAGAZINE, has been re-published in a convenient form for Lodge use, price 2s. 6d.

PORTRAITS of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., G.C.B., M.W.G.M. Mason of Scotland, can now be obtained at this office, price 3s. 6d. each. Copies, with ornamental border, and Masonic emblems printed in gold, on large size paper, can be had, price 10s. 6d.

THE opening of the meeting of the British Association this year at Exeter, is fixed for the 18th of August. Professor Stokes, of Cambridge, will occupy the chair.

METROPOLITAN.

ALBION LODGE (No. 9).—On the 7th inst., the members of this numerous and influential lodge held their annual summer banquet at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne. Bro. E. Coste, W.M., presided in his usual excellent manner, and was supported by Past Masters S. Coste, Friend, Lee, Stevens, Willey, and Abbott; and Bros. T. Butler, S.W.; and Baylis, J.W. A very sumptuous banquet was provided, and after the usual toasts—loyal and Masonic—were given, Bro. Willey, P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," in a very appropriate manner, and in the course of his remarks, mentioned the high estimation the W.M.

was held in by every brother of the lodge; and to judge by the applause at the termination of his speech, showed the respect he is held in. The W.M., in suitable terms, returned thanks. Bro. Lee, P.M. and Treas., returned thanks for the Past Masters, and mentioned that his connection with the lodge had extended over thirty years, and on this occasion he had to congratulate the W.M. for the success attending this summer banquet, not only for the numbers present, and for the very excellent manner every detail in connection with it had been carried out, but also the good feeling displayed by every one present—members as well as visitors, and he hoped to have the pleasure of witnessing a repetition of this auspicious occasion. The visitors were Bros. W. and G. Meredith, of the Constitution and Antiquity Lodges; H. Thomas, Urban Lodge; H. Clarke, Doric Lodge; and several other brethren. Bro. W. Meredith, in a very eloquent speech, returned thanks for the visitors. Several toasts followed, and the brethren returned to town after having spent a delightful day and evening.

HERVEY LODGE (No. 1,260).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the George Hotel, Walham Green, S.W., on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at 4.30 p.m. precisely, Bro. G. King, jun., the W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. George King, S.W.; T. B. Aylshford, Treas.; W. H. Weaver, S.D.; W. Wigmore, J.D.; W. Smith, C.E., as I.P.M.; J. D. Tully, A. Czarnecki, and J. Webb. The visitors present were Bros. W. Mann, P.M. 186; J. Storey, 858; Watts, 76; Dr. T. Godrich, 201; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; Hyde Clarke, Z.L.D., of No. 10 and P.D. Dist. G.M. Turkey; E. A. Baber, P.M. 452; J. Curtis, 49. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Letters were read from Bros. J. Hervey, G.S., and Hyde Pullen returning thanks for being elected honorary members. The ballot was taken for Messrs. T. Davidson and E. Thomas, which proved unanimous in their favour. Mr. Algar, who had been previously balloted for, and Mr. Davidson being in attendance, were initiated into the mysteries by the W.M. in a very careful and impressive manner. Bros. M. Von Diepenheim, P.M. 188; C. Field, 25 & 144; Dr. T. Godrich, 231; J. Robertson, late of 1,040, and H. Hollingsworth, P.M. 487, 2,106, P. Prov. S.G.D. Hants, were balloted for and elected joining members. Bro. J. Webb, being a candidate for the degree of F.C., and having shown his proficiency, was passed to the 2nd degree. Bro. Tully was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. after due examination. Bro. W. Smith, C.E., proposed, and Bro. Czarnecki seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. and S.W. for the very handsome Bible presented by them to the lodge. Proposed by W. Smith, C.E., seconded by Bro. Tully, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. and S.W. for finding the materials for the pedestals, to Bro. Wigmore, S.D., for making them, and to Bro. Jones, J.W., for graining them. Proposed by Bro. W. Smith, C.E., seconded by Bro. G. King, S.W., and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bros. Aylshford, Treas.; W. Garner, Hon. Sec.; Weaver, S.D.; E. Garner, I.G.; and Czarnecki, for the very handsome box of working tools complete, manufactured by Bro. F. W. Figg, of Denmark-street, Soho. They are well finished and most complete. After some more propositions for initiation, the lodge sat down to a capital supper, prepared in Bro. J. Webb's well-known style, and, after spending a pleasant evening, separated at an early hour, each one expressing himself delighted with the pleasant evening they had spent. It is worthy of remark that this young lodge has only had one regular meeting and two emergencies, and they now number 31 members, and the furniture is certainly the most handsome we have seen.

PROVINCIAL.

CORNWALL.

HELSTON.

Meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of this Province, was held on Tuesday the 6th inst., and there was a very large attendance, about 160 brethren going in the procession. The members assembled from all parts of Cornwall, and as Helston lies some ten miles off the rail, and the business was fixed to commence at 10 o'clock, many of the brethren had to leave their homes at a very early hour. The brethren assembled in the King's-market-room below the Town Hall.

The Prov. G.L. was formed as soon as the brethren arrived from the train. The R.W., the Prov. G.M., Bro. Augustus Smith, presided, and conducted the business of the lodge with his accustomed ability and urbanity. He was supported on his right and left by the principal officers and brethren of the province.

The names of the different lodges in the Province were called over, and officers and other members were present from nearly every lodge. Bro. E. T. Carlyon, the Prov. G. Sec., then read the minutes of the last meeting, which were received and adopted.

Bro. Chirgwin, in the temporary absence of Bro. Reginald Rogers, next read the report of the treasurer of the Cornwall Freemason's Annuity Fund. During the year £119 8s. 6d. had been received; and £5 15s. 7d. had been brought forward from the last year; and £19 19s. 3d. had been received as interest on stock. This made a total of £145 3s. 4d. Against this there had been expended 6s. 6d. for postage; £4 16s. for printing; and two accounts of £10 each, which had left a balance in hand of £120. Bro. Chirgwin remarked that there are 720 brethren in the provinces, and that only 228 had contributed towards this important and excellent fund. Out of 23 lodges, 5 had not subscribed at all during the year, and two had not subscribed at all from the commencement. There had been £635 0s. 6d. subscribed from all the lodges; £75 by the Prov. G.M., and £299 by the Prov. G.L. He expressed an earnest hope that the fund would be still maintained, as it was an excellent institution for the province.

Bro. Carlyon moved that the report be received and adopted.

The Prov. G.M. thought that the province must be very much gratified by the report. In five years the provinces had subscribed sufficient funds for the maintenance of two annuitants. As to some of the lodges not having subscribed, he said they could not expect all plants to flower every year. The more the report was disseminated through the provinces the greater results might they expect.

Bro. W. Tweedy then read his report as Treasurer of the funds of the Prov. G. Lodge, which showed the following results: Balance of last account, £72 2s. 8d.; collection in church after a sermon by the Rev. Bro. Dr. Treffry, £11 1s. 4d.; fees of honour, £20 9s. 6d.; lodge subscriptions to the Zetland Commemoration Fund, £14 14s. 0d.; fees from the lodges, £82 19s. 8d.; total, £201 7s. 2d. Payments—To Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, being 2-5ths of church collection £4 8s. 6d.; to the Rev. Flavel Cooke for charity, and for the parish schools, £6 12s. 10d.; to Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, £50; and a great variety of other payments, leaving a balance to carry forward to next account of £40 9s. 7d. Amongst these items so expended, was one of ten guineas, which had been anticipated by the R.W. the G.M., who explained that he had requested it might be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, as he wished the province to be represented at that noble meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge, when £12,000 was subscribed towards the institution. He had determined that if there was any objection to the vote, the circumstances being so exceptional, he would defray the amount himself. We need scarcely say that the vote was confirmed with acclamation.

Bro. Lord Eliot said that in consequence of the large sums subscribed on the occasion, the Prov. G.M. of Lancashire having subscribed £1,000, they had been unable to obtain the election of young Bush, but he hoped that they would be more successful next year, when the 716 votes that had been polled for him would be carried forward.

The officers of two lodges stated that they had sent subscriptions from the lodges for the Zetland Fund, before they knew that it would be taken up by the Prov. G. Lodge.

The Treasurer's account was then unanimously received and adopted.

The petitions for relief were then brought up. It was proposed by the committee, that £5 be given to a needy brother, well-known to the brethren, who had returned from Australia. Bro. Chirgwin suggested that the amount should be increased to £10, to enable the brother to start in a small way of business, and the committee assenting, the proposal was immediately adopted; and a small amount of £2 was given by the committee to another distressed brother, as temporary relief, his petition not being in time to be carefully considered.

Bro. Chirgwin said that they had had a balance in hand of about £60. Out of this sum there had been voted about £30. He moved that £20 be voted out of the remainder to the Corn-

wall Masonic Annuity Fund. Bro. Dabb seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

The re-appointment of Bros. Reginald Rogers as Treas., and Chirgwin, as Sec., was then moved, seconded, and unanimously carried. Bros. F. W. Dabb and S. Holloway were appointed auditors.

It being now twelve o'clock, the remainder of the business of the Grand Lodge was postponed, in order that the brethren might proceed to church to hear a sermon, as is usual on these occasions. The services were conducted by Bros. the Rev. Dr. Bannister, incumbent of St. Day, F. B. Paul, F. H. A. Wright, of Stythians and Perranworthal, the preacher being Bro. the Rev. J. D. Hawkesley, Prov. G. Chap., who founded his discourse on Acts. vii., 26, "Sirs, ye be all brethren." The sermon was in all respects an admirable one, and in it the preacher stated briefly and clearly to his hearers some of the great moral principles which are enjoined upon all members of the Masonic fraternity.

At the close of the services a collection was made, and the amount realised was £8 9s. 4d. The brethren then re-formed in procession and returned to the Town Hall to transact the remainder of their business.

The Prov. G.M. proceeded to appoint his officers as follows:—

Bros. John Rosecorla, P.D.G.M., P.M. 121; Lord Eliot, I. Prov. D.G.M.; Frederick Williams, 331, M.P., Prov. G.S.W.; James Mudge, 451, Prov. J.G.W.; W. Tweedy, P.M. 331, Prov. G. Treas.; Rev. J. D. Hawkesley, Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. F. B. Paul, Assist. Prov. G. Chap.; W. T. Sobey, 977, Prov. G. Reg.; W. J. Hughan, 131, Prov. G. Sec.; W. F. Newman, 75, Prov. S.G.D.; J. Levin, 121, Prov. J.G.D.; S. Jacob, 967, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; S. Higgs, 121, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; R. Johns, 131, Prov. Assist. G. Dir. of Cers.; Lieut. Eustace, 451, Prov. G.S.B.; Taylor, Prov. G. Org.; S. Harvey 131, Prov. G. Purst.; W. Rooks, 1,006, Prov. G.I.G.

Bros. Thos. Curry, 75; Frank Harvey, 450; Roberts, 318; John Hall, 699; W. H. Dunstan, 75; and W. Tregay, 589, were appointed Prov. G. Stewards.

Bro. Fred. Williams, M.P., proposed Bro. S. R. Trebilcock, of 1,006, and Bro. Dr. Bannister seconded it, as Prov. G. Tyler.

When appointing the Prov. G. Sec., the Prov. G.M. spoke in the highest terms of the services rendered for many years by Bro. Carlyon, as Prov. G. Sec., and Bro. J. O. Mayue, as Prov. G. Assist. Sec. Bro. Carlyon would be succeeded by Bro. Hughan, who was eminent for his great knowledge of Masonry, and for his zeal in everything connected with it. As Grand Lodge did not recognise the office of Assist. G. Sec., he purposed discontinuing that appointment, so as to bring their working in harmony with that of the neighbouring province of Devon.

Bros. R. Rogers, E. T. Carlyon, and W. Tweedy were re-appointed the Committee for Relief, and Bros. Edward Hawke and Thomas Solomon were appointed auditors.

The proceeds of the sermon preached in the morning were thus allocated: one-fifth to the clergyman of the parish, two-fifths to the National Schools, and two-fifths (£3 7s. 8d.) to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund.

Bro. W. H. Jenkins proposed, in the warmest terms of eulogy a vote of thanks to Bro. Carlyon for his valuable services as secretary.

Bro. Solomon seconded the motion, including in it the name of Bro. Mayne, which was cordially assented to by the proposer, and carried in the heartiest manner.

Both these brethren acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. the Rev. J. D. Hawkesley suggested that a book should be provided in which all the brethren who attended Prov. G. Lodge should record their names. Such a work would be very interesting.

The Prov. G.M. concurred, and said it should be done.

Bro. Hughan then called attention to a point of practice of serious importance. A person blackballed in one lodge had afterwards admitted into another lodge. This was followed by a statement of facts as to what had happened at Falmouth and Penryn, and a committee, consisting of Bros. Carlyon, Hughan, R. Rogers, R. R. Rodd, Solomon, and Chirgwin, was appointed to investigate into the circumstances and bring up a report. The practice of the admission of improper persons into the fraternity was thoroughly condemned.

This finished the business of the day, and the lodge was adjourned to the Assembly Rooms, at the Angel Hotel, where

the banquet was provided. It was intended to dine at three, but the business of Grand Lodge did not terminate till four o'clock, and many of the brethren had to leave at six to catch the Cornish train. This made the proceedings at the festival rather short and somewhat hurried.

After dinner the Prov. G. Master proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were loyally greeted, as is the manner in all Masonic gatherings. A number of other toasts and speeches followed, but the length to which this report has run precludes our occupying more space by going into detail. The Prov. G.M. referred with much satisfaction to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales having joined the Order, but expressed his regret that the Prince should have felt it necessary to have entered the Order through a foreign doorway. There might, however, be a good reason for this. The more he practised the principles of Masonry, the more would he fit himself for the high position to which he was willing to be raised in due course by the Great Architect of the Universe.

After the toast of "The Sovereign of the Order, the Earl of Zetland," and "The D.G.M., the Earl de Grey and Ripon, and the Grand Officers, past and present," had been proposed and responded to by Lord Eliot, his lordship concluded in proposing the health of the Grand Master, which was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm. The R.W. Prov. G.M., in responding to the compliment, said the meeting that day was one of a very peculiar interest to him. It was now 15 years since that he took a part in the Prov. G.L. meetings, and it was at Helston that he was first elevated to the post of the D.P.G.M. From that period he had to carry on the work of the province, and during that time he had never failed to take his part in the performance of those duties which devolved upon him as the ruler of the Craft. It also afforded him much pleasure to meet friends again that day who took a part on that occasion. It was especially gratifying to meet his excellent friend, Bro. Edwards, the Mayor of Helston, who was at that distant period Mayor of Helston then as well as now. He hardly thought that photographs existed in that day, but if they had he believed that both he and his friend would look a little older than they did when they first met there; but however their looks might be altered, he was assured that their hearts were true. The R.W. Prov. G.M. concluded by thanking his brethren for the cordial manner and fraternal feelings which they always evinced towards him. Again rising, he said he was reminded by the movement of the brethren present that they lived in a day of "hurry scurry," when they were compelled to break up pleasant meetings by the exigencies of railway travelling, but he would not allow a separation to take place without giving them another toast, that of the provincial officers who had favoured them with their presence, especially alluding to Bro. Latimer, who is Secretary for the province of Devon, and Bro. Borlase, who, although young in years, appeared there crowned in honours, and was the Secretary for Oxfordshire. Bro. Borlase bore a name honoured in the county, and they were glad to see him there, filling so high a position as he did in a distant county.

The toast was received with acclamation, and responded to briefly by Bros. Latimer and Borlase, in speeches that touched upon the events of the day; Bro. Borlase adverted to the excellent manner in which the Craft Masonry was worked in Cornwall, as he could testify by comparison with the work of his mother lodge, the Apollo of Oxford.

Those exigencies to which the Prov. Grand Master referred here, compelled rapidity of locomotion, and many of the company had to leave at the early hour of six o'clock, somewhat to their regret.

The whole of the proceedings were most satisfactory.

DURHAM.

DURHAM.—*Marquis of Granby Lodge* (No. 124).—On Tuesday the 6th inst. the regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall. The W.M. Bro. E. Rowlandson, presided, and after the minutes of the former lodge and a lodge of emergency had been confirmed, Mr. C. Millwood of Tudhoe was initiated. Bros. R. Sanderson, H. Warrick, and Edward Stone were passed, and Bro. G. Johnston was raised to the third degree. Some matters of a private nature having been disposed of, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The visitors present were: Bros. Major J. W. Jenkins, P.S.G.W., Connaught, and Nos. 2,129, 187, and 378 (I.C.); A. Davison. No. 67, Cork; and P. Shepherd, No. 302, Bradford.

HAMPSHIRE.

HAVANT.—*Carnarvon Lodge* (804).—The installation of the W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year, took place on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Black Dog Inn. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren, including the whole of the P.M.'s of the Carnarvon Lodge, viz.:—Bros. Dr. Kirkman, P. Prov. G.W.; G. A. Gale, P. Prov. G.W.; J. N. Hillman, J. Weeks, S.D.; Forbes, P. Prov. G.W. (Essex), W. Purnell, H. R. Trigg, and F. G. Bradbear, the retiring W.M. This attendance of the P.M.'s of the lodge must have been highly gratifying to the W.M. elect. There were also present: Bros. J. Ogburn, P.M. 342 P. Prov. G.W.; C. S. Woolons, P.M. 309; E. G. Holbrook, W.M. 309; St. Clair, P.M. 38; Adames, W.M. 38, &c. The lodge having been duly opened and the usual formal business transacted, Bro. E. Watson was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. by Bro. Bradbear. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and was performed in a most impressive manner by the retiring W.M. (Bro. F. G. Bradbear), who must be congratulated on the marked perfection with which it was carried out. In fact at a later period he was very highly complimented by some of the older P.M.'s. Bro. H. T. Bettesworth, the newly-installed W.M., having been saluted in the usual manner by the brethren, subsequently appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. F. G. Bradbear, I.P.M.; A. Reynolds, S.W.; M. Wenham, J.W.; J. Weeks, P.M., Treas.; H. M. Green, Sec.; J. N. Hillman, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; E. Good, S.D.; G. J. Brine, J.D.; A. Mitchell, I.G.; A. King and J. Clay, Stewards. On the motion of Bro. G. A. Gale, P.M., seconded by Bro. Forbes, P.M., it was resolved to present a vote of thanks and a P. Sec.'s jewel to Bro. Hillman, P.M., in recognition of the valuable services he has rendered the lodge as Secretary for some years. The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, at which the W.M. presided. The usual toasts were given and responded to, and the brethren, many of whom came from a distance, broke up at an early hour.

LANCASHIRE (WEST).

LIVERPOOL.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 673).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at 90, Duke-street, on the 7th inst., at which there was present a good attendance of visitors and brethren. The ordinary business having been transacted, Bro. J. Hoeker was presented for installation as the W.M. for the ensuing year. This important ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. Hamer, Prov. G. Treas., &c., assisted by Bro. W. T. May, P.M., 673. The W.M. then appointed Bros. T. Clarke, S.W., H. Nelson, J.W.; J. K. Digges, Sec., for the next twelve months. The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren left by special omnibuses for Wavertree, where they partook of a sumptuous and elegant banquet, provided by Bro. Wright, at his hotel. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been cordially responded to, the brethren returned to town, having spent a very pleasant and agreeable evening.

WARRINGTON.—*Gilbert Greenall Lodge* (No. 1,250).—The regular monthly meeting of this flourishing new lodge was held on the 12th inst. at the Masonic Rooms. In the absence of the W.M. (Bro. Gilbert Greenall, P.M., P. Prov. S.G. Warden, and Past G.S.W. of England), Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P. Prov. G. Dir. of Cers., and P. Prov. G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmoreland), presided, and was supported by Bros. W. Mossop, S.W.: W. Richardson (J.W. 148) as J.W.; W. S. Hawkins, S.D.; W. Pollitt, W. Crompton, A. W. Brundret, E. Aukland, S. B. Simon, and Peter Leigh, &c. Visitors: Bro. A. Worrall, W.M. 1,225; Jas. Bailey, 148; J. Harding, 148; Jas. Curry, No. 699, and P. J. Edlestein, 1,134, &c. The lodge was opened in due form according to ancient custom, when the minutes were read by the acting Sec., Bro. W. S. Hawkins, and declared to be correctly recorded. The ballot-box was then sent round for Mr. Peter Leigh, duly proposed at the last meeting, and on its return to the east was declared to be unanimously in that gentleman's favour. Mr. S. B. Simon (who was duly elected at the previous meeting) now presented himself and was duly admitted and initiated, and afterwards Mr. Peter Leigh received a similar favour at the hands of the acting W.M. The working tools and the charge were given respectively by Bros. W. Richardson and W. Mossop, S.W. A Grand Lodge communication was announced, a brother proposed for affiliation, and a gentleman as a candidate for initiation. This being the whole of the business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment

under the presidency of Bro. W. Mossop. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed, and included "The W.M. and Officers," proposed by Bro. Bowes, "The W.M. and Officers of No. 148," proposed by Bro. Worrall, and responded to by Bro. Bowes; "The Visitors," "The Initiates," and a special one to "The health of Bro. Bowes." The Tyler's toast completed the list, and brought a very pleasant evening to a close at ten o'clock. We must not omit to notice the new lodge floor-cloth, which was at once chaste and artistic, and was greatly admired by the visitors. It was, we understand, supplied by Bro. J. J. Caney, 44, Cheapside, London.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—*Rutland Lodge* (No. 1,130).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 8th inst. There were present, the W.M. and officers, and many of the brethren; also several visitors, including Bro. Kelly, D. Prov. G.M. of Leicester; Bro. Orford, Prov. G.W. of Northampton; and Bro. Newcome, of Doric Lodge, Grantham. A long discussion took place respecting a guarantee to be given for ten years' rent, and at last a committee, composed of Bros. Oldham, East, Adcock, and Weaver, was appointed to draw up an agreement with the landlord of the hotel, and to report to a meeting of the lodge to be held on Thursday week.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

NORTH SHIELDS.—*St. George's Lodge* (No. 431).—The regular monthly meeting was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bro. T. Jackson, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. J. D. Brown, S.W.; J. Roddam, P.M., as J.W.; M. J. Robson, M.D., I.P.M., Treas.; M. F. Gray, W.M. St. Hilda's; J. G. Tulloch, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W.; G. F. Shotton, P.M.; W. Twizell, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W.; T. Haswell, P. Prov. G. Org.; and other officers of the lodge. Visitors:—Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland, viz., Bros. G. Thompson, Prov. S.G.W.; T. Anderson, Prov. S.G.W.; T. B. Winter, Prov. G. Treas.; J. Stokoe, Prov. S.G.D.; J. A. Hair, W.M. 481, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Paul O. Smith, 541, Prov. G. Steward; J. H. Thompson, P. Prov. A. Assist. Dir. of Cers.; J. S. Trotter, Prov. G. Tyler; T. Sewell, jun., 441. Bro. J. H. Ingledew, of Tynemouth, was admitted as a subscribing member of St. George's; Bro. John Edwards was passed to the second degree by the W.M.; and Bro. Adler Hansen was raised to the degree of M.M. by Bro. M. J. Robson, I.P.M. The W.M. proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland, for having kindly visited St. George's on this occasion, which was seconded by Bro. T. T. Clarke, Sec., and carried unanimously. Bro. G. Thompson, Prov. S.G.W., having acknowledged the vote of thanks on behalf of the Provincial Officers, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Commercial Hotel for refreshment, and passed an agreeable evening.

SOMERSETSHIRE.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—*St. Kew Lodge* (No. 1,222).

A regular lodge meeting was held at the Carnarvon Hall, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., when there was a large and distinguished attendance of brethren from various parts of this and the adjoining provinces.

The respected W.M. (Bro. Capt. Irwin, 30^o) opened the lodge in the 1st degree, and requested the Dir. of Cers. and S. & J. Deacons to retire and conduct the D. Prov. G.M. and his officers to seats in the east. The W.M. placed the gavel in the hands of the D. Prov. G.M. (Bro. Capt. Bridges), who immediately proceeded with the principal business of the day, viz., the consecration of the new place of meeting (Carnarvon Hall) of the St. Kew Lodge, No. 1,222. After the dedication prayer by the D. Prov. G.M., the Prov. G. Chap. delivered a beautiful oration on Masonry, which was listened to with marked attention by the brethren. The hall was then sprinkled with salt and consecrated to Masonry with grand honours three times; the vessel of corn was then used and the hall consecrated to Virtue, with grand honours five times. The Prov. G.S.W. with his vessel of wine sprinkled the lodge and consecrated the hall to Universal Benevolence. The D. Prov. G.M. then stepped forward with the vessel of incense, and, "In the name of the Most High," finally declared this Masonic hall to be duly dedicated and consecrated to all the purposes of Masonry, and prayed that the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe may for ever rest upon it. (Grand honours seven times.)

The dimensions of the hall are 33ft. from E. to W., 20ft. N. to S., and 20ft. in height. At the east end is a raised dais ascended by three steps, and round the room are placed crimson stuffed seats, with chairs for the office-bearers; the centre of the room is properly prepared for the 3rd degree, and the floor covered with linoleum. Adjacent to the lodge-room is a preparation-room and Tylers' room. The whole building is extremely neat and attractive, and has been recently built by the proprietor of the York Hotel (Bro. Kirkbride), and let to the Masonic body on a lease. Wednesday last was particularly selected for the consecration, it being the 1st anniversary of the St. Kew Lodge, and which, within the short space of twelve months, numbers 40 brethren, some of the more zealous brethren having already obtained warrants for a R.A. Chapter, Mark Master's Lodge, and Red Cross Conclave, and is in a fair way of establishing a K.T. Encampment. Capt. Irwin, the W.M., resides in Bristol and has travelled upwards of 700 miles to preside over the Craft (being absent only twice) during his year of office.

This being the meeting for the installation of W.M. for the ensuing year, the D. Prov. G.M. proceeded to instal into the K.S. chair Bro. Capt. F. G. Irwin, 30° (re-elected), who then appointed his officers for the year; viz., Bros. General Gore B. Mumbee, P.M.; Clarke, S.W.; Bro. Pigot, J.W.; George, Treas.; Cox, Sec. (2nd time); Bro. Erle, S.D.; Inskip, J.W.; E. Gregory, Org.; S. Harvey and Wiltshire, Stewards; Swete, I.G.; and Parsons, Tyler. A ballot having been proceeded with, Bros. Lieut. Wiltshire and Browne were declared elected members of this lodge. The ballot for Mr. John Perry being satisfactory, Mr. Perry was initiated according to the ancient rites and landmarks of the Order. The new lodge-room was beautifully adorned with flowers, greenhouse plants, &c., and was much admired by the visiting brethren. (The flowers were kindly lent by Bro. Pigot, P.G. Chap., and W. Tucker, Esq.)

After the close of lodge business, a banquet took place in the dining-room of Bro. Kirkbride's fine new hotel, entitled "The York Hotel," Regent-street, the viands, cookery, wines, waiters, &c., being without fault, and to the satisfaction of the large party of the Craft who assembled on the occasion.

There were present the following brethren:—Bros. Irwin, W.M.; Vizard, P.M., Prov. G.S. Somerset; Mumbee, S.W.; Clarke, J.W., Prov. G.S. Somerset; Pigot, Prov. G. Chap.; George, Treas.; Cox, Sec.; Earle, S.D.; Inskip, J.D.; Gregory, Org.; Swete, I.G.; Parsons, Tyler; Harvey, Townsend, W. H. Beedle, Thos. Beedle, Davies, De Ridder, Bath, R. Gregory, Melville, Date, Gale, Matthias, Male, Jones, Lieut. Wiltshire, Perry, and Kirkbride. Visiting brethren:—Bros. Capt. Bridges, D. Prov. G.M. Somerset; Stothert, 53, P. Prov. G. Reg. and S.G.W. Somerset; Martyn, 82, 357, 470, G. Chap. England; Montree, P. Prov. G.S.W. Somerset; Dr. Bryant, P. Prov. G.S.W. Bristol; Kelway, P.M. & P. Prov. G.W.; Rubie, P. Prov. G.J.W.; Wilson, 41; Else, Prov. G. Sec. Somerset; Dr. Evans, J.P., P. Prov. G.S.D.; Gillard, J.W. 1,168 & Prov. J.G.D. Dorset; Holmes, P.M. & P. Prov. G. Org.; Serel, Sec. 446 & P. Prov. G. Org.; Hazard, P.M. 103; Belfield, 103; Fendick, 103; Macfarlan, 103; Parnam, W.M. 53; Watson, P.M., 244; Cerall, P.M. 446; George, P.M. 448; Scott, P.M. 610; Musgrove, W.M. 610; Jelley, P.M. 976; Fisher; Paris Dick, 1,209; Reynolds, 135, &c.

On the removal of the cloth, the chairman, Bro. Irwin, tyled the room, and in his usual splendid style proceeded to give the following toasts:—"The Queen and the Craft;" "Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family;" "Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M.; Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl de Grey and Ripon, R.W.D.G.M., and Officers of the Grand Lodge of England," responded to by Bro. Martyn, G. Chap. of England; "Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Prov. G.M. of Somerset," responded to by Bro. Bridges, D. Prov. G.M. "Bro. Capt. Bridges, D. Prov. G.M., and Prov. G. Officers of Somerset," proposed by Bro. Mumbee and responded to by Bro. Bridges. "Bro. Capt. F. G. Irwin, W.M. St. Kew Lodge, 1,222," proposed by Bro. Bridges, and responded to by the W.M. of 1,222. "The Wardens, Officers, and Brethren of the St. Kew Lodge, past and present," proposed by the chairman and responded to by Bro. Clarke, S.W. "Our Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. Clarke and responded to by the G. Chap., the D. Prov. G.M., and others. "The Masonic Charities," proposed by the chairman, and responded to by many brethren. "The Ladies," proposed by Bro. Vizard, and responded to by Bro. George. "The Tyler's Toast."

The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by various

Masonic songs at appropriate intervals. If ladies had been present to have heard their health proposed by Bro. Vigard, they would have exclaimed, as did my Lady Masham (in the sixteenth century), that she was so fond of Masonry as to say that she wished herself a man that she might be capable of admission into the fraternity. At an early hour (10 p.m.) the brethren separated, after spending a pleasant and fraternal evening, hoping soon to meet again with fresh materials to be plumbed, levelled, and squared for Masonic building.

SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION).

NEATH.—*Cambrian Lodge* (No. 364).

An unusually large gathering took place at this lodge on Tuesday, the 6th inst., and amongst those present were Bro. T. M. Talbot, Prov. G.M.; Bro. E. J. Morris, D. Prov. G.M.; Bros. R. Thomas, P.M., P. Prov. J.G.W.; N. B. Allen, P.M., P. Prov. G. Treas.; W. Whittington, P.M., P. Prov. G. Sec.; P. Donaldson, P.M., P. Prov. G. Purst.; W. Rees, P.M., P. Prov. G.P.; W. M. Bell, P. Prov. G.P.; P. H. Rowland, W.M. 364, P. Prov. J.G.W.; E. Pole, Prov. G. Steward; Dr. Hall, Dr. Pegge; Howel Cuthberton, P.M.; Phillip Davies, R. W. Thomas, John Hill, C. S. Gardner, H. Green, H. Hancock, W. G. Davies, J. J. Hewson, &c. Bro. P. H. Howland, as W.M., occupied the chair, and the lodge having been opened in the first degree,

Bro. Whittington, P.M., said: Worshipful Sir—I am desired by my brother to ask the brethren for permission to hang the banner of my father—the late Bro. Matthew Whittington—against these walls. It is, as you are aware, customary in this lodge for every Master, on vacating the chair, to present his banner to us, and although some years have passed since my worthy father occupied that chair, and my own banner hangs against these walls, I know the kindly feeling which now prompts this act of my mother's, will be properly appreciated by the brethren.

The W.M. acknowledged the handsome lodge decoration with great feeling, having known and experienced as a boy, many acts of kindness from the late Bro. Whittington.

Bro. Rowland Thomas, P.M., said:—On looking round the room he saw only three faces present who could claim the personal friendship of their late Bro. Whittington, and to him it was a pleasing sight to see the banner of one he loved so well amongst the banners of other genial souls who flourished in days gone by, and he commended much the good feeling which prompted the present, and proposed that the best thanks of the lodge be given to Mrs. Whittington, which was carried with acclamation.

The banner, which bears the family device, with an appropriate motto, was beautifully executed in purple ink, with amber border and tassels, by Mr. Saunders, of Neath.

The W.M. rose and said: It would be a matter of impossibility for him to express the gratification he felt in having the honour to occupy the chair on so interesting occasion, and particularly to have the pleasing duty of presenting to so distinguished a brother as Past Master, Bro. Rowland Thomas, the handsome jewel and address which had been subscribed for by the members of the Cambrian Lodge as a mark of the high esteem in which he was held by the brethren. The W.M. expatiated largely upon the excellence and worth of Bro. Rowland Thomas, whom they more especially assembled to honour; they had met to show their respect and appreciation of the services of a brother, who for more than twenty years had assisted the lodge by his countenance and support, who was seldom absent from his place, and who was ever ready with his advice and assistance when occasion required. Bro. Thomas had become an institution amongst them, and the subject of this presentation was no sooner mentioned than subscriptions poured in on all sides, and it is gratifying to say that in some cases money had even to be returned. The W.M. then enlarged upon his own personal feeling towards Bro. Thomas, and concluded by calling upon the Secretary of the fund (Bro. H. Green) to read the address, which ran as follows:—

"Cambrian Lodge (No. 364),

"Neath, July 6th, 1869.

"To Bro. Rowland Thomas, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W.

"We, the members of the Cambrian Lodge, beg to tender for your acceptance, a Past Master's jewel, as a mark of our appreciation of your long and valued service amongst us, and in doing so feel sure that you will not look to the intrinsic value of the jewel, but to the feeling of pride and pleasure which prompts the act and accompanies the gift. Your connection with our

lodge, which extends over a period of twenty years, is in itself to us a subject of sincere congratulation, but the regularity of your attendance at our gatherings, your anxiety at all times for the welfare of the lodge, the moderation of your views and the considerate kindness you have shown in your actions, all bear unmistakable testimony to the goodness of your heart and your unswerving adherence to the obligations of our Order. We therefore take the opportunity now afforded us of testifying to the high esteem and fraternal regard in which you are held by members of the lodge with which you have been so long and honourably connected.

"Signed on behalf of the subscribers,

"PHILIP HENRY ROWLAND,

"Worshipful Master.

Bro. Rowland Thomas, who was visibly affected, was then invested with the jewel, and said that it would be impossible for him to convey to the brethren the feeling with which he accepted the very flattering mark of their approbation, suffering as he did at the present moment from the most complete surprise which had been provided for him by the members of the lodge to which he had the honour to belong, but he felt bound to say that they had over estimated any little services he may have rendered to the Cambrian Lodge, or that had marked the long period of his membership, and while it would be impossible for him to take upon himself any of the credit which had been so kindly bestowed on him, he must confess to the gratification and real pleasure it afforded him to accept this very flattering mark of their esteem and fraternal regard. Bro. Thomas then thanked the Provincial Grand Master, his Deputy, and the visiting brethren who had come from long distances to honour him with their presence that evening.

Other speeches followed, after which the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel where an excellent banquet was provided in Bro. Hancock's best style. The usual toasts of the "Queen and the Craft," "The Grand Master of England, the Earl of Zetland," were given and coming nearer home, "The Provincial Grand Master."

Bro. Talbot responded in his usual easy and graceful style and expressed himself highly pleased at the excellent harmony which existed among the brethren of the Cambrian Lodge, and testified to the profound respect which he entertained for his worthy and estimable brother, the guest of the evening.

Next came "The Health of the deservedly popular Deputy Provincial Grand Master."

Bro. E. J. Morris responded by saying that he must play upon the old string, and thank them as he had on many other occasions, and hoped to do on many future ones for the cordiality of their reception, it was a repetition of thanks, but none the less hearty for all that. The proceedings of the evening had interested him very much, and he was particularly struck with one passage in the W.M.'s speech, to the effect that with all his intimate knowledge of Bro. R. Thomas, in lodge and out of lodge, as a Mason and a fellow-townsmen, he had never heard one unkind word against him, after an intimate acquaintance extending over many years. This remark induced a train of thought of the pleasures which must surround such a life. It is difficult, indeed, to pass through the world without censure of some kind, and even Freemasons are liable to this; a man may be earnest and zealous in the good work of the Craft and yet not escape the tongue of calumny or jealousy—a laudable ambition is at all times to be commended, but after all, in his opinion, the grand secret in this world is to live at peace with all men, to encourage feelings of moderation and kindness, and so conduct ourselves that we may meet with the confidence and esteem of all with whom we are brought into contact in the daily affairs of life. The worshipful brother then reverted to the Masonic excellence of Bro. Thomas in glowing terms. Then followed the healths of the W.M., Bro. P. H. Rowland; the guest of the evening, Bro. R. Thomas; and the visiting brethren, which was responded to by Bro. Philip Davis, after which came that of "The Secretary of the Testimonial Fund, Bro. H. Green," and numerous others. The speeches were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music by Bros. Jones, Hewson, Middleton, Green, Thomas, &c. The gathering, which was one of a most pleasing and satisfactory character terminated at an early hour.

The presentation jewel, which is a model of good taste and excellent workmanship, was executed by Messrs. Stilwell and Sons, of London, and bore the following subscription:—"Presented by the brethren of the Cambrian Lodge (No. 364), to Bro. Rowland Thomas, P.M., P. Prov. J.G.W., as a token of

their esteem, and in recognition of his valued services, extending over a period of twenty years." Mr. Elias W. Jones, surveyor, Neath, kindly undertook the engrossing of the address, which was quite a work of art, and called forth expressions of general admiration.

SUFFOLK.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

This year the R.W. the Prov. G.M., Sir R. A. Shafto Adair, Bart., fixed the annual assembly of the Masonic body for Monday the 5th, in the good old town of Bungay. The desire of the Prov. G.M. has always been to give every town in the Province, in which a Masonic lodge is held, the honour and privilege of receiving the Provincial Grand Lodge; and so fortunate has he been in his selection up to the present time, that there is not the slightest cause on his part to regret the choice he has made. Certainly the meeting of 1869 was by no means the least enjoyable of these much-anticipated gatherings of brethren from all parts of the Province. Bungay, though a most spirited town, and one which has proved itself in every way worthy to receive a Masonic body, is somewhat difficult of access—not only from Ipswich, but from all parts of the country. But the obstacle of getting there and back the same day, was soon removed by the Prov. G.M., who with his usual kindness and forethought and at considerable expense to himself, placed a special train at the disposal of the brethren. This train left Ipswich at 9.25 a.m., calling at Stowmarket and other places for the accommodation of members of various lodges, and arrived at its destination at 11.30 a.m. Here a hearty welcome awaited the visitors, and every arrangement was made for their comfort by the members of the "Waveney" Lodge, mainly through the untiring exertions of Bros. E. H. Adams, M. Abel, and Birtsal, W.M. of the lodge. The bells of the fine old Church of St. Mary rang out their notes of welcome; whilst the bands of the rifles and the East Suffolk Artillery (under Mr. Carter) discoursed "sweet music," if not to the delight of the brethren, at least to that of the worthy townspeople, who congregated in large numbers on the Market Hill. Flags floated from various windows, and there was a triumphal arch in front of the residence of Bro. Adams. Indeed, the whole town appeared to have turned out to do honour to the occasion.

At 1.30 p.m., the P.G. Lodge was opened at the Assembly Rooms, Tuns Hotel, the Prov. G.M. presiding, supported by Bros. Henry Thomas, acting P.S.G.W.; W. Moore, P.J. G.W. On the right of the throne were seated the D. Prov. G.M. Bros. the Rev. E. I. Lockwood, M.A. and Rev. R. F. Palmer, P. Prov. G. chaplain, Oxfordshire. There were also present the following P.G. officers:—Bros. Spencer Freeman, P.G. Treas.; F. B. Marriott, P.G. Sec.; E. C. Tidd, P.A.G. Sec.; A. J. Barber, P.G. Org.; W. G. Ransom, P.S.G.D.; M. Abel, P.J.G.D.; F. Long, P.G. Dir. of Cers.; J. T. Helms, P.G.S.B.; W. Gardener, P.G. Purst.; G. S. Golden, F. Betts, and G. Bond, P.G. Stewards; W. Syer, P.G. Tyler. Also Bros. N. Garrett, P.M. No. 3; C. S. Pedgrift, P.P.G. Reg.; Thomas Bayes, P. Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; S. H. Wright, P.M. 516; J. S. Gissing, P. Prov. J.G.W.; C. Davey, P.M. 225; Geo. Fenn, P. Prov. S.G.W.; J. A. Pettitt, 332; H. S. Scott, 1,008; F. B. Strathren, P.P.J.G.W.; F. Jennings, P. Dep. Prov. G.M., Bengal; G. Holmes, P. Prov. G.S.B.; W. Boby, W.M., 114; W. Hayward, P. Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; P. Whitehead, W.M., 225; W. O. Chambers, W.M., 71; Wm. Lucia, P. Prov. J.G.W.; J. T. Wright, P.M., 986; F. Spalding, P.M., 81; S. B. King, P.M., 376; F. R. Burtal, W.M., 929; Robt. Clarke, P.M., 71; A. M. F. Morgan, P.G. Sec., Norfolk; Gardiner Stevens, P.M., 52, Norfolk; R. Kent, P.M., 93; Thos. Holland, W.M., 1,224; E. H. Adams, P. Prov. G.S.B.; F. R. Ward, W.M., 305; J. D. Larking, W.M., 516; J. Marshall, P. Prov. G. Dir. of Cers., Norfolk; James Franks, P. Prov. G. Reg.; R. Mann, P.M., 929; G. F. Jeaffreson, Treas., 555; Rev. T. G. Breton, W.M., 555; J. A. Coombe, P. Prov. G.C. Scientific Lodge, Cambridge; E. B. Powell, P.M., 332; Thomas Beard, P.M., 81; J. Breckles, P. Prov. G.S.W.; R. Capon, S.W., 555, &c., &c. Over a hundred of the leading brethren of the various lodges included in the Province were present.

The whole of the lodges were represented, namely:—Unity (71), Lowestoft, by the W.M.; Doric (81), Woodbridge, by the I.P.M.; British Union (114), Ipswich, by the W.M.; St. Luke's (228), ditto by the W.M.; Apollo (305), Beccles, by W.M.; Virtue and Silence (332), Hadleigh, by W.M.; Perfect Friendship (376), Ipswich, by P.M.; Prudence (388), Halesworth, by

W.M.; Phoenix (516), Stowmarket, by W.M.; Fidelity (555), Framlingham, by W.M.; Waveney (929), Bungay, by W.M.; Adair (936), Aldborough, by P.M.; Prince of Wales (959), Ipswich, by P.M.; Royal Edmund (1008), by P.M.; Stour Valley (1,224), Sudbury, by W.M.

After the disposal of various matters connected with the province, the P.G.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as P.G. officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. F. Jennings, (Fidelity), P.G.S.W.; W. Moore, P.G.J.W.; P.G. Chap. (in place of the Rev. A. Tighe Gregory, resigned) the Rev. R. F. Palmer, of Clopton; F. B. Jennings, P.G. Reg.; F. B. Marriott, P.G. Sec.; E. C. Tidd, P.A.G. Sec.; A. J. Barber, P.G. Org.; S. B. King, P.G.S.D.; Parslee, P.G.J.D.; Chambers, P.G. Supt. of Works; F. Long, P.G. Dir. of Cers.; W. Holland, P.G. Assist. Dir. of Cers.; W. Boby, P.G.S.B.; Birtsal, P.G. Purst.; W. Syer, P.G. Tyler.

Bro. Spencer Freeman who has held the office of the P.G. Treasurer for many years, was unanimously re-elected.

The P.G. Stewards are:—Bros. Golding (959); F. Betts (526); Geo. Bond (555); Thomas Bolton (929); Roberts (929); Blunderfield (305).

The P.G. Lodge was then adjourned and a procession of the brethren, ranged under their various banners and headed by the band of the Bungay R. Hes, proceeded to the church of St. Mary, which had been most kindly granted for the occasion by the Rev. G. F. Matthews, the Rector. As the procession entered the church, where already a large and respectable congregation had assembled, Bro. Barber, the P.G. Org., played "Re-joice greatly," &c., as a voluntary. The choir was composed of ladies and gentlemen connected with the town, and who had most kindly come forward and volunteered their service.

The prayers were read by the rector, and the lessons by the Rev. Bros. E. I. Lockwood and T. G. Brereton. Then followed the anthem, "Behold how good and joyful, &c.," which was very finely rendered, the solo parts being taken by Miss Adams, daughter of our respected brother, and by Bro. Welsby. We cannot speak in too high praise of the manner in which Miss Adams acquitted herself. She richly deserves a vote of thanks from the Masonic brethren. The sermon was preached by the P.G. Chap. Elect., who took his text from Genesis xi. 1st and following verses. The hymn before the sermon was "O Lord, how joyful 'tis to see;" and after, "For thee, O dear, dear country, &c.," both admirably sung. At the conclusion of the service, a collection was made on behalf of the Masonic charities, amounting to £7 10s. The "Hallelujah Chorus," as a *finale*, was ably played by Bro. Barber, who is entitled to the thanks of the province for the manner in which the whole musical service was conducted, despite the local petty jealousies which surrounded him on all sides. The organ, which is a very fine one, was heard to perfection under the skilful hands of the worthy brother.

On the re-assembling of the brethren in the lodge room, the P.G.M. proposed that the amount collected in church should be handed over to the W.M. of the Waveney Lodge, Bro. Birtsal, who, he was informed, intended to apply it to the purchase of Life Governorships in the Aged Freemason's Institution, and Boys' School. The proposition having met with a cordial response, was unanimously agreed to.

A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded and conveyed to the Rev. G. F. Matthews, for so kindly granting the use of the church; and to the members of the Volunteer bands for their services during the day.

The R.W., the Prov. G.M., then announced that the next Prov. G. Lodge would be held at Aldborough, on a Monday in July, 1870. The business of the lodge was then formally closed.

The banquet which was in every way worthy of the occasion, was set out in the Corn Hall, which was tastefully decorated, and formed what might be appropriately termed a most comfortable and airy dining room. At five o'clock, between 80 and 90 brethren sat down, the Prov. G.M. presiding. The repast was served by Bro. J. Roper, of the King's Head Hotel, in a style which did him infinite credit, and which could not fail to give satisfaction to every one.

The bill of fare included a fine hannah of vension sent by the Prov. G.M. from Flixton park.

The after-dinner proceedings were commenced by the Prov. G.M. giving the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft."—The Prince of Wales, the Princess, and the rest of the Royal family, which were duly honoured by the company.

We must not omit to mention that Bro. Adams, who sat on the left of the Prov. G.M., made a most efficient toast master.

Next followed "The healths of the G.M. of England, the Earl of Zetland; the D.G.M., the Earl de Grey and Ripon, and the officers of the G.L. of England, which were drunk with full Masonic honours.

The D. Prov. G.M. proposed, in appropriate terms, "The health of the Prov. G.M.," and doing so alluded to the words of a song, where it says there was "a magic charm in the touch of the rosy lip," so there was a magic charm in the whisper of a loved name, which thrilled through the hearts of every one present as though a silver trumpet had sounded it—that was the name of Adair. Suffolk, especially, was proud of the name of its Prov. G.M., and they had reason to be so, for from the first moment that their Prov. G.M. was appointed to the position he then so ably filled, the prosperity of the province had increased. And if there had been any doubt in the minds of any one as to the thoughtfulness and consideration of their Prov. G.M. for those over whom he presided, it would be at once dispelled, by knowing what he had done that day for their personal convenience. He need not say one word more, but propose to them with all honours the health of Sir Shafto Adair, their Prov. G.M. (Drunk with full Masonic honours.)

Sir Shafto Adair, on rising, was met with loud bursts of cheering, which lasted for some time. He said they had been unusually kind to him in their cordial reception of the toast proposed by the D. Prov. G.M. What he had done for the Province he had done as well as he could do; but when he had such assistance as he had in the person of the D. Prov. G.M. in the discharge of the duties of his office, his task was an easy one indeed. It was most gratifying to him, not so much to see their numbers augmented, but to notice the elevation of the Masonic character of the various lodges. The manner in which the business of the various lodges had been conducted, also the proceedings of that day, were in every way satisfactory. They had bound him honestly to their service, by bonds which he did not think capable of strengthening, but which he found strengthened every year.

The Prov. G.M. shortly afterwards again rose, and proposed "The health of the D. Prov. G.M. Bro. Lockwood," to whom he paid a high compliment for the able and valuable assistance he had rendered him in the conduct of the business of the province. There was one subject to which he must briefly allude, to show that brother's zeal in the cause of Masonry, and that was the desire on his part to effect a uniformity in all their proceedings, which he regretted to say, was at the present time far from being the case. Both the Irish and Scottish differed from the English working, which created great difficulties amongst those who had been used to the mode of procedure in their English lodges. The desire was to obtain a board of experienced Masons, to take the whole matter into their consideration, and he hoped ultimately that desire would be effected. He gave them in all sincerity the health of their D. Prov. G.M., and thanks to him for the valuable assistance he had given him in all his duties in connection with the Province.

The D. Prov. G.M., in acknowledging the compliment, said it was true that he had made an humble attempt to draw attention to the matter alluded to by their Prov. G.M., and it was gratifying to him to find it had been taken up by brethren eminent in the Craft. The subject of their Masonic ritual was an important matter, and the only remedy that he could see for the defects which at present existed was to institute a Court of Appeal, consisting of P.M.'s, who could give their attention to the matter, and probably remedy the evil under which they at present laboured.

The Prov. G.M. next gave "The Wardens and Officers, past and present of the P.G. Lodge, uniting with it the name of Bro. Fred. Jennings, the Prov. S.G.W."

Bro. Jennings briefly replied.

The Prov. G.M. proposed "The P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. R. F. Palmer, and the Clergy of the Province," and in alluding to the resignation of Prov. P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. A. Tithe Gregory, passed upon that worthy and much esteemed brother a warm and well deserved eulogium for the zealous and able manner in which he had discharged the duties of his high office, and the deep interest he had taken in all that concerned Masonry. He (the Prov. G.M.) well knew that when that brother took upon himself that office he did so with great personal inconvenience to himself, but still he always felt that where his duty called him there he faithfully and zealously performed it. He thought they might congratulate themselves, however, on

having obtained the services of so excellent a brother as their present P.G. Chaplain. The Rev. Brother who had that day assisted them had a special claim to their favour for his great kindness and open heartedness, for though not a member of their Masonic body he had kindly opened his church for them and kindly assisted them in the services of that day. This had its advantages, for all out of the Craft could not fail to have seen that the Masonic body were not so obnoxious as some would have them believe. He gave them with all honours, "The Health of the P.G. Chaplain, Bro. Palmer."

The Prov. G. Chaplain responded to the toast. He said though last year he was only a visitor amongst them, still his desire was to become more closely connected with the province of Suffolk, and though that wish had been gratified, he little imagined that, so soon after his residence amongst them, so high and distinguished an honour would be conferred upon him. He had only a few weeks ago sent back the badge and jewel of the lodge he was formerly connected with, not however without some pangs of feeling, for he felt that the last link of the chain which bound him to the place was broken. Only a few days after this he received from their Prov. G.M. his kind letter, which told him that Masonry was universal. Still he could not help feeling that his position was not without its difficulties, for he followed close upon a brother whose eloquence and high attainments had charmed them all, therefore his successor would not have a very easy task. And again, if he looked further back he was no better. But as some bright particular star left some radiance behind it, so he hoped that some light from his year of office might shed lustre upon his. His desire would always be to do his duty in that position which it had pleased their Prov. G.M. to place him, and the kind reception his Masonic brethren had given him would encourage him to persevere.

Bro. F. Jennings gave "The Visiting Brethren of other provinces," coupling with it the name of Bro. A. M. F. Morgan, Prov. G. Sec. for Norfolk, and other brethren.

Bro. Morgan, in reply, thanked the brethren for their warm and truly Masonic reception, and gave them a hearty invite to join the Prov. G. Lodge of Norfolk in August next.

The D.P.G.M. gave the "Masonic Charities," uniting with it the name of Bro. H. Thomas.

Bro. Thomas in acknowledging the toast on behalf of the Masonic Charities, somewhat startled the brethren by stating that although the debt of £10,000 upon the Boy's School, about which so much had been urged, had been paid off at the last anniversary of that charity, there still remained another liability of not less than £9,000.

P.G.M. proposed the "W.M. of the Province," with the name of Bro. Birtsal, W.M. of the Waveney Lodge.

Bro. Birtsal briefly replied.

Next followed the healths of the "P.G. Treas., Bro. Spencer Freeman," and the P.G. Secretary, Bro. F. B. Marriott," which were drunk with full Masonic honours and duly acknowledged.

"The Ladies," given by Bro. Spencer Freeman and acknowledged by Bro. Golding on their behalf; and the Tyler's toast, by the P.G.M., brought the proceedings to a close shortly after nine o'clock.

An especial word of praise is due to a worthy and esteemed Mason, Bro. F. Long, the P.G. Dir of Cers. His unwearied exertions throughout the day added most materially to the pleasure and comfort of all the brethren. In him the province has a most valuable and able officer.

The P.G.M. as he left the hall was loudly cheered, and all the brethren escorted him to the Railway Station, where the special was in waiting. There a crowd of many hundreds had already assembled, and, after farewells had been exchanged, and the brethren taken their places, the train moved out of the station amid the loud cheering of the brethren and the good people of Bungay. The day was a most pleasurable one, and the meeting of 1869 will long be remembered as one of the red letter festivals in our Masonic calendar.

SUDBURY.—*Stour Valley Lodge* (No. 1,224).—A meeting of this young and prosperous lodge took place at the private lodge rooms, Market-hill, Sudbury, on Thursday, the 8th inst., Bro. T. Holland, W.M., in the chair, supported by his officers, as follows:—Bros. G. King, sen., S.W. (in the absence of Bro. Rinder); Chambers, J.W.; Parker, S.D.; Okey, J.D.; Wheeler, I.G.; Martin, Sec.; also Emmison, Hills, Lewis, Aprile, and

several other brethren. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Jennings was introduced, examined, and passed to the second degree in a very masterly manner by the W.M. This being the night for election of W.M. for the ensuing year, as also Treasurer and Tyler, a ballot was taken, and the votes were in favour of Bros. Rinder, as W.M., Holland (the retiring W.M.), as Treas., and Scholl, Tyler. Bro. G. King, sen., then proposed, and Bro. Okey seconded, a motion that the sum of ten guineas be taken from the lodge funds for a P.M.'s jewel to be presented to Bro. Holland on his leaving the chair, as a mark of esteem from the members for the kind, courteous, and amicable manner in which he has performed his duty towards the lodge during his year of office, and also for the great energy he displayed at the time of founding the lodge about 12 months since under very many difficulties. Of Bro. Holland's manner in working the ceremonies we cannot speak too highly, it being widely known that he has the perfect mastery of all the duties appertaining to the K.S. chair; and now that the time has arrived for him to vacate his post, we trust the Bro. Rinder who follows him will be able to make as perfect a Master and brother as his predecessor, and win the same good confidence of the brethren, and thus demonstrate that all preferment among Masons is grounded on real worth and merit. After some minor matters had been discussed, the lodge was closed in due form.

YORKSHIRE (WEST).

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire held its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the White Lion Hotel, Hebden Bridge, by the invitation of the Prince Frederick Lodge (No. 307), when there was a large attendance of brethren. The lodge having been opened by Bro. F. Whitaker, (448, Halifax), the W.M., and officers of the Prince Frederick Lodge, the Grand Lodge officers entered the room, and in the absence of the Earl de Grey and Ripon, R.W.D.G.M., and Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. Bentley Shaw, S.G.D., W.D.P.G.M., presided, and the Grand Lodge was opened in solemn form. Amongst the officers of the Grand Lodge present, were Bros. the Hon. and Rev. P. Y. Savile, M.A., P.M., Prov. S.G.W.; E. Armitage, P.M., Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. J. F. A. Eyre, M.A., Prov. G. Chap.; C. Oldroyd, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg., Prov. G. G. Treas.; W. Savile Wood, P.M., Prov. G. Reg.; R. R. Nelson, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; Capt. G. Robinson, P.M., Prov. S.G.D.; G. Normanton, P.M., Prov. J.G.D.; S. Binns, P.M., Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; S. H. Stocks, Prov. G. Assist. Dir. of Cers.; E. Drury, Prov. G.S.B.; A. Briggs, Prov. G. Purst.; T. S. Higgins, Prov. G. Assist. Purst.; W. Elliott, Prov. G.S.; A. W. Ramsden, Prov. G.S.; C. Pratt, Prov. S.G.W.; the Rev. J. Senior, LL.D., Prov. G. Chap.; W. Rhodes, P. Prov. G.W.; J. Peace, P. Prov. G. Org.; T. Perkinson, P. Prov. G.S. of W. After several matters of business had been transacted, a resolution was carried unanimously "that the 500 guineas presented to the Boys' School be applied to enfranchise the offices of the P.G.W., the P.G.R., the P.G.T., and P.G.S., making those officers for the time-being vice-presidents in perpetuity." The D. Prov. G.M. then called the special attention of the Grand Lodge to the present position of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, showing the necessity which existed for further contribution, in order to carry out efficiently the work of education, and to render the school available for the introduction of an additional number of boys; and strongly urged the brethren to supplement the handsome contribution of £12,000 made last year, in order to clear the school from debt. The report of the charity committee having been adopted, the Grand Lodge was closed according to ancient custom. Subsequently nearly one hundred brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, at the White Horse Hotel, supplied by Bro. Jackson, P.M., at which the W.D.P.G.M., presided, and was supported on his right by Bro. the Hon. and Rev. P. Y. Savile, M.A., Prov. S.G.W., and on his left by Bro. E. Armitage, Prov. J.G.W., and other officers of the Grand Lodge. The chairman gave the loyal toasts, that of "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," being responded to by Bro. Nelson, Prov. G.S., Bros. Jessop and Charnock, of St. James's Lodge, Halifax, 448. The chairman proposed "The M.W. Grand Master of England, the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, and the rest of the Grand Officers." Bro. Saville proposed "The Right Hon. the Earl de Grey and Ripon, R.W. D. G.M. of England, and Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire," to which the chairman responded, as well as to the toast of "The D. Prov. G.M. and the rest of the Provin-

cial Grand Officers." The toast of "The V.W. the Provincial Grand Chaplains and the Clerical Brethren," was proposed by Bro. Armitage, and responded to by Bro. the Rev. J. F. A. Eyre, Prov. G. Chap. Bro. Nelson replied to the toast of "The Masonic Charities." The chairman submitted the toast of "The W.M.'s and P.M.'s of Lodges," in which he complimented the officers and members of Prince Frederick Lodge upon the hearty reception given to the Grand Lodge. Bro. F. Whitaker, W.M. of Prince Frederick Lodge, responded, and proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which was responded to by Bro. Sutcliffe, of Todmorden, and others. Other toasts were given and responded to, the proceedings being agreeably interspersed by glees, given by a selection from the members of the Hebden Bridge Choral Society, with Bro. T. Whitaker presiding at the piano. The proceedings closed an early hour.

SCOTLAND.

GLASGOW.

GLASGOW.—*The Lodge of Glasgow St. John* (No. 3 bis) held its meeting upon the 6th inst., Bro. Baird, R.W.M., in the chair, supported by Bro. Pait, P.M., and a considerable number of brethren present, including Bros. James Wallace, P.G.S.D., and J. T. Douglas, R.W.M., No. 405. The minutes were read and approved of, after which four brethren were passed and five raised by Bro. Buchan; thereafter a statement ament, the annual summer trip, was given in and ordered to be engrossed in the minutes. Some remarks, also passed, regarding a proposed new hall for the lodge, after which the lodge was duly closed, in due ancient form. The S.W., Bro. McMillan, duly invoking a blessing from the G.A.O.T.U.

ROYAL ARCH.

METROPOLITAN.

BRITANNIC CHAPTER (No. 33).—Friday, the 9th inst., being the meeting for election and installation of principals, and the election and investing of other officers, after the chapter had been opened in due form, the minutes were read, the following companions being present:—Comps. Batty, M.E.Z.; Woodman, H.; in the absence of J. Strapp, W. Watson occupied the chair of J. pro. tem.; Glegg, S.E.; Shields, S.N.; Glaisher, P.S.; Ohren, 1st Assist. S.; Crombie, Treas. and P.Z.; Wm. Smith, C.E., P.Z.; Marris Wilson, M.D., D. Hodge, Clouston, Fairlie, and C. T. Speight, Janitor. Visitors:—Comps. Walters, P.Z., 73; Brown, S.E., 723; Sim, Z., 3; W. Watson, P.Z., 25. The members proceeded to the election, and Comps. Woodman was elected M.E.Z. for the ensuing year; Strapp, as H.; J. Glegg, as J.; L. Crombie, P.Z., as Treas.; James Glaisher, as S.E.; F. W. Shields, as S.N.; Ohren, as P.S.; and Dr. Marris Wilson was appointed as 1st Assist. S., and D. Hodge as 2nd Assist. S. The installation of the three principals having been ably performed by Comps. Watson and Walters, and the other business of the chapter transacted, it was closed, and the companions retired to dinner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—A convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., in the large hall, at the George Hotel, Aldermanbury. The companions present were:—J. Brett, Preceptor; Barlow, Z.; Merton, H.; Self, J.; Hockley, N.; Gotthiel, P.S.; Grey, Candidate; Green, G. Smith, Neohmer, Morgau, and C. Hosgood. The chapter was opened in due form, and the exaltation ceremony worked by the M.E.Z., and principals, after which Comp. Brett, assisted by the rest of the companions, worked the clauses of the 4th section. Comps. Grey, of Chap. 7, and Morgan, of Chap. 8, were then proposed as joining members of this Chapter of Instruction, and were unanimously accepted. The officers were then appointed for the Tuesday now next ensuing, and were as follows:—Comps. Hosgood, Z.; Self, H.; Grey, J.; Green, N.; and G. Green, P.S. The exaltation ceremony will be worked, after which Comp. J. Brett will give the historical description of the banners, and if time will permit, the illustration of Aaron's rod.

DEVONSHIRE.

TOTNES.—*Pleiades Chapter* (No. 710).—The quarterly meeting was held at high noon, on Thursday, the 8th. The several chairs were occupied by Comps. Dr. Hopkins, Z.; John Heath, H.; and Marks, J. The chapter having been opened in the usual form, the companions were admitted, Comp. Glanfield, S. 106, taking the place of N.; and Comp. Oldrey that of Prin. Soj. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Comp. Pridham, E., and confirmed. There was no other business except the proposition of a candidate for exaltation at the next meeting, and therefore the chapter was at once closed.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—*De Mowbray Chapter* (No. 1,130).—The second meeting of this new chapter was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., under the presidency of Comp. Rev. W. Langley, M.E.Z. Comp. Orford, Prov. G.W. of Northampton, and Sec. of the Lodge of Merit, at Stamford, was the only visitor present. The ballot being in favour of the candidates, those present—Bros. C. P. Newcombe, of the Doric Lodge, Grantham (son of the 2nd Principal), and Bro. G. M. Ashforth, of the Rutland Lodge (No. 1,130), together with a serving brother, J. Turville, were exalted to the supreme degree by the M.E.Z., Comp. Kelly giving all the lectures in his usually perfect manner. Comp. Douglas acted for the first time as Prin. Soj., and fully justified his election to that important office in the chapter, by the painstaking and correct manner in which he performed his duties. Several brethren were proposed for candidates at the November meeting, and the chapter was closed in harmony at an early hour.

MARK MASONRY.

DEVONSHIRE.

TOTNES.—*Pleiades Lodge* (No. 26).—The quarterly meeting which should have been held in June, but was necessarily postponed, took place at six o'clock on Thursday, the 8th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. the Rev. — Bowden, W.M., assisted by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, I.P.M., acting as S.W.; Bros. Niner, J.W.; Watson, Sec.; Marks, Recorder; Adams, M.O.; Stafford, S.O.; Glanfield, J.D., and other members. Two candidates for advancement were expected, but on inquiry, both being medical men, it was found that professional engagements prevented their attendance. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Dr. Hopkins took the chair and rehearsed the ceremony, Bro. Taylor, Org., accompanying with the music arranged for the Mark Degree by the I.P.M., which it is intended shortly to publish. The lodge was closed by the W.M., at about eight o'clock.

YORKSHIRE (WEST).

EASTWOOD.—*Prince Edward Lodge* (No. 14).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst., Bro. John Barker, the W.M., presided, but after opening the lodge he resigned the chair to Bro. W. Pilling, P.M. There was an exceedingly numerous attendance, including two past Grand Officers, and visitors from various places, caused, no doubt, by its being known that some minor degrees were to be conferred. There were fourteen candidates for advancement, but only eight presented themselves, after which Bro. Barker again took the chair, and closed the lodge in harmony and due form. The degree of the Old Mark was then conferred upon sixteen candidates; that of St. Lawrence upon fourteen; and that of Mark, Ark, and Link, also upon fourteen.

HALIFAX.—*Fearnley Lodge* (No. 58).—The quarterly meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th inst. The W.M. having been called away from town on business, Bro. W. Cooke, P.M., Prov. G.S.O., occupied the chair. It being holiday time, there was but a meagre attendance of members, and only six of the actual officers were present. The lodge having been duly opened, Bro. Knowles, W.M. of the Derby Lodge, 1,055, Bro. Smith, of the Mirfield Lodge, 1,152, and Bro. Hemingway, of the St. James's Lodge, 448, were balloted for and unanimously accepted, but only Bro. Knowles presented himself for advancement, which ceremony being performed, the lodge was duly closed.

MASONIC FESTIVITIES.

METROPOLITAN.

The Fidelity Lodge No. 3, held its annual summer gathering on Tuesday 6th inst., at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, about eighty brethren attended, including: Bros. Cardwell, W.M., Terry, S.W., Eayier, J.W., Kelk, S.D., Squires, Sec., Dearsley, Treas., &c., amongst the visitors were: Bros. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., Bigg, P.G.S.B., and several other G. Officers. The banquet was provided in a room overlooking the gardens and terraces, and was served under Bro. Bertram's personal superintendence, and as usual in very best style, after the cloth was removed and grace said, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, in very happy style. A presentation also took place to Bro. Dearsley the Treasurer, and father of the lodge, consisting of a tea and coffee service, worth 100 guineas, which was suitably acknowledged, and after spending a few hours comfortably the brethren separated.

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. H. N. GOULTY.

With regret we announce the death, after a short illness, of Bro. Horatio Nelson Goulty, architect, of Brighton and London. On the morning of Wednesday, the 30th of June, he appeared in his usual health and spirits, but, later in the day, he was seized with a severe attack of a spasmodic nature, which rapidly increased in violence. The best medical advice of Brighton was obtained (Drs. Burrows, Omerod, and Furner), but all of no avail, and, after lingering a week, he breathed his last on Wednesday se'nnight (July 7th) at the early age of 39 years, leaving a wife and two children and a large circle of personal friends to mourn his loss.

We shall give next week a notice of his public and Masonic career.

SERMON.

Preached by Bro. the Rev. G. R. HORWOOD, Prov. G. Chap., on the occasion of the meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Essex, at Colchester, on June 1st.

"Freemasonry," said the preacher, "tracing up its origin from the earliest ages of the world, and having developed itself in subsequent times by ramifications over the whole surface of the globe, so as to rival in universality and permanence the most famous systems of morality, philosophy, or religion which have ever existed, I felt perplexed when first honoured with a request to address you on the present occasion as to what subject I should select out of the multiplicity which presented themselves. To have discussed any of the peculiar tenets and mysteries of the Craft, however interesting a subject it might have been to us as Masons, would, I feared, be unedifying and like speaking in parables to the uninitiated. Again, to trace any connexion which may exist between Freemasonry and the rites and traditions of Paganism, over which it is said to have shone as a light in a dark place; or with Judaism, with which indeed it is indissolubly associated in the matter of Solomon's Temple; or with Christianity, which, although a continuation and development of Judaism, overleaps, like Freemasonry, all distinctions of caste or people, and by which alone is Freemasonry paralleled in the Catholicity of its aims and tendencies, would have been a most engaging subject, but I feared that in so doing I might possibly have given expression to opinions at variance with the views of some brother of a different creed from my own, and therefore I have thought it well to choose a theme alike applicable to men of every race, and character, and class, and creed, which, while it constitutes the essence and life of the Great Architect of the Universe—whom whether as men or Masons we alike adore, for God is love—assimilates also the creature who exercises it most closely to the Creator; which, whilst it is the fulfilment of the Law, the grand feature of the Gospel, is also the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, viz., charity or love. It will also be a fitting prelude to the collection we

desire to make to-day on behalf of the National Schools of this town.

"St. Paul, like a good master builder, as he calls himself, or as we might call him without irreverence, a good Mason, places charity or love as the corner stone of the Christian temple—as the very bond of perfectness into which all the other virtues and graces were to be incorporated, and without which they were of little worth. Without it we may indeed have a name to live we may boast of our faith, and glory in our hope, and be proud of our experiences, and our conduct may be unexceptional in the eyes of mankind, but in reality we shall be cold and dead. On the other hand, we may be very children in knowledge, our steps feeble and our faith faltering, and with few rays of hope to cheer us on our way, but if we have learned to love God above all things and our neighbour as ourselves, however cheaply the world may hold us, we may clasp this assurance to our heart of hearts that we are in the right training for those heavenly mansions where love for ever reigns.

Then draw we near day by day,
Each to his brethren, all to God;
Let the world take us as it may,
We must not change our road.

"You may, perhaps, think, brethren, that I have chosen a very ordinary subject; but let us not imagine that we have grasped the true idea of charity until we have well studied the essential properties of this virtue as given us by St. Paul, in the grand Masonic chapter, if I may so call it, from which my text is taken. You may think, perhaps, like many of the would-be philosophers and philanthropists of the day, that charity consists in entertaining noble thoughts on social questions, and talking liberal things about the poor: but this is not all, for 'though I speak with the tongue of men and of angels,' says St. Paul, 'and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.' We may, too, give away our money with lavish liberality, and yet, unless holy affections prompt the offering, lose any recompense of reward, for 'though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.'

"Nay, you may literally carry out the Apostle's words and go to the scaffold or the stake in resolute maintenance of what you believe to be the cause of heaven, and yet, for lack of that love which can alone sanctify the sacrifice, fail to win the martyr's crown; for 'though I give my body to be burned,' continues the Apostle, 'and have not charity it profiteth me nothing.' The world, too, has its own ideas of charity, but I fear that they often fall short of the Apostolic standard. There is too much parade frequently mixed up with public charity—too much letting the left hand know what the right hand doeth. Its banquets, its bazaars, its highly-coloured descriptions of its work, its flaming placards, and the ordinary style of its platform oratory, seems at times hardly to exclude the prohibition—'seeketh not her own.'

"Far different was the habit of the saints of old; in prayer and holy meditation were their schemes of charity devised, and in quietude and almost superhuman self-sacrifice were they carried into execution. As when the Jewish Masons reared the Temple of Solomon on Mount Moriah, no sound of axe or hammer, or any tool of iron was heard within its precincts; so in silent self-denial, in faith and prayer, did Christian Masons plan and perfect those glorious Christian temples, the cathedrals and churches, which have come down to us as heir-looms from our sainted ancestors, and in a similar stillness of heart and life must we build up "a spiritual house, a holy temple, a royal priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable unto God through Jesus Christ." And it was to provide the training requisite for this object that those schools of love were founded—the holy guilds and brotherhoods and sisterhoods which in every age have done so much for the regeneration of mankind.

"It was in truth a splendid school in which the saints of old studied divine love, and we cannot do better than follow their example. It was the training of their lives to find the love of God everywhere—in nature and Providence, in Law and Gospel, in Church and Bible. They learned that it was love which spake in the beginning, and at the fiat of the Great Architect of the Universe earth, and sea, and sky, with all their myriad marvels of life and beauty, sprang into existence.

"It was love which cheered the drooping hearts of our first parents as they gazed on a world marred and ruined by their fault, with the promise of the Virgin's Son. Love bore the

olive-branch to the window of the ark to notify to the survivors of the flood the subsidence of the waters. Love struck the knife from the hand of the Father of the Faithful. Love kindled the flame of the sacrifice which blazed throughout the patriarchal ages. Love gleamed in the glory of the Tabernacle in the wilderness. Love tipped with fire the tongue of psalmist and prophet. Love rang throughout the whole arch of heaven as the angel-hosts proclaimed the glad tidings that in Bethlehem the city of David, was born a Saviour, who was Christ the Lord. The birth of Jesus, His life, His death, His resurrection, ascension, and continual intercession are all acts in a mighty drama of love, demanding for its display a theatre vaster than ever man or Mason has conceived, and embracing in its merciful provisions a wider range than ever Masoury in its wildest mood had ever imagined, for it embraced woman as well as man—it took in the whole human race.

"Now, brethren, let us remember that, as baptized Christians, we have part in the fellowship of love. As we are initiated into Masonry by certain mysterious signs and ceremonies, and thereby made members of a common brotherhood, so by the mysterious sacrament of baptism we are initiated into the covenant of grace, and incorporated into the mystical body of Christ, through the members of which, love circulates as blood in the human body. As we are made Master Masons by a figurative death and resurrection, so by baptism do we in reality die unto sin and rise to a new life of holiness and love. And as we are day by day fed as men with our 'daily bread,' and as our annual gatherings as Masons are followed by 'a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of wines on the lees well refined,' intended as a banquet of love to be partaken of by us brethren, with moderation and thankfulness of heart, so, be it reverently said, is the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood the true feast of love, the very pledge of brotherhood, the very 'Bread which came down from heaven that a man may eat thereof and not die;' the especial means by which Christ dwells in us and we in Him; we are one with Him, and He one for ever with us. Whether, then, we are true members of Christ's Church or true brethren in Masonry, love is our normal state.

"But, besides this mutual love and good fellowship which grows up in the hearts of those who preserve their union with Christ and His Church, there is also a direct reflex influence of love upon our hearts derived from gazing on God's love. Gaze and meditate much on the cross, and you must learn much of love. Cold and dead must be that heart which melts not and burns when the marvellous picture is displayed of Jesus on the cross for man's redemption. 'Herein is love,' says the Apostle in the lesson we have just read; 'not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be a propitiation for our sins;' and this is the conclusion he draws, 'Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.'

"Yes, brethren, whatever obligations to love one another nature imposes on us by virtue of our common wants and woes, it is the Incarnation of the Son of God which is the true ground of sympathy. Christ is God and man; by His humanity all men are united with him, and therefore in loving Him we should love all men. Nay, so personally does He identify Himself with human nature that His incarnation exceeds any ordinary bond of brotherhood. He constitutes us His living representatives in the manifestation and reception of acts of love. "Whatsoever," He declares, "is done unto the least of His brethren, is done unto Himself." What a stimulus, then, have we to the most unwearied love for the brethren in the blessed thought that any affection we bestow on them, He will acknowledge and repay as if done unto Himself. That should we take the little child in our arms and train it for the kingdom of heaven, we may take to ourselves a share in the joy which Mary felt when in adoring love she caressed the holy child Jesus. That should we ever give a cup of cold water in the name of Christ Jesus to a thirsty soul, we do as did the kind man whose name, unrecorded on earth, is no doubt indelibly recorded in heaven, who put the sponge of vinegar to the lips of Jesus on the cross. That should we assist the outcast and wanderer, the poor and destitute, we minister unto Him who when on earth, had not where to lay His head. That should we ever smooth the pillow and smooth the fevered brow of the sick, we do as did that holy woman who, as tradition tells us, wiped our Lord's face with her handkerchief as He bore His cross to Mount Calvary, and afterwards found the likeness of Jesus imprinted on it.

Whatever, then, the outer world may say of Masonry, it is, I am sure, a commendable feature belonging to it, that whilst

it keeps up concord and harmony between man and man, and maintains excellent institutions for its own age and distressed members and the education of their children, it is also happy to lend a helping hand to any good object, although it may be beyond its own peculiar sphere; and I trust by your liberality to-day you will not only leave a pleasing recollection of our annual gathering in the hearts of the people of this town, but lay up for yourselves thereby an abiding recompense of reward at the hand of the Most High.

And, now brethren, before we part, thus to meet no more, it may be, before we stand together before the Great Master of the Universe in the Grand Lodge above (for as the fabrics whether of matter or mind, the structures of earth or castles of air, which, whether as operative or speculative Masons, we build, speedily perish and come to an end, so also do the fleshly tabernacles decay, of which the Great Architect of the Universe has constituted the human frame) let me with all respectful sincerity exhort you to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, whether as Christian men or Masons, with all lowliness and meekness, forbearing one another in love, endeavouring "to keep the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life;" that whereas they speak against you as evildoers (for many are the reproaches cast upon Masonry as well as upon Christianity in consequence of the inconsistent lives of some of its professors) "they may by your good works which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation." "As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the King."

Poetry.

THE FREEMASONS' CORNER-STONE.

By Bro. ROB. MORRIS.

What is the Masons' corner-stone?
Does the mysterious temple rest
On earthly ground from East to West?
From North to South, and *this alone*?

What is the Masons' corner-stone?
Is it to toil for fame and pelf?
To magnify one's petty self,
And love our friends—and *this alone*?

No, No; the Mason's corner-stone,
A deeper, stronger, nobler base,
Which time and foes cannot displace,
Is FAITH IN GOD—and *this alone*?

'Tis this which makes the mystic tie
Loving and true, divinely good,
One grand, united brotherhood,
Cemented 'neath the All-seeing Eye.

'Tis this which gives the sweetest tone
To Masons' melodies—the gleam
To loving eyes; the highest gem
That glitters in the Mason's crown.

'Tis this which makes the Mason's grip
A chain indissolubly strong;
That banishes all fraud and wrong,
And coldness from our fellowship.

Oh, noble corner-stone divine!
Oh, Faith in God! that buoys us up
And gives in darkest hours a hope;
That makes our lodge a holy shrine.

Brothers, be this our corner-stone!
Build every hope we have on this,
Of present joy, of future bliss
On earth, in heaven—and *this alone*!

MASONIC LIFEBOAT FUND.

The following subscriptions have been received by Bro. W. Brignall, jun., of Durham, towards this fund:—Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, £1 1s.; Royal Kent Encampment, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, £1 1s.; Bro. W. Stoker, P.M., 5s.; Bro. W. Brignall, 10s. Several subscriptions have been promised which will be duly acknowledged when the same are paid.

LIST OF LODGE, &c., MEETINGS FOR WEEK
ENDING 24th JULY, 1869.

(Abbreviations.—F.M.H., Freemasons' Hall; M.H., Masonic Hall; M.T., Masonic Temple; Tav., Tavern; Ho., Hotel; R., Rooms; L., Lodge; St., Street; Sq., Square).

METROPOLITAN.

Sunday, July 18th.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—Joppa, Rose and Crown, Fort-st., Union-st., Bishopsgate.

Monday, July 19th.

LODGES.—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.—LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Union Waterloo (for M.M.), King's Arms, Woolwich; Temple, Old George, St. Mary Axe; Justice, Royal Albert, New Cross-rd., Deptford; St. James's Union, Swan Tav., Mount-st., Grosvenor-sq.; Industry, Dick's Coffee House Fleet-st.; Salisbury, 71, Dean-st., Soho; Camden, Adelaide Tav., Haverstock Hill; Westbourne, Running Horse, Duke-st., Grosvenor-sq.; High Cross, White Hart Ho., Tottenham.—MARK MASONRY.—Lodge of Instruction, Kent, Lyceum Tav., Strand.

Tuesday, July 20th.

Board of Gen. Purposes, at 3.—LODGES.—Salisbury-st., Dean-st., Soho; Camden, Lamb Ho., Metropolitan Cattle Market; St. Mark's, Horns Tavern, Kennington.—LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Strong Man, White Horse, Little Britain; Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich; Faith, Fisher's Restaurant, Metropolitan District Railway, Victoria Station; Domatic, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell; Jordan, Alwyne Castle, Canonbury; Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney; British Oak, Silver Lion Tavern, Pennyfield, Poplar; Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney; Royal Union, Hotel de Cologne, Haymarket.—CHAPTER.—Industry, F.M.H.—CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—Metropolitan, George Hotel, Aldermanbury.

Wednesday, July 21st.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 7.—LODGES.—Beadon, Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich; Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.; Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.—LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Eastern Star, Royal Hotel, Burdett-street, Mile-end-rd.; Confidence, Sugar Loaf, Great St. Helens; Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse; United Strength, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town; Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John's Tav., St. John's Wood; New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton; St. Mark's, Mawby Arms, Mawby-st., S. Lambeth; Peckham, Edinboro' Castle Tav., Peckham Rye; Temperance in the East, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.—Gen. Com. Grand Chapter, at 3.—CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—St. James's Union, Swan Tav., Mount-st., Grosvenor-sq.

Thursday, July 22nd.

House Com. Female School, at 4.—LODGES.—William Preston, Star and Garter, Putney; South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North-end, Fulham.—LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.; Kent, Duke of York, Borough-road; Globe, No. 10, Old Bond-st.; United Mariners, Three Cranes, Mile-end-rd.; St. John's, Hollybush Tavern, Hampstead; Manchester, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Berkeley-square; Tranquillity, Sugar Loaf Tav., Great St. Helen's, St. Mary Axe; Whittington, Crown Ho., 41, Holborn; Royal Oak, Royal Oak Tav., Deptford; City of London, Shepherd and Flock Tav., Bell-alley, Moorgate-st. CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—Joppa, Prospect of Whitty Tav., 57, Wapping-wall.

Friday, July 23rd.

House Committee Boys' School.—LODGES.—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, Ealing.—LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street; St. Luke's, Pier Hotel, Chelsea; Temperance, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford; Union's (Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.), Freemasons' Hall; United Pilgrims, Horns' Tavern, Kennington; Wellington, Lord Duncan Tav., Broadway, Deptford; Belgrave, Duke of Wellington, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-row, Bermondsey; Lily, Greyhound Ho., Richmond; Doric, Three Cranes, Mile End-rd.; Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes, Surrey; Metropolitan Lo. of Instruction, George Ho., Aldermanbury.

PROVINCIAL.

BERKSHIRE.

MAIDENHEAD.—*Tues.*, Lodge: St. John's, Orkney Arms.—READING.—*Tues.*, Lodge: Union, Ma. Ha.—WINDSOR.—*Tues.*, Lodge: Etonian, Adelaide Inn.

DORSET.

WAREHAM.—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Unity, To. Ha.—SHAFFESBURY.—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Friendship and Sincerity, Grosvenor Arms Ho.—SWANAGE.—*Thurs.*, Lodge: De Moulham, Mowlem Institute.

ESSEX.

CHELMSFORD.—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Good Fellowship, White Hart Ho.—CHIGWELL.—*Sat.*, Lodge: Chigwell, King's Head Inn.—COLCHESTER.—*Tues.*, Lodge: Angel, Three Cups Inn.—MALDON.—*Fri.*, Lodge: St. Peter, LANCASHIRE (EAST).

ACCRINGTON.—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Bank Terrace, Hargreave's Arms Ho.—ARDWICK (near Manchester).—*Wed.*, Lodge: De Grey and Ripon, Corporation Inn.—ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Minerva, Pitt and Nelson Ho.—BACUP.—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Samaritan, Green Man Ho.—BLACKBURN.—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Perseverance, Old Ball Ho.—BOLTON.—*Wed.*, Lodges: St. John, Commercial Ho. *Thurs.*, St. John, Three Tuns Inn.—BURY.—*Wed.*, Lodge: Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn.—MANCHESTER.—*Mon.*, Lodge: St. George, F.M.H.—OLDHAM.—*Mon.*, Lodges: Tudor, Red Lion Ho. *Wed.*, Friendship, Angel Ho.—ROCHDALE.—*Wed.*, Lodge: Hope, Spread Eagle Inn.—SALFORD.—*Wed.*, Lodges: St. John, F.M.H. *Thurs.*, Harmony, F.M.H.

LANCASHIRE (WEST).

KIRKDALE (near Liverpool).—*Wed.*, Lodge: Walton, Queen's Arms Ho.—LIVERPOOL.—*Wed.*, Lodges: Everton, Ma. Te. *Thurs.*, Downshire, Royal Mersey Yacht Ho. Lodges of Instruction, *Tues.*, Merchant's, Ma. Te.; Downshire, 90, Duke-st. Mark Masonry, *Thurs.*, Mark, Ma. Te.—LYTHAM.—*Wed.*, Lodge: Triumph, Market Ho.—ORMSKIRK.—*Wed.*, Lodge: Harmony, Wheat Sheaf Inn.—PRESCOTT.—*Wed.*, Lodge: Loyalty, Royal Ho.—SOUTHPORT.—*Mon.*, Lodge: Unity, Ma. Ha.—ST. HELEN'S.—*Tues.*, Lodge: Loyalty, Fleece Ho.

MIDDLESEX.

ENFIELD.—*Mon.*, Lodge: Enfield, Court Ho.—UNBRIDGE.—*Mon.*, Lodge: Royal Union, Ma. Ha.—HOUNSLOW.—*Wed.*, Lodge: Dalhousie, Town Hall.

WARWICKSHIRE.

ALCESTER.—*Wed.*, Lodge: Apollo, Swan Ho.—BIRMINGHAM.—*Mon.*, Lodge: Bedford, Ma. Ro.

SCOTLAND.

EDINBURGH AND METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.—*Mon.*, Lodges: St. Luke, F.M.H. *Tues.*, St. David, Café Royal; Rifle, F.M.H. *Wed.*, Roman Eagle, 98, South Bridge. *Thurs.*, Caledonian, Albert Ho.—GLASGOW.—*Mon.*, Lodges: St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st.; Star, 19, Croy-pl. *Tues.*, St. John, 213, Buchanan-st.; Govandale, 207, Govan-rd.; Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st. *Wed.*, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-st.; Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st. Chapter: Commercial, 18, Croy-pl.

IRELAND.

DUBLIN.—*Mon.*, Lodges: Nos. 126, 494, F.M.H. *Tues.*, Nos. 141, 666, F.M.H. *Thurs.*, Nos. 50, 500, F.M.H. Chapters, *Tues.*, No. 6, F.M.H. *Fri.*, Nos. 100, 120, F.M.H. *Sat.*, No. 25, F.M.H.—BELFAST.—*Mon.*, No. 54. *Wed.*, No. 88, St. John's, Ma. Ro.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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E. D.—The difference in the amount of subscription shall be duly carried to your credit.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—Not having received the continuation of the report from the Secretary up to the time of going to press, we are reluctantly compelled to defer the report until next issue.