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LONDON, SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 1870.

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN WOR-
CESTERSHIRE.*(Continued from page 485)*

At a regular meeting of the lodge on 4th Dec. 1822, it was proposed that the lodge agree to the establishment of a Provincial Grand Fund, and that £16 be taken from the funds of the lodge for the purchase of jewels, &c., for the Prov. G. Lodge, at the next meeting on the 29th Dec.; the proposition was not confirmed.

In 1823, the meeting of the lodge was postponed on account of the meeting of Prov. G. Lodge, but we find no record of this Prov. G. Lodge.

In 1824, the proposition to devote £16 for Prov. G. clothing is again brought forward and unanimously negatived.

In 1827, the following letter is addressed to the G. Sec. :—

“ Worcester, January 1, 1827.

“ Dear Sir,

“ Having observed by the public papers that our much respected Provincial Grand Master, John Dent, Esq., has departed this life, I beg leave to solicit the favour of your advice respecting the mode which should be pursued by the lodges in the province to be allowed the favour of recommending for appointment a gentleman capable of acting as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and whether or not it would be assuming too much in wishing to recommend a Provincial Grand Master. The favour of your advice respecting these important matters to Masonry in this province would much oblige,

“ Dear Sir, your most obedient servant,

“ SAMUEL MAINLY,

“ Secretary to Worcester Lodge.”

To which the following reply was sent :—

“ Dear Sir and Brother,

“ In reference to your letter enquiring the mode to be pursued by the lodges in your province in recommending for appointment a gentleman to succeed the late Bro. John Dent, Esq., in the office of Provincial Grand Master, I beg to state that by the Constitutions of the fraternity, the appointment of this officer is a prerogative solely vested in the Worshipful Grand Master; of consequence, were anyone to be recommended who is not personally known to his Royal Highness, it would place the Grand Master in an awkward position to appoint such, without being first informed of the fitness and due qualification of the party, which could not well be done were an entire stranger to be named. Upon these grounds the Grand Master has formed a general rule to decline receiving the recommendation of a province in favour of any one individual, in order to exert his own free will in the choice. Yet, should there be a nobleman or other distinguished brother qualified and willing to accept the appointment, upon the name being communicated to us, it might be privately made known to his Royal Highness, probably with the desired success. This you will not consider an official communication, but grounded upon past experience, and a knowledge of what is the constant usage with our Royal Grand Master.

“ I am, Sir,

“ Your very obedient and faithful Servant,

“ EDWARD HARPER.”

No reference is made to the Prov. G. Lodge till 5th Nov. 1835, when a committee were appointed “to draw up a statement of facts to be presented to the Duke of Sussex as Grand Master on the subject.” Three years later Bro. Bedford, W.M., informs the brethren that he had seen Dr. Crucefix, an officer of the Grand Lodge, respecting the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master, and a Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and that Dr. Crucefix offered his best services,” when the lodge resolved “to entrust the W.M. with full powers to settle this matter with the Grand Lodge.”

No useful result seems to have occurred from the promised intervention. The subject is then taken up by the Dudley Lodge. In April, 1845, the W.M., S.W., and a P.M. of that lodge attended the Worcester Lodge to ascertain their views with respect to the Prov. G. Lodge. At the meeting of 20th April, “the Secretary reported that he

had ascertained that the appointment was vested solely in the Grand Master, and it would be irregular to make any application on the subject," when it was ordered "that a letter be sent to the Dudley Lodge to that effect."

In 1847 the subject is once more agitated. On January 21st of that year, it was resolved that a deputation should proceed to Kidderminster, and confer with other lodges there assembled on the propriety of applying for a Provincial Grand Lodge.

On the 28th of June a Lodge of Emergency is called "to consider the subject of a letter from Brother Roden, P.M., Royal Standard Lodge, No. 730, (dated June 19th), informing the W.M. that Tuesday, August 17th, was fixed for the opening and holding the Grand Lodge of the Province of Worcester, and desiring that a committee be appointed by this lodge to confer with committees appointed by other lodges of the Province upon the arrangements for the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge; also requesting the lodge to agree upon certain fees payable to the Grand Lodge; to advance a sum of money towards purchasing the clothing, jewels, &c.; to appoint members willing to take office, and other matters."

At this meeting a vote of thanks was accorded to Brother Dr. Roden "for his indefatigable and unwearied exertions in promoting the formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the deputation appointed requested to communicate the same to him."

From this date the history of the Prov. Grand of Worcestershire is no longer in obscurity, for the records are from this date, the work of Bro. C. C. Whitney Griffiths, who, it will be observed, was then appointed Prov. Grand Secretary, which post he continues to hold to the present day.

A vote of thanks is recorded to Bro. Roden for his indefatigable and unwearied exertions in promoting the formation of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and he is further rewarded for his exertions by being made the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the new province.

We find it recorded that "on the 17th August, 1847, at a meeting of the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and brethren of the Province, held at the Guildhall, Worcester, a Craft lodge having been opened by the W.M., Brother John Hyde, and the officers of the Worcester Lodge, No. 349, the Grand Registrar, R.W. Brother Alexander Dobie, Esq. (accompanied by

V.W. Brother White, the Grand Secretary, and attended by the Grand Tyler), entered, and having ascended the throne, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the officers appointed."

(To be continued.)

THE HAUGHFOOT LODGE AND SPECULATIVE MASONRY.

By R. S.

EXTRACTS FROM OLD RECORDS OF HAUGHFOOT LODGE.—CONCLUDED.

Haughfoot, Decr. 27th, 1738.

The which day, by plurality of votes, William Sanderson was chosen preses till next St. John's day.

The Rols called; found present—

William Cairncross,	Andrew Tomline,
Hugh Cairncross,	George Cairncross,
William Sanderson,	John Lowes,
Jeams Frier,	John Young,
John Donaldson.	

The sd day Hugh Cairncross appointed Box Master till next St. John's day.

And a comitie of all the Masons willing to attend is hereby appointed to be in John Donaldson's in Galashiels upon the third day of Janry. next, at which time William Henderson is to give in his accounts to the sd Hugh Cairncross, and he to report next St. John's day.

The persons nominat for comitie are John Donaldson, John Young, William Sanderson, preses, Andrew Tomline, and others; and the sd John Young to report the same to William Henderson.

Continues the power for recovering the debts due to the lodge in the hands of Jeams Claperton and William Henderson.

The which day Andrew Tomline, yr., Jeams Peacock, and John Butler were admitted in common form. The sd Andrew Tomline and John Butler is to pay into the lodge as entry money each the soute of one pound ten shill Scots money, and the said Jeams Peacock to pay as forsd two pounds Scots, payable against the third day of Janry. next, and in case of not payt to give their bills payable next St. John's day.

The comission to five for intrants continued.

The sd day Jeams Bryson, yr., was admitted member of the sd lodge in common form at Gala-

shields by the brethren there, and ordered to pay or give bill for one pound ten shill Scots as entry money, payable next St. John's day.

Galashiels, Janry. 3rd and 4th 1739.

According to appointment of the lodge, we, the following members, have met at Galashiels, viz. :—

Hugh Scot,	William Sanderson,
George Cairncross,	Hugh Cairncross,
John Sanderson,	William Craig,
John Donaldson,	James Bryson,
James Bryson, yr.,	Andrew Tomline,
William Cairncross,	Jeams Peacock,
Jeams Frier,	John Butler,
John Lowes,	William Henderson,
John Fountain,	James Henderson,
Andrew Tomline,	John Young, yr., and
	eldr.

And having taken Willm. Henderson's accounts into our consideration, we find that his depursements equals his receivings, wherefore he is hereby discharged. The sd day Jeams Frier, yr., was admitted in common form, and gave his bill for one pound ten shillings Scots money.

The sd day Robert Mofat, Wright in Galashiels, was admitted in common form, and was ordered to give his bill to Hugh Cairncross, present Treasurer, for two pounds Scots money, payable next St. John's day.

The sd day Andrew Tomline, yr., payed one pound ten shillings to the Treasurer as his entry money, Jeams Bryson, John Sanderson, Willm. Craig, Hugh Scot payed each sixpence for being absent last St. John's day, and Jeams Peacock gave his bill for two pounds Scots, and John Butler his bill for one pound ten shillings, payable next St. John's day.

The sd day found in the hand of Jeams Claperton in Stow the soume of one pound eleven shillings Scots money, for which soume he has this day given bill, payable next St. John's day.

And being voted whether next meeting on St. John's day should be at Haughfoot or Galashiels, it was carried by the plurality to be at Galashiels in John Donaldson's, present clerk.

Galashiels, Decr. 27th 1739.

The which day the Masons being met, and rols called as follows :—

(A list of 29 names, 8 of whom are marked absent, and 1 excused).

The present members fines each of the absents in six shillings Scots, according to sedurent in the year 1737.

The which day Jeams Brysone was chosen preses by plurality of votes, and Hugh Cairncross continued Box Master till next St. John's day.

The commission to five for intrants continued.

The sd day Hugh Cairncross, Box Master, has received one pound ten shillings from John Butler, one pound ten forsd from Jeams Frier, yr., one pound ten forsd from Jeams Bryson, yr., as their entry money, and six shillings Scots for his being this day absent, viz., John Fountain payed by Andrew Tomline.

The sd day it is agreed by the above members that the meeting is to be next St. John's day at Stow, and hereafter that the meeting shall be one year at Stow and another at Galashiels, which is to be a lasting statue (*statute*).

James Brysone, preses.

The sd day Jeams Claperton and William Henderson got the factory for uplifting the debts belonging to the lodge assigned to them, the sd Jeams Claperton having received it, signed by Jeams Brysone, present preses.

Galashiels, Decr. 27th 1740.

The which day the Masons being stopped from going to Stow, according to last sedurent, by the extremity of weather, met at Galashiels.

Rols being called, found present (follows a list of 15 Masons).

The above brethren* has this day chosen Jeams Bryson to continue preses, Hugh Cairncross Box Master to continue till next meeting,

* During the last year or two the word "brethren" is used in these minutes—a name so expressive of the principles of Freemasonry—and which during all these last 38 years have linked these ancient Masons together, and has called them together each St. John's day from the various localities mentioned, and this is also the first time anything has prevented their reunion at Haughfoot or Galashiels. "The extremity of the weather" is the cause, and of course we need not wonder much at this, when it is remembered that in those days the roads in Scotland were very unlike what they are now. We believe at this time the only road from the lower to the upper districts of Gala Water was the bed of the river, or the haughlands on its banks. In winter time then, when the annual gathering of the Masons took place, we have no doubt the roads or tracks would often be rendered impassable by the flooded state of the Gala. Be this as it may, this untoward event seems to have broken up the harmony of the Haughfoot Lodge, as there is no record given of any future meetings held there. St. John's day, 1741, has no minute at all. The next meeting recorded in the old minute book is dated Galashiels, Janry. 20th, 1742, when "the Masons of Galashiels seperat from the brethren at Stow. Met, &c." For the next twenty years the minutes are all dated at Galashiels, and we are left in ignorance of what became of the Haughfoot and Stow Masons.—R.S.

and orders to write to the brethren at Stow, that they may meet with them, or any of them, for the appointment of a new meeting, where they among them shall appoint.

MASONIC JOTTINGS.—No. 25.

BY A PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

ASIA.

When Asia shall have disclosed all her hidden literature, it will be seen that the Mason's Lodge was an early and a powerful instrument in the civilisation of the Human Race.

A SCEPTIC AND THE 1717 THEORY.

A brother avows himself a Sceptic, and yet he recommends the adoption of the 1717 Theory, that is to say of a theory, which is plainly not his theory. For as he is a Sceptic, it necessarily follows that he has no belief in that theory. The Sceptic holds that every affirmation is a gratuitous hypothesis.

AGES OF SPECULATIVE MASONRY AND TRUE FREEMASONRY.

As to the ages of Speculative Masonry and true Freemasonry, it may be concluded from the historical books and fragments that we possess, that the Speculative Masonry of which Pantheism, Polytheism or Sabœism was an ingredient, existed long before true Freemasonry.

MASONRY.

It is a reasonable inference that in countries and ages in which Masonry was wanted, it would not be long in coming.

BRITAIN.

The first lodge seen in Britain was, it is supposed, that of the Roman Builders.

BIBLICAL LEGENDS.

Eliminate the Biblical Legends from our Craft Teachings, and in a few years it will be found that Freemasonry has not her stronghold in Great Britain, but in the United States of America.

SCHAUBERG.

The learned Doctor J. Schauberg of Zurich, finds the principles of Freemasonry in the Secret Rites of the Indians and the Egyptians. His work on this subject was printed at Schaffhausen in 1863.

PHILOSOPHICAL SCHOOLS.

Our admirable Principles have been taught in the Philosophical Schools of all nations and all

times. Those schools may not unfitly be called Lodges, and their teaching Masonry. But when in the Religion of the School, as was commonly the case, there was no Great Architect of the Universe, and when, moreover, as was not uneldom the case, there was no belief in a Future State of Rewards and Punishment, the Masonry could not be true Freemasonry.

MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

MY JOTTINGS.

Some Brothers plainly think their Masonic knowledge comes *intuitively*. My "Jottings" are not meant for them.—A PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

SYMBOLISM IN BOHEMIA; OR, THE BOOK AND THE CUP (page 490).

"*The 'Pit-Men' of Bohemia.*—In two of the meetings there was a large amount of singing. This was to be expected in the young women and girls of whom one of the audiences was chiefly composed; but the earnest and prolonged singing of the *men*, who alone met us from the other congregation, brought out the hereditary delight of the Bohemians in the singing of psalms.* It is interesting and rather surprising to learn that in the Czech language, so little known out of the country, there exist about five thousand hymns. Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs must have been a singular solace in those days when the Bohemian brethren were called by the nickname of the 'Pit-men' (Gruben-heimer), because, besides the hills and forests, their chief refuge was in caves and pits. In retreating to their caves through the snow, they trod carefully in each other's steps, and the last of the party brushed over the single line of footprints with the branch of a tree. Those pits must have resounded with many a sweet song of Zion written in the heart, when the light was too faint for reading the verses; for their occupants sat in darkness by day, not daring then to kindle a fire, let its smoke should betray their hiding-place. But as soon as they were screened by the curtain of night they lighted their fires, gathered round them to read the Book of God, taught, strengthened, and comforted each other, till they became both wise unto salvation and singularly well instructed in the Scriptures. When they ventured to meet together to drink the Cup of Blessing, it was in the depths of the forest, with sentinels placed at various points to watch against surprise, lest their blood should be mingled with their sacrifices."

"*Silver Mines the Martyrs' Graves.*—But other and darker memories hover round the pits of Bohemia. As we drove along the road within ten miles of the place where we saw the silver communion cup which had been disinterred from the battle-field, our attention was directed to the rising slope on our right, on which were large mounds of stones, the heaped-up

* The friends of Masonic sacred music will gladly note this. We want more spirituality introduced into our lodges, and I have reason to say that many desire it.

diggings of a silver mine. The year 1421 is marked by a dark line of the blood of the followers of Huss, and specially of the Taborites, who held substantially all the doctrines of the Reformation, and strove to adorn the Word by their holy lives. In that single year this one town, dug about for its treasures of silver ore, witnessed the unparalleled spectacle of a whole 'army of martyrs' dragged as felons to the shafts of three old mines, to one 1700, to another 1308, and to the third 1321. Men of wealth and rank, together with men rich only in faith, and devout women not a few, maidens doubtless as well as mothers in Israel—convicted of no sin except touching the Book and the Cup, of reading the Book of Life and of drinking the Cup of Salvation—and numbering in all 4,329, they were cast headlong into the yawning pits. For two hundred years, till the Reformation was finally quenched in 1621, those martyrs were remembered every 18th of April by a solemn meeting in a chapel erected on the spot to their memory."

From the foregoing, and such like, I infer that to talk about *Masons* promulgating the principles of Speculative Masonry in the 15th century A.D. is simply a mistake. Had such been really the case, then General Bigotry would have carried into *practice* the principle he enunciated in the 18th century, and we would have had its history written—aye, and that well, too—in blood. But, be that as it may, we may well revere the memory of those noble men, through whose courage and fidelity to the cause of Truth we now enjoy our present civil and religious liberty.—PICTUS.

RULES OF CHESS. RULES OF LITERARY CONTROVERSY.

There are rules of Chess and there are rules of Literary Controversy; and as men play not at chess with an opponent who will not observe the rules of the game, so they engage not in Masonic historical discussion with an opponent who will not observe the rules of literary controversy.—CHARLES PURTON COOPER.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed by Correspondents

MASONIC DEMONSTRATION IN GLASGOW AND THE GLASGOW ST. JOHN'S LODGE.

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—Some further correspondence upon this subject having taken place in the *Glasgow Herald*, I beg to enclose a copy of the same.

Yours fraternally,
MASONICUS.

GLASGOW ST. JOHN'S AND THE MASONIC PROCESSION.

"June 10, 1870.

"Sir,—In his letter of the 8th inst., 'Masonicus' very complacently refers to his former communication as 'setting aside' the 'greater part of Delta's ideas' on the subject under consideration. Being of a different opinion, I may be excused for again troubling you. My brother is under a misapprehension when he supposes that No. 8's bearing the designation of 'Journymen' implies that it is peculiarly the lodge of journymen Masons. It was so when, a century and a

half ago, its promoters seceded from Mary's Chapel, as was also the St. Andrew's Lodge at Glasgow, afterwards called the Glasgow Journeymen Free Operatives,' when its original members broke off from St. John's and accepted a charter from Mother Kilwinning 130 years ago. At the date (1783) at which No. 8 had conferred on it the honour of 'carrying the mallet in all future processions of Grand Lodge,' it had lost its original characteristic in regard to the composition of its membership, for, in common with its contemporaries, it had on its roll the names of persons, both masters and servants, belonging to various professions. An unusually large proportion of its members may, at the period referred to, have been operative masons, and this may have led to its being constituted hereditary bearer of the grand mallet and other tools. That No. 8 was subsequently, and is at this moment, circumscribed in the exercise of this privilege, is so clearly expressed in Grand Lodge laws as to render argument on the point unnecessary. In permitting so flagrant an infringement of the law of precedence, the Grand Master must have been misled by the counsel of those whose duty it was to have guarded him against being imposed upon by the pretensions either of lodges or of individual brethren.

"Though in the 16th and 17th centuries and a portion of the 18th Mary's Chapel merited the title of a Master's Lodge because of its government being vested in the Masonic burgesses of Edinburgh, yet up till the erection of No. 8, journeymen masons formed a large proportion of its membership. To 'demean itself carrying working tools' is an unfortunate expression when applied to the performance of any service that may be required in a Communication of Freemasons. To no Masonic duty does the epithet 'menial' apply.

"If by the apathy of provincial brethren for Masonic honours, or obliviousness of their Masonic rights, the Lodge Journeymen has in past times been allowed with impunity to break the law on the subject of precedence, that can never give a valid title to act in defiance of the law. No. 8's demand, therefore, was unconstitutional, because the prerogative in question is by statute limited to the metropolitan district—impertinent, from its involving an intrusion into a province in which the lodge possessed no special privilege. The usage of the Craft in according posts of honour to the senior lodge of the district in which any public demonstration is held, justified St. John's claim to the honour in question, and its emphatic protest against the encroachment on its rights.

"The brethren who carried the tools in 1851, on the occasion of the Duke of Athole laying the foundation stone of the Victoria Bridge, were 'freemen operatives,' belonging to No. 3 bis, of whom one at least was expected to have officiated in a similar capacity on Friday last. 'Masonicus's' allusion to circumstances connected with the Nelson Monument demonstration (1806) is beside the question. St. John's was at that date an independent lodge; it was neither recognised by nor amenable to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and its conduct during that isolated period of its existence cannot now be challenged.

"Not only did St. John's, with its long train of past office-bearers, unanimously endorse the step which the Right Worshipful Bro. Baird took to vindicate the honour of his lodge, but it met the approval of its Proxy Master, Bro. David Bryce, jun., who, though

holding office in the Grand Lodge, also withdrew from the procession. Bro. Baird deserves well of the Craft for the testimony he has borne to the inviolability of its constitutions, and if as the result of his protest No. 8 be henceforth prevented from overruling its superiors and usurping the rights of its equals, the occasion will form an era in Masonic annals worthy of remembrance.—I am, &c., DELTA.

"Sir,—I have read 'Delta's' second letter in to-day's *Herald*, and perceive that he is still unable to bring forward any documentary evidence, or to quote any Grand Lodge law in support of his assumption that the senior lodge of Glasgow, or the senior lodge of any other province, is to carry the working tools. Instead thereof, he only shows that he, in common with St. John's Lodge, wishes such to be the law; but although they *wish* such to be the case, before they can get it to be really the case they must go about the matter *pro forma*, and propose a motion in Grand Lodge to that effect. I find no fault with St. John's therefore for lodging a protest, but when they disobeyed the Grand Master and broke out into open mutiny, I consider they were guilty of a high breach of Masonic discipline; more, I consider their conduct under the circumstances to have been most uncourteous and very ungentlemanly. The Grand Lodge has been very kind to them upon more than one occasion. She gave them the high position on the roll of No. 3 bis, and that, too, although it is only twenty years since she joined. The Grand Lodge also backed up St. John's against the Provincial Grand Lodge aeneant the mark and chair in 1858. So that St. John's in 1870, for the good it received in 1858 and 1850, now returns evil—a fine example of brotherly love for the senior lodge of a province to set forth. Notwithstanding the lessons which they, as Masons, receive to restrain their passions, they break forth into open anger upon the slightest opposition to their pretensions or desires, and all this, too, before the eyes of the 'neutral world.' A slight exercise of the Masonic virtue of patience would have saved all this, would have done no harm to their protest, and would have been more dignified and commendable.

"I must contradict 'Delta' when he says the 'past office bearers unanimously endorse the step which the R.W.M. Bro. Baird took,' for that is not true; there were past office bearers who took part in the procession, one of them a Past Master, and there are others who consider and are ready to assert that the R.W.M. behaved in a very unbecoming manner, and who question his right to order his men off the ground—in defiance, too, of his superior officer. More, a number of those who left simply followed the crowd—they did not know what to do, while others talked of going back. In short, the occasion of all the uproar and bad feeling was so paltry that I feel justified in considering the R.W.M. 'demeaned' both himself and his lodge by the course adopted.

"I question the truth of the statement that the 'St. Andrew's Lodge at Glasgow—afterwards called the Glasgow Journeymen Free Operatives—broke off from St. John's.' I desire proof of 'Delta's' statement, there have been so many mis-statements made that we like to weigh the evidence now.

"In the oldest extant minute book of the Glasgow Freemen Operative St. John's Lodge it says, 'No

person who is not first duly admitted a free operative member of the said incorporation of Masons shall be admitted members of the lodge.' Consequently, I ask proof that the 'original members' of this St. Andrew's Lodge were members of St. John's, and also if they were members of the Incorporation of Masons? At the laying of the foundation stone of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary in May, 1792, I see the Glasgow Journeymen Operatives mentioned, and they walked first, in the position of the youngest; and in the name it is 'Operatives,' not 'Free Operatives.' However, I shall be glad to see 'Delta's' evidence in support of his statements.

"'Delta' is evidently afraid of the '1806' business, but that, I believe, is the foundation of the 'time-immemorial' privileges of St. John's, as held forth by some of the past office bearers. It was then, we were told, that 'none in my (Malcolm Canmore's) dominions shall erect a lodge until they make application to the St. John's Lodge, Glasgow.' What changes time makes. The lodge which in 1806 'discovered' a forged document and brought it forward to further its pretensions then, now feels a change coming over the spirit of its dream, and stands forth in the most disinterested manner as the champion of the senior lodges in the various Masonic provinces of Scotland.—I am, yours respectfully, MASONICUS. June 13th, 1870.

[Other letters have been received, but the pressure upon our space compels us to defer them till next week.]

MASONIC LITERATURE AND MASONIC CONTROVERSY.

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—You deserve the thanks of the Craft for affording to your numerous subscribers a knowledge of what others say about us. I do not consider it right that Bro. Pinkerton and other traducers of Masonry and Masonic institutions should be allowed to widely disseminate their denunciations in a journal which, although enjoying no doubt an extensive circulation, is, perhaps, not read by any great number of Masons.

I am glad to see that the Craft has found defenders in this discussion in the person of brethren of such known ability as Bros. Hyde Clarke, W. P. Buchan, J. Yarker, and others.

At the time that the Editor of *Notes and Queries* closed the discussion with the remark that he considered his readers "had enough of this"—at a point, too, which left the last word in the possession of Mr. Pinkerton, who I do not consider at all replied to the remarks of the defenders of the Craft—I had anticipated that these brethren would have continued their refutation of his denunciations in your columns, which, at the time I considered opportunely placed at their disposal. I should like to hear what some of these brethren have to say in reply thereto.

Yours fraternally,
PROGRESS.

April 4th, 1870.

[The above and several other communications have been received from time to time on this subject, the publication of which has been unavoidably deferred.]

MASONIC SAYINGS AND DOINGS ABROAD.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa has prohibited, by a general regulation, the naming of lodges after living Masons.

Recently Bro. Rob Morris was in Dubuque, where he delivered a most instructive and entertaining lecture on Palestine. This lecture was not, in any sense, a Masonic one, but was peculiarly attractive to Masons, because it dealt with "the Land" where Masonry, as the traditions tell us, had its birth, and "the Book" which is the corner stone on which the scintillant edifice of the Order is upbuilt. On this occasion the largest Protestant church in the city was filled, 1,000 people being present. The subject of the discourse was the Bible and Bible Lands, and it was admirably handled. It was a compact and well digested, interesting, and, at times, eloquent address.

FREEMASONRY THE BROAD CHURCH.—Dr. Oliver W. Holmes, of Boston, Mass., who, we believe, is not a Mason, writes in his "Professor at the Breakfast Table," some good thoughts respecting Freemasonry. He is speaking of the Broad Church, which, he thinks, "will never be based on anything that requires the use of language," and he goes on as follows:—"Freemasonry gives an idea of such a church, and a brother is known and cared for in a strange land, where no word of his can be understood. The apostle of this church may be a deaf mute, carrying a cup of cold water to a thirsty fellow creature."

Opposed to secret societies as the Roman Catholic Church professes to be, its great head, the Pope, does not hesitate to exact the most positive promise of secrecy from the members of the Œcumenical Council. Not satisfied with the promise, he binds them with an oath, for the violation of which we presume eternal punishment is the mildest penalty expected. Before being allowed to participate in the affairs of the Council, each member must take the following oath of secrecy:—

"We, the officials of the General Council of the Vatican, chosen by your Holiness, promise and swear by these Holy Gospels of God, touched by us, that we will faithfully fulfil the office commanded to each one of us respectively, and that, moreover, we will neither divulge nor report to anyone outside the bosom of the aforesaid Council whatever shall be proposed for examination in this same Council, neither discussions nor decisions, but we shall preserve inviolate the faith of secrecy in all these matters, and in all other things which shall be especially committed to us."

GRAND CHAPTER OF ARKANSAS.—The twentieth Annual Convocation was held at Little Rock on the

28th of October, 1869, M. E. Luke E. Barber, Grand High Priest. Twenty-one chapters were represented. The Grand High Priest made a short and eloquent address. He stated that he had granted dispensations for four new chapters. He is opposed to changes in Masonry generally, and especially to the proposed one of abolishing the Past Master's degree. He represented the state of the St. John's College in so plain a light that the surplus funds of the Grand Chapter were donated to it. A uniform code of by-laws for subordinate chapters was adopted.

The *Masonic Record* says:—"We, of Brazil, are in receipt of a letter from the G. M., Joaquim Marinho, and the Grand Secretary, Dr. Luiz Pintzenauer, in which they ask the favour of mutual recognition and representation. They send their "protests of fraternal esteem and great consideration" to the brethren in Tennessee, and offer them the most cordial reception in their Temples. They state that at present they have but one object in view—the regeneration of the Masonic Order in their empire, and look for the support of the whole Masonic fraternity in this most absolute necessity, and knowing the spirit which animates the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, do not despair of receiving their support." Masonry in South America is no very easy matter to comprehend. There exists in Brazil, as well as in other countries, inextricable confusion; but we are inclined to believe that this body is the regular one. It is recognised by the Supreme Council of the 33rd degree, although its Sovereign Grand Commander acknowledges that little of its history was known, and we see no objection to Tennessee's taking a similar course. An attractive History of Freemasonry in South America is a great necessity, and it is incumbent on the brethren there to prepare one.

We learn from the *St. Louis Freeman* of the death of Bro. Marshall F. Moore, Governor of Washington Territory, who was buried by Olympia Lodge, No. 1, on the 1st of March. He was a distinguished citizen, soldier, and Mason, and his death leaves a blank which it will be hard to fill.

THE ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—For many years a Provincial Grand Lodge of this body has been in existence in New Brunswick, but of late almost dormant. Bro. Robert W. Crookshanks, who held the office of Provincial Grand Master, has recently resigned, and the authorities in Scotland, on the representation of the companions in St. John's, have appointed Bro. B. Lester Peters, the present M. W. Grand Master of New Brunswick Grand Lodge, to the vacant office. As soon as the patent arrives, he will enter on his duties; and this branch of Chivalric Masonry, hailing from Robert the Bruce and the Battle of Bannockburn, will be vigorously prosecuted in New Brunswick.

THE MASONIC MIRROR.

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MASONIC MEMS.

THE paper to be read at the meeting of the Masonic Archaeological Institute on the 30th inst., is on "The Phœnician Masons' Marks at Jerusalem."

WE are sorry to learn that Bro. T. A. Adams, P.G. Purst., the well-known Masonic instructor, is confined to his house by severe illness.

THE Annual Summer Fete of the Boys' School, at Wood Green, is fixed for Friday, July 8.

AT the last meeting of the Board of General Purposes the committees were nominated. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 19, at 3 p.m.

THE General Committee of Grand Chapter is fixed for Wednesday, July 20, at 3 o'clock p.m.

THE new regulation with regard to petitions to the Board of Benevolence will shortly be printed and sent by the Grand Secretary to the W.M.'s of all lodges.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.—The usual monthly meeting was held at the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday last. Bro. Clabon presided as W.M., Joshua Nunn, S.W., and J. Coutts, as J.W. There were 21 petitioners; 19 were relieved (or recommended to Grand Lodge) in sums varying from £10 to £100, the total amount voted being £410. Two petitions were refused.

THE ceremony of installation will be worked at the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, on Wednesday, June, 29. Bro. Terry, W.M. 1,278 & P.G.S.B. Herts, will conduct, and we are sure his name will attract a numerous attendance of brethren.

A Bust of Bro. Bridges, D. Prov. G. Master of Somerset, has been presented to the Silurian Lodge, Newport, Monmouthshire, and will be placed in the hall.

INTENDED ROYAL MASONIC VISIT TO READING.—Great preparations are being made to give an appropriate reception to the Prince of Wales, V.W. Past G. Master, on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the new Grammar School of that town by his Royal Highness, on the 1st of next month. An address will be presented by the authorities to his Royal Highness on his arrival at the Great Western Railway Station, after which a long procession will be formed and proceed to the site of the new school, which is situated on the Redlands estate. The stone will be laid with Masonic honours. Triumphal arches are being constructed by the local authorities at prominent positions in the line of route; one also will be erected by the Freemasons of Berkshire. It is arranged that at the conclusion of the ceremony the Prince shall be entertained at a banquet at the Town Hall by the corporation of Reading and the trustees of the school. The Prov. G. Master for Berks and Bucks, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., with present and past Provincial Grand Officers, will be in attendance on his Royal Highness during the Masonic proceedings.

LANCASHIRE.—The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, at their meeting on the 15th inst., were pleased to erect the Mark Lodges in Lancashire, holding charters from them, into a District Grand Lodge, and have appointed Bro. Thomas Entwistle, P.M. 221, P.Z. 221, P.R.W.M. No. 2, Mark, (S.C.), S.P.R. &c., to be District Grand Superintendent of Mark Masters, and Grand Mark Master of Lancashire. They have also granted a warrant to a new Mark Lodge to be held at Barrow-in-Furness, and to be called the Furness Lodge, No. 24.

WE are indebted to the courtesy of the Masonic editor of the *New York Democrat* for a copy of that paper of the 8th June, containing a detailed account of the proceeding of the imposing ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple in that city. It is stated that there were "thousands of Masons in line, and tens of thousands of people in the streets," and "a street pageant unparalled in that city." Owing to our limited space this week we are compelled to defer particulars.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREE MASONS.

The following report of the Committee of Management was read, approved, and ordered to be entered on the minutes at the Annual General Meeting:—

The Committee of Management in presenting their annual report, cannot but express their satisfaction to the governors and subscribers for the renewed support they have given them during the past year, so that the fears they expressed when increasing the number of annuitants in May last are to some extent abated.

The annual festival, holden by the direction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, K.T., on the 26th January last, was presided over by Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Berks and Bucks, when the donations and subscriptions contained in the Stewards' lists amounted to £3,266 14s., being in excess of the average of the years 1866, 1867, and 1868.

The committee have also to report that they have received the sum of £100, and interest less legacy duty, to be equally divided between the male and female funds, the same having been left to the Institution by the late W. Bro. George Leach, a Past Grand Deacon.

At the time of the last report, there were 152 annuitants receiving the benefits of the Institution; these were increased to 165 at the last election; in the interim 17 died, and your committee now recommend the election of 21, thus making the number 169, besides seven widows receiving half their late husbands' annuity; whilst thus increasing the numbers, your committee earnestly urge on the brethren the necessity of renewing their exertions in obtaining donations and subscriptions. As there is no limitation of numbers, your committee cannot consider the scheme of the Institution carried out whilst there are candidates making application at several elections.

For the information of the Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Governors, subscribers, and friends of the Institution, the committee subjoin a statement of the receipts and disbursements during the year ending the 31st March, 1870, together with the particulars of the fixed income of the Institution.

MALE FUND.

Receipts.

Balance 31st March, 1869	£1409	4	3
Donation from Grand Lodge	500	0	0
„ from Grand Chapter	100	0	0
Donations from lodges, chapters, and individuals	1481	8	4
Annual subscriptions	791	9	0
Moiety of legacy of late Bro. George Leach, Past Grand Deacon, less duty... 45	0	0	
Interest	1	14	5
		46	14 5
Westminster Fire Office, moiety of profit on the last seven years' insurance	2	13	0
Dividends on stock in the Government Funds	665	5	0
	<u>4996</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>0</u>

Disbursements.

Payment to annuitants	2318	0	0
Salary, Secretary	100	0	0
Commission } Secretary	48	13	9
} Collector	113	1	0
Messenger	5	0	0
Medicine for the inmates at the Asylum	25	0	0
Warden, gate-keeper, and gardener, do.	39	0	0
Taxes	20	12	3
Westminster Fire Office, moiety of premium, seven years, Asylum	8	11	0
Stationery, books, printing, balloting, papers, &c.	39	12	9
Rent of office	18	0	0
Advertisements	4	3	9
Postage	39	2	6
Petty disbursements, including election expenses	19	6	11

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Purchase of £350 stock, 3 per cent., reduced annuities.. .. 325 18 9

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Balance on this account..... £1873 11 4

FEMALE FUND.

Receipts.

Balance 31st March, 1869	£945	10	11
Donation from Grand Lodge	300	0	0
" from Grand Chapter	50	0	0
Donations from lodges, chapters, and individuals	1203	14	6
Annual subscriptions	445	18	6
Moiety of legacy of late Bro. George Leach, Past Grand Deacon, less duty ...	45	0	0
Interest	1	14	5

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Westminster Fire Office, moiety of profit on the last seven years..... 2 13 0

Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds 386 5 0

3380 16 4

Disbursements.

Payment to annuitants.....	1750	5	0
Salary, Secretary	112	10	0
Commission } Secretary	9	16	0
} Collector.....	66	5	6
Messenger	5	0	0
Taxes, Asylum	20	12	3
Westminster Fire Office, moiety of premium, seven years, Asylum	8	11	0
Stationery, books, printing, balloting papers, &c.	36	15	8
Rent of office	18	0	0
Advertisements	4	3	9
Postage	35	11	0
Petty disbursements, including election expenses	19	7	0

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Purchase of £250 Stock, 3 per cent. Reduced Annuities 232 | 16 | 3 |

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Balance on this account 1061 | 2 | 11 |

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FOR SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Receipts.

Balance 31st March, 1869	£3	8	6
Dividends on £1,000 Stock in the Government Funds.....	30	0	0
	33	8	6

Disbursements.

Repairs, &c., done at the Asylum	24	17	9
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Balance on this account 8 | 10 | 9 |

Total balance as per Auditors' report to 31st March, 1870 £2943 | 5 | 0 |

The permanent income of the Institution is as follows:—

MALE FUND.

Annual grant from Grand Lodge	500	0	0
" from Grand Chapter	100	0	6
Dividends on £22,350 Stock in the Government Funds	670	10	0
	1270	10	0

FEMALE FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge.....	300	0	0
" from Grand Chapter	50	0	0
Dividends on £13,000 Stock in the Government Funds.....	390	0	0

FOR SUSTENTATION OF THE BUILDING.

Dividends on £1,000 Stock in the Government Funds.....	30	0	0
	£2040	10	0

The following are the Committee of Management for the ensuing year:—Bros. Frederick Adlard, P.M. 7; John Bellerby, P.M. 65; George Bolton, P.M. 169; John Dixon, M.D., P.M. 73; William Henry Farnfield, P.M. 907; James R. Sheen, P.M. 201; Raynham W. Stewart, P.M. 12; Louis Stean, P.M. 212; Nicholas Wingfield, P.M. 1155; William Young, P.M. 60.

Bros. John Symonds (Past Assist. G. Dir. of Cers.), Henry G. Warren, and James R. Sheen, were severally proposed, seconded, and declared re-elected Auditors for the ensuing year.

Craft Masonry.

ENGLISH CONSTITUTION.

METROPOLITAN.

CAVEAC LODGE (No. 176).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place at Radley's Hotel on Saturday, the 18th inst., Bro. W. Nelson Smith, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. P. A. Nairne, P.M., then took the chair and installed Bro. Thomas Quibampton as W.M. for the ensuing year. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. R. S. Foreman, S.W.; H. Bosley, J.W.; Pemble Browne, P.M., Treas.; E. Lechford, P.M., Sec.; D. H. Godsell, S.D.; Jermyn, J.D.; W. D. Barnett, I.G.; Charles Browne, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; J. S. Smith, W.S.; A. Towers, W.S.; Riley, P.M., Tyler; and Bro. W. Nelson Smith, I.P.M. The manner in which Bro. Nairne conducted the ceremony of installation elicited the applause of the brethren. A splendid banquet succeeded.

STANHOPE LODGE (No. 1,269).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, the chair being occupied by Bro. H. W. Lindus, W.M. Bros. Marriott, Strange, and Linfield were passed. The business concluded the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The work in the lodge was ably performed by Bro. Lindus, the first W.M. of this new lodge. Bros. Dodson, W.M. 72, and Munday, 569, were present as visitors.

PROVINCIAL.

KENT.

BROMLEY.—Consecration of the *Acacia Lodge* (No. 1,314).—The consecration of a new lodge in the province of Kent took place at Bromley on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Bell Hotel. The ceremony of consecration and dedication was ably performed by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, and the installation by Bro. Alfred Avery, P.M. and W.M. of No. 619, was admirably rendered by his brother James W. Avery, also a P.M. of No. 619. Bros. Joseph Harling was invested S.W.; Thomas Knott, J.W.; Williams, Treas.; E. Coste, P.M. 9, Sec.; Saul Wells, S.D.; W. Manger, J.D.; W. Seaman, J.D.; and F. Deering, Dir. of Cers. The ceremony was conducted in a manner which reflected

the greatest credit on all concerned, and the banquet gave complete satisfaction. Among the visitors present were Bros. Dobson, D. Prov. G.M. for Kent; Brackstone Baker, P.G.J.D.; H. G. Buss, P.M. 27; and Buller, W.M. 9.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

LEICESTER.—*John of Gaunt Lodge* (No. 523).—An emergency meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 15th inst., and was attended by between thirty and forty brethren, among whom were the Prov. G. Master and Senior P.M. of the lodge, Bro. Kelly; George Toller, jun., W.M.; Duff, G. H. Hodges, and W. B. Smith, P.M.'s; Buzzard, S.W. and W.M. elect; Sculthorpe, J.W.; Baines, Sec.; C. Johnson, P.M., Org.; M'Allisteras, S.D. (in the absence of the Rev. Dr. Haycroft); Partridge, J.D.; Atkins and Sergeant, Stewards; Lewin, I.G., and other members. The visitors were:—Bros. Stanley, W.M.; Stretton, S.W.; Crow, J.W.; Palmer, J.D.; Williams, Halford, Santer, Barber, and Gurden, of No. 279. The lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken for Messrs. Thomas Charlesworth, William Tertius Rowlett, and Alfred George Jackson, of Leicester, and William Bunnay and Lewis George Wynne, of Oadby, all of whom were duly elected. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. William Penn Cox, having passed the usual examination, was afterwards raised to the sublime degree of M.M. in an impressive manner, the W.M. performing the ceremony most efficiently, with the addition of the musical chants, conducted by Bro. Charles John Johnston (P. Prov. G.S.W. Jersey), on the organ, assisted by the musical brethren. The lodge was then lowered to the first degree, when five candidates were initiated into the Order, the ceremony being taken alternately by the W.M. and the P.G.M. On the lodge being closed an unusually large number of brethren sat down to refreshment, as a mark of their respect and esteem for the retiring W.M., Bro. George Toller, jun., who has "won golden opinions" during his tenure of office, both by the admirable manner in which he has discharged his official duties and by the modesty of his demeanour and the amiability of his disposition. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts duly honoured, and several songs sung by the musical brethren. The festival is to take place on the 24th inst., St. John's Day.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

NEWPORT.—*Silurian Lodge* (No. 471).—On Friday evening last a special Lodge of Emergency was held, at the Masonic Hall, Newport, the Rev. S. Fox, W.M., in the chair, and there was also a very large attendance of Newport Masons. The minutes of the last meeting having been read, as also the requisition to the W.M. to call this emergency. The ballot took place, when the three following gentlemen, sons of Freemasons, were unanimously admitted, viz.:—Mr Charles David Phillips, of Newport; Mr W. Henry Pickford, of Newport, son of the respected Treasurer of 471; and Mr Anthony Phillips Williams, of Newport, son of the worthy Secretary to the above lodge. These gentlemen being in attendance they were this evening initiated into Masonry, the ceremony being most ably rendered by the W.M. We may add that many members of the Craft attended out of respect to the Treasurer and Secretary. The Secretary, on behalf Bro. Bridges, V.W.D.P.G.M. for Somerset, presented a bust of that gentleman to this lodge, and the same will be placed in a prominent part of the hall as soon as the decorations are completed.

AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.

A Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of South Australia was held at the Freemasons' Hall Adelaide, on Wednesday, April 6, 1870. There were present:—Bros. the R.W. Arthur Hardy, J.P., D.G.M., in the chair; Henry E. Downer, S.M., Deputy D.G.M.; His Honor Judge Gwynne, D.G.S.W.; W. Charles R. Darton, D.G.J.W.; Frederic Wicksteed, P.D.G.S.W.; John T. Sagar, P.D.J.G.W.; Rev. G. H. Farr, D.G. Chap.; William H. Graham, P.D. G. Treas.; John R. Gurner, D.G. Reg.; Ralph E. Lucy, D.G. Sec.; A. E. Davies, P.M. 872, as D.G.S.D.; Jaffa, as D.G.J.D.; William Hill, D.G. Dir. of Cers.; H. L. Durieu, D.G. Org.; John C.

Bray, D.G. Purst.; W.M.'s 423, 842, and 875; S.W. 583; J.W.'s 583 and 842; and several visiting brethren.

The officer's roll was called, and the D.G. Treas., D.G. Assist. Dir. of Cers., and three D.G. Stewards were fined for non-attendance.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The report of the general committee for the last three months was then read as follows:—

"To the R.W. the D.G. Master and District Grand Lodge of South Australia.

"Your committee report:—1. That the necessary notices regarding the increase of Quarterage and Joining Fees have been duly given, and no notice of objection having been sent in due course, it will remain for this lodge by a simple majority to confirm or disallow the resolution of the 5th of January last, viz.:—'That the quarterage, or fees paid by the different lodges within the District, be increased to Ninepence per quarter on each and every subscribing member of each lodge, and that the fee payable to this lodge on account of joining members be increased to Two Shillings and Sixpence for each member.' 2. They lay before you the Balance Sheet for the year 1869, duly audited; and have satisfaction in stating that returns from all the lodges to December 31, 1869, to Grand Lodge have been dispatched with remittance of dues by the last mail. They trust that the returns to June will be forwarded with less delay. 3. They recommend that the fines against Bros. English and Durieu, inflicted at the last meeting, be remitted; and regret to state that many brothers have distinctly refused to pay their fines, and have not stated any reason why they should not be enforced. 4. They hope for the approval of this lodge in the step they taken, in resolving to call for the books of the various lodges in rotation, for the purpose of examination by the general committee. This step being necessary, in their opinion, in consequence of several manifest irregularities which have taken place, not only in the new but in some of the older lodges. 5. Your committee congratulate the brethren upon the successful completion and solemn consecration of the New Hall, in Adelaide; and trust they will second the efforts of the Trustees to free the Building from debt and secure the revenue to the charities of the Craft.

"CHAS. R. DARTON, D.G.J.W., Vice Chairman.

"FREDERIC WICKSTEED, P.D.G.S.W., Sec. to Gen. Committee,

"Adelaide, April 6th, 1870."

Bro. Darton, D.G.J.W., proposed and Bro. Sagar, P.D.G.J.W., seconded—"That the report be received and adopted" which was carried unanimously.

The Balance Sheet for the year 1869 was then read, received, and adopted unanimously.

"Pursuant to notice, Bro. Wicksteed P.D.G.S.W. moved and Bro. Gurner D.G. Reg. seconded—"That the resolution contained in minute 128 of the 5th day of January last, viz.:—'That the quarterage, or fees paid by the different lodges within the District, be increased to Ninepence per quarter on each and every Subscribing Member of each lodge, and that the fee payable to this lodge on account of Joining Members be increased to Two Shillings and Sixpence for each member' be confirmed." Carried unanimously.

"W. Bro. Letchford gave the following notices of motion for the next communication:—That the interest of this lodge in the furniture recently used in the Hall, Randle Street, be and is hereby vested in the Trustees of Freemasons' Hall.

That the offer of the Trustees for the use of this Hall, Anterooms, Furniture, Lighting, Cleaning, &c., for the sum of £25 per annum, payable quarterly, be accepted. There being no further business, the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer.

ROYAL ARCH.

METROPOLITAN.

VICTORIA CHAPTER (No. 1,056).—The regular convocation of this well-known and prosperous chapter took place on Monday, the 6th inst., at the George Hotel, Aldermanbury. Comps. Oliver, M.E.Z.; Pendlebury, P.Z.S., as H.; Comp. Brett, P.Z., as J.; E. Gottheil, S.N.; J. D. Taylor, as P.S. Comp. C. Hosgood, I.P.Z., was unavoidably absent on account of a domestic affliction. The minutes of the former convocation were read and confirmed, and Bros. Hogard, S.D. 205, George Parker, and J. W. Green, were exalted. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The

usual loyal and Masonic R.A. toasts were duly given and responded to. The visitors were Comps. Walford and W. Jones.

INDUSTRY CHAPTER (No. 186).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 21st inst. There were present: Comps. Mann, P.Z. as M.E.Z.; Lake, H.; Carpenter, P.Z. as J.; Mortlock, N.; Noehmer, P.S.; Kench, 1st. Assist., and Kelly, Treas. Bro. J. E. Dyne of the Industry Lodge No. 186 was exalted into the supreme degree of Royal Arch Freemasonry, the ceremony being ably conducted by Comp. Mann, P.Z., and founder of the chapter acting as M.E.Z. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Comps. Lake, M.E.Z.; Clarke, H.; Mortlock, J.; Price, N.; Noehmer, P.S.; Carpenter, E.; Kelly, Treas.; Woodstock, Janitor. It was then agreed that the members of the lodge and chapter meet at the Greyhound Inn, Richmond, on Tuesday, 19th July, for the summer banquet. A P.Z.'s jewel was voted to Comp. Bartlett, the retiring M.E.Z., for his able services during the past year.

SCOTLAND.

FIFESHIRE.—Dunfermline Abbey Royal Arch Chapter (No. 36).—A meeting of this chapter took place, on the 17th inst., for the purpose of exalting a number of candidates who had applied for admission. A deputation from the Supreme Chapter, Edinburgh, consisting of Comps. Dr. Cairns, Dr. Carmichael, and W. M. Bryce, was present to assist at the proceedings. The ceremony was a deeply impressive one, and admirably performed; and the thanks of the chapter were due to the deputation for the great assistance which they gave on the occasion. The number of candidates admitted was five. On the conclusion of the ceremony, the chapter was closed by Comp. Dr. Carmichael, and the companions afterwards sat down to an excellent supper, purveyed for the occasion by Comp. D. McGregor. The chair was occupied by Comp. D. Lamond, and Comp. G. T. Barron officiated as croupier. Among those present were:—The members of the deputation, Comps. T. H. Tuckett, D. Spedding, M. Robertson, J. Stewart, D. Wardlaw, A. Romanes, R. Kelly, A. W. Watson, J. Noble, P. Nicholson, Lochart, &c. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, the chairman, in complimentary terms, proposed the health of the deputation from the Supreme Chapter, and thanked them for their kindness in coming so far to take part in the ceremony. "The Young Companions," was then given by the Croupier, to which Comp. Romanes replied. After a number of other toasts had been proposed, the healths of the Chairman and Croupier were respectively proposed by Comps. Cairns and Romanes. A vote of thanks to the members of the S.G.R.A.C. brought the evening to a happy and fraternal close.

MARK MASONRY.

METROPOLITAN.

SOUTHWARK LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 18th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. The chair was occupied by Bro. H. Massey, G. Steward, W.M., supported by Bros. A. D. Loewenstark, P.G.I.G., S.W.; T. J. Sabine, P.M., P.G.D.C.; W. Noak, M.O.; M. A. Loewenstark, Sec.; J. T. Moss, E. Thurkle. Bros. C. J. B. Plestow, Lodge 176, J. F. Woodley, 169, were balloted for and unanimously elected. Bros. Plestow, Woodley, and Bliss were advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master Masons by Bro. A. D. Loewenstark. The lecture given by Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.M. Bro. A. D. Loewenstark, W.M. 86, was elected unanimously as W.M. for the ensuing year.

LANCASHIRE (EAST).

MANCHESTER.—St. Andrew's Lodge of Mark Masters (No. 22, S.O.).—The regular meeting of this exceeding prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Freemason's Hall, Manchester. The lodge was opened at six o'clock by the R.W.M., Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, 30°, assisted by his officers—Bros. Wayne, S.W.; Whyatt, J.W.; Parr, S.O.; Hopkins, J.O.; Parker, Conductor, &c., and about thirty other brethren. Among the visitors, we noticed—Bros. Thomas Entwistle, P.M. 2, Bolton, S.C., and M.W.G.M.M. nominate of Lancashire; Brockbank, P.M. 2, S.C.; J. W. Taylor; R.W.M. 2,

S.C.; Rutter; Roberts, Rochdale; Yarker, P.M., &c. H.I.H. the Prince Rhodocannakis, 33°, was also present. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for the candidates proposed on the circular, which in every case proved unanimous. Letters of apology having been received from many who found it impossible to attend, the following brethren were elected to the degree of Mark Master—The Rev. E. A. Lang, Rome, Orton, Prince, Sampson, Hargreaves, Arensberg, and Bennett. The ceremony was performed throughout by the R.W.M., Bro. C. F. Matier, and was particularly impressive, as all the officers were thoroughly up to their work. Bro. Roberts presided at the harmonium with his accustomed taste. Bro. Rev. E. A. Lang was then invested as Chaplain to the lodge; and the Secretary, Bro. Phillipson, being obliged to resign office from pressure of private business, Bro. W. H. Pratt consented to do the work until the next installation in December. Hearty good wishes having been given, the lodge was closed, according to ancient custom, with solemn prayer. The brethren then proceeded to the banquet hall, and partook of a most *recherché* cold collation. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to by the brethren. The next toast, "The newly-advanced Brethren," was received with much applause, and responded to in fitting terms by the Chaplain, Bro. Lang, and Bro. Sampson. "The Prov. G. Lodge of East Lancashire" was responded to by Bro. W. H. Prince, of Rochdale, P.P.G.S.D., and Brown Robberts, P.P.G.P. Bro. W. Wayne, S.W., proposed the toast of "The Visitors," to which Bros. Yarker and Hine responded, the latter giving an excellent account of the working of the charities of the province. "Prosperity to the St. John's Lodge of Bolton," followed, and was most heartily received. Bros. Taylor and Entwistle replied. The brethren separated at eleven o'clock, after spending a very pleasant evening.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

INDIA.

BOMBAY.—Mount Calvary in the East Encampment.—At the regular convocation of this encampment, held at the Masonic Hall, Bombay, on the 24th February, 1870, Comps. W. P. Sayers and J. Johnson were installed as Knights Templar in due and ancient form. Two Sir Knights were proposed as joining members and one candidate for installation. At the regular convocation of the encampment held on the 24th March, 1870, E. Sir Knt. L. W. Penn, and Sir Knt. T. Crawford were admitted as joining members, and Comp. F. Burdett was installed as Knight Templar in due and ancient form. The ballot was taken for Comp. Walter Abraham, which proved clear. The Priory was then opened by Eminent Prior W. B. Johnson, when Sir Knts. J. Cleary, E. Smith, W. P. Sayers, J. Johnson, and A. Campbell were introduced and admitted into the Order of Knights of Malta, Rhodes, Palestine, and the Mediterranean Pass. Sir Knt. J. Baird delivered the lecture in a very impressive manner. The regular convocation of the encampment was held on the 28th April, 1870. Present: E. Sir Knts. W. B. Johnston, E.C. J. H. Irvine, as Prelate; Sir Knts. J. Baird, 1st Capt.; J. Moon, 2nd Capt.; J. Byrne, Expert; L. D. Emden, Registrar; P. Belleli, Capt. of Lines; and T. Martin, Equerry. Members: Sir Knts. E. Freeborn, E. Smith, G. Bease, R. J. Edwards, W. P. Sayers, J. Johnson, and Cowan. Visitors: Sir Knts. J. C. Houghland and G. Adams. The encampment was opened with solemn prayer. The muster roll was called, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The immediate business of the evening was the election of Eminent Commander and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Sir Knt. J. Baird was elected as E.C., and Sir Knt. F. Burdett as Treasurer. Sir Knts. J. Moon, E. Smith, and P. Belleli were elected members of the of the Permanent Committee. Proposed by Sir Knt. Freeborn and seconded by Sir Knt. J. Baird, that as a token of esteem and regard to E. Sir Knt. J. B. Johnston, for the very able manner in which he has conducted the duties of Eminent Commander for the past year, and the very satisfactory state to which the funds of the encampment have been brought, a private subscription be got up to present him with a jewel or such other memento as he may select. The proposition was unanimously adopted. Two companions were proposed for installation. There being no further business before the encampment, it was closed with solemn prayer.

REVIEWS.

Some Account of the Residence of the Inventor of the Steam Engine. By Bro. THOMAS LIDSTONE, P.M., P.Z., &c., Architect, of Dartmouth, Devonshire. London: Longmans and Co.

This is a remarkable book—being not only remarkably short (containing only one paragraph) and remarkably well printed and “got up,” but treating of the remarkable case of the “building of an old house.” Bro. Lidstone, a Devonshire architect and antiquary, determined, it seems, so long ago as 1851, the year of the Great Exhibition, to get up a public memorial in honour of his fellow townsman, he being no less a personage than Mr. Newcomin, an ironmonger of Dartmouth, and the inventor and maker of the first self-acting steam engines. In this effort, however, public sympathy did not go with him. So when local improvements necessitated the destruction of Newcomin's residence, in connection with the removal of one of the old streets of Dartmouth, for sanitary measures, he saved it “from the burning,”—for it was sold and would have been burnt for firewood,—and rebuilt it on a favourite site of his own, to his own honour, and as an example to all of what well-directed and thoughtful enterprise can do. The material support of the whole British Empire was enlisted to aid the “restoration” of Shakspeare's house at Stratford—doubtless a correct impulse towards a great man's memory—sympathy, on the other hand, being refused in a worthy effort to commemorate the achievements of one of our great “unknown” men—this pioneer of progress and civilisation, and the great originator of the chief source of the material greatness of the English nation though he sprung from a [now] obscure borough town, an individual “buckled to,” and did the work, single-handed and alone. The building is picturesque in appearance, and will, we hope, remain for many years an attraction to the place, and add to the credit of the enterprising local architect, Thomas Lidstone, who evidently knows how to appreciate the labour and ingenuity of one of his predecessors as an inhabitant of the town. We hope modern authors, when treating on the history of steam power, will take the hint on the title page, and convey this *Book of One Paragraph* as a “note” in connection with their records of the prominent place Newcomin holds in the history of science.

SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK.

Sunday, June 26th.—Sunday Lecture Society, St. George's Hall, Langham-place, at 8.
Monday, June 27th.—Ethnological Society, at 8; London Institution, at 4.
Wednesday, June 29th.—Society of Arts (Anniversary Meeting), at 4; Geological Society (President's Conversazione), at 8.
Friday, July 1st.—Royal United Service Institution, at 8.30.

LIST OF LODGE MEETINGS, &c., FOR WEEK
ENDING 2ND, JULY 1870.

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

METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

Monday, June 27th.

LODGES.—British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tav., Bancroft-pl., Mile-end; De Grey and Ripon, Angel Ho., Great Ilford.—CHAPTER.—Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

Tuesday, June 28th.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 2.30.—LODGES.—Industry, F.M.H.; Prince of Wales's Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

Wednesday, June 29th.

LODGES.—Temperance in the East, Pri. Ass. Ro., 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.—CHAPTER.—Lily Chapter of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey.

Thursday, June 30th.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at F.M.H., at 4.

Friday, July 1st.

LODGES.—Star, Marquis of Granby Tav., New Cross-rd.—CHAPTER.—High Cross, White Hart Ho., Tottenham.

Saturday, July 2nd.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at F.M.H., at 4.

METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF
INSTRUCTION.

Monday, June 27th.

Temple, Old George, St. Mary Axe, E.C.; Justice, Royal Albert New Cross-rd, Deptford; Old Concord, Turk's Head, Motcombe-st., Belgrave-sq.; Sincerity, Railway Tav., London-st.; St. James's Union, Swan Tav., Mount-st., Grosvenor-sq.; Industry, Dick's Coffee House, Fleet-st.; Crystal Palace, City Arms Tav., West-sq., Southwark; High Cross, White Hart Ho., Tottenham; Tower Hamlets Engineers, Duke of Clarence, Commercial-rd., East; Eastern Star, Royal Ho., Burdett-rd., Mile-end-rd.; Camden, Adelaide Tav., Haverstock Hill British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tav., Mile End.

Tuesday, May 28th.

Faith, Fisher's Restaurant, Metrop. Dist. Rail., Victoria Station; Domestic, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell; Jordan, Alwyne Castle, Canonbury; Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney; Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John's Tav., St. John's-wood; Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney; Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane; Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich; City of London, Shepherd and Flock Tav., Bell-alley, Moorgate-st.; New Wandsworth, Freemasons' Ho., New Wandsworth; Rose of Denmark, George Ho., Aldermanbury; Royal Union, Dubourg's Ho., Haymarket; Metropolitan, George Ho., Aldermanbury.—CHAPTER.—Robert Burns, Sussex Stores, Upper St. Martin's-lane.

Wednesday, June 29th.

Confidence, Railway Tav., London-street; United Strength, Ball and Gate, Kentish Town; New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton; St. Mark's, Mawby Arms, Mawby-st., S. Lam; beth; Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham-Rye, Temperance in the East, George the Fourth, Catherine-st., Poplar; Prosperity, Gladstone Tav., Bishops-gate-street.—CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—St. James's Union, Swan Tav., Mount-st., Grosvenor-sq.

Thursday, June 30th.

Fidelity, Goat and Compasses, Euston-road; Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark; United Mariners, Three Cranes, Mile-end-rd.; Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth; St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich; Manchester, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Berkeley-square; Tranquillity, Sugar Loaf Tav., Great St. Helen's, E.C.; Whittington, Thatched House Tav., 9, Red Lion-st.; Royal Oak, Royal Oak Tavern, Deptford.—CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—Joppa, Prospect of Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping-wall.

Friday, July 1st.

St. Luke's, Pier Ho., Cheyne-walk, Chelsea; Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford; Unions (Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.), F.M.H.; United Pilgrims, Horns' Tav., Kennington; Westbourne, the Grapes, Duke-st., Manchester-square; Wellington, Lord Duncan Tavern, Broadway, Deptford; Florence Nightingale, Freemasons' Tav., Woolwich; Ranelagh, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith; Belgrave, Duke of Wellington, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-row, Bermondsey; Doric, Three Cranes, Mile End-rd.; Rose of Denmark Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Barnes, Surrey; Victoria, Anderton's Ho., Fleet-st.; Hervey, George Ho. Walham-green.—CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—Domestic, Fisher's Restaurant, Victoria Station.

Saturday, July 2nd.

Mount Sion, Union Tav., Air-st., Piccadilly; Robert Burns, Sussex Stores, Upper St. Martin's-lane.

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The continuation of “Freemasonry in France,” several communications, and lodge reports stand over on account of the space occupied by the index, &c.

